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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: 2017 – \$145.00

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 6:30 PM
at the Scottish Rite Temple

R. Lewis Gibbs Masonic Class – Saturday Night – Scottish Rite Temple – 7:00 PM
Lodge Blood Drive Number – 2795

STATED COMMUNICATION – THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 , 2017– 7:00 PM

“JUNIOR WARDEN’S NIGHT”

ASSEMBLE: Scottish Rite Dining Room, 4204 Hermitage Road @ 5:45 PM
DINNER – 6:00 PM
Program – Federal Reserve – speakers Mike Seifert and Selena Carr, prior to opening Lodge
OPEN LODGE – 7:00 PM
Regular Business –
CLOSE LODGE

OFFICERS, MEMBERS, & GUESTS: LODGE POLO SHIRTS OR BUSINESS CASUAL

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

PAST MASTER HONOR ROLL – AUGUST, 2017 STATED

B. B. McLaughlin, C. S. Sarbaugh, W. V. Evans, Jr., G. H. Cooke III, D. R. Carter, C. A. Bass, Jr., R. E. Pagani
J. Q. Sheppard, B. K. McLaughlin, D. V. Jones (GJW), C. E. Loftus, W. V. Evans III, W. E. Childrey, L. G. Deligan
A. A. Dranoff, L. A. Bernhard, R. C. Kidd

ATTENDANCE – AUGUST 2017 STATED

Past Masters – 17 Members – 11 Visitors – 8 Total – 36

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 – 48

CALLED COMMUNICATIONS :

September 21, 2017 Called Meeting – Work in MM Degree at 6:00 PM; Lite meal at 5:15PM
Officers and members – Coats & Ties

SPECIAL EVENTS:

September 16, 2017 Masters & Wardens at 9 AM; Breakfast at 8 AM
September 23, 2017 Grand Master’s Official Visit to Masonic Districts 15A, B, & C
October 12, 2017 Stated Communication – Past Master’s Night – Rainbow Girls’ Bake Sale

FROM THE EAST

August 12, 2017

Brethren,

The dog days of Summer are nearing the end as we look forward to a change of seasons and the arrival of Fall. We had a great turn out at August’s stated meeting, which was Senior Warden’s night. Everyone enjoyed hearing Greg Burton speak on the changes to broadcast media, professional sports, the development of leadership through coaching and the economic impact of sports tourism and the City of Richmond. I found his analogy comparing \$1 Million to \$1 Billion fascinating and, by using seconds, easy to understand. He said, “One Million seconds equals 12 days and One Billion seconds equals 32 years.” This is a nice segue into next month’s speakers from the Federal Reserve Bank: Mike Seifert is the Assistant Vice President for Critical Operations and Angela Collier is an Economic Education Outreach Specialist.

I emphasize that in 2018 we will transition away from a mailed bulletin (with just a few exceptions) to sending our monthly bulletin via email. This will be a great cost savings for our lodge and provide needed funding for lodge commitments. If you currently receive a mailed bulletin, please contact our secretary immediately and provide him your email address and a telephone number that can be used for our phone tree.

Our called work continues; by the time you receive this bulletin we will have raised another Brother and we will have work in the Master Mason’s degree again in September. I look forward to a great turnout for our September stated, which is designated “Junior Warden’s Night.”

May the Supreme Architect of the Universe continue to watch over us and bless us in all our undertakings.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Robert E. Cook
Worshipful Master

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FROM THE WEST

Brethren,

I want to remind everyone that our annual Metropolitan Lodge Ladies Night will be held on October 21st at the Grapevine Restaurant at the corner of Cox Rd. and Three Chopt Rd. I have arranged for a private banquet room that we will have all to ourselves, so that we can interact socially without interfering with other dining patrons. We plan to have social hour Hors D'oeuvres starting at 6:00 PM, with dinner being ordered and served at 7:00 PM. The Grapevine has given us a very nice menu to choose from, featuring four of their most popular entrees, and a choice of two delicious desserts.

I will need a final head count as of our September Stated Meeting. I would hope that we would have at least 15-20 couples in attendance. The more people we have participate, the better per person price, which should be under \$30 per person. Any alcoholic beverages purchased are your responsibility, and I have arrange for separate checks for each couple or individual. Please sign up for this fun evening out with your Brethren and your Spouse or signficcate other at our September Stated Communication.

Fraternally,
Rick Kidd, P.M.
Senior Warden

LODGE OF SORROW

Brethren,

Since our last Stated Communication, the Supreme Architect of the Universe has seen fit to call one of our Brothers from our midst.

