

Bulletin
March,
2023

ST. JOHN'S LODGE No.11
Free And Accepted Masons
Oldest Continually Operating Unmerged Lodge in DC

Chartered
February,
1846

➤ Trestleboard ⇐

Friday, March 3rd, 2023

6:30

LODGE FELLOWSHIP/MEAL

Family, Friends, Candidates
and Prospects Welcome

7:30

STATED COMMUNICATION

Grand Visitation

BALLOTS

The Lodge will conduct a ballot for a honorary voting membership for a worthy Brother at our April Stated Communication.

Almas Shrine Temple
1315 K Street NW
Washington, DC 20005

ALMAS SHRINE PARKING

Garage parking is available onsite at the Temple, and it's only \$3 for the entire evening.

The entrance to the garage can be found on 13th St, just south of the DCFD Engine 16 Fire Station.

To access the Lodge elevator lobby through the garage, continue down to level P3. Look for the reserved parking spaces for Almas Shrine.

The door to enter the building is just to the right of the reserved spaces—press the button on the callbox next to the door for admittance.

➤ Stated Communication ⇐

Important Note: Change of Location

Please note that our Lodge has relocated, and moving forward all meetings will be held at the Almas Shrine Temple. Please reference its Trestleboard section of the Bulletin for address and parking details.

➤ From the East ⇐

Brethren,

For those who were unable to attend our last Stated Communication, you missed out on one of the best presentations we've had to date. Brother Senior Warden Michael Arce and Brother Junior Deacon David De Hosson put together an expertly crafted discussion on the legacy of Hiram Abiff, and how it applies to Masonry. The premise of the discussion, that throughout our ritual and education, we often find ourselves unsure of the specifics and details of Hiram Abiff. This led to a fantastic exploration of the origins of the person, his legacy, and how we apply it to Masonry. I implore you to connect with Brothers Arce and De Hosson for further discussion on the topic and learn as much as you can from their expertise.

On a specific note from February's stated, we (finally) passed the budget for 2023. I have spent significant time over the past several months working with key stakeholders in our Lodge to craft a budget that clearly reinvests in our Brethren with the intent to grow our network both fraternally and financially. Though the work is far from complete, I expect that this will serve as a framework that future Worshipful Masters can use to refine their plans and contribute to our advancement.

An important reminder to all Brethren – our Grand Visitation is scheduled for Friday, March 3, 2023. It is **imperative** that we have our seats filled for this Stated Communication as the Most Worshipful Grand Master has directly communicated to me and the pillar officers that his perception of a healthy Lodge is one that is full. If you are unable to attend, contact me or Brother Senior Warden Michael Arce as soon as possible, and, if you are able to coordinate a replacement in your stead, that would be most welcomed.

Ending on a bright note, we are on the cusp of spring when the temperatures warm and the daylight lasts a bit longer. A sense of renewed growth and excitement at the opportunities ahead is in the air (as well as pollen). As the weekends become more hospitable, we plan to host some Lodge picnics to enjoy the change of the seasons. I hope that both our regulars and long-time-no-seers can join us.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

WB James M. Hall
Worshipful Master

➤ Trestleboard ❄

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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 Worshipful Master **James 'Jamie' M. Hall** at 443-844-1804, Senior Warden **Michael T. Arce** at 240-821-4530, or Junior Warden **Stephen M. Motroni** at 916-847-2707.

MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

MARCH

Bro. Ronald D. McAbee	33 yrs
Bro. Marshall Gevinson	42 yrs
WB Justin T. Russell, PM	24 yrs
Bro. Daniel W. Campbell	10 yrs
WB Sean Parkhurst, PM	10 yrs

"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."

- James "Jamie" M. Hall, WM

STATED COMMUNICATIONS

7:30 PM First Friday (Except July)

Almas Shrine Temple

1315 K Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005

Lodge Social Media

www.stjohnslodgedc.org
facebook.com/stjohns11dc

Grand Lodge Web Site

www.dcgrandlodge.org



➤ From the West ❄

Brethren,

For all of the clear and direct instructions detailed in Masonic ritual, there exist a few loopholes that I have discovered throughout our code. For example, the discretion we must possess when preparing to have Masonic intercourse (communication). We are instructed to only discuss the secrets of Freemasonry with those we know, are told through Masonic authority that we can speak with, or can confirm the identity of this man as a Freemason. That last part can be a challenge when you are meeting a man who claims to be a Mason, and you are in a setting where presenting a dues card or testing this individual through the usual ways is not possible.

I always fall back on "caution" as the word to keep in mind when I find myself in these moments.

The cabledow is another Masonic loophole. We often find that business, family, or health can prevent us from regularly attending Lodge. For some reading this bulletin, travel may be difficult for a few other reasons. It is understandable that distance or your ability to physically attend Lodge is excusable. And my Brother, we do think of you if the miles separate us or if care confines you at home.

