

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: 2018 – \$155.00

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 6:00 PM
at the Scottish Rite Temple

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

FROM THE EAST

February 10, 2018

Brethren,

We will receive Right Worshipful Gary Rardin Eck, District Deputy Grand Master for Masonic District 15-A, on his Official Visit to Metropolitan Lodge No. 11, at our March Stated Communication.

I hope that all who attended our February meeting, enjoyed the presentation by Mark Greenough, Historian for the Richmond State Capitol. It was an honor to present Mark with a Community Builders Award, from the Grand Lodge, for his many years of outstanding service to our community.

Congratulations to our newest 25 Year Veteran, Brother Bradley Alan Trimble, it was great having you back in our Lodge, and an honor to present you with your Veterans Emblem.

I would also like to congratulate our Junior Warden, Brother Linwood G. Bennett, on an outstanding recitation of the Master Masons catechism, and to Right Worshipful Charlie Sarbaugh, for an excellent examination. A certificate of proficiency has been requested from the Grand Lodge.

Please note the new "Article Block" at the end of this E-Bulletin. It is labeled "Lodge Officer Contact Information" and has been added to make it easier to contact your Lodge Officers. To thwart "WebCrawlers", the @ sign you typically see in all e-mail addresses has been replaced with (AT). Please be sure to replace the (AT) with the @ sign when copying these e-mail addresses into your e-mail program.

Brethren, please keep our ill and distressed, as well as those less fortunate, in your daily thoughts and prayers. Pray that our men and women in uniform are kept out of harms 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 Fraternally,
Rick Kidd,
Worshipful Master

MEET YOUR NEW JUNIOR WARDEN BROTHER LINWOOD GORDON BENNETT, JR.

Brother Linwood Gordon Bennett, Jr. was born in Richmond, VA. on September 9, 1946. He attended Chesterfield County public schools and graduated from Augusta Military Academy in 1966.

He served 3 years 6 months in the United States Army, 76th. Military Police Detachment, 15th Military Police Brigade, Germany. Additionally, he served 6 years as a Security Policeman with the 192nd. Security Police Squadron, 192nd. Tactical Fighter Wing, Virginia Air National Guard.

In 1970 Brother Bennett became a member of the Richmond Police Department (Richmond Bureau of Police) and retired as a Lieutenant after 30 years of service.

In 2000 he was employed as an Investigator with the Virginia State Corporation Commissions, Bureau of Insurance. He retired after 17 years of service as a Principal Investigator.

He petitioned and became a member of Metropolitan Lodge No. 11 in 1999, where he was Initiated an Entered Apprentice on January 5, 2000, Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on February 16, 2000, and Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on March 1, 2000.

Brother Bennett and his wife, Jenney, reside in Eastern Henrico. He has a daughter and two grandchildren living in Alabama.



Brother
L G Bennett

STATED COMMUNICATION – THURSDAY, March 8, 2018– 7:00 PM
RECEPTION OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

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

DINNER – 6:00 PM

OPEN LODGE – 7:00 PM

Regular Business

Program – Official Visit by Right Worshipful Gary Rardin Eck, District Deputy Grand Master for Masonic District 15-A

CLOSE LODGE

OFFICERS: Tuxedos with Black Accessories

MEMBERS, & GUESTS: COAT AND TIE

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

CALLED COMMUNICATIONS:

NONE SCHEDULED FOR MARCH

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Monday, February 19, 2018 at 6:00 PM - District Deputy Grand Master's Official Visit to
Manchester Lodge No. 14

Saturday, February 24, 2018 at 9:00 AM – Masters and Wardens Association at Westhampton Lodge No. 302
Breakfast at 8:00 AM (All are welcome, **Officers are ENCOURAGED**)

Monday, February 26, 2018 at 6:00 PM – Scottish Rite Stated Meeting, Dinner at 7:00 PM

Thursday, March 1, 2018 at 6:00 PM - Practice for Reception of DDGM on March 8th

Thursday, March 8, 2018 at 7:00 PM - Metropolitan Lodge No. 11 Stated Communication

Saturday, March 10, 2018 at 8:00 AM - **RIR USHER TRAINING** at Richmond International Raceway,
2nd Floor , Richmond Room in the Commonwealth Building
Breakfast Included (must pre-register with Worshipful Master Kidd
Prior to March 1, 2018)

Friday, March 23, 2018 at 11:45 AM – MAHOVA Bi-Monthly Lunch

Saturday, March 24, 2018 at 9:00 AM – Masters and Wardens Association at Westhampton Lodge No. 302
Breakfast at 8:00 AM (All are welcome, **Officers are ENCOURAGED**)

PAST MASTER HONOR ROLL – FEBRUARY 2018

Billy B. McLaughlin, Charles S. Sarbaugh, Heath W. Mayes, Wade V. Evans, Jr., George H. Cooke III
Donnie R. Carter, William S. Richardson, Claude A. Bass, Jr., Barrye L. Absher, B. Kevin McLaughlin
Douglas V. Jones (GSW), V. Stuart Cook PGM, J. Thomas Wadkins III, Christopher E. Loftus
John W. Edelin III, Wade V. Evans III, Robert E. Cook, Fredric P. Wagner, Lambros G. Deligan
Albert A. Dranoff, Lothar A. Bernhard, Steven W. Sanford, Richard C. Kidd, Omer E. LaRochelle, Jr.

