

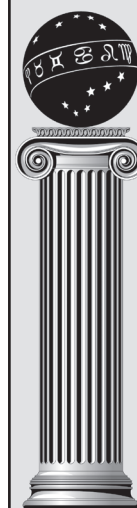


# ST. JOHNS LODGE NO. ONE

## F. & A.M.

### PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

### CONSTITUTED - 1757



March 2019

3876<sup>th</sup>  
Regular  
Communication



R.: W.: Robert A. Palazzo  
District Deputy Grand Master  
Metro District  
W.: William B. Ripley  
Grand Master of Ceremonies  
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M.: W.: Glenn S. Carlson  
Grand Master  
R.: W.: Scott Alger  
Grand Marshal

**This Month's Communication: March 2019**

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at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 2115 Broad Street, Cranston, Rhode Island.  
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Wednesday, March 13, 2019  
Wednesday, March 20, 2019

St. Johns - Rehearsal MM Degree  
St. Johns - Master Mason Degree &  
Grand Master's Special Visitation

7:00 PM  
5:30 PM

Attest: M.: W.: Wyman P. Hallstrom, Jr., Secretary

W.: Richard Gonzalez, Master

## Master's Message

Greeting My Brothers:

On a sad note, on February 9<sup>th</sup> our brother **Worshipful Allan R. Bellows** joined the celestial Lodge above. He was the oldest living Past Master of Barney Merry Lodge No. 29, which merged with St Johns Lodge in 2001. He was 93 years old. Rest in peace, Brother.

On February 20<sup>th</sup>, we held a joint meeting with Gaspee Chapter of DeMolay (sponsored by St Johns). We opened lodge, conducted our business and called the lodge to recess so that Gaspee could open their Chapter and present the flower talk, given by **Past State Master Councilor Armando Barragan-Trovar**. His presentation was so impressive, some brothers were brought to tears. It was a good night indeed! It's always a pleasure to see these boys in lodge. These little brothers will one day be the members and officers of our lodge.



March begins with the officers attending the *Grand Master's Official Visitation to St Paul's Lodge #14* on March 5 at 7:30 pm. I would like to invite all the brethren to join us and show support for our Grand Master. We will be rehearsing for the Master Mason Degree on March 8th and 13th and the degree will be conferred on five candidates on March 20th. On that same evening, we will be joined by **Grand Master Glenn S. Carlson** who will be making his special visitation to St Johns. What a busy night indeed! I have been communicating with the Worshipful Master of Euclid Lodge Worshipful Murad Peygumbari and finalized a date for our visitation to Euclid lodge #136 of NJ which will be on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Please save the date in your calendars. More information will follow as the arrangements are finalized.

Faith, Hope, and Charity

*Richard Gonzalez*

Richard Gonzalez  
Worshipful Master



## Lodge & District Events

Tuesday 3/5/19	<b>Grand Master's Visitation</b>	7:30 PM
	St. Paul's Lodge #14 (East Bay District)	
Friday 3/8/19	<b>St. Johns Rehearsal</b>	7:00 PM
	1st Section-MM Degree	
Saturday 3/9/19	<b>Gaspee Chapter DeMolay</b>	10:30 AM
Monday 3/11/19	<b>Redwood Lodge #35</b>	7:00 PM
Tuesday 3/12/19	<b>Overseas Lodge #40</b>	7:00 PM
Wednesday 3/13/19	<b>St. Johns Rehearsal</b>	7:00 PM
	2nd Section with Lectures-MM Degree	
Monday 3/18/19	<b>Rising Sun #30</b>	7:00 PM
Wednesday 3/20/19	<b>St. Johns Communication</b>	5:30 PM
	<b>Grand Master's Special Visitation</b>	
Saturday 3/23/19	<b>Gaspee Chapter DeMolay</b>	10:30 AM
Monday 3/25/19	<b>Jenks Lodge #24</b>	7:00 PM
	<b>DDGM Visitation (Metro District)</b>	
	<b>R. W. Robert A. Palazzo</b>	

## Get Well Wishes

<b>William J. DeLuca</b>	<b>401-465-7288</b>
2 Castleton Dr., Cranston, RI 02921-2413	
<b>Edwin Fielder</b>	<b>401-397-5637</b>
85 Lakehurst Drive, Coventry, RI 02816	
<b>Robert Labonte</b>	
c/o VA Home 480 Metacom Ave, Bristol, RI	
<b>Wayne H. Lacy</b>	<b>401-353-2603</b>
12 Gardner Ave., N. Providence, RI 02911	

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 Richard Gonzalez or any of the following Sick Committee members; Walter Kelly, Kenneth Phillips, and Garabed Emdjian.

