

METROPOLITAN LODGE NO. 11, A.F.&A.M.

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**Metropolitan
Lodge No. 11
A. F. & A. M.
Chartered December 11, 1860**



Meets in the Scottish Rite Temple, 4204 Hermitage Road, Richmond, Virginia 23227
on the Second Thursday of each month

ANNUAL DUES: 2017 – \$145.00

MAIL REMITTANCES TO SECRETARY

Brother Henry C. Payne, 4013 Old Creek Rd, Chesterfield, VA 23832-8387

Any case of Illness or Distress of any member that may come to your attention should be promptly reported to the Senior Warden, Secretary or other Officer of the Lodge.

Number Eleven Class – Meets the Thursday Preceding the Stated Communication at 6:30 PM
at the Scottish Rite Temple

R. Lewis Gibbs Masonic Class – Saturday Night – Scottish Rite Temple – 7:00 PM
Lodge Blood Drive Number – 2795

STATED COMMUNICATION – THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2017– 7:00 PM

ASSEMBLE: Scottish Rite Dining Room, 4204 Hermitage Road @ 5:45 PM

DINNER – 6:00 PM

OPEN LODGE – 7:00 PM

Regular Business –

Program - Jeff Katz, 1140 Talk Show host

CLOSE LODGE

OFFICERS, TUXEDOS W/ BLACK ACCESSORIES
MEMBERS, & GUESTS: PLEASE WEAR BUSINESS ATTIRE

THE NO. 11 CLASS OF INSTRUCTION WILL BE HELD ON THE THURSDAY
PRECEDING THE STATED COMMUNICATION

PAST MASTER HONOR ROLL – MARCH, 2017 STATED

W. L. Olphin, Jr., B.B. McLaughlin, C. S. Sarbaugh, H.W. Mayes, W.V. Evans Jr, G.H. Cook III, D.R. Carter (DDGM)
W. S. Richardson, C. A. Bass, Jr., R. E. Pagani, J. Q. Sheppard, B. L. Absher (GC), B. K. McLaughlin, D. V. Jones (GJW)
V. S. Cook (GM), J. T. Wadkins III (AA), C. E. Loftus, W. M. Myers, J. W. Edelin III, W. V. Evans III, L.G. Deligan
A.A. Dranoff, C. M. Richardson, Jr., L.A. Bernhard, F. G. Martin III, S. W. Sanford, R.C. Kidd

CALL COMMUNICATIONS :

March 30, 2017 at 6:00 PM: Called Communication

Work in the Master Mason's Degree / Officers and members – Coats & Ties

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Friday, March 24, 2017 at 11:45 Noon: Metropolitan #11 Bi-Monthly Luncheon at MAHOVA

To be held in the Dining Room at the Masonic Home of Virginia / RSVP to Rt. Wor. Charlie Sarbaugh at
cssarbaugh@cs.com

Saturday, March 25, 2017 at 8:00 AM: Masters & Wardens Association, Westhampton Lodge No. 302

Breakfast at 8:00 AM, Meeting at 9:00 AM - All are welcome - Officers are expected

Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at 6:00 PM: Practice for Master Mason's Degree

April 20, 2017 – Ian McLaurin Shipley, Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament, Benefitting the Scholarship Fund of the Grand
Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Virginia; For information contact Rt. Wor. Lambros Deligan at 804-307-3631 or ldeligan@dlgn.net

LODGE OF SORROW

Since our last Stated Communication, the Supreme Architect of the Universe has seen fit to call one of our Brothers from our
midst:

RICHARD WILTON HOUCHINS

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| Born: | October 4, 1953 |
| Initiated and Entered Apprentice: | April 20, 1983 |
| Passed to the Degree of FellowCraft: | May 25, 1983 |
| Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason: | June 29, 1983 |
| Worshipful Master: | 1987 |
| Died: | March 16, 2017 |

To his family we extend our most sincere sympathies and condolences.

FROM THE EAST

March 14, 2017

Brethren,

Our Grand Master's Official Visit to his mother lodge was a great evening and I believe Todd "Parney" Parnell was
genuinely surprised when we presented him with the "Community Builders Award".

I want to thank all of you who have and continue to support our Grand Lodge officers and those working in the
Metropolitan Lodge quarry. Most Worshipful V. Stuart Cook commented on how great the lodge room and ante-room
looked that evening and following the meeting I received many compliments on the physical improvements. I may have
gotten the compliments, but they were given based on the hard work each of you are doing to improve the appearance of our
lodge! I hope you all feel a sense of pride as a member of Metropolitan No. 11.

The furniture that Right Worshipful Brother Billy McLaughlin has built for us is a great part of making our lodge look great and I'm working to get the ante-room and dressing room painted, which is long overdue.

We are fortunate to continue to have called work in the coming months and by the time you receive this, we should have raised our newest Master Mason. I expect our work will continue to inspire others to join our great fraternity and especially Metropolitan Lodge No. 11!

On April 13th, our speaker will be 1140 talk show host and Masonic Brother Jeff Katz. I know many of you listen to his radio show and I expect he will have an interesting presentation for us that evening.

In March, we experimented with having everyone RSVP to Brother Hank to allow us to more closely estimate the number of meals needed. This worked better than me making a wild guess and the closer the number of meals ordered to those in attendance reduces the number we have to pay for out of the lodge funds. I'm asking everyone again this month to call or email Brother Hank by April 7th, if you plan to attend the April stated meeting: HCP.93@verizon.net or (804)229-1967.

