

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 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

February 4, 2021

Brethren,

This past year has been a tough one for us all. We are restricted to gathering only in small groups. Many of us are not gathering with friends or family because of the threat of illness. This concerns me because we have been isolated for so long and losing touch with our brothers. I pray that this will all be over soon, and we can again resume our meetings and gatherings.

Due to the Governors extension of the sanctions to limit the number of individuals at gatherings to ten people and the Grand Lodge decree that all lodges comply for the safety of our members, the installation of 2021 Officers has had to be postponed again. It is tentatively rescheduled for our March meeting. That is assuming the Governor will be lifting the restrictions currently in place and the Grand Lodge complies. **There will be no February meeting.**

If the current restrictions are lifter, I am still planning to have a rehearsal for the installation of the 2021 Officers before our March 18, 2021, stated meeting. Because of the Governors restrictions and the Grand Lodge's decree our 2021 Officers installation will be a closed installation and no family members or visitors can attend. It is my understanding this will be the first time in a number years that Metropolitan Lodge No. 11 will not have an open installation of officers.

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, February 18, 2021 – CANCELLED

CALLED COMMUNICATIONS:

None Scheduled at this time

SPECIAL EVENTS:

None Scheduled at this time

PAST MASTER HONOR ROLL – JANUARY 2021 STATED

NO STATED HELD

ATTENDANCE – JANUARY 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 two of our Brothers from our midst:

ELBERT RICHARD HINES DARREN PORTER WAGGONER

Born:	October 31, 1927	February 25, 1960
Initiated an Entered Apprentice:	June 25, 1963	December 30, 1982
Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft:	August 16, 1963	November 22, 1983
Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason:	September 13, 1963	December 9, 1983
Worshipful Master:	1968 - Dove No. 51	
Died:	December 1, 2020	January 11, 2021

To their families, we extend our most sincere sympathies and condolences.

FROM YOUR SECRETARY

Brethren,

This year has seen many changes that we didn't see this time last year. We've seen brethren taken from us through death and separated by the COVID-19 virus, as well having to find a new location to meet. And now the time rolls around to dues being needed to be paid for the upcoming year. Notices will soon be coming out and it will help your Lodge to get them paid as soon as possible. Keep this in mind as you budget for next year..

Brethren, if you haven't been getting correspondence from your Lodge or Grand Lodge, it may be because we don't have your current address or email. If this is the case, please email or mail me the information. This way we can stay in contact with you and let you know what is happening. My address and email is shown below.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Henry C. Payne, Secretary

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“The Fastest Man Alive“

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Br. Harold Maurice Abrahams (1899-1978) was a English-Jewish athlete whose father had emigrated from Russian Poland.

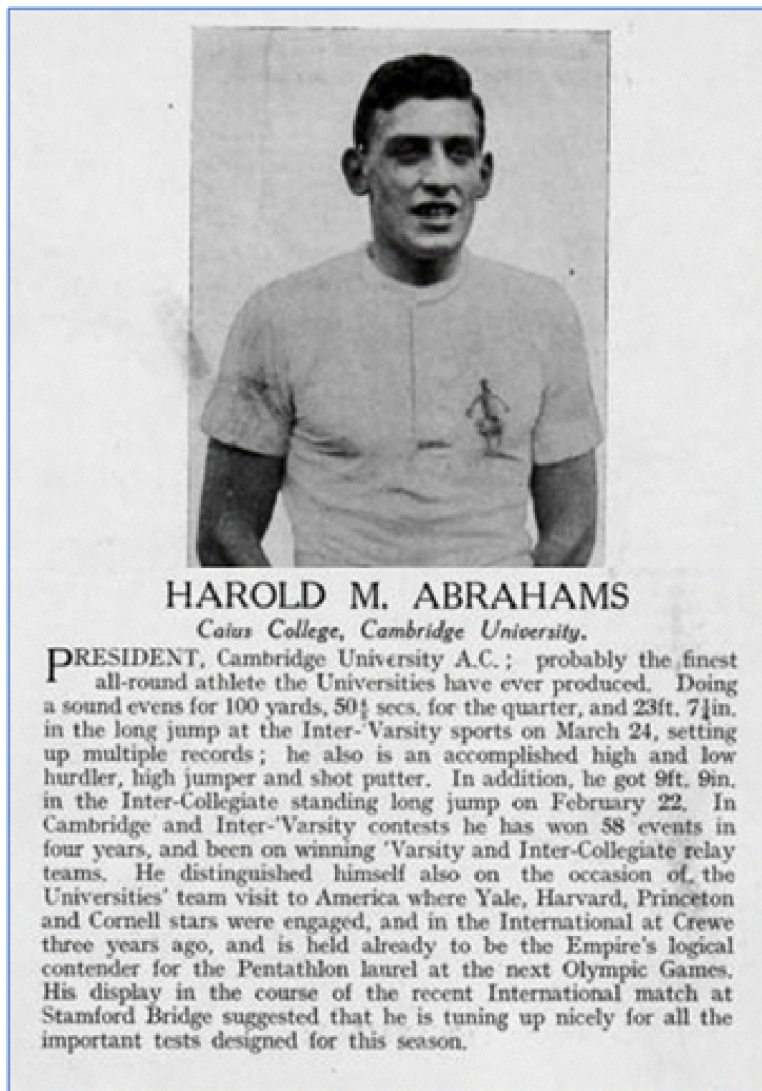
He trained as a lawyer, at Cambridge, and was a member of the University Athletics Club. Before Cambridge he served as a lieutenant in the British Army.

In 1924, became ‘the fastest man alive’ when he won the 100 metres at the Olympic Games in Paris. His feat was depicted in the outstanding film ‘Chariots of Fire’, memorable not just for its hunting theme music but also as the winner of the Oscar for Best Picture in 1981.

Abrahams was initiated into Oxford and Cambridge University Lodge No. 1118, 1925. He was a founding member of Athlon Lodge No. 4674, 1927.

In early 1934, Br. Abrahams met singer Sybil Evers, and the couple wed in 1936. Because of a serious illness and surgery in her youth, Sybil could not have children, so they adopted an eight-week-old son, 1942, a three-year-old daughter, 1946. During the Nazi regime and war, the couple also fostered two Jewish refugees: a German boy and an Austrian girl.

Abrahams’ great friend, the man who won the Bronze in the 1924 race, Arthur Porritt, later became the Governor-General of NZ. Became a freemason when studying at Oxford, Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, 1925.



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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)
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Malbone, Theodore Irving	(#317)
Martin, Frederick Garrison III, PGM	(#344)
Rose, Daniel Lee PDDGM	(#161)
Sanford, Steven Weldon PDDGM	(#4)
Taylor, Robert Wright	(#317)