

# St. John's Lodge #11, Free and Accepted Masons

Oldest Continuously Operating Unmerged Lodge in DC

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## FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

I wanted to use my place in the Lodge Bulletin to discuss the power of debate and discourse. With the U.S. election cycle all around us, it can be very difficult to sometimes see that debate has a purpose and a nobler truth. Often now, debates have become about talking points, press conferences, or tweets to a captive and agreeable audience. The chance to have an honest debate and really understand issues, now long gone.

I am reminded of the quote from US Supreme Court Justice, Oliver Wendell Holmes:

There are one-story intellects, two-story intellects, and three-story intellects with skylights. All fact collectors with no aim beyond their facts are one-story men. Two-story men compare reason and generalize, using labors of the fact collectors as well as their own.

Three-story men idealize, imagine, and predict. Their best illuminations come from above through the skylight.



Masonry was founded as a place, no...a sanctuary, for three story men. We seek to look at the world, its facts and its generalizations with an illumination that few others ever seek.

Today, one could even assume that Justice Holmes would likely even create a new status of basement intellects, as facts have become less valuable than opinions and passions. Our abilities to see opposing viewpoint as valid seems to be lost in this world of instant media and self-selection of information.

We as Masons must keep discourse alive. If you look at our Lodge, we have many Brothers,

with different political viewpoints, different outlooks on life, but we can all sit as equals in our great temple of Brotherhood. We must attempt to bring that intellectual equality to our lives every day.

If only the world could look a little more like the Craft.

Fraternally,

Ryan Nalty

Worshipful Master

### TRESTLEBOARD

Friday, May 6th, 2016

5:00 P.M.

#### Ritual Practice

*Featuring EA Degree Floor Work*

6:30 P.M.

#### Lodge Fellowship/Dinner

*Candidates & Prospects*

*Welcome*

7:30 P.M.

#### Stated Communication

*Entered Apprentice Degree*

### MASONIC BIRTHDAYS – MAY

Paul L. Cesare 4 years

A. Reid Howard 34 years

*"On behalf of the officers and brothers of St John's Lodge No. 11, I would like to thank you for your Fraternal service and wish you many more years of Fellowship and Fraternity"*

*- Ryan Nalty*

## FROM THE WEST

Greeting Brethren, as the month of May approaches I am caused to think about Mother's Day commencing shortly after our May stated. Mothers are an integral part to everyone's lives. Some people have great relationships with their mothers, while others may not have such a blessing. Despite our own personal relationships with our

mothers, we as Masons and men must be continuous examples of respect, loyalty, and commitment to enabling the good in this world to flourish. Respecting women and mothers is one of the most important aspects of that demonstration. Mothers and fathers bring life to this world and are both responsible for raising children, but

there is nothing like the bond between a mother and child. As we all know, that bond is undeniable and different than anything else in this world.

This month I challenge you to reach out to your mother, even if it has been a long time since your last communication. A mother's love for a son never fades, and it's never

too late to reach out or pray for the ones that are no longer with us. Keep all mothers in your thoughts this month as they are an essential part of all our lives and will be forever.

Fraternally,  
James S. Parkhurst  
Senior Warden

### TRUSTEES

- Ryan Martin (2016)
- Tommy Ripke (2017)
- Sean Parkhurst (2018)

### HONORARY MEMBERS

- Teko Foley, P.G.M.,
- Joseph S. Crociata, P.G.M.
- Akram R. Elias, P.G.M.
- Christopher K. Mahaney, P.M.,
- Grand Lecturer
- David Han, P.M.

## FROM THE SOUTH

Greetings Brethren,

This month is an important month for the Craft and our lodge in particular. We will be bringing in new brothers in the tradition that we have all experienced. I was fortunate to be able to attend a Grand Lodge school of instruction and see how others interpreted some of the symbols and related them to real world experiences. Brothers were able to bring up different perspectives about what the Entered Apprentice degree means to

them and how taking that first step has impacted their lives. One participant likened the EA degree process to a rebirth. In many ways they are similar. You start out in a comfortable environment much like a womb unaware of what lies ahead. You are attached by an umbilical cord, much like the cable tow, that reminds us of our limitations. You receive some of your first light, and, although not clear yet, you are exposed to a number of new things and begin a life

long journey. You find that you are not alone, as you have many around you to help and support your growth as a man.

We will be taking part in making a lasting impression with new brothers. Take this opportunity to reflect upon your initiation into the Craft and prepare to make good men better men.

Fraternally,  
Sam W. Chin  
Junior Warden

## SICK AND SHUT-INS

Please keep all our brethren in prayer for good health, good spirits and the continued manifold blessings of the Great Architect of the Universe.

"Be not slow to visit the sick: for that shall make thee to be beloved."

