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Sincerely and Fraternally,

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Worshipful Master

St. John's Lodge No. 11 will continue to host our monthly meetings virtually. For the foreseeable future, invitations to join the meeting will be sent via email to all Brethren for each month.

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Greetings Brethren,

This past year has been like nothing any of us could have expected. I have had the great honor of serving as the Junior Warden for this Lodge, and I am sad to be leaving my station. In most years I'd be moving to the West while preparing for an eventual move to the East. As luck would have it, I made my move west a little early and am not able to further my position in the line. What can I say, 2020 has been a weird year.

At the beginning of the year, I wanted to utilize my role as the Junior Warden to identify new fellowship opportunities for the Brethren to connect for refreshment and entertainment, particularly outside of our scheduled lodge meetings. Unfortunately, with the impacts of COVID-19 on our country and my relocation to Colorado, I was not able to do that as I would have hoped. However, I have felt, through our virtual communications, that we have developed some good and meaningful fellowship. We’ve had the opportunity to reconnect with brothers who moved away, and I feel that this will benefit the craft in the future and allow Freemasonry to adapt to a modern world that is more globalized.

As my parting words, I wish luck to my successor, Bro. Hall, and the rest of the line officers who are stepping up in these most complicated times. Congratulations to all of you, and I wish the best in the year to come. I am excited to return to a position among the Board of Trustees, allowing me to remain involved in our Lodge. As long as we have opportunities to connect virtually, I intend to attend as often as possible. In fact, I would love to see us start a monthly game night so we can keep in touch and share fellowship remotely. I look forward to returning to the District to hopefully see all of you in person in the New Year. Here’s to 2021!

Sincerely and Fraternally,
D. Scott Heath
Junior Warden

The Chaplin’s Corner

Brethren,

Thankfully, we are now, in the midst of the Holiday season, and, like you, I am very much looking forward to gathering with family and friends to celebrate time together. This is one of my favorite times of year, and, as I have grown older, I’ve come to realize just how truly precious being together with our loved ones is. Every moment counts. That is the real gift of the season.

For those among our Brothers observing, I would like to wish you a Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas, and Happy Kwanzaa! Brothers, I continue to include you and your loved ones in my prayers and wish you a joyous and blessed holiday season.

This has been a year filled with grave challenges, and we continue to navigate through the COVID-19 crisis as a nation. Many have fallen ill and many have been lost, but we will get through it, together, with Deity by our side. Keep the faith.

I also pray for this country and our fellow Americans that we may find greater unity and truly come together as one. E pluribus unum. "From many one." Let us all work towards this greater connection with all Americans, as our Founders envisioned. Most Worshipful Brother George Washington wrote, "the Great Author of the Universe[s] divine interposion [is] so frequently manifested in our behalf." He knew the Hand of Providence guides our great Nation and will help see us through challenges ahead, but we must do our part.

Brethren, as I near the conclusion of my year as Chaplin for this noble Lodge, I would also like to thank our Worshipful Master and you, for the honor and privilege to humbly serve you. I look forward to continuing in this role, and I still have much to learn of the service demanded of this position.

As we look forward to 2021 with hope, our craft will continue to bring Light to the hearts of men, as it has for centuries, in good times and in bad. Keep doing the great things you are doing. Once again, here’s wishing you very Happy Holidays! Be safe and be well.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
David de Hosson
Chaplin

Petition for Degrees

The petition for the degrees of the below named is eligible for ballot at the next in-person Stated Communication:

Mr. James Andrew Morrissey
Age: 22
Residing: 620 Michigan Ave NE, Washington, DC 20064
Occupation: Student

December 2020
From the South

Greetings Brethren,

Thank you for participating in the election of Lodge Officers for the 2021 Masonic year. We have a solid line for the ensuing Masonic anniversary year led, once again, by W.B. Lee.

Please recall that member dues are due on the 1st of October each year without notice. I’m happy to report that more than half of you have paid your dues. However, if you have not already paid, your dues are now late. Please pay them as soon as you can. Do reach out to me or the Master if you have difficulties. I will be sending notice out to those who are past due over the next few weeks.

Below is the dues structure for the ensuing Masonic year. Remember, dues will vary depending on the Grand Lodge assessment. Last year, the Grand Lodge voted to fix the dues at a $25.00 level, reversing the 2014 decision to have the assessment based on a moving average of previous budgets.

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Living Past Masters
Franchot E. White 1978
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Akram R. Elias, PGM (Hon.) 1999*, 2003, 2003 - 2004*
David Han, RWB (Hon.) 2005*, 2010*
Michael J. Gambale Jr. 2011
Justin T. Russell 2012
Harry Trapp, Jr. 2013
Anand A. Trivedi 2014
Teko Foly, PGM (Hon.) 2002 - 2005*, 2014*
D.W. Stephenson 2015
James Parkhurst 2017
Joseph Crociata, PGM (Hon.) 2003*, 2015*, 2016*
Sam Chin 2018
Geoffrey Newman 2012 - 2014*, 2019-2020*
Sean Parkhurst 2019

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