

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

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**MAY 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**

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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

May 9, 2023

What a great time we had with our brothers at Sandston 216 during our April Joint Communication! I heard a number of Sandston brothers comment that it was the most packed they had seen their lodge room in 40 years. We had over 20 members from our lodge, and there were over 50 Masons present at the meeting. I hope you all enjoyed the fellowship with our Sandston brothers as much as I did.

A statewide One Day Conferral was held on Saturday, April 29th, and Brother Charles (Charlie) Daniel Howe became our newest Master Mason. When you see Brother Charlie at our meetings, be sure to give him a warm Metro 11 welcome.

Our May stated meeting will be our annual Law Enforcement Appreciation night, and we are in for a treat as Brother Randy Clouse will be cooking pork barbecue served with cole slaw for dinner. Our program will be presented by Worshipful Scott Davis, our District Instructor of Work. This is one of our most important meetings of the year, as we say Thank You to those who give so much to serve and protect us.

Brethren, if possible, please bring an item or two for donation to one of our local food banks. Items of need include canned soups, canned fruit, canned beans, tuna fish, and peanut butter (among others). There will be a box near the sign in table for donations. I will ensure donated items are delivered to a food bank, and this will help us on the way to fulfilling Most Worshipful Strehle's goal of 1,800 acts of community service.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at our March stated meeting on Thursday, May 18th. Until then, as they say on one of my favorite podcasts, "take care of yourself, and if you can, someone else too".

Sincerely and Fraternally

Ashley Thomas

IF YOUR NEED A LODGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION, PLEASE CONTACT EITHER HANK PAYNE OR ASHLEY THOMAS AND ONE WILL BE SENT TO YOU.

**STATED COMMUNICATION – THURSDAY, May 18, 2023 – 7:00 P.M.**

**“LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION NIGHT”**

***OFFICERS, MEMBERS & GUESTS:*** Lodge Polo Shirts

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

**DINNER: 6:00 PM – Bar-B-Que prepared by Brother Randy Clouse**

**OPEN LODGE – 7:00 PM**

Regular Business

**PROGRAM: Law Enforcement Appreciation Night and  
Worshipful Scott Davis - District Instructor of Work**

Conclude Business

**CLOSE LODGE**

**CALLED COMMUNICATIONS:**

None Scheduled at this time

**SPECIAL EVENTS:**

- Thursday, May 18, 2023 – Metropolitan Lodge No. 11 Stated Communication
- Saturday, May 20, 2023 – Masters and Wardens Association  
Tuckahoe Masonic Temple, 5500 Bethlehem Road  
Breakfast at 08:00 AM Meeting at 08:45 AM
- Saturday, May 27, 2023 – Community Breakfast Sponsored by Varina Masonic Lodge No. 272  
at 8:30 AM
- Saturday, May 29, 2023 – Sandston Memorial Day Parade - 1:00 PM  
Parade route starts on Williamsburg Rd at Beulah Rd

**PAST MASTER HONOR ROLL – APRIL 2023 STATED**

Heath W. Mayes, Keith G. LaFemina, Donnie R. Carter, Robert E. Pagani, Wayne E. Fitchett  
V. Stuart Cook (PGM), 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

**ATTENDANCE – APRIL 2023 STATED**

Past Masters – 17 Members – 8 Visitors – 9 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, 2020 – 37  
2021 – 33, 2022 – 34, 2023 – 34

