

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: 2018 – \$155.00

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 the Thursday Preceding the Stated Communication at 6:00 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 21, 2018

Brethren,

Thank you to all who were able to attend our October stated meeting that had to be rescheduled due to inclement weather. I hope that everyone enjoyed seeing some of our Past Masters sitting in the chairs on "Past Masters Night". I heard thru the grapevine, that they all did a magnificent job, and represented our Lodge proudly. I'm sorry to have missed this meeting, as it is truly one of my favorite meetings of the year.

A special thank you to my friend and brother, Worshipful Robert Cook, for so ably relaying to the Lodge my personal remarks that I had prepared to make to the Lodge. Also, for filling in for me as a speaker on "What is a Past Master? " Thanks also to Right Worshipful Terry Hilton, for not only delivering a great program on the Masonic Home of Virginia, but for being so flexible when we had to reschedule at the last minute.

Thanks to the Rainbow Girls of Richmond Assembly No. 10, for providing the desert for our meal, with their delicious baked goods. I'd also like to acknowledge the generosity of our caterers, Richard and Melody, for contributing \$1.50 of each meal served at this meeting to the Rainbow Girls. Well done, and greatly appreciated.

At our November stated meeting, we will honor our military veterans. Those currently serving, who have served, or are retired, and especially those who paid the ultimate sacrifice, in keeping our great country safe from harm. As always, Right Worshipful Charlie Sarbaugh, will present this solemn program.

Brethren, may God continue to bless each of you and your families. Please keep our Police, Fire fighters, First responders, our men and women in uniform, wherever so dispersed, and especially those ill and less fortunate in your daily thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Richard C. Kidd, PM.
Worshipful Master

STATED COMMUNICATION – THURSDAY, November 8, 2018– 7:00 PM
“Honoring our Veterans”

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

DINNER 6:00 PM

OPEN LODGE 7:00 PM
Regular Business
Program – Right Worshipful Charlie Sarbaugh

CLOSE LODGE

OFFICERS, MEMBERS, & GUESTS: Business Attire

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

CALLED COMMUNICATIONS:

NONE SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Saturday - November 3, 2018 at 6:00 PM - Ladies' Night at Grapevine Restaurant
(See Below for details)

Thursday - November 8, 2018 at 7:00 PM - Metropolitan Lodge No. 11
Stated Communication

Friday - Saturday November 9th and 10th - Grand Annual Communication
Hilton Richmond Hotel & Spa/Short Pump, 12042 W Broad St,
Richmond, VA 23233

Saturday - November 17, 2018 at 8:45 AM - Masters and Wardens Association at
Westhampton Lodge No. 302, Breakfast at 8:00 AM
(All are welcome, Officers are ENCOURAGED)

**VERY IMPORTANT MEETING
AS THE PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES
WILL BE VOTED ON**

(A Link to the proposed changes can be found on the home page of MetropolitanLodge.com)

Monday - November 26, 2018 at 6:00 PM - Reception of the newly installed Grand
Master, William E. Hershey, Jr. at The Richmond Valley of the Scottish Rite, Scottish
Rite Temple, 4204 Hermitage Road, Richmond, Virginia

LADIES' NIGHT

Where: The Grapevine (11005 Three Chopt Road, Richmond, Virginia 23233)

When: Saturday, November 3rd at 7:00pm

Cost per person: \$27.95 + tax + gratuity

Dress: Business casual (coat & tie optional)

Contact Brother Jason Clemmer (jason.clemmer@gmail.com) if you have not already
thrown your hat in the ring!

PAST MASTER HONOR ROLL – OCTOBER 2018

Walter L. Olphin, Jr., Billy B. McLaughlin, Charles S. Sarbaugh, Heath W. Mayes
Wade V. Evans, Jr., George H. Cooke III, Donnie R. Carter, Claude A. Bass, Jr.
John Q. Sheppard, Barrye L. Absher, V. Stuart Cook, (PGM), J. Thomas Wadkins III
Christopher E. Loftus, W. Martin Myers, John W. Edelin III, Wade V. Evans III
Robert E. Cook, Lambros G. Deligan, Albert A. Dranoff, Steven W. Sanford
Omer (Larry) LaRochelle

ATTENDANCE – OCTOBER 2018 STATED

Past Masters – 21 Members – 15 Visitors – 6 Total – 42

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 – 49

“Freemasons and UFOs”

M.: W.: Br. Harry Truman was president during the Roswell Incident, and UFOs buzzed D.C. 1950 press conference: “I can assure you that flying saucers, given that they exist, are not constructed by any power on Earth.”

