

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: 2022 – \$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

November 25, 2022

Brethren,

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving, surrounded by family. Our November stated was very busy with an official visit by Most Worshipful Donald Ellis Strehle and many thanks to all the brethren who assisted in making the evening a success. The Grand Master's goal for our gently craft is the same as Metropolitan No. 11, sharing the friendship and brotherly love of Freemasonry.

I and Worshipful George Harris Cooke, III are very honored to be the 2022 recipients of the "The William Dee Ellen Award for Masonic Excellence". Right Worshipful Bill Ellen made a lasting impression on our lodge through his kind and generous spirit. Associating with men of great character is just one of the many gifts of membership in our fraternity.

This is a most joyful time of year as we approach the close of one Masonic year and begin another. I am humbled to have had the privilege to serve as your Worshipful Master over these past twelve months. I'm grateful to all the brethren, our Past Masters (whom I affectionately refer to as our columns and pilasters) and our Officers for your attendance and support this past year. I'm also thankful for Brother Dieter Henss, 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 2023, I pledge my support and wish him a most prosperous year and I urge you to do the same.

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 joyful year. To each and every one, I wish you and your families 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

STATED COMMUNICATION – THURSDAY, December 15, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.

“Election and Installation of Officers”

OFFICERS DRESS: Tuxedos with Black Accessories

MEMBERS & GUESTS: Business Attire (Coat and Tie)

ASSEMBLE: Varina Masonic Temple, 1600 Burning Tree Road, Henrico, Virginia at 5:15 PM

DINNER: 5:00 PM

Please Note the Time Changes!

OPEN LODGE – 6:00 PM

Regular Business

PROGRAM: Election and Installation of Officers for 2023

Conclude Business

CLOSE LODGE

CALLED COMMUNICATIONS:

None Scheduled at this time

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Thursday, December 15, 2022 – Metropolitan Lodge No. 11 Stated Communication

PAST MASTER HONOR ROLL – NOVEMBER 2022 STATED

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

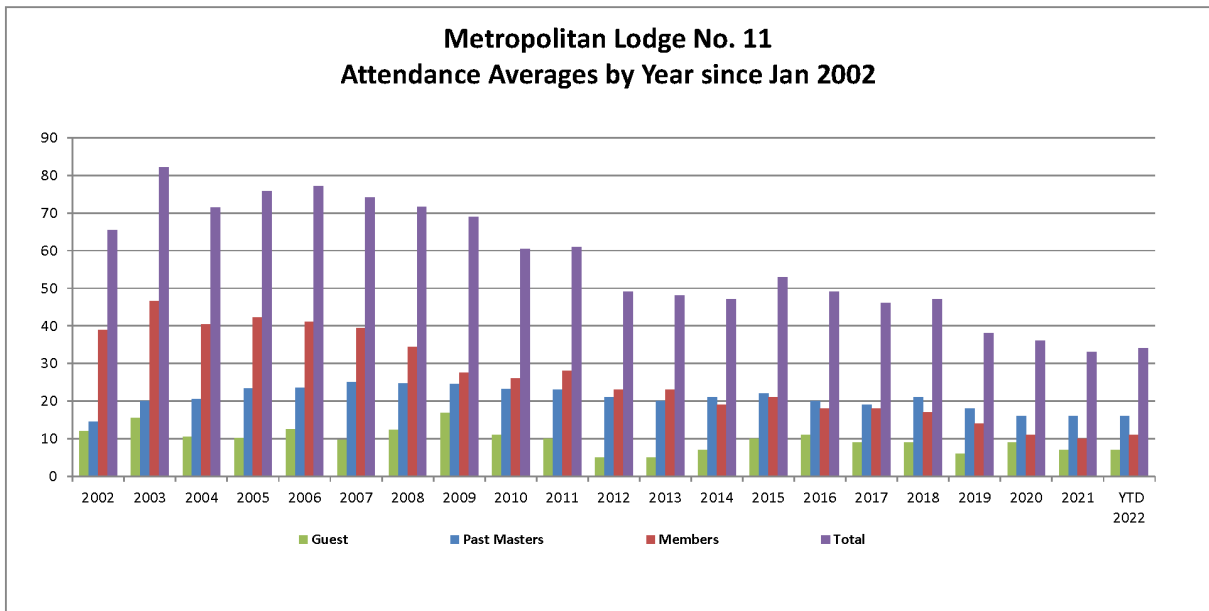
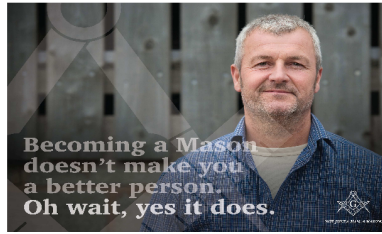
ATTENDANCE – NOVEMBER 2022 STATED

