

Bulletin
October,
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, October 1st, 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

OCTOBER

David de Hosson	2 years
Carlos E. Gonez	26 years
Ronald E. Johnston	15 years
Thomas Lindo	4 years
Andrew Lund	2 years
Stephen Motroni	4 years
Charles W. Riley, PM	43 years
Kevin Smith	4 years
Colin Timbers	4 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



➤ 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.

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 ⇐

Our September Stated Communication found the lodge woefully understaffed, forcing us to open on the 3rd degree and draw-down to the 1st to allow our EA brethren to attend. I commend our officers in attendance for their flexibility, and I implore those who were unexcused; take due notice and govern yourselves accordingly.

Your attendance at the October Stated Communication is even more vital, as we are electing our officers for the 2022 Masonic year. The support of the Lodge is vital in this process, and we sincerely want your participation. Please make every effort to attend!

➤ Trestleboard ➤

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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.stjohnslodge.dc.org
facebook.com/stjohns11dc
twitter.com/stjohnslodge.dc

Grand Lodge Web Site

www.dcgrandlodge.org

Grandview Setup

Please log into Grandview and ensure all your contact information is correct.

While there, did you know you can set Login or register here:
<https://dc.gvsoftware.com>

➤ From the East (cont.) ➤

We are also looking forward to following our elections with the revelry of our 175th anniversary celebration! Many years in the making, this will be an amazing time, and I look forward to seeing many of you there!

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Jason Lee
Worshipful Master

➤ From the West ➤

Brethren,

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. The 2022 Masonic year is quickly approaching. I, with all of you, hope that the coming year is not marred with Covid and down spirits. I hope to see you all returning to Lodge and spending time with your fellow brothers. I know Worshipful Brother Jason Lee has worked very hard these past two years leading the Lodge through these difficult times, so please let's show him our support by attending Lodge for his remaining time as Worshipful Master. I look forward to seeing you all in Lodge and at the 175th Anniversary celebration!

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Bro. Stephen Motroni
Senior Warden

➤ From the South ➤

Did You Know...

...That our Masonic installation ritual is based off of an installation requirement that Phillip Wharton, the 1st Duke of Wharton, decreed for all new lodges during his tenure as Grand Master? In 1722, Wharton was installed as the 6th Grand Master of England, just 3 years after becoming a Mason. This meant that he was installed as Grand Master without having served as Master of his own lodge; in fact, he would be the last to do so.

Wharton was a wealthy, extravagant, and well-educated man who never shied away from pursuing a potential path to, what he believed, was progress. He was solicited by the Freemasons in England, as was commonplace at the time, to help establish the fraternity as legitimate with society's upper-class.

Unfortunately, Wharton was a man with demons, who was also known throughout his town as being a drunkard and a rioter. This would prove to be problematic after his exit from the Grand East, where a failure to pass his attempt at depriving future Grand Masters the privilege of appointing their deputies, drew his ire and would cause him to spend the rest of his days slandering Freemasonry. He was so offended that he would later go on to found The Germogons, where he would continue to poke fun and ridicule the fraternity.

Nonetheless, his decree that all newly-found lodges must have an installation of its first Master (though there was no requirement for future installations), caused a significant impact in the traditions of the Fraternity. Over time, the ritual continued to evolve into the ceremony that we see today where the Master-elect, Wardens and elected officers are examined by the presiding officer (a Past Master), imparted with their jewels and authority, and challenged to swear their allegiance to the Lodge and Fraternity.

<https://thecraftsman.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/DONE-Leadership-and-the-History-of-the-installation-ceremony-JB.pdf>

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

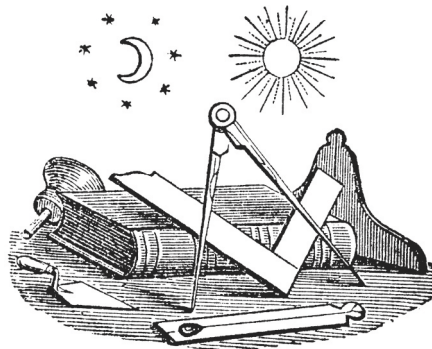
You can now pay at the **St. John's Lodge webpage** (<http://store.stjohnslodgedc.org>). Please add the appropriate item to your cart. Be aware that there is a small convenience fee attached to paying online.

Please take due notice and govern yourselves accordingly,

Fraternally,

Anand A. Trivedi P.M.

Secretary



➤ The Chaplin's Corner ◀

Brethren,

It is indeed with great pride and joy that I celebrate along with you, the Worshipful Master, and all of the Brothers of St. John's Lodge No. 11 on this most august occasion of the 175th anniversary of our noble lodge. One hundred and seventy-five years. That's one hundred and seventy-five years of Brothers being initiated, passed and raised, of stated communications, of marches and parades, of Brethren breaking bread and enjoying fellowship, of community involvement and charity, good done with Deity in mind at all times, and with His Holy Book imprinted on their hearts.

We are inextricably tied to all the Brethren who came before us in this lodge, the many hundreds of good men who sought the Light of Freemasonry in their lives, who met on the level and parted on the square. Ours is a mystical union, which binds us now together, and to all our forebears. Let us take time always to remember our dear St. John's Brethren who departed for that Celestial Lodge above, laying down their working tools. Let us keep them in our prayers and forever do our very best to build upon that most sturdy of foundations which they laid down before us.

I am honored, Brothers, to be a part of St. John's Lodge No. 11, and to be able to honor and celebrate our Lodge's rich past. But as we look to our forebears for inspiration and strength, let us all look to the future as well, and strive to the fullest to continue the noble Masonic endeavors of these good men who came before us, for the sake of all those good men of St. John's who will come after us.

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. Drew Calbro

Age: 29

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

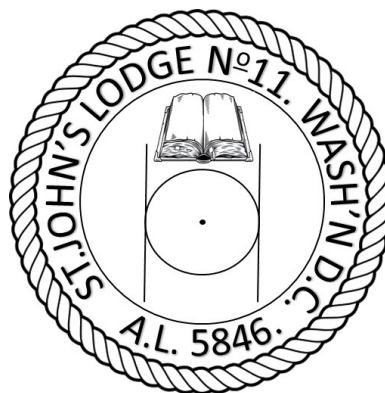
Occupation: Educator

Mr. Benjamin John Watts

Age: 46

Residing: 11906 Fallen Holly Ct, Great Falls, VA 22066

Occupation: Operations Coordinator



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➤ Trustees ➤

James Parkhurst, PM (2021)
Sam Chin, PM (2022)
D. Scott Heath (2023)



➤ Honorary Members ➤

Teko Foly, PGM
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