

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

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**JUNE 2024 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: 2024 – \$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**

May 27, 2024

Brethren,

We had an excellent May stated meeting for Law enforcement Appreciation Night, thank you to all who attended. We started off with some perfectly cooked London Broil by Bro. Randy Clouse, served with French fries and salad prepared by Wor. Robert Cook and crew. After lodge opened, we heard from Potentate Andrew Coelho of Acca Temple who told us of the good works done and opportunities available at the Shrine. Next we heard Captain (and Brother) Terry Sullivan of the Hanover Sherrif's Office, who spoke on the Shield Program and shared some humorous stories about his travels. Finally we heard from Bro. Dennis Estlock, who has organized groups to place flags on Veteran's graves at Memorial Day and Veteran's Day each year. We also honored our Law Enforcement brethren, and thanked them for their service to our community.

As you all know, our stated meetings were on the 2nd Thursday of each month for many years, but we changed to the 3rd Thursday when our meetings were moved to Varina from the Scottish Rite Temple. The primary reason for the change was that Northside Lodge #292 met on the 2nd Thursday at the Varina lodge, so that night was not available for us. In the last year, however, Northside merged with Varina #272, so the 2nd Thursday at Varina is no longer occupied by Northside meetings. The 2024 Richmond Masonic Directory shows no meetings in our district on the 2nd Thursday, which would allow more members from other lodges to visit us for Metropolitan #11 meetings, and would free up our members to travel to other events on the 3rd Thursday. Please think about your preferences for our stated meeting night, and we will have a discussion during our June stated meeting.

Dress code for our June meeting will be lodge polo or collared shirts.

Be safe, my brothers, I look forward to seeing you at our June stated meeting.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,  
Bro. Ashley Thomas  
Worshipful Master

IF YOUR NEED A LODGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION, PLEASE CONTACT EITHER HANK PAYNE OR ASHLEY THOMAS AND ONE WILL BE SENT TO YOU.

## **FROM YOUR SECRETARY**

We are approaching the 6th month of the year and there are several who haven't paid their 2024 dues as well as some who still owe for 2023. Let this be a friendly reminder to take care of your obligations to the craft.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Brother Hank Payne, Secretary

**STATED COMMUNICATION – THURSDAY, June 20, 2024– 7:00 P.M.**

***OFFICERS, MEMBERS & GUESTS:*** Lodge Polo or Collared Shirt

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

**DINNER: 6:00 PM**

**OPEN LODGE – 7:00 PM**  
Regular Business

**PROGRAM:**

Conclude Business

**CLOSE LODGE**

**CALLED COMMUNICATIONS:**  
None Scheduled at this time

**SPECIAL EVENTS:**

Sunday, June 2, 2024 – Masonic Memorial Service, MAHOVA Temple, 2pm

Tuesday, June 11, 2024 - Rainbow #10 meeting at Varina #272 starting at 7:30pm

Saturday, June 15, 2024 - Masters and Wardens at Tuckahoe Lodge 347, breakfast at 8am,  
meeting starts at 8:45am

Thursday, June 20, 2024 – Metropolitan Lodge No. 11 Stated Communication

Tuesday, June 25, 2024 - Rainbow No. 10 meeting at Varina #272 - 7:30pm

**PAST MASTER HONOR ROLL – May 2024 STATED**

Heath W. Mayes, Donnie R. Carter, Claude A. “Buddy” Bass, Jr.  
Robert E. Pagani, V. Stuart Cook (PGM), Christopher E. Loftus  
Linwood G. Bennett, Jr., George H. Cooke III, Robert E. Cook  
C. Ashley Thomas, Jr., Lambros G. Deligan, Albert A. Dranoff  
Daulton L. Carter, Lothar A. Bernhard, Steven W. Sanford  
Damon L. Riddell

