

Bulletin
February,
2024

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

Chartered
February,
1846

➤ Trestleboard ◀

Friday, February 2nd, 2024

7:00 PM

STATED COMMUNICATION

“Astrology and our Planets”

R.W.B. Adam Goldman

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 ◀

Warm Fraternal Greetings,

Thanks to all who attended our Tabletop Game Night at the January Stated Communication. It was very entertaining to watch and be a part of Honey Heist games with Brothers and their guests - Go Bears!

We have another interactive program planned for our February Stated Communication, coming up on Friday, February 2nd! Our theme for the evening will be Astrology as we mark the Lunar New Year with our own Lantern Lodge night. Brothers are welcome to bring their electric (non-ignition) lanterns to Lodge. We will open and close our business meeting on the 1st Degree of Masonry (gavel drops at 7 pm) by lantern light. At 8 pm, R.W.B. Adam Goldman will share his presentation, “Astrology and our Planets,” in the Lodge room, illuminated by your lantern light! R.W.B. Goldman's program is open to anyone with an interest in Freemasonry or Astrology. Complimentary pizza will be served in the Almas Shriner Bar after our business meeting; the bar will be open until 10 pm.

Please be sure to R.S.V.P. if you plan on attending and if you will be bringing a guest.

Bring your Light and help share ours!

Sincerely and Fraternally,

W.B. Michael Arce

Worshipful Master

➤ From the West ◀

Greetings Brethren,

This past meeting we enjoyed a game of Honey Heist with our guest from Colonial Lodge and my daughters, Melody and Suzie. They had fun with the short Dungeons & Dragons style game with Melody winning it all and sneaking away from the scene as a hacker bear with all the honey. Thanks to those that participated and congrats to the gift card winners!

We have had some ailments to Brethren and their families recently and our prayers go out to those in need of comfort during these tough times. If anyone finds themselves in need financially to help with those concerns, please reach out to the Secretary and Pillar officers. We will do our best to support you.

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MASONIC BIRTHDAYS FEBRUARY

Nelson L. Fink, PM 46 years
Teko A. Foly, PGM 36 years

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Karl F. Gruel, PM February 14
Daniel Orłowski February 17
James Hall, PM February 27

“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)

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Lodge Social Media

www.stjohnslodge.org
facebook.com/stjohns11dc

Grand Lodge Web Site

www.dcgrandlodge.org



➤ From the West (cont.) ⇐

On a more pleasant note, this month we will have a Lantern Lodge to experience the wondrous mysticism brought through a presentation from R.W.B. Adam Goldman. Don't forget to bring your lantern to enhance the evening. Also, later in the month we have a sweethearts and admirer's dinner to look forward to. I hope to see everyone with their R.S.V.P. to ensure their place for the evening's food and fellowship.

Let's keep our drive to attend lodge and participate in the wonderful events our Worshipful Master has planned for us this year.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

W.B. Sam Chin, P.M.

Senior Warden

➤ From the South ⇐

My Dear Brothers,

It was great to see everyone at our January Stated, and glad we had a number of takers who played Honey Heist! Many thanks, too, to all those who R.S.V.P.ed—this really does help to ensure that we order enough food for everyone and also to avoid needless waste for our lodge.

I further hope your New Year is still off to a great start! Brothers, if you made any resolutions, I certainly wish you all the best with them! Just as our craft helps us on our path to becoming better men, this time of year is always good to focus on those things we'd like to better about ourselves.

Like you I also am very much looking forward to RWB Goldman's astrology-focused presentation in February. As with other fascinating talks RWB Goldman has provided St. John's, I know this will be equally enlightening.

This will also be my first Lantern Lodge, so I am just as excited about that. One interesting factoid I learned recently: throughout the 1700s and into the 1800s, lanterns of Masonic styling would be hung outside of taverns and inns when lodges would be meeting there, guiding our predecessors ever further to the Light of Freemasonry. I hope our Lantern Lodge will do the same for you.

Brethren, I look forward to seeing you all in February. Until then, take care and be well!

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 fifteen 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

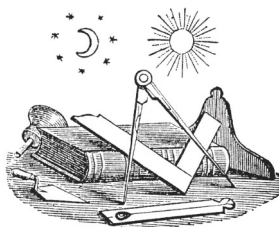
⇒ Upcoming Trestleboard Events ⇐

Friday, March 1st - Masonic History with Bro. Chris Ruli

Gavel drops at 7PM. Following the March Stated Communication at 8PM, St. John's Lodge is proud to host Bro. Chris Ruli. Learn about the history of Freemasonry in our nation's capital through Bro. Ruli's lively storytelling. This program is Open to All, as it is a must attend for those interested in Freemasonry and American history! Complimentary pizza will be served. The Almas Shiner Bar will be open until 10PM. Please RSVP to juniwarden@stjohnslodgedc.org.

Friday, April 5th - Lodge of Discussion: 'The Path of the Warrior Mystic'

The gavel drops for our April Stated Communication at 7PM. Afterwards, the Brethren of St. John's Lodge No. 11 invite all Masons in good standing to attend our Lodge of Discussion beginning at 8PM. Join us as we transform our minds into living stones to form a symbolic philosophical Lodge for the purpose of discussing a select chapter of Bro. Angel Millar's book, "The Path of the Warrior Mystic: Being A Man In An Age Of Chaos." Pizza will be served afterwards (approximately 9PM) and the Almas Shiner Bar will be open until 10PM. Please RSVP to juniwarden@stjohnslodgedc.org - FREE reading materials will be shared on March 25 to those who have RSVP'd.



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The Chaplin's Corner

Natural beauty around us, we are reminded of the responsibility that we must protect and preserve it. By taking steps to reduce our impact on the environment, we can work toward creating a more sustainable world for ourselves and those around us.

We are called to be builders, and that in our lives we can have a positive impact in our communities.

Let us take time to reflect on how you can be a positive influence. Together, we can make a difference.

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...etter world. By working together toward a common goal, we can make a difference around us.

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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

Trustees

- 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*

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