

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

Henry C. Payne, Secretary
4013 Old Creek Rd
Chesterfield, VA 23832-8387

Address Service Requested

JULY 2023 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: 2023 – \$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

July 4, 2023

Brethren,

We had a nice turnout for our June stated meeting, and again shared a tasty meal as well as an interesting program on St. John the Baptizer by RW Donald Traser. Our newest Master Mason, Charlie Howe, received his apron and the brethren signed his Masonic Bible. A thanks also to RW Tom Wadkins who shared well documented information on the health of our lodge – brethren, we have work to do!

Metropolitan 11 will be traveling again for our July 20th stated meeting, which will take place at Ashland 168 located at 212 England Street in Ashland, Virginia. Social hour starts at 5:30pm, dinner at 6pm, and lodge will open at 7pm. **PLEASE NOTE** – dinner is \$15.00. I need a head count by July 13th so the caterer can prepare for our dinner. Send me an email to ashthomasjr@gmail.com if you are coming. The Rainbow Girls will also be present for a bake sale, so bring a dollar or two if you can for some tasty treats.

Dress code for our joint communication with Ashland 168 is lodge polo shirts. Worshipful Bill Fussell , the newly named Rainbow State Dad, will have some Rainbow news for us, and I will stand for my Master Mason’s catechism. I look forward to seeing and greeting you all for this stated meeting.

Until then, as they say on one of my favorite podcasts, “take care of yourself, and if you can, someone else too”.

Sincerely and Fraternaly

Bro. Ashley Thomas
Worshipful Master

PLEASE RSVP FOR DINNER AT OUR JULY STATED MEETING WITH ASHLAND 168 (cost is \$15) BY THURSDAY, JULY 13

Send me an email to ashthomasjr@gmail.com if you are coming!

***ANY BROTHER INTERESTED IN PURCHASING A METROPOLITAN 11 LODGE SHIRT PLEASE SEE OR CALL WORSHIPFUL.**

A note from your Secretary, Brother Hank Payne:

The year is half over and there are some who have yet to pay their 2023 dues. Please get this taken care of so there is no danger of forgetting and being cited next year for non-payment of dues.

STATED COMMUNICATION – THURSDAY, July 20, 2023 – 7:00 P.M.

**Joint Communication with Ashland Lodge No. 168
AT Ashland Lodge**

OFFICERS, MEMBERS & GUESTS: Lodge Polo Shirts

ASSEMBLE: Ashland Lodge No. 168, 212 England Street, Ashland, Virginia at 5:30 PM

DINNER: 6:00 PM

OPEN LODGE – 7:00 PM

Regular Business

PROGRAM: Worshipful Ashley Thomas will stand for his Master Mason's Catechism

Conclude Business

CLOSE LODGE

CALLED COMMUNICATIONS:

None Scheduled at this time

SPECIAL EVENTS:

- Saturday, July 15, 2023 – Masters and Wardens Association
Tuckahoe Masonic Temple, 5500 Bethlehem Road
Breakfast at 08:00 AM Meeting at 08:45 AM
- Thursday, July 20, 2023 – Metropolitan Lodge No. 11 Stated Communication
Joint Communication with Ashland Lodge No. 168 in Ashland
- Friday, July 21, 2023 – Grand Master's Official visit to Districts 15A and 15B
6:00 pm social, 6:30 pm diner, \$20 per ticket
- Tuesday, July 25, 2023 – Rainbow No. 10 meeting at Varina Lodge – 7:30 pm
- August 11th and 12th, 2023 – Reid J. Simmons Academy, Scottish Rite Temple in Roanoke, VA
- August 17, 2023 – Metropolitan Lodge No. 11 – Stated Communication
Junior Warden's night, Worshipful Keith Lafemina will preside in the east

