



ST. JOHNS LODGE No. ONE

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Metro District
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This Month's Communication: October 15, 2014

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St. Johns Lodge meets the third Wednesday of every month, except July and August,
at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 2115 Broad Street, Cranston, Rhode Island.
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Wednesday, October 8, 2014

Special Communication – Conferral of Part 1 EA Degree
on available candidates, ballot on 4 applicants for degrees.

7:00 PM

Wednesday, October 15, 2014

Regular Communication – Conferral of EA Degree
with lectures on available candidates, ballot on
3 brothers for affiliation.

5:30 PM

Attest: Louis G. Sherman, III, Secretary

W.: Robert J. O'Brien, Master

Master's Message

My Brothers,

As you can see by the schedule elsewhere in this communication, October is going to be a busy month. We have 9 candidates and we're running the EA Degree on both the 8th and 15th of the month to accommodate them. Try your best to come to lodge both nights to support the new candidates as well as the officers. Also in October, we're hosting our Annual Special Ladies Luncheon on the 19th. As is tradition at St. Johns, we honor the ladies of our brothers who have passed by letting them know how important they are to us.

On September 3rd, I had the pleasure and honor of presenting Brother Joseph Netsel with his sixty-year pin...at his 100th birthday party. With family surrounding him, he accepted his certificate and pin and told me how much Freemasonry means to him and how much he misses coming to lodge. Brother Netsel is at the Clipper Home on Post Road in Westerly. Drop him a card or if you're in the area, stop in a say "Hi". I know he'd like to hear from you.

DeMolay and Rainbow going strong, thanks to some Brothers of St. Johns. While we have the momentum, I'd like a few volunteers to serve on the advisory board of the Rainbow Girls. Now is a good time to strengthen our relationship with the Rainbow Girls and offer continued support. If you are interested, please give me a call 401-487-4750 or email me at bob.obrien@gmail.com.

On November 2nd, St Johns has been invited to Hope Congregational Church in Riverside, RI. We attended worship services with the congregation of Hope last year and felt very much at home. Brothers of all denominations and family members are welcome. This is a good opportunity to remember how important it is to worship with our community. As Freemasons we represent many denominations and faiths but come together as brothers. We can expand on that and do the same in our communities.

The Grand Lodge Semi-Annual Communication will take place on November 15th at 1:00 PM. The Master and Wardens are required to attend but all Master Masons are welcome. If you have not attended an Annual or Semi-Annual Communication, it's a great opportunity to see how things work and represent St. Johns Lodge at the same time.

Remember to call or visit our brothers on the sick list. We are all "our brothers keeper" and we need to keep them in our thoughts and prayers. If you've ever been confined to home, hospital or nursing care, you know how alone and isolated you may feel. It always uplifting to hear a friendly voice or see a familiar face. I visited a sick brother recently and when I told him his brothers missed him, he was visibly moved. Be the "light" in a brother's day.

When I started this journey as an officer of St. Johns, my first chair was outside the door. I was Associate Tyler under Henry Albers. As he was showing me where things were and how things worked, he shared many stories from his Masonic career. For those of you who didn't know Henry, he passed when he was 92 and was active in the lodge into his 90's. The stories he shared with me were priceless. His knowledge of the Craft was endless. I learned so much from him. And I still think about our conversations to this day. He was one of my early mentors. We all need to be a mentor to our newly raised brothers. If you see a new face, sit with him at dinner.

If he's alone in Lodge, introduce yourself. If you've been around awhile, share your story with him. He may be fascinated and educated. I know I was.

Yours in the Craft,

Robert O'Brien

Worshipful Master

October 15th Monthly Communication

5:30 PM: Open Lodge to transact such business as shall regularly come before the Lodge. Close Lodge.

6:30 PM: **Dinner:** Veal and Peppers, Penne Pasta, Sauteed Julienne Vegetables, Classic Caesar Salad, Rolls & Butter, Apple Pie with Whipped Cream.

