

**METROPOLITAN LODGE NO. 11, A.F.&A.M.**

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**APRIL 2024 BULLETIN**

**TIME SENSITIVE MATERIAL – PLEASE DO NOT DELAY!**



**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: 2024 – \$165.00**

**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 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

April 1, 2024

Brethren,

Those of you that attended our March stated meeting enjoyed a delicious dinner prepared and served by Wor. Robert Cook, and also had the privilege of hearing Wor. Paul Rinko present a program on the Virginia Ritual. I thought Wor. Paul's talk was very informative, and I am motivated to redouble my efforts to become more proficient in our ritual. For any that want to practice but have trouble making ritual class at Varina 272, please contact me and I will be happy to discuss alternatives.

Winter appears to be leaving earlier than usual this year, and with the longer days already beginning, many of us are spending more time outdoors. I am working with some other Worshipful Masters to schedule a group trip of Masons to a Flying Squirrels game, details to follow in the near future.

Our next stated meeting will be on Thursday, April 18th, and our program will be provided by Richmond Assembly #10 Rainbow Girls. Come out and learn more about the hard work and service projects in which these young ladies are involved! Dress for officers and members will be coat and tie.

Be safe, my brothers, I look forward to seeing you at our April meeting.

Sincerely and Fraternaly

Bro. Ashley Thomas  
Worshipful Master

## FROM YOUR SECRETARY

We are approaching the 4th month of the year and there are several who haven't paid their 2024 dues as well as some who still owe for 2023. Let this be a friendly reminder to take care of your obligations to the craft. Also, keep in mind this will be my **last year as Secretary** for Metropolitan Lodge No. 11 and someone will need to step up and assume the mantle.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,  
Brother Hank Payne, Secretary

**STATED COMMUNICATION – THURSDAY, April 18, 2024– 7:00 P.M.**

***OFFICERS, MEMBERS & GUESTS:*** Business Attire (Coat and Tie)

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

**DINNER: 6:00 PM**

**OPEN LODGE – 7:00 PM**

Regular Business

**PROGRAM: Richmond Assembly #10 of International  
Order of the Rainbow for Girls**

Conclude Business

**CLOSE LODGE**

**CALLED COMMUNICATIONS:**

None Scheduled at this time

**SPECIAL EVENTS:**

Saturday, April 6, 2024 - Rainbow Girls Ritual Competition,  
Newport News, VA - 10am to 5pm

Tuesday, April 9, 2024 – Rainbow #10 meeting at Varina #272 starting at 7:30pm

Friday, April 12, 2024 - Grand Master's official visit to District 15A and 15B  
at St. Andrew's United Methodist Church, 6:00 PM

Wednesday, April 17, 2024 – Masters and Wardens Association  
Glen Allen Lodge No. 131  
Dinner at 6:00 PM  
Meeting Starts at 06:45 PM

Thursday, April 18, 2024 – Metropolitan Lodge No. 11 Stated Communication

Tuesday, April 23, 2024 - Rainbow #10 meeting at Varina #272 starting at 7:30pm

# **LODGE OF SORROW**

Brethren,

Since our last Stated Communication. the Supreme Architect of the Universe has seen fit to call one of our Brothers Home to the Celestial Lodge Above:

## **CHARLES THOMAS SYKES**

Born: March 24, 1946  
Initiated and Entered Apprentice: January 16, 2002  
Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft: February 21, 2002  
Raised to the Sublime Degree of  
Master Mason: March 6, 2002  
Worshipful Master: 2008  
District Deputy Grand Master 15B: 2013  
Died: February 29, 2024

**To his family we extend our deepest condolences.**

### **PAST MASTER HONOR ROLL – March 2024 STATED**

Heath W. Mayes, Donnie R. Carter, Claude A. “Buddy” Bass, Robert E. Pagani  
John Q. Sheppard, V. Stuart Cook (PGM), Christopher E. Loftus, John W. Edelin III  
Linwood G. Bennett, Jr., George H. Cooke III, Robert E. Cook,  
C. Ashley Thomas, Jr., Lambros G. Deligan, Albert A. Dranoff, Lothar A. Bernhard  
Steven W. Sanford

