

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

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 6:00 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

April 13, 2018

Brethren,

Thanks to all who attended our April Stated Communication. We had another great turn out with 51 members and guests attending. It was nice to have Greg Burton, of ESPN radio back again to bring us up to date on the state of Sports in America, and the Richmond area in general.

We will honor our members who served in Law Enforcement, both past and present, at our May meeting. I would like for each person that has served as a LEO, to please bring a picture of yourself while in uniform, to be displayed in the dining room prior to our dinner gathering. I think it would be fun to see how handsome and intimidating you all were back in the day. Not that you aren't now!

Our guest speaker for May will be Andrew Freiden, Chief Meteorologist for NBC12. I will be presenting Andrew with a Community Builders Award for his service to the greater Richmond area.

The young ladies of Richmond Assembly #10, Rainbow Girls, will be having a baked goods sale prior to our dinner. I'm sure that they will have plenty of goodies that will go well with the ice cream that our caterer will provide. Please continue to support these young women, as our Lodge is their main sponsor.

Brethren, continue to keep our ill and distressed, our widows, those less fortunate, and our military, in your daily thoughts and prayers. May God bless each of you and your families.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Rick Kidd,
Worshipful Master

* * * * A SPECIAL NOTE FROM THE EAST * * * *

Brethren,

Our June Stated Meeting for this year has been designated "Bring A Friend Night". I know that's a couple of months away, but this could be one of the most significant meetings of the year and we need to be planning for it every day. Each of us probably knows at least one person that we think would make a good Mason. Invite that person to come to Lodge, share a meal and fellowship with us, learn something about our Craft, and what we as Masons believe in, and the comradery that we share. Hopefully that experience will generate enough interest on their part to want to petition our Lodge for membership.

Right now, we only have petition waiting for its second reading in Lodge. I have recently heard a Worshipful Masters of another Lodge say "we are initiating three Entered Apprentices next week!". What are they doing that we are not? Our Officers need new prospective members to keep their ritual skills sharp by working in the Three Degrees. The One Day Conferral can definitely add new members to our Lodge Roster, but we do not get the work needed to remain proficient.

Take a look around our Lodge Room at your next opportunity during one of our meetings. Look at the age of our current membership. It's my personal opinion that Masonry has a lot to offer a young man, let's promote ourselves and our great Fraternity. We need younger people to join our Lodges now more than ever before. As our Grand Master has stated, "We need to replace ourselves".

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Rick Kidd,
Worshipful Master

STATED COMMUNICATION – THURSDAY, May 10, 2018– 7:00 PM
Law Enforcement Appreciation Night

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

DINNER – 6:00 PM

Program – Andrew Freiden, Chief Meteorologist for NBC12 will be our Guest Speaker

OPEN LODGE – 7:00 PM

Regular Business

Program – Law Enforcement Recognition

CLOSE LODGE

OFFICERS, MEMBERS, & GUESTS: COAT AND TIE

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

CALLED COMMUNICATIONS:

NONE SCHEDULED FOR MAY

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Thursday, May 3, 2018 at 6:00 PM - Metropolitan Lodge Masonic Class at Scottish Rite Temple

Saturday May 19, 2018 at 7:05 PM - Squirrels Game with Scottish Rite - Celebrating the Craft

Monday, May 21, 2018 at 6:00 PM - Scottish Rite Stated Meeting, Scottish Rite Temple

Friday, May 25, 2018 at 11:45 AM – MAHOVA Bi-Monthly Lunch at the
Masonic Home of Virginia

Saturday, May 26, 2018 at 9:00 AM – Masters and Wardens Association at Westhampton
Lodge No. 302, Breakfast at 8:00 AM (All are welcome, **Officers are ENCOURAGED**)

Thursday, May 31, 2018 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM - Metropolitan Lodge Blood Drive,
Regency Mall Food Court

PAST MASTER HONOR ROLL – APRIL 2018

Gordon J. Morrow, Billy B. McLaughlin, Charles S. Sarbaugh, Heath W. Mayes, Wade V. Evans, Jr.
Kenneth A. Jacobson, George H. Cooke III, D. R. Carter, Claude A. Bass, Jr., Robert E. Pagani
John Q. Sheppard, V. Stuart Cook (PGM), J. Thomas Wadkins III, Christopher E. Loftus
John W. Edelin III, Lambros G. Deligan, Albert A. Dranoff, Daulton L. Carter
C. Meredith Richardson, Jr., Lothar A. Bernhard, Richard C. Kidd, Omer LaRochelle, Jr., John H. Hart

ATTENDANCE – APRIL 2018 STATED

Past Masters – 23 Members – 21 Visitors – 7 Total – 51

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

The Corps of Discovery

Commissioned by President Thomas Jefferson, the expedition would explore 4,162 miles from the Missouri River, across the Louisiana Purchase to the Pacific Ocean.

