

William L. Elkins Lodge



F. & A. M. No. 271

Keystone Lodge No. 271, Constituted May 4, 1853
Covenant Lodge No. 456, Constituted January 12, 1870
Excelsior Lodge No. 491, Constituted March 18, 1871
William C. Hamilton Lodge No. 500, Constituted October 12, 1871
William L. Elkins Lodge No. 646, Constituted June 26, 1906
Matthias H. Henderson Lodge No. 661, Constituted September 17, 1909
Merged June 30, 2004



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Stated Meeting

A Stated Meeting of William L. Elkins Lodge No. 271, F&AM will be held in **Norman Hall, Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia** on **Thursday, December 7th, 2017** at **7 o'clock, P.M.**

Dinner will be served in the Temple Banquet Room at 6:30. Please RSVP to the Secretary no later than November 29th if you plan on attending dinner.



Program

Election and Installation of Lodge Officers for 2018

Re-admit Brother Walter J. Maylie, Jr.

Ballot on the Petition of **John Patrick Jasionowicz**, having received unanimous approval from his Committee of Inquiry



From the East

Brethren,
The time approaches when there'll be a new Worshipful Master
in the east.
He will need your faithful support. Give him all that you can.
A steady flow is more welcome than one truckload.
I thank all my brothers for their help during my year as
Worshipful Master.
William L. Elkins Lodge # 271, as well as other lodges, face
challenging and changing times. Your voice, participation,
and concerns for our future cannot be understated.
Remember always that we are a fraternity, not merely a men's
social group.
We are supposed to be a united band of brothers. Many times
I wonder where all of our brothers are?
Get to know more about our great fraternity by learning how
and why it works.
Best wishes to all for a merry holiday season and a happy and
prosperous new year.

-Brother J. Norman Welsh, Jr., Worshipful Master

Coming Events

Saturday, Dec. 2nd: **Holiday Banquet**
Wednesday, Dec. 6th: **Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge**
Thursday, Dec. 7th: **Stated Meeting**
Monday, Dec. 11th: **Lodge Instruction Night at Tacony Temple, 7pm**
Monday, Dec. 18th: **District School of Instruction, 7:30pm**
Wednesday, Dec. 27th: **Installation of the Right Worshipful Grand Master**
Thursday, January 4th: **Stated Meeting**

Lodge Instruction at Tacony Temple

Tacony Masonic Temple,
4400 Magee Avenue, Philadelphia PA
Second Monday of each month, 7:00 PM

Members of William L. Elkins and Joseph H. Brown Lodges are invited and encouraged to participate and become more active in Lodge. If you have ambitions to become an Elective or Appointed Officer, please attend and learn the work of the chairs.

All elective and appointed officers should attend.

Casual dress.



DISTRICTS A & D SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION
Philadelphia Regional Instructor –S. Curtis Barrett, PM

<p>Tacony School Tacony Masonic Temple 4400 Magee Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19135 <i>Meets 3rd Monday at 7:30 PM</i></p>	<p>Jenkintown School Jenkintown Masonic Temple 443 Old York Road (Rt. 611) Jenkintown, PA 19046 <i>Meets 1st & 3rd Tues at 7:30</i></p>	<p>Temple School Masonic Temple One North Broad Street Philadelphia, PA 19107 <i>Meets 4th Tuesday at 7:30 PM</i></p>
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Living Past Masters of
William L. Elkins Lodge No. 271

