

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: 2022 – \$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

October 25, 2022

Brethren,

Thank you all for an enjoyable Past Masters' Night. Right Worshipful Brother Buddy Bass was outstanding presiding in the East and he was ably assisted by his fellow Past Masters, aka the Columns and Pilasters. Congratulations to our Senior Warden, Brother Ashley, who was presented his Warden's Certificate by Brother Scott Davis, District Instructor of Work. I also hope everyone enjoyed the second meal provided by C&C Catering.

November's Stated Meeting is going to be busy, with Right Worshipful Donald Ellis Strehle making an official visit soon after having been installed as the 177th Grand Master of Masons in Virginia. We should and do expect a great turnout that evening and as such we are planning to have the first dinner seating at 5:30pm and a second seating at 6:15pm. I'm asking everyone to register for the time they plan to arrive for dinner, as Brother Randy Clouse is preparing a special meal for us that evening. This is the Sign-up Link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094AACAF29A64-grand>

Please take a few minutes to register for this auspicious occasion.

May the blessing of Heaven rest upon us, and all regular Masons; may brotherly love prevail, and every moral and social virtue unite and cement us.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Robert E. Cook
Worshipful Master

STATED COMMUNICATION – THURSDAY, November 17, 2022 – 7:00 P.M.

“Grand Master’s Official Visit”

OFFICERS DRESS: Tuxedos with Black Accessories
MEMBERS & GUESTS: Business Attire (Coat and Tie)

ASSEMBLE: Varina Masonic Temple, 1600 Burning Tree Road, Henrico, Virginia at 5:15 PM

DINNER: 5:30 PM and 6:15 PM

OPEN LODGE – 7:00 PM

Regular Business

PROGRAM: Official Visit of the Grand Master, Most Worshipful (Elect) Donald E. Strehle

Conclude Business

CLOSE LODGE

CALLED COMMUNICATIONS:

None Scheduled at this time

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Friday and Saturday, November 11th and 12th, 2022 – Grand Lodge Grand Annual Communication
Hilton Richmond Hotel & Spa/Short Pump
12042 W Broad St, Richmond, VA 23233

Thursday, November 17, 2022 – Metropolitan Lodge No. 11 Stated Communication

Saturday, November 19, 2022 – Masters and Wardens Association meeting at the
Tuckahoe Masonic Temple, located at 5500 Bethlehem Road
Henrico, VA 23226, Breakfast at 8:00 AM Meeting at 8:45 AM
(Practice Open Installation)

PAST MASTER HONOR ROLL – OCTOBER 2022 STATED

Heath W. Mayes, Donnie R. Carter, Claude A. Bass, Jr., John Q. Sheppard, V. Stuart Cook PGM
Christopher E. Loftus, Robert E. Cook, Linwood G. Bennett, Jr., George H. Cooke III, Lambros G. Deligan
Albert A. Dranoff, Daulton L. Carter, Lothar A. Bernhard, Steven W. Sanford, John H. Hart

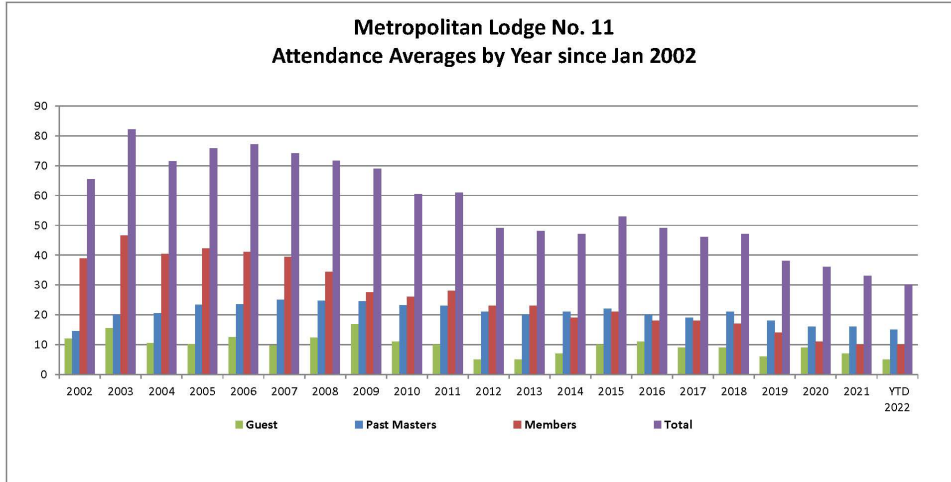
ATTENDANCE – OCTOBER 2022 STATED

Past Masters – 15 Members – 8 Visitors – 8 Total – 31

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 – 30

Attendance Chart



LODGE OF SORROW

Brethren,
Since our last Stated Communication, the Supreme Architect of the Universe has seen fit to call two of our Brothers from our Midst:

Donald Kent Holcomb, Sr.

Charles Frederick Beorn, MD

Born: August 27, 1939

July 11, 1941

Initiated an Entered Apprentice: May 21, 1975

October 25, 1966

Passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft: June 18, 1975

November 22, 1966

Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason: July 16, 1975

December 9, 1966

50 Year Masonic Veteran:

December 9, 2016

Died: October 12, 2022

August 23, 2022

To their Families we extend our deepest sympathies.

“Inventor Wanted to Save Lives”

Born in Hertford County, NC in 1818. As a young boy he always looked forward to assisting his father who was a gifted inventor. While he was still in his teen years, he helped his father invent two very important machines of the day. One was for sowing cotton, and the other was for thinning young cotton plants. As the young boy grew to manhood his father constantly taught him how to think creatively.

