

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

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JUNE 2020 BULLETIN

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



**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: 2020 – \$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 Senior Steward, Secretary or other Officer of the Lodge.

Number Eleven Class – Meets the Thursday Preceding the Stated Communication at 6:00 PM  
at the Scottish Rite Temple

R. Lewis Gibbs Masonic Class – Saturday Mornings – Scottish Rite Temple

Lodge Blood Drive Number – 2795

## FROM THE EAST

May 19, 2019

My Brothers, as you know Governor Northam extended his stay-at-home order until at least June 10, 2020. The Grand Master has indicated that he is cancelling all of his Masonic functions and events during the month of June. It is unknown at this time what things will look like beyond June. The Governor may again extend his stay-at-home order. As things stand now it appears that our June 11, 2020, Stated Lodge meeting will be cancelled.

As I have stated before, this health crisis is impacting us all in ways we never imagined. However, I have not been sitting at home all of this time. On Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00 AM until 5:00 PM. Metropolitan No.11 sponsored a Red Cross Blood Drive. We had 28 people show up to give blood including some Lodge Members. Appointments were required to give blood and we had several people show up without appointments that were unable to donate. I want to thank Worshipful David Vass and Worshipful Jimmy Creech for their assistance in putting on the blood Drive.

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. You could also go to their home or the facility they are in and speak with them from outside. Pray that our men and women in uniform are kept out of harm's way, and that they may soon return safely to their families and loved ones. Until we meet again, may we meet on the Level, act by the Plumb, and part on the Square.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,  
Linwood Bennett  
Worshipful Master

**STATED COMMUNICATION – THURSDAY, June 11, 2020– PRESUMED TO BE CANCELLED**

### **CALLED COMMUNICATIONS:**

None Scheduled at this time

### **SPECIAL EVENTS:**

All Masonic Events **CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

### **LODGE OF SORROW**

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

#### **JAMES BENJAMIN IRVING**

Born:	September 12, 1947
Initiated an Entered Apprentice:	July 14, 1976
Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft:	August 18, 1976
Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason:	September 10, 1976
Died:	July 26, 2019

**FREDERIC PORTER WAGNER**

Born: August 12, 1935  
Initiated an Entered Apprentice: November 30, 1982  
Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft: January 4, 1983  
Raised to the Sublime Degree  
of Master Mason: February 1, 1983  
Worshipful Master: Dove Lodge No. 51 1987  
Died: April 9, 2020

**CLIFFORD CARDWELL GROTZ, JR.**

Born: April 8, 1929  
Initiated an Entered Apprentice: September 17, 1951  
Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft: November 24, 1951  
Raised to the Sublime Degree  
of Master Mason: December 8, 1951  
Worshipful Master: Blandford Lodge No. 3 1970, 1993, 2002 and 2004  
District Deputy Grand Master for  
Masonic District 29: 1995  
Fifty Year Masonic Veteran: December 8, 2001  
Sixty Year Masonic Veteran: December 8, 5011  
Died: May 5, 2020

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

**PAST MASTER HONOR ROLL – MAY 2020**

Stated Communication for May NOT HELD!

**ATTENDANCE – MAY 2020 STATED**

Past Masters – 0    Members – 0    Visitors – 0    Total – 0

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 – 49

**Correspondence and Musings to/from our Secretary,  
Brother Henry C. Payne:**

A note was received from Right Worshipful Rick Kidd:

I want to express my appreciation, thanking the brethren for all the cards, calls, emails, and thoughts and prayers that were sent to Linda and I after my recent heart attack. The response was overwhelming and really helped us both through a very trying time. I am certain that I would miss someone should I try and respond individually. It's times like this that I am so proud to be a Freemason and to call each of you my Brother.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Rt. Wor. Rick Kidd  
PDDGM  
Masonic District 15A

Received a note from the Masonic Home of Virginia (MAHOVA) expressing appreciation for support during these trying times. If you are able to donate, donations will be appreciated at [Mahova.org](http://Mahova.org) and click on the green donate button, or mail a check to the Masonic Home, PO Box 7866, Henrico, VA 23231.