Richard H. Wilson, 1957	Charles A. Bowers, 1986, 1987
Rudolph B. Smith, III, 1962, 1981	John V. D'Ascenzo, 1987
William E. Fischer, 1965	James A. DeFrates, 1988, 1989#
Donald W. Bubeck, Sr., 1968	Paul A. Little, 1990, 1999
Samuel A. Schafer, 1968	William J. McGonigle, 1992, 1993^
William J. Eichelberger, 1969, 1971, 1972, 1993, 1995	Thomas J. Penn, 1992
John A. Roth, Jr., 1970	Stephen J. Craiter, 1993
John J. Morrison, 1971	Donald G. MacDonald, 1994, 1995, 1998
Frank W. Podrebarac, PDDGM, 1972, 1979, 1980	Roger W. Hallowell, 1996, 1997#
John H. Wilson, Jr., 1973	Patrick M. Lampley, 1996
Charles E. Entrekin, 1974, 1996	Timothy M. Radtke, 1997, 1998
A. Mercer Quinby, III, 1975	James F. Johnson, 2000
W. Daniel Joseph, 1976	J. Norman Welsh, Jr., 2002, 2008, 2009**, 2016**
John B. Leister, 1977	Emory H. Merryman, Jr., 2000, 2003, 2010*
Steven W. Rose, 1979	Robert H. Henriksson, 2001, 2002
Donald W. Ewing, 1980	Bekir Karabucak, 2002
Theodore F. Hassell, 1980	Robert F. Hettinger, 2003, 2004
David Milliken, 1980	R. David Cowen, 2005, 2006
R. Robert McElwee, 1981	Robert L. Strickland, 2007, 2008, 2010
Daniel J. Hinds, 1982, 1983^	Thomas C. Tennesen, 2009
Thomas J. Miller, Jr., PDDGM, 1983, 1994	Patrick F. Kennedy, 2011, 2012
Frank A. Aitken, III, 1984	Jeffrey S. Henley, 2013, 2014
Richard A. Booth, 1986	James F. Elgert, 2015, 2016
	* Elkton Lodge No. 74, Virginia
	** Joseph H. Brown Lodge No. 751
	# Suspended
^ Transferred	

December Masonic Birthdays

The following Brethren celebrate a Masonic birthday this month. If your name has been omitted, please notify the Secretary

Bro. Richard D. Kindt, 67 years Bro. Robert L. Nydick, Sr., 62 years Bro. William E. Fischer, 56 years Bro. Donald W. Bubeck, Sr., 54 years Bro. Roy J. Bant, Sr., 47 years Bro. Robert D. Gilson, 47 years Bro. David Milliken, PM, 42 years	Bro. Gary N. Buss, 25 years Bro. Emory H. Merryman, Jr., PM, 23 years Bro. Eric A. Cahill, 10 years Bro. Timothy F. Ilsley, 6 years Bro. Bryan J. McCallion, 6 years Bro. Jason M. Ercolono, 5 years Bro. Jason M. Ramage, 1 year
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Sick & Shut-in Brethren

If you know of any Brethren feeling under the weather or recovering from a recent surgery, etc., please notify the Secretary

Applicants for Almoner's Fund

The Lodge Almoner's fund is available to aid and assist all worthy and distressed members and their families. Please notify **Richard K. Schoeniger**, Chairman, at 215-342-4372, if you are aware of any qualified applicants who may need assistance. All inquiries will be handled on a confidential basis. Use of Almoner's funds must be approved by Lodge vote.



2018 Dues

Brethren, please submit **2018 dues** in the amount of **\$75** to:

Justin Becker, Secretary
1134 Tree Street
Philadelphia, PA 19148

Make checks payable to William L. Elkins Lodge No. 271

If you still owe 2017 dues, please pay immediately to avoid possible suspension. Members may also use PayPal, but please be aware of an additional \$3 processing fee. If you are currently experiencing financial difficulty, please notify the Secretary, and the Lodge will do what it can to help you avoid suspension. Fifty Year and Life members are exempt from dues.

Membership

Membership, November 2017	Petitions	Reinstated, Admitted, or Entered	Resignations or Suspensions	Deaths	Membership Today
239	3	1	0	0	240

Grand Lodge Communications and Other Important Information

**FREE PARKING IS AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS AND GUESTS AT THESE TWO
LOCATIONS:**

Parkway Garage, *1201 Filbert Street*
Convention Center Parking Facility, *1324 Arch Street*

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For Lodge Notices in November and December

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania
Masonic Charities Holiday Appeal

The approaching holiday season holds special meanings for us as Freemasons. Our philanthropy is what makes possible the outstanding services of the Masonic Charities that provide for our brethren and their families, the elderly and the youth, and our ability to reach out into the community to help our friends and neighbors. We show our charity as Freemasons through the vital programs and services of all the Masonic Charities.