Born:

Initiated an Entered Apprentice:

Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft:

Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason:

Died:

SETH LUCIUS COOPER

October 6, 1942

September 16, 1974

November 18, 1974

November 26, 1974

July 13, 2017

To His Family we extend our deepest sympathies.

Brother "Fast Eddie"

He began his career as an auto racer, gaining fame by competing in the Indianapolis 500 four times, earning the nickname "Fast Eddie."

When WWI started, he was sent to France, becoming the personal driver of General Br. Pershing (Lincoln Lodge No. 19, NE). His name was Edward Vernon "Eddie" Rickenbacker (Kilwinning Lodge No. 297, Detroit), born October 8, 1890.

With Germany's Red Baron dominating the skies, Br. Eddie requested transfer to the air service where he became commanding officer of the 94th Aero Pursuit Squadron, with its famous "Hat-in-the-Ring" insignia. This Squadron was responsible for destroying 69 enemy aircraft, the highest number shot down by any American Squadron. Flying over 300 combat hours, Br. Rickenbacker was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor by President Herbert Hoover in 1931 for personally shooting down 26 enemy aircraft.

Br. Rickenbacker wrote: "I want to make it clear that this escape and the others were not the result of any super ability or knowledge on my part. I wouldn't be alive today if I had to depend on that. I realized then, as I headed for France on one wing, that there had to be something else. I had seen others die, brighter and more able than I. I knew there was a power. I believe in calling upon it for aid and for guidance. I am not such an egotist as to believe that God has spared me because I am I. I believe there is work for me to do and that I am spared to do it, just as you are."

After WWI, Br. Rickenbacker became owner of the Indianapolis. In 1925, Br. Rickenbacker supported General Billy Mitchell, who was court-martialed for criticizing the military's failure to upgrade their airplanes.

Br. Rickenbacker worked for Eastern Airlines, eventually becoming its president.

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.

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Erhart, Jr, Charles Edward	1966	Mayes, Heath W.	1986	Wadkins, III, J. Thomas	2010-2011
Brown, Platon A.	1968	Wagner, Fredric P.	1987	Loftus, Christopher E.	2012
Hines, Elbert Richard	1968	Evans, Jr., Wade V. PDDGM	1989	W. Martin Myers	2013
Franck, Jr., Charles O. PDDGM	1969	Jacobson, Kenneth A.	1990	John W. Edelin, III	2014
Olphin, Jr., Walter L.	1970	Bennett, Jr., George L.	1991	Wade V. Evans, III	2015-2016
Kontopanos, John A., Jr.	1971	Childrey, William E.	1992		
Morrow, Gordon J.	1971	Deligan, Lambros G. PDDGM	1992		
Plotkin, Leonard	1972	Cooke, III, George H.	1993	Anaya, Samuel Crawford	(#1982)
Graham, George Tiffany	1974	Howell, John W.	1994	Bernhard, Lothar Arthur	(#19)
McLaughlin, Billy B. PDDGM	1975	LaFemina, Keith G.	1995	Carter, Daulton L.	(#317)
Yannis, Frank Y.	1975	Carter, Donnie R., DDGM	1996	Dranoff, Albert Abe PDDGM	(#53)
Regan, Larry David	1976	Richardson, William S. PDDGM	1998	Grotz, Clifford C. Jr PDDGM	(#3)
Hiner, Henry L.	1978	Bass, Jr., Claude A. PDDGM	1999	Holmes, Ray W.	(#317)
Eichost, William T.	1979	Pagani, Robert E.	2000	Kidd, Richard C.	(#9)
Phillips, Clyde H.	1981	Fitchett, Wayne E.	2002	Malbone, Theodore Irving	(#317)
Whitlock, K. Wayne	1981	Sheppard, John Q. PDDGM	2003	Martin, Frederick Garrison III, PGM	(#344)
Constantine, John E.	1983	Absher, Barrye L. PDDGM	2005	Owens, Edward Nelson	(#284)
Lyell, John C.	1983	McLaughlin, B. Kevin	2006	Richardson, Jr, C. Meredith	(#284)
Olphin, III, Walter L.	1984	Jones, Douglas V., PDDGM	2007	Rose, Daniel Lee PDDGM	(#161)
Sarbaugh, Charles S. PDDGM	1985	Sykes, C. Thomas, PDDGM	2008	Sanford, Steven Weldon PDDGM	(#4)
Dixon, Johnnie L. PDDGM	1986 & 1996	Cook, V. Stuart, GM	2009	Taylor, Robert Wright	(#317)

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