

**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**

August 31, 2021

Greetings Brethren:

Our Next Stated Meeting will be Thursday, September 15th, 2021 (the third Thursday of the month) at 7:00 PM, at the Varina Lodge Building, 1600 Burning Tree Road, Henrico, VA. The attire for the evening will be Coat and Tie.

We will assemble in the adjoining dinning room at 5:45 PM for a delicious meal served by our caterer. Covid 19 restrictions will remain in effect until further notice. We were hoping that they would be removed in September, but due to the rise of the Delta Variant infections we will continue with the existing protocols.

At our August Stated Meeting, our Junior Warden, Brother Ashley Thomas, presided in the East and did a great job. His program for the evening was about the Grand Lodge of Greece, presented by Worshipful Chris Loftus.

I have designated our next Stated Communication as: Senior Warden's Night. I know Worshipful Robert Cook has a very interesting program for you that you will not want to miss. Please come out and support your Lodge and bring a Brother with you.

Also if you can, bring a box or two of hamburger helper for the F.I.S.H. program, to be placed in a box in the entry way. This goes to a local charity that offers support to folks in need in the East End area.

I look forward to meeting and greeting you!

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

## **FROM THE WEST**

Greetings my brethren,

Though there is much occurring in the world that attempts to steal our attention, on the third Thursday each month I always find excellent conversation, a good meal and I am reminded that I derive much joy from being in lodge with my brothers.

The Worshipful Master has designated September 16th as Senior Warden's night and I look forward to seeing everyone. Our very own Brother, John Reid, will be speaking that evening on "The World as We Know It." Be well and I look forward to seeing you in September.

Fraternaly,  
Robert Cook, PM  
Senior Warden

**STATED COMMUNICATION – THURSDAY, September 16, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.**

**“Senior Warden’s Night”**

***DRESS FOR OFFICERS, MEMBERS & GUESTS:***

Coat and Tie

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

**DINNER:** 6:00 PM (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 head-count)

**OPEN LODGE – 7:00 PM**

Regular Business

**PROGRAM:** Presentation by Brother John Reid - “The World as We Know It.”

**CLOSE LODGE**

**CALLED COMMUNICATIONS:**

None Scheduled at this time

**SPECIAL EVENTS:**

Thursday, September 16, 2021 – Metropolitan Lodge No. 11 Stated Communication

## **LODGE OF SORROW**

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

### **MANUEL GEORGE LOUPASSI**

**Born:** January 18, 1937

**Initiated an Entered Apprentice:** August 12, 1965

**Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft:** October 21, 1965

**Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason:** November 18, 1965 (Hellenic Lodge No. 249)

**Fifty Year Master Mason:** November 18, 2015

**Died:** August 25, 2021

To his family, we extend our most sincere sympathies and condolences.

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

Charles S. Sarbaugh, Heath W. Mayes, George H. Cooke III, Donnie R. Carter  
Claude A. Bass, Jr., Robert E. Pagini, 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  
Steven W. Sanford, John H. Hart

**ATTENDANCE – AUGUST 2021 STATED**

Past Masters – 18    Members – 9    Visitors – 9    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 – 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

## “Hero of the Two Worlds”

Born July 4, 1807 in Nice. He was an Italian general, politician and nationalist who played a large role in the history of Italy, considered one of the greatest generals of modern times and one of Italy’s “fathers of the fatherland”.

He has been called the “Hero of the Two Worlds” because of his military enterprises in Brazil, Uruguay and Europe. He commanded and fought military campaigns that led Italian unification.

Br. Giuseppe Garibaldi entered Freemasonry during exile, taking advantage of asylum the lodges offered to political refugees from European countries governed by despotic regimes. In 1844, was initiated in the “L’Asil de la Vertud” Lodge of Montevideo. Br. Garibaldi was eventually elected GM of the Grand Orient of Italy.



He was very popular in Italy and abroad, aided by exceptional international media coverage. Many of the greatest intellectuals of his time, Victor Hugo, Alexandre Dumas, and George Sand, showered him with admiration. The UK and the US helped him with financial and military support.

On his deathbed, Br. Garibaldi asked for his bed to be moved to where he could gaze at the sea. Upon his death on June 2, 1882, his wishes for a simple funeral and cremation were not respected. He was buried on his farm on the island of Caprera alongside his last wife and some of his children.

His unification of Italy reduced the Catholic Church’s rule of several papal states to only Vatican City, hence the likely hostility of the Pope to freemasonry at the time.

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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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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)