

**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 Scottish Rite Temple, 4204 Hermitage Road, Richmond, Virginia 23227  
on the Second Thursday of each month

**ANNUAL DUES: 2018 – \$155.00**

**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 the Thursday Preceding the Stated Communication at 6:00 PM  
at the Scottish Rite Temple

R. Lewis Gibbs Masonic Class – Saturday Night – Scottish Rite Temple – 7:00 PM  
Lodge Blood Drive Number – 2795

## FROM THE EAST

September 26, 2018

Brethren,

Thanks to those of you who attended our September stated. Although having to reschedule this meeting because of potentially severe weather caused us to have the least number of members present (28) all year, Bro. Jason Clemmer, our Senior Warden, did an outstanding job serving as Worshipful Master, on Senior Wardens Night. Congrats Jason!

Our October stated will be one of my favorite events of the year, Past Masters Night. This is the night that all of the stations will be filled with Past Masters, and Rt. Wor. Buddy Bass, will be presiding in the East. Please plan to attend this meeting and see how the Ritual was perfectly done " back in the day ".! I also have a small token of my esteem for all Metropolitan Lodge No. 11 Past Masters who attend.

My time as your Worshipful Master is almost at an end, and I can't believe how fast this year has gone by. I can positively assure you though that the Lodge will be in capable hands in 2019 and beyond. Your elected and appointed officers have worked extremely hard not only on the ritual, but building a solid line of succession.

Brethren, please keep those less fortunate, our widows, those ill and distressed, our men and women in uniform, our law enforcement, fire, and first responders, in your daily thoughts and prayers. May God continue to bless each of you and your families.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,  
Richard C. Kidd, PM  
Worshipful Master

## FROM THE WEST

September 23, 2018

Greeting Brethren!

Scheduling ladies night has been quite a challenge this year due to conflicting Masonic events in October and high demand at The Grapevine.

I have checked with The Grapevine and all of the dates we were considering in September and October have been taken. However, the first weekend in November is still open as of this writing. This date seemed to agree with the Brethren at the September stated.

Therefore, I will be scheduling Ladies Night for Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. A sign-up sheet will be passed around during our October 11<sup>th</sup> stated to give The Grapevine an idea of how many will be attending See below for details:

Ladies Night Information:

Where: The Grapevine (11005 Three Chopt Road, Richmond, Virginia 23233)

When: Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm

Cost per person: \$27.95 + tax + gratuity

Dress: Business casual (coat & tie optional)

Fraternaly,  
Brother Jason Clemmer  
Senior Warden

**STATED COMMUNICATION – THURSDAY, September 13, 2018– 7:00 PM  
“PAST MASTERS’ NIGHT”**

**ASSEMBLE: Scottish Rite Dining Room, 4204 Hermitage Road at 5:45 PM**

**DINNER 6:00 PM**

**OPEN LODGE 7:00 PM**

**Regular Business**

**Program – Past Masters’ Night**

**The Masonic Home by Right Worshipful Terry Hilton**

**What it means to be a Past Master by Worshipful Rick Kidd**

**CLOSE LODGE**

**OFFICERS, MEMBERS, & GUESTS: Business Attire  
Past Masters - Please wear your apron for your year**

**THE NO. 11 CLASS OF INSTRUCTION WILL BE HELD ON THE THURSDAY  
PRECEDING THE STATED COMMUNICATION**

**CALLED COMMUNICATIONS:**

**NONE SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER**

**SPECIAL EVENTS:**

Saturday, October 13, 2018 at 09:00 AM - Family Day at the Masonic Home of Virginia

Saturday, November 3, 2018 at 6:00 PM - Ladies’ Night at Grapevine Restaurant

Friday - Saturday November 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> - Grand Annual Communication

Hilton Richmond Hotel & Spa/Short Pump, 12042 W Broad St, Richmond, VA 23233

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Dress: Business casual (coat & tie optional)

**PAST MASTER HONOR ROLL – SEPTEMBER 2018**

Charles S. Sarbaugh, Wade V. Evans, Jr., D. R. Carter, Claude A. Bass, Jr., Barrye L. Absher  
V. Stuart Cook, Christopher E. Loftus, John W. Edelin III, Robert E. Cook, Lambros G. Deligan  
Richard C. Kidd, Omar LaRochelle

**ATTENDANCE – AUGUST 2018 STATED**

Past Masters – 12 Members – 14 Visitors – 2 Total – 28

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

### **“Jazz Greats Who Were Freemasons”**

In the 1950s, the freemasonry became a support network for musicians and the world’s largest fraternity for black men, among them Duke Ellington and Sun Ra. Ellington was just one of many renowned musicians, he was joined by Nat King Cole, WC Handy, Dizzy Gillespie, Count Basie, Lionel Hampton and Paul Robeson.

