

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 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

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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 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

March 4, 2023

Brethren,

If you missed our February stated, you missed another good meal and an interesting speaker. Since then, John Koedel and I attended the February stated for Manchester 14, wherein we delivered several portions of "dove" to fulfill our part of the Dove-Possum tradition. We enjoyed an excellent meal and great fellowship with our Manchester brethren. I will continue to look for opportunities to travel, so if you have a lodge that you think would be interesting to visit, let me know and let's get on the move!

Speaking of traveling, notice was recently sent from the Grand Lodge concerning a Cornerstone Ceremony at Campbell Lodge 316 in Altavista, VA, on Saturday, April 22nd at 2pm. I have never attended a Cornerstone Ceremony, and would like to do so, therefore I am starting to plan a day trip to visit our brothers for this momentous occasion. Are any of you interested in taking a ride?

Please also check your schedule and see if you have some time to assist with the Blood Drive at Regency Square Mall on Wednesday, March 22nd. Our shift is from 11am to 5pm, and so far we have one volunteer. I would like to see several more in order that we can split the shift, so let me know if you can help with the Blood Drive.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at our March stated meeting on Thursday, March 16th. 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,
Ashley Thomas
Worshipful Master

STATED COMMUNICATION – THURSDAY, March 16, 2023– 7:00 P.M.

OFFICERS DRESS: Tuxedos with Black Accessories
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:

Conclude Business

CLOSE LODGE

CALLED COMMUNICATIONS:

None Scheduled at this time

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Thursday, March 16, 2023 – Metropolitan Lodge No. 11 Stated Communication

Saturday, March 18, 2023 – Masters and Wardens Association
Tuckahoe Masonic Temple, 5500 Bethlehem Road
Breakfast at 08:00 AM Meeting at 08:45 AM

Wednesday, March 22, 2023 – Blood Drive sponsored by Metropolitan Lodge No. 11
Regency Square Mall - 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Volunteers Needed

Saturday, April 22, 2023 – Cornerstone Laying Ceremony at Campbell Lodge No. 316 in
Altavista, Virginia - Stationed Officers attending should bring
their Jewel and Apron.

PAST MASTER HONOR ROLL – FEBRUARY 2023 STATED

Heath W. Mayes, Keith G. LaFemina, Robert E. Pagani, Wayne E. Fitchett
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, Steven W. Sanford, John H. Hart

ATTENDANCE – FEBRUARY 2023 STATED

Past Masters – 15 Members – 7 Visitors – 3 Total – 25

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 – 34

LODGE OF SORROW

Brethren,

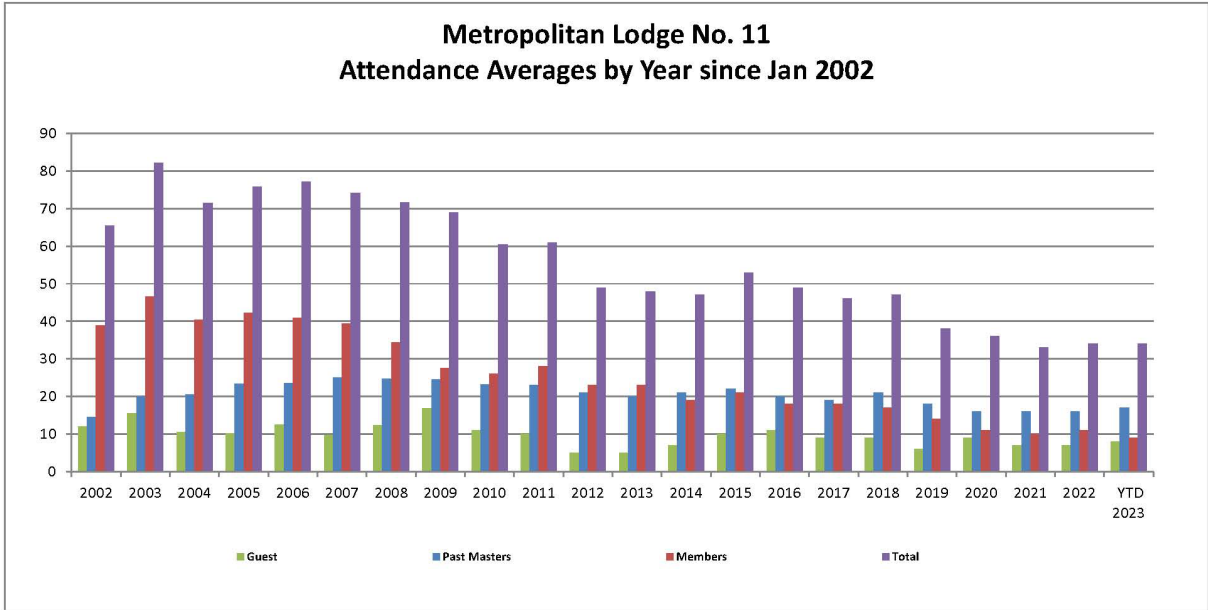
Since our last State Communication, The Supreme Architect of the Universe has seen fit to take one of our Brothers from our Midst:

THEODORE IRVING MALBONE

Born:	May 1, 1936
Initiated and Entered Apprentice:	February 7, 1973
Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft:	March 6, 1973
Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason:	April 19, 1973
Worshipful Master:	1978 and 1985 Lewis Ginter No. 317
Died:	February 24, 2023

To his family we offer our deepest sympathies.

Attendance Chart



“Last Civil War Veteran to Become President”

(Repeated from our March 2018 Bulletin)

After the Third Battle of Winchester a young Union officer accompanied a surgeon to visit a Confederate prisoner, he noticed the doctor shook hands with many prisoners, and took from his pocket a roll of bills, and distributed all he had among them.

I looked on in wonderment; I didn't know what it meant. On the way back to camp, I asked him, "Did you know these men or ever see them before?"

"No," replied the doctor, "I never saw them before."

"But, you gave them a lot of money, all you had about you. Do you ever expect to get it back?"

"Well," said the doctor, "if they are able to pay me back, they will. But it makes no difference to me; they are Brother Masons in trouble and I am only doing my duty."

The Union officer decided at that moment to become a Freemason. Thinking to himself, "If that is Freemasonry, I will take some of it for myself." That officer was William McKinley. Later, our 25th President. On May 3, 1865, raised at Hiram Lodge No. 21, in Winchester, VA.

President & Br. McKinley visited the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo, NY, filled with displays of America's pre-Industrial Revolution technological advancements, modern marvels on display stunned the world.

Br. McKinley, visited the Pan-American Exhibition, as he was shaking hands, a man standing in line to meet him, shot Br. McKinley twice at close range.

Br. McKinley is often overlooked for his accomplishments is that he was, and still is, overshadowed by his larger-than-life successor, second term VP, Br. Theodore Roosevelt

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.

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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	AFFILIATE PAST MASTERS	
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				