

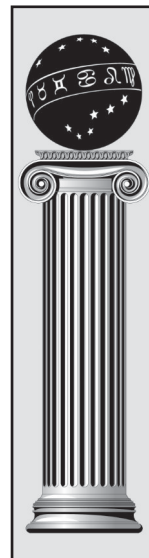


ST. JOHNS LODGE No. ONE

F. & A.M.

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

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May 2021

3900th
Regular
Communication



R.: W.: Rick Baccus
District Deputy Grand Master
Metro District

R.: W.: Richard F. Lynch
Grand Master of Ceremonies

M.: W.: Robert B. Ellston
Grand Master

R.: W.: Keith B. Moan
Grand Marshal

This Month's Communication: May 19, 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, May 12, 2021

St. Johns #1 Providence Rehearsal

7:00 PM

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

St. Johns #1 Providence Communication

6:00 PM

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

W.: Scott E. Miller, Master

Master's Message

Greetings Brothers,

This month's meeting will consist of our class of Master Masons completing their proficiency and finally signing the bylaws of St. Johns #1 Providence after Covid-19 interrupted their progression last year. In addition, **Brother Senior Deacon** presents the *Middle Chamber*, **Brother Senior Warden** discusses the *Symbolism of the Middle Chamber*, and the **Master** discusses the letter "G".



At our April meeting, **W. Mazen Alsabe** received his hard earned Master's Certificate from **RW DDGM Andre H. Faria Jr.** and I was honored to present him his Past Master's jewel. Our most recent **past Grand Master, Kenneth F. Poyton**, presented our own **R.W. Russell A. Kawa** with his Gold Beehive to honor his tireless efforts on behalf of Freemasonry and the community. This is a truly rare award and recognition. Congratulations Brothers!

We also were joined by the *Executive Director of Leadership Rhode Island*, **Mike Ritz**, who talked about Community Leadership Development and the influence of DeMolay on his own personal development. It was very engaging and thought provoking.

As the State has further eased restrictions, I look forward to finally having a meal with you this month. Please make sure to make your reservation for dinner no later than Wednesday, May 12th so that we can have an accurate count for the caterer.

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

Stay safe and stay well, Brothers!

Fraternally,

Scott E. Miller

Scott E. Miller
Worshipful Master



April's Guest Speaker

Executive Director of Leadership Rhode Island, Mike Ritz



Get Well Wishes

Edwin Fielder

401-397-5637

85 Lakehurst Drive, Coventry, RI 02816

Charles Angell

Ethan Place, 85 Ethan St, Warwick, RI 02888

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

Saturday 5/8/21	Gaspee Chapter DeMolay	10:30 AM
Tuesday 5/10/21	Redwood #35-Annual	6:30 PM
Tuesday 5/11/21	Overseas Lodge #40	6:30 PM
Wednesday 5/12/21	St. Johns #1 Providence	7:00 PM
	Rehearsal	
Monday 5/17/21	Rising Sun #30	7:30 PM
Wednesday 5/19/21	St. Johns #1 Providence	6:00 PM
	Regular Communication	
Saturday 5/22/21	Gaspee Chapter DeMolay	10:30 AM
Monday 5/24/21	Jenks Lodge #24	7:00 PM



A Brief Introduction to Suicide Prevention

Suicide can be prevented. This presentation will cover what we know about this leading cause of death, the most up-to-date research on prevention, and what we can all do to fight suicide.

Participants will learn the common risk factors for suicide, how to spot the warning signs in others, and how to keep ourselves, our loved ones and those in our community safe.

Date
May 26, 2021

Time
7pm - 8pm

Location
Virtual Via Zoom
Zoom link will be sent 1-2 days prior to the presentation Register below

RSVP
Registration link:
<https://526tsl.attendase.com/>

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May 19th Monthly Communication

- 6:00 PM: St. Johns open to transact such business as shall regularly come before it.
- 6:45 PM: **Chicken Piccata, Meat Lasagna**, Rosemary Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, Caesar Salad, dinner rolls. Assorted cake for dessert. Limited alternative entrée of **Baked Cod** (please request on reservation phone line)
- 7:30 PM: Program
Call: **Brother Senior Steward @ 401-861-1757**
No later than **Sunday, May 16th** for reservations.
Any Brother with special dietary needs beyond the listed menu, please mention it in your message.

In Memoriam

Most Worshipful Brother Joseph Bennett Brearley

Franklin Lodge #20

St. Johns Lodge #1 Providence

Adelphoi Lodge #33

Born November 8, 1934

Entered Apprentice degree November 10, 1960

Fellowcraft degree November 29, 1960

Master Mason degree December 17, 1960

Signed the By Laws Franklin Lodge December 27, 1960

Affiliated St. Johns Lodge #1 Providence

November 19, 1997

Affiliated Adelphoi #33 Lodge September 2, 2001

Worshipful Master of Franklin Lodge #20 1980 – 81

Most Worshipful Grand Master 2003

50year Veterans Medal 2010

Departed April 1, 2021

86 years

Worshipful Brother Elmer E. Whetstone

Barney Merry Lodge #29

St. Johns Lodge #1 Providence

Born, August 19, 1925

Entered Apprentice degree February 17, 1953

Fellowcraft degree April 21, 1953

Master Mason degree May 10, 1953

Signed the By Laws of Barney Merry Lodge #29

June 16, 1953

Worshipful Master of Barney Merry #29 1971

Signed the by-laws of

St. Johns Lodge #1 Providence June 22, 2001

Grand Lodge 50 year Veterans Medal 2003

Departed May 3, 2021

95 years



R.:W.: Russell Kawa, receiving the Golden BeeHive pin from PGM ,
M.:W.: Kenneth Poyton



W.: Mazen Alsabe Master's Certificate from R.:W.: DDGM
Andre H. Faria Jr.



R.:W.: Andre Faria, DDGM, Metro District, M.:W.: Gary S. Kaufman, Grand
Master, R.:W.: Russell Kawa, PGM , M.:W.: Kenneth Poyton



Once around the Lodge with W.: Mazen Alsabe and
R.:W.: DDGM Andre H. Faria Jr.

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.
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
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 ^
1970 Bernard Labush ^
1971 Robert H. Engelhart

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
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

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