

November 2019

ST. JOHN'S LODGE NO. 11

Free and Accepted Masons

Oldest Continuously Operating Unmerged Lodge in DC
CHARTERED FEBRUARY 23, 1846

F R O M T H E E A S T

Brethren,

Wow, what a year it has been. This is my penultimate bulletin as Worshipful Master of St. John's Lodge No. 11 - how has a year gone by so quickly.

Thank you to all the brethren who showed up and performed an absolutely amazing Master Mason Degree. In the seven years that I've been with St. John's Lodge No. 11, I've seen such growth and commitment amongst the brethren to be able to perform rituals. I congratulate all of our newly raised Master Masons and welcome them as full members of their Blue Lodge. You have received much light but remember that Freemasonry is an individual journey, one that will reward you for the amount of time and effort you put into understanding and honing your craft.

Thank you to everyone that showed up to the Fall Festival at Homestead Farms and who celebrated an amazing Sunday afternoon at Rockland Farms Winery. I believe what makes our Lodge amazing is doing things both inside the Lodge as well as outside the Lodge and events like this open the opportunity for Brothers to get to know one another and their families.

The November stated communication is going to be a very special event because we will be deciding the 2020 Lodge Leadership team.

It has been a pleasure serving you all from the Ornamental Chair this year. We've done a lot of fun things and I hope that you have enjoyed this past year as much as I have.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Sean Parkhurst
Worshipful Master

F R O M T H E W E S T

Greetings,

As our Worshipful Master observed, this Masonic year approaches its conclusion. As we reflect on the experiences we have shared, it is important to evaluate our successes (so that we may repeat them) and our weaknesses (that we may improve ourselves). As such, I have been ruminating on the disappointing "tuxedo night" which was hosted early in our year and working on a plan to move forward with a far more successful do-over of this event. My commitment to this is such that I am dedicating my portion of the bulletin to nothing BUT a new and improved tuxedo night!

What I ask from you brethren is your opinion on which path forward I should steer us toward. The first (Macways.com) is significantly more cost effective, but likely slowest, as suits would be measured at Lodge but assembled and shipped from Bangkok, Thailand. They would be directly shipped to your preferred address, and prices are advertised as \$370 for a tuxedo suit, \$70 for a Tuxedo shirt, and \$420 for a three piece suit (with vest). The second (Tomjames.com) is the "bespoke" option with fitting at Lodge or a location of your choosing and with a far greater selection of styles and options. But these suits start at \$699.

So, if you are interested in ordering a tuxedo or a new suit, please reach out to me with your preference. Please note that either of these vendors are available for individual fittings should you choose to deal directly with the vendor. My aim is to arrange a discount price for our "group buy," but I can't negotiate that until I have a barometer for the overall interest of this future event.

Please make every effort to attend your November Stated Communication. The Lodge is what you want it to be, and your vote is the only way to make the changes you desire.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Jason Lee

Senior Warden

F R O M T H E S O U T H

Greetings brethren,

I want to thank everyone who participated in the ritual to raise three new members of St. John's Lodge No. 11 to the sublime degree of Master Mason. We had a good turnout, and the evening, although long, went very well. Many brethren celebrated the event with cigars and libations following Lodge down at Shelly's Backroom.

Unfortunately, I won't be able to attend November's Stated Communication as I will be in Greece, but I encourage all brethren to attend if within the length of their cable tow.

I encourage every brother if within the length of your cable-tow, to attend and welcome these new brothers and then join us for fellowship at Shelly's Back Room for cigars and libations.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Ryan Martin

Junior Warden

**FROM THE SECRETARY'S
DESK**

Brethren,

Please recall that member dues are due on the 1st of October each year without notice. Below is the dues structure for the ensuing Masonic year. Remember, that dues vary year-on-year due to the change in Grand Lodge assessment. This will change next year as the Grand Lodge voted to, once again, fix the assessment. The assessment will be fixed at \$25.

DATE RAISED	2020 DUES
RAISED IN OR AFTER 2010	\$137.36
RAISED BEFORE 2010	\$ 52.36

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 to the following address:

St. John's Lodge No. 11
1504 Spring Pl, NW
Washington, DC, 20010

You can now pay at the St. John's Lodge webpage, <http://store.stjohnslodgedc.org>. Please add the appropriate item to your cart.

Also, don't forget, you can also donate in blocks for lodge meals there.

