

Bulletin
December,
2023

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

Chartered
February,
1846

➤ Trestleboard ◀

Friday, December 1st, 2023

6:30

LODGE FELLOWSHIP/MEAL

Family, Friends, Candidates and
Prospects Welcome

7:30

STATED COMMUNICATION

Open Installation 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,

It has been a joy and an honor to serve as your Worshipful Master for 2023. In November, I closed Lodge for the last time in 2023, and, truthfully, the gravity of the situation did not resonate with me immediately. It wasn't until Brother Secretary, who is also the Worshipful Master of Anacostia-Pentalpha No. 21, texted me shortly after the conclusion of his last closing that the proverbial glass shattered.

This year has been an exciting test of how well our Lodge can unite when we have a common goal. Together, we have accomplished an extraordinary amount of work in such a short time, overcome difficult challenges both within our walls and throughout the jurisdiction, navigated the loss of brethren and friends, and welcomed new members to both our Lodge and family. You should all take a moment to truly reflect and appreciate the fruit of your labors.

I'm even more excited to see what 2024 brings with the election of our new Lodge officers. W.M.-elect Bro. Arce has developed a trestleboard curated to the needs of our Lodge with a vision that includes programs and events that both the Brethren and their families will enjoy all year long. The care and effort he has put into continuing to refine his trestleboard throughout the year is undoubtedly evidence showing how capable he is as a leader and that we should all feel confident in his plans.

I look forward to seeing everyone and their families at the installation ceremony during our December Stated Communication where we will join together in congratulating and celebrating the 2024 Lodge officers.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

WB James M. Hall
Worshipful Master



➤ **Trestleboard** ◀

MASONIC BIRTHDAYS
DECEMBER

Cecil Satterfield Jr 42 yrs
Karl F. Gruel, Jr, PM 52 yrs

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Wesley Yurgaites Dec 6th
Michael Lampart Dec 21st
Justin Russell, PM Dec 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.stjohnslodgedc.org
facebook.com/stjohns11dc

Grand Lodge Web Site
www.dcgrandlodge.org



➤ **From the West** ◀

Brethren!

Thank you.

Thank you for your confidence and thank you for your support. It was truly an honor to be elected as Worshipful Master for the 2024 Masonic Year. As I stated in my remarks during our November Stated Communication, I look forward to working with you and serving our Lodge next year.

But first... we need to celebrate!

Please **R.S.V.P. for our December Stated Communication by Monday, November 20th.** We will have a Middle Eastern catered buffet dinner will be served at 6:30 pm with the Open Officer Installation to commence at 7:30 p.m. A wonderful cake from “Cakes by Muriel” will be served following the installation.

You are welcome (and encouraged) to extend this warm invitation to attend to your family, friends, and loved ones. I look forward to celebrating our Lodge next month and meeting the people who are important in your life.

See you soon!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Bro. Michael Arce
Senior Warden

➤ **From the South** ◀

Brethren,

As the Masonic year draws to a close, let us extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Worshipful Master, officers, and Brethren who, like skilled craftsmen, have labored together in the quarry of Brotherhood. With the trowel of unity, you have cemented the bonds that bind us, and with the square of virtue, you have built a structure of honor and enlightenment. We express our sincere thanks for a year adorned with the jewels of fellowship and the compass of guidance. May the Great Architect of the Universe continue to bless our sacred journey in the Masonic Light.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

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 ❖

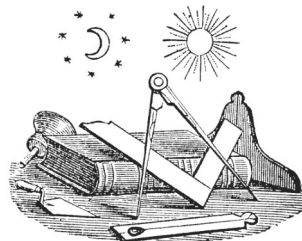
Brothers,

In Masonry, we are reminded of the importance of spreading light in a world that sometimes seems dark. Let us strive to be beacons of kindness, compassion, and wisdom, illuminating the path for others and embodying the true spirit of Freemasonry.

As the year draws to a close, let us take a moment to reflect on our individual journeys within the Craft. Consider the lessons learned, the growth achieved, and the impact made. Let this reflection inspire us to continue our pursuit of self-improvement and service to humanity in the year ahead.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

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 ↔

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|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 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