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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

November 16, 2017

Brethren,

December is a time of joy and celebration as we close one Masonic year and begin another. Attendance at December's stated meeting is very important, as the lodge audit committee and trustees will issue their reports and we will elect and install our officers for 2018.

I am humbled to have had the privilege to serve as your Worshipful Master over these past twelve months. While I had made my plans for this past year, I'm pleased to look back on the Broad Level of Time to see how the Supreme Architect of the Universe executed His plans and how He continued to bless our Lodge.

I'm grateful to all the brethren, our Past Masters (whom I affectingly refer to as our columns and pilasters) and our Officers for their wonderful attendance and support at our many meetings this year. I'm thankful for the five men who knocked at the West Gate this year and joined our gentle craft.

For the fine brother who will be installed as your Worshipful Master for 2018, I pledge my support and wish him a most prosperous year. Brethren, I urge you to give him and the Lodge your continued cooperation and support.

As this is my last communications to you as your Worshipful Master, again I thank you all for your support and kind counsel; and for making this a most joyful year. To each and every one, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year. May the God of Peace and Love, continue to delight to dwell with and bless you all.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Robert E. Cook
Worshipful Master

MEET YOUR WORSHIPFUL MASTER ELECT

Worshipful Richard Clark Kidd, was born in Allais, KY. on May 3, 1942. He was educated in the public school system of Dayton, Ohio, and graduated High School in 1961. After serving four years in the United States Air Force, as an Air Policeman and Security Forces Specialist, he attended Sinclair College in Dayton, Ohio, with a major in Business Administration. While working as a Manufacturers Representative, Bro. Kidd was transferred to Richmond, Virginia in 1981. He petitioned and became a member of Temple Lodge No. 9 in 1984, where he was Initiated an Entered Apprentice on September 12, 1984, Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on October 10, 1984, and Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on November 2, 1984. Worshipful Brother Kidd served as Worshipful Master of Temple Lodge No. 9 in 1989, and 2014. On June 11, 2015, Worshipful Brother Kidd affiliated with Metropolitan Lodge No. 11, and has served the Lodge both as Marshal in 2016, and as Senior Warden in 2017. Worshipful Brother Kidd resides in Glen Allen, Virginia, with his wife of 53 years, Linda. They have two Sons, and three Grandchildren, all living in the greater Richmond area.



Worshipful
Rick Kidd

STATED COMMUNICATION – Thursday, December 14, 2017

ELECTION & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

OFFICERS DRESS – Tuxedos w/Black Accessories

MEMBERS & GUESTS: Please wear Business Attire (Coat & Tie)

THE NO. 11 CLASS OF INSTRUCTION WILL NOT MEET IN DECEMBER

OPEN LODGE – 5:00 PM

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

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2018

BREAK FOR DINNER AT APPROXIMATELY 6:00 PM

OPEN INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FOR 2018

Open Lodge of Sorrow
Appoint Grand Lodge proxies
Conclude Business

CLOSE LODGE

**CALLED COMMUNICATIONS:
NONE IN DECEMBER**

SPECIAL EVENTS

Saturday, December 9, 2017 at 9:00 AM - Lodge Clean Up Day
Friday, December 15, 2017 at 6:00 PM – Christmas Party at Masonic Home
NO MASTERS AND WARDENS Meeting in December
Wednesday, December 27, 2017 at 6:00 PM – Possum Night at Manchester Lodge #14, 6787 Forest Hill Ave., Richmond

LODGE OF SORROW

Brethren,

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

CLYDE HAMPTON PHILLIPS

Born: June 24, 1936
Initiated an Entered Apprentice: January 15, 1975
Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft: January 30, 1975
Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason: February 25, 1975
Worshipful Master: 1981
Died: November 2, 2017

To His Family we extend our deepest sympathies.

