

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: 2018 – \$155.00

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 Junior Warden, Secretary or other Officer of the Lodge.

Number Eleven Class – Meets the Thursday Preceding the Stated Communication at 6:00 PM
at the Scottish Rite Temple

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

FROM THE EAST

March 9, 2018

Brethren,

Thanks to all that attended the Official Visit of Right Worshipful Gary Rardin Eck, to Metropolitan Lodge No. 11, at our March Stated Meeting. We had a large turnout, another excellent meal, and plenty of fellowship mixed with a little fun as well.



R/W Gary R. Eck (left)
Wor. Rick C. Kidd (right)

Congratulations to our newest 60 Year Masonic Veteran, Brother Thomas Rhys Weakley, Sr., who celebrates this special Birthday on March 29, 2018. And congratulations also to our newest member of Metropolitan Lodge No. 11, Right Worshipful John Henry Hart.

Our April guest speaker, after dinner and before Lodge opens, will be Greg Burton, an award winning sportscaster, and radio host, with more than 25 years of experience. Greg delivered a very entertaining program for us last year, and I'm sure he will again fascinate us with his insight into the state of sports in today's world.

Brother Scott Lee LaRoche, our Junior Deacon, as well as our Lodge's Masonic Home Ambassador, will present a short program on The Masonic Home of Virginia, as part of our regular meeting.

Brethren, please keep all of our ill and distressed, and those less fortunate, in your daily thoughts and prayers. Pray for our men and women in uniform, wherever so dispersed, that they may be kept safe from harm, and returned to their families and loved ones soon.

Until we meet again, may the Supreme Architect of the Universe, continue to bless each of you, and your families.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Rick Kidd,
Worshipful Master

* * * * A SPECIAL NOTE FROM THE EAST * * * *

Brethren,

Our June Stated Meeting for this year has been designated "Bring A Friend Night". I know that's a few months away, but this could be one of the most significant meetings of the year and we need to be planning for it every day. Each of us probably knows at least one person that we think would make a good Mason. Invite that person to come to Lodge, share a meal and fellowship with us, learn something about our Craft, and what we as Masons believe in, and the comradery that we share. Hopefully that experience will generate enough interest on their part to want to petition our Lodge for membership.

Right now, we have absolutely nothing on our Trestleboard as far as new petitions. I have recently heard a Worshipful Masters of another Lodge say "we are initiating three Entered Apprentices next week!". What are they doing that we are not? Our Officers need new prospective members to keep their ritual skills sharp by working in the Three Degrees. One Day Conferral can definitely add a new member to our Lodge Roster, but we do not get the work needed to remain proficient.

Take a look around our Lodge Room at your next opportunity during one of our meetings. Look at the age of our current membership. It's my personal opinion that Masonry has a lot to offer a young man, let's promote ourselves and our great Fraternity. We need younger people to join our Lodges now more than ever before. As our Grand Master has stated, "We need to replace ourselves".

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Rick Kidd,
Worshipful Master

STATED COMMUNICATION – THURSDAY, April 12, 2018– 7:00 PM

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

DINNER – 6:00 PM

Program – Greg Burton, an award winning sportscaster, and radio host

OPEN LODGE – 7:00 PM

Regular Business

Program – Brother Scott Lee LaRochelle, our Lodge Masonic Home Ambassador, On MAHOVA

CLOSE LODGE

OFFICERS: Tuxedos with Black Accessories

MEMBERS, & GUESTS: COAT AND TIE

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

**FROM YOUR MASONIC HOME AMBASSADOR,
Brother Scott LaRochelle**

The AmazonSmile triple donation promotion started March 12th! Amazon is tripling the donation amount to 1.5% when customers make their first eligible smile.amazon.com purchase between March 12th and 31st. This is a great opportunity to increase Masonic Home of Virginia's AmazonSmile donations by reminding your supporters to shop at smile.amazon.com.

This promotion is for your FIRST purchase between March 12th and March 31st. Please spread the word. Of course, any purchases under the Smile program helps the Masonic Home all throughout the year. Please promote this on a regular basis.

3 Times your impact! Amazon is tripling the donation rate on your first smile.amazon.com purchase - through March 31!

Go to smile.amazon.com/ch/54-054180

CALLED COMMUNICATIONS:

NONE SCHEDULED FOR MARCH

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Friday, March 23, 2018 at 11:45 AM – MAHOVA Bi-Monthly Lunch

Saturday, March 24, 2018 at 9:00 AM – Masters and Wardens Association at Westhampton Lodge No. 302

Breakfast at 8:00 AM (All are welcome, **Officers are ENCOURAGED**)

PAST MASTER HONOR ROLL – MARCH 2018

Gordon J. Morrow, Charles S. Sarbaugh, Heath W. Mayes, Wade V. Evans, Jr., George H. Cooke III, Donnie R. Carter
William S. Richardson, Claude A. Bass, Jr., Robert E. Pagani, John Q. Sheppard, Barrye L. Absher,
B. Kevin McLaughlin, Douglas V. Jones (GSW), V. Stuart Cook (PGM), J. Thomas Wadkins III, Christopher E. Loftus
John W. Edelin III, Wade V. Evans III, Robert E. Cook, Lambros G. Deligan, Albert A. Dranoff, Lothar A. Bernhard
Richard C. Kidd, Omer LaRochelle, John H. Hart

