

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: 2016-2017 – \$145.00

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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 Senior 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, MARCH 9, 2017– 7:00 PM

Official Visit by the Grand Master
Most Worshipful V. Stuart Cook

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

DINNER – 6:00 PM

OPEN LODGE – 7:00 PM

Regular Business –

PROGRAM – Reception of the 172 Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, Most Worshipful V. Stuart

CLOSE LODGE

OFFICERS, TUXEDOS W/ BLACK ACCESSORIES
MEMBERS, & GUESTS: PLEASE WEAR BUSINESS ATTIRE

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

PAST MASTER HONOR ROLL – FEBRUARY, 2017 STATED

B.B. McLaughlin, C.S. Sarbaugh, H.W. Mayes, W.V. Evans Jr., D.R. Carter (DDGM 15-A), C.A. Bass Jr.

J.Q. Sheppard, B.L. Absher, B.K. McLaughlin, D.V. Jones, C.E. Loftus, J.W. Edelin III, W.V. Evans III

J.A. Kontopanos Jr., L. Plotkin, L.G. Deligan, A.A. Dranoff, D.L. Carter, C.M. Richardson Jr., L.A. Bernhard

D.L. Rose, R.C. Kidd

CALL COMMUNICATIONS :

March 16, 2017 at 6:00 PM: Called Communication

Work in the Entered Apprentice Degree / Officers and members – Coats & Ties

March 30, 2017 at 6:00 PM: Called Communication

Work in the Master Mason Degree / Officers and members – Coats & Ties

SPECIAL EVENTS:

March 4, 2017 at 7:30 AM - Division Leadership Conference - Scottish Rite Temple

March 15, 2017 at 6:00 PM - DIW/DEO Class - EA Exemplification by Junior Deacon's Class

March 25, 2017 at 8:00 AM: Masters & Wardens Association, Westhampton Lodge No. 302

Breakfast at 8:00 AM, Meeting at 9:00 AM - All are welcome - Officers are expected

FROM THE EAST

February 11, 2017

Brethren,

Thank you to all who attended February's stated meeting and enjoyed WRIC-TV's Meteorologist Matt DiNardo's presentation that evening. I received many compliments following the meeting for having invited such an entertaining and educational speaker. You should expect to see more speakers on various topics throughout the year. We also celebrated our newest 50-year Masonic Veteran, Worshipful John Alex Kontopanos, Jr., who was presented his emblem by Right Worshipful D.R. Carter.

We continue our called work and we'll be balloting on another petition at March's stated meeting. It is exciting that we continue to see men wanting to join our great fraternity and more especially Metropolitan Lodge No. 11!

On March 9th, we'll enjoy some brief comments in the dining room from the Flying Squirrels' Vice President & COO, Todd "Parney" Parnell. We will then present him with a "Community Builders Award" for his outstanding contributions to the Richmond metropolitan area.

Our March stated meeting will also be a very special evening, as we receive our brother, Most Worshipful V. Stuart Cook, 172nd Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, on his Official Visit to his Mother Lodge.

I expect we'll have a large turn out that evening and we'll need to plan for our meal. Predicting the number of meals for any meeting is a challenge, to say the least. Every extra meal is a burden upon the lodge's budget, which I'll address more in the coming months. In order to plan appropriately for March's meeting, I'm asking each member who plans to attend to please call or email our secretary, Brother Hank Payne, by March 1st in order that we have a relatively firm headcount for that evening's meal. We will ballot on the 2019 DDGM nominations at our April Stated Meeting.

I look forward to seeing you in March. Please continue to pray for our ill and distressed, as I pray that our Heavenly Father continues to bless each of you and your families!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Robert E. Cook, Worshipful Master

FROM THE WEST

Brethren,

Metropolitan Lodge No. 11 will celebrate Family Day at the Diamond to support the Richmond Flying Squirrels. This is a Sunday (April 23rd) game that starts at 12:05 PM. What will also make this event unique is that our Lodge will also have an area set up to promote Our Masonic Child I.D. Program, as well as our Lodge, under the guidance of Brother Paul Ziolkowski. What a great way to let the public get a glimpse into one of the many things we as Freemasons do to support our community, as well as helping to protect our children and grandchildren and guarantee their safety. We have a great time at these games with food, fun, and fellowship! Brethren, please put this date on your calendars and plan to attend.

