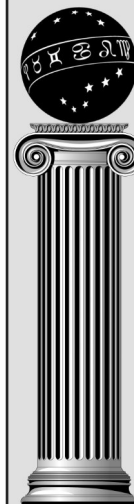


ST. JOHNS LODGE NO. ONE

F. & A.M.

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April 2020

3887th
Regular
Communication



R.: W.: Douglas J. Grant
District Deputy Grand Master
Metro District
W.: Michael R. Barbera
Grand Master of Ceremonies
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M.: W.: Kenneth F. Poyton
Grand Master
R.: W.: Michael R. Northup
Grand Marshal

This Month's Communication: April 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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Wednesday, April 8, 2020
Wednesday, April 15, 2020

St. Johns - Rehearsal M Degree - 2nd and 3rd sections
St. Johns - M's Visitation-Master Mason Degree

7:00 PM
5:30 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.: Mazen M. Alsabe, Master

Master's Message

Greetings My Brothers,
These have been very difficult and strenuous times for all of us. As we must all do our part to stem the tide of this pandemic, I fully support our Grand Master's decision to suspend all Masonic activities in the Jurisdiction, as painful as that decision was. Although we are not meeting in our lodge room this month, we know that Masonry does not end at the lodge door. As Freemasons, our obligation to care and look out for one another should be our number one priority. This is particularly true in times of danger.



Social distancing is absolutely critical if we are to successfully combat this disease, but isolation can be dangerous as well, particularly for our elderly brethren. **I ask that you stay in contact with your brethren as much as possible. Reach out to each other by phone, text, or video.** I am assembling a working committee who will be contacting the brethren and coordinating aid for those who are in need of assistance. In the meantime, I ask that each of you avoid unnecessary trips outside your home, particularly if you are 60+ years and/or have underlying health conditions. If you find yourself in urgent need, please do not hesitate to call me.

There is a lot of misinformation that has been circulating about corona virus. **Please stay informed and aware of potential scams.** Educate yourself about this disease from reputable sources, such as the CDC or the RI Department of Health. Do not give information or money to anyone you don't know. Do not let anyone gain remote access to your computer or smartphone.

I wish I could predict the future and tell you when this stress and uncertainty will end. I wish I could tell you when things will return to normal. Unfortunately, we do not know, and that means that it is difficult to plan for upcoming events since they will likely be canceled. I promise, though, to keep you all posted as things develop.

I can tell you that in our last rehearsal, the officers of the Lodge conducted the entirety of the Master Mason degree, and they were outstanding. We hope to be able to confer the Third Degree on our candidates in May.

April's meeting was also going to be a fantastic one. In honor of our **R.W.: Douglas Grant's** official (and last) visitation as District Deputy Grand Master, we had scheduled a famous Masonic author from England, **Mike Neville**, to present on "**Crime and the Craft**." Unfortunately, the limitations on international travel have forced the cancellation of his visit. As ordered by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, there will be no meetings held in lodges in April. Only business meeting will be conducted via conference call or by email, and the only business can be conducted is paying the bills of the lodge.

Likewise, our Religious Service to be held at Westminster Unitarian Church in East Greenwich on March 29 has also been postponed. I will let you know when we can reschedule.

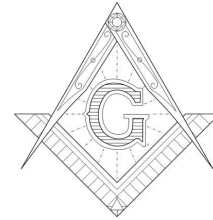
Euclid Lodge's visit to our lodge is still scheduled for May 9th. I will keep you posted on the details as they develop.

On a more positive note, the **Wilkins Scholarship** applications for 2020 are now available. The scholarship is open to the children and grandchildren of St. Johns Lodge #1P members in good standing, as well as members of Rainbow/DeMolay. If you need an application, please contact W.: Bro. Edward Bertrand or send an e-mail to our M.: W.: Bro. Secretary. I look forward to seeing you again in Lodge someday very soon. Please keep yourselves healthy and safe, and may the blessings of Heaven rest upon us, our families, and all the brethren in our great fraternity. Fraternally.

Mazen M. Alsabe

Mazen M. Alsabe

Worshipful Master



Dear Brethren,

The Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, Shriners International, and the Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction proudly announce a historic coming together of our organizations in the joint sponsorship of **BeAFreemason.org**.

More than just a website, **BeAFreemason.org** is dedicated to explaining just who Freemasons are, and what we stand for. It serves as a guide for men looking to understand the truths of our craft and the rewards of our brotherhood. It is a place where information about Freemasonry is accurate, visually compelling, and aspirational.

