

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: 2020 – \$165.00

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 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

February 21, 2020

Brethren,

We will receive Most Worshipful Douglas Vernon Jones, 175th Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, on his Official Visit to Metropolitan Lodge No. 11, at our March Stated Communication. I am looking forward to his official visit. I invite all who can attend our March Stated Communication for Most Worshipful Jones to do so.

I hope that all who attended our February meeting, enjoyed the official visit of Right Worshipful William B. Wichelman, Sr. District Deputy Grand Master for Masonic District 15-A. Many of our brethren were in attendance and his presentation was well received. My thanks to The Officers of Metropolitan No. 11 for being so well prepared for this honor. It was a great pleasure for me to see so many members and visitors fill the Lodge Room and welcome our District Deputy Grand Master.

I would like to thank the Officers and Members who have given their time to support me on my visits throughout the District. I look forward for your continued support as we travel with the District Deputy Grand Master on his Official Visits to his Lodges. I know he appreciates the support Metropolitan Lodge No. 11 gives him during his visits.

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 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, March 12, 2020– 7:00 PM

**OFFICIAL VISIT OF OUR GRAND MASTER
MOST WORSHIPFUL DOUGLAS VERNON JONES**

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

DINNER 6:00 PM

OPEN LODGE 7:00 PM

Regular Business

Program – Receive our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Douglas Vernon Jones

CLOSE LODGE

OFFICERS DRESS – Tuxedos w/Black Accessories

MEMBERS & GUESTS: Please wear Business Attire (Coat & Tie)

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

CALLED COMMUNICATIONS:

None Scheduled at this time

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Robert Lewis Gibbs Saturday Class now meets every Saturday **Morning** at the Scottish Rite Temple

Thursday, March 12, 2020 – Official Visit of our Grand Master,
Most Worshipful Douglas Vernon Jones

Saturday, March 21, 2020 at 8:00 AM - Masters and Wardens Association Meeting at
Richmond Scottish Rite, 4204 Hermitage Road, Richmond, Virginia
Breakfast at 8:00 AM – Meeting at 8:45 AM

>>>> **NOTE LOCATION CHANGE** <<<<

LODGE OF SORROW

The Supreme Architect of the Universe has seen fit to call two of our brothers from our midst:

	EDWARD NELSON OWENS	FRANK YANNIS
Born:	August 6, 1928	September 2, 1935
Initiated an Entered Apprentice:	November 9, 1950	April 25, 1957
Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft:	December 16, 1950	May 23, 1957
Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason:	January 11, 1951	October 27, 1960
Worshipful Master:	Meridian 284 1982	Hellenic 249 1975
Fifty Year Masonic Veteran:		October 27, 2010
Sixty Year Masonic Veteran:	January 11, 2011	
Died:	December 2, 2019	January 31, 2020

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

PAST MASTER HONOR ROLL – FEBRUARY 2020

Charles S. Sarbaugh, George H. Cooke III, Claude A. Bass, Jr., Robert E. Pagani, John Q. Shepard
V. Stuart Cook (PGM), J. Thomas Wadkins III, Christopher E. Loftus, W. Martin Myers
John W. Edelin III, Richard C. Kidd, Lambros G. Deligan, Albert A. Dranoff, Daulton L. Carter
Lothar A. Bernhard, Steven W. Sanford, John H. Hart

ATTENDANCE – FEBRUARY 2020 STATED

Past Masters – 17 Members – 13 Visitors – 20 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 – 46, 2018 – 47, 2019 – 38, 2020 – 46

“International Order of the Rainbow for Girls Founder”



Born in 1877. At 12 he joined the church, and at 14 began his ministry. At 17 he was ordained a minister Br. W. Mark Sexson was raised in Bloomfield Lodge No. 80. in Indiana in 1902. He became a craft lecturer and contributor of fraternal literature, spent practically all of his life in this field of research.

In 1909, he went to Assyria, Palestine, and Egypt in search of Masonic information.

Br. Sexson, was asked to speak before South McAlester Chapter No. 149, OES. As the Order of DeMolay had grown, he decided an organization for girls, setting forth some of the principles of Freemasonry, would be welcomed if it did not have a Masonic parent or grandparent requirement, as Job's Daughters did.

The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls was founded in 1922, the first class of 171 girls that was initiated on April 6, 1922, in the McAlester Scottish Rite Temple.

Today, IORG has a membership of 275,000 girls worldwide with over one million majority members. It is 45 states and nine foreign countries.

Why Is It Called Rainbow? In Genesis, after the flood, God made a covenant that He would never again destroy the earth and placed a Rainbow in the heavens as a symbol of that covenant. Br. and Rev. Sexson believed that this symbol of God's love was an appropriate symbol, so the Rainbow and its colors provided the inspiration for the name and lessons that are taught.

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	Cooke, III, George H.	1993
Hines, Elbert Richard	1968	Howell, John W.	1994
Olphin, Jr., Walter L.	1970	LaFemina, Keith G.	1995
Kontopanos, John A., Jr.	1971	Carter, Donnie R., PDDGM	1996
Plotkin, Leonard	1972	Bass, Jr., Claude A. PDDGM	1999
Graham, George Tiffany	1974	Pagani, Robert E.	2000
McLaughlin, Billy B. PDDGM	1975	Fitchett, Wayne E.	2002
Hiner, Henry L.	1978	Sheppard, John Q. PDDGM	2003
Whitlock, K. Wayne	1981	Absher, Barrye L. PDDGM	2005
Lyell, John C.	1983	Jones, Douglas V., GM	2007
Olphin, III, Walter L.	1984	Sykes, C. Thomas, PDDGM	2008
Sarbaugh, Charles S. PDDGM	1985	Cook, V. Stuart PGM	2009
Dixon, Johnnie L. PDDGM	1986 & 1996	Wadkins, III, J. Thomas, PDDGM	2010-2011
Mayes, Heath W.	1986	Loftus, Christopher E.	2012
Wagner, Fredric P.	1987	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

AFFILIATE PAST MASTERS

Bernhard, Lothar Arthur	(#19)
Carter, Daulton L.	(#317)
Dranoff, Albert Abe PDDGM	(#53)
Grotz, Clifford C. Jr PDDGM	(#3)
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)