

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

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JULY 2021 BULLETIN

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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 2, 2021

Greetings Brethren,

We had a good turnout for our June Stated Communication, and all present enjoyed the dynamic presentation of "The Holy Saints John", featuring "John the Baptizer", presented by Right Worshipful Donald Traser, of Temple Lodge No. 9.

Our next Stated Communication is Thursday, (3rd Thursday) July 15th, at the Varina Lodge Building. The attire for the evening is casual, lodge shirts and slacks or collared shirts and slacks. The Brethren are requested to assemble in the adjoining dining room at 5:45 PM, for a delicious meal served by our caterer. A head count for the caterer would be appreciated by email at: ghcooke3@aol.com, or a phone call to 804-829-5426, leave message if no answer.

After our meal and fellowship, we will retire to the lodge room for our program of the evening put on by The Rainbow Girls, Richmond Assembly #10. When they have completed their program, we will open our lodge for business.

Announcements:

Metropolitan Lodge #11 will assist in a Blood Drive at Regency Mall on Sunday, July 11th, 2021, 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

The Rainbow Girls, Richmond Assembly #10, will have a Spaghetti Dinner, To Go, or eat in with reservations, at The Varina Lodge Building on Saturday, July 31, 2021, 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.

I look forward to meeting and greeting you all on the 15th! Call and bring a brother who has not been with us for a while and show them what they are missing!!! We will be glad to assist them in knocking off the rust!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

George H. Cooke, III
Worshipful Master

STATED COMMUNICATION – THURSDAY, July 15, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.

“RAINBOW GIRLS”

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)

PROGRAM: Presentation by The Rainbow Girls from Richmond Assembly No. 10

OPEN LODGE – 7:00 PM

Regular Business

CLOSE LODGE

CALLED COMMUNICATIONS:

None Scheduled at this time

SPECIAL EVENTS:

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LODGES OF SORROW

The Supreme Architect of the Universe has seen fit to call two of our Brothers from our midst:

LARRY LEE BEADLES FRANK EDWARD KIPP, JR.

Born:	September 26, 1950	June 8, 1931
Initiated an Entered Apprentice:	June 24, 1998	July 8, 1976
Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft:	March 3, 1999	September 23, 1976
Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason:	March 24, 1999	May 6, 1980
Died:	June 26, 2021	June 7, 2021

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

PAST MASTER HONOR ROLL – JUNE 2021 STATED

Charles S. Sarbaugh, Heath W. Mayes, George H. Cooke III, D. R. Carter
Claude A. “Buddy” Bass, Jr., Robert E. Pagani, Wayne E. Fitchett, V. Stuart Cook (PGM)
J. Thomas Wadkins III, John W. Edelin III, Robert E. Cook, Lambros G. Deligan
Albert A. Dranoff, Lothar A. Bernhard, Steven W. Sanford, John H. Hart

ATTENDANCE – JUNE 2021 STATED

Past Masters – 16 Members – 10 Visitors – 9 Total – 35

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 – 34

FROM YOUR SECRETARY

Brethren, things are starting to look better. COVID protocols are starting to relax, and we are able to get out more. Support your Lodge with your attendance and if you haven't taken care of your dues, please get it taken care of as soon as you are able to.

Fraternally,
Hank Payne, Secretary

Images from our June 2021 Stated



Right Worshipful Don Traser (right) delivers his Saints John Night Program in excellent style



Our Worshipful Master, George Cooke, sports his "Penguin" Socks - what a pair!

“ Founder of St. Jude Children’s Hospital ”

1912, Deerfield, MI, fifth of ten children to Lebanese parents, named Amos Muzyad Yakhoob Kairouz (Danny Thomas).

As a struggling entertainer with a baby due, visited a Detroit church, was so moved by the Mass, gave his last \$7. When he realized what he’d done, he prayed for a way to pay the hospital bills. The next day, he was offered a part that would pay 10 times his donation. He had experienced the power of prayer.

Two years later, struggling again, prayed to St. Jude Thaddeus, patron saint of hopeless causes, “help me find my way in life, and I will build you a shrine.” His career flourished, and he remembered his pledge to St. Jude.



In 1955, he seized on the idea of creating a unique research hospital devoted to curing catastrophic diseases in children. More than a treatment facility, this would be a research center for the children of the world. St. Jude established in 1960. Later he produced comedies such as the "Andy Griffith Show" and the "Dick Van Dyke Show".

In 1984, raised in Gothic Lodge No. 270, NJ as a courtesy for his mother Lodge, Palisades Lodge, CA. May 1985, he was made a 32° SR Mason and a Noble in Al Malaikah Shrine.

“I was a Freemason in my heart long before I was accepted as a member in this great Fraternity.” – D. Thomas, 1990, Fresno Scottish Rite Bulletin.

Asked once, why did he want to be a Mason and replied: "Because Masons care for those who cannot care for themselves." The Shriners have always been a favorite of mine because of their work for crippled and burned children.

St. Jude has pushed the overall survival rate for childhood cancer from 20% when first opened to 80% today.

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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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
		Linwood G. Bennett, Jr.	2020-2021

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)
LaRochelle, Omer E. Jr., PDDGM	(#244)
Malbone, Theodore Irving	(#317)
Martin, Frederick Garrison III, PGM	(#344)
Rose, Daniel Lee PDDGM	(#161)
Sanford, Steven Weldon PDDGM	(#4)
Taylor, Robert Wright	(#317)