

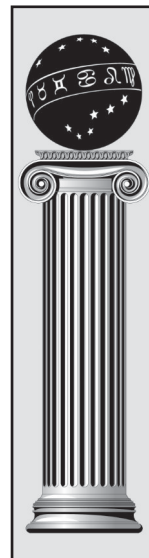


ST. JOHNS LODGE No. ONE

F. & A.M.

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

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April 2023

3919th
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: April 19, 2023

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at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 2115 Broad Street, Cranston, Rhode Island.
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Wednesday, April 12, 2023

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

Officers Rehearsal

St. Johns #1 P Communication

DDGM Visitation-Metro District

6:30 PM

6:00 PM

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

W.: John B. Paliotta, Master

Master's Message

Hello Brothers, Welcome to Spring!

Our March communication was the conferral of the Master Mason degree on three candidates, two of our own, and one Brother from Saint Albans. When you see **Brothers Mark and Leonard**, please welcome and congratulate them. Speaking of which, I would like to congratulate all of my officers on an absolutely spectacular job with this degree. I would also like to thank all the brethren that fulfilled a role. Without all of you, it wouldn't be possible. Thank you!



Our communication this month will be our **R.W.: DDGM Gil Fontes** final visitation to the Metro District. We hope to have a large attendance as we always do at Saint Johns 1P. It will be nice to send the Right Worshipful off to the Grand Council in true fashion.

Keeping in line with my theme of animal welfare for the year, this meeting our guest speakers will be representatives from **Pawswatch** community cat center. Dianne LaPointe and her team of volunteers are truly remarkable and left us speechless when Brother Senior Deacon and I toured their facility. They will be speaking on their day-to-day operations, They will give us a behind the scenes look into what they do for these beautiful animals. Their facility is breathtaking to say the least!

Save the date! **Saturday May 13th**, we will be traveling to Hasbrouck Heights New Jersey to visit our Brethren at Euclid Lodge No.136, more details forthcoming.

Last month we started the donations that will continue for the rest of the Masonic year. We started off filling the box and getting Amazon and Chewy gift cards. Thank you thus far! I will repost a list of needs on our Facebook page as well.

Food

Adult and Puppy Dog Food, Adult and Kitten Cat Food (Dry Kibble and Canned Wet) Various Treats for Dogs and Cats (ie. Milk-bone, Temptations, etc.)

Supplies

Cat Litter, Pee Pads, Collars, Leashes, Antibacterial wipes.

A much easier way to donate is an **Amazon** gift card, **Chewy** gift card, or **Cash** (to purchase said gift cards) in the amount of as little as five dollars, or more if you are able! Many shelters and organizations now have an Amazon wish list or a Chewy wish list. This makes donating a lot easier! All cards/cash collected will go on our Amazon and Chewy accounts. From there I will purchase the items they are in need of. They then ship the supplies directly to them! It will be accompanied by a note and a personal greeting card that I will send along to each organization with a message stating that the donation is from St. Johns Lodge No. 1P Freemasons.

All items can be dropped off preferably on Lodge night, or anytime at Scottish Rite. If you prefer to purchase the gift card, please be sure to hand the card(s) / cash to me or one of the officers. I will be sure to print out all of the donations we make to these shelters for all to read so you can see the difference we make!

If you reside out of state and would like to donate, please mail items or cards to:

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Lodge & District Events

Saturday 04/01/23	Logia Libertad UD	7:30 PM
	DDGM Visitation	
Tuesday 04/04/23	Grand Master's Visitation	7:30 PM
	Harmony Lodge # 9 (Central District)	
Saturday 04/08/23	Gaspee Chapter DeMolay	2:00 PM
Wednesday 03/08/23	Grand Master's Visitation	7:30 PM
	St. Albans Lodge # 6 (East Bay District)	
Monday 04/10/23	Redwood Lodge #35	7:30 PM
Tuesday 04/11/23	Overseas Lodge #40	6:30 PM
	DDGM Visitation (Metro District)	
Wednesday 04/12/23	Officers Rehearsal	6:30 PM
Saturday 04/15/23	Grand Master's Visitation	7:30 PM
	Roger Williams Lodge # 32	
	(Mother Lodge)	
Monday 04/17/23	Rising Sun #30	7:30 PM
Wednesday 04/19/23	St Johns #1 Providence	6:00 PM
	DDGM Visitation	
Saturday 04/22/23	Gaspee Chapter DeMolay	2:00 PM
Monday 04/24/23	Jenks Lodge No. 24	7:30 PM
Saturday 05/06/23	Grand Masters Testimonial	6:00 PM

