

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

Henry C. Payne, Secretary  
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Chesterfield, VA 23832-8387

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APRIL 2021 BULLETIN

**TIME SENSITIVE MATERIAL – PLEASE DO NOT DELAY!**



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



Meets in the Varina Masonic Temple, 1600 Burning Tree Road, Henrico, Virginia 23231  
on the Third Thursday of each month

**ANNUAL DUES: 2021 – \$165.00**

**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 Steward, Secretary or other Officer of the Lodge.

Number Eleven Class – Meets with Varina Lodge No. 272 class on each Monday at 7:00 PM  
at the Varina Masonic Temple, 1600 Burning Tree Road, Henrico, Virginia 23231

R. Lewis Gibbs Masonic Class – **(Dark in December)** Saturday Mornings – Tuckahoe Masonic Temple  
5500 Bethlehem Road, Richmond, Virginia 23230

Metropolitan Lodge No. 11 Blood Drive Number – 2795

## FROM THE EAST

March 26, 2021

Brethren,

I hope that this finds all of you well and staying safe. On Tuesday, March 23, 2021, Virginia's Governor amended Executive Order Seventy-Two thereby, among other things, increasing the capacity for private indoor gatherings from ten upward to fifty, effective April 1, 2021. This is great news for us. **We will resume our regularly scheduled stated communications effective April 15, 2021, at 7:00 PM.**

At our stated communication on April 15, 2021, we will be electing and installing new Lodged Officers. This will be a closed installation of officers because all previously established health and safety protocols must remain in place to include the wearing of masks, social distancing, and seating restrictions. These safety protocols will restrict the number of brothers that can attend to approximately 25 because of the limited amount of seating in the lodge.

The Worshipful Master Elect, Worshipful George Cooke, is requesting that all remaining and incoming officers wear Tuxedos for the Stated Communication and arrive no later than 6:00 PM to allow time for photographs to be taken.

In order to ensure that this will be a smooth installation of Lodge Officers I have scheduled a practice for April 12, 2021, at 7:00 PM at the lodge. I am asking all current and 2021 nominated Lodge Officers to attend this practice. This request has been communicated to the participants in a separate e-mail.

Brethren, please keep our ill and distressed, as well as those less fortunate, in your daily thoughts and prayers. Many of our brethren are shut-in or in homes that have restricted visitation. Keep these Brethren in your thoughts and prayers and if possible, call them and let them know they are not forgotten. Until we meet again, may we meet on the Level, act by the Plumb, and part on the Square.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,  
Linwood G. Bennett, Jr. Worshipful Master

**STATED COMMUNICATION – THURSDAY, April 15, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.  
ELECTION & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

**OFFICERS DRESS:** Tuxedos w/Black Accessories  
**MEMBERS & GUESTS:** Please wear Business Attire (Coat & Tie)

**OPEN LODGE – 7:00 PM**

Regular Business  
Annual Reports – Secretary, Audit, Trustees  
Lodge Memorial Service  
Close Lodge of Sorrow

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2021**

**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FOR 2021**

Open Lodge of Sorrow  
Appoint Grand Lodge proxies  
Conclude Business

**CLOSE LODGE**

**CALLED COMMUNICATIONS:**

None Scheduled at this time

**SPECIAL EVENTS:**

None Scheduled at this time

**PAST MASTER HONOR ROLL – MARCH 2021 STATED**

**NO STATED HELD**

**ATTENDANCE – MARCH 2021 STATED**

**NO STATED HELD**

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 – 47, 2019 – 38, 2020 – 37, 2021 – 0

**LODGE OF SORROW**

The Supreme Architect of the Universe has seen fit to call one of our Brothers from our midst:

**WILLIAM LEE ALLEY**

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| <b>Born:</b>   | December 27, 1952  |
| <b>Initiated an Entered Apprentice:</b>                  | September 14, 1988 |
| <b>Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft:</b>              | January 25, 1989   |
| <b>Raised to the Sublime Degree of<br/>Master Mason:</b> | March 15, 1989     |
| <b>Died:</b>   | March 15, 2021     |