PAST MASTER HONOR ROLL – NOVEMBER, 2017 STATED

Charles S. Sarbaugh, Heath W. Mayes, Wade V. Evans, Jr., George H. Cooke III, Donnie R. Carter, Christopher E. Loftus
W. Martin Myers, William E. Childrey, Albert A. Dranoff, Daulton L. Carter, C. Meredith Richardson, Jr., Richard C. Kidd
Omer E. LaRochelle

ATTENDANCE – NOVEMBER 2017 STATED

Past Masters – 13 Members – 18 Visitors – 12 Total – 43

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

TWO NOTABLE FREEMASONS CROSSED THE DELAWARE RIVER

The first six months of the Revolution saw the Continental Army chased out of NY, across NJ, and into PA. Ranks dwindled from 20,000 to 2,000.

Br. Washington's (Fredericksburg No. 4) troops crossed the ice-filled Delaware River at midnight Christmas Day. Trudging in a blinding blizzard, attacked the feared Hessian troops at Trenton, NJ, on daybreak December 26, 1776, capturing nearly a thousand in just over an hour.

The Hessian troops hired by King George III were trained to fight in an open field, and were not prepared for Americans firing from behind every tree and fence post.

Two Americans were wounded: William Washington, cousin of Br. GW, and the young Lieutenant, Br. James Monroe (St. John's Regimental Lodge, later in Williamsburg No. 6) future 5th U.S. President.

Br. Washington, 1778: "The Hand of Providence has been so conspicuous in all this-the course of the war-that he must be worse than an infidel that lacks faith, and more wicked that has not gratitude to acknowledge his obligations; but it will be time enough for me to turn Preacher when my present appointment ceases."

Yale President Ezra Stiles stated before Connecticut General Assembly, 1783: "In our lowest and most dangerous estate, ... we sustained ourselves against the British Army of 60,000 troops commanded by... the ablest generals Britain could procure throughout Europe, with a naval force of 22,000 seamen in above 80 men-of-war... Who does not see the indubitable interposition and energetic influence of Divine Providence in these great and illustrious events? Who but a Washington, inspired by Heaven, could have struck out the great movement and maneuver of Princeton - that Christmas eve when Washington and his army crossed the Delaware?... The United States are under peculiar obligations to become a holy people unto the Lord our God."

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. Brethren, paying your 2017 dues, if you haven't already done so, will give you a little breathing space before you must pay 2018 dues. Remember, a member in arrears for two (2) years is liable for suspension according to the laws of the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

We are offering a significant discount on the stated meals. For \$100, you get a whole year worth of meals. That's 12 for the price of 10. This will only be offered through the February Stated. Extra bonus. In March, we will draw one ticket and the winner will have the whole \$100 refunded and get to keep the meal card.

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LIVING PAST MASTERS

Erhart, Jr, Charles Edward	1966	Evans, Jr., Wade V. PDDGM	1989	John W. Edelin, III	2014
Brown, Platon A.	1968	Jacobson, Kenneth A.	1990	Wade V. Evans, III	2015-2016
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		
Whitlock, K. Wayne	1981	Absher, Barrye L. PDDGM	2005		
Constantine, John E.	1983	McLaughlin, B. Kevin	2006		
Lyell, John C.	1983	Jones, Douglas V., PDDGM	2007		
Olphin, III, Walter L.	1984	Sykes, C. Thomas, PDDGM	2008		
Sarbaugh, Charles S. PDDGM	1985	Cook, V. Stuart, GM	2009		
Dixon, Johnnie L. PDDGM	1986 & 1996	Wadkins, III, J. Thomas	2010-2011		
Mayes, Heath W.	1986	Loftus, Christopher E.	2012		
Wagner, Fredric P.	1987	W. Martin Myers	2013		

AFFILIATE PAST MASTERS

Anaya, Samuel Crawford	(#1982)
Bernhard, Lothar Arthur	(#19)
Carter, Daulton L.	(#317)
Dranoff, Albert Abe PDDGM	(#53)
Grotz, Clifford C. Jr PDDGM	(#3)
Holmes, Ray W.	(#317)
Kidd, Richard C.	(#9)
Malbone, Theodore Irving	(#317)
Martin, Frederick Garrison III, PGM	(#344)
Owens, Edward Nelson	(#284)
Richardson, Jr, C. Meredith	(#284)
Rose, Daniel Lee PDDGM	(#161)
LaRochelle, Omber E. Jr. PDDGM	(#244)
Sanford, Steven Weldon PDDGM	(#4)
Taylor, Robert Wright	(#317)