Received a note from Right Worshipful Lambros Deligan by way of Right Worshipful Bill Wichelman, District Deputy Grand Master for Masonic District 15-A, stating that the Ian M. Shipley Memorial Golf Tournament originally scheduled for April has been re-scheduled for Thursday July 2, 2020.

**Ill and Distressed Report:**

Sympathy:

A card of sympathy was sent to the family of Worshipful Frederick Porter Wagner on his passing 04/09/2020

A card of sympathy was sent to Brother John Steve Toutsu on the passing of his wife, Lady Gene on 04/20/2020

A card of sympathy was sent to Brother Robert Kent Wingo on the passing of his brother, William Mason Wingo, Jr. 5/10/2020

A card of sympathy was sent to the family of Right Worshipful Clifford Cardwell Grotz, Jr. on his passing 05/05/2020

Brethren,

It is getting on to the middle of the year and there are a few who have yet to send their dues in for the year. The Lodge would greatly appreciate if this matter can be taken care of as soon as possible. You can send your dues checks to the secretary at the address given in the bulletin, made out to Metropolitan Lodge #11.

## “King George VI”

He ascended to the throne after the abdication of Edward, his brother, and reigned 1936 to 1952. Following Royal Navy in WWI service, initiated in 1919, Navy Lodge No. 2612 (his grandfather King Edward VII was founding Master). Installed as permanent Master of Navy Lodge (1921). Appointed Sr Grand Warden of the United GL (1923).

George V died 1936, succeeded by his eldest son Edward, initiated (1919) into Household Brigade Lodge, No. 2614. But Edward abdicated.

The constitutional crisis created and Br. George’s stammer, was detailed in an Oscar-winning film which focuses on the King and speech therapist Br. Lionel Logue (Master of St George’s Lodge, Western Australia). The film does not mention that both men were Freemasons; or that the King believed Freemasonry also helped him overcome his disability – which rarely surfaced whenever he performed ritual. Br. Logue was also speech therapist to the Royal Masonic School.



King George had to give up his Masonic office when he ascended to the throne. A new position was created for him, ‘Past Grand Master.’

In 1948, in an address to the GL: ‘... when men, sometimes swayed by sentimentality or an indiscriminate tolerance, are apt to overlook the lessons of the past. I cannot better impress this upon you than by quoting from the book on which we have all taken our masonic obligations: “Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set”.

Written by Br. and HM King George VI, 1951, “The world today requires spiritual and moral regeneration. I have no doubt, after many years as a member of our Order, that Freemasonry can play a part in this vital need.”

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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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Brown, Platon A.	1968	Howell, John W.	1994
Hines, Elbert Richard	1968	LaFemina, Keith G.	1995
Olphin, Jr., Walter L.	1970	Carter, Donnie R., PDDGM	1996
Kontopanos, John A., Jr.	1971	Bass, Jr., Claude A. PDDGM	1999
Plotkin, Leonard	1972	Pagani, Robert E.	2000
Graham, George Tiffany	1974	Fitchett, Wayne E.	2002
McLaughlin, Billy B. PDDGM	1975	Sheppard, John Q. PDDGM	2003
Hiner, Henry L.	1978	Absher, Barrye L. PDDGM	2005
Whitlock, K. Wayne	1981	Jones, Douglas V., GM	2007
Lyell, John C.	1983	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
Jacobson, Kenneth A.	1990	Wade V. Evans, III	2015-2016
Bennett, Jr., George L.	1991	Robert E. Cook	2017
Childrey, William E.	1992	Rick C. Kidd, PDDGM	2018
Deligan, Lambros G. PDDGM	1992	Jason D. Clemmer	2019
Cooke, III, George H.	1993		

**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)