ATTENDANCE – MARCH 2018 STATED

Past Masters – 25 Members – 19 Visitors – 10 Total – 54

Yearly Averages:

2005 – 76, 2006 – 77, 2007 – 74, 2008 – 72, 2009 – 69, 2010 – 60, 2011 – 61
2012 – 49, 2013 – 48, 2014 – 47, 2015 – 53, 2016 – 49, 2017 – 46, 2018 – 48

He Would Read the Bible Around the Campfire

Daniel Boone is thought he became a Freemason while serving in the militia with Br. Washington in 1755 (French and Indian War), later he attended meetings at Fredricksburg Lodge.

In 1767, Br. Boone, whose Quaker family had pioneered NC's Yadkin River Valley, began to explore Kentucky.

In 1769, he traveled through the Cumberland Gap and spent two years hunting in KY.

In 1775, he left to survey Kentucky for the Pennsylvania Company. He erected a fort on the Kentucky River, which he named Boonesboro.

In 1779, Br. Boone led another party of immigrants to Boonesboro, among whom was the family of Abraham Lincoln's grandfather.

In 1780, he joined General George Rogers Clark's (his youngest brother was Br. William Clark, of 'Lewis & Clark' fame) invasion of Ohio.

When the War of 1812 started, he volunteered for duty but was turned down due to his age of 78.

Br. Boone was known to have a habit of taking the Bible with him on hunting expeditions, often reading it to others around the campfire.

Br. Daniel and his wife Rebecca had all of their ten children baptized.

Nathan Boone wrote about his father's funeral: "Father's body was conveyed to Flanders Callaway's home at Charette, and there the funeral took place. There were no military or Masonic honors, the latter of which he was a member, as there were then but very few in that region of the country."

A direct descendant of Br. Daniel Boone is the award-winning actor and singer, Pat Boone.

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

FROM THE TREASURER & SECRETARY

Brethren,

2018 is now upon us and this means a new period for dues payments with the dues for 2018 being \$ 155.00. Therefore, if any one has not paid the 2017 dues of \$145.00, please do so ASAP so that you will not become a total of \$300.00 in arrears. For those Brethren who only owe their 2018 dues, your Dues Cards have already been mailed with the expectation that you will send in your check immediately upon receipt of it if you have not already done so. Your Dues should be remitted to:

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LIVING PAST MASTERS

Erhart, Jr, Charles Edward	1966	Jacobson, Kenneth A.	1990	John W. Edelin, III	2014
Brown, Platon A.	1968	Bennett, Jr., George L.	1991	Wade V. Evans, III	2015-2016
Hines, Elbert Richard	1968	Childrey, William E.	1992	Robert E. Cook	2017
Olphin, Jr., Walter L.	1970	Deligan, Lambros G. PDDGM	1992		
Kontopanos, John A., Jr.	1971	Cooke, III, George H.	1993	<u>AFFILIATE PAST MASTERS</u>	
Morrow, Gordon J.	1971	Howell, John W.	1994	Anaya, Samuel Crawford	(#1982)
Plotkin, Leonard	1972	LaFemina, Keith G.	1995	Bernhard, Lothar Arthur	(#19)
Graham, George Tiffany	1974	Carter, Donnie R., PDDGM	1996	Carter, Daulton L.	(#317)
McLaughlin, Billy B. PDDGM	1975	Richardson, William S. PDDGM	1998	Dranoff, Albert Abe PDDGM	(#53)
Yannis, Frank Y.	1975	Bass, Jr., Claude A. PDDGM	1999	Grotz, Clifford C. Jr PDDGM	(#3)
Hiner, Henry L.	1978	Pagani, Robert E.	2000	Hart, John H. PDDGM	(#302)
Eichost, William T.	1979	Fitchett, Wayne E.	2002	Holmes, Ray W.	(#317)
Whitlock, K. Wayne	1981	Sheppard, John Q. PDDGM	2003	Kidd, Richard C.	(#9)
Lyell, John C.	1983	Absher, Barrye L. PDDGM	2005	LaRochelle, Omer E. Jr.	(#244)
Olphin, III, Walter L.	1984	McLaughlin, B. Kevin	2006	Malbone, Theodore Irving	(#317)
Sarbaugh, Charles S. PDDGM	1985	Jones, Douglas V., PDDGM	2007	Martin, Frederick Garrison III, PGM	(#344)
Dixon, Johnnie L. PDDGM	1986 & 1996	Sykes, C. Thomas, PDDGM	2008	Owens, Edward Nelson	(#284)
Mayes, Heath W.	1986	Cook, V. Stuart PGM	2009	Richardson, Jr, C. Meredith	(#284)
Houchins, Richard W.	1987	Wadkins, III, J. Thomas	2010-2011	Rose, Daniel Lee PDDGM	(#161)
Wagner, Fredric P.	1987	Loftus, Christopher E.	2012	Sanford, Steven Weldon PDDGM	(#4)
Evans, Jr., Wade V. PDDGM	1989	W. Martin Myers	2013	Taylor, Robert Wright	(#317)