PAST MASTER HONOR ROLL – JUNE 2023 STATED

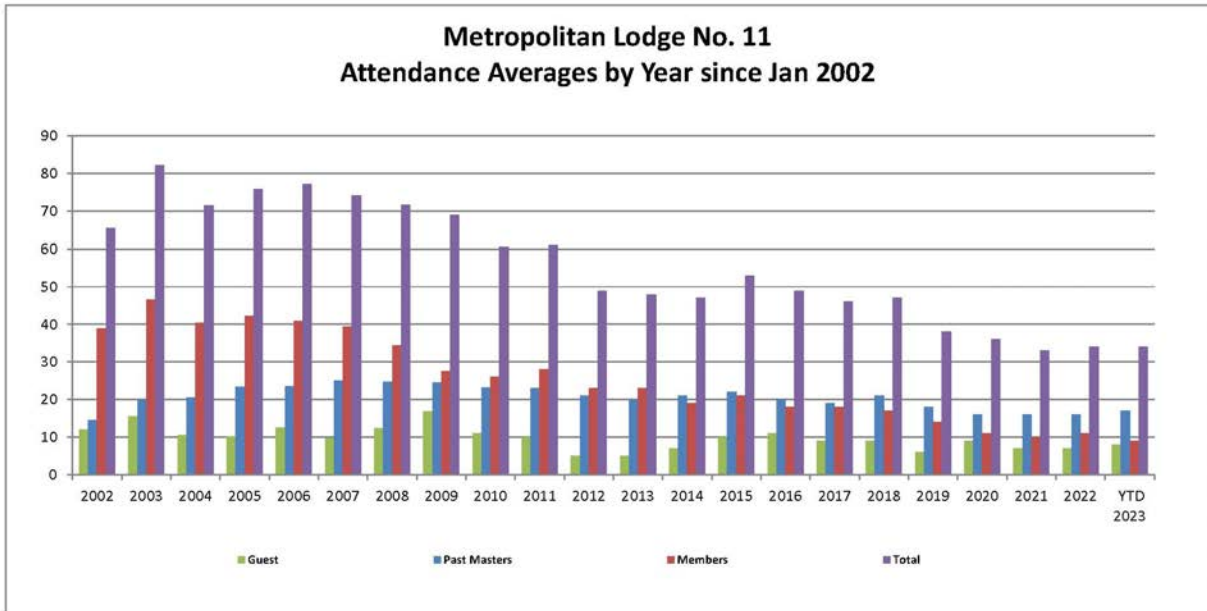
Heath W. Mayes, Keith G. LaFemina, Donnie R. Carter, Robert E. Pagani, John Q. Sheppard
J. Thomas Wadkins III, Christopher E. Loftus, W. Martin Myers, John W. Edelin III
Linwood G. Bennett, Jr., George H. Cooke III, Robert E. Cook, Lambros G. Deligan
Albert A. Dranoff, Daulton L. Carter, Lothar A. Bernhard, Steven W. Sanford, John H. Hart

ATTENDANCE – JUNE 2023 STATED

Past Masters – 18 Members – 10 Visitors – 5 Total – 33

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 – 33



King of Denmark, and the only King of Iceland

Christian Carl Frederik Albert Alexander Vilhelm was born in 1870, at his parents' country residence, located kilometers north of Copenhagen, during the reign of his paternal grandfather, King Christian IX.

He was typically know as Christian X, King of Denmark (from 1912 to his death in 1947), and the only King of Iceland as Kristján X.

Among his cousins were King George V of the United Kingdom, Tsar Nicholas II of Russia, and King Constantine I of Greece, while Queen Maud of Norway, was both his cousin and sister-in-law.

Prince Christian received a strict Christian-dominated upbringing, which was characterized by fulfillment of duties, care and order. He was educated at home by private tutors. In 1889 Prince Christian passed the university entrance examination and in 1889 was the first member of the Danish royal family to attend. Afterwards he started a military education as

was customary. He subsequently served with the 5th Dragoon Regiment and later studied at the Officers Academy.

Christian married Alexandrine of Mecklenburg-Schwerin in Cannes on 1898. They had two sons.

In 1912, Christian's father, King Frederick VIII died at the age of 68, he succeeded to the throne at the age of 41.

At the outbreak of the WW-I in 1914, King Christian and the Danish government advocated that Denmark pursue a policy of neutrality. The King supported the policy of neutrality by participating in the so-called meeting of the Three Kings: Sweden (his mother's cousin), Denmark (himself), and Norway (his cousin).