**ATTENDANCE – March 2024 STATED**

Past Masters – 16 Members – 7 Visitors – 3 Total – 26

**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 – 33, 2022 – 34, 2023 – 32, – 2024 – 29

**Metropolitan Lodge No. 11  
 Masonic Birthdays for April 2024**

Member Name	Masonic Birthday	Years
Athas, Nicholas George	4/23/1964	60
Bernhard, Lothar Arthur, Sr	4/29/1966	58
Chavis, Grady, Jr	4/25/1983	41
Coffey, Donald Emerson	4/23/1968	56
Coleman, Joseph Morgan	4/16/1975	49
Cooke, George Harris, III	4/30/1981	43
Dixon, Johnnie Larry	4/5/1977	47
Ferrell, Jerry Otis, Jr	4/16/1990	34
Fulton, Daniel Leon	4/30/1979	45
Goodman, James Franklin, Jr	4/26/1983	41
Hart, John Henry	4/12/1954	70
Henss, Dieter Thomas	4/28/2022	2
Henderson, Gray Coates	4/20/1993	31
Fager, James Elliot	4/19/2012	12
Honts, Floyd Bernard, Jr	4/28/1982	42
Jacobson, Kenneth Allen	4/20/1985	39
Jones, Douglas V.	4/6/2002	22
Jones, Larry Buford	4/26/1995	29
Mayes, Heath Watson	4/30/1979	45
Powers, Kenneth Wayne	4/20/1970	54
Sarbaugh, Charles S.	4/27/1977	47
Saleeba, David F, Jr	4/5/1966	58
Williams, William Armistead, Jr	4/12/1980	44
<b>Total Masonic Years</b>		<b>1,008</b>

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### LIVING PAST MASTERS

Brown, Platon A.	1968	Bass, Jr., Claude A. PDDGM	1999	Jason D. Clemmer	2019
Olphin, Jr., Walter L.	1970	Pagani, Robert E.	2000	Linwood G. Bennett, Jr.	2020-2021
Kontopanos, John A., Jr.	1971	Fitchett, Wayne E.	2002		
Plotkin, Leonard	1972	Sheppard, John Q. PDDGM	2003	<b>AFFILIATE PAST MASTERS</b>	
McLaughlin, Billy B. PDDGM	1975	Absher, Barrye L. PDDGM	2005	Bernhard, Lothar Arthur	(#19)
Hiner, Henry L.	1978	Jones, Douglas V., PGM	2007	Carter, Daulton L.	(#317)
Whitlock, K. Wayne	1981	Sykes, C. Thomas, PDDGM	2008	Dranoff, Albert Abe PDDGM	(#53)
Sarbaugh, Charles S. PDDGM	1985	Cook, V. Stuart, PGM	2009	Hart, John H. PDDGM	(#302)
Dixon, Johnnie L. PDDGM	1986 & 1996	Wadkins, III, J. Thomas, PDDGM	2010-2011	Holmes, Ray W.	(#317)
Mayes, Heath W.	1986	Loftus, Christopher E.	2012	Kidd, Richard C., PDDGM	(#9)
Bennett, Jr., George L.	1991	W. Martin Myers	2013	LaRochelle, Omer E. Jr., PDDGM	(#244)
Childrey, William E.	1992	John W. Edelin, III	2014	Malbone, Theodore Irving	(#317)
Deligan, Lambros G. PDDGM	1992	Wade V. Evans, III	2015-2016	Martin, Frederick Garrison III, PGM	(#344)
Cooke, III, George H.	1993 & 2021	Robert E. Cook	2017 & 2022	Rose, Daniel Lee PDDGM	(#161)
LaFemina, Keith G.	1995	Rick C. Kidd, PDDGM	2018	Sanford, Steven Weldon PDDGM	(#4)
Carter, Donnie R., PDDGM	1996			Taylor, Robert Wright	(#317)