

Bulletin
September,
2021

ST. JOHN'S LODGE No.11
Free And Accepted Masons
Oldest Continually Operating Unmerged Lodge in DC
Celebrating the 175th Anniversary of Our Charter

Chartered
February,
1846

➤ Trestleboard ⇐

Friday, September 3rd, 2021
Stated Communication

AILING BRETHREN

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 Jason Lee** at 703-389-4571, **Senior Warden Stephen Motroni** at 916-847-2707, or **Junior Warden Jamie Hall** at 443-844-1804.

MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

SEPTEMBER

Jonathan G. Boksan	7 years
Akanni O. Oyegbola	7 years
Kevas M. Schanberger	7 years
Anand A. Trivedi, PM	12 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."

- Jason Lee, WM

STATED COMMUNICATIONS

7:30 PM First Friday (Except July)

Takoma Masonic Center
115 Carroll Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20012
(202) 829-7790

Lodge Social Media

www.stjohnslodgedc.org
facebook.com/stjohns1dc
twitter.com/stjohnslodgedc

Grand Lodge Web Site

www.dcgrandlodge.org

➤ 175th Anniversary Announcement ⇐

The 175th anniversary cruise will be October, 2, 2021. In order to secure your reservation, please remit payment to St. John's Lodge No. 11 in either of three ways:

1. Visit the store (<https://stjohnslodgedc.org>). Purchase your ticket there.
2. Send a check made payable to St. John's Lodge No. 11, 1504 Spring Place NW, Washington, DC 20010. Price for each ticket purchased is \$40. Please include your name, phone number, email address, and names of all attendees if purchasing more than one ticket.
3. Bring a check or cash to Lodge. St. John's meets at the Takoma Masonic Center on the first Friday of every month.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you at the celebration,

175th Anniversary Celebration Committee

➤ In-Person Communications Resume ⇐

As we return to in-person meetings, below are some guidelines for all attendees. These guidelines are for all St. John's Lodge events held at the Takoma Masonic Center (TMC). They are in addition to and in compliance with guidelines issued by the government of the District of Columbia (DC), the Grand Lodge of DC, and the management of the TMC. These guidelines are meant to be fluid and could change as conditions change.

- While we will not require proof, all attendees must be fully vaccinated.
- All attendees should wear masks at all times.
- No food or drink will be served. Only water bottles will be allowed. We will have markers to label water bottles.
- Temperature checks will be conducted upon entry.
- Disposable masks will be available for use.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

➤ From the East ⇐

I became a Mason to learn how to tie a bow tie.

Now, it wasn't exactly that simple, but to dial it down to a sound-bite, that's what you would get.

The motivation for me was to find an organization that was dedicated to helping its members be better and have a good time doing it. And the tuxedo is an exclamation-mark of clothing; even if you're going to the drug store in a tux, everyone will assume your next destination is somewhere exciting. But I've never been a fan of wearing clip-on ties. So, if I was going to wear a tux, I needed to learn how to tie a bow tie.

And once I became a Mason, I knew the tux would never be a question, because in our lodge the tuxedo is required. It is why we have always endeavored to include fraternity and fellowship in everything that we do, even in our meetings. We're making it into something special.

But we can't have either fraternity or fellowship if we do not have attendance.

At our August Stated, we shared in honoring Worshipful Brother Karl Gruel on fifty years as a Mason. His story of becoming a Mason, and the family that is St. John's Lodge, was both moving and a reminder that the Lodge is what we make of it.

As we move into our September Stated, I must urge you to make every accommodation to attend. We not only want you to join us in Lodge, but we need you there to execute our business and improve our fellowship. Thus, I ask you again, please check the length of your cable tow and circumscribe your actions accordingly. I will be delivering an educational lecture on the etiquette of Freemasonry, so if you're new (or old and rusty) I look forward to providing instruction and entertainment.

Looking forward to seeing more of you in person!

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Jason Lee

➤ From the West ◀

It was so much fun to finally be back in Lodge, and it was a pleasure to see those of you who were able to attend. It is hard to get back into the rhythm of coming to Lodge every month as it has been over a year since the last time we set foot in the building. I, for, one had a bit of relief once we walked inside. There were many who were unable to attend, either they have moved away, or they don't have the time. For the latter, I strongly encourage you to try to attend. For me being back in Lodge gave me a sense of returning to normal, or at least "normal with a mask." There is so much to be gained from being around other like-minded individuals and I strongly encourage everyone to put our next lodge meeting on their calendar and attend. As for those of you who moved away, gas is only \$3.09.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Bro. Stephen Motroni

Senior Warden

➤ From the South ◀

Did You Know... That Francis Scott Key was a fellow Brother Master Mason?

As many of the Brethren are aware, September 14 marks the anniversary of the writing of The Star-Spangled Banner, our National Anthem. It was the events of the previous night, where Fort McHenry in Baltimore was being bombarded by the British Navy in the War of 1812, that Bro. Francis Scott Key laid witness to the events aboard a ship delayed in the harbor. He was so inspired by both the events of the battle, and that the U.S. flag was flying triumphantly above the fort the following morning, that he penned the verses that would later be paired with the popular British drinking song To Anacreon in Heaven.

It wasn't until 1889 that the United States Navy recognized The Star-Spangled Banner for official use, and, even further, 1931 was the year that congressional resolution made the song our national anthem.

I know that I'll personally have just that little bit of extra pride knowing that our National Anthem was written by a fellow Mason.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

James M. Hall

Junior Warden

From the Secretary's Desk

Greetings Brethren,

Please recall that member dues are due on the 1st of October each year without notice. Do reach out to me or the Master if you have difficulties. Below is the dues structure for the ensuing Masonic year. Remember, dues will vary depending on the Grand Lodge assessment. The Grand Lodge assessment has been fixed to \$25.00 and is reflected in the dues below.