In late 1918 the Danish-Icelandic Act of Union redefined Iceland, a longtime part of the Danish realm, as a sovereign state in a personal union with the Kingdom of Denmark. This made Christian the king of the mostly autonomous Kingdom of Iceland in addition to being King of Denmark. Making Br. Christian the first and only monarch to ever reign over Iceland as a sovereign kingdom as opposed to ruling it as a province of a larger kingdom.

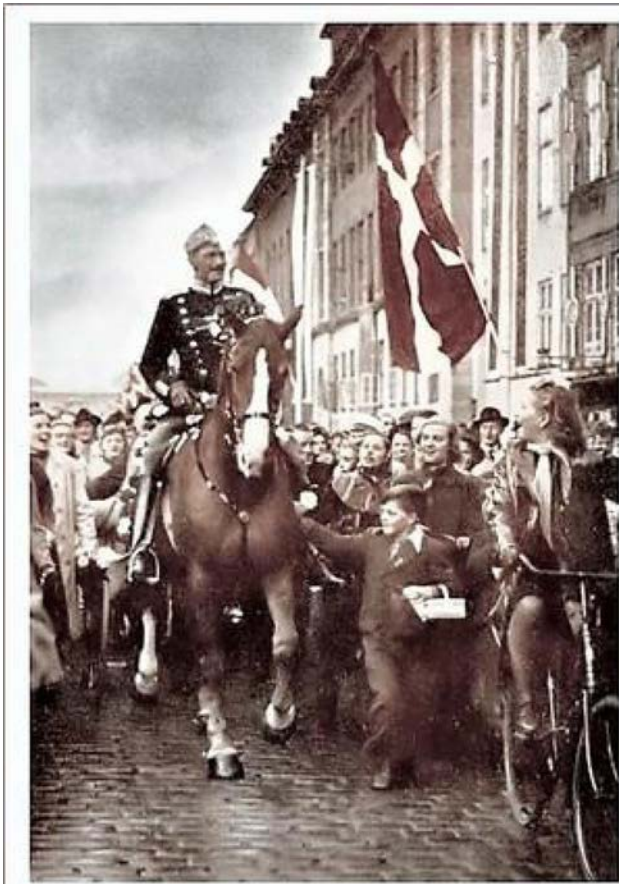
The painting shows Br. Cristian wearing both the Swedish Order and Danish Order of regalia. The Grand Lodge of Denmark arose initially from two previous systems, "Grand Orient of Denmark and Scandinavia" and "The Danish Grand Orient". Both have their origins in early 1920, but the roots are much older. The historical roots of these formations are extremely complex. The historical roots must be sought in Germany, France, Italy and England.

It was a general desire by both systems (Grand Orient and the Danish Grand Orient), finding a number of common elements so that the systems could be brought together.

In April 1929 the Grand Lodge of Denmark was constituted and the Constitution was partly borrowed from English Freemasonry. Ritual used was called "Copenhagen rites", which borrows from French, English and German sources and is basically identified with York Rite. It was during the period between world wars that King Christian X became Br. Christian as well.



On April 9, 1940 at 4 a.m. Nazi Germany invaded Denmark in a surprise attack, overwhelming and destroying the Danish Army Air Corps. Christian X quickly realized that Denmark was in an impossible position. Its territory and population were far too small to hold out against Germany. The entire Danish government capitulated at about 6 a.m. in exchange for retaining political independence in domestic matters, the occupation lasted until May 1945.



In contrast to the leaders of Norway, the Netherlands, the Hellenes, Luxembourg, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia and of Poland, all of whom went into exile during the Nazi occupation of their countries, Christian X (like King Leopold III of the Belgians) remained in his capital, being to the Danish people a visible symbol of the national cause.

During the first two years of the German occupation, despite his age and the precarious situation, he took a daily ride on his horse through Copenhagen, unaccompanied by a groom, or a guard, while the people stood and waved to him.

One story relates that one day, a German soldier remarked to a young boy that he found it odd that the King would ride with no bodyguard. The boy reportedly replied, "All of Denmark is his bodyguard."