Br. Douglas MacArthur, speech, 1962: “We deal now, not with things of this world alone, but with the illimitable distances and as yet unfathomed mysteries of the universe. ...of ultimate conflict between a united human race and the sinister forces of some other planetary galaxy ...”.

Br. Gerald Ford, Michigan U.S. Senator when his state experienced hundreds of UFO sightings. In a letter to the Armed Services Committee, 1966: “... I strongly recommend that there be a committee investigation of the UFO phenomena. I think we owe it to the people to establish credibility regarding UFO’s ...”

W.: Br. Gordon Cooper, Carbondale Lodge No. 82, Carbondale, CO. Major Cooper, in a letter to the UN, 1978: “I believe that these extra-terrestrial vehicles and their crews are visiting this planet from other planets... Most astronauts were reluctant to discuss UFOs.”

President Reagan, honorary member of the Imperial Council of the Shrine.

Reagan’s UFO sightings occurred when he was 33rd Governor of CA. One while flying near Bakersfield. A week later Reagan spoke to N.C.Miller, WSJ, "... It was a bright white light. We followed it to Bakersfield, and all of a sudden to our utter amazement it went straight up into the heavens."

When Miller expressed some doubt, a "look of horror came over [Reagan]. It suddenly dawned on him . . . that he was talking to a reporter." Immediately afterward, Reagan "clammed up." He never publicly spoke of the event again.

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

Erhart, Jr, Charles Edward	1966	Jacobson, Kenneth A.	1990	Loftus, Christopher E.	2012
Brown, Platon A.	1968	Bennett, Jr., George L.	1991	W. Martin Myers	2013
Hines, Elbert Richard	1968	Childrey, William E.	1992	John W. Edelin, III	2014
Olphin, Jr., Walter L.	1970	Deligan, Lambros G. PDDGM	1992	Wade V. Evans, III	2015-2016
Kontopanos, John A., Jr.	1971	Cooke, III, George H.	1993	Robert E. Cook	2017
Morrow, Gordon J.	1971	Howell, John W.	1994		
Plotkin, Leonard	1972	LaFemina, Keith G.	1995		
Graham, George Tiffany	1974	Carter, Donnie R., PDDGM	1996	Anaya, Samuel Crawford	(#1982)
McLaughlin, Billy B. PDDGM	1975	Bass, Jr., Claude A. PDDGM	1999	Bernhard, Lothar Arthur	(#19)
Yannis, Frank Y.	1975	Pagani, Robert E.	2000	Carter, Daulton L.	(#317)
Hiner, Henry L.	1978	Fitchett, Wayne E.	2002	Dranoff, Albert Abe PDDGM	(#53)
Whitlock, K. Wayne	1981	Sheppard, John Q. PDDGM	2003	Grotz, Clifford C. Jr PDDGM	(#3)
Lyell, John C.	1983	Absher, Barrye L. PDDGM	2005	Hart, John H. PDDGM	(#302)
Olphin, III, Walter L.	1984	McLaughlin, B. Kevin	2006	Holmes, Ray W.	(#317)
Sarbaugh, Charles S. PDDGM	1985	Jones, Douglas V., PDDGM	2007	Kidd, Richard C.	(#9)
Dixon, Johnnie L. PDDGM	1986 & 1996	Sykes, C. Thomas, PDDGM	2008	LaRochelle, Omer E. Jr.	(#244)
Mayes, Heath W.	1986	Cook, V. Stuart PGM	2009	Malbone, Theodore Irving	(#317)
Houchins, Richard W.	1987	Wadkins, III, J. Thomas	2010-2011	Martin, Frederick Garrison III, PGM	(#344)
Wagner, Fredric P.	1987			Owens, Edward Nelson	(#284)
Evans, Jr., Wade V. PDDGM	1989			Richardson, Jr, C. Meredith	(#284)
				Rose, Daniel Lee PDDGM	(#161)
				Sanford, Steven Weldon PDDGM	(#4)
				Taylor, Robert Wright	(#317)

AFFILIATE PAST MASTERS