Fraternally,

P E T I T I O N S

The petition for degrees of the below named will be eligible for ballot at the November Stated Communication:

Mr. Chadwick Joseph Rivard

Age: 35

Residing: 709 17th St SE, Washington, DC 20003
Occupation: Deputy Director of Compliance & Vetting,
DNC

**STATED
COMMUNICATIONS**

7:30 P.M.

First Friday

(Except July)

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www.stjohnslodgedc.org

facebook.com/stjohns11dc

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Please give if you can. Remember to give the Lodge's donation number, **004760**, when you give blood and call Bro. Ryan Denmark, St. John's Lodge No. 11 Blood Committee Chairman, at (571) 212-1481, after your donation and let him know where and when you gave blood. If you need an appointment, call him and he can set it up for you. *Give the Gift of Life.*

SICK AND SHUT - INS

Please keep all our brethren in prayer for good health, good spirits and the continued manifold blessings of the Great Architect of the Universe.

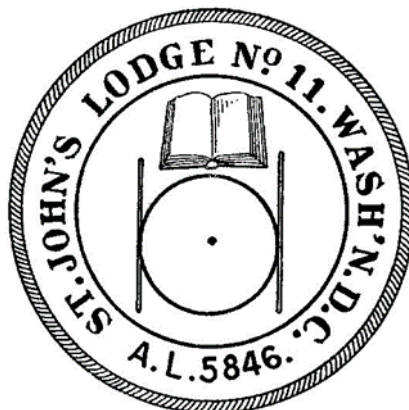
"Be not slow to visit the sick: for that shall make thee to be beloved."

Brothers Please Remember, if any member knows of another Brother who is Sick or Confined, please inform the Worshipful Master Sean Parkhurst at 989-400-4852, Senior Warden Jason Lee at 703-389-4571, or Junior Warden Ryan Martin at 202-853-0666.

<u>TRUSTEES</u>	<u>HONORARY MEMBERS</u>
James Parkhurst, PM (2021)	Teko Foly, P.G.M.,
D. Scott Heath (2019)	Joseph S. Crociata, P.G.M.
Brian Burgess (2020)	Akram R. Elias, P.G.M.
	Christopher K. Mahaney, P.M.,
	<i>Grand Lecturer</i>
	David Han, P.M.

LIVING PAST MASTERS

Franchot E. White	1978	Justin T. Russell	2012
John C. Regner	1985**	Harry Trapp, Jr.	2013
Nelson L. Fink	1986 - 1987	Anand A. Trivedi	2014
Charles W. Riley	1988	Teko Foly, PGM (Hon.)	2002 - 2003*, 2014*
Karl F. Gruel, Jr.	1994 - 1995	Chip K. Mahaney, RWB (Hon.)	1995, 2005, 2015*
Thomas Donnaud	1989, 1995 - 1996	D.W. Stephenson	2015
Akram R. Elias, PGM (Hon.)	1999*, 2001*, 2003 - 2004*	James Parkhurst	2017
Robert E. Johnson	2002, 2004*, 2008- 2010	Joseph Crociata, PGM (Hon.)	2003*, 2015*, 2016*
David Han, RWB (Hon.)	2005*, 2010*	Sam Chin	2018
Michael J. Gambale Jr.	2011	Geoffrey Newman	2012 - 2014*, 2019*
		* indicates Master at another lodge ** indicates made Honorary PM of St. John's No. 11	



St. John's Lodge No. 11 | 2019 Trestleboard

Friday, November 1st, 2019

5:00 P.M.

Ritual Practice

6:30 P.M.

Lodge Fellowship/Dinner

7:30 P.M.

Stated Communication

Election of Lodge Officers

Following Stated

Past Master's Degree

Conferral of PM Degree

Saturday, November 2, 2019 – Fellowcraft Brunch

The Royal Restaurant

Friday, December 6, 2019 – Stated Communication

Installation

MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

NOVEMBER

“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” – Sean Parkhurst, W.M.

David R. Bibo	9 years
John D. B. Dockins	4 years
Ryan T. Duddy	5 years
Paul A. Elliott	1 year
James A. Fraley	1 year
James M. Hall	4 years
D. Scott Heath, II	5 years
Jadan P. E. Horyn	1 year
Anil K. Patibandla	11 years
Chester A. Robey	69 years
Lewis A. Schmidt	50 years
Wyatt J. Smith	5 years
D. W. Stephenson, P.M.	9 years