

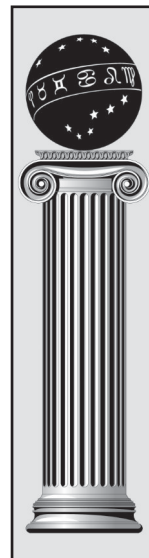


ST. JOHNS LODGE No. ONE

F. & A.M.

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

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November 2021

3904th
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 P. Moan
Grand Marshal

This Month's Communication: November 17, 2021

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at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 2115 Broad Street, Cranston, Rhode Island.
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Wednesday, November 10, 2021
Saturday, November 13, 2021

Wednesday, November 17, 2021
Saturday, November 20, 2021

Officers Rehearsal
Grand Master's Visitation
to Roger Williams Lodge #32 (Northern District)
St Johns Regular Communication
Grand Lodge Semi-Annual Communication

7:00 PM
7:00 PM
6:00 PM
1:00 PM

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

W.: Joshua A. Irizarry, Master

Master's Message

Greetings Brothers,

One of the greatest privileges in all of Freemasonry is the opportunity to lead the lodge in the work of making new Masons. I could not be prouder of the hard work and dedication that the lodge officers put in to ensure that the Entered Apprentice degree was a memorable initiation into the Craft for our eight candidates. Please join me in warmly welcoming Brothers **Darnell Brown, Saied Dib, Octavio Gomez, Michael Mott, Mike Ritz, Wilson Soto, Fred Trapassi, and Evan Trapassi** to the Craft and to Saint Johns Lodge #1P.

When you see these new brothers, please be sure to introduce yourself, offer your hand, and bring them into the friendship and brotherly love that distinguishes our lodge.

Thank you to all those brothers who came out to support the officers and candidates at our Regular and Special Communications. A very special thank you also to **Brother Bobby Frank** of Jenks Lodge, whose theater expertise brought (literal) light to the degree.

Our program for November is a presentation by **Marc J. Dunkelman**. Mr. Dunkelman is a Fellow for International and Public Affairs at the Watson Institute at Brown University, and the author of the book *The Vanishing Neighbor: The Transformation of American Community*. In his presentation, Mr. Dunkelman will discuss how many of the issues facing the US today can be traced to dramatic changes in the way American communities are organized, and especially to the loss of opportunities for neighbors from different walks of life to meet, get to know, and learn to trust each other. In particular, he credits civic organizations such as ours with playing an important "middle" role in bringing American communities together, with the decline of these organizations being linked to the current climate of polarization and distrust in our country. This is a presentation you won't want to miss.

This program is semi-public and I encourage you to bring your spouses and partners, who are also invited to join us for dinner at 6:30 and collation following the meeting. Please be sure to include your guest when you RSVP for dinner.

And while we're on the subject...

It is essential that you be sure to make your reservation for dinner by phone or email **no later than the Sunday before each month's Regular Communication**. The caterer needs a three-day lead time to order and prepare enough food for the meeting. Brother Senior Steward sends the final numbers to me on Monday morning, and I immediately turn the numbers around to the caterer. Late reservations – or showing up without a reservation at all – means that we may be in a situation where we do not have enough food for everyone who wants to eat. If your name is not on the final reservation list, please be prepared to be asked to wait until all RSVPs have been honored, after which you will be served on a first-come basis. The Stewards will be strictly enforcing this rule, and your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Stay safe and well, brethren. I look forward to seeing you on November 17!

W. Joshua A. Irizarry

Joshua A. Irizarry
Worshipful Master



Get Well Wishes

Edwin Fielder

401-397-5637

85 Lakehurst Drive, 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 Joshua A. Irizarry 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 11/06/21	Logia Libertad UD	7:30 PM
Tuesday 11/08/21	Redwood #35	6:30 PM
Wednesday 11/10/21	Officers Rehearsal	7:00 PM
Thursday 11/11/21	Overseas Lodge #40	1:00 PM
	Annual Communication	
Saturday 11/13/21	Gaspee Chapter DeMolay	10:30 AM
Saturday 11/13/21	Grand Master's Visitation	7:00 PM
	Roger Williams Lodge #32	
	Northern District	
Monday 11/15/21	Rising Sun #30	7:30 PM
Wednesday 11/17/21	Saint Johns #1 Providence	6:00 PM
	Regular Communication	
Saturday 11/20/21	Grand Lodge Semi-Annual Communication	1:00 PM
Monday 11/22/21	Jenks Lodge #24	7:00 PM
Saturday 11/27/21	Gaspee Chapter DeMolay	10:30 AM

November 17th Monthly Communication

- 6:00 PM: St. Johns open to transact such business as shall regularly come before it.
- 6:45 PM: **Turkey** with Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy Cranberry Sauce, Squash and Vegetables, Pumpkin Pie (**Fish** option available by requested when making reservation).
- 7:30 PM: Program

Call: Brother Senior Steward @ **401-861-1757**

or email: reservationsSJJP@gmail.com

No later than **Sunday, November 14th** for reservations.

