

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

FROM THE EAST

September 23, 2021

Greeting Brethren,

Our next Stated Meeting will be; Thursday, October 21st, 2021, (Third Thursday) at 7:00 PM, at the Varina Lodge Building, 1600 Burning Tree Road.

The attire for the evening will be: Officers, Tuxedos with black accessories, Members and visitors, coat and tie.

The Brethren are requested to assemble in the adjoining dinning hall at 5:45 PM, for a delicious meal served by our caterer at 6:00 PM.

At our last Stated Meeting, our Senior Warden, Worshipful Robert Cook, PM, presided in the East for "Senior Warden's Night." His program for the evening was presented by our own, Brother John Reid, of WRVA Radio, on the topic of The World as We Know it. All the line Officers moved up one chair and all did a good job. A good time was had by all in attendance.

At our October Meeting, my program will be "Founder's Day" presented by Right Worshipful Wilber Matthews of Varina Lodge #272.

Don't worry about calling ahead for diner reservations as that has not been working out very well. I will continue with my SWAG system as I have been very close, and so far, no one has missed a meal. I don't want anyone to hesitate coming to lodge because that they forgot to call ahead. I urge you to call a Brother who has not been in lodge for a while and try to get them to attend. The sands of time are swiftly passing thru the hour glass, and as such, I only have one and half meetings left to preside in the East, this one and December as November will be Past Master's Night. For those that promised me they would attend while I am in the East, the time is drawing close, and I am looking forward to seeing you there! If you are not receiving our phone call reminders from our phone tree, please contact our Web Master, Right Worshipful Tom Wadkins to get your number added to our list.

Finally Brethren, remember to bring a box of dry cereal for our F.I.S.H. program, a food pantry for the needy in the East End Area A box is located in the entry way of the lodge building marked as such for your donation.

I look forward to meeting and greeting you at our next Stated!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
George H. Cooke, III
Worshipful Master

STATED COMMUNICATION – THURSDAY, October 21, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.

DRESS FOR OFFICERS - Tuxedo with Black Accessories
MEMBERS & GUESTS: Coat and Tie

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

DINNER: 6:00 PM

OPEN LODGE – 7:00 PM

Regular Business

PROGRAM: Founders Day - A presentation by Right Worshipful Wilbur Matthews from Varina Lodge No. 272

CLOSE LODGE

CALLED COMMUNICATIONS:

None Scheduled at this time

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Thursday, October 21, 2021 – Metropolitan Lodge No. 11 Stated Communication

LODGE OF SORROW

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

CLARENCE STEPHEN RICHARDSON

JOHN ROLAND FUSSELL

Born: January 22, 1950

April 2, 1929

Initiated an Entered Apprentice: February 25, 2010

March 10, 1964

Passed to the Degree

of Fellowcraft:

March 18, 2010

April 16, 1964

Raised to the Sublime Degree

of Master Mason:

May 20, 2010

May 21, 1964

50 Year Masonic Veteran:

May 21, 2014

Died:

September 19, 2021

September 17, 2021

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

PAST MASTER HONOR ROLL – SEPTEMBER 2021 STATED

Charles S. Sarbaugh, Heath W. Mayes, George H. Cooke III, Donnie R. Carter
Claude A. Bass, Jr., Wayne E. Fitchett, V. Stuart Cook PGM, J. Thomas Wadkins III
Christopher E. Loftus, W. Martin Myers, John W. Edelin III, Robert E. Cook
Lambros G. Deligan, Albert A. Dranoff, Daulton L. Carter, Lothar A. Bernhard

ATTENDANCE – SEPTEMBER 2021 STATED

Past Masters – 16 Members – 13 Visitors – 4 Total – 33

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 – 35

FROM YOUR SECRETARY

Brethren,

The time rolls around again to when we start thinking about paying our dues for the upcoming year. According to my records, there are a few who need to pay this year's dues so that when the dues notices are mailed out, you'll get next years dues cards instead of having to wait until you catch up this year as well as the next. Take due notice thereof and govern yourself accordingly.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Brother Henry "Hank" C. Payne, Secretary

The Other Br. Norman Schwarzkopf

1895, Herbert Norman Schwarzkopf (Sr.) was born in NJ, to German immigrants.



1913, he attended West Point, and served in WW I and returned with the rank of colonel.

Br. Schwarzkopf was a member of St. John's Lodge No. 1, F&AM, Newark, NJ.

1921, appointed by NJ Governor to head the new NJ State Police. He personally trained the first troopers and organized them into two troops: a northern troop, utilizing motorcycles, to patrol the Mafia-controlled narcotics, whiskey, rum-running, and gambling rings in the NYC area; and a southern troop, on horseback, to crack down on moonshiners.

1932, Br. Schwarzkopf, was called to the residence of Br. Charles Lindbergh, following the kidnapping of his infant son. Complicating the investigation was Br. Lindbergh who used his influence to exert authority over matters, which meant that Br. Schwarzkopf had to work around him.

1942, he returned to active duty with the onset of WW II. Posted to Iran after it became an Allied protectorate, was tasked with organizing the Iranian police. His recruits were active in suppressing the Soviet-inspired attempt to destabilize Iran. For his work in Iran, Br. Schwarzkopf was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal.

After WW II, promoted to brigadier general and in the late 1940's was sent to Germany to serve as provost marshal for the US sector.

Before retiring in 1953 as a major general, Br. Schwarzkopf was sent by the CIA (Operation Ajax), to convince the self-exiled Iranian monarch to return and seize power.

He had one son, Norman "Stormin" Schwarzkopf Jr. He died in 1958 and is buried at West Point.

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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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)
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)