Another popular story carried by the American press concerned the flying of the German flag over the Hotel d'Angleterre (then used as the German military headquarters). The King, riding by and seeing the flag, tells a German sentry that this is a violation of the armistice agreement and that the flag must be taken down. The sentry replies that this will not be done. The King then says if the flag is not taken down, he will send a Danish soldier to take it down. The sentry responds, "The soldier will be shot." The King replies "the Danish soldier will be me." According to the story, the flag was taken down.

In addition, he helped finance the transport of Danish Jews to unoccupied Sweden, where they would be safe from Nazi persecution.

This article was compiled edited and written, by Wor. Br. Martin Myers, drawing upon numerous source materials, a list of source is available upon request.

OFFICERS FOR 2023

C. Ashley Thomas	(C) 380-0621	(E) ashthomasjr@gmail.com	Worshipful Master
		5958 Dugout Ter, Mechanicsville, VA 23111-4570	
W. S. Jared Richardson	(C) 840-9523	(E) wsjr1@hotmail.com	Senior Warden
		9030 Brigadier Road, Mechanicsville, VA 23116	
Keith G. Femina, PM	(C) 559-1719	(E) keith.lafemina@arc3gases.com	Junior Warden
		8540 Meadowsweet Dr, Mechanicsville, VA 23116-2828	
John G. Koedel, III	(C) 338-1158	(E) jgkoedel@yahoo.com	Treasurer
		2444 Gold Leaf Cir, Henrico, VA 23233	
Henry C. Payne	(C) 229-1967	(E) hcp.93@verizon.net	Secretary
		4013 Old Creek Rd, Chesterfield, VA 23832-8387	
Charles S. Sarbaugh, PDDGM (H)	276-9677	(E) cssarbaugh@cs.com	Secretary Emeritus
		1330 Traway Dr, North Chesterfield, VA 23835-5559	
Randal L. Clouse	(C) 370-6527	(E) RClouse1216@gmail.com	Senior Deacon
		2758 Maple Grove Ln, East Powhatan. VA 23139-5043	
John J. Reid, II	(C) (703) 472-9794	(E) JohnReidOnline@gmail.com	Junior Deacon
		2742 Spinnaker Ct, Henrico, VA 23233-349	
Robert E. Pagani, PM	(C) 512-2808	(E) 1fisherbob@gmail.com	Chaplain
Dieter T. Henss	(C) 502-1918	(E) dhenss@email.com	Marshal
Richard C. Wadkins	(C) 540-335-1142	(E) rhwadkins@gmail.com	Senior Steward
Michael L. Bryant	(C) 370-7910	(E) campbryant@hotmail.com	Junior Steward
James F. Hardee, PM	(C) 640-8953	(E) varinajim53@gmail.com	Tiler

LIVING PAST MASTERS

Brown, Platon A.	1968	Carter, Donnie R., PDDGM	1996	Jason D. Clemmer	2019
Hines, Elbert Richard	1968	Bass, Jr., Claude A. PDDGM	1999	Linwood G. Bennett, Jr.	2020-2021
Olphin, Jr., Walter L.	1970	Pagani, Robert E.	2000		
Kontopanos, John A., Jr.	1971	Fitchett, Wayne E.	2002		
Plotkin, Leonard	1972	Sheppard, John Q. PDDGM	2003		
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)
Olphin, III, Walter L.	1984	Cook, V. Stuart, PGM	2009	Hart, John H. PDDGM	(#302)
Sarbaugh, Charles S. PDDGM	1985	Wadkins, III, J. Thomas, PDDGM	2010-2011	Holmes, Ray W.	(#317)
Dixon, Johnnie L. PDDGM	1986 & 1996	Loftus, Christopher E.	2012	Kidd, Richard C., PDDGM	(#9)
Mayes, Heath W.	1986	W. Martin Myers	2013	LaRochelle, Omer E. Jr., PDDGM	(#244)
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 & 2022	Sanford, Steven Weldon PDDGM	(#4)
Cooke, III, George H.	1993 & 2021	Rick C. Kidd, PDDGM	2018	Taylor, Robert Wright	(#317)
LaFemina, Keith G.	1995				

AFFILIATE PAST MASTERS