

**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  
Junior 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, AUGUST 10, 2017 - 7:00 PM**

**SENIOR WARDEN'S NIGHT**

**ASSEMBLE:** Scottish Rite Dining Room, 4204 Hermitage Road @ 5:45 PM  
DINNER - 6:00 PM  
Program - Greg Burton – Host of ESPN 950 Sports Center, prior to opening Lodge

**OPEN LODGE - 7:00 PM**

Regular Business -

**CLOSE LODGE**

OFFICERS, MEMBERS, & GUESTS: LODGE POLO SHIRTS OR BUSINESS CASUAL

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

**PAST MASTER HONOR ROLL - JULY 13, 2017 STATED**

G. J. Morrow, B.B. McLaughlin, C. S. Sarbaugh, H.W. Mayes, W.V. Evans Jr, G.H. Cook III, D. R. Carter (DDGM)  
C. A. Bass, Jr., B. L. Absher (GC), C. E. Loftus, J. W. Edelin III, W. V. Evans III, L. G. Deligan, D. L. Carter  
C. M. Richardson, Jr., L. A. Bernhard, R.C. Kidd

**ATTENDANCE - JULY 13, 2017 STATED**

Past Masters - 17 Members - 19 Visitors - 10 Total - 46

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 - 50

**CALL COMMUNICATIONS:**

Thursday, August 24th - 6:00 PM – Work in the Master Mason Degree  
Tuesday, August 29th - 6:00 PM – Work in the Fellow Craft Degree  
Thursday, September 21st - 6:00 PM – Work in the Master Mason Degree  
Lodge opens at 6:00 PM, lite meal at 5:15 PM  
Officers and Members - Coats & Ties

**SPECIAL EVENTS:**

Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup> – Metropolitan Lodge No. 11 Stated Communication

**FROM THE EAST**

July 18, 2017

Brethren,

Thank you to all who attended our July stated and enjoyed hearing Mark Greenough, the VA Capitol Historian, share the great history of Virginia and our Nation's founding fathers. I also conducted a survey to determine how many members read our bulletin and for having participated I gave each person present a 2017 quarter, which had been stamped with the Masonic emblem at the base of George Washington's bust. Mailed bulletins are costly and are no longer an effective or efficient way to communicate in today's digital world.

In 2018, we will mail bulletins to the very few who do not have an email address, as this will save our lodge over \$3,000 a year. To ensure our lodge continues to thrive and remain fiscally responsible, we must use technology to its fullest extent. If you currently receive a mailed bulletin, please contact our secretary immediately and provide him with your email address and a telephone number that can be used for our phone tree.

Our called work continues and we are scheduled to raise a new Master Mason each month in July, August and September. I look forward to seeing you at our August stated, which is designated "Senior Warden's Night," when we'll enjoy hearing from ESPN's Hardly Workin' host Greg Burton.

May the phrase, "In God We Trust" be ever present in your thoughts as we continue traveling on the broad level of time.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,  
Robert E. Cook  
Worshipful Master

**FROM THE WEST**

July 18, 2017

My Brethren,

It will be my honor to preside in the East at our next Stated Communication, as August has been designated Senior Warden's Night. Please come out and support me as I attempt to dust off my Ritual skills and sit in the hot seat again. Our Worshipful Master already has an excellent speaker lined up which is a plus because otherwise, you'd be listening to me once again. Seriously, I look forward to this great opportunity and ahead, serving as your Worshipful Master if elected. I look forward to meeting and greeting each of you at this meeting.

Fraternally,

Rick Kidd, P.M.  
Senior Warden

**Minister, Mason, and Major General**

"In the language of the Holy Writ, there is a time for all things. There is a time to preach and a time to fight." Thus ended the sermon of 30-year-old pastor Br. John Peter Muhlenberg as he removed his clerical robes to reveal a uniform in the Continental Army. After church, 300 men of his congregation rode off with him to join General and W.: Br. George Washington's 8th Virginia regiment.

Born October 1, 1746, John Peter Muhlenberg died the same day in 1807.

