

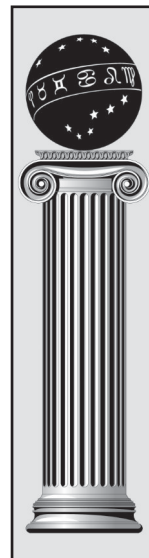


ST. JOHNS LODGE No. ONE

F. & A.M.

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

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September 2020

3892nd
Regular
Communication



R.:W.: Andre Faria
District Deputy Grand Master
Metro District

W.: Brandt Evans
Grand Master of Ceremonies

M.:W.: Gary S. Kaufman
Grand Master

R.:W.: Melvin E. Silverio
Grand Marshal

This Month's Communication: September 16, 2020

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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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TBD

Wednesday, September 16, 2020

St. Johns Rehearsal

St. Johns Communication

7:00 PM

7:00 PM

The Events, Dates and Times are subject to change due to the restrictions caused by the Covid-19 Virus

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

W.: Scott E. Miller, Master

Master's Message

Greetings Brothers,

As the calendar moves on to September, summer is slowly drawing to a close and sooner than we may like, thoughts will turn to Pumpkin Spice flavored beverages, family days of picking apples and other traditional fall enjoyments. For the Lodge, the officers ready the Lodge room to receive back our Brothers and hone their ritual for their new positions.



The Grand Council and our Most Worshipful Grand Master have poured over the different types of designations for gatherings and determined that our Regular Communications fall into the "venues of assembly" designation. Per the most recent guidelines from the **RI Dept. of Health** and the **Governor** that allows Lodges to meet at 66% of capacity. We are thus planning on meeting in person at Scottish Rite for our September Regular Communication. We are working on the logistics to ensure that entering Lodge will flow smoothly. We will be recording the names and phone numbers for all attending, asking the required health questions and requiring that all wear masks. We will have hand sanitizer and masks available and the lodge room will be sanitized prior to opening. Seats will be taped off to comply with social distancing guidelines and I ask that Brothers looking to catch up do so in the open air outside the building prior to entering and, once in Lodge, be mindful to remain at a social distance and promptly find an open seat. It will not be ideal or feel the same, but we need to vote on some candidates who wish to receive the degrees.

Last month, we met virtually and had a nice turn out of about 30 brothers. It was great to get to hear from everyone. **Worshipful Aditya Thaker** from **Euclid Lodge** took time to make our meeting and it was interesting to hear how New Jersey Masons are adapting and moving forward in their jurisdiction. St. Johns has procured a Zoom Pro account which will allow more online meet ups. I would like to work on having an open meeting each Wednesday via Zoom just to keep in touch. Notice of the meeting will be added online on our Facebook page. The Zoom account can be used for much more and details will be forthcoming.

It is important to remember that how we respond and adapt to these circumstances will forever be a part of Masonry. Support each other and support the community by acting on the core tenets of Brotherly Love and Relief. I encourage any brother in any need to contact me via phone (401-480-7025) or via email (scott@scottericmiller.com) whether the need is great or small.

Fraternally,

Scott E. Miller

Scott E. Miller

Worshipful Master



Get Well Wishes

Edwin Fielder

85 Lakehurst Drive, Coventry, RI 02816

Richard Urquart

Alpine Nursing Home, 557 Weaver Hill Rd
Coventry, RI, 02816

401-397-5637

401-397-5001

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 Scott E. Miller or any of the following Sick Committee members; Walter Kelly, Kenneth Phillips, Garabed Emdjian or contact Bob O'Brien at bob.obrien@gmail.com or **401-487-4750**

Lodge & District Events

Thursday 9/3/20	Morning Star #13 Grand Master's Visitation <i>Northern District</i>	7:30 PM
Tuesday 9/8/20	Overseas Lodge #40	6:30 PM
TBD	St. Johns Rehearsal <i>1st section of EA degree</i>	7:00 PM
Thursday 9/10/20	Candidate Forum <i>All Degrees</i>	7:00 PM
Saturday 9/12/20	Gaspee Chapter DeMolay	10:30 AM
Monday 9/14/20	Redwood #35	7:30 PM
Wednesday 9/16/20	St. Johns Communication <i>Guest Speaker: Shai Afsai</i>	6:00 PM
Monday 9/21/20	Rising Sun #30	7:00 PM
Tuesday 9/22/20	Candidate Forum <i>All Degrees</i>	7:00 PM
Tuesday 9/22/20	Ionic #28 (Central District)	7:00 PM
Saturday 9/26/20	Gaspee Chapter DeMolay	10:30 AM
Saturday 9/26/20	Friendship #7 Annual <i>(Northern)</i>	7:30 PM
Monday 10/19/20	Rising Sun #30 DDGM Visitation	7:30 PM

In accordance with current RIDOH guidelines, the Grand Master is permitting lodges to meet in person, with lodge occupancy 66% of lodge capacity, with no more than 120 total attendees. Some of these meetings may be virtual. Please see www.rimasons.org for more information or contact the Lodge directly.