Past Masters – 20 Members – 15 Visitors – 23 Total – 58

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 – 33, 2022 – 34

Attendance Chart



“WWII USN Veteran & Actor”

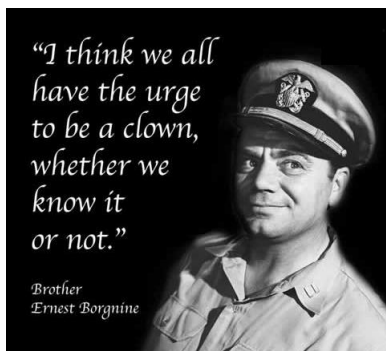
Born to immigrant parents, he spent a portion of his childhood living in Italy. Ermes Effron Borgnino, was born in Hamden, Connecticut in January 1917. After his parents’ divorce two years later, he moved with his mother, Anna, to Italy, where they resided for four-and-a-half years. Following the couples’ reconciliation, Anna and Ermes moved back to the US, where he spent the remainder of his childhood. It was around this time that the family changed their name from “Borgino” to “Borgnine.” Ermes is better known by the name Ernest Borgnine.

Ernest Borgnine enlisted in the US Navy in 1935, following his high school graduation. For the majority of his career with the service, he was stationed aboard the USS Lambertson (DD-119). In October 1941, he was honorably discharged. Following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Borgnine re-enlisted and was dispatched to the Atlantic Coast. He served aboard the USS Sylph (PY-12), a patrol yacht.



He served with distinction throughout the WWII, concluding his service with the rank of gunner’s mate first class. He was also awarded a number of decorations, including the World War II Victory Medal, the Navy Good Conduct Medal, the American Campaign Medal with 3/16 Bronze Star and the American Defense Service Medal with Fleet Clasp.

Ernest Borgnine moved back into his parents’ house following his discharge from the Navy. However, he had trouble finding a direction in life, later saying in an interview with the British Film Institute:



“After World War II, we wanted no more part in war. I didn’t even want to be a Boy Scout. I went home and said that I was through with the Navy and so now, what do we do? So I went home to mother, and after a few weeks of patting me on the back and ‘You did good,’ and everything else, one day she said, ‘Well?’ like mothers do. Which meant, ‘All right, you gonna get a job or what?’” Borgnine’s mother noted that he’d always been a ham and would possibly enjoy acting. After training at the Randall School of Drama in Connecticut.

In 1946, he traveled with a friend down to a little town called Abingdon, Virginia, to see what the Barter Theatre had to offer. It offered nothing except hard work and board. His friend, not accepting the work they offered him, stayed one day – Ernest stayed five years. In that time he grew to love the town and all it offered. The people, in particular, were simply marvelous.

He was raised in Abingdon Lodge #48, Grand Lodge of Virginia in 1950.

Just a few years into his career, he won a role on Broadway, appearing in the Pulitzer Prize winning play, Harvey. Ernest Borgnine began acting in Hollywood shortly after hitting Broadway. While he started off playing villains and background characters, he was given opportunity to star in 1955’s Marty, which became a critical smash. For his portrayal of the film’s title character, Borgnine won

the Oscar for Best Actor at the 28th Academy Awards, beating out such legends as James Dean, Frank Sinatra, Spencer Tracey and James Cagney.