<u>DATE RAISED</u>	<u>2021 DUES</u>
Raised In or After 2010	\$149.50
Raised Before 2010	\$ 64.50

Please log on to **Grandview** (<https://dc.gvsoftware.com>) and make sure your contact info is correct. Specifically, your home address and email address.

There, you will also see your current dues balance. This will reflect your dues for the ensuing year. Some of you are going into this year with a positive balance and some with a negative balance. To that end, your dues owed will be reflected in Grandview. I will be reaching out to you if you owe more than the amount listed above.

Note that neither I nor the Treasurer will be at the September Stated, so please either **mail checks** or **pay online**. If you are sending dues by check, you can mail your check or money order to the following address:

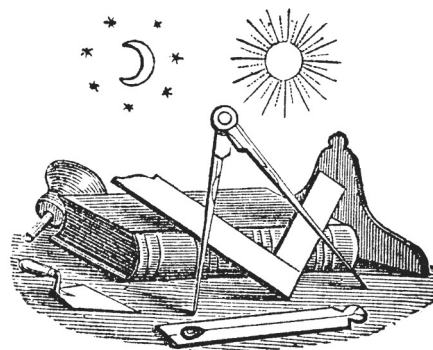
St. John's Lodge No. 11
1504 Spring Pl, NW
Washington, DC, 20010

You can now pay at the **St. John's Lodge webpage** (<http://store.stjohnslodgedc.org>). Please add the appropriate item to your cart. Be aware that there is a small convenience fee attached to paying online.

Please take due notice and govern yourselves accordingly,

Fraternally,

Anand A. Trivedi P.M.



➤ The Chaplin's Corner ◀

Brethren,

It was indeed a great joy to attend the August Stated Communication in person, to see Brothers once again after such a long hiatus, to be privileged to have our Grand Master of Masons in attendance and to bear witness to a Past Master recognized for his long service to our noble Fraternity. It was a pleasure to observe Masonic ritual in person as well. As a newer Master Mason, I am inspired by Brothers working diligently to perfect their ritual performance.

Attaining greater skill and knowledge, aiming for perfection, really is something we all strive for at one time or another, whether it's in our profession, a hobby, a sport, or in Freemasonry. It's easy when doing so to focus on our shortcomings, what we're lacking. What we're getting wrong. We're not perfect, Brothers, and that's okay. The only perfection in this Universe is its Grand Architect.

I recall that many a Renaissance artist would purposely add an imperfection to their work – a flawed brushstroke on a painting here, a misplaced stitch on a tapestry there. This was a reminder to themselves of their imperfect humanity before Deity, who alone is flawless. They wouldn't dare to imitate Him in all his magnificence.

To better ourselves is a natural impulse of being human, and a key element of our Craft. But along the way, Brother, be sure to forgive yourself of your faults. We all have them. Our imperfect nature is in a way Deity's gift to us, for it provides an impetus that purpose in life to strive for more, to more fully complete ourselves. Our Craft serves us well here, and, as we become better Masons, we'll become better (but not perfect!) men.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

David de Hosson
Chaplin

➤ Ballots to be Conducted ◀

The petition for the degrees of the below named is eligible for ballot at the next Stated Communication:

Mr. Kerry Paul Patin

Age: 27

Residing: 2000 S Eads St, Arlington, VA 22202

Occupation: Student/Analyst

Mr. Raymond Gonzalez

Age: 46

Residing: 3904 Rive Dr, Alexandria, VA 22309

Occupation: Government Contractor

The petition for the degrees of the below named is eligible for ballot at the October Stated Communication:

Mr. Drew Calbro

Age: 29

Residing: 1339 E St SE, Apt 429, Wash, DC 20003

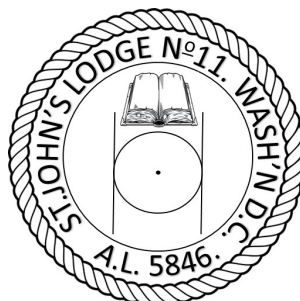
Occupation: Educator

Mr. Benjamin John Watts

Age: 46

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Sam Chin, PM (2022)
D. Scott Heath (2023)



➤ Honorary Members ➤

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Joseph S. Crociata, PGM
Akram R. Elias, PGM
Christopher K. Mahaney, PM
Grand Lecturer
David Han, PM

➤ Living Past Masters ➤

Franchot E. White	1978
John C. Regner	1985**
Nelson L. Fink	1986 - 1987
Charles W. Riley	1988
Karl F. Gruel, Jr.	1994 - 1995
Thomas Donnaud	1989*, 1995 - 1996*
Akram R. Elias, PGM (Hon.)	1999*, 2001*, 2003 - 2004*
Robert E. Johnson	2002, 2004*, 2008- 2010
David Han, RWB (Hon.)	2005*, 2010*
Michael J. Gambale Jr.	2011
Justin T. Russell	2012
Harry Trapp, Jr.	2013
Anand A. Trivedi	2014
Teko Foly, PGM (Hon.)	2002 - 2003*, 2014*
Chip K. Mahaney, RWB (Hon.)	1995*, 2005*, 2015*
D.W. Stephenson	2015
James Parkhurst	2017
Joseph Crociata, PGM (Hon.)	2003*, 2015*, 2016*
Sam Chin	2018
Geoffrey Newman	2012 - 2014*, 2019-2020*
Sean Parkhurst	2019
Jason Lee	2020

* indicates Master at another lodge

** indicates made Honorary PM of St. John's No. 11