Any Brother with special dietary needs beyond the listed menu, please mention it in your message.



Metro District Charity

Special Olympics has been selected as the recipient of our fundraising/charity effort in the Metro District for this year with two distinct fundraising events. Our first event is a night of entertainment to be held at the **Comedy Connection** scheduled for **Sunday, November 7th from 4:00-6:30**. In addition to laughter and friendship, there will also be basket raffles and a 50/50 raffle. (If you know of any company that may be willing to donate goods/basket for our raffle, please contact **Bro. Joe Bernier**.) The cost of the tickets for this event is \$25 per person. Our second fundraising event is the **Penguin Plunge** held on **January 1st, 2022** where Masonic teams will be plunging into the icy water around noon to raise funds. A heated tent will be provided for participants and supporters and breakfast will be provided by Overseas Lodge. More info about the Plunge to follow.

November's Program

The Architecture of American Community

Marc J. Dunkelman is a Fellow in International and Public Affairs at the Watson Institute at Brown University. In addition to his first book, *The Vanishing Neighbor: The Transformation of American Community* (2014), Mr. Dunkelman's work has appeared in the New York Times, Atlantic, Wall Street Journal, Los Angeles Times, Washington Post, Harvard Business Review, Chronicle of Higher Education, Daily Beast, and National Affairs, among other publications.



Grand Master's Visitations

November 13, 2021 **Northern District**
Roger Williams Lodge No. 32
December 15, 2021 **Metro District**
St Johns Lodge No. 1 Providence
January 8, 2022 **Central District**
Daylight Lodge No. 48
March 8, 2022 **East Bay District**
Washington Lodge No. 3
April 22, 2022 **Mother Lodge**
Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 8
April 23, 2022 **Testimonial Dinner**

Metro District Meetings

ANNUAL COMMUNICATIONS

Overseas No. 40 ~ November 11, 2021

Jenks No. 24 ~ January 8, 2022

Redwood No. 35 ~ May 9, 2022

Logia Libertad ~ TBA

DDGM VISITATIONS

Redwood No. 35 ~ January 10, 2022

Jenks No. 24 ~ March 28, 2022

*Overseas No. 40 ~ April 12, 2022

St. Johns No. 1 Providence ~ April 20, 2022

Logia Libertad UD ~ TBA

*Officer Forum



Ballot on Petition to Join by Affiliation

Neal Bowman

Overseas Lodge #40

THANKSGIVING

Happy Thanksgiving from
W.: Joshua A. Irizarry, Master,
the Wardens and Officers of
St. Johns #1 Providence



St Johns Newest EA Brothers

From L to R: Brothers Fred Trapassi, Octavio Gomez, Wilson Soto, W.: Joshua A. Irizarry, Saied Dib, Michael Mott, Mike Ritz, Evan Trapassi, and Darnell Brown.

Holiday Food Baskets Saturday, December 18th, 8am Scottish Rite

(with set-up on Friday the 17th)
Please arrive no later than 6 PM)

All brothers who wish to receive a basket please call:
Hugo Adames, Jr. At 401-366-2766 or Tom Kumes at 401-465-4458. Deadline for requesting a Holiday Basket is December 4th.



Thank you.
Hugo Adames Jr

St Johns Lodge Number One Providence ~ Officers 2021-2022

Master: W.: Joshua A. Irizarry
Senior Warden: John B. Paliotta Junior Warden: Joseph J. Bernier
Treasurer: R.: W.: Ronald P. Reed Secretary: M.: W.: Wyman P. Hallstrom, Jr. email: secretary1prov@gmail.com
Chaplain: W.: Robert J. O'Brien Associate Chaplain: Peter A. Healey



Senior Deacon: Jason Shealy Junior Deacon: Robert Larrabee
Senior Steward: William C. Gouge Junior Steward: Scott C. Alexander



Marshal: W.: Scott Miller
Sentinel: Jeffrey Parker
Tiler: Garabed Emdjian Associate Tiler: Thomas J. Kumes
Master of Ceremonies W.: Timothy L. Culhane Associate M.C.: R.: W.: Kenneth B. Phillips

Musical Director: W.: Larry Thienel
Lodge Reporter: W.: Timothy L. Culhane
Finance Committee: W.: Edward D. Bertrand, W.: 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
 2020 Scott E. Miller

Unity Lodge No. 34

1969 George W. Haworth
 1982-83 James Spooner

Barney Merry Lodge No. 29

1967 Edward Swiszczy
 1969 M. Lee Reed
 1978 William E. Whetstone
 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 Bogos W. Pelgian ^
 1970 Bernard Labush ^
 1982 Steven Babigian ^
 1984 Steven Babigian ^
 1985 Mohamed H. Hussein ^
 1986 Dennis C. Smith
 1987 Louis Micheli Jr.
 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
 2020-2021 Gary S. Kaufman

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