

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 Scottish Rite Temple, 4204 Hermitage Road, Richmond, Virginia 23227
on the Second Thursday of each month

ANNUAL DUES: 2017 – \$145.00

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 the Thursday Preceding the Stated Communication at 6:30 PM
at the Scottish Rite Temple

R. Lewis Gibbs Masonic Class – Saturday Night – Scottish Rite Temple – 7:00 PM
Lodge Blood Drive Number – 2795

STATED COMMUNICATION – THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2017– 7:00 PM

“BRING A FRIEND NIGHT”

ASSEMBLE: Scottish Rite Dining Room, 4204 Hermitage Road @ 5:45 PM

DINNER – 6:00 PM

Program - Presentation by our Senior Warden, Worshipful Richard Kidd, prior to opening Lodge

OPEN LODGE – 7:00 PM

Regular Business –

CLOSE LODGE

OFFICERS, MEMBERS, & GUESTS: LODGE POLO SHIRTS OR BUSINESS CASUAL

**THE NO. 11 CLASS OF INSTRUCTION WILL BE HELD ON THE THURSDAY
PRECEDING THE STATED COMMUNICATION**

PAST MASTER HONOR ROLL – MAY, 2017 STATED

B.B. McLaughlin, C. S. Sarbaugh, H.W. Mayes, W.V. Evans Jr, G.H. Cook III, W. S. Richardson, C. A. Bass, Jr.
R. E. Pagani, J. Q. Sheppard, B. L. Absher GC, B. K. McLaughlin, D. V. Jones GJW, V. S. Cook GM
J. T. Wadkins III AA, C. E. Loftus, W. M. Myers, J. W. Edelin III, W. V. Evans III, D. L. Carter, A.A. Dranoff
C. M. Richardson, Jr., R.C. Kidd

ATTENDANCE – MAY 2017 STATED

Past Masters – 22 Members – 19 Visitors – 9 Total – 50

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 – 54

CALL COMMUNICATIONS :

June 1, 2017 at 6:00 PM: Called Communication - Work in the Entered Apprentice Degree (Lodge Room #1)

June 6, 2017 at 6:00 PM: Called Communication - Work in the Entered Apprentice Degree (Lodge Room #1)

June 15, 2017 at 6:00 PM: Called Communication - Work in the Entered Apprentice Degree (Lodge Room #2)

June 22, 2017 at 6:00 PM: Called Communication - Work in the Fellow Craft Degree (Lodge Room #1)

Officers and members – Coats & Ties

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Sunday, June 4, 2017 at 3:00 PM - 59th Annual Memorial Service - Masonic Home Chapel

Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at 6:00 PM DEO/DIW Senior Wardens Exemplify 2nd Section of Master Mason's Degree

Saturday, June 24, 2017 - Grand Master's Wreath Laying Ceremony at Tomb of the Unknowns - Arlington Cemetery

FROM THE EAST

May 16, 2017

Brethren,

Spring is half over and we are preparing for the warm days of summer. Law Enforcement night was well attended as we also celebrated Brother Victor Anderson being presented his 60 year Masonic Emblem by our Grand Master, Most Worshipful V. Stuart Cook. It was a busy night; our guest speaker struggled with the PA system, but we were blessed to determine that three new men will be initiated as Entered Apprentices in this coming month. By our June stated, we will also have raised Brother Danny Lee Barbour to the Sublime degree of Master Mason. It is a great joy to see our lodge grow during the growing seasons!

I've designated our June 8th stated meeting as "Bring a Friend" night. In Matthew 9:37, Jesus said, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few;....." This is an opportunity for us to take stock of the men we associate with when we are not at lodge and identify those men of good character who we would like to introduce to our craft. Please consider bringing a friend to dinner that evening and have them stay for a brief presentation in the lodge room following dinner by our Senior Warden, Worshipful Rick Kidd. Let's pray that the Supreme Architect will see fit to guide more men to want to join Metropolitan Lodge No. 11.

As I mentioned during our meeting, if you do plan to bring a friend, please let Brother Hank know by calling or sending him an email by June 2nd: at HCP.93@verizon.net or (804) 229-1967. This will allow me to better plan for our dinner that evening.

Until then, may the God of Peace and Love delight to dwell with and bless us.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Robert E. Cook, Worshipful Master

FROM THE MARSHAL

Brethren,

On Saturday, June 24, 2017, the Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, our very own, Most Worshipful V. Stuart Cook, will be laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington. We have reserved one bus to take members of Metropolitan Lodge No. 11 and their spouses to the Wreath Laying. When we fill the bus we will not be hiring a second one. If the bus is filled the cost will be \$30.00 per person. The bus holds 55 and we already have 45 signed up. We will depart from the Scottish Rite / ACCA Shrine parking lot at approximately 9:30 AM on June 24th. We will be stopping at the Cracker Barrel on the way back to Richmond (no box lunch will be provided) returning to the Scottish Rite / ACCA Shrine parking lot at approximately 6:00 PM. If anyone wants to go they can e-mail me (wevans@metalsales.us.com) or call me 804/229-9705.