April's Program

PawsWatch started in Newport in 1997 and is a 501(c) 3 public charity. Since then, we have helped fund the spay/neuter and veterinary care of over 25,000 feral, stray, abandoned, and free-roaming community cats across Rhode Island.

The PawsWatch mission is to care for community cats in Rhode Island by practicing TNRM (trap, neuter, return, manage), providing medical care, and adopting out kittens and stray cats. We seek to reduce the suffering of these homeless animals, prevent future generations from being born into similar circumstances, and reduce the number of cats euthanized in shelters.



Dianne LaPointe

PAWS WATCH

Scottish Rite
c/o **W.: Paliotta**
2115 Broad Street
Cranston, RI 02905

Please be sure to make a reservation for dinner as we are expecting a large gathering.

"When you look into the eyes of an animal you've rescued, you can't help but fall in love."

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

Ballot on Petition to Join by Degrees

Joseph A. Puleo
84 Ryan Ave, Warwick, RI, 02889

April 19th Monthly Communication

6:00 PM: St. Johns open to transact such business as shall regularly come before it.
6:45 PM: Dinner
A limited number of fish meals available with reservation.
7:30 PM: DDGM Visitation

Call: Brother Senior Steward @ 401-861-1757
or email: sjlprov@gmail.com

No later than **Sunday, April 16th** for reservations.
Any Brother with special dietary needs beyond the listed menu, please mention it in your message.

In Memoriam

Brother Steven P. Kazanjian Sr.

Thomas Smith Webb Lodge #43

St. Johns Lodge #1 Providence

Born, August 17, 1954

Entered Apprentice degree May 23, 1978

Fellowcraft degree September 26, 1978

Master Mason degree January 23, 1979

Signed the By Laws of Thomas Smith Webb Lodge

October 21, 1980

Departed November 18, 2022

68 years



Chag Pesach Sameach!



Happy Easter!



Ramadan Kareem!

The Hidden Lessons from Ritual Work

by Michael Mayer

So many times we seem to look at Ritual Work as not being that important and that is doesn't have to be done that well. We feel that we just need to have more Masons for our Lodges. If we fail to share the teaching well, who do you think loses?

Please think back to that first night when you became a Mason. It is a night we all share. That night, most of us were apprehensive and confused as to what was going to happen. Those first words you heard said at the Lodge door, asking questions and wanting answers of you, and how you were treated was only the start of your Masonic life. I hope it is a life that leads us on a continuous journey of Masonic travel and education.

By memorizing the Degrees and Obligations, we share something no one else can understand. The task of learning them, which we choose to do, is something we did. This struggle teaches us what we all can do with hard work and a true desire to accomplish things.

So many times I have listed to the lectures and I still find them as interesting as the first time I heard them. Every time I hear them, I find a new perspective that I have missed before. I fear for those who choose not to listen to them in this way. I fear that they will never find many of the lessons Masonry is attempting to teach us.

As for those that give those grand lectures, they learn as well. They learn how it feels to give that perfect lecture and also when they do not get it perfectly right. We can all learn lessons here too. First, how we should overlook everyone's little mistakes that we all make in life. Secondly, we all need to remember that sometimes the best intentions go wrong by accident.

Being a Mason is not simply a series of tasks to be completed by memorizing questions and answers and repeating them one time. It is a life long journey toward a perfection that few, if any, of us will accomplish. But we are better men, husbands, fathers and bothers for starting and continually attempting to complete the walk.

St Johns Lodge Number One Providence ~ Officers 2022-2023

Master: W. John B. Paliotta

Senior Warden: Joseph J. Bernier Junior Warden: Jason Shealy

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Junior Steward: Jeffrey Parker



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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
1990 David Lancaster
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