The **Wilkins Scholarship** applications for 2019 are available. The scholarship is open to the children and grandchildren of members (in good standing) of St. Johns Lodge #1 Providence, as well as members of Rainbow/DeMolay. If you need an application, please email the secretary. They will also be available at the February communication.

## To Insure Enough Food For All, Dinner Reservations Are a MUST!!!!

### March 20th Monthly Communication

- 5:30 PM: St. Johns open to transact such business as shall regularly come before it.
- 6:15 PM: **Yankee Pot Roast, Baked Fish**, garlic mashed potatoes, sugar snap peas and carrots, salad and bread and dessert
- 7:00 PM: Confer the Master Mason Degree

Call: Bob Gervais @ 401-861-1757

No later than **Sunday, March 17th** for reservations.

Any Brother with special dietary needs beyond the listed menu, please inform Brother Bob.

Check out the Lodge's Web site @  
**<http://www.stjohns1p.com>**

## In Memoriam

### Brother Kenneth K. Balemian

Doric Lodge #38

St. Johns Lodge #1 Providence

Born April 25, 1927

Entered Apprentice September 17, 1959

Fellow Craft, November 4, 1959

Master Mason, November 28, 1959

Admitted Doric Lodge #38, December 9, 1959

Affiliated with St. Johns Lodge #1 Providence April 16, 2003

Grand Lodge 50 Year Veterans Medal 2009

Passed to the celestial lodge above December 18, 2018

91 years



### Worshipful Brother Allan Reese Bellows

Barney Merry Lodge #29

St. Johns Lodge #1 Providence

Born June 23, 1925

Entered Apprentice, March 18, 1947

Fellow Craft, April 15, 1947

Master Mason, May 20, 1947

Admitted June 27, 1947

Worshipful Master of Barney Merry Lodge 1958

Merged with St. Johns Lodge #1 Providence June 22, 2001

Grand Lodge 50 Year Veterans Medal 1997

Passed to the celestial lodge above February 9, 2019

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### Shoe Collection

The RI Rainbow Girls are collecting shoes in decent condition to raise funds to maintain our International Headquarters. All US Jurisdictions are participating. Our collection will be April and May officially but we are starting NOW. Shoes must have intact soles and laces. Work boots are especially helpful as they weigh heavy and our proceeds are calculated by weight. If you have some to donate please contact Lynn D. Gebler, Past Supreme Inspector, 401-539-9025. Thank you for supporting our Rainbow Girls.

## Grand Master's Testimonial Dinner

in honor of

### Brother Glenn S. Carlson

163rd Grand Master

For the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient

and Honorable Society

of Free and Accepted Masons

For the State of Rhode Island and

Providence Plantations

**Saturday April 27, 2019**

Jointly Hosted by Manchester #12 &

St. Johns #1 Providence

*Valley Country Club*

**251 New London Avenue Warwick, RI**

Cocktail Hour 5 pm Dinner 6 pm

Meal Choices:

Sausage Stuffed Chicken, Fish or Vegetarian option

\$35 Per person

**RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE**

**BY APRIL 1, 2019**

**PLEASE CONTACT**

**M.:W.: Brother Secretary Skip Hallstrom**



## Brothers of St. Johns

The testimonial for M.:W.: **Glenn Carlson** will be held on April 27, at the Valley Country Club, 251 New London Ave, Warwick, RI. The menu is Stuffed Chicken, Fish, or a Veggie option. Reservations must be in by April 1st. The cost is \$35.00 per person. If you want to sit with St. Johns Lodge ***you must make your reservation to the secretary before March 29*** so I can get the reservations to Scott Alger. If you do not make your reservation with me, you will have to find your own seat. Please don't wait till the last minute. Skip

