

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

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DECEMBER 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**

November 12, 2018

Brethren,

This will be my final message to you as your Worshipful Master, my year in the East has come to an end all too quickly. I want to thank each of you for the confidence and support that you have given to me this year. I am truly humbled, honored, and blessed, to have been elected Worshipful Master for 2018, and to serve Metropolitan Lodge No. 11.

At our December Stated Meeting, we will Elect and Install, in a public ceremony, the officers that will lead our Lodge in 2019. I can assure you that we have in place a solid line of young men to lead us not only into the new year, but in the years to follow as well. They have all worked very hard to prepare themselves for the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead, and I ask that you support them as you have so faithfully supported me. We will also remember those who have gone to the Celestial Lodge above at our annual Lodge of Sorrow.

Thank you to all who attended our November Stated, where we honored and saluted our Military Veterans, both past and present. A special thank you to Right Worshipful Charlie Sarbaugh for delivering a very informative program on the history of Veterans Day, when it began, and why it is celebrated. Also, for a very moving and inspirational Toast to the Flag of our country.

May each of you and your families have a blessed Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas, or Hanukkah, and a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous, New Year. Please keep our Police, Fire fighters, First responders, our men and women in uniform, wherever so dispersed, and especially those ill and less fortunate in your daily thoughts and prayers during this holiday season.

Sincerely and Fraternally,  
Richard C. Kidd, DDGM, District 15-A  
Worshipful Master

## **FROM THE WEST**

Greetings Brethren!

The chill in the air reminds us it is not too soon to be thinking about the holiday season. As such, I am writing to ask for you and your families' help during our annual Christmas party at the Masonic Home of Virginia. This is one of my favorite events of the year! My ask is twofold. One, come out on December 14th and partake in some service and fellowship with your fellow brothers and MAHOVA residents. Two, prepare (or purchase) and bring some treats for the residents with you. In years past there have been cookies, pies, cakes, and other delicious treats to share with the residents.

Details:

Date: December 14<sup>th</sup>  
Time: Arrive at 5:30 pm  
Place: 500 Masonic Ln, Richmond, VA 23223  
Room: Main dining hall  
Dress: Business Casual

Schedule of Events:

5:45 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. - Prepare food and drink for distribution  
6:30 p.m. - Presentation of the check from Metropolitan No. 11 to the activity fund  
6:35 p.m. - Distribute food and mingle with the residents  
7:30 p.m. - Help clean-up

**STATED COMMUNICATION – Thursday, December 13, 2018  
ELECTION & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

***OFFICERS DRESS*** – Tuxedos w/Black Accessories

***MEMBERS & GUESTS:*** Please wear Business Attire (Coat & Tie)

**THE NO. 11 CLASS OF INSTRUCTION WILL NOT MEET IN DECEMBER**

**OPEN LODGE – 5:00 PM**

Regular Business  
Annual Reports – Secretary, Audit, Trustees  
Lodge Memorial Service  
Close Lodge of Sorrow

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2019**

**BREAK FOR DINNER AT APPROXIMATELY 6:00 PM**

**OPEN INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FOR 2019**

Open Lodge of Sorrow  
Appoint Grand Lodge proxies  
Conclude Business

**CLOSE LODGE**

**CALLED COMMUNICATIONS:**

Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at 6:00 PM - Work in the Entered Apprentice Degree

**SPECIAL EVENTS:**

Friday - November 16, 2018 at Tuckahoe Lodge No. 347 - Past Master's Degree

Saturday - November 17, 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)

**VERY IMPORTANT MEETING  
AS THE PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES  
WILL BE VOTED ON**

(A Link to the proposed changes can be found on the home page of MetropolitanLodge.com)

Monday - November 26, 2018 at 6:00 PM - Reception of the newly installed  
Grand Master, William E. Hershey, Jr. at The Richmond Valley of the  
Scottish Rite, Scottish Rite Temple, 4204 Hermitage Road

Monday, December 3, 2018 at 6:00 PM - Required Practice for 2018 Installation

Saturday, December 8, 2018 at 9AM to Noon - Lodge clean-up day

Thursday, December 13, 2018 - Metropolitan Lodge No. 11 Stated Communication  
Election and installation of 2019 Officers

