

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 Varina Masonic Temple, 1600 Burning Tree Road, Henrico, Virginia 23231
on the Third Thursday of each month

ANNUAL DUES: 2021 – \$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 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

Metropolitan Lodge No. 11 Blood Drive Number – 2795

FROM THE EAST

March 1, 2021

Brethren,

I hope that this finds all of you well and staying safe. It has been almost a year since this "Pandemic" struck and it has affected us in ways we never expected. Once again, the Governor has extended the sanctions to limit the number of individuals at gatherings to ten people and the Grand Lodge decreed that all lodges comply for the safety of our members. I consulted with several of your Lodge officers and my decision is there will be no Lodge meeting in March. The installation of 2021 Officers is again postponed and is tentatively rescheduled for our April 15, 2021, meeting assuming the Governor lifts the current restrictions in place and the Grand lodge complies. **There will be no March 18, 2021 meeting.**

If the current restrictions are lifted, there will be a rehearsal for the installation of the 2021 Officers before our April 15, 2021, stated meeting. Because of the Governor's restrictions and the Grand Lodge's decree, our 2021 Officers installation will be a closed installation and no family members or visitors can attend. I am truly disappointed that this cannot be an open installation so that friends and family members can attend.

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. Until we meet again, may we meet on the Level, act by the Plumb, and part on the Square.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Linwood G. Bennett, Jr. Worshipful Master

STATED COMMUNICATION – THURSDAY, March 18, 2021 – CANCELLED

CALLED COMMUNICATIONS:

None Scheduled at this time

SPECIAL EVENTS:

None Scheduled at this time

PAST MASTER HONOR ROLL – FEBRUARY 2021 STATED

NO STATED HELD

ATTENDANCE – FEBRUARY 2021 STATED

NO STATED HELD

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 – 0

LODGE OF SORROW

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

NELSON EMORY WHITT LINWOOD RYLAND TIGNOR, JR.

Born:	December 15, 1939	November 13, 1931
Initiated an Entered Apprentice:	January 27, 1993	August 8, 1974
Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft:	April 14, 1993	September 18, 1974
Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason:	June 10, 1993	October 16, 1974
Died:	February 10, 2021	February 11, 2021

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

FROM YOUR SECRETARY

Brethren,

This year has seen many changes that we didn't see this time last year. We've seen brethren taken from us through death and separated by the COVID-19 virus, as well having to find a new location to meet. And now the time rolls around to dues being needed to be paid for the upcoming year. Notices will soon be coming out and it will help your Lodge to get them paid as soon as possible. Keep this in mind as you budget for next year..

Brethren, if you haven't been getting correspondence from your Lodge or Grand Lodge, it may be because we don't have your current address or email. If this is the case, please email or mail me the information. This way we can stay in contact with you and let you know what is happening. My address and email is shown below.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Henry C. Payne, Secretary

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“Governor-General of New Zealand “

1900, born Wanganui, NZ, son of a doctor. 1914 his mother died during his first year in college, and his father left to serve in WW-I.

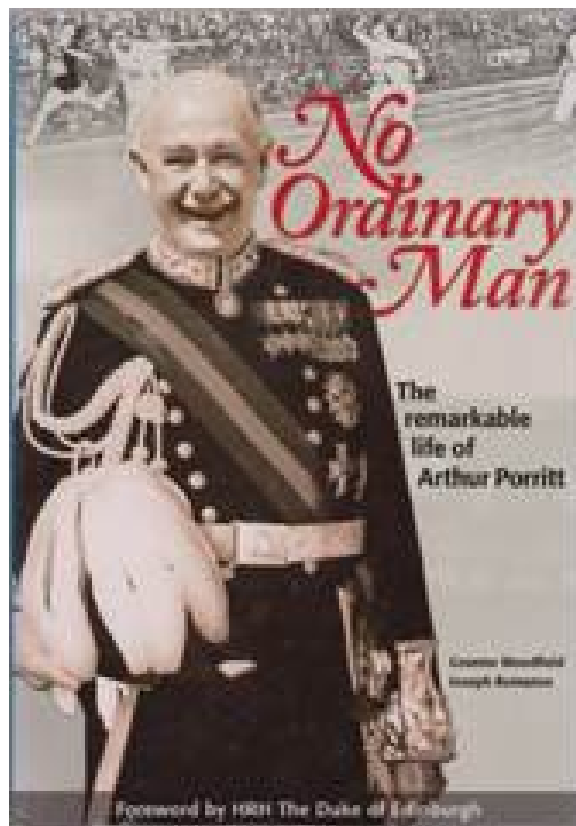
1920 he began a medical degree at University in NZ. In 1923 Porritt was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship. He then studied medicine at Oxford (1924 – 1926).

