

**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 Junior Warden, 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

April 18, 2021

Brethren,

Thank You for electing me once again as your Worshipful Master. This honor occurred on my Masonic Birthday of 40 years, as I was Raised in April 1981. I served as Worshipful Master to our Lodge in 1993. I am a little rusty, but with your help and our Line Officers, I hope all will enjoy the rest of this Masonic year, as we get active once again.

Special thanks go out to Right Worshipful Charlie Sarbaugh for conducting the election and acting as Installing Secretary from memory. Also Worshipful Jimmy Creech of Temple Lodge #9, as Installing Officer, from memory, Right Worshipful John Q. "Twiggy" Sheppard as Installing Marshall, and Worshipful David Vass, also of Temple #9 for assisting.

Our next Stated Communication will be on the third (3rd) Thursday, May 20th, 2021, at The Varina Temple, 1600 Burning Tree Road. Brethren are requested to assemble in the Lodge Dining Room at 5:45 pm, where a meal of Spaghetti with Meat Sauce and Meat Balls, Salad and Dessert with bottled or canned beverage will be served at 6:00 pm, by our caterer, under the phase one Covid-19 guide lines.

After opening the Lodge at 7:00 pm, we will hear a brief presentation from Worshipful J. Wayne Shipley, Worshipful Master of Varina Lodge #292, about our new home at the Varina Masonic Temple.

My program for the evening will be Law Enforcement Night. Most Worshipful V. Stuart Cook ,Past Grand Master (2017), who has had a long and distinguished career in Law Enforcement, will be our speaker for the evening and all past and present members of Law Enforcement present will be recognized at their seats.

Officers Dress in Tuxedos, Members and Guest, Coat and Tie

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

George H. Cooke, III  
Worshipful Master

**STATED COMMUNICATION – THURSDAY, May 20, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.  
LAW ENFORCEMENT NIGHT**

**OFFICERS DRESS:** Tuxedos w/Black Accessories  
**MEMBERS & GUESTS:** Please wear Business Attire (Coat & Tie)

**ASSEMBLE:** Varina Masonic Temple, 1600 Burning Tree Road, Henrico, Va at 5:45 PM

**DINNER:** 6:00 PM (Spaghetti and Meatballs - please contact Worshipful George Cooke at [ghcooke3@aol.com](mailto:ghcooke3@aol.com) to let him know you are planning to eat so he can give our caterer a count)

**OPEN LODGE – 7:00 PM**

Regular Business

Program: Presentation by Worshipful J. Wayne Shipley, Worshipful Master of Varina Lodge No. 292,  
on Varina Masonic Temple  
Law Enforcement Night by Most Worshipful V. Stuart Cook, Past Grand Master (2017)

**CLOSE LODGE**

**CALLED COMMUNICATIONS:**

None Scheduled at this time

**SPECIAL EVENTS:**

Thursday, May 20, 2021 – Metropolitan Lodge No. 11 Stated Communication

**PAST MASTER HONOR ROLL – APRIL 2021 STATED**

Charles S. Sarbaugh, Heath W. Mayes, George H. Cooke III, Donnie R. Carter  
Robert E. Pagani, Wayne E. Fitchett, John Q. Sheppard, Douglas V. Jones (GM)  
V. Stuart Cook (PGM), J. Thomas Wadkins, III, W. Martin Myers, Robert E Cook  
Linwood G. Bennett, Jr., Lambros G. Deligan, Daulton L. Carter, Lothar A. Bernhard  
Steven W. Sanford

**ATTENDANCE – APRIL 2021 STATED**

Past Masters – 17    Members – 10    Visitors – 5    Total – 32

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 – 32

## “HRH Philip, 68 Years a Mason”

June 1921, he was born on the Greek Island of Corfu, son of Princess Alice of Battenberg (Denmark) and Prince Andrew of Greece.

1939, he attended the Royal Naval College. Here he first met Elizabeth, they began exchanging letters.

1940, graduated as the best cadet in his class, he served during WW-II, mentioned for bravery at the Battle of Cape Matapan during the 1941 German invasion of Crete.



1943, as second in command he saved his ship from a night bomber attack. He devised a plan to launch a raft with smoke floats successfully distracting the bombers allowing his ship to slip away.

1944, sent to the Pacific and was present in Tokyo Bay when the Japanese surrender was signed.

1946, back in England and assigned as instructor at the Petty Officers' School, and asked King George VI permission to marry Elizabeth.

1952, he was initiated into Navy Lodge No. 2612, UGLE, and raised a MM 1953. Navy Lodge has an amazing roll that includes four monarchs as past members – King Edward VII, King Edward VIII, King George VI and King George II of the Hellenes, and other members of the Royal Family; also includes three winners of the Victoria Cross; numerous Admirals, Generals, Vice-Admirals and Senior Officers; as well as other notables such as Sir Ernest Shackleton, Robert Scott – known as ‘Scott of the Antarctic’.

According to UGLE Br. Philip was an active Mason: “The Duke of Edinburgh was known to drop into meetings at his Freemasons Lodge almost unannounced.”

Br. and Prince Phillip is the longest-lived male member of the British Royal Family, he passed away on 9 April 2021 at Windsor Castle.

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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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## 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
Kontopanos, John A., Jr.	1971	Pagani, Robert E.	2000
Plotkin, Leonard	1972	Fitchett, Wayne E.	2002
Graham, George Tiffany	1974	Sheppard, John Q. PDDGM	2003
McLaughlin, Billy B. PDDGM	1975	Absher, Barrye L. PDDGM	2005
Hiner, Henry L.	1978	Jones, Douglas V., GM	2007
Whitlock, K. Wayne	1981	Sykes, C. Thomas, PDDGM	2008
Olphin, III, Walter L.	1984	Cook, V. Stuart PGM	2009
Sarbaugh, Charles S. PDDGM	1985	Wadkins, III, J. Thomas, PDDGM	2010-2011
Dixon, Johnnie L. PDDGM	1986 & 1996	Loftus, Christopher E.	2012
Mayes, Heath W.	1986	W. Martin Myers	2013
Evans, Jr., Wade V. PDDGM	1989	John W. Edelin, III	2014
Bennett, Jr., George L.	1991	Wade V. Evans, III	2015-2016
Childrey, William E.	1992	Robert E. Cook	2017
Deligan, Lambros G. PDDGM	1992	Rick C. Kidd, PDDGM	2018
Cooke, III, George H.	1993	Jason D. Clemmer	2019
		Linwood G. Bennett, Jr.	2020-2021

## AFFILIATE PAST MASTERS

Bernhard, Lothar Arthur	(#19)
Carter, Daulton L.	(#317)
Dranoff, Albert Abe PDDGM	(#53)
Hart, John H. PDDGM	(#302)
Holmes, Ray W.	(#317)
Kidd, Richard C., PDDGM	(#9)
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Malbone, Theodore Irving	(#317)
Martin, Frederick Garrison III, PGM	(#344)
Rose, Daniel Lee PDDGM	(#161)
Sanford, Steven Weldon PDDGM	(#4)
Taylor, Robert Wright	(#317)