(Chicken Piccata entrée available for those not eating veal with reservation only.) **Donation - \$10.00**

7:15 PM: Conferral of EA Degree with lectures on available candidates.

Call: Bob Gervais @ 401-575-6759

No later than Sunday, October 12th for reservations.

Ballot on Petition to Join by Degrees

GET WELL WISHES!

Gary Berard	401-828-2227	
26 Cold Spring Dr.	W. Warwick, RI	02893
Peter Buick	401-232-1433	
5 Apple Valley Pkwy. Apt. 12	Greenville, RI	02828
Kenneth E. Carlson	401-821-9477	
24 Woodcove Dr.	Coventry, RI	02816
John B. Cornell	401-821-1864	
464 Seven Mile Rd.	Hope, RI	02831
Norval Garnett, Sr.	401-885-8159	
5 Gilbert Stuart Dr.	East Greenwich, RI	02818
Wayne H. Lacy	401-353-2603	
12 Gardner Ave.	N. Providence, RI	02911
Joseph F. Netsel	401-322-8081	
The Clipper Home Rm. 24D		
61 Post Rd.	Westerly, RI	02891
Charles Tweedly, Sr.	401-949-2367	
8 Baxter Ln.	Greenville, RI	02828
George H. Webb	401-369-7125	
101 Highland Ave.	Providence, RI	02806

Let us remember all sick or shut in Brothers who could use a call, card or visit. Please report all such brothers to the Master; Robert O'Brien, 401-728-9487 or Secretary, Lou Sherman 401-829-7043 or any of the following Sick Committee members; Frank Villani (Chairman), Richard Gonzalez, Walter Kelly, Kenneth Phillips, and Garabed Emdjian,.

LODGE AND DISTRICT EVENTS

Oct. 8	Redwood Lodge #35 Communication	6:00 PM
Oct. 9	Candidate Forum EA & FC Grand Lodge	7:00 PM
Oct. 14	Overseas Lodge #40 Communication	6:00 PM
Oct. 21	Candidate Forum MM & FC Grand Lodge	7:00 PM
Oct. 24	Rising Sun Lodge #30 Communication Metro DDGM Visitation	6:00 PM 7:00 PM
Oct. 27	Jenks Lodge #22 Communication	6:00 PM

Origins of "So Mote it Be"

It is customary in contemporary English to end prayers with a hearty "Amen," a word meaning 'So be it'. It is a Latin word derived from the Hebrew word meaning 'certainly'. Thus a congregation saying "Amen" is literally saying "So be it". The word mote is an archaic verb that means 'may' or 'might', and traces back to Old English. The phrase "So mote it be" means 'So may it be', which is the same as 'So be it'. So why do Masons end their prayer this way? The answer goes back to the Regius Poem of about 1390 AD, the oldest known Masonic document (now housed in the British Museum, London). It is one of the Old Charges or Gothic Constitution used by early Freemasons to regulate their trade. It has a legendary history, regulations to guide the Mason trade and rules of manners and moral conduct. The poem ends famously with this couplet: Amen! Amen! So mote it be! So say we all for charity. Thus Freemasons today end their prayers the same way they did in 1390. The next time you're in lodge and say "So mote it be" after the chaplain finishes a prayer, remember that you are continuing a 600 year old Masonic Tradition.

Attention!

**2014 MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE NOW DELINQUENT
PLEASE FORWARD YOUR DUES TO THE SECRETARY**



IN MEMORIAM



★ NORMAN EDWARD AQUILANTE

BORN – NOVEMBER 19, 1950
RECEIVED EA DEGREE – NOVEMBER 25, 1972
PASSED TO FC DEGREE – DECEMBER 13, 1972
RAISED TO MASTER MASON – JANUARY 20, 1973
ADMITTED – FEBRUARY 14, 1973
DORIC LODGE NO. 38
AFFILIATED – ST. JOHNS LODGE NO. 1P
DECEMBER 21, 1984
AFFILIATED – LAFAYETTE LODGE NO. 47
MAY 6, 1998
PAST MASTER LAFAYETTE LODGE 2002
PAST GRAND TYLER 2008/09
DIED – SEPTEMBER 13, 2014
AGE – 63 YEARS GL # 299



Recently, Worshipful Master Bob presented brother Joseph Netsel with his 60-year Masonic pin on the date of his 100th birthday. Happy birthday Brother Joe!



