

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: 2019 – \$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 Senior Steward, 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 21, 2019

Greetings Brethren:

This year and my time in the East is quickly coming to an end. I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your support of Metropolitan Lodge No. 11 during 2019. This year we focused on navigating change and making an impact on our community. I think we have been successful in both.

Metropolitan has made an impact on the community this year. We had challenges getting Brethren out into the community, however, we did make an impact by donating almost \$6,800 to different charities and scholarships. I hope the Lodge will be able to mobilize itself to be more present in the community in the coming months and years. We have also done an excellent job of being flexible in the face of change. The Past Masters did a wonderful job helping us fill two more chairs for next year. This has gone a long way to strengthen our line. There is much work left to be done in this area, so please continue to support the Lodge and your incoming Worshipful Master.

Metropolitan has also done our best to navigate the potential sale of the Scottish Rite Temple. The Board of Trustees has started the process of finding buyers/homes for some of our furniture and furnishings. Additionally, they have worked with me to investigate potential new facilities for our Lodge. They have also reviewed our investments to make sure we are getting the best possible return while remaining good stewards of our assets. Please thank them for their efforts the next time you see them.

Finally, we worked together to right-size our committees and have put renewed attention on our scholarships as a result. I am looking forward to the good things the chairman of the Scholarship Committee will do to revitalize this important community outreach.

I would like to close by thanking you for supporting me. I ask you give as much support to the incoming Master as you have given me. There are several challenges ahead, but working together, we can continue to improve the health of Metropolitan Lodge No. 11 and ensure that some of its best days are yet to come!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Jason D. Clemmer
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 our favorite events of the year! My ask is twofold. One, come out on December 13th 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 13th

Time: Arrive at 6:00 pm

Place: 500 Masonic Ln, Richmond, VA 23223

Room: Main dining hall

Dress: Business Casual

Schedule of Events:

6:00 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. - Prepare food and drink for distribution

6:35 p.m. - Distribute food and mingle with the residents

7:30 p.m. - Help clean-up

STATED COMMUNICATION – Thursday, December 12, 2019
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 2020

BREAK FOR DINNER AT APPROXIMATELY 6:00 PM

OPEN INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FOR 2020

Open Lodge of Sorrow
Appoint Grand Lodge proxies
Conclude Business

CLOSE LODGE

Reception afterwards

CALLED COMMUNICATIONS:

None Scheduled at this time

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Thursday, December 5, 2019 at 5:30 PM - Required Practice for 2019 Installation

Thursday, December 12, 2019 - Metropolitan Lodge No. 11 Stated Communication
Election and installation of 2020 Officers

Friday, December 13, 2019 - Metropolitan Lodge No. 11 Annual Christmas Party at
The Masonic Home of Virginia (See From the West)

PAST MASTER HONOR ROLL – NOVEMBER 2019

Heath W. Mayes, George H. Cook III, Donnie R. Carter, Claude A. Bass, Jr.,
John Q. Sheppard, Barrye L. Absher, V. Stuart Cook (PGM), J. Thomas Wadkins, III
Christopher E. Loftus, W. Martin Myers, John W. Edelin III, Richard C. Kidd
Albert A. Dranoff, Daulton L. Carter, Steven W. Sanford, John H. Hart

ATTENDANCE – NOVEMBER 2019 STATED

Past Masters – 16 Members – 14 Visitors – 4 Total – 34

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

“Nobel Prize for “Mould Juice”

He was born in Scotland in 1881. In 1903 he enrolled in St. Mary’s Hospital Medical School, received a Bachelor of Medicine, and Bachelor of Surgery degrees in 1906.

Br. Sir Alexander Fleming was initiated into Sancta Maria Lodge No 2682, London, 1909 and served as Junior Grand Warden of the United Grand Lodge of England, 1942.

He was a member of the London Scottish Regiment, 1900 to 1914, served throughout WW- I as an Army Doctor. During the war he published a paper on his observations that antiseptics used were often caused more harm than good. Unfortunately, Army surgeons took little notice.

In 1927, he begun research into Staphylococci. In 1928, he returned from vacation and noticed that one of the samples was contaminated by a mould which destroyed the culture. Br. Fleming referred to the substance as “Mould Juice”. He would eventually start calling it the more familiar “penicillin”.

Br. Fleming would share the Nobel Prize with the two men who developed the techniques to mass produce Penicillin.

Awards flowed as he continued his work: Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, elected Professor of the medical school at St Mary’s, Fellow of the Royal Society and the College of Physicians, emeritus professor of bacteriology at the University of London, knighted in 1944, and given doctorates and degrees from almost 30 European and American universities.

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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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LIVING PAST MASTERS

Brown, Platon A.	1968	Childrey, William E.	1992
Hines, Elbert Richard	1968	Deligan, Lambros G. PDDGM	1992
Olphin, Jr., Walter L.	1970	Cooke, III, George H.	1993
Kontopanos, John A., Jr.	1971	LaFemina, Keith G.	1995
Morrow, Gordon J.	1971	Carter, Donnie R., PDDGM	1996
Plotkin, Leonard	1972	Bass, Jr., Claude A. PDDGM	1999
Graham, George Tiffany	1974	Pagani, Robert E.	2000
McLaughlin, Billy B. PDDGM	1975	Fitchett, Wayne E.	2002
Yannis, Frank Y.	1975	Sheppard, John Q. PDDGM	2003
Hiner, Henry L.	1978	Absher, Barrye L. PDDGM	2005
Whitlock, K. Wayne	1981	Jones, Douglas V., GM	2007
Lyell, John C.	1983	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	Myers, W. Martin	2013
Wagner, Fredric P.	1987	Edlin, III, John W.	2014
Evans, Jr., Wade V. PDDGM	1989	Evans, III, Wade V.	2015-2016
Jacobson, Kenneth A.	1990	Cook, Robert E.	2017
Bennett, Jr., George L.	1991	Kidd, Rick C., PDDGM	2018

AFFILIATE PAST MASTERS

Bernhard, Lothar Arthur	(#19)
Carter, Daulton L.	(#317)
Dranoff, Albert Abe PDDGM	(#53)
Grotz, Clifford C. Jr PDDGM	(#3)
Hart, John H. PDDGM	(#302)
Holmes, Ray W.	(#317)
LaRochelle, Omer E. Jr.	(#244)
Malbone, Theodore Irving	(#317)
Martin, Frederick Garrison III, PGM	(#344)
Owens, Edward Nelson	(#284)
Rose, Daniel Lee PDDGM	(#161)
Sanford, Steven Weldon PDDGM	(#4)
Taylor, Robert Wright	(#317)