Central to the site is a powerful referral mechanism that links men interested in joining to Grand Lodge membership contacts in states and provinces throughout North America. We hope you too will help spread the word far and wide by sharing the site with friends, family, and other good men you know.

A Historic Partnership

The Scottish Rite, NMJ, Shriners International, and the Scottish Rite, SJ, have united in purpose and in service to the craft. As we open our plans to Grand Lodges across North America there is no doubt that, together, we can achieve the extraordinary and continue to share Freemasonry with the world.

The work we have embarked on circles us back to the place where we have always been strong. The noble place where we help a man declare to the world, I am not just a man. I am a Mason.

Fraternally,

David A. Glattly, 33°

Sovereign Grand Commander

Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction

Ill. : Jeffrey L. Sowder

Imperial Potentate

Shriners International

James D. Cole, 33°

Sovereign Grand Commander

Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction

Lodge & District Events

Thursday 4/2/20	Grand Master's Visitation Mt Vernon Lodge #4 (Southern District)	7:30 PM
Wednesday 4/8/20	St. Johns Rehearsal	7:00 PM
Thursday 4/9/20	Candidate Forum All Degrees	7:00 PM
Saturday 4/11/20	Gaspee Chapter DeMolay Master Mason Degree	10:30 AM
Monday 4/13/20	Redwood Lodge #35	7:00 PM
Tuesday 4/14/20	Overton Lodge #40 DDGM's Visitation	7:30 PM
Wednesday 4/15/20	St. Johns Communication DDGM's Visitation/	5:30 PM
Saturday 4/18/20	Master Mason Degree (TBD) Candidate Forum As Registered	9:00 AM
Saturday 4/18/20	Swing into Spring	1:00 PM
Monday 4/20/20	Rising Sun #30	7:00 PM
Saturday 4/25/20	Gaspee Chapter DeMolay	10:30 AM
Monday 4/27/20	Jenks Lodge #24 At St. Andrew's Temple, Riverside, RI	7:00 PM
Thursday 4/28/20	Candidate Forum All Degrees	7:00 PM
Tuesday 5/5/20	Grand Master's Visitation Harmony Lodge #9 (Mother Lodge)	7:30 PM
Monday 5/11/20	Redwood Lodge #35 Annual Communication	7:00 PM
Monday 5/18/20	Grand Lodge Annual	9:00 AM
Friday 5/22/20	Rising Sun Lodge #30 Annual Communication	7:00 PM
Monday 6/22/20	St. Johns #1 Providence Annual Communication	5:30 PM

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Get Well Wishes

George Cicma
179 Riverdell Dr., Saunderstown, RI, 02874
401-397-5637

Edwin Fielder
85 Lakehurst Drive, Coventry, RI 02816
401-397-5001

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

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 Mazen M. Alsabe 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

TESTIMONIAL DINNER IN HONOR OF BROTHER KENNETH F. POYTON

The Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons
For the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Saturday, April 25, 2020



Twelve Acres
445 Douglas Pike (Rt. 7)
Warrenton, RI



Presented by Harmony Lodge No. 9 F. & A. M.

No Host Social Hour – 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Dinner – 7:00 PM



Call of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

229th ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

Brethren:

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations will be held in Freemasons' Hall, 222 Taunton Avenue, East Providence, Rhode Island

Monday, May 18, 2020

For the transaction of such business as shall regularly come before it and the installation of Grand Lodge officers for the ensuing Masonic year. Grand Lodge will open promptly at **9:00 o'clock A.M.** Masters and Wardens, or their proxies, are required to attend in business suits and to wear their official jewels.

Attest:

Ronald P. Reed
Ronald P. Reed
Grand Secretary

Signed:

Kenneth F. Poyton
Kenneth F. Poyton
Grand Master

Masters and Wardens of Subordinate Lodges only are entitled to send proxies who must be members of the same Lodge.

St Johns Lodge Number One Providence ~ Officers 2019-2020

Master: W. Mazen M. Alsabe ~ email: malsabe@yahoo.com

Senior Warden: Scott E. Miller **Junior Warden: Joshua A. Irizarry**

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: John B. Paliotta **Junior Deacon: Joseph Bernier**
Senior Steward: John P. Gauthier **Junior Steward: Robert Larrabee**



Marshal: Louis A. Manzo

Sentinel: William Gouge

Tiler: Garabed Emdjian **Associate Tiler: Neville "Rusty" Booth**

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

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

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

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