

Bulletin  
April,  
2023

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

Chartered  
February,  
1846

➤ Trestleboard ⇐

Friday, April 7th, 2023

6:30

LODGE FELLOWSHIP/MEAL

Family, Friends, Candidates  
and Prospects Welcome

7:30

STATED COMMUNICATION

**BALLOTS**

The Lodge will conduct a ballot for Honorary Voting Membership to a worthy Brother at our April Stated Communication. The Brother was proposed to receive an Honorary Voting Membership by a Brother of this Lodge in open Lodge at our January Stated Communication.

The Lodge will also conduct a ballot on the petition for the reinstatement of Brother Thomas Zekoski who has satisfied the requirements to be reinstated after suspension due to nonpayment of dues.

**GOING FORWARD  
ALL LODGE EVENTS  
WILL BE HELD AT:**

**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. (cont.)

➤ 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 the Trestleboard section of the Bulletin for address and parking details.

➤ From the East ⇐

**Brethren,**

Thank you to everyone who was able to step up and support our Lodge during our Grand Visitation last month. The Grand Master communicated to us that he views the strength of a Lodge by that Lodge's ability to be able to completely fill our seats during a visitation, and I'm so proud to be able to say that we filled our seats and more.

Further, we had an absolutely stunning turn out from the Grand Lodge for our visitation, and the room was as full as I've ever seen. I thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to discuss our Lodge's trestleboard and the work that we're doing to build strength, unity, and fellowship for our Brethren.

A note to keep an eye out for details on the table lodge that Brother Senior Warden and the Fellowship Committee are diligently planning with Anacostia-Pentalpha Lodge No.21. The event will be sure to have excellent merriment and camaraderie, with an open invitation to candidates interested in seeking to petition.

Finally, a decision from the Grand Master has been made to clarify the appropriate dress of all Lodge officers. "Properly attired is defined as: black suit, white shirt, black shoes, black socks, and a black or Lodge tie (four-in-hand or bowtie)." If there are any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me so we can discuss.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

**WB James M. Hall**

Worshipful Master

## ➤ Trestleboard ◀

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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.

### 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

#### APRIL

RWB Chip Mahaney	32 yrs
Bro Brian Burgess	15 yrs
WB Michael Gambale Jr, PM	15 yrs
Bro Michael Case	15 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](http://www.stjohnslodgedc.org)  
[facebook.com/stjohns11dc](https://facebook.com/stjohns11dc)

#### Grand Lodge Web Site

[www.dcgrandlodge.org](http://www.dcgrandlodge.org)

## ➤ From the West ◀

### Brethren,

It was great seeing a full Lodge for St. John's Official Visit of our Grand Master, MWB Annas Kamara in March. It was clear during the Grand Master's comments that he encouraging all DC Masons to raise our standards when it comes to practicing our Beloved Craft. I hope the energy of the Grand Master's words continues to fuel your passion and desires to improve yourself in Freemasonry, and that we see you at our next Stated Communication in April!

Sincerely and Fraternally,

#### Bro. Michael Arce

Senior Warden

## ➤ From the South ◀

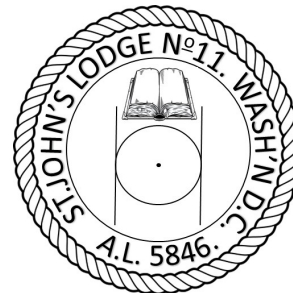
### Brethren,

It was wonderful to see all who were able to attend our March Stated Communication. Though the Grand Visitation was exciting, my favorite part was the fellowship before Lodge. We often find ourselves with an overburdened trestleboard. I, too, am guilty of this. My favorite part of the Lodge is the people and the diversity of its members. I often am amazed at how similar and yet how different we all are. This diversity of personalities is really what has allowed me to grow in Masonry. I try every night to talk to everyone in attendance. Some nights are easier than others. What I am trying to say is, when you do not attend Lodge, there is at least one person, me, who misses you. I hope we can keep our momentum going the remainder of the year with the stellar performance.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

#### WB Stephen M. Motroni, PM

Junior Warden



## From the Secretary's Desk

### Greetings Brethren,

Take notice that the Lodge has voted to suspend seven Brothers due to non-payment of dues. Two of these Brothers have already remitted their dues and have automatically been reinstated. The five other Brothers are not permitted to attend any Masonic events while under suspension including Blue Lodge meetings, Festive Boards, and any appendant body meetings. If they are members of other lodges in our jurisdiction or otherwise, their memberships there are consequently suspended there as well.

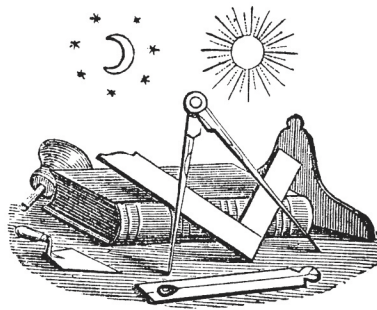
They have one year from the date of suspension to be reinstated by simply remitting their dues. After a year, they must petition the lodge to be reinstated. Notice of such suspension has been sent to these Brothers. Please, if you can reach out to these Brothers to let them know if they wish to remain in good standing, they must remit payment before March of 2024. Any Brothers needing assistance, should reach out to the Worshipful Master or myself for consideration.

Please take due notice and govern yourselves accordingly.

Fraternally,

**Anand A. Trivedi P.M.**

Secretary



## ↔ The Chaplin's Corner ↔

### Brothers,

As we move into the month of April, I am reminded of the importance of perseverance. In Masonry, we are taught the value of perseverance and the rewards that come from steadfast dedication to our principles and values.

As we face challenges and obstacles in our lives, it can be easy to become discouraged or lose sight of our goals. However, by practicing perseverance, we can overcome adversity and achieve our objectives.

In Masonry, we are called to persevere in our pursuit of truth, morality, and brotherhood. By staying true to our principles, we can remain steadfast in the face of adversity and continue to make a positive impact in our communities.

I encourage each of you to embrace the spirit of perseverance this month. Whether you are working towards a personal or professional goal, remember that with dedication and determination, anything is possible.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

**Bro. Benjamin Watts**

Chaplin

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Tommy Ripke (2025)



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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

➤ 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

\* indicates Master at another lodge

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