At the age of 21 (1839), he created a screw propeller for steamboats, without realizing that one had been patented just months beforehand by John Ericsson (who later designed the USS Monitor). While living in NC, he worked in the county clerk's office, taught school briefly, and became a merchant.

At the age of 36 (1854), moved to St. Louis, Missouri, where he worked in a dry goods store and invented a rice-sowing machine and a wheat drill (a machine for planting wheat). The introduction of these machines did much to revolutionize the US agriculture.



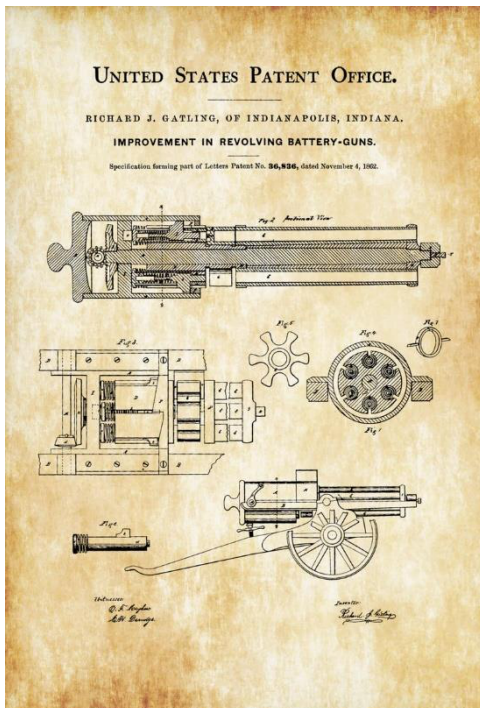
By the early 1850s, Gatling was successful enough in business to offer marriage to Jemima Sanders, 19 years younger than Gatling and the daughter of a prominent Indianapolis physician. They married October 1854. Her younger sister Zerelda was married to David Wallace, the governor of Indiana, and an active member of his Masonic lodge (Center Lodge No. 23). After an attack of smallpox, he became interested in medicine. He graduated from the Ohio Medical College in 1850 with an MD. Although he had his MD, he never practiced; he was more interested in a career as an inventor.

At the outbreak of the Civil War, he was living in Indianapolis, Indiana. This is where Br. Richard Jordan Gatling became a Freemason and a member of member of Center Lodge No. 23.

Following the outbreak of the Civil War, he turned his attention to the invention of firearms, and by 1862 he had completed and patented the Gatling Gun, making it his eleventh patent. A year later, he founded the Gatling Gun Company. Gatling's motivation for creating the Gatling Gun came from him noticing that a majority of soldiers in the Civil War died from disease rather than gunshots. Of that he wrote in 1877:

"It occurred to me that if I could invent a machine gun which could by its rapidity of fire, enable one man to do as much battle duty as a hundred, that it would, to a large extent supersede the necessity of large armies, and consequently, exposure to battle and disease would be greatly diminished."

By 1865, he had changed the gun so that it could fire a metal cartridge, and in 1866 the U.S. Army finally officially adopted it. It rapidly became known around the world and before long it was in demand in Europe. Thereafter it began to be manufactured in Austria and England and was then used by several other European governments.



The first gun fired about 250 rounds per minute, but later improvements including an electric motor drive raised it to 3,000 rounds per minute. The gun was a rapid fire, hand cranked weapon and solved the enormous problems of rapid loading and rapid firing. He was 44 at the time, and he spent the rest of his life improving and living off the monetary benefits he received from his invention of the Gatling Gun.

Although those who thought he was a pacifist have accused him of being a hypocrite, he really saw the invention of the gun as something, which would save many lives. This proved to actually be true when the Union Army began finding that they could field with many less numbers of troops. In some cases it was said that one gun and 5 soldiers could do the work of 100 soldiers without a Gatling.

He continued working to improve the gun for several years following the Civil War, and many years later the Gatling Gun Company merged with the Colt Patent and Fire Arms Manufacturing Company. It is interesting to note that the Gatling Gun was used in many wars, both domestic and foreign before the gun was declared obsolete in 1911.

The war in which the gun saw it's first truly major action in was the Spanish-American War, where it was used in close support of the American troops. In the interim he continued developing the device, and while experimenting with improving the Gatling gun he developed an electric motor, which thereafter powered the gun. This created the first "Minigun".

Miniguns and electric powered Gatling cannons of various sizes would go on to be used as on airplanes and helicopters starting in the early 1960's . Ground forces used some as well. The United States Army declared the hand-cranked Gatling gun obsolete in 1911.

Much later other arms designers developed the Vulcan Gun, a three barreled machine gun that used most of the basic principles of the Gatling Gun. The Vulcan Gun is also still used on helicopters and planes today, and it is well known that it can destroy heavily armored vehicles like tanks.

Later in his life, Gatling patented inventions to improve toilets, bicycles, steam-cleaning of raw wool, pneumatic power, and many other fields. He was elected as the first president of the American Association of Inventors and Manufacturers in 1891, serving for six years.

In his final years, Gatling moved back to St. Louis, Missouri, to form a new company for manufacturing his steam plows, or tractors. While in New York City to visit his daughter and to talk with his patent agency, Gatling died at his daughter's home on February 26, 1903. He is interred at the Crown Hill Cemetery in Indianapolis, Indiana.

His contributions were commemorated by the U.S. Navy during World War II when the Fletcher Class Destroyer DD-671 was christened the USS Gatling.

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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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	Malbone, Theodore Irving	(#317)
Childrey, William E.	1992	Wade V. Evans, III	2015-2016	Martin, Frederick Garrison III, PGM	(#344)
Deligan, Lambros G. PDDGM	1992	Robert E. Cook	2017	Rose, Daniel Lee PDDGM	(#161)
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LaFemina, Keith G.	1995			Taylor, Robert Wright	(#317)