

Bulletin
January,
2024

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

Chartered
February,
1846

➤ Trestleboard ◀

Friday, January 5th, 2023

7:00 PM

STATED COMMUNICATION

8:00 PM

PROGRAM: TABLETOP GAME NIGHT

Honey Heist – Open to All

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 **Michael T. Arce** at 240-821-4530, Senior Warden **Sam Chin P.M.** at 240-604-6364, or Junior Warden **David de Hosson** at 703-732-1163.

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➤ From the East ◀

My Brothers,

Warm Fraternal Greetings!

While a few weeks have passed since our December Stated Communication and Officer Installation, I am still energized to receive your calls and messages as we move to Labor in the New Year.

As I mentioned in my Installation Address, I believe that Brotherhood and Fellowship are the two most meaningful aspects in our fraternity. For this reason, there will be a few changes for the 2024 Stated Communications for you to note.

First, we will be moving the gavel time for our Lodge meetings to 7:00 P.M. You will receive a PDF agenda of the upcoming Stated Communication with the delivery of this newsletter. Please connect with me prior to our meetings with all business items you wish to discuss. My goal is to continue to run efficient business meetings that allow us to focus on the important work of our Lodge while also allowing Brethren and visitors to enjoy our presentations following the meetings.

Second, Dinner will now be served at 8 P.M. so that we can enjoy our meal during the program for the evening. Additionally, a majority of our events and presentations will be open to anyone who has an interest in Freemasonry. I hope to see your family, friends, and fellow visiting Brethren in 2024!

With that said, the program for our January Stated Communication will be a tabletop game night. This event is Open to All. We will be playing Honey Heist (<https://gshowitt.itch.io/honey-heist>). Dinner will be pizza and there will be "prizes" for our game players. Please RSVP with Bro. Junior Warden at juniorwarden@stjohnslodgedc.org prior to Sunday, December 31, with your headcount for dinner and also to share your pizza recommendations or dietary restrictions. A link to RSVP is also provided in the email that brings this bulletin to you.

On behalf of my wife and family, I wish you and yours a wonderful Holiday Season and joyous New Year!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

W.B. Michael Arce
Worshipful Master

➤ Trestleboard ⇐

MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY

Nicholas E. Ellis Jr 50 years

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Thomas Lindo	January 13
Kerry Patin	January 13
Michael Arce	January 14
Drew Calabro	January 23
Marshall Gevinson	January 25
Tommy Ripke	January 26
Nicholas E. Ellis Jr	January 30

“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.”

— Michael Arce, W.M.

STATED COMMUNICATIONS

7:00 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



➤ From the West ⇐

Greetings Brethren,

Thanks to the Brethren for entrusting us to lead St. John's Lodge No. 11 this year. We will do our best to ensure a year full of education and camaraderie.

Installation is something I look forward to every year. It's a time to see Brethren step up into new roles and for everyone to find ways to support the lodge via the Master's trestleboard for the year. It's a chance to work on improving ourselves at the same time as we begin our New Year's resolutions. A fresh start to work on relationships, Masonic and personal goals or any area we want to improve upon. Know that you have Brethren around you to support your efforts.

I believe the planned trestleboard will be an exciting change of pace with lots to offer us in our growth of brotherhood and familial ties. I hope our stated meetings will continue to fill the house and attract Brethren from other lodges to see the great things we are doing at St. John's Lodge No. 11. There will be good opportunities for you to bring interested gentlemen to various events to learn about masonry and share with us in the joy of the Craft.

Feel free to reach out about anything, our contact information is in all the bulletins. We are here to aid our Brethren in any way we can.

Have a joyous Holiday season and be ready to put in the work necessary to affect the change you want to see in yourself and our lodge.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

W.B. Sam Chin, P.M.

Senior Warden

➤ From the South ⇐

My Dear Brothers,

First and foremost, I would like to convey my sincere thanks to you for placing your trust in me as our esteemed Lodge's next Junior Warden. It's an honor and a privilege, and I will not take that for granted. I promise to serve you and our Worshipful Master to the utmost of my ability, mindful of all the good men who came before me, and whose big shoes I now must fill.

With that said, I am very excited about what lies ahead in the coming year for St. John's Lodge No. 11, given all that Worshipful Brother Arce has planned out. There really will be something for all members of our Lodge family. We'll see you in January for the Honey Heist—it should be a lot of fun! Having been a member of this lodge for a number of years now, it is always inspiring to see the fresh perspective and innovative ideas each new Master brings to the table, and this year is no different.

Brethren, during this happy time of year, with all its hustle and bustle, I do hope you take some well-deserved time for yourselves, to rest, recharge and reflect. We have a busy year of labor on behalf of our craft, just on the horizon!

And of course, Brothers, from my family to yours, I want to wish you and your loved ones very Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year! I wish you health and happiness and continued success in all your endeavors.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Bro. David de Hosson

Junior Warden



From the Secretary's Desk

Greetings Brethren,

At the time of writing this, there are still sixteen Brothers who have not paid their dues. We all have an obligation to this Lodge and not paying your dues on time is disrespectful of your fellow Brothers who have paid. Please make sure to pay your dues on time every year. They are due on October 1st.

In February, I will be announcing the names of Brothers who have not remitted their dues. If dues are not paid by the March Stated Communication, you will be suspended from Masonry. This will mean that you will not be able to attend any Masonic function anywhere in the country. The Grand Master has made it clear that when a Brother is suspended, all Masonic bodies nationwide will be informed of the suspension.

If you have a situation that creates a hardship, please reach out to the Master. We can work with you on your situation whatever it may be. However, if we don't know, we cannot help.

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

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. On a lighter note, to echo our Master's message, I wish you a peaceful and merry holiday season. See you in the new year!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Anand A. Trivedi, PM

❖ In Memoriam ❖

It is with much sadness that the Lodge must inform the Brethren of the passing of Brother Chester Allen Robey on December 1st, 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 his surviving family.

Chester Allen Robey

Born: May 3rd, 1929

Initiated: September 8th, 1950

Passed: October 13th, 1950

Raised: November 10th, 1950

Died: December 1st, 2023

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Jason Lee (2024)
Tommy Ripke (2025)
D. Scott Heath (2026)



➤ **Living Past Masters** ➤

Franchot E. White	1978
Chris Pouler	1984
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, Jr. PGM (Hon.)	2003*, 2015*, 2016*, 2017*
Alan Gordon	2004
David Han, RWB (Hon.)	2005*, 2010*
Jeffery D. Russell, PGM (Hon.)	2006*, 2013*
Michael D Nicholas, PGM (Hon.)	2009*, 2010*, 2020*
Justin T. Russell	2012
Geoffrey Newman	2012 - 2014*, 2019 - 2020*
Harry Trapp, Jr.	2013
Anand A. Trivedi	2014, 2023*
D.W. Stephenson	2015
James Parkhurst	2017
Sam Chin	2018
Sean Parkhurst	2019
Jason Lee	2020, 2021
Stephen M. Motroni	2022
James Hall	2023

➤ **Honorary Members** ➤

MWB Teko Foly, PGM
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

* indicates Master at another lodge
** indicates made Honorary PM of St. John's No. 11