Friday, December 14, 2018 - Metropolitan Lodge No. 11 Annual Christmas Party at  
The Masonic Home of Virginia (See From the West)

**PAST MASTER HONOR ROLL – NOVEMBER 2018**

Walter L. Olphin, Jr., Charles S. Sarbaugh, Heath W. Mayes, Wade V. Evans, Jr.  
George H. Cooke III, Donnie R. Carter, John Q. Sheppard, Barrye L. Absher  
Christopher E. Loftus, John W. Edelin III, Wade V. Evans III, Robert E. Cook  
Lambros G. Deligan, Albert A. Dranoff, Daulton L. Carter, Steven W. Sanford  
Richard C. Kidd, Omer “Larry” LaRochelle, Jr., John H. Hart

**ATTENDANCE – NOVEMBER 2018 STATED**

Past Masters – 19    Members – 13    Visitors – 6    Total – 38

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

**“Father of Modern speculative Freemasonry”**

The French-born astronomer, scientist, natural philosopher and Protestant clergyman, Rev. John Theophilus Desaguliers has been credited with the invention of the planetarium and is also took steam engine design further through the addition of a safety valve.

Influenced by Sir Isaac Newton, whom he was an assistant to, the Oxford-educated Desaguliers chose to settle in England. He was elected to a Fellowship at the Royal Society in 1714.

He was also an extremely prominent Freemason and a major force both in collating the early history of the society and in attracting noblemen the Premier Grand Lodge of England.

Mystery shrouds his connection with Freemasonry up to 1719, when he was elected the third Grand Master. Br. Desaguliers was peculiarly zealous in the investigation and collection of the old records of freemasonry, and for the preservation of the Charges of a Freemason and the preparation of the General Regulations, which are found in the first edition of the Constitutions; which, although attributed to Dr. Anderson, were undoubtedly compiled under his supervision.

After his retirement as GM, he was three times appointed Deputy GM: in 1723, by the Duke of Wharton; in June 1723, by the Earl of Dalkeith; in 1725, by Lord Paisley. He initiated the charity which developed into what is now known in the GL of England as the Fund of Benevolence.

M.: W.: Br. Desaguliers, who appears to have invested more time in science and Freemasonry than he did in the clergy, has been called the “Father of Modern speculative Freemasonry.”

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**LIVING PAST MASTERS**

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		
Graham, George Tiffany	1974	Carter, Donnie R., PDDGM	1996	<b><u>AFFILIATE PAST MASTERS</u></b>	
McLaughlin, Billy B. PDDGM	1975	Bass, Jr., Claude A. PDDGM	1999	Anaya, Samuel Crawford	(#1982)
Yannis, Frank Y.	1975	Pagani, Robert E.	2000	Bernhard, Lothar Arthur	(#19)
Hiner, Henry L.	1978	Fitchett, Wayne E.	2002	Carter, Daulton L.	(#317)
Whitlock, K. Wayne	1981	Sheppard, John Q. PDDGM	2002	Dranoff, Albert Abe PDDGM	(#53)
Lyell, John C.	1983	Absher, Barrye L. PDDGM	2003	Grotz, Clifford C. Jr PDDGM	(#3)
Olphin, III, Walter L.	1984	McLaughlin, B. Kevin	2005	Hart, John H. PDDGM	(#302)
Sarbaugh, Charles S. PDDGM	1985	Jones, Douglas V., PDDGM	2006	Holmes, Ray W.	(#317)
Dixon, Johnnie L. PDDGM	1986 & 1996	Sykes, C. Thomas, PDDGM	2007	Kidd, Richard C., DDGM	(#9)
Mayes, Heath W.	1986	Cook, V. Stuart PGM	2008	LaRochelle, Omer E. Jr.	(#244)
Houchins, Richard W.	1987	Wadkins, III, J. Thomas, DDGM	2009	Malbone, Theodore Irving	(#317)
Wagner, Fredric P.	1987		2010-2011	Martin, Frederick Garrison III, PGM	(#344)
Evans, Jr., Wade V. PDDGM	1989			Owens, Edward Nelson	(#284)
				Richardson, Jr, C. Meredith	(#284)
				Rose, Daniel Lee PDDGM	(#161)
				Sanford, Steven Weldon PDDGM	(#4)
				Taylor, Robert Wright	(#317)