

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

A fantastic March bulletin to each of you, Brethren!

We never really had much of a cool-down this Winter, so the warming of Spring may feel like it's coming early, but rest assured Spring is at our gate and ready to knock! And with the changing seasons come new opportunities for fellowship and camaraderie.

In addition to making new Masons at March's Stated, we will find more opportunities to share our time together at the March Madness viewing party! Planned for Saturday, March 21st, at Pinstripes in Bethesda, MD (11920 Grand Park Ave, North Bethesda, MD 20852), we are looking into booking bowling and bocce ball lanes for our families to enjoy. Appetizers, drinks, and meals will be available for purchase while we watch the Round 2 games! How will your bracket hold up?

Due to planning needs, we ask that you R.S.V.P. to this event to help us gauge the involvement and what we should book for space or purchase for refreshments. Follow the link <http://evite.me/4YNWKCyQN2> to respond with your anticipated involvement; there is no obligation or cost associated with your response.

Wherever our paths may cross in our travels, I look forward to seeing you in our journeys!

Places and Stations: The Tiler is the outer guard of our Lodge, and serves as the last line of defense for the admission of proper Masons. While it may seem a trivial position in our contemporary setting, it should be noted that, historically, the duty of the Tiler is to truly protect the secrets we have sworn ourselves to maintain. What good is our secrecy if a "spy" managed to sneak into our proceedings? Relevant to our own experiences, the Tiler allows us to invite non-Masons to our events and ensures that, while we conduct our ritual, they are not tempted to "lift the veil" and, in doing so, betray our trust in our invitation.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Jason Lee

Worshipful Master

FROM THE WEST

Warmest greetings from the West!

Core Business. If you were asked to name the core business of Amazon or Google or the Wall Street Journal or the New York Yankees, I'd wager you'd have no problem listing - marketplace, search, financial news and baseball as the logical and correct answers. At the same time, I can imagine that you'd be eager or at least interested to discuss the other exciting things that each of those entities takes part in - AWS, YouTube, Barron's or the Pinstripe Bowl, to name a few. In the same way, if you were asked, "What is St. John's Lodge No. 11 up to these days?" you might be inclined to mention our March Madness event or to think ahead to the next fellowship brunch or to our joint event with Anacostia-Pentalpha #21. You would, of course, be right to be enthusiastic about supporting each of those events and showcasing them to your family, friends and colleagues. And yet, behind the scenes, we're all hard at work perfecting the ritual, training and coaching each other to memorize our lines. As a Blue Lodge, it is simply our duty to initiate, pass and raise brothers to the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and Master Mason. That's our core business. This year, having the privilege to be a pillar officer, I'm more than ever appreciating how much goes into our core business. At the same time, we've done well to continue creating events outside of Lodge. Finding balance between a core business and product development, if you will, is no small feat. Without a solid, growing core business, we'll find it increasingly difficult to carve out time and space for the next event, which we all know is equal in importance to filling the chairs and sidelines all the same. To each and every brother of St. John's Lodge No. 11 - I commend you on a job well done thus far; I challenge you to continue to find time to focus on the core. Keep up the great work, all!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Tommy Ripke
Senior Warden

FROM THE SOUTH

Brethren,

We have an exciting month ahead of us in St. John's Lodge No. 11. We start off the month welcoming some new brothers to the craft. It is always exciting to watch them go through the ritual degree experience for the first time. As I've observed over the years, it makes me reflect on what it was like that first time the light was revealed to me. I hope you are all able to think about that as you observe and participate in the degree work. It is amazing to be able to see what you had been previously blind to, and I hope that it reminds you how far you've come into the light.

To welcome our new brothers to the Lodge, we have also scheduled an opportunity for refreshment and fellowship! Building off of last year's successful March Madness trip to Two Silos Brewery, this year we are looking to keep it a little more local. We'll be hosting this year's event at Pinstripes in Bethesda. For those of you not familiar with the location, they have bowling, bocce ball, and other fun activities for all to enjoy. We will be reserving some space and time for those of you to bowl, bocce, or just watch the games.

