METROPOLITAN LODGE NO. 11, A.F.&A.M.
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SEPTEMBER 2018 BULLETIN

TIME SENSITIVE MATERIAL – PLEASE DO NOT DELAY!

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

August 12, 2018

Brethren,

As August is typically one of the least attended meetings of the year mainly because a lot of families are taking vacation, I was pleasantly surprised by the large turnout of members and visitors that came out in support of our Junior Warden, Brother L. G. Bennett, who did an excellent job of presiding in the East as Worshipful Master. Brother Linwood has worked very hard this year to obtain his Wardens Certificate, and will be well prepared to lead our Lodge as it's Worshipful Master in 2020. I hope that everyone enjoyed our program by Juan Rodriguez, of The State Corporation Commission, on insurance fraud, as much as I did.

It was extremely nice to have Worshipful Brother Kevin McLaughlin with us in Lodge again. Worshipful Kevin has been struggling with some health issues and has been in our Thoughts and Prayers during his recovery. Welcome back Kevin!

Our Stated Meeting in September has been designated Senior Wardens Night, and Brother Jason Clemmer will assume the East. Brother Jason is another brother who has also been working very hard this year to fulfill the requirements necessary to obtain his Wardens Certificate and has recently accomplished that goal. This will allow him to be elected and installed, as your Worshipful Master in 2019. He has a great evening and a very interesting program planned for us.

Thanks again to all the brethren who made contributions over the past several months, that allowed our Lodge to once again qualify for the coveted Hermann Morlock Award.

Brethren, please keep our ill and distressed, our widows, those less fortunate, our men and women in uniform where ever so dispersed, our law enforcement officers, our firefighters and first responders, in your daily thoughts and prayers. May the Supreme Architect of the Universe, continue to bless each of you and your families.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Rick Kidd,
Worshipful Master

FROM THE WEST

August 14, 2018
Brethren,

Can you believe we are already going into September? The summer certainly has flown by! Our next stated communication is Senior Warden's night which means I am looking forward to presiding in the East. My speaker will be Worshipful Charles Berger, Worshipful Master of Glen Allen Lodge No. 131. I met Worshipful Charles a few years ago at Masters and Wardens. Worshipful Charles is a fine Mason, an accomplished tattoo artist, and a wonderful human being in general. Those who have met Worshipful Charles know he is extremely affable and easily approachable, hence, I approached him about giving me my first tattoo. He graciously agreed, and took a concept that had been floating around in my head for 10 years and turned it into a piece of art. The bond between you and your tattoo artist is not unlike the bond we have as Masons; as it bonds you together for life. A bond made stronger for me because Worshipful Charles and I are also Brothers. Worshipful Charles has kindly agreed to give his talk on Tattooing in Masonry to our Lodge and will be our speaker for Senior Warden's night. Please come out and learn about this interesting art form and its ties to our Craft.

Fraternally,
Brother Jason Clemmer
Senior Warden

STATED COMMUNICATION – THURSDAY, September 13, 2018– 7:00 PM
"SENIOR WARDEN'S NIGHT"

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

DINNER 6:00 PM

OPEN LODGE 7:00 PM
Regular Business
Program – Worshipful Charles Berger, Worshipful Master of Glen Allen Lodge No. 131
Tattooing in Masonry

CLOSE LODGE

OFFICERS, MEMBERS, & GUESTS: Lodge Polo Shirts and Khaki Slacks

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

CALLED COMMUNICATIONS:
NONE SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Saturday, August 18, 2018 at 6:00 PM - Grand Master's Official Visit to Masonic Districts 15-A, 15-B and 15-C at the Scottish Rite Temple
Thursday, September 13, 2018 at 6:00 PM - Metropolitan #11 Stated
Saturday, September 22, 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**)
Friday, September 28, 2018 at 11:45 AM - Lunch with the Residents of MAHOVA
Saturday, October 13, 2018 at 09:00 AM - Family Day at the Masonic Home of Virginia
Saturday, October 13, 2018 at 6:00 PM - Ladies' Night at Grapevine Restaurant - **TENTATIVE**

LADIES' NIGHT

Scheduling Ladies' Night has been a bit of a challenge this year due to conflicting Masonic events in October. The good news is that people want to come! As such, I will be polling those in attendance at our September stated to see which night works the best for the most people.