**ATTENDANCE – May 2024 STATED**

Past Masters – 16    Members – 6    Visitors – 7    Total – 29

**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 – 34,  
2023 – 32, 2024 – 29

**Metropolitan Lodge No. 11**  
**Masonic Birthdays for June 2024**

Member Name	Masonic Birthday	Years
Absher, Barrye Lane	6/4/2001	23
Bishop, Edward Earl, Jr	6/15/1996	28
Brown, Platon Alexander	6/27/1963	61
Childrey, Phillip Montague, Sr.	6/15/1996	28
D'Arville, Gene Casimir	6/8/1979	45
Dickson, Richard Alan	6/24/1980	44
Golderos, Victor Rudesindo, III	6/12/1973	51
D'Arville, David Frank	6/8/1979	45
Harrell, Carl Edward	6/15/1996	28
Holmes, Ray Wilson	6/16/1983	41
Jackson, Jerry Edwards	6/15/1996	28
James, David Allen	6/25/1981	43
Loupassi, George Manuel	6/15/1996	28
Madison, Leon Kyle	6/13/1975	49
Matz, Arthur Dean	6/15/1996	28
Mullen, Dale George	6/15/1996	28
Pace, Richard Dean	6/15/1996	28
Pagani, Robert Edward	6/15/1996	28
Pantele, William James	6/15/1996	28
Parcell, William Hamilton, III	6/15/1996	28
Richardson, Jessie Crawford, Jr	6/15/1996	28
Segal, Mark Karl	6/21/1994	30
Sheehan, John Davies, Jr	6/9/1980	44
Thomas, Courtney Ashley, Jr.	6/29/2006	18
Wagner, Derek Todd	6/16/2011	13
Wingo, Robert Kent	6/15/1996	28
<b>Total Masonic Years</b>		<b>871</b>

## “Masonic Island”

Lake Metigoshe lies across the U.S.-Canadian border. About 1.5 miles south of the Canadian boundary is a 7.2-acre spot of land, known as Masonic Island.

Br. V.B. Noble, who was a member of Tuscan Lodge No. 44 of North Dakota, purchased Park Island (original name) from the Government in 1899.

With a dispensation from the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, AF&AM, and the permission of Br. Noble, the island was cleared in 1906 for the purpose of holding outdoor Masonic conferrals of degrees.

Tuscan Lodge was joined by Westhope Lodge No. 74 for conferrals of three Master Mason Degrees that year.

The events were such a success that rituals were held annually for six consecutive years. When Br. Noble died, there was interest in reviving the conferral of rituals on the island.



Over the years, the island was frequently used for Masonic meetings, with attendance sometimes reaching 500 or more. A complete outdoor Lodge room and a staircase leading up from the dock were built in 1935.

On November 28, 1933, the Probate Court authorized the sale of the island with a deed to the North Dakota Masonic Foundation for the sum of \$277.25 and was dedicated by the Grand Lodge in 1934.

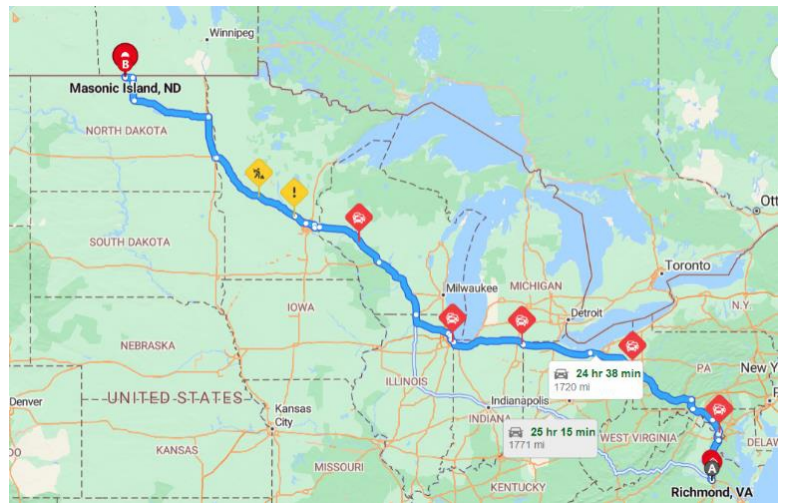
At the landing dock is a flight of winding concrete stairs consisting of three, five, and seven steps that rise to the representation of a Lodge Room. The significance of the steps might be explained to you if you have a Masonic guide. An altar and officers' chairs were constructed of “beach stones” and mortared cement.