### Grand Master's Official Visitations:

**M.:W.: Glenn S. Carlson**

March 5, 2019	East Bay District	St. Paul's Lodge #14
March 18, 2019	Metro District	Rising Sun Lodge #30
March 20, 2019	Special Visitation	St. Johns Lodge #1
April 12, 2019	Mother Lodge	Manchester Lodge #12

### Metro District DDGM Visitations:

**R.:W.: Robert A. Palazzo**

March 25, 2019	Jenks Lodge #24
April 9, 2019	Overseas Lodge #40
April 17, 2019	St. Johns #1 Providence

## St Johns Lodge Number One Providence ~ Officers 2018-2019

**Master: W.: Richard Gonzalez** ~ email: [alchemist184@yahoo.com](mailto:alchemist184@yahoo.com)

**Senior Warden: Mazen M. Alsabe** **Junior Warden: Scott E. Miller**

**Treasurer: R.: W.: Ronald P. Reed** **Secretary: M.: W.: Wyman P. Hallstrom, Jr.** email: [secretary1prov@gmail.com](mailto:secretary1prov@gmail.com)

**Chaplain: R.: W.: Mekawy E. Elmekawy** **Associate Chaplain: Robert Larabee**



**Senior Deacon: Joshua A. Irizarry** **Junior Deacon: John B. Paliotta**  
**Senior Steward: Joseph Bernier** **Junior Steward: John P. Gauthier**



**Marshal: W.: Timothy L. Culhane**

**Sentinel: Hugo Adamas Jr.**

**Tiler: Garabed Emdjian** **Associate Tiler: Thomas Kumes**

**Master of Ceremonies W.: Anthony Marcello, Jr.** **Associate M.C.: W.: Arthur Bajakian**

**Musical Director: Frank A. Castellone**

**Lodge Reporter: W.: Timothy L. Culhane**

**Finance Committee: W.: Edward D. Bertrand, Edward McDonald, Edward O. Quinn**

## 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 M. Hanrahan  
 1980 Carl E. Croft  
 1981 Ralph DiScullo  
 1982 Anthony Marcello, Jr.  
 1984 Gregory W. Dexter  
 1985 Robert R. Mason  
 1986 Elton D. Ricker, Jr.  
 1993 Anthony Marcello, Jr.  
 1994-95 Thomas A. Ashley  
 1999-00 Clarence Soderberg, Jr.  
 2001 Gregory W. Dexter  
 2002 William E. Whetstone  
 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  
 2014 Robert J. O'Brien  
 2015 Timothy L. Culhane  
 2016 William J. DeLuca  
 2017 Edward D. Bertrand

### Unity Lodge No. 34

1959 Edward S. Angell  
 1969 George W. Haworth  
 1981 Bruce E. Lancaster  
 1982-83 James Spooner  
 1986 Milton E. Demers  
 1989-91 Milton E. Demers

### Barney Merry Lodge No. 29

1963 Robert A. Allen  
 1967 Edward Swiszc  
 1969 M. Lee Reed  
 1971 Elmer E. Whetstone  
 1974 Eugene Pascale  
 1978 William E. Whetstone  
 1981 Philip Ovoian  
 1985 Paul R. Moran  
 1991 James Wishart  
 1992-93 Robert B. Ellston  
 1997-98 William E. Whetstone  
 2000 Ronald P. Reed

### Thomas Smith Webb No. 43

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 ^

1982 Steven Babigian ^  
 1984 Steven Babigian ^  
 1985 Mohamed H. Hussein ^  
 1986 Dennis C. Smith  
 1987 Louis Micheli Jr.  
 1987-90 Donald P. Higgins \*  
 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

1994-1995 Ralph DiScullo  
 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.  
 2014-2015 Wyman P. Hallstrom, III

2015-2016 Raymond E. Hassell  
 2016-2017 Stephen T. McGuire  
 2017-2018 Peter Iacobucci

## 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.\*  
 1971 W.: 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 DiScullo  
 1995 R.: W.: Edward L. Calamar, Jr.\*  
 2000 R.: W.: Henry 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

\*deceased