

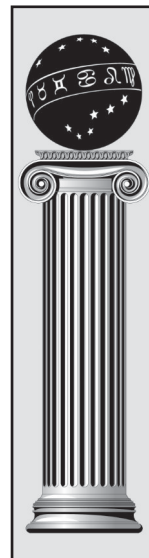


ST. JOHNS LODGE NO. ONE

F. & A.M.

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

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October 2022

3913th
Regular
Communication



R.: W.: Gilbert J. Fontes Jr.
District Deputy Grand Master
Metro District

W.: Jason M. Nystrom
Grand Master of Ceremonies

M.: W.: Robert A. Palazzo
Grand Master

R.: W.: Brad Ripley
Grand Marshal

This Month's Communication: October 19, 2022

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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, October 5, 2022	Officers Rehearsal	6:30 PM
Wednesday, October 12, 2022	Officers Rehearsal	6:30 PM
Wednesday, October 19, 2022	Grand Masters Fraternal Visitation St. Johns #1 Providence	6:00 PM
Saturday, October 22, 2022	St. Johns #1 Providence-EA Degree	9:00 AM

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

W.: John B. Paliotta, Master

Master's Message

Hello My Brothers,

Autumn is officially here and the cool weather is upon us. It was great to see everyone at our first communication last month. We jumped right in and conducted a lot of business. We had a great meal and a great program. I'd like to take this opportunity to once again thank our two representatives that came out from the **Warwick Animal Shelter** and gave us some great information on what they do, how they operate, and answered many questions. We will continue to be in touch with them and many other Animal welfare organizations throughout this year.



Please take note as this month is going to be a little different. We will have our regular meeting on Wednesday, October 19, at 6 pm. This will be the **Grand Masters fraternal visitation**. We normally would have done our EA degree this night but it is being moved to Saturday, October 22 at 9 AM. Please take note of this change and join us that morning for the entered apprentice degree.

We have an interesting program for the Grand Masters fraternal visit. Thanks to *Brother Senior Deacon*, we have secured a gentleman by the name of David Gracer. Since 2004, **David Gracer** has been an *Adjunct Instructor at CCRI* for 17 years where he teaches writing, literature, and public speaking. He uses a variety of methods to make writing and the entire learning process engaging and even fascinating.

Dave's other career involves **entomophagy**, which means using insects as a real food-source, both for livestock and for people all over the world. As he learned more about this unusual subject, Dave gradually realized that our relationships to Nature (and to insects in particular) provide insights into our history and our future. His activities in this subject have allowed him to enjoy a wide range of experiences and adventures, including his epic trek across the *Serengeti National Park* in Tanzania, as part of a *National Geographic* TV special. More than anything else, Dave knows that exploration and challenge are important elements of a powerful life. This will indeed be an interesting program with some audience participation.

If you plan on dining with us, PLEASE make a reservation.

Lastly, I'd like to remind everyone to keep that vigilant eye open for any animal in need or distress. Animals Depend On People Too = ADOPT

Thank you, and we hope to see everyone at October's regular communication on the 19th and at our special EA degree on Saturday Grazie Fratelli Miei

W.: John B. Paliotta

John B. Paliotta

Worshipful Master



Get Well Wishes

Edwin Fielder 401-397-5637

85 Lakehurst Drive, Coventry, RI 02816

Peter McConaghy 401-641-5660

81 Norton Avenue, Cranston, RI 02920

Lino Martin
976 Long View Drive, North Attleboro, MA 02760

Darryl Triggs 401-632-6817

31 Remington Farm 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 W.: John B. Paliotta 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

Wednesday 10/05/22	Officers Rehearsal	6:30 PM
Friday 10/07/22	Logia Libertad UD	7:30 PM
Saturday 10/08/22	Gaspee Chapter DeMolay	10:30 AM
Wednesday 10/12/22	Officers Rehearsal	6:30 PM
Saturday 10/15/22	Grand Lodge re-dedication of Rhode Island State House cornerstone	11:30 AM
Monday 10/17/22	Rising Sun #30 DDGM Visitation	7:00 PM
Wednesday 10/19/22	Redwood Lodge #35	7:00 PM
Wednesday 10/19/22	Grand Master's Fraternal Visitation-St Johns #1P	6:00 PM
Saturday 10/22/22	St. Johns Special Communication-EA Degree	9:00 AM
Saturday 10/22/22	Gaspee Chapter DeMolay	10:30 AM
Monday 10/24/22	Jenks Lodge No. 24	6:00 PM
Monday 10/31/22	Collegivm Lvminosvm	7:00 PM
Saturday 11/05/22	Logia Libertad UD DDGM Visitation	7:30 PM
Wednesday 11/09/22	Hope Lodge No. 25 Grand Masters Visitation Southern District	7:30 PM
Friday 11/11/22	Overseas Lodge #40 Annual Communication	11:00 AM

October 19th Monthly Communication

6:00 PM:	St. Johns open to transact such business as shall regularly come before it.
6:45 PM:	Dinner: TBD A limited number of fish meals available with reservation.
7:30 PM:	Welcome the Grand Master
7:45 PM:	Program: Guest Speaker

Call: Brother Senior Steward @ 401-861-1757

or email: sjlprov@gmail.com

No later than **Sunday, October 16th** for reservations.