Br. William Clark, born in Caroline County Virginia, grew up in pre-statehood Kentucky.

Br. Meriwether Lewis, born in Albemarle County Virginia, graduated from Liberty Hall (now Washington and Lee University), joined the Virginia militia, and was involved in putting down the Whiskey Rebellion, later joined the US Army. Appointed as an aide by President Jefferson, whom he knew personally through Virginia society. When Jefferson began to formulate and plan the expedition, he chose Br. Lewis to lead the expedition.

Jefferson’s primary goal was to find "the most direct and practicable water communication across this continent, for the purposes of commerce”, they also made notable contributions to science.

After returning from the expedition, Br. Lewis received a reward of 1,600 acres of land. In 1807, Jefferson appointed him governor of the Louisiana Territory. He and several friends petitioned the Grand Lodge of PA dispensation to establish a lodge in St. Louis, he was to serve as the first Master (Lodge No. 111, September 16, 1808). He died in 1809 on his journey to deliver his journals to a Washington publisher.

Br. Clark served in a militia and as governor of the Missouri Territory, he served as Superintendent of Indian Affairs, died in St. Louis in 1838, the funeral procession stretched for more than a mile, cannons fired a military salute, the entire city mourned his passing.

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.

FROM THE TREASURER & SECRETARY

Brethren,

2018 is now upon us and this means a new period for dues payments with the dues for 2018 being \$ 155.00. Therefore, if any one has not paid the 2017 dues of \$145.00, please do so ASAP so that you will not become a total of \$300.00 in arrears. For those Brethren who only owe their 2018 dues, your Dues Cards have already been mailed with the expectation that you will send in your check immediately upon receipt of it if you have not already done so.

Your Dues should be remitted to:

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LIVING PAST MASTERS

Erhart, Jr, Charles Edward	1966	Bennett, Jr., George L.	1991	Robert E. Cook	2017
Brown, Platon A.	1968	Childrey, William E.	1992		
Hines, Elbert Richard	1968	Deligan, Lambros G. PDDGM	1992	<u>AFFILIATE PAST MASTERS</u>	
Olphin, Jr., Walter L.	1970	Cooke, III, George H.	1993	Anaya, Samuel Crawford	(#1982)
Kontopanos, John A., Jr.	1971	Howell, John W.	1994	Bernhard, Lothar Arthur	(#19)
Morrow, Gordon J.	1971	LaFemina, Keith G.	1995	Carter, Daulton L.	(#317)
Plotkin, Leonard	1972	Carter, Donnie R., PDDGM	1996	Dranoff, Albert Abe PDDGM	(#53)
Graham, George Tiffany	1974	Richardson, William S. PDDGM	1998	Grotz, Clifford C. Jr PDDGM	(#3)
McLaughlin, Billy B. PDDGM	1975	Bass, Jr., Claude A. PDDGM	1999	Hart, John H. PDDGM	(#302)
Yannis, Frank Y.	1975	Pagani, Robert E.	2000	Holmes, Ray W.	(#317)
Hiner, Henry L.	1978	Fitchett, Wayne E.	2002	Kidd, Richard C.	(#9)
Eichost, William T.	1979	Sheppard, John Q. PDDGM	2003	LaRochelle, Omer E. Jr.	(#244)
Whitlock, K. Wayne	1981	Absher, Barrye L. PDDGM	2005	Malbone, Theodore Irving	(#317)
Lyell, John C.	1983	McLaughlin, B. Kevin	2006	Martin, Frederick Garrison III, PGM	(#344)
Olphin, III, Walter L.	1984	Jones, Douglas V., PDDGM	2007	Owens, Edward Nelson	(#284)
Sarbaugh, Charles S. PDDGM	1985	Sykes, C. Thomas, PDDGM	2008	Richardson, Jr, C. Meredith	(#284)
Dixon, Johnnie L. PDDGM	1986 & 1996	Cook, V. Stuart PGM	2009	Rose, Daniel Lee PDDGM	(#161)
Mayes, Heath W.	1986	Wadkins, III, J. Thomas	2010-2011	Sanford, Steven Weldon PDDGM	(#4)
Houchins, Richard W.	1987	Loftus, Christopher E.	2012	Taylor, Robert Wright	(#317)
Wagner, Fredric P.	1987	W. Martin Myers	2013		
Evans, Jr., Wade V. PDDGM	1989	John W. Edelin, III	2014		
Jacobson, Kenneth A.	1990	Wade V. Evans, III	2015-2016		