After hearing Patrick Henry speak the famous words, "give me liberty or give me death," Br. John Peter Muhlenberg approached General and W.: Br. Washington and enlisted. Promoted to Major-General, he endured the freezing winter of Valley Forge and fought at Brandywine, Germantown, Monmouth, Stonypoint and Yorktown. Of such stuff were the Masons of Revolutionary days. Br. Muhlenberg was a member of Lodge No. 3, of Philadelphia.

Br. John Peter Muhlenberg was elected Congressman and Senator.

He was quite as earnest in lodge work as in church activities, and though one of the most amiable of men he earnestly and vigorously combatted every fad, fancy, fiction and peck-sniffery that invaded the Craft.

John's father, Henry Muhlenberg, was a founder of the Lutheran Church in America.

John's brother, Frederick, also an ordained minister and Freemason, was elected the first Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Both John and Frederick served in the first session of Congress which passed the First Amendment. In 1889, Pennsylvania placed a statue of Br. John Peter Muhlenberg in the U.S. Capitol's Statuary Hall. A memorial to Br. John Peter Muhlenberg is located in Washington, DC on Connecticut Avenue. Br. John Muhlenberg is the namesake of Muhlenberg County, Kentucky.

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

**FROM THE TREASURER & SECRETARY**

Brethren,

2017 dues in the amount of \$145.00 are **PAST** due. If you have not yet paid, please do so now. Send your remittance to Brother Henry C. Payne, Secretary, 4013 Old Creek Road, Chesterfield, Virginia 23832-8387.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Brother John G. Koedel, III, Treasurer and Brother Henry C. Payne, Secretary

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## LIVING PAST MASTERS

Erhart, Jr, Charles Edward	1966	Wagner, Fredric P.	1987	W. Martin Myers	2013
Brown, Platon A.	1968	Evans, Jr., Wade V. PDDGM	1989	John W. Edelin, III	2014
Hines, Elbert Richard	1968	Jacobson, Kenneth A.	1990	Wade V. Evans, III	2015-2016
Franck, Jr., Charles O. PDDGM	1969	Bennett, Jr., George L.	1991		
Olphin, Jr., Walter L.	1970	Childrey, William E.	1992		
Kontopanos, John A., Jr.	1971	Deligan, Lambros G. PDDGM	1992		
Morrow, Gordon J.	1971	Cooke, III, George H.	1993	Anaya, Samuel Crawford	(#1982)
Plotkin, Leonard	1972	Howell, John W.	1994	Bernhard, Lothar Arthur	(#19)
Graham, George Tiffany	1974	LaFemina, Keith G.	1995	Carter, Daulton L.	(#317)
McLaughlin, Billy B. PDDGM	1975	Carter, Donnie R., DDGM	1996	Dranoff, Albert Abe PDDGM	(#53)
Yannis, Frank Y.	1975	Richardson, William S. PDDGM	1998	Grotz, Clifford C. Jr PDDGM	(#3)
Regan, Larry David	1976	Bass, Jr., Claude A. PDDGM	1999	Holmes, Ray W.	(#317)
Hiner, Henry L.	1978	Pagani, Robert E.	2000	Kidd, Richard C.	(#9)
Eichost, William T.	1979	Fitchett, Wayne E.	2002	Malbone, Theodore Irving	(#317)
Phillips, Clyde H.	1981	Sheppard, John Q. PDDGM	2003	Martin, Frederick Garrison III, PGM	(#344)
Whitlock, K. Wayne	1981	Absher, Barrye L. PDDGM	2005	Owens, Edward Nelson	(#284)
Constantine, John E.	1983	McLaughlin, B. Kevin	2006	Richardson, Jr, C. Meredith	(#284)
Lyell, John C.	1983	Jones, Douglas V., PDDGM	2007	Rose, Daniel Lee PDDGM	(#161)
Olphin, III, Walter L.	1984	Sykes, C. Thomas, PDDGM	2008	Sanford, Steven Weldon PDDGM	(#4)
Sarbaugh, Charles S. PDDGM	1985	Cook, V. Stuart, GM	2009	Taylor, Robert Wright	(#317)
Dixon, Johnnie L. PDDGM	1986 & 1996	Wadkins, III, J. Thomas	2010-2011		
Mayes, Heath W.	1986	Loftus, Christopher E.	2012		

### AFFILIATE PAST MASTERS