From the East

It is my distinct honor to serve as your Worshipful Master for the 175th anniversary of St. John's Lodge No. 11. We are a part of history. As mentioned in my special anniversary message, it is our purpose to ensure that we continue to be part of our future, as much as we celebrate our past. To that end, the leadership of the Lodge has decided the best path forward, for our health and safety, is to postpone our celebration from June 26 to October 2, 2021. The weather should still be in our favor, and the calendar still honoring our anniversary! So please re-pencil in your calendar that we will be celebrating a little later in the year!

With that said, as our restrictions begin to ease and more and more of our friends and family are getting vaccinated, please do not drop your vigilance. While we may be out of the worst of the storm, we aren’t out of the impact yet. Be safe, be healthy, and please above all take care of each other!

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Jason Lee
Worshipful Master

From the West

Greetings Brethren,

With the weather turning for the better, it is inevitable that many of us will begin to leave our dwellings and venture out into the world. In doing so, it is important that we keep each and every one safe. I strongly encourage all of you to register for your Covid vaccination. Just like the mask, getting the vaccination is more important than just preserving your own health. There is still a long road ahead, but it is imperative that we all stay the course and do our part for the betterment of our families, brethren, and mankind.
Remember, it is our duty to take care of distressed brethren, who include those that are unable to receive the vaccination or have pre-existing conditions. If we all do our part we will all make it through this together, and it will give us one more thing to celebrate on October 2nd.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Bro. Stephen Motroni
Senior Warden

Did You Know:

That women in Freemasonry, worldwide, extend beyond the concordant bodies — Order of the Eastern Star, Order of the Amaranth, Ladies’ Oriental Shrine, The Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem, Heroines of Jericho, and Order of Cyrenes — most commonly known to North American brethren? As early as the second half of the eighteenth century, French Lodges of Adoption started a practice of admitting Masons and their female counterparts to a system of degrees parallel to the original rite. This started a movement that, in the early twentieth century, culminated in women-only lodges later adopting male degrees, giving rise to French women’s Masonry. These lodges operate under one of two women-only Grand Lodges, The Order of Women Freemasons, and The Honorable Fraternity of Ancient Freemasons. Interestingly to also note: mirroring the ruling by the United Grand Lodge of England on transgendered people entering Masonry, both the OWF and HFAF have mirrored their statements on acceptance of applicants and members. "A Freemason who after initiation ceases to be a man [or woman] does not cease to be a Freemason."

Sincerely and Fraternally,

James M. Hall
Junior Warden

Order of Women Freemasons: owf.org.uk/about-us/our-history
Honorable Fraternity of Ancient Freemasons: hfaf.org/about-us/our-history
Grand Lodge of England Ruling: theguardian.com/uk-news/2018/aug/01/freemasons-to-admit-women-but-only-if-they-first-joined-as-men
HFAF Policy: hfaf.org/gender-reassignment-policy

Brethren,

Spring is here and what a glorious time of year it is! It seems that the whole natural world has come back to life, awakening from its months-long slumber. I see this season as such a vivid and blessed reminder of the handiwork of the Supreme Architect of the Universe, and His place in our lives. Just as we are inextricably linked to the world around us, so we are inextricably linked to Him. One might consider that Creation itself is yet another of His revelations to us, alongside the Holy Book.

It is a time for rebirth and renewal, for spring cleaning, both in the literal sense and the figurative. As human beings, we are works in progress, and you could say really every day that Deity blesses us with another opportunity for renewal and growth. We have joined this noble fraternity of ours to become better than what we were before, a renewal or rebirth of sorts, as new men. Consider those things you’d like to better within yourself and get to it! Seek out those latent, undiscovered talents and foster them. They’re like new shoots waiting to spring forth. Life is too short not to take the plunge and try something new that you’ve been meaning to do. It will contribute to a more well-rounded and renewed you. Of course, a renewal and refreshing of our connection to Deity is critical to our whole self, in accordance with your faith tradition, whether by safely attending services, reading his Holy Book or through quiet reflection.
Brothers, be safe and as always, I pray for your and your loved ones continued well-being. As your friend and Brother, I also encourage you to consider pursuing a COVID-19 vaccination as availability permits.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

David de Hosson
Chaplin

From the Secretary’s Desk

Greetings Brethren,

As a reminder, please log on to Grandview (https://dc.gysoftware.com) and make sure your contact info is correct—specifically, your home address, phone, and email address. Please remember to do so anytime there is a change to your contact information. Doing so ensures that you stay up-to-date with Lodge happenings. Also, it makes my life easier! If you require assistance with logging in, please reach out to me.

Fraternally,

Anand A. Trivedi P.M.
Secretary

Petition for Degrees

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

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- Joseph S. Crociata, PGM
- Akram R. Elias, PGM
- Christopher K. Mahaney, PM
- Grand Lecturer
- David Han, PM

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- Charles W. Riley - 1988
- Robert E. Johnson - 2005*, 2008 - 2010
- 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 - 2003*, 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
- Jason Lee - 2020

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