Right now, we are scheduled to go to the Grapevine on Saturday, October 13th and arrive at 6:00 PM. However, it was brought to my attention during the August Stated that this falls on the same day as Family Day at MAHOVA. Some brethren have raised concerns that it would prove difficult to make it to both events. We will vote on the following dates (assuming they remain available):

September 29th, October 6th, October 13th, October 20th, October 27th

I will also check with the restaurant to see if there is flexibility with the arrival time because moving the time back to 7:00 PM might make it easier for the brethren to attend on October 13th.

Ladies' Night Information:

Where:	The Grapevine (11005 Three Chopt Road, Richmond, Virginia 23233)
How Much:	$27.95 per person + tax + gratuity
When:	Tentatively scheduled for 6:00 PM, Saturday, October 13th

PAST MASTER HONOR ROLL – AUGUST 2018

Billy B. McLaughlin, Wade V. Evans, Jr., George H. Cooke, III, D. R. Carter
Claude A. Bass, Jr., John Q. Sheppard, Barrye L. Absher, B. Kevin McLaughlin
Christopher E. Loftus, John W. Edelin III, Wade V. Evans III, Robert E. Cook,
Fredric P. Wagner, William E. Childrey, Lambros G. Deligan, Albert A. Dranoff,
C. Meredith Richardson, Jr., Lothar A. Bernhard, Richard C. Kidd, Omer LaRochelle
John H. Hart

ATTENDANCE – AUGUST 2018 STATED

Past Masters – 21 Members – 18 Visitors – 7 Total – 46

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 – 52

"Freemasons and the French Revolution"

France's King Louis XVI saw the freemasons as a means of charitable works to benefit society, some French Masonic groups claim him as their own. He sent his navy and troops to help America win independence.

Afterward, France had a few years of crop failure, then a Revolution.

Robespierre began his Reign of Terror, accusing, arresting, then beheading: all the royalty; then the wealthy; then the farmers and businessmen; then those hoarding food; then the clergy, then the former revolutionaries.

Over 40,000 were beheaded in Paris.

300,000 were killed in a religious area in western France called the Vendee'. French officer Napoleon (some evidence that he was initiated into Army Philadelphe Lodge in 1798. His brothers, Joseph, Lucian, Louis and Jerome, were also Freemasons. Five of the six members of Napoleon's Grand Councel of the Empire were Freemasons, as were six of the nine Imperial Officers and 22 of the 30 Marshals of France) pleaded poor health so as to not participate.

French privateers ignored treaties and by 1798, had seized 300 American ships bound for British ports. Talleyrand, the French Minister of Foreign Affairs, demanded millions of dollars in bribes to leave America's ships alone.

Known as the XYZ Affair, the American commission of Charles Pinckney, M:. W:. Br. John Marshall (Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, from 1793-1795) and Br. Elbridge Gerry refused. The cry went across America, "Millions for defense, not a cent for tribute."

As war with France loomed, second President John Adams asked W:. Br. George Washington now retired at Mount Vernon, to again be Commander-in-Chief of the Army, which he accepted.

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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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	**AFFILIATE PAST MASTERS**	
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)
Eichost, William T.	1979	Sheppard, John Q. PDDGM	2003	Grotz, Clifford C. Jr PDDGM	(#3)
Whitlock, K. Wayne	1981	Absher, Barrye L. PDDGM	2005	Hart, John H. PDDGM	(#302)
Lyell, John C.	1983	McLaughlin, B. Kevin	2006	Holmes, Ray W.	(#317)
Olphin, III, Walter L.	1984	Jones, Douglas V., PDDGM	2007	Kidd, Richard C.	(#9)
Sarbaugh, Charles S. PDDGM	1985	Sykes, C. Thomas, PDDGM	2008	LaRochelle, Omer E. Jr.	(#244)
Dixon, Johnnie L. PDDGM	1986 & 1996	Cook, V. Stuart PGM	2009	Malbone, Theodore Irving	(#317)
Mayes, Heath W.	1986	Wadkins, III, J. Thomas	2010-2011	Martin, Frederick Garrison III, PGM	(#344)
Houchins, Richard W.	1987			Owens, Edward Nelson	(#284)
Wagner, Fredric P.	1987			Richardson, Jr, C. Meredith	(#284)
Evans, Jr., Wade V. PDDGM	1989			Rose, Daniel Lee PDDGM	(#161)
				Sanford, Steven Weldon PDDGM	(#4)
				Taylor, Robert Wright	(#317)