ATTENDANCE – FEBRUARY 2018 STATED

Past Masters – 24 Members – 15 Visitors – 6 Total – 45

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 – 45

Last Civil War Veteran to Become President

After the Third Battle of Winchester a young Union officer accompanied a surgeon to visit a Confederate prisoner, he noticed the doctor shook hands with many prisoners, and took from his pocket a roll of bills, and distributed all he had among them.

I looked on in wonderment; I didn't know what it meant. On the way back to camp, I asked him, "Did you know these men or ever see them before?"

"No," replied the doctor, "I never saw them before."

"But, you gave them a lot of money, all you had about you. Do you ever expect to get it back?"

"Well," said the doctor, "if they are able to pay me back, they will. But it makes no difference to me; they are Brother Masons in trouble and I am only doing my duty."

The Union officer decided at that moment to become a Freemason. Thinking to himself, "If that is Freemasonry, I will take some of it for myself." That officer was William McKinley. Later, our 25th President. On May 3, 1865, raised at Hiram Lodge No. 21, in Winchester, VA.

President & Br. McKinley visited the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo, NY, filled with displays of America's pre-Industrial Revolution technological advancements, modern marvels on display stunned the world.

Br. McKinley, visited the Pan-American Exhibition, as he was shaking hands, a man standing in line to meet him, shot Br. McKinley twice at close range.

Br. McKinley is often overlooked for his accomplishments is that he was, and still is, overshadowed by his larger-than-life successor, second term VP, Br. Theodore Roosevelt.

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.

FROM THE TREASURER & SECRETARY

Brethren,

2018 is now upon us and this means a new period for dues payments with the dues for 2018 being \$ 155.00. Therefore, if any one has not paid the 2017 dues of \$145.00, please do so ASAP so that you will not become a total of \$300.00 in arrears. For those Brethren who only owe their 2018 dues, your Dues Cards have already been mailed with the expectation that you will send in your check immediately upon receipt of it if you have not already done so. Your Dues should be remitted to:

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LIVING PAST MASTERS

Erhart, Jr, Charles Edward	1966	Jacobson, Kenneth A.	1990	John W. Edelin, III	2014
Brown, Platon A.	1968	Bennett, Jr., George L.	1991	Wade V. Evans, III	2015-2016
Hines, Elbert Richard	1968	Childrey, William E.	1992	Robert E. Cook	2017
Olphin, Jr., Walter L.	1970	Deligan, Lambros G. PDDGM	1992		
Kontopanos, John A., Jr.	1971	Cooke, III, George H.	1993	<u>AFFILIATE PAST MASTERS</u>	
Morrow, Gordon J.	1971	Howell, John W.	1994	Anaya, Samuel Crawford	(#1982)
Plotkin, Leonard	1972	LaFemina, Keith G.	1995	Bernhard, Lothar Arthur	(#19)
Graham, George Tiffany	1974	Carter, Donnie R., PDDGM	1996	Carter, Daulton L.	(#317)
McLaughlin, Billy B. PDDGM	1975	Richardson, William S. PDDGM	1998	Dranoff, Albert Abe PDDGM	(#53)
Yannis, Frank Y.	1975	Bass, Jr., Claude A. PDDGM	1999	Grotz, Clifford C. Jr PDDGM	(#3)
Hiner, Henry L.	1978	Pagani, Robert E.	2000	Holmes, Ray W.	(#317)
Eichost, William T.	1979	Fitchett, Wayne E.	2002	Kidd, Richard C.	(#9)
Whitlock, K. Wayne	1981	Sheppard, John Q. PDDGM	2003	LaRochelle, Omer E. Jr.	(#244)
Lyell, John C.	1983	Absher, Barrye L. PDDGM	2005	Malbone, Theodore Irving	(#317)
Olphin, III, Walter L.	1984	McLaughlin, B. Kevin	2006	Martin, Frederick Garrison III, PGM	(#344)
Sarbaugh, Charles S. PDDGM	1985	Jones, Douglas V., PDDGM	2007	Owens, Edward Nelson	(#284)
Dixon, Johnnie L. PDDGM	1986 & 1996	Sykes, C. Thomas, PDDGM	2008	Richardson, Jr, C. Meredith	(#284)
Mayes, Heath W.	1986	Cook, V. Stuart PGM	2009	Rose, Daniel Lee PDDGM	(#161)
Houchins, Richard W.	1987	Wadkins, III, J. Thomas	2010-2011	Sanford, Steven Weldon PDDGM	(#4)
Wagner, Fredric P.	1987	Loftus, Christopher E.	2012	Taylor, Robert Wright	(#317)
Evans, Jr., Wade V. PDDGM	1989	W. Martin Myers	2013		