

Bulletin
October,
2023

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

Chartered
February,
1846

➤ Trestleboard ◀

Friday, October 7th, 2023

6:30

LODGE FELLOWSHIP/MEAL

Family, Friends, Candidates and
Prospects Welcome

7:30

STATED COMMUNICATION

AED Presentation

Continued Discussion of Finances

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."

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. (cont.)

➤ From the East ◀

Brethren,

Fraternal greetings! I hope that everyone is happily returning to their work following the Labor Day holiday, feeling refreshed and invigorated.

First and foremost: a reminder that if you have yet to pay your dues, please make sure to do so as soon as possible. I want to make sure that none of our brethren find themselves in arrears. If at any point you find yourself under financial burden, please know that there is a process for relief available to you.

Last month, we had a lengthy discussion on how to best approach collective frustrations with Lodge finances. We agreed that while my initial proposal was a good starting point, it needed some massaging before we expect it to work for our needs. Period-length when averaging the return on the account, acceptable expenses, and formal steps in the process were some of the specific topics that we felt needed a closer examination before moving forward. As such, it was decided that a committee would be formed to deal with the finite details that are currently missing, and to edit the language that governs how we spend the Gowans fund. We are currently on an accelerated timeline with the expectation that we will have a complete proposal ready for Lodge approval in October. I firmly believe that this will drastically improve the way that we plan and govern our Lodge, and creates a process for growth and stability.

In addition to voting on the proposed changes to the Gowans in October, we will have Brother Marcelin, the Grand Lodge Physician, in attendance for a presentation on how to use the automated external defibrillator (AED) that we have on-hand at Almas. For those of you who have been through first-aid training, you'll know how valuable these devices are in an effort to save someone's life. I invite you all to join for this informative lecture: "there's no harm in hoping for the best as long as you've prepared for the worst."

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

WB James M. Hall
Worshipful Master

➤ From the West ◀

Warm Fraternal Greetings!

Fall is always my "happy time" of the year. Nothing brings a smile to my face faster or excitement to my heart than the start of the NFL Season. I look forward to watching my team (hopefully win) and of course, the snacks, beverages, and nacho dinners at my house on Sunday night. It truly is the best way to end the week. (cont.)

➤ **Trestleboard** ◀

MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

OCTOBER

Charles W. Riley, PM	45 yrs
Thomas Joshua Lindo	6 yrs
Stephen M. Motroni	6 yrs
Colin M. Timbers	5.5 yrs
David J.C. de Hosson	4 yrs
Andrew C. Lund	4 yrs
Thomas C. Zekoski	2 yrs
Michael J. Lampart	1 yr
James A. Morrissey	1 yr
Kerry P. Patin	1 yr
Benjamin J. Watts	1 yr

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Carlos E. Gomez	Oct 8th
Alan L. Gordon, PGM	Oct 8th
Ronald Johnston	Oct 9th
Akanni Oyegbola	Oct 10th
James Parkhurst, PM	Oct 12th
Harry Trapp, PM	Oct 17th

“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, cont.** ◀

Fall is also the signal of the change in our season from Summer to Winter. Masonically, we mark these moments with St. John’s Day feasts on December 27th and June 24th. In preparation for our transition to a new Masonic Year, I invite you to attend our first Fellowcraft Brunch on Saturday, October 14th at the Royal Restaurant in Alexandria.

Be sure to state your RSVP or share your regrets before our October Stated Communication. As the restaurant space is limited, no late arrivals or walk-ups are allowed.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Bro. Michael Arce
Senior Warden

➤ **From the South** ◀

Brethren,

As the leaves fall and nature undergoes its yearly transformation, let us reflect on the wisdom of this season. Just as leaves drop, we should release burdens and imperfections, allowing personal growth. Embrace diversity, like the varied colors of autumn leaves, and find strength in unity.

As the days shorten, let us be beacons of Masonic light, dispelling ignorance and intolerance.

This autumn, let us renew our commitment to brotherly love, relief, and truth.

I hope to see you again real soon!

Sincerely and Fraternally,

WB Stephen M. Motroni, PM
Junior Warden

➤ **The Chaplin’s Corner** ◀

Brethren,

In our pursuit of light and knowledge, let’s take a moment to appreciate the insights we’ve gained and the growth we’ve experienced. Each step forward, no matter how small, brings us closer to the ideals we hold dear.

As Masons, we are entrusted with the task of building a better world. This month, let’s renew our commitment to this noble endeavor. Whether it’s through acts of charity, extending a helping hand to a brother in need, or engaging in meaningful discussions, every effort counts.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Bro. Benjamin Watts
Chaplin

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.

<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.

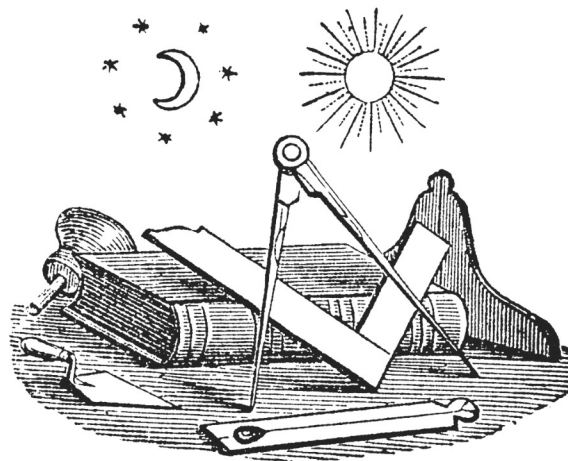
If you are sending dues by check, you can mail your check or money order to the following address:

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.
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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
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*
Jeffrey 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