As always, I look forward to seeing you in April and until then I pray that the Supreme Architect maintains his constant watch over us all and that our work brings honor and glory to Him!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Robert E. Cook, Worshipful Master

FROM THE WEST

Brethren,

We have 35 people signed up for our Metropolitan Lodge Family Day, at the Ball Park with the Flying Squirrels! There is still time to sign up if you haven't already and wish to attend. Thanks also to those of you who signed up to help with the Child ID Program from 12:00 until 2:00 PM. We will eat in shifts so that everyone gets to eat, and watch some of the game with friends and family. Looking forward to a lot of Fun, Food, and Fellowship! Who will step up and challenge Wade Evans in the hot dog eating contest this year?

Fraternaly,
Rick Kidd, P.M., Senior Warden

A Freemason on the shores of Tripoli

Continued from March 2017 Bulletin

On FEBRUARY 16, 1804, in what Admiral Horatio Nelson (Amphibious Lodge No. 407, Stonehouse, Plymouth, England) called the "most bold and daring act of the age," Lieut. Stephen Decatur (Lodge No. 16, Baltimore, Maryland) sailed his ship, the Intrepid, into the pirate harbor of Tripoli, burned the captured U.S. frigate "Philadelphia" and escaped amidst enemy fire. The Marines later captured Tripoli and forced the Pasha to make peace on U.S. terms.

Frederick Leiner wrote in *The End of the Barbary Terror-America's 1815 War Against the Pirates of North Africa* (Oxford University Press):

"Commodore (Br.) Stephen Decatur and diplomat William Shaler withdrew to consult in private... The Algerians were believed to be masters of duplicity, willing to make agreements and break them as they found convenient."

John Quincy Adams, America's 6th President (and a member of the anti-Mason movement) wrote: "Our gallant Commodore Stephen Decatur had chastised the pirate of Algiers...The Dey (Omar Bashaw)...disdained to conceal his intentions; 'My power,' said he, 'has been wrested from my hands; draw ye the treaty at your pleasure, and I will sign it; but beware of the moment, when I shall recover my power, for with that moment, your treaty shall be waste paper.'"

America's war with the Muslim Barbary Pirates was the country's first war after the Revolution, giving rise to the Marine Anthem: "From the halls of Montezuma to the shores of Tripoli."

This article was more 'compiled and edited' than written, by Br. Martin Myers, drawing upon numerous source materials, a list of source is available upon request.

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| Erhart, Jr, Charles Edward | 1966 | Evans, Jr., Wade V. PDDGM | 1989 |
| Brown, Platon A. | 1968 | Jacobson, Kenneth A. | 1990 |
| Hines, Elbert Richard | 1968 | Bennett, Jr., George L. | 1991 |
| Franck, Jr., Charles O. PDDGM | 1969 | Childrey, William E. | 1992 |
| Olphin, Jr., Walter L. | 1970 | Deligan, Lambros G. PDDGM | 1992 |
| Kontopanos, John A., Jr. | 1971 | Cooke, III, George H. | 1993 |
| Morrow, Gordon J. | 1971 | Howell, John W. | 1994 |
| Plotkin, Leonard | 1972 | LaFemina, Keith G. | 1995 |
| Graham, George Tiffany | 1974 | Carter, Donnie R., DDGM | 1996 |
| McLaughlin, Billy B. PDDGM | 1975 | Richardson, William S. PDDGM | 1998 |
| Yannis, Frank Y. | 1975 | Bass, Jr., Claude A. PDDGM | 1999 |
| Regan, Larry David | 1976 | Pagani, Robert E. | 2000 |
| Hiner, Henry L. | 1978 | Fitchett, Wayne E. | 2002 |
| Eichost, William T. | 1979 | Sheppard, John Q. PDDGM | 2003 |
| Phillips, Clyde H. | 1981 | Absher, Barrye L. PDDGM | 2005 |
| Whitlock, K. Wayne | 1981 | McLaughlin, B. Kevin | 2006 |
| Constantine, John E. | 1983 | Jones, Douglas V., PDDGM | 2007 |
| Lyell, John C. | 1983 | Sykes, C. Thomas, PDDGM | 2008 |
| Olphin, III, Walter L. | 1984 | Cook, V. Stuart, GM | 2009 |
| Sarbaugh, Charles S. PDDGM | 1985 | Wadkins, III, J. Thomas | 2010-2011 |
| Dixon, Johnnie L. PDDGM | 1986 & 1996 | Loftus, Christopher E. | 2012 |
| Mayes, Heath W. | 1986 | W. Martin Myers | 2013 |
| Wagner, Fredric P. | 1987 | John W. Edelin, III | 2014 |
| Jefferson, Derwood R. | 1988 | Wade V. Evans, III | 2015-2016 |

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| Owens, Edward Nelson | (#284) |
| Richardson, Jr, C. Meredith | (#284) |
| Rose, Daniel Lee PDDGM | (#161) |
| Sanford, Steven Weldon PDDGM | (#4) |
| Taylor, Jr, Norwood (Zeke) Marshall | (#317) |
| Taylor, Robert Wright | (#317) |