“This is first come first served, so don’t delay”.

Note: Those wishing to wear their PM, PDDGM, DDGM or GLO Apron and Jewel may do so.

Wade V. Evans, III, P.M., Marshal

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.

ROBERT H. MAGARIAN

Born:	May 3, 1924
Initiated an Entered Apprentice:	April 16, 1956
Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft:	May 21, 1956
Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason:	June 18, 1956
60 Year Masonic Veteran:	June 18, 2016
Died:	May 16, 2017

To His Family we extend our deepest sympathies.

Son of a Rabbi, Sergeant in WWI

The son of a rabbi, born Israel Baline in Russia, near Siberia. He was one of eight children. Born May 11, 1888. His family immigrated to New York in 1893 to escape the pogroms in Russia.

We know him as Irving Berlin. He joined Munn Lodge No. 203, F&AM, in 1910 at the age of 22, and received the 32° Scottish Rite. He was initiated as a Shriner into Mecca Shrine Temple in 1911. Br. Berlin served as a U.S. infantry sergeant in World War I.

In 1917, he wrote the patriotic hymn "God Bless America." It was introduced to the public in 1938 when Kate Smith sang it on an Armistice Day radio broadcast. Br. Berlin, in 1940, in true Masonic spirit, established a foundation, with all royalties from its performance earned by either himself or Miss Smith going to the Boy and Girl Scouts of America. To date, Tens of Millions of Dollars have gone to these children via this foundation.

In 1945, President and M.: W.: Br. Harry S. Truman awarded Br. Berlin the Army's Medal of Merit.

In 1954, President Eisenhower signed a Congressional Bill awarding Br. Berlin a Congressional Gold Medal: "In recognition of his services in composing many popular songs, including 'God Bless America.'" Upon receiving the medal, he commented: "To me, 'God Bless America' was not just a song but an expression of my feeling toward the country to which I owe what I have and what I am."

In 1977, Br. Berlin received the Presidential Medal of Freedom from President and Br. Ford.

Br. Berlin died in his sleep on September 22, 1989, at the epic age of 101. He was survived by his 3,000 songs, 17 Broadway Musicals, 3 daughters, 9 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and 1 incredible story.

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

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Erhart, Jr, Charles Edward	1966	Wagner, Fredric P.	1987	W. Martin Myers	2013
Brown, Platon A.	1968	Evans, Jr., Wade V. PDDGM	1989	John W. Edelin, III	2014
Hines, Elbert Richard	1968	Jacobson, Kenneth A.	1990	Wade V. Evans, III	2015-2016
Franck, Jr., Charles O. PDDGM	1969	Bennett, Jr., George L.	1991		
Olphin, Jr., Walter L.	1970	Childrey, William E.	1992		
Kontopanos, John A., Jr.	1971	Deligan, Lambros G. PDDGM	1992		
Morrow, Gordon J.	1971	Cooke, III, George H.	1993	Anaya, Samuel Crawford	(#1982)
Plotkin, Leonard	1972	Howell, John W.	1994	Bernhard, Lothar Arthur	(#19)
Graham, George Tiffany	1974	LaFemina, Keith G.	1995	Carter, Daulton L.	(#317)
McLaughlin, Billy B. PDDGM	1975	Carter, Donnie R., DDGM	1996	Dranoff, Albert Abe PDDGM	(#53)
Yannis, Frank Y.	1975	Richardson, William S. PDDGM	1998	Grotz, Clifford C. Jr PDDGM	(#3)
Regan, Larry David	1976	Bass, Jr., Claude A. PDDGM	1999	Holmes, Ray W.	(#317)
Hiner, Henry L.	1978	Pagani, Robert E.	2000	Kidd, Richard C.	(#9)
Eichost, William T.	1979	Fitchett, Wayne E.	2002	Malbone, Theodore Irving	(#317)
Phillips, Clyde H.	1981	Sheppard, John Q. PDDGM	2003	Martin, Frederick Garrison III, PGM	(#344)
Whitlock, K. Wayne	1981	Absher, Barrye L. PDDGM	2005	Owens, Edward Nelson	(#284)
Constantine, John E.	1983	McLaughlin, B. Kevin	2006	Richardson, Jr, C. Meredith	(#284)
Lyell, John C.	1983	Jones, Douglas V., PDDGM	2007	Rose, Daniel Lee PDDGM	(#161)
Olphin, III, Walter L.	1984	Sykes, C. Thomas, PDDGM	2008	Sanford, Steven Weldon PDDGM	(#4)
Sarbaugh, Charles S. PDDGM	1985	Cook, V. Stuart, GM	2009	Taylor, Robert Wright	(#317)
Dixon, Johnnie L. PDDGM	1986 & 1996	Wadkins, III, J. Thomas	2010-2011		
Mayes, Heath W.	1986	Loftus, Christopher E.	2012		

AFFILIATE PAST MASTERS