To help us plan accordingly, please RSVP here: <http://evite.me/4YNWKCyQN2>

I look forward to seeing you all there and hopefully your brackets will still be intact!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Scott Heath
Junior Warden

C H A P L I N ' S C O R N E R

Brethren,

As Freemasons, we meet upon the level... and part upon the square. Meeting upon the level – by this we are a community of equals. This is such a central principle to our craft, inherent to who we are as Masons. We have counted princes and lords, presidents and premiers, amongst our numbers, yet all of them, over the centuries, have been nothing more than brotherly peers to their fellow lodge members within our noble fraternity. We possess different talents as men and practice any number of professions, but these superficial and transient distinctions in no way impact this fundamental tenet of Freemasonry.

Our being “on the Level” speaks to the very nature of what we are as human beings: we are equal in essence before Deity. We are equally precious in the eyes of the universe’s Grand Architect – this is our common, foundational truth.

Our modern notion of equality is so universal and deeply ingrained in society, yet surely we can be confident that this is due in no small part to our Masonic forebears who helped instill and reinforce this notion beyond the lodge, through their words and deeds, always meeting upon the Level with their fellow man.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
David de Hosson
Chaplin

I N M E M O R I A M

It is with much sadness that the Lodge must inform the Brethren of the passing of Brother John J. Barnes, III. 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. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to his family. Farewell, until we meet again.

John J. Barnes, III

Born:	March 3, 1924
Initiated:	April 26, 1946
Passed:	May 24, 1946
Raised:	June 28, 1946
Life Member:	June 28, 1996
Died:	January 16, 2020

**FROM THE SECRETARY'S
DESK**

Brethren,

Please remember that member dues are due on the **1st of October** each year without notice. Those that are in arrears have been notified. We will announce the names of those set to be suspended due to non-payment at our March Stated. Please make my life easier and pay your dues on time each year. Your dues allow us to operate and make new Masons. It also ensures that, as we enter our 174th year, the lodge will survive into the upcoming centuries.

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.

Please log on to Grandview (<https://dc.gvsoftware.com>) and make sure your contact info is correct. Specifically, your home address and email address.

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

Fraternally,
Anand A. Trivedi P.M.
Secretary

**P E T I T I O N S F O R
D E G R E E S**

The petition for the degrees of the below named is eligible for ballot at the March Stated Communication:

Mr. Michael Jo Lampart

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STATED

COMMUNICATIONS

7:30 P.M.

First Friday

(Except July)

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twitter.com/stjohnslodgedc

Grand Lodge Web Site

www.dcgrandlodge.org

Grand View Self-Serve Portal

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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.

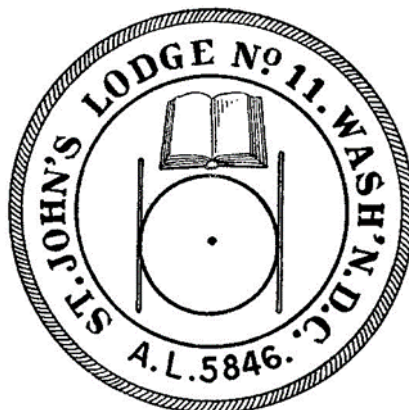
"Be not slow to visit the sick: for that shall make thee to be beloved."

Brothers Please Remember, if any member knows of another Brother who is Sick or Confined, please inform the Worshipful **Worshipful Master Jason Lee at 703-389-4571, Senior Warden Tommy Ripke at 202-468-2883, or Junior Warden Scott Heath at 253-732-1334.**

<u>TRUSTEES</u>		<u>HONORARY MEMBERS</u>
James Parkhurst, PM (2021)		Teko Foly, P.G.M.,
Brian Burgess (2020)		Joseph S. Crociata, P.G.M.
Sam Chin (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*, 2019-2020*
* indicates Master at another lodge ** indicates made Honorary PM of St. John's No. 11		Sean Parkhurst	2019



St. John's Lodge No. 11 | 2020 Trestleboard

Friday, March 6th, 2020

5:00 P.M.

Ritual Practice

6:30 P.M.

Lodge Fellowship/Dinner

7:30 P.M.

Stated Communication

Entered Apprentice Degree

Saturday, March 21st, 2020

12:00 P.M.

March Madness Watch Party

Pinstripes – Pike and Rose

11920 Grand Park Ave

North Bethesda, MD 20852

MASONIC BIRTHDAYS MARCH

Daniel W. Campbell	7 years
Marshal H. Gevinson	39 years
Ronald D. McAbee	30 years
Sean B. Parkhurst, P.M.	7 years
Justin T. Russell, P.M.	21 years

"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" - Jason Lee, W.M.