

Bulletin
November,
2023

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

Chartered
February,
1846

➤ **Trestleboard** ◀

Friday, November 3rd, 2023

6:30

LODGE FELLOWSHIP/MEAL

Family, Friends, Candidates and
Prospects Welcome

7:30

STATED COMMUNICATION

Election of 2024 Officers

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,

Let me start by first commending the efforts of the Gowans Governing Language Committee and congratulating everyone on our collective efforts to organize and update the language of the funds, as well as improve the process used to manage our annual budget. At our October stated, a new version was proposed that clarified exactly what we, as a Lodge, see as allowable vs. unallowable expenses that can be spent against that fund. We clearly outlined a path to create a budget based on the performance of the account while also protecting such an important gift to the Brethren. And, with thoughtful input and clear resolve, we successfully passed the updates.

It's extremely important that we recognize that (1) this was no small effort, especially when acknowledging the timeline in which we reached the goal line, and (2) this sets us on an exciting path toward continued improvement of our Lodge processes. We will continue to polish the rough ashlar of our current practices and resources until we have laid the groundwork for future generations within our walls to flourish.

In November, we have our annual elections of the Lodge Officers. I hope to see as many of you, or more, as we were graced with seeing in October. Remember that these Brethren will be leading the Lodge throughout 2024, and it's vitally important that you make your voice heard.

We still have much work to do before winding down for the year, and I know that I can count on the support of you all. I look forward to seeing you November 3rd.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

WB James M. Hall

Worshipful Master

➤ **From the West** ◀

Warm Fraternal Greetings!

At our October Stated Communication, we enjoyed a presentation from W.B. John Marcellin, M.D., the Grand Physician of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia. W.B. Marcellin is an emergency room physician and shared the importance of performing C.P.R. and A.E.D. operations in critical moments.

In our ritual we are taught that our most vital organs are contained in the chest. But that was not the only Masonic connection I made during W.B. Marcellin's program. As he pointed out, the only two things you need to be able to operate an A.E.D. is "to listen and follow instructions." This also relates to the Three Precious Jewels in Masonry, particularly the Attentive Ear and the... (cont.)

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MASONIC BIRTHDAYS NOVEMBER

Chester Robey	35 yrs
David Bibo Jr	13 yrs
David Stephenson PM	13 yrs
David Heath II	9 yrs
Wyatt Smith	9 yrs
James Hall	8 yrs
Paul Elliott	5 yrs

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Ryan Duddy	Nov 1st
Teko Foly PGM	Nov 4th
Benjamin Watts	Nov 5th
Cecil Satterfield Jr	Nov 10th
Charles Riley PM	Nov 22nd
Thomas Henderson	Nov 23rd
William Foster	Nov 28th
Joseph Crociata Jr PGM	Nov 30th

“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.stjohnslogedc.org
facebook.com/stjohns11dc

Grand Lodge Web Site

www.dcgrandlodge.org



➤ From the West, cont. ◀

Instructive Tongue. The Attentive Ear is essential for listening to and following the instructions of the AED, while the Instructive Tongue is essential for teaching others how to perform C.P.R. and stay clear of the A.E.D. before it emits a charge.

The position of our hands when applying C.P.R. connects to the position of our hands on the Holy Bible, Square, and Compass during our obligation. Finally, completing C.P.R. training or knowing where to locate an A.E.D. in our Lodge relates to the lesson on coming to the aid of a Brother in their time of need. This can help to save a Brother's life in the event of a sudden cardiac arrest or loss of consciousness.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Bro. Michael Arce
Senior Warden

➤ From the South ◀

Brethren,

As the tapestry of our Masonic journey unfolds, let us stand united as pillars of support for our brethren. In the approaching elections, the significance of our unity cannot be overstated — it fortifies the very foundation upon which our Lodge stands.

In the spirit of the square and compass may empathy and solidarity be our guiding principles. Let us be mindful of the challenges each brother faces and extend our hands in support. As we traverse the winding stairs of life, our collective strength shines brightest when we stand shoulder to shoulder.

In the Masonic mosaic, upcoming elections serve as a reminder of our shared responsibility. Let us approach this process with a commitment to the principles that define our noble craft. Together, as a bonded fraternity, we shall navigate the currents of change, ever steadfast in our commitment to brotherhood.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

WB Stephen M. Motroni, PM
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>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 ❖

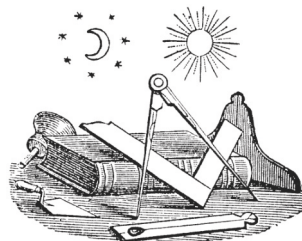
Brothers,

As November arrives, we stand at the threshold of gratitude and renewal. This month invites us to reflect on the blessings we have received and to rekindle our commitment to Masonic ideals. November also brings us to the season of Thanksgiving, a time when we pause to give thanks for the abundance in their lives. Let us remember to be thankful not only for material blessings but also for the moral and spiritual lessons we gain through Masonry.

As we gather in fellowship this month, let us remember those who need our support and reach out to them. Together, we can make a positive impact on the lives of our fellow brothers and on our communities.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Bro. Benjamin Watts
Chaplin



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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*
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