

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 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

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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 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

FROM THE EAST

July 23, 2021

Greetings Brethren,

At our July Stated meeting, Our Rainbow Girls of Assembly #10, presented our program for the evening, with Their "Pot of Gold." The girls and a few of their adults advisors joined us before their program for a delicious meal served by our caterer. After their program the lodge was opened for business.

Our next Stated Meeting, will be on Thursday (3rd Thursday of the month), August 19th, 2021 at 7:00 PM, in the Varina Lodge Building. The attire for the evening will be once again casual, lodge shirts and slacks, or collared shirts and slacks. We will assemble in the adjoining dining room at 5:45 PM for another delicious meal served by our caterer. A head count is requested, please. For our July meal I only heard from six, but ordered 40 under my SWAG system. I counted 37 at the meal. You can reach me at ghcooke3@aol.com or 804-829-5426, leave a message if no answer.

I have designated our August Stated Meeting as "Junior Warden's Night." Our Junior Warden, Brother Ashley Thomas will assume the East for the this meeting. Please come out and support him. He has been working hard learning his craft, and attending our Monday Night Classes. I am sure he has a interesting program lined up for you.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

George H. Cooke, III
Worshipful Master

FROM THE SOUTH

Greetings my brethren,

Our Worshipful Master has designated our August Stated Meeting as "Junior Warden's Night". This affords me an opportunity to preside in the East as I continue on my journey through the chairs.

Worshipful Chris Loftus will be my speaker, and he has a program on the Grand Lodge of Greece. I look forward to seeing you all in August.

Fraternally,
Ashley Thomas
Junior Warden

STATED COMMUNICATION – THURSDAY, August 19, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.

“Junior Warden’s Night”

DRESS FOR OFFICERS, MEMBERS & GUESTS:
Lodge Polo Shirts or collared shirt and slacks, Business Casual

ASSEMBLE: Varina Masonic Temple, 1600 Burning Tree Road, Henrico, Va at 5:45 PM

DINNER: 6:00 PM (Please contact Worshipful George Cooke at ghcooke3@aol.com to let him know you are planning to eat so he can give our caterer a head-count)

OPEN LODGE – 7:00 PM

Regular Business

PROGRAM: Presentation by Worshipful Chris Loftus - Grand Lodge of Greece

CLOSE LODGE

CALLED COMMUNICATIONS:

None Scheduled at this time

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Saturday, July 31, 2021 – The Rainbow Girls, Richmond Assembly No. 10, will have a Spaghetti Dinner, To Go, or eat in with reservations, at The Varina Lodge Building between 6:00 - 7:30 PM for a donation of \$10.00. Please come out and support these young ladies. Oh, their Spaghetti Diner is very good!

Thursday, August 19, 2021 – Metropolitan Lodge No. 11 Stated Communication

PAST MASTER HONOR ROLL – JULY 2021 STATED

Heath W. Mayes, George H. Cooke III, Donnie R. Carter, Claude A. Bass, Jr.
Robert E. Pagani, Wayne E. Fitchett, V. Stuart Cook PGM, J. Thomas Wadkins III
Christopher E. Loftus, John W. Edelin III, Robert E. Cook, Lambros G. Deligan
Albert A. Dranoff, Lothar A. Bernhard, Steven W. Sanford, John H. Hart

ATTENDANCE – JULY 2021 STATED

Past Masters – 16 Members – 9 Visitors – 12 Total – 37

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 – 36

“ Painted the “Four Freedoms”

Born February 3, 1894 in NYC, Br. Norman Rockwell created more than 4,000 original works in his lifetime.

While in his teens became the art director of Boys' Life Magazine, the official BSA magazine. He contributed to the BSA calendars between 1925 and 1976. In 1939, recipient of the Silver Buffalo Award, the highest adult BSA award.

When Br. Norman was 22, he painted his first cover for the Saturday Evening Post. He painted 321 covers for the magazine over nearly 50-years.

1943, inspired by a speech by President Br. FDR, Br. Norman painted the "Four Freedoms" which were on covers of 4 Saturday Evening Posts, and were immortalized on USPS stamps.

Most of his works are either in public collections, or have unfortunately been destroyed. He also was commissioned to illustrate more than forty books, and commissioned by Br. Samuel Clemens and Br. Colonel Harland Sanders.



“I was showing the America I knew and observed to others who might not have noticed.”
-- Br. Norman Rockwell, Red Mountain Lodge No. 63, Vermont.

In 1977 Br. Rockwell was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, our nation’s highest peacetime award, by Br. and Pres. Gerald Ford.

In 1978 Br. Rockwell died at the age eighty-four.

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.

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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
		Linwood G. Bennett, Jr.	2020-2021

AFFILIATE PAST MASTERS

Bernhard, Lothar Arthur	(#19)
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Hart, John H. PDDGM	(#302)
Holmes, Ray W.	(#317)
Kidd, Richard C., PDDGM	(#9)
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Sanford, Steven Weldon PDDGM	(#4)
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