

**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**

**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 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

April 13, 2019

Brethren,

As you know Governor Northam extended his stay-at-home order until at least June 10, 2020. The Grand Master advised that all Masonic meetings, functions, and special events will be postponed until at least June 10th. It is unknown what things will look like beyond June 10. The Governor may again extend his stay-at-home order. Because of the Governor's stay-at-home order our May 14, 2020, Stated Lodge meeting is cancelled.

This health crisis is impacting us all in ways we never imagined. Many of us are stuck at home, however, home is the safe place to be. If the unexpected occurs, we may find ourselves unable to handle the issues that arise, or too proud to ask for a helping hand. Please don't feel you are all alone. Give your friends and Brethren a chance to help. If for some reason you don't want to speak with one of your Lodge Brethren then contact the Grand Lodge as the Grand Master suggest in his April 3, 2020 Communication.

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. You could also go to their home or the facility they are in and speak with them from outside. 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, May 14, 2020– CANCELLED**

**CALLED COMMUNICATIONS:**

None Scheduled at this time

**SPECIAL EVENTS:**

All Masonic Events **CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

**PAST MASTER HONOR ROLL – APRIL 2020**

Stated Communication for April NOT HELD!

**ATTENDANCE – APRIL 2020 STATED**

Past Masters – 0    Members – 0    Visitors – 0    Total – 0

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 – 49

**“The Day the War Stopped”**

1863, the Siege of Port Hudson pitting 30,000 Union troops against 6,800 Confederates fighting over control of the Mississippi. Admiral Farragut attempted to run the blockade, but only two of seven ships survived.

June 11, commander of one ship Br. John Elliot Hart (St. George Lodge No. 6, Schenectady NY) lay mortally wounded. Unable to obtain a suitable coffin for transport, an ensign was sent ashore in hopes of making burial arrangements, preferably for a Masonic burial, as both Commander Hart and the executive officer now in charge, Theodore DuBois, were Freemasons.

In St. Francisville was Feliciana Lodge No. 31 F&AM, the second oldest Louisiana Lodge. Its' SW, William Walter Leake, captain First Louisiana Cavalry felt it his duty to afford a decent burial to a fellow Mason and officer, regardless of politics, and provided his own burial plot where Commander Hart remains to this day. And so, the war stopped, if only for a few mournful moments, and Br. Hart was laid to rest, with Union and Confederate Freemasons participating.

The New Orleans Times-Picayune in 1937 called this event “one of the strangest born of the War Between the States, when fighting men could battle to the death and yet know chivalry.” And referred to Br. Hart’s grave as “a Yankee grave that Dixie decorates,” every year (Memorial Day and All Saint’s Day), fresh flowers were placed, observed each year in St. Francisville, with re-enactors in blue and grey joining Freemasons recreating the burial.

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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)