Freemasonry has tenets peculiar to itself. They serve as testimonials of character and qualifications, which are only conferred after due course of instruction and examination. These are of no small value; they speak a universal language, and act as a passport to the attentions and support of the initiated in all parts of the world. They cannot be lost as long as memory retains its power. Let the possessor of them be expatriated, shipwrecked or imprisoned, let him be stripped of everything he has got in the world, still those credentials remain, and are available for use as circumstances require. The good effects they have produced are established by the most incontestable facts of history. They have stayed the uplifted hand of the destroyer; they have softened the asperities of the tyrant; they have mitigated the horrors of captivity; they have subdued the rancour of malevolence; and broken down the barriers of political animosity and sectarian alienation. On the field of battle, in the solitudes of the uncultivated forest, or in the busy haunts of the crowded city, they have made men of the most hostile feelings, the most distant regions, and diversified conditions, rush to the aid of each other, and feel a special joy and satisfaction that they have been able to afford relief to a Brother Mason.

Benjamin Franklin

St Johns Lodge Number One Providence Officers 2013-2014

Master	W.: Robert J. O'Brien	86 Greenfield St., Pawtucket, RI 02861-2935	401-728-9487
Sr. Warden	Timothy L. Culhane	97 Concord Ave., Cranston, RI 02910-3303	401-781-2119
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Secretary	Louis G. Sherman, III	2560 Harkney Hill Rd., Coventry, RI 02816-4639	401-829-7043
Chaplain	R.: W.: Kenneth B. Phillips	64 Rosemere Rd., Pawtucket, RI 02861-3526	401-722-0608
Associate Chaplain	Joseph P. McConaghy, Jr.	81 Norton Ave., Cranston, RI 02920-1906	401-641-5660
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Jr. Deacon	Richard Gonzalez	80 Burnside St., Cranston, RI 02910-1809	401-941-6454
Sr. Steward	Mazen M. Alsabe	20 Annie St., Providence, RI 02908-1511	401-421-9367
Jr. Steward	Scott E. Miller	2 School St., #337 Albion, RI 02802-0162	401-480-7025
Marshal	W.: Donald L. Williamson, Jr.	3 Jefferson St., Warwick, RI 02888-2031	401-780-6850
Sentinel	Joshua A. Irizarry		
Tiler	Garabed Emdjian	575 Wickenden St., Apt. 812 Providence, RI 02903-4461	401-274-0814
Associate Tiler	Neville (Rusty) Booth, Jr.	43 Hall St., West Warwick, RI 02893-4631	401-828-7925
Master of Ceremonies	W.: Anthony Marcello, Jr.	9 Lane B, Coventry, RI 02816-6231	401-823-0381
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	Edward McDonald	3466 West Shore Rd., Warwick, RI 02886-5035	401-738-2440
	Edward O. Quinn	17 Avon Ave., Cumberland, RI 02864-1751	401-658-1869

Living Past Masters of St. Johns Lodge Number One Providence

St. Johns Lodge No. 1P

1971	Hagop Tikoian
1973	John C. Crompton
1975	Robert D. Coleman
1976	Barry A. Phillips
1979	George H. Hanrahan
1980	Carl E. Croft
1981	Ralph DiScuillo
1982	Anthony Marcello, Jr.
1984	Gregory W. Dexter
1985	Robert R. Mason
1986	Elton D. Ricker, Jr.
1988-89	Edward L. Calamar, Jr.
1993	Anthony Marcello, Jr.
1994-95	Thomas A. Ashley
1998	Edward L. Calamar, Jr.
1999-00	Clarence Soderberg, Jr.
2001	Gregory W. Dexter
2002	William E. Whetstone
2005	Frank J. Villani, Sr.
2006	Gerald T. Plemmons
2007	Russell A. Kawa
2008	Kenneth B. Phillips
2009	Ronald P. Reed
2010	Edward D. Bertrand
2011	Donald L. Williamson, Jr.
2012	Arthur Bajakian
2013	Richard F. Lynch

