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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

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
Junior Warden, Secretary or other Officer of the Lodge.

Number Eleven Class – Meets the Thursday Preceding the Stated Communication at 6:30 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

October 19, 2017

Brethren,

During our November 9th stated meeting we will honor our military veterans and our speaker will be US Army Lieutenant Colonel Don Burgess. LTC Burgess has seen the dramatic increase in veterans returning from the battlefield with lifelong disabilities and his presentation will be very educational about the challenges they face.

We had a great turnout for October's Past Masters' Night. One of the great strengths of our lodge is the excellent attendance and involvement of our Past Masters, also known as our columns and pilasters. I want to thank all who attended that evening and a special thanks to those Past Masters who occupied the chairs.

Brethren, in 2009 Metropolitan Lodge No. 11 changed its By-Laws to allow for an annual increase in dues based on the increase in the Cost of Living Adjustment. However, there has not been any increase in the base annual lodge dues of \$100.00 in spite of this provision. The \$100.00 base should be adjusted to \$110.00 based on the COLA amounts since January 2010. Therefore, the Dues for 2018 for Metropolitan Lodge No. 11 be \$110.00 plus the Grand Lodge Assessment of \$45.00 for a total dues amount of \$155.00.

As Thanksgiving Day is fast approaching, I hope each of you will also take time to thank the Supreme Architect of the Universe for the blessings of Freemasonry, our lodge, the fellowship we enjoy and His use of us as "A Force for Good" in the world around us.

May God continue to keep you and your families safe and I look forward to another excellent turnout on November 9th

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Robert E. Cook
Worshipful Master

STATED COMMUNICATION – THURSDAY, November 9, 2017– 7:00 PM

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

DINNER – 6:00 PM

Program – US Army Lieutenant Colonel Don Burgess - Our Veterans

OPEN LODGE – 7:00 PM

Regular Business –

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

PAST MASTER HONOR ROLL – OCTOBER, 2017 STATED

Billy B. McLaughlin, Charles S. Sarbaugh, Heath W. Mayes, Wade V. Evans, Jr., George H. Cooke III
D. R. Carter (DDGM) , Claude A. Bass, Jr., Robert E. Pagani, John Q. Sheppard, Barrye L. Absher (GC),
B. Kevin McLaughlin, Douglas V. Jones (GJW), Christopher E. Loftus, W. Martin Myers, John W. Edelin III
Wade V. Evans III, Albert A. Dranoff, Lothar A. Bernhard, Richard C. Kidd

ATTENDANCE – OCTOBER 2017 STATED

Past Masters – 19 Members – 22 Visitors – 9 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 – 47

CALLED COMMUNICATIONS :

None Scheduled at this time.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

November 9th - Metropolitan Lodge No. 11 Stated Communication

November 10th and 11th - Grand Annual Communication - Richmond Hilton Spa - Short Pump, Virginia

November 18th – 8AM – Masters and Wardens at Westhampton #302

Breakfast at 8:00 AM

December 9th - Lodge Clean Up Day

'Through the Dawn's Early Light'

September 1814, just weeks after the British burned our Capitol, they planned to attack Baltimore (3rd largest US city). They caught an elderly physician of Upper Marlboro, Dr. William Beanes. Fearing he would be hanged, they asked a young lawyer, Br. Francis Scott Key (Concordia Lodge No. 13, Maryland), to sail with Colonel and Br. John Skinner (Freemason, lodge unknown) under a flag of truce to their flagship to arrange a prisoner exchange. Key secured permission to intercede from President and Br. James Madison (Hiram Lodge No. 59, Westmoreland County).

Concerned their plans would be discovered, the British placed Br. Key and Br. Skinner under guard aboard the H.M.S. Surprise, then on a sloop where they watched for 25 hours as 19 British ships bombarded the earthen Fort McHenry with rockets, mortar shells and cannon balls.

Note: Fort McHenry was named for Br. James McHenry, (1753 - 1816), a Scots-Irish immigrant and surgeon-soldier, Maryland delegate to the Continental Congress, signer of the US Constitution, appointed US Secretary of War (1796 - 1800), serving under President and W.: Br. George Washington (Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4, Virginia) and President John Adams.

Providentially, a thunderstorm blew in and softened the ground, allowing most of the 1,800 cannon balls fired to sink in the mud instead of exploding.

On the morning of September 14, 1814, "through the dawn's early light," Br. Key saw the flag still flying. Elated, Br. Key penned The Star-Spangled Banner.

It is interesting to note that, while he wrote the words, it was another Freemason, Br. John Stafford Smith (1750-1836), a member of Royal Somerset House & Inverness Lodge No. 4, in London, who wrote the music which eventually became our national anthem.

This article was more 'compiled and edited' than written, by Br. Martin Myers, drawing upon numerous source materials, a list of source is available upon request.

FROM THE TREASURER & SECRETARY

Brethren,

2017 dues in the amount of \$145.00 are **PAST** due. If you have not yet paid, please do so now so you won't be in danger of being suspended for not paying your dues.

The **Dues for 2018 will be \$155.00**. Please note this change when sending in your 2018 Dues Payments.

Send your remittance to Brother Henry C. Payne, Secretary,

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Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Brother John G. Koedel, III, Treasurer and

Brother Henry C. Payne, Secretary

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LIVING PAST MASTERS

Erhart, Jr, Charles Edward	1966	Wagner, Fredric P.	1987	W. Martin Myers	2013
Brown, Platon A.	1968	Evans, Jr., Wade V. PDDGM	1989	John W. Edelin, III	2014
Hines, Elbert Richard	1968	Jacobson, Kenneth A.	1990	Wade V. Evans, III	2015-2016
Franck, Jr., Charles O. PDDGM	1969	Bennett, Jr., George L.	1991		
Olphin, Jr., Walter L.	1970	Childrey, William E.	1992		
Kontopanos, John A., Jr.	1971	Deligan, Lambros G. PDDGM	1992		
Morrow, Gordon J.	1971	Cooke, III, George H.	1993		
Plotkin, Leonard	1972	Howell, John W.	1994	Anaya, Samuel Crawford	(#1982)
Graham, George Tiffany	1974	LaFemina, Keith G.	1995	Bernhard, Lothar Arthur	(#19)
McLaughlin, Billy B. PDDGM	1975	Carter, Donnie R., DDGM	1996	Carter, Daulton L.	(#317)
Yannis, Frank Y.	1975	Richardson, William S. PDDGM	1998	Dranoff, Albert Abe PDDGM	(#53)
Regan, Larry David	1976	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)
Phillips, Clyde H.	1981	Sheppard, John Q. PDDGM	2003	Malbone, Theodore Irving	(#317)
Whitlock, K. Wayne	1981	Absher, Barrye L. PDDGM	2005	Martin, Frederick Garrison III, PGM	(#344)
Constantine, John E.	1983	McLaughlin, B. Kevin	2006	Owens, Edward Nelson	(#284)
Lyell, John C.	1983	Jones, Douglas V., PDDGM	2007	Richardson, Jr, C. Meredith	(#284)
Olphin, III, Walter L.	1984	Sykes, C. Thomas, PDDGM	2008	Rose, Daniel Lee PDDGM	(#161)
Sarbaugh, Charles S. PDDGM	1985	Cook, V. Stuart, GM	2009	Sanford, Steven Weldon PDDGM	(#4)
Dixon, Johnnie L. PDDGM	1986 & 1996	Wadkins, III, J. Thomas	2010-2011	Taylor, Robert Wright	(#317)
Mayes, Heath W.	1986	Loftus, Christopher E.	2012		

AFFILIATE PAST MASTERS