

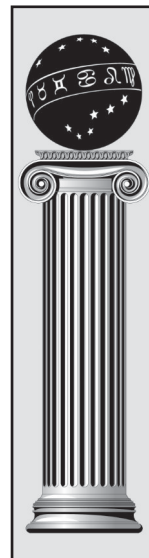


ST. JOHNS LODGE No. ONE

F. & A.M.

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

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January 2021

3896th
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: January 20, 2021

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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, January 20, 2021

St. Johns Communication - Virtual

7:00 PM

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

W.: Scott E. Miller, Master

Master's Message

Greetings Brothers,

Happy New Year to you and your families! The end of 2020 brought rays of hope for the end of this global pandemic as two vaccines received emergency approval from the CDC. I am hopeful that our shared sacrifices will no longer be necessary sometime in 2021 and we can once again meet without a computer screen separating us.



Despite the myriad restrictions and increases in Covid-19 cases since Thanksgiving, a small number of dedicated brothers and family members worked together to continue the tradition of providing Holiday Baskets. Because of the dedication of Brothers Hugo Adames and Tom Kumes, the small number of volunteers completed the boxes, unloaded the supplies from the truck and filled all 100 Holiday baskets before 9pm on Friday night. That allowed Saturday to be used to stage the boxes in the hallway so that cars could drive up to the door and have their basket loaded without entering the building or getting out of their vehicle. I want to thank the young men of DeMolay for their help, as well as all who volunteered for making this a great success for the Lodge.

January's communication was meant to be a Special Visitation to our lodge by the Grand Master. The plan was to have a Table Lodge, but this also became another casualty of the pandemic. In lieu of an in person meeting, we will continue the virtual Zoom meeting format this month. Our December communication was well attended and the prerecorded lecture was well received. We were excited to receive the Grand Master and Grand Marshal virtually. I want to thank the brethren who voted to approve significant donations to charities working hard to mitigate the impacts of this global pandemic on food insecurity (Project Hand Up, RI Community Food Bank), housing/shelter insecurity (Westbay Community Action, Community Action Partnership of Providence) mental illness (American Foundation for Suicide Prevention) and domestic violence (Elizabeth Buffum Chace Center). We also continued to support Special Olympics during this difficult time. I am inspired by the commitment of this lodge to the community and the tenet of Charity.

We will be working to determine how best we can aid and assist our Prince Hall Brothers after the fire that destroyed the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Rhode Island building on Eddy Street early on Christmas morning. Information will be forthcoming.

As always, I stand ready to help, aid and assist the brethren in any way I can and with all the resources available to me.

Stay safe and stay well, Brothers!

Fraternally,

Scott E. Miller

Scott E. Miller
Worshipful Master



Get Well Wishes

Edwin Fielder

85 Lakehurst Drive, Coventry, RI 02816

401-397-5637

Richard Urquart

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

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

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| Saturday 01/02/21 | Jenks Lodge #24 | 5:00 PM |
| | Annual Communication (Metro) | |
| Saturday 1/9/21 | Gaspee Chapter DeMolay | 10:30 AM |
| Monday 1/11/21 | Redwood #35 | 7:30 PM |
| | DDGM Visitation | |
| Tuesday 1/12/21 | Overseas Lodge #40 | 6:30 PM |
| Monday 1/18/21 | Rising Sun #30 | 7:30 PM |
| Wednesday 01/20/21 | St. Johns #1 Providence | 7:30 PM |
| | Virtual | |
| Saturday 1/23/21 | Gaspee Chapter DeMolay | 10:30 AM |
| Monday 1/25/21 | Jenks Lodge #24 | 7:00 PM |
| Wednesday 02/03/21 | Grand Masters | 7:30 PM |
| | Special Visitation | |
| | Lafayette Lodge No. 47 | |

In accordance with current RIDOH guidelines,
All meetings may be virtual and subject to change.
Please see www.rimasons.org, St. Johns #1 Facebook page
for more information or contact the Lodge directly.

End of the Year Charitable Donations from St Johns #1 Providence

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| Project Hand Up----- | \$8,000 |
| RI Community Food Bank----- | \$5,000 |
| Westbay Community Action----- | \$5,000 |
| Community Action Partnership of Providence----- | \$5,000 |
| Elizabeth Buffum Chase Center----- | \$5,000 |
| American Foundation for Suicide Prevention RI----- | \$5,000 |
| Special Olympics ----- | \$5,000 |

*Happy
New
Year
2021*

Metro District Meetings

ANNUAL COMMUNICATIONS

Jenks No. 24 ~ January 2, 2021

Redwood No. 35 ~ May 10, 2021

DDGM VISITATIONS

*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

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Grand Master's Visitations

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**

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GARY S. KAUFMAN
GRAND MASTER
2020-2021

THE GRAND LODGE
of Free and Accepted Masons for the
State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations



PHONE: 401/435-4650
FAX: 401/435-4423

Brethren,

By now you've probably heard about the devastating fire that destroyed the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Rhode Island building on Eddy Street early on Christmas morning. The building and its contents are believed to be a total loss, but thankfully no one was injured.

I have received a number of calls from our membership asking how we can be of help as a Grand Lodge. It is gratifying that so many of you have expressed concern for the wellbeing of our brethren, and wish to be proactive in offering assistance.

I have been in contact with Brother Clarence R. Snead, Jr., the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Prince Hall Masonry in Rhode Island, and have extended the support of this Grand Lodge. I have assured him that we are ready and standing by to render any assistance to help our brothers during this difficult time.

Assistance efforts will be coordinated through our Grand Lodge office, however each lodge may provide financial assistance if they choose. As the situation unfolds, I will keep you informed about what we are doing. If you have any questions, please contact the Grand Lodge office at 401-435-4650, or the Grand Secretary at GrandLodge@rimasons.org.

I'm sure that you will join with me in keeping our Masonic brothers in your thoughts and prayers.

Fraternally

Gary S. Kaufman
Grand Master

2020 HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS



It was a VERY difficult year but thanks to the "socially distanced" crew, the task was completed. Well done, Brothers!



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
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