

**METROPOLITAN LODGE NO. 11, A.F.&A.M.**

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FEBRUARY 2022 BULLETIN

**TIME SENSITIVE MATERIAL – PLEASE DO NOT DELAY!**



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**

**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 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

January 29, 2022

Brethren,

This past Thursday evening, we enjoyed Right Worshipful Whitney Emmerson Hanscom, Sr., District Deputy Grand Master for Masonic District 15A, on his official visit. Many laughed at the mistakes I made and we all enjoyed Right Worshipful Hanscom's comments. We also enjoyed a visit from Manchester Lodge #14, our Possum brethren, who came bearing a cake with just the picture of a possum. It was a delicious cake and far more appealing than possum. We also received the travelling gavel from Worshipful David Vass, Temple Lodge No. 9.

"Making Good Men Better." This phrase is often used to describe the purpose of Freemasonry. A brother recently posed the question to me, "are we really making men better?" I've been devoting thought to this lately and I'm asking you too as well. What are each of us, as members of this great fraternity, doing collectively and individually to make our fellow brethren better men? What are we doing to make the community or neighborhood around us better? While meditating on this singular circumstance, or multiple circumstances, please answer these questions for yourself.

On February 17th, we'll have another great time of fellowship during dinner. Brother Altory Miranda, Jr., MD will be our speaker that evening. Dr. Miranda has a broad breadth of medical experience, with an emphasis in geriatrics care. I know we don't have any old members yet, but hope we will all learn about our medical needs as we age and take away some things that will help us when we do reach dotage. Please come out and enjoy fellowship with your brethren, a good meal, and an informative program.

I look forward to seeing you in February. Until then, may our Heavenly Father continue to watch over each and every one!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,  
Robert E. Cook  
Worshipful Master

### A PLEA FROM OUR SECRETARY

Brethren,

It has come to the time where I need to consider giving up the secretary's position for Metropolitan Lodge No. 11. I can foresee where I am going to have to spend more time taking care of my wife and therefore, will be unable to concentrate on Lodge Secretary duties. Therefore, I am going to need someone to step forward by the end of this year to undertake this task. I am planning on stepping down at the end of this year and would appreciate having someone willing to work with learning the role as Secretary before then.

S&F,

Brother Hank Payne, Secretary

**STATED COMMUNICATION – THURSDAY, February 17, 2022 – 7:00 P.M.**

**“Our Medical Needs As We Age”**

**OFFICERS DRESS** – Tuxedos w/Black Accessories  
**MEMBERS & GUESTS:** Please wear Business Attire (Coat & Tie)

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

**OPEN LODGE – 7:00 PM**

Regular Business  
Program – Brother Altory Miranda, Jr., MD – “Our Medical Needs As We Age”  
Conclude Business

**CLOSE LODGE**

**CALLED COMMUNICATIONS:**

Thursday – February 24, 2022 at 6:00 PM – Work in the Entered Apprentice Degree

**SPECIAL EVENTS:**

Tuesday, February 9, 2022 – Official Visit by the Grand Master of Masons in Virginia,  
Most Worshipful James Winfield Golladay, Jr.  
To Varina Lodge No. 272 on the occasion of their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary,  
Dinner at 6:30PM, Lodge Opens at 7:30 PM

Thursday, February 17, 2022 – Metropolitan Lodge No. 11 Stated Communication  
Dr. and Brother Altory Miranda, Jr., MD,  
“Preventative Medical Care As We Age”

Saturday, February 19, 2022 – Masters and Wardens Association meeting at the  
Tuckahoe Masonic Temple, located at 5500 Bethlehem Road  
Henrico, VA 23226, Breakfast at 8:00 AM Meeting at 9:00 AM

Saturday, February 26, 2022 – Bring A Friend Breakfast at Varina Lodge No. 272

**PAST MASTER HONOR ROLL – JANUARY 2022 STATED**

Heath W. Mayes, D. R. Carter, Wayne E. Fitchett, V. Stuart Cook (PGM)  
Christopher E. Loftus, Robert E. Cook, George H. Cooke III, Lambros G. Deligan  
Albert A. Dranoff, Steven W. Sanford, John H. Hart

**ATTENDANCE – JANUARY 2022 STATED**

Past Masters – 11    Members – 9    Visitors – 13    Total – 33

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 – 33

**FROM YOUR SECRETARY**

Brethren,

The dues notices for 2022 have been mailed. If you are current in your dues then your new dues card was mailed with your notice. If you are in arrears in your dues then the dues card for 2022 was **NOT** mailed with your dues notice.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,  
Brother Henry “Hank” C. Payne, Secretary

"The Fastest Man Alive"

Reprinted from February 2021

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

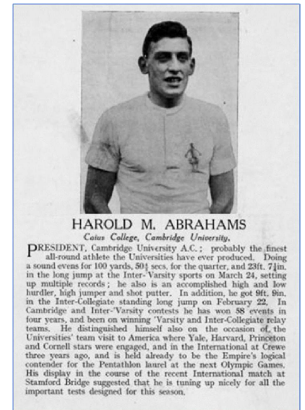
He trained as a lawyer, at Cambridge, and was a member of the University Athletics Club. Before Cambridge he served as a lieutenant in the British Army.

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	Jason D. Clemmer	2019
Hines, Elbert Richard	1968	Carter, Donnie R., PDDGM	1996	Linwood G. Bennett, Jr.	2020-2021
Olphin, Jr., Walter L.	1970	Bass, Jr., Claude A. PDDGM	1999		
Kontopanos, John A., Jr.	1971	Pagani, Robert E.	2000	<b>AFFILIATE PAST MASTERS</b>	
Plotkin, Leonard	1972	Fitchett, Wayne E.	2002		
Graham, George Tiffany	1974	Sheppard, John Q. PDDGM	2003	Bernhard, Lothar Arthur	(#19)
McLaughlin, Billy B. PDDGM	1975	Absher, Barrye L. PDDGM	2005	Carter, Daulton L.	(#317)
Hiner, Henry L.	1978	Jones, Douglas V., PGM	2007	Dranoff, Albert Abe PDDGM	(#53)
Whitlock, K. Wayne	1981	Sykes, C. Thomas, PDDGM	2008	Hart, John H. PDDGM	(#302)
Olphin, III, Walter L.	1984	Cook, V. Stuart, PGM	2009	Holmes, Ray W.	(#317)
Sarbaugh, Charles S. PDDGM	1985	Wadkins, III, J. Thomas, PDDGM	2010-2011	Kidd, Richard C., PDDGM	(#9)
Dixon, Johnnie L. PDDGM	1986 & 1996	Loftus, Christopher E.	2012	LaRochelle, Omer E. Jr., PDDGM	(#244)
Mayes, Heath W.	1986	W. Martin Myers	2013	Malbone, Theodore Irving	(#317)
Bennett, Jr., George L.	1991	John W. Edelin, III	2014	Martin, Frederick Garrison III, PGM	(#344)
Childrey, William E.	1992	Wade V. Evans, III	2015-2016	Rose, Daniel Lee PDDGM	(#161)
Deligan, Lambros G. PDDGM	1992	Robert E. Cook	2017	Sanford, Steven Weldon PDDGM	(#4)
Cooke, III, George H.	1993 & 2021	Rick C. Kidd, PDDGM	2018	Taylor, Robert Wright	(#317)