

Bulletin
August,
2023

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

Chartered
February,
1846

➤ **Trestleboard** ◀

Friday, August 4th, 2023

6:30

LODGE FELLOWSHIP/MEAL

**Family, Friends, Candidates and
Prospects Welcome**

7:30

STATED COMMUNICATION

Ice Cream Social

BALLOTS

The Lodge will conduct a ballot for on the petition for the reinstatement of Brother Ryan Denmark 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 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.

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." (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,

Welcome back from the summer! I hope everyone has been able to relax and stay cool with friends and family.

I missed many of you in June, but Bro. Senior Warden informs me that everything went very well. I'd like to commend everyone for a successful Warden's Night. Having the opportunity to move up in the line and continue to validate our proficiency in ritual is key to our ability to open and close our Lodge, manage business, and make new Masons. Everyone should be working, when you have time, to memorize any lines you may have in ritual, as well as the lines of the seats ahead and behind you. It is your responsibility to follow through on your obligations while managing your cable-tow, and that includes attendance in Lodge.

To that point, we will be moving our weekly Discord meeting to Wednesdays from 8-9pm for anyone interested in practicing ritual or discussing Lodge business. The Pillar Officers have agreed that our agenda will be to open the meeting with practice of the opening ritual, we will discuss ongoing business and planning, and conclude with practice of the closing ritual. If you need access to the server, reach out to W.B. Stephen Motroni, PM, for an invite.

As many of you know, we recently lost an amazing Brother, an extraordinarily dedicated Mason, and a wonderful friend, WB John C Regner. John fully dedicated himself to everything he did - he was deeply involved with the Eastern Star and Job's Daughters, as well as much of his church community, and we would not be the lodge we are today without his unwavering support during his service as Secretary of the Lodge for a staggering 23 years.

I had the privilege of joining W.B. Karl Gruel, W.B. D.W. Stephenson, W.B. Sam Chin, and W.B. Anand Trivedi in representing St. John's Lodge No. 11 at the funeral services in Jamestown, NY. To say the service was well attended would be an understatement, as the funeral home was so full that there was only room to stand for many of us. He received Masonic funeral services performed by our friends in the Mount Moriah Lodge No. 145, an Eastern Star funeral service, and full military honors with a 21-gun salute—which, upon hearing, made it very difficult to keep my composure. At the conclusion of the services, we joined friends and family at the Jamestown Masonic Temple for the wake, where we regaled each other with some of our favorite memories and stories of John.

➤ Trestleboard ◀

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 AUGUST

Christopher Kisco	10 years
Jason Lee, PM	10 years
Thomas Ripke	10 years
Harry Trapp, PM	14 years
Michael Nicholas Sr, MWB	22 years

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Geoffrey Newman, PM	August 22
Thomas Zekoski	August 26

"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)

Lodge Mailing Address
1317 Kennedy St NW
Washington, DC 20011

Lodge Social Media
www.stjohnslodgedc.org
facebook.com/stjohns11dc

Grand Lodge Web Site
www.dcgrandlodge.org

We will be coordinating a memorial for John that will likely take place in the Fall. Please keep an eye out for further details as we begin the planning phase.

A final note about upcoming events: in August, we are planning to host an old-fashioned ice cream social with a variety of fun flavors, toppings, floats and summertime treats. In September, we will be organizing a Masonic Movie night accompanied with Bingo. Both events are friends and family friendly, so feel free to bring Brothers, prospects, partners, and children for the festivities.

I know that there are some of you that I owe drinks for the previous iteration of trivia. Find me in Lodge, and I'll deliver. For those still interested in playing, the rules remain the same: correctly answer the pinball trivia question below and I'll buy your first drink.

Medieval Madness boasts character voice credits from which SNL Alum?

Sincerely and Fraternally,

W.B. James M. Hall
Worshipful Master

➤ From the West ◀

Brethren,

At this point in the business year, most organizations hold a second half of the year review (H2) meeting. This time allows us to review the pace to goal from the beginning of the year, reassess objectives and initiatives, and, if necessary, realign priorities based on benchmarks and metrics. In simple terms: they look back from whence they came and adjust their path for the remainder of the year.

My Brothers, we are at the halfway point of our Masonic year. This is a perfect time to review the goals you set at the beginning of the year and assess your performance. Did you say you wanted to try and attend Lodge every month? Was this the year you wanted to become more involved with committee work? Or did you say to yourself that you wanted to get to know every member who actively attends our meetings?

I did. And, more importantly, there is still time to make progress in ourselves, the Brethren of St. John's, and to make a difference in the future of our Lodge. I look forward to seeing you in the months to come!

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Bro. Michael Arce
Senior Warden

➤ From the South ◀

Brethren,

Brethren. It is now the back half of our Masonic year. It has been a great experience seeing many of you both in and out of lodge. As the Fall months begin to approach I encourage you to make time to come to lodge. I know I myself have not been able to attend many of our outside of lodge activities but will do my best to do so for the remainder of the year. All I ask is you all do the same.

It is often we find our cabletoe short so please get your calendar marked to make remembering easier. If it were not for writing these events down I would forget so many more events. So let's start by simply marking the calendar for lodge the remainder of the year. You will be surprised how much it will help.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

W.B. Stephen M. Motroni, PM
Junior Warden



From the Secretary's Desk

Greetings Brethren,

Happy August everyone! As a reminder, you have the ability to change your contact information within GrandView (<https://dc.grandview.systems/>). Log on to let me and the Grand Lodge know whenever anything changes. There, you can also find resources and information including Masonic education and Grand Jurisdictions to which you are free to travel.

Fraternally,

Anand A. Trivedi, PM
Secretary

➤ The Chaplin's Corner ◀

Brothers,

As we enter the month of August, I am filled with a sense of gratitude and reflection. August provides us with an opportunity to appreciate the blessings in our lives and express gratitude for the abundance that surrounds us.

In Masonry, gratitude holds a special place. It is a reminder to appreciate the privileges and opportunities we have been given, and to acknowledge the contributions and support of our brethren. Gratitude not only uplifts our spirits but also strengthens the bonds of brotherhood within our fraternity.

Take a moment this month to reflect on the blessings in your life. Express gratitude for the friendships forged, the wisdom imparted, and the lessons learned through Masonry. Let us also extend our gratitude to those who have supported us in our Masonic journey, including our families, mentors, and fellow brethren.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Bro. Benjamin Watts
Chaplin

➤ In Memoriam ◀

It is with much sadness that the Lodge must inform the Brethren of the passing of Worshipful Brother John C. Regner, PM, on June 13th, 2023. 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. Our prayers go out to John's wife, Dianne, and daughters, Kimberly ("Kim") and Teresa ("T").

John C. Regner, Jr.

Born: August 20, 1946 PM Initiated: May 8, 1980 PM

Passed: June 12, 1980 PM Raised: July 10, 1980

Master: 1984 - 1985 Hunsrueck Lodge #839, West Germany

Served as Secretary for St. John's Lodge No. 11 for 23 years

Honorary Past Master of St. John's Lodge No. 11: June 3, 2016

Died: June 13th, 2023

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Jason Lee (2024)
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
MWB Alan L. Gordon, PGM

Living Past Masters

Franchot E. White	1978
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