However, since moving to the West, it has been quite lonely. I figured that would be the case since the Junior Deacon is my sole companion. But looking across our Lodge room, I have noticed many empty seats and sadly long to see familiar faces. As a Lodge, we voted to relocate to a more central location with the aim that the move would be more accessible to Brethren in the District. I hope this proves to be true in the coming months.

A gentle reminder - our Grand Visitation is planned for our March Stated Communication. I hope with this due and timely notice, perhaps your cabledow will allow you to join us as we represent St. John's Lodge No. 11 for our Grand Master and his officer line.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Bro. Michael Arce

Senior Warden

➤ From the South ❄

Brethren,

I am looking forward to our next communication. Our February lodge had an amazing presentation by Brother Senior Warden Michael Arce and Brother Junior Deacon David De Hosson! Their presentation reminded me of some of the things I look forward to in Lodge. I am very excited to see more from them in the future. We had a great meal that our Worshipful Master recommended and, of course, having access to beverages throughout the evening's festivities was a great bonus. Our Lodge is off to a great start this year! I hope more of the brethren find it within reach of their cabledow to attend now that the dredges of winter are behind us. (cont.)

➤ From the South (cont.) ⇐

With February behind us we are now approaching our Grand Visitation. I hope many of you are able to attend as we need the turnout to represent your Lodge. Even if you are not interested in the Grand Visitation, show up for the fellowship dinner and merriment after. One of the bonuses of our new location is the attached bar.

I look forward to seeing you all there.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

WB Stephen M. Motroni, PM
Junior Warden

From the Secretary's Desk

Greetings Brethren,

Take notice that notice has gone out to all delinquent members. A list of members still delinquent by our February Stated Communication will be presented to the Brethren. If no payment is made prior to the March Stated Communication, those members will be up for Non-Payment of Dues (NPD) suspension.

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>2023 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.

If you are sending dues by check, you can mail your check or money order to the following address:

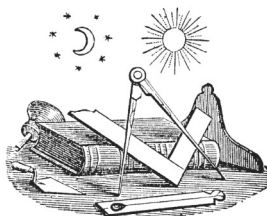
St. John's Lodge No. 11, % Brother Secretary, 1317 Kennedy Street, NW, Washington, DC, 20011

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** ⇐**Brothers,**

As we welcome the arrival of spring, I hope that this newsletter finds you well. This month, I would like to reflect on the theme of growth.

Spring is a time of new beginnings, and it is the perfect opportunity for us to grow in our personal and spiritual journeys. In Masonry, we are encouraged to continuously strive for self-improvement and growth. Through the lessons and symbolism of our craft, we learn to better ourselves and our communities.

As Masons, it is important that we continually work to better ourselves and those around us. This could be as simple as reaching out to a Brother who may be struggling or volunteering in our local community. By practicing acts of charity and compassion, we can make a positive impact in the lives of those around us.

I encourage each of you to take some time this month to reflect on how you can continue to grow and improve both as a Mason and as a person. Let us work together to make a positive impact in our communities and in the lives of those around us.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Bro. Benjamin Watts

⇒ **IN MEMORIAM** ⇐

It is with much sadness that the Lodge must inform the Brethren of the passing of **Brother Nicholas Paul**.

His labors in this physical world are over, and he joins The Supreme Architect of the Universe in that house not built with hands, eternal in the heavens. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to his family. Farewell, until we meet again.

Nicholas Ignatius Paul

Born
June 20th, 1940

Initiated
April 27th, 1962

Passed
November 23rd, 1962

Raised
January 25th, 1963

Died
January 14th, 2023

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D. Scott Heath (2023)
Jason Lee (2024)
Tommy Ripke (2025)



➤ 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
Chip K. Mahaney, RWB (Hon.)	1995*, 2005*, 2015*
Akram R. Elias, PGM (Hon.)	1999*, 2001*, 2003 - 2004*
Teko Foly, PGM (Hon.)	2002 - 2003*, 2014*
Robert E. Johnson	2002, 2004*, 2008- 2010
Joseph Crociata, PGM (Hon.)	2003*, 2015*, 2016*
David Han, RWB (Hon.)	2005*, 2010*
Jeffery D. Russell, PGM (Hon.)	2006*, 2013*
Michael D Nicholas, PGM (Hon.)	2009*, 2010*, 2020*
Michael J. Gambale Jr.	2011
Justin T. Russell	2012
Geoffrey Newman	2012 - 2014*, 2019-2020*
Harry Trapp, Jr.	2013
Anand A. Trivedi	2014
D.W. Stephenson	2015
James Parkhurst	2017
Sam Chin	2018
Sean Parkhurst	2019
Jason Lee	2020, 2021
Stephen M. Motroni	2022

➤ Honorary Members ➤

MWB Teko Foly, PGM
MWB Joseph S. Crociata, PGM
MWB Akram R. Elias, PGM
RWB Christopher K. Mahaney, PM
RWB David Han, PM
MWB Michael D. Nicholas, PGM
MWB Jeffrey D. Russell, PGM

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