I will have a sign up sheet at March's meeting.

Fraternally,

Richard C. Kidd, P.M., Senior Warden

LODGE OF SORROW

Since our last Stated Communication, the Supreme Architect of the Universe has seen fit to take from our midst two of our Brothers:

GORDON WAYNE HIERS

Born:	January 27, 1924
Initiated:	December 15, 1952
Passed:	February 6, 1953
Raised:	March 24, 1953
60 Year Mason:	March 24, 2013
Died:	February 15, 2017

To their families we extend our sincerest sympathies!

A Freemason on the shores of Tripoli

"The first nation to recognize my country was Morocco," stated President Obama in Cairo, Egypt, June 4, 2009. Explaining this, Governor William Bradford wrote that in 1625, a Pilgrim ship was returning to England with dried fish and 800 lbs of beaver skins to trade for supplies: "They ... were well within the England channel, almost in sight of Plymouth. But ... there she was unhappily taken by a Turkish man-of-war and carried off to Morocco where the captain and crew were made slaves." Muslim pirates of Morocco raided European coasts and carried away over a million to the North African slave markets, where also they sold tens of millions of Africans into slavery.

In 1627, Algerian Muslim pirates, led by Murat Reis the Younger, raided Iceland, and carried 400 into slavery. One captured girl, who had been made a slave concubine in Algeria, was rescued back by King Christian IV of Denmark. On June 20, 1631, the entire village of Baltimore, Ireland, "The Stolen Village," was captured by Muslim pirates. Only two ever returned. Thomas Osborne Davis wrote in his poem, "The Sack of Baltimore" (1895):

"The yell of 'Allah!' breaks above the shriek and roar; O'blessed God! the Algerine is lord of Baltimore."

Kidnapped Englishman Francis Knight wrote: "I arrived in Algiers, that city fatal to all Christians and the butchery of mankind."

Moroccan Sultan Moulay Ismail had 500 wives and forced 25,000 white slaves to build his palace at Meknes. He was witnessed to have killed an African slave just to try out a new hatchet he was given.

The Catholic Order "Trinitarians" collected alms to ransom slaves.

In 1785, Morocco recognized the new country of the United States by capturing two American ships and demanding tribute.

Thomas Jefferson met Tripoli's envoy in France and reported to Congress: "The Ambassador answered us that it was ... written in their Qur'an, that all nations who should not have acknowledged Islam's authority were sinners, that it was their ... duty to make war upon them ... and to make slaves of all they could take as prisoners." Despite paying nearly 20 percent of the U.S. Federal budget as extortion payments, the Muslims continued their piracy.

Jefferson finally sent the U.S. Marines to stop Morocco's Barbary pirates. The U.S. frigate "Philadelphia" ran aground on Morocco's shallow coast and was captured.

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To Be Continued Next Month

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Andre, James John	1963	Wagner, Fredric P.	1987	John W. Edelin, III	2014
Erhart, Jr, Charles Edward	1966	Jefferson, Derwood R.	1988	Wade V. Evans, III	2015-2016
Brown, Platon A.	1968	Evans, Jr., Wade V. PDDGM	1989		
Hines, Elbert Richard	1968	Jacobson, Kenneth A.	1990		
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, Jr, Norwood (Zeke) Marshall	(#317)
Dixon, Johnnie L. PDDGM	1986 & 1996	Wadkins, III, J. Thomas	2010-2011	Taylor, Robert Wright	(#317)
Mayes, Heath W.	1986	Loftus, Christopher E.	2012		
Houchins, Richard W.	1987	W. Martin Myers	2013		

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