Initiated in Apollo University Lodge No. 357, and later joined Sancta Maria Lodge No. 2682 (medical practitioners' lodge), Prince of Wales's Lodge No. 259 (called 'red apron' lodge as it nominates one of the 19 Grand Stewards each year, who wear red aprons), and Royal Alpha Lodge No. 16 (membership is at the personal invitation of the Grand Master).

Porritt represented NZ at the 1924 Paris Olympics, where he won a bronze medal in the 100 metre dash; the winner was Br. Harold Abrahams (1899–1978). The race took place at 7 pm on 7 July 1924. Abrahams and Porritt dined together at 7 pm on 7 July every year thereafter, until Abrahams' death. The race immortalised in the film Chariots of Fire, but due to Porritt's modesty his name was changed to "Tom Watson".

Br. Porritt served as a Colonel in the British Army during WW-II, and participated in the Battle of France, North African Campaign, and Operation Overlord. During his term as Governor-General (1968–1971), Porritt served as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand.

Br. and Colonel Arthur Espie Porritt, Baron Porritt, Bt, GCMG, GCVO, CBE, FRCS, was a New Zealand physician, military surgeon, statesman and athlete. He passed on passed 1 January 1994.



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LIVING PAST MASTERS

Brown, Platon A.	1968	LaFemina, Keith G.	1995	
Hines, Elbert Richard	1968	Carter, Donnie R., PDDGM	1996	
Olphin, Jr., Walter L.	1970	Bass, Jr., Claude A. PDDGM	1999	AFFILIATE PAST MASTERS
Kontopanos, John A., Jr.	1971	Pagani, Robert E.	2000	
Plotkin, Leonard	1972	Fitchett, Wayne E.	2002	Bernhard, Lothar Arthur (#19)
Graham, George Tiffany	1974	Sheppard, John Q. PDDGM	2003	Carter, Daulton L. (#317)
McLaughlin, Billy B. PDDGM	1975	Absher, Barrye L. PDDGM	2005	Dranoff, Albert Abe PDDGM (#53)
Hiner, Henry L.	1978	Jones, Douglas V., GM	2007	Hart, John H. PDDGM (#302)
Whitlock, K. Wayne	1981	Sykes, C. Thomas, PDDGM	2008	Holmes, Ray W. (#317)
Olphin, III, Walter L.	1984	Cook, V. Stuart PGM	2009	Kidd, Richard C., PDDGM (#9)
Sarbaugh, Charles S. PDDGM	1985	Wadkins, III, J. Thomas, PDDGM	2010-2011	LaRochelle, Omer E. Jr., PDDGM (#244)
Dixon, Johnnie L. PDDGM	1986 & 1996	Loftus, Christopher E.	2012	Malbone, Theodore Irving (#317)
Mayes, Heath W.	1986	W. Martin Myers	2013	Martin, Frederick Garrison III, PGM (#344)
Evans, Jr., Wade V. PDDGM	1989	John W. Edelin, III	2014	Rose, Daniel Lee PDDGM (#161)
Bennett, Jr., George L.	1991	Wade V. Evans, III	2015-2016	Sanford, Steven Weldon PDDGM (#4)
Childrey, William E.	1992	Robert E. Cook	2017	Taylor, Robert Wright (#317)
Deligan, Lambros G. PDDGM	1992	Rick C. Kidd, PDDGM	2018	
Cooke, III, George H.	1993	Jason D. Clemmer	2019	