**Brothers Please Remember**, if any member knows of another Brother who is Sick or Confined, please inform the **Worshipful Master, Ryan Nalty, at 202-492-3397**. You may also contact our **Senior Warden, James Parkhurst, at 989-600-0257** or **Junior Warden, Sam Chin, at 301-890-1928**.

## BLOOD

Please give if you can. Remember to give the Lodge's donation number, **004760**, when you give blood and call Bro. Ryan Denmark, St. John's Lodge No. 11 Blood Committee Chairman, at (571) 212-1481, after your donation and let him know where and when you gave blood. If you need an appointment, call him and he can set it up for you. *Give the Gift of Life*



FROM THE  
SECRETARY'S DESK

Brethren,

This is a reminder that we will be conducting our annual responsibility to vote to move non-paying Brother's to NPD status at the May Stated. As announced at the April Stated, these are Brothers who are have dues/fees in arrears owed to the Lodge. This vote is consistent with our Bylaws and the Grand Lodge Code, both of which are at the bottom of this message for your information.

As reminded at the April Stated, please reach out to any of these Brothers to remind them that they owe dues/fees in arrears. Please reach out to me offline, Brother Secretary, if you have concerns/questions about the Brothers to be voted on.

**GL Code SEC. 124.**

No Lodge shall drop a member from its rolls for nonpayment of dues except by a vote of the Lodge; nonpayment of dues is not a Masonic offense, and dropping from the roll for nonpayment of dues is not a Masonic punishment. After one month's notice to him that he is delinquent, he may be dropped from the roll, but he shall be reinstated by payment of the arrearages if paid or remitted by the Lodge within one year from the time he was dropped. A member dropped from the roll for nonpayment of dues becomes at once an unaffiliated Mason. After one year, on payment of dues to the time he was dropped or if they be remitted by the Lodge, the Lodge shall, on written application therefore, give the brother a Certificate of Non-Indebtedness that he has paid all indebtedness to the Lodge. Said Certificate shall be signed by the Master and attested by the Secretary under the seal of the Lodge. An application for membership after one year from the time a brother is dropped from the roll for nonpayment of dues shall be by petition for affiliation. A brother dropped from the roll of his Lodge for nonpayment of dues is not entitled to Masonic burial or funeral service, but the Grand Master may authorize such by dispensation.

**St. John's Bylaws SECTION 8.Dues.**

*The annual dues of each member not exempt from the payment thereof and raised to the degree of a Master Mason after 1 January 1959 shall be \$35.00, plus the Grand Lodge dues as levied against the Lodge by the Grand Lodge. Additionally, the annual dues of each member not exempt from the payment thereof and raised after 1 June 2010, shall be \$120.00 plus the Grand Lodge dues against the Lodge by the Grand Lodge. Clergymen not engaged in any secular employment, shall be exempt from the payment of all dues. After 1983 all members elected to Life Membership shall be exempt from the payment of Lodge dues, but not from the payment of dues levied by the Grand Lodge against the Lodge. All dues shall be payable IN ADVANCE WITHOUT NOTICE on the first day of October of each year. The dues of each member raised or affiliated during the year shall be one tenth of the annual dues for each month, including the month in which he is raised, or affiliated, to the end of the Masonic Year in which such member is raised or affiliated, and are payable at the time of raising or affiliating.*

Fraternally,  
Anand A. Trivedi, PM  
Secretary

## Petition for Degrees

Subject to receipt of required committee reports and, if necessary, waiver of jurisdiction, the petition for degrees of the below-named will be eligible for ballot at the June Stated Communication

Mr. Thomas J. Lindo

122 Bullard Circle

Rockville, MD 20850

Occupation: Systems Engineer, DoD Contractor

Age: 32

Mr. Marcus K. Reynolds

955 S. Columbus Street, Apt. 316

Arlington, VA 22204

Occupation: System Admin – Dept. of State

Age: 33

## Living Past Masters

Edmund Rupert	1975	Paul T. Sumler	1998-99, 01
Franchot E. White	1978	John P. Longo	2001
Chris A. Pouler	1984	Robert E. Johnson	02, 04, 08-10
John C. Regner *	1985	Ronald F. Perkins	00, 03, 05, 08
Douglas Stadler	1986	Urban T. Peters	85, 96, 2005
Nelson L. Fink	1986-87	Michael Gambale	2011
Charles W. Riley	1988	Justin T. Russell	2012
Charles P. Durbin	1990-91	Harry Trapp, Jr.	2013
Terry L. Weaver	1994	Anand Trivedi	2014
Karl F. Gruel, Jr.	1994-95	DW Stephenson	2015
Thom. Donnaud	89, 95-96		

*Italics = PM at another Lodge \* Denotes Honorary PM of St. Johns No. 11*

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7:30 P.M.  
*First Friday*  
(Except July)

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