“Throughout history, freemasonry has attracted musicians,” says Martin Cherry, librarian at the Museum of Freemasonry in London. “Mozart is the obvious example, but in 18th-century London, a lodge was established called the Lodge of the Nine Muses, which attracted a number of European musicians and artists, including JC Bach.”

“Musicians often led an itinerant lifestyle,” says Cherry. “Belonging to an organisation that had lodges all over a country could help ease the slog of life on the road, particularly in such a vast country as the US.”

“Freemasonry was also charitable towards its members when they fell on hard times, looking after them when they were sick or paying for their funeral. Mozart’s funeral, famously, was paid for by his lodge, and there’s evidence that freemasons paid for the funeral of the blues musician Mississippi Fred McDowell – there are images of his open coffin which show him wearing his masonic regalia.”

Many other jazz musicians and bandleaders were freemasons, including Glenn Miller, Paul Whiteman, George Gershwin and Irving Berlin.

It appears that Prince Hall freemasonry’s popularity is past its peak, with the average age of members increasing rapidly. Sad for an organization that includes Sugar Ray Robinson and Don King, Paul Robeson and Duke Ellington.

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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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Erhart, Jr, Charles Edward	1966	Jacobson, Kenneth A.	1990	Loftus, Christopher E.	2012
Brown, Platon A.	1968	Bennett, Jr., George L.	1991	W. Martin Myers	2013
Hines, Elbert Richard	1968	Childrey, William E.	1992	John W. Edelin, III	2014
Olphin, Jr., Walter L.	1970	Deligan, Lambros G. PDDGM	1992	Wade V. Evans, III	2015-2016
Kontopanos, John A., Jr.	1971	Cooke, III, George H.	1993	Robert E. Cook	2017
Morrow, Gordon J.	1971	Howell, John W.	1994		
Plotkin, Leonard	1972	LaFemina, Keith G.	1995		
Graham, George Tiffany	1974	Carter, Donnie R., PDDGM	1996	<b><u>AFFILIATE PAST MASTERS</u></b>	
McLaughlin, Billy B. PDDGM	1975	Bass, Jr., Claude A. PDDGM	1999	Anaya, Samuel Crawford	(#1982)
Yannis, Frank Y.	1975	Pagani, Robert E.	2000	Bernhard, Lothar Arthur	(#19)
Hiner, Henry L.	1978	Fitchett, Wayne E.	2002	Carter, Daulton L.	(#317)
Eichost, William T.	1979	Sheppard, John Q. PDDGM	2003	Dranoff, Albert Abe PDDGM	(#53)
Whitlock, K. Wayne	1981	Absher, Barrye L. PDDGM	2005	Grotz, Clifford C. Jr PDDGM	(#3)
Lyell, John C.	1983	McLaughlin, B. Kevin	2006	Hart, John H. PDDGM	(#302)
Olphin, III, Walter L.	1984	Jones, Douglas V., PDDGM	2007	Holmes, Ray W.	(#317)
Sarbaugh, Charles S. PDDGM	1985	Sykes, C. Thomas, PDDGM	2008	Kidd, Richard C.	(#9)
Dixon, Johnnie L. PDDGM	1986 & 1996	Cook, V. Stuart PGM	2009	LaRochelle, Omer E. Jr.	(#244)
Mayes, Heath W.	1986	Wadkins, III, J. Thomas	2010-2011	Malbone, Theodore Irving	(#317)
Houchins, Richard W.	1987			Martin, Frederick Garrison III, PGM	(#344)
Wagner, Fredric P.	1987			Owens, Edward Nelson	(#284)
Evans, Jr., Wade V. PDDGM	1989			Richardson, Jr, C. Meredith	(#284)
				Rose, Daniel Lee PDDGM	(#161)
				Sanford, Steven Weldon PDDGM	(#4)
				Taylor, Robert Wright	(#317)