

Bulletin
March,
2024

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

Chartered
February,
1846

➤ Trestleboard ◀

Friday, March 1st, 2024

7:00 PM

STATED COMMUNICATION

“DC Masonic History”

Bro. Chris Ruli

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 ◀

Hello, my Brothers!

Thank you, again, to all who brought their Light to our first Lantern Lodge. What a special evening! It was awesome to sit in Lodge that evening, and I really enjoyed R.W.B. Adam Goldman's talk on Astrology and Freemasonry. While staring out at the ocean waters and looking up at the stars on my cruise after the meeting, I thought about how ancient Traveling Men applied astronomy to guide their way. And how the knowledge of the paths of the planets led to finding deeper meanings in our daily lives.

As I shared in the Officer's group chat after our February Communication: we are building something special at St. John's Lodge No. 11, and I'm blessed to share this moment with you all. Let's continue to bring our energy and passion to our monthly meetings!

A quick note, please place a hold on your calendar for our Official Visit on Friday, June 28. We will be sharing the Grand Master's visit with a few other Lodges. I expect the Elected Officers to be in attendance and would be moved to see as many St. John's Brethren as possible that evening.

Finally, Bro. Chris Ruli will be our speaker at the March Communication. Gavel drops at 7:00 p.m., program and light dinner at 8:00 p.m. Learn about the history of Freemasonry in our nation's capital through Bro. Ruli's lively storytelling. This program is Open to All and a must attend for those interested in Freemasonry and American history. Don't forget if you bring a guest — your first drink is on me!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

W.B. Michael Arce

Worshipful Master

➤ From the West ◀

Greetings Brethren,

Last month's meeting was enlightening with how the ancients used the stars and planets to divine and predict the happenings on Earth. Our lanterns provided a nice ambiance to enhance the meeting and our program. Special thanks to R.W.B. Adam Goldman for his presentation. We look forward to his visits in the future with more light. We enjoyed a Sweethearts and Admirers Dinner late in February with the Brethren of the lodge and their plus one's.

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➤ **Trestleboard** ◀

MASONIC BIRTHDAYS
MARCH

Marshal Gevinson	43 years
Justin T. Russell, PM	25 years
Daniel W. Campbell	11 years
Sean Parkhurst, PM	11 years

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Wyatt J. Smith	March 09
Chip K. Mahaney, PM	March 13
Chris A. Pouler, PM	March 15
Paul A. Elliott	March 21
James A. Morrissey	March 23
Stephen M. Motroni, PM	March 24

“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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www.stjohnslodgedc.org
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Grand Lodge Web Site



➤ **From the West (cont.)** ◀

I had the solemn opportunity to attend a Masonic Funeral service for the Grand Lodge Fidelity Medal holder provided by the Brethren of Samuel-Gompers Lodge No.45. Though I did not know him, I heard of the great works he performed during his life and about his service to his family, community and to Masonry. His example of friendship, fidelity, and honor is one that all Masons should aspire to replicate.

This month we have Bro. Chris Ruli on tap to show us how Masonry in the White House has helped to shape our country. I look forward to his presentation and your attendance if available.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

W.B. Sam Chin, P.M.
Senior Warden

➤ **From the South** ◀

Dearest Brethren,

What a busy month we had in February! I hope you enjoyed our lantern lodge as much as I did—what a unique experience. To have that then capped off by R.W.B. Adam Goldman’s captivating presentation made for a memorable evening. I always walk away from R.W.B. Goldman’s presentations with an ever-greater appreciation for the many perspectives to be found among our fellow Freemasons on esoteric matters.

I also do hope we consider making our Sweethearts and Admirers’ Dinner a lodge tradition. For those Brothers who were able to make it, along with their significant others, we couldn’t have asked for a more enjoyable night out. It was fascinating to think that we dined in the very same spaces frequented by W.B. George Washington, W.B. James Monroe, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams and James Madison, and others among our nation’s Founders.

That dinner was certainly a well-timed lead-in to Bro. Chris Ruli’s upcoming presentation on Freemasonry and the White House, which I know will be utterly fascinating. Masons have contributed much to the civic life of the district and our republic, and I know Bro. Ruli will shed much light on the many contributions by Freemasons to our history.

Brothers, we’ll see you at March’s Stated Communication, and please be sure to R.S.V.P.!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

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
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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, 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 Shriner 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.

Friday, May 3rd - The History of St. John's Lodge Charity

Since 1846, St. John's Lodge No. 11 has been the oldest, continuously operating, unmerged Lodge in the Grand Lodge of DC. Our history runs much deeper, with a distinguished legacy of leadership, community service, and fellowship. Following our May Stated Communication (gavel drops at 7PM), join us in the Almas Shriner Temple Bar for a program by Bro. David de Hosson, Junior Warden on the history of Charity at St. John's Lodge. Program begins at 8PM with complimentary pizza available for all who have an interest in Freemasonry and the Almas Shriner Bar will be open until 10PM. During this program, learn how you can join St. John's Lodge in participating at the third annual Flowers of Remembrance this Memorial Day Weekend at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Please RSVP for our Stated Communication program at juniwarden@stjohnslodgedc.org

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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