As you reflect on the blessings in your life, consider the opportunity you have to benefit many, be part of a community and demonstrate the main principles of the fraternity; brotherly love, charity and truth.

If you are age 70 ½ or older, consider making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) this year to your favorite Masonic Charity – tax free! For the charitable distribution to be tax-free qualified, please have the check payable directly to the charity and not you the owner.

If you have not already supported the Masonic Charities this holiday season, please consider a charitable gift before the New Year. Please consider the needs addressed by the Masonic Charities and support the necessary programs and services that we make possible together. There is still time to make a difference! Thank you for your support!

Please mail your contribution to: Masonic Charities
Office of Gift Planning
One Masonic Drive
Elizabethtown, PA 17022



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TO THE SECRETARY OF THE LODGE:

By direction of the R.W. Grand Master, the following copy must be printed in the Lodge Notice of every Lodge for the Stated Meeting next preceding December 6 and December 27, 2017.

GRAND LODGE OF FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS OF PENNSYLVANIA

Philadelphia, PA, September 12, A.D. 2017, A.L. 6017

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE GRAND LODGE:

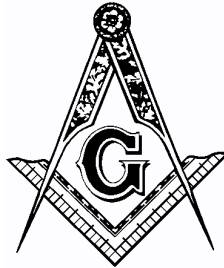
You are hereby requested to attend the December Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to be held at 10:00 o'clock, a.m. on Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at the Masonic Temple, 1 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA, at which the Grand Lodge Officers and Masonic Villages Board of Directors will be elected.

You are also hereby requested to attend the Annual Grand Open Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center, 325 University Drive, Hershey, PA 17033, on Wednesday, December 27, 2017, at 10:00 o'clock, a.m. at which the Grand Lodge Officers will be installed.

By Order of the R.W. Grand Master.

Mark A. Haines
R.W. Grand Secretary





Anno Domini 2017, Anno Lucis 6017

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Frank A. Ramondo
Rudolph B. Smith, III, PM
Paul A. Little, PM

Representative in the Grand Lodge

Robert L. Strickland, PM

Substitute Representative in the Grand Lodge

Paul A. Little, PM

Appointed Officers

Joseph McKay, Senior Deacon
Stan Alemaskin, Junior Deacon
Jeremy Malcolm, Senior Master of Ceremonies
Edward Denny, Junior Master of Ceremonies
Richard McElwee, Pursuivant
William Boharsik, Tyler
Robert Kestler, PM, Organist
Paul A. Little, PM, Chaplain
Robert L. Strickland, PM, Lodge Ritualistic Instructor
Timothy M. Radtke, PM, PA Youth Foundation Representative

Grand Master's Appointments

Joseph M. Jensen, PM (Athelstan-Lamberton Lodge No. 482)
District Deputy Grand Master, District A
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Lodge Almoner Fund; Almoner; Grand Lodge Charity Fund; Bursar, Thomas J. Patton Memorial Fund; and Steward, Stephen Girard Charity Fund

Richard K. Schoeniger
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Controller of the Grand Lodge

Harry B. Rutter, Jr.

Committee on Charity and Community Outreach

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Bryan M. Urbanski

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Frank W. Podrebarac, PDDGM, Chairman
Robert D. Bogan

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Robert L. Stricklan, PM, Chairman

J. Norman Welsh, Jr., PM

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Robert L. Strickland, PM

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Robert L. Strickland, PM, Chairman

Thomas C. Tennesen, PM

Colin T. Mansley

A. Mercer Quinby, III, PM

Committee on Visitation

Jeffrey S. Henley, PM, Chairman

James F. Elgert, PM

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