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

Ballot on Petition to Join by Affiliation

David Lancaster
Mt. Moriah Lodge # 8

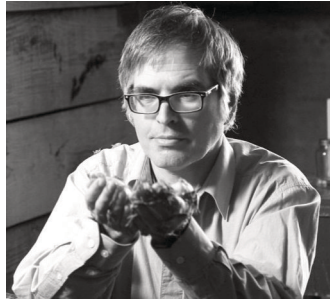
Robert N. Simmons Jr.
Mt. Moriah Lodge #8

Ballot on Petition to Join by Degrees

Richard Allen Lunn Jr.
998 Main St., West Warwick. RI, 02893

October Guest Speaker

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GRAND MASTER'S OFFICIAL VISITATIONS

November 9, 2022 **Southern District**

Hope Lodge No. 25

March 1, 2023 **Northern District**

Lafayette Lodge No. 47

March 8, 2023 **East Bay District**

St Albans Lodge No. 6

April 4, 2023 **Central District**

Harmony Lodge No. 9

April 15, 2023 **Mother Lodge**

Roger Williams Lodge No. 32

May 6, 2023 ... **Testimonial Dinner**

METRO DISTRICT MEETINGS

ANNUAL COMMUNICATIONS

Overseas No. 40 – November 11, 2022

Jenks No. 24 – January 7, 2023

Redwood No. 35 – May 8, 2023

Logia Libertad UD – TBA

VISITATIONS

Rising Sun No. 30 – October 17, 2022

Logia Libertad UD – November 5 2022

Redwood No. 35 – January 9, 2023

*Jenks No. 24 – March 27, 2023

Overseas No. 40 – April 11, 2023

St. Johns No. 1 Providence – April 19, 2023

*Officer Forum

Take a good look at yourself.

You're somebody's Impression of Masonry.



Upcoming Cornerstone Re-Dedication Reflects the Past

Raymond A. Geer, R.W.:Grand Historian

On October 15, the Grand Lodge will re-dedicate the Rhode Island State House cornerstone in a public ceremony to be held on the steps of the State House. The Grand Lodge of Rhode Island dedicated the cornerstone on October 15, 1896 and the upcoming ceremony will be very much in keeping with the original dedication.

The sterling silver working tools used in the first dedication will be taken out of storage and used again. The ritual of trying the stone with the plumb, the level and the square is a familiar one. Careful measurements are taken to ensure the cornerstone is square and properly aligned, giving the builders a reference point from which to construct the building. What about the consecration using corn, wine and oil? Their use is an important part of the ceremony, but why?

In ancient times, cultures believed that the position of the heavenly bodies regulated life, fortune and success. Cornerstones were the first stone set in the construction of buildings and were mostly positioned facing the northeast. It

was thought that this placement would bring harmony and prosperity to the building and its owners.

Corn, wine and oil have been used in ceremonies and as a form of wealth from the earliest times. As referenced in II Chronicles, "The children of Israel brought in abundance the first fruits of corn, wine and oil". Nehemiah tells of "tithes of corn and wine and the oil into treasuries." Note that corn in ancient times was not what we know as corn today; it was more of a grain.

In King Solomon's day, corn, wine and oil were used to pay the wages of the workers and is why we refer to them today as "Master's Wages". In the cornerstone laying ceremony, corn, wine and oil are poured symbolizing health, prosperity and peace.

The Masonic cornerstone dedication ceremony is a meaningful, beautiful expression of Freemasonry's values. Please plan to attend the re-dedication ceremony on October 15.

St Johns Lodge Number One Providence ~ Officers 2022-2023

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Musical Director: W.: Larry Thienel

Lodge Reporter: W.: Timothy L. Culhane

Finance Committee: W.: Edward D. Bertrand (2023), W.: Scott E. Miller (2025), Edward O. Quinn (2024)

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
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
2021 Joshua A. Irizarry

Unity Lodge No. 34

1969 George W. Haworth

Barney Merry Lodge No. 29

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
2021-2022 Robert B. Ellston



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