According to Br. James Savaloja, Past Grand Master and Grand Historian of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota:

“It is known fact that Masonic Island was probably the first place where visas to enter the United States were lifted for Masons of Canada during WWII by an agreement between Br. President Roosevelt (Holland Lodge, No. 8, New York City) and Prime Minister Mackenzie King, who were both members of the Fraternity. This agreement stated that the Canadian Masons could enter the United States by boat from the north shore of Lake Metigoshe, which is in Canada. As long as their feet never touched the shoreline of the lake in the U.S., and they landed only at Masonic Island when a meeting would be held, they would not be in violation of our wartime rules of entry.”

Today, Masonic Island is being restored as a special historic location in the Turtle Mountains. The island lays claim to being the only spot in the area untouched by the fires and other disasters of nature which decimated old growths of oak trees and other flora and fauna.

Because of the island's location in the center of the lake, it has some of the oldest trees and most unusual plants in the state.



Other amenities were added over the years to accommodate the island’s use by Royal Arch Masons, Eastern Star, and other appendant and concordant bodies.

Want to make a Masonic Road Trip? Enter these GPS coordinates into your Navigation Device and hit the road! The Masonic Island Site is located at **48.98535, -100.34475**. It is a short 24 to 25 hour drive from Richmond, Virginia.

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This article was compiled edited and written, by Wor. Br. Martin Myers, drawing upon numerous source materials, a list of source is available upon request. Wor. Bro. Myers has been providing these articles since March 2017.

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### LIVING PAST MASTERS

Brown, Platon A.	1968	Bass, Jr., Claude A. PDDGM	1999	Jason D. Clemmer	2019
Olphin, Jr., Walter L.	1970	Pagani, Robert E.	2000	Linwood G. Bennett, Jr.	2020-2021
Kontopanos, John A., Jr.	1971	Fitchett, Wayne E.	2002		
McLaughlin, Billy B. PDDGM	1975	Sheppard, John Q. PDDGM	2003	<b>AFFILIATE PAST MASTERS</b>	
Hiner, Henry L.	1978	Absher, Barrye L. PDDGM	2005	Bernhard, Lothar Arthur	(#19)
Whitlock, K. Wayne	1981	Jones, Douglas V., PGM	2007	Carter, Daulton L.	(#317)
Sarbaugh, Charles S. PDDGM	1985	Cook, V. Stuart, PGM	2009	Dranoff, Albert Abe PDDGM	(#53)
Dixon, Johnnie L. PDDGM	1986 & 1996	Wadkins, III, J. Thomas, PDDGM	2010-2011	Hart, John H. PDDGM	(#302)
Mayes, Heath W.	1986	Loftus, Christopher E.	2012	Holmes, Ray W.	(#317)
Bennett, Jr., George L.	1991	W. Martin Myers	2013	Kidd, Richard C., PDDGM	(#9)
Childrey, William E.	1992	John W. Edelin, III	2014	LaRochelle, Omer E. Jr., PDDGM	(#244)
Deligan, Lambros G. PDDGM	1992	Wade V. Evans, III	2015-2016	Malbone, Theodore Irving	(#317)
Cooke, III, George H.	1993 & 2021	Robert E. Cook	2017 & 2022	Martin, Frederick Garrison III, PGM	(#344)
LaFemina, Keith G.	1995	Rick C. Kidd, PDDGM	2018	Rose, Daniel Lee PDDGM	(#161)
Carter, Donnie R., PDDGM	1996			Sanford, Steven Weldon PDDGM	(#4)
				Taylor, Robert Wright	(#317)