

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

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**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: 2022 – \$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

Brethren,

Thank you for electing me to again serve you as your Worshipful Master. The scripture teaches us that, to whom much is given, much will be required. We are richly blessed and I hope you enter 2022 resolved to share your blessings. I ask each of you to share with your family and friends the positive impact Masonry has had on your life. If we are to be a shining light on a hill, we cannot hide our Masonic light under a basket. As I reflect on those the Supreme Architect of the Universe has called to the Celestial Lodge above this past month, I immediately think about the positive impact they each had on our lodge and our lives. The way we continue living our Masonic lives is an opportunity to honor their memory. Don't let this opportunity pass!

I would be remiss if I did not congratulate two of our members who received special awards during our December Stated from Worshipful George H. Cooke, III; Worshipful Lothar A. Bernhard, Sr. was the recipient of the coveted William Dee Ellen Award, and Brother C. Ashley Thomas, Jr. received the Outstanding Line Officer of the Year award for 2021. Congratulations to both of these fine Brethren.

My personal goal for this year is to have good speakers, good meals, and take time to enjoy our fellowship each time we meet. We have one man who will soon begin his masonic journey; we'll have a called meeting to initiate him as an Entered Apprentice. May more men ask to join our craft this year.

On December 27th, we'll celebrate St. John the Evangelist night by visiting Manchester Lodge #14, at the Masonic Temple, 6787 Forest Hill Avenue, Richmond. This is our traditional visit to commemorate "Possum Night", with dinner at 6:00 pm and lodge opening at 7:00 pm. We'll provide the doves (chicken tenders) to honor the tradition started by our brethren of Dove #51 many years ago and enjoy the entertainment of our Manchester brethren.

We'll kick off 2022 with our January 20th stated meeting and the official visit by the District Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Whit Hanscom. Please come out and support our DDGM as he has been very busy working to ensure that all the lodges in the district receive the leadership and support required.

The speaker for our February 17th stated meeting will be Dr. and Brother Altory Miranda, Jr., MD, who will discuss the preventive medical care that is critical as we age.

In closing, may the blessings of God be upon all of you and your families during this especially joyous time of year. To each and every one, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,  
Robert E. Cook  
Worshipful Master

**STATED COMMUNICATION – THURSDAY, January 20, 2022 – 7:00 P.M.**

**“Official Visit by our District Deputy Grand Master”**

*OFFICERS DRESS* – Tuxedos w/Black Accessories

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

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

**OPEN LODGE – 7:00 PM**

Regular Business

Program – Official Visit by Right Worshipful Whit Hanscom, District Deputy Grand Master for  
Masonic District 15-A

Conclude Business

**CLOSE LODGE**

**CALLED COMMUNICATIONS:**

None Scheduled at this time

**SPECIAL EVENTS:**

Thursday, January 20, 2022 – Metropolitan Lodge No. 11 Stated Communication

Thursday, February 17, 2022 – Metropolitan Lodge No. 11 Stated Communication  
Dr. and Brother Altory Miranda, Jr., MD,  
Preventive Medical Care as we age

Meet our new Junior Deacon



Randy Clouse

See all of our newly installed officers at <http://metropolitanlodge.com/officers.html>

**LODGE OF SORROW**

The Supreme Architect of the Universe has seen fit to call two of our Brothers from our midst:

**WADE VESTEL EVANS, JR.      DENNIS WATKINS MCALISTER**

<b>Born:</b>	October 20, 1931	May 26, 1951
<b>Initiated an Entered Apprentice:</b>	May 4, 1971	February 16, 1983
<b>Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft:</b>	June 1, 1971	March 24, 1983
<b>Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason:</b>	July 8, 1971	April 27, 1983
<b>Worshipful Master:</b>	1989	
<b>District Deputy Grand Master for Masonic District 15-A</b>	1993	
<b>50 Year Masonic Veteran:</b>	July 8, 2021	
<b>Died:</b>	December 18, 2021	December 6, 2021

To their families, we extend our most sincere sympathies and condolences.

**PAST MASTER HONOR ROLL – DECEMBER 2021 STATED**

Charles S. Sarbaugh, Heath W. Mayes, George H. Cooke III, Keith G. LaFemina  
Donnie R. Carter, Claude A. “Buddy” Bass, Jr., Robert E. Pagani, Wayne E. Fitchett  
John Q. Sheppard, V. Stuart Cook PGM, J. Thomas Wadkins III, Christopher E. Loftus  
Robert E. Cook, Linwood G. Bennett, Jr., Lambros G. Deligan, Albert A. Dranoff  
Lothar A. Bernhard, Steven W. Sanford

**ATTENDANCE – DECEMBER 2021 STATED**

Past Masters – 18    Members – 11    Visitors – 8    Total – 37

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

**FROM YOUR SECRETARY**

Brethren,

The dues notices for 2022 have been mailed. If you are current in your dues then your new dues card was mailed with your notice. If you are in arrears in your dues then the dues card for 2022 was **NOT** mailed with your dues notice.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,  
Brother Henry “Hank” C. Payne, Secretary

### “The First Grand Master”

Anthony Sayer was born in 1672 in London and was a bookseller living in the St. Giles Fields area of the city. He was elected as Grand Master for a period of one year by the Freemasons who inaugurated the Premier Grand Lodge on St. John Baptist's Day, June 24, 1717.