**LODGE OF SORROW**

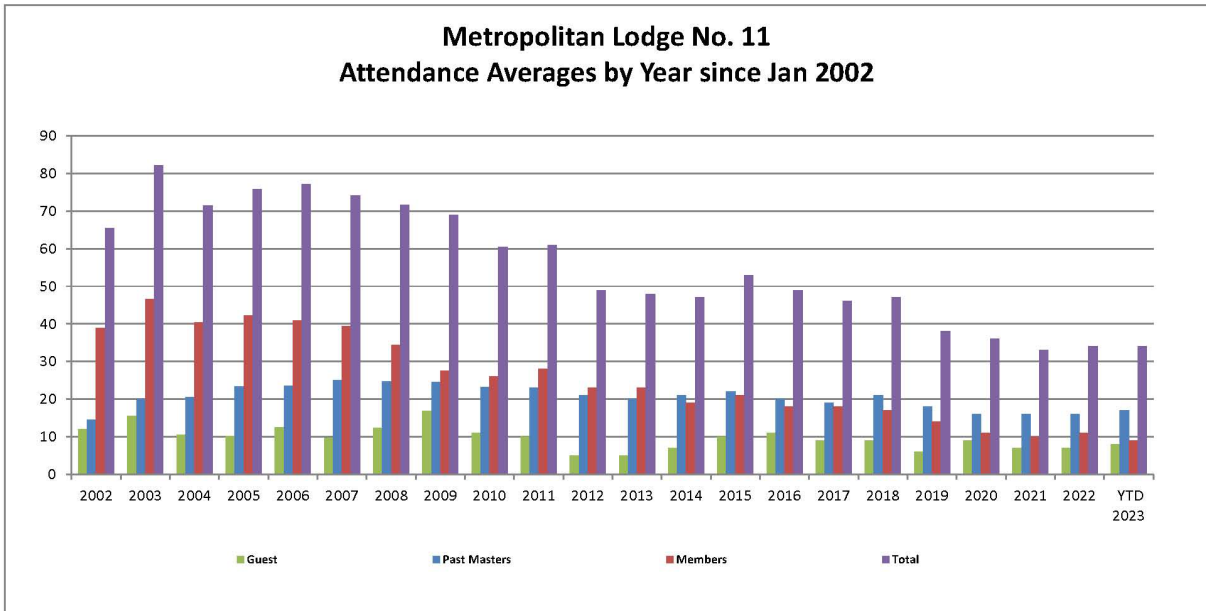
Brethren,

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

**MICHAEL RODGERS**

Born:	January 21, 1929
Initiated and Entered Apprentice:	May 23, 1972
Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft:	July 14, 1972
Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason:	August 11, 1972
50 Year Masonic Veteran:	August 11, 2022
Died:	April 2, 2023

To his family we offer our deepest sympathies.



**YMCA, Red Cross, Nobel Prize, Geneva Convention and a Freemason**

HE was born Jean Henri Dunant on May 8th, 1828 in Geneva, Switzerland. His parents were Jean-Jacques Dunant and Antoinette Dunant-Colladon. They were a devoted Calvinist family. His father was a businessman and mother was a social activist. This religious background led to religious activities at a young age. . The Dunant family was part of the so-called “Réveil” – the “Awakening” – a movement that aimed at restoring pure Protestantism. The young Dunant was deeply influenced by several local clergymen and the main principles of the Awakening faith: reading of the Bible, millennialism, proselytism and active charity – a good Christian had to be committed to charitable activities. This environment played a prominent role in forging his faith and charitable commitment.



In 1844, the first Young Men’s Christian Association (YMCA) was founded in London. In 1852, Henry Dunant contributed to the creation of the Geneva chapter. As “Secretary-correspondent” of the new organization, he spent much energy recruiting new members and promoting the YMCA throughout Europe. His travels and networking efforts bore fruit when he convinced the Paris chapter to organize the first YMCA World Conference in 1855. On that occasion, the delegates decided to join forces in a federation, the World Alliance of YMCAs.

On 24 June 1859, Henry Dunant was in northern Italy, trying to meet Emperor Napoleon the Third to discuss several questions related to the business he was running in Algeria. The same day, French and Austrian troops fought the famous battle of Solferino, one of the deadliest of the 19th century, resulting in the wounding, killing and disappearance of more than 40,000 people. He witnessed the dreadful consequences, including thousands of wounded and dying soldiers with no relief or medical attention. Shaken by so much horror and suffering, he spent several days in the small town of Castiglione where he helped the local population to take care of the victims of the battle.

In the months that followed, Henry Dunant remained deeply tormented by this traumatic experience. He decided to write down his feelings in a book published in 1862, A Memory of Solferino. The book contained two innovative ideas:

- 1) “Would it not be possible, in time of peace and quiet, to form relief societies for the purpose of having care given to the wounded in wartime by zealous, devoted and thoroughly qualified volunteers?”
- 2) “some international principle, sanctioned by a Convention inviolate in character, which, once agreed upon and ratified, might constitute the basis for societies for the relief of the wounded.”

The book immediately became a huge success all over Europe, and Dunant’s proposals triggered the interest of local figures in Geneva. In February 1863, under the auspices of a Genevan philanthropic society, the five founding members of the International Committee of the Red Cross (“ICRC”) met for the first time. In October of the same year, they organized an international conference that led to the creation of the Red Cross and then also the Red Crescent Movement.

A few months later, in August 1864, the first Geneva Convention for the Amelioration of the Condition of the Wounded in Armies in the Field was signed at a diplomatic conference convened by Switzerland.

Less than five years after the traumatic experience of Solferino, Dunant and the other founders of the International Red Cross had managed to establish what would become the most significant humanitarian movement in the world and lay down one of the first foundations of contemporary International Humanitarian Law (IHL).

He became the first Swiss to be awarded Nobel Peace Prize in 1901. This was together with his associate Frédéric Passy.



Though he was successful at some point in his life, he later went from riches to rags. Known to promote interest in the treatment of prisoners of war, the abolition of slavery, international arbitration, disarmament, and a Jewish homeland.

Br. Jean Henri Dunant was a member of St. David's Lodge No. 36. He was called from Labor on October 30, 1910 and was laid to rest at the Sihlfeld Cemetery in

Zurich.

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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	<b>AFFILIATE PAST MASTERS</b>	
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				