Please note that Overseas Lodge #40 will be using the lodge room on our normal rehearsal night and the Master is working on an alternate date.



Ballot on Petition to Join by Degrees

Mr. Kevin M. Carey
Old Carriage Road
West Warwick, Rhode Island

Mr. Thomas M. Nisbet III
426 Arnold Road
Coventry, Rhode Island

Mr. Michael Mott
Washington Street
Coventry, Rhode Island

Mr. Wilson A. Soto
Cottage Street
Woonsocket, Rhode Island

Ballot on Petition to Join by Affiliation

Brother Douglas M. Leavens
Manchester Lodge #12

Brother Frank S. DePetrillo
Manchester Lodge #12

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic,
many Lodges have candidates
waiting to begin or continue
degrees. The Grand Lodge of RI
will confer the following
Degrees:

EA-September 12

FC-September 19

MM-September 26

More details to come!



Grand Master's Visitations

September 3, 2020 **Northern District**

Morning Star Lodge No. 13

October 31, 2020 **Central District**

Ionic Lodge No. 28

November 10, 2020 **Southern District**

Franklin Lodge No. 20

January 20, 2021 *Special Visitation*

St Johns Lodge No. 1P

February 3, 2021 *Special Visitation*

Lafayette Lodge No. 47

March 9, 2021 **Metro District**

Overseas Lodge No. 40

March 22, 2021 *Special Visitation*

Jenks Lodge No. 24

April 5, 2021 **East Bay District**

St John's Lodge No. 1

April 12, 2021 **Mother Lodge**

Redwood Lodge No. 35

April 17, 2021 **Testimonial Dinner**

Metro District Meetings

ANNUAL COMMUNICATIONS

Overseas No. 40 ~ November 11, 2020

Jenks No. 24 ~ January 2, 2021

Redwood No. 35 ~ May 10, 2021

DDGM VISITATIONS

Rising Sun No. 30 ~ October 19, 2020

*Redwood No. 35 ~ January 11, 2021

Jenks No. 24 ~ March 22, 2021

Overseas No. 40 ~ April 13, 2021

St. Johns No. 1 Providence ~ April 21, 2021

*Officer Forum

Stay Informed !!!

With scheduled events changing
so quickly due to the pandemic,
now would be a good time to
update or provide your email to
Brother Secretary:

secretary1prov@gmail.com

St Johns Lodge Number One Providence ~ Officers 2020-2021

Master: **W.: Scott E. Miller** ~ email: scott@scottericmiller.com

Senior Warden: **Joshua A. Irizarry** Junior Warden: **John B. Paliotta**

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

Chaplain: **R.: W.: Mekaw E. Elmekaw** Associate Chaplain: **Scott Alexander**



Senior Deacon: **Joseph J. Bernier** Junior Deacon: **John P. Gauthier**
Senior Steward: **Robert Larrabee** Junior Steward: **William C. Gouge**



Marshal: **Hugo A. Adames**
Sentinel: **Scott C. Alexander**

Tiler: **Garabed Emdjian** Associate Tiler: **Thomas J. Kumes**
Master of Ceremonies **W.: Edward D. Bertrand** Associate M.C.: **W.: Timothy L. Culhane**

Musical Director: **W.: Larry Thienel**
Lodge Reporter: **W.: Timothy L. Culhane**
Finance Committee: **W.: Edward D. Bertrand, Scott E. Miller, 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
2018 Richard Gonzalez
2019 Mazen M. Alsabe

Unity Lodge No. 34

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

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

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 ^

1996 Eugene Thibeault
1999 Frank DiMascio ^
2000 Eugene Thibeault
2004-05 James F. Desmarais
2007 Philip R. Hartnett
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
2018-2019 Glenn S. Carlson

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