He further served Grand Lodge as Senior Grand Warden under John Theophilus Desaguliers.

"We also find the name among the worthies of the Old King's Arms Lodge, No. 28, London, England, the name of that somewhat elusive character, Anthony Sayer, the first Grand Master of England, about whom less definite information is known than any of his successors in that high office."



He seems to have fallen on difficult times, probably falling foul of the "South Sea Bubble", like many of his contemporaries. He petitioned Grand Lodge for charity in 1724, 1730, and 1741. He also twice received assistance from the Old Kings Arms lodge, which he served as Tyler, or outer guard.

By 1730, M.: W.: Br. Sayer was accused by fellow brothers of 'acting incorrectly' while serving as Tyler for the Lodge of Friendship and Old King's Arms Lodge. After being summoned to the Grand Lodge to explain himself, he was let off with a warning and was told not to break Masonic rules again.

Whatever his difficulties, he retained a great deal of respect amongst his brother Freemasons.

His death is recorded in the minutes of the Old Kings Arms lodge in the month prior to January 6 1742 which states:

"A few days since died, aged about 70 years, Mr. Anthony Sayer, who was Grand Master of the most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons in 1717. His corpse was followed by a great number of Gentlemen of that Honorable Society of the best Quality, from the Shakespears Head Tavern in the Piazza in Covent Garden and decently interr'd in Covent-Garden church."

Br. Sayre he was laid to rest at St Paul's Church, Covent Garden. His funeral service was well attended by Freemasons and his wife was given a contribution by the fraternity.

Sayer's life and journey as a Freemason is seen as symbolic of what's possible for ordinary men who join the Craft. He came from a modest background and rose to prominence to serve as the first Master Mason. He was regarded as a man of great integrity and humility, and showed fortitude in the face of hardship and adversity.

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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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James F. Hardee, PM	(C) 640-8953	(E) varinajim53@gmail.com . . . . .	Tiler

## LIVING PAST MASTERS

Brown, Platon A.	1968	LaFemina, Keith G.	1995	Jason D. Clemmer	2019
Hines, Elbert Richard	1968	Carter, Donnie R., PDDGM	1996	Linwood G. Bennett, Jr.	2020-2021
Olphin, Jr., Walter L.	1970	Bass, Jr., Claude A. PDDGM	1999		
Kontopanos, John A., Jr.	1971	Pagani, Robert E.	2000	<b>AFFILIATE PAST MASTERS</b>	
Plotkin, Leonard	1972	Fitchett, Wayne E.	2002		
Graham, George Tiffany	1974	Sheppard, John Q. PDDGM	2003	Bernhard, Lothar Arthur	(#19)
McLaughlin, Billy B. PDDGM	1975	Absher, Barrye L. PDDGM	2005	Carter, Daulton L.	(#317)
Hiner, Henry L.	1978	Jones, Douglas V., PGM	2007	Dranoff, Albert Abe PDDGM	(#53)
Whitlock, K. Wayne	1981	Sykes, C. Thomas, PDDGM	2008	Hart, John H. PDDGM	(#302)
Olphin, III, Walter L.	1984	Cook, V. Stuart, PGM	2009	Holmes, Ray W.	(#317)
Sarbaugh, Charles S. PDDGM	1985	Wadkins, III, J. Thomas, PDDGM	2010-2011	Kidd, Richard C., PDDGM	(#9)
Dixon, Johnnie L. PDDGM	1986 & 1996	Loftus, Christopher E.	2012	LaRochelle, Omer E. Jr., PDDGM	(#244)
Mayes, Heath W.	1986	W. Martin Myers	2013	Malbone, Theodore Irving	(#317)
Bennett, Jr., George L.	1991	John W. Edelin, III	2014	Martin, Frederick Garrison III, PGM	(#344)
Childrey, William E.	1992	Wade V. Evans, III	2015-2016	Rose, Daniel Lee PDDGM	(#161)
Deligan, Lambros G. PDDGM	1992	Robert E. Cook	2017	Sanford, Steven Weldon PDDGM	(#4)
Cooke, III, George H.	1993 & 2021	Rick C. Kidd, PDDGM	2018	Taylor, Robert Wright	(#317)