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

**OFFICERS FOR 2020-2021**

|   |                                |                    |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| Linwood G. Bennett (H) 839-6776                   | (E) lbennett93@comcast.net     | Worshipful Master  |
| 4929 Gray Bark Court; Sandston, VA 23150-5452     |                                |                    |
| W. Martin Myers, PM (C) 332-3013                  | (E) w.martin.myers@outlook.com | Senior Warden      |
| 1234 Lorraine Ave, Richmond, VA 23227-3733        |                                |                    |
| George H. Cooke, III, PM (H) 829-5426             | (E) ghcooke3@aol.com           | Junior Warden      |
| 5701 Monguy Rd, Charles City, VA 23030-2623       |                                |                    |
| John G. Koedel, III (C) 338-1158                  | (E) jgkoedel@yahoo.com         | Treasurer          |
| 1110 W 42nd Street, Richmond, VA 23225-4609       |                                |                    |
| Henry C. Payne (C) 229-1967                       | (E) hcp.93@verizon.net         | Secretary          |
| 4013 Old Creek Rd, Chesterfield, VA 23832-8387    |                                |                    |
| Charles S. Sarbaugh, P.D.D.G.M (H) 276-9677       | (E) cssarbaugh@cs.com          | Secretary Emeritus |
| 1330 Traway Dr, North Chesterfield, VA 23835-5559 |                                |                    |
| C. Ashley Thomas (C) 644-4521                     | (E) ashtomasjr@gmail.com       | Senior Deacon      |
| 5958 Dugout Ter, Mechanicsville, VA 23111-4570    |                                |                    |
| W. S. Jared Richardson (C) 840-9523               | (E) wsjr1@hotmail.com          | Junior Deacon      |
| 9030 Brigadier Road, Mechanicsville, VA 23116     |                                |                    |
|   |                                |                    |
| Rick C. Kidd, P.D.D.G.M. (C) 314-3035             | (E) Ricardokid6@gmail.com      | Chaplain           |
| Larry L. Beadles (C) 382-7952                     | (E) BeadlesLA@comcast.net      | Marshal            |
| Richard C. Wadkins (C) 540-335-1142               | (E) rhwadkins@gmail.com        | Senior Steward     |
| Michael L. Bryant (C) 370-7910                    | (E) campbryant@hotmail.com     | Junior Steward     |
| Mark L. Deal (C) 955-5314                         | (E) ironhead3@yahoo.com        | Tiler              |

**LIVING PAST MASTERS**

|                            |             |                                |           |
|----------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Brown, Platon A.           | 1968        | LaFemina, Keith G.             | 1995      |
| Hines, Elbert Richard      | 1968        | Carter, Donnie R., PDDGM       | 1996      |
| Olphin, Jr., Walter L.     | 1970        | Bass, Jr., Claude A. PDDGM     | 1999      |
| Kontopanos, John A., Jr.   | 1971        | Pagani, Robert E.              | 2000      |
| Plotkin, Leonard           | 1972        | Fitchett, Wayne E.             | 2002      |
| Graham, George Tiffany     | 1974        | Sheppard, John Q. PDDGM        | 2003      |
| McLaughlin, Billy B. PDDGM | 1975        | Absher, Barrye L. PDDGM        | 2005      |
| Hiner, Henry L.            | 1978        | Jones, Douglas V., GM          | 2007      |
| Whitlock, K. Wayne         | 1981        | Sykes, C. Thomas, PDDGM        | 2008      |
| Olphin, III, Walter L.     | 1984        | Cook, V. Stuart PGM            | 2009      |
| Sarbaugh, Charles S. PDDGM | 1985        | Wadkins, III, J. Thomas, PDDGM | 2010-2011 |
| Dixon, Johnnie L. PDDGM    | 1986 & 1996 | Loftus, Christopher E.         | 2012      |
| Mayes, Heath W.            | 1986        | W. Martin Myers                | 2013      |
| Evans, Jr., Wade V. PDDGM  | 1989        | John W. Edelin, III            | 2014      |
| Bennett, Jr., George L.    | 1991        | Wade V. Evans, III             | 2015-2016 |
| Childrey, William E.       | 1992        | Robert E. Cook                 | 2017      |
| Deligan, Lambros G. PDDGM  | 1992        | Rick C. Kidd, PDDGM            | 2018      |
| Cooke, III, George H.      | 1993        | Jason D. Clemmer               | 2019      |

**AFFILIATE PAST MASTERS**

|                                     |        |
|-------------------------------------|--------|
| Bernhard, Lothar Arthur             | (#19)  |
| Carter, Daulton L.                  | (#317) |
| Dranoff, Albert Abe PDDGM           | (#53)  |
| Hart, John H. PDDGM                 | (#302) |
| Holmes, Ray W.                      | (#317) |
| Kidd, Richard C., PDDGM             | (#9)   |
| LaRochelle, Omer E. Jr., PDDGM      | (#244) |
| Malbone, Theodore Irving            | (#317) |
| Martin, Frederick Garrison III, PGM | (#344) |
| Rose, Daniel Lee PDDGM              | (#161) |
| Sanford, Steven Weldon PDDGM        | (#4)   |
| Taylor, Robert Wright               | (#317) |