Br. Borgnine had an incredible acting career that spanned decades, with arguably his most notable role being Lt. Cmdr. Quinton McHale in the ABC sitcom, McHale's Navy (1962-66).

In 1969, Br. Borgnine appeared in one of his most famous role, portraying Dutch Engstrom in The Wild Bunch. Over a decade later, he starred in another popular TV series, Airwolf (1984-87), playing Dom Santini, a veteran of both World War II and the Korean War.

Continuing his work in Hollywood into the early 2010s, Borgnine made memorable appearances in such films as All Dogs Go to Heaven 2 (1996) and Red (2010). Younger viewers even got to hear him voice Mermaid Man on the hit Nickelodeon cartoon, Spongebob Squarepants (1999-present).

On November 9, 2000, he was presented with his 50-year pin by the Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, the Illustrious William Lee Holiday.



Br. Borgnine was proud of his membership, and said so in his own words:

“As I’ve advanced in Masonry, I have found we are an elite group of people who believe in God, country, family and neighbors. We work hard to help our fellowman; and through our charitable work, such as support for the Childhood Language Disorders Centers, we have made it possible to help many children grow into good American citizens. We should always be proud of the Order we belong to. Where in all the world do you find so many great men and Brothers who have helped the whole wide world?”

On July 8, 2012, Br. Borgnine passed away of kidney failure at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. He was 95 years old. The famed actor was laid to rest at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Los Angeles, California, where a memorial bench was later dedicated to his memory.

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

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LIVING PAST MASTERS

Brown, Platon A.	1968	Carter, Donnie R., PDDGM	1996	Jason D. Clemmer	2019
Hines, Elbert Richard	1968	Bass, Jr., Claude A. PDDGM	1999	Linwood G. Bennett, Jr.	2020-2021
Olphin, Jr., Walter L.	1970	Pagani, Robert E.	2000		
Kontopanos, John A., Jr.	1971	Fitchett, Wayne E.	2002	AFFILIATE PAST MASTERS	
Plotkin, Leonard	1972	Sheppard, John Q. PDDGM	2003		
McLaughlin, Billy B. PDDGM	1975	Absher, Barrye L. PDDGM	2005	Bernhard, Lothar Arthur	(#19)
Hiner, Henry L.	1978	Jones, Douglas V., PGM	2007	Carter, Daulton L.	(#317)
Whitlock, K. Wayne	1981	Sykes, C. Thomas, PDDGM	2008	Dranoff, Albert Abe PDDGM	(#53)
Olphin, III, Walter L.	1984	Cook, V. Stuart, PGM	2009	Hart, John H. PDDGM	(#302)
Sarbaugh, Charles S. PDDGM	1985	Wadkins, III, J. Thomas, PDDGM	2010-2011	Holmes, Ray W.	(#317)
Dixon, Johnnie L. PDDGM	1986 & 1996	Loftus, Christopher E.	2012	Kidd, Richard C., PDDGM	(#9)
Mayes, Heath W.	1986	W. Martin Myers	2013	LaRochelle, Omer E. Jr., PDDGM	(#244)
Bennett, Jr., George L.	1991	John W. Edelin, III	2014	Malbone, Theodore Irving	(#317)
Childrey, William E.	1992	Wade V. Evans, III	2015-2016	Martin, Frederick Garrison III, PGM	(#344)
Deligan, Lambros G. PDDGM	1992	Robert E. Cook	2017	Rose, Daniel Lee PDDGM	(#161)
Cooke, III, George H.	1993 & 2021	Rick C. Kidd, PDDGM	2018	Sanford, Steven Weldon PDDGM	(#4)
LaFemina, Keith G.	1995			Taylor, Robert Wright	(#317)