Unity Lodge No. 34

1959	Edward S. Angell
1969	George W. Haworth
1979	Kacheg Topalian
1981	Bruce E. Lancaster
1986	Milton E. Demers
1989-91	Milton E. Demers

Barney Merry Lodge No. 29

1958	Allen R. Bellows
1960	Walter S. Donahue, Jr.
1963	Robert A. Allen
1964	Albert Wildgoose
1967	Edward Swiszc
1968	M. Lee Reed
1971	Elmer E. Whetstone
1974	Eugene Pascale
1978	William E. Whetstone
1980	Phillip Ovoian
1984	Paul R. Moran
1990	James Wishart
1991-93	Robert B. Ellston
1997-98	William E. Whetstone
1999	Douglas D. Dame
2000	Ronald P. Reed

Thomas Smith Webb No.43

1957	John B. Cornell ^
1960	Norval E. Garnett *
1966	Donald P. Higgins *
1966	Bogos W. Pelgian ^
1967	Gerald G. Norigian ^
1970	Bernard Labush ^

1971	Robert H. Engelhart
1972	Armenag Palian ^
1977-78	Eric Engstrom ^
1979	Peter Papazian ^
1982	Steven Babigian ^
1983	Peter Papazian ^
1984	Steven Babigian ^
1985	Mohamed H. Hussein ^
1986	Dennis C. Smith
1987	Louis Mitcheli, Jr.
1987-90	Donald P. Higgins *
1988	Ernest N. Watson
1988	Thomas F. Gregory ^
1989	Duncan C. Watson
1989	Bryan W. Cooper ^
1990	Steven Skaling^
1992	Thomas F. Gregory ^
1993	Louis Falaguera
1993	William M. Troberman ^
1995	Joseph Costa
1996	Eugene Thibeault
1999	Frank DiMascio ^
2000	Eugene Thibeault
2004-05	James F. Desmarais
2007	Philip R. Harnett
2008	Robert Boehm
2009	Arthur Bajakian
2010	Gary Moe
2011-12	Dennis Sullivan

(#) Honorary Past Master
 (*) Corinthian Lodge No. 27
 (^) Orpheus Lodge No. 36

Living Past Grand Masters of St. Johns Lodge Number One Providence

1972-1973	Otto Gehrig, Jr.
1994-1995	Ralph DiScuillo
2000-2001	Benjamin A. Phillips

2001-2002	Dennis W. Pothier
2002-2003	Robert J. Allen
2003-2004	Joseph B. Brearley

2004-2005	Bradford L. Barco
2005-2006	Wyman P. Hallstrom, Jr.
2006-2007	Carl B. Willi

2007-2008	Steven E. Smith
2008-2009	Richard S. Sokoll
2009-2010	Richard L. Ault, Jr.

St. Johns Distinguished Service Medal

1967	W.: Kinglsey L. Bennett*
1968	Kenneth W. Fawthrop*
1970	W.: Harold W. Thatcher*
1971	W.: Rufus C. Fuller, Jr.*
1973	J. Harold Robertson*

1975	M.: W.: Wesley Reuter*
1980	W.: Ralph W. Wilkins *
1982	W.: James F. Candelet*
1992	M.: W.: Arthur R. Cole, Jr.*
1992	W.: Anthony Marcello, Jr.

1994	M.: W.: Ralph DiScuillo
1995	R.: W.: Edward L. Calamar, Jr.
2000	R.: W.: Harry V. Aharonian*
2005	W.: Elton D. Ricker, Jr.
2007	W.: Gregory W. Dexter

2009	R.: W.: Russell A. Kawa
2014	R.: W.: Kenneth B. Phillips