

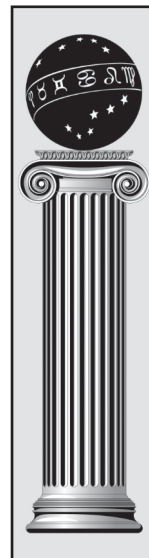


ST. JOHNS LODGE No. ONE

F. & A.M.

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

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April 2024

3929th
Regular
Communication



R.: W.: Eric E. Grist
District Deputy Grand Master
Metro District

W.: John W. Kent III
Grand Master of Ceremonies

M.: W.: Douglas J. Grant
Grand Master

R.: W.: Michael R. Barbera
Grand Marshal

This Month's Communication: April 17, 2024

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Wednesday, April 10, 2024

Officers Rehearsal

7:00 PM

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

St. Johns #1 P Communication

5:30 PM

DDGM Visitation

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

W.: Joseph J. Bernier, Master

Master's Message

My Brothers,

As I write this message, I look back on the month of March and find myself beaming with tremendous pride. At the SJIP communication on Wednesday, 3/20, two great things happened. First, our candidates delivered their Fellowcraft proficiency to the Officers and all the brethren in attendance. Once again, I was speechless (choked up actually) at how well they delivered their work and how effortlessly they made it seem. It was nothing short of exceptional and I felt how important this Masonic journey is to them. Thank you, my Brothers, for your hard work. In finding the candidates fully proficient, the Officers and I then conferred the Master Mason degree on our six candidates. Keeping in mind the need to convey awe, we truly delivered an amazing Master Mason degree. We focused on the senses, the experience and amazing ritual. One of the enhancements this year was having twelve Fellowcraft participate in the second part of the degree. Personally, I have never witnessed this full complement of Fellowcraft in a MM degree BUT I can say that, witnessing the work from the East, it was beyond impressive and just added even more WOW to the degree.



I have so many Brothers to thank for helping with the MM degree. First, thank you to all who attended that night. We had almost 100 brothers in attendance and your presence and participation unquestionably added to the degree. It was a tremendous sign of support for both the candidates and the Officers. Secondly, thank you to all the Brothers who participated as cast and crew in the degree. Please know how much I appreciate your dedication and support. *WE* put on an amazing degree. More importantly, I hope you also share in the pride of what you helped to create and deliver. And, thank you to **R:W. DDGM Eric Grist** and **W.: GMC John Kent** for attending the degree. It's always wonderful to share our Lodge with you and I am thrilled that you got to witness the amazing degree work this Lodge delivers! Finally, please join me in congratulating our newly raised Master Masons on their achievements: **Brothers Lenine Camacho, Richard Lunn, Omar Niazi, Jason Norberg, Joseph Puleo and Alan Vukas**. They will be delivering their MM proficiency to the Lodge in May.

There are many events taking place in the very busy month of April: our Grand Masters Testimonial Dinner at Harbor Lights on 4/5, our Special Ladies Luncheon at Chapel Grille on 4/7, our DDGM Visitation to Overseas Lodge on 4/10 and the Demolay/Rainbow Progressive Dinner on 4/13.

At our April communication on Wednesday, 4/17, **R:W. DDGM Eric Grist** will be making his final official visitation to the Metro District at SJIP. As you know, this is a very special evening for our DDGM before he moves into the Grand Council and out of the districts. That said, and in recognition of this, I have scheduled to bring in an amazing speaker for the semi-public presentation that evening – **W.: Bro. Andrew Hammer**, author of *Observing the Craft*. Bro. Hammer is a wealth of knowledge and an amazing lecturer. Moreover, Bro. Hammer has been my source of inspiration and direction this past year. Bro. Andrew Hammer is Master of Lodge Alba N° 222 in Washington, DC, and a member of Lodge Sir Robert Moray N° 1641, under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, as well as of Lodge Ireland N° 2000 under the Grand Lodge of Ireland. He is the Grand Historian and Deputy Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge of Washington, D.C., and Secretary of Fiat Lux Lodge N° 1717 in that

jurisdiction. He is Past Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, and an honorary member of Adelpic Union Lodge N° 14 in Harlem, under the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of New York. Brother Hammer is President of the Masonic Restoration Foundation, a Fellow of the Philalethes Society, and a member of the Quatuor Coronati Correspondence Circle. He is a Past High Priest, a Past Sovereign Master of the Allied Masonic Degrees, and a 32° KCCH Scottish Rite Mason. He is a recipient of the Grand Master's Order of Merit from the United Grand Lodge of Victoria.

That said, between the combination of our DDGM's final visitation (who has emphatically promised me he is not going to cry) and our guest presenter, I expect that we will have a very full lodge room that evening. So, this is a reminder to **make a dinner reservation** no later than the Friday before our communication – this month that is **April 12th** (but the sooner, the better!) You can make your reservation for dinner with Brother Senior Steward via email at sj1prov@gmail.com or **401.861.1757**. The cost of the meal with a reservation remains \$10. *IF* we can accommodate a Brother without a reservation the evening of the communication, the cost is \$20. As always, thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Looking forward to seeing you at our April communication!

Fraternally,

W.: Joseph J. Bernier

Joseph J. Bernier
Worshipful Master



Ballot on Petition to Join by Degrees

David R. Martone Jr.,

Harkness St., Providence, RI

Lodge & District Events

Tuesday 04/02/24	Collegivm Lvminosvm	7:00 PM
	Harmony Lodge #9	
Friday 04/05/24	Grand Masters	6:00 PM
	Testimonial Dinner	
Saturday 04/06/24	Logia Libertad #50	7:30 PM
Monday 04/08/24	Redwood Lodge #35	7:30 PM
Tuesday 04/09/24	Overseas Lodge #40	7:00 PM
Wednesday 04/10/24	Officers Rehearsal	7:00 PM
	Officers Step-up	
Saturday 04/13/24	RI Demolay & Rainbow	6:30 PM
	Progressive Dinner	
Monday 04/15/24	Rising Sun #30	7:30 PM
Wednesday 04/17/24	St Johns #1 Providence	6:00 PM
	DDGM Visitation (Metro District)	
Friday 04/19/24	Manchester Lodge #12	7:30 PM
	Grand Master's Visitation	
	DDGM Visitation (Central District)	
Saturday 04/27/24	Gaspee Chapter DeMolay	2:00 PM
Monday 04/29/24	Jenks Lodge No. 24	7:30 PM
Sunday 05/05/24	St. Johns Religious Service	10:00 AM
	First Baptist Church (Providence)	

April 17th Monthly Communication

5:30 PM: St. Johns open to transact such business as shall regularly come before it.
6:15 PM: Dinner: Beef /Scrod Entrees
7:30 PM: Receive the DDGM
7:45 PM: Guest Speaker: Brother Andrew Hammer

Call: Brother Senior Steward @ **401-861-1757**
or email: sj1prov@gmail.com

No later than Friday, April 12th for reservations.

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

April's Guest Speaker

Bro. Andrew Hammer, author of *Observing the Craft*



Andrew Hammer is the Past Master of Alexandria-Washington Lodge N. 22 (A.L. 6010), and holds a Gold Card in the Grand Lodge of Virginia, which certifies his proficiency in all aspects of Masonic ritual. He is a Royal Arch Mason, a Companion of the Allied Masonic Degrees and a 32nd

degree Scottish Rite Mason. He is a member of the Quatuor Coronati Correspondence Circle, the Philaethes Society, the Masonic Society, and sits on the Executive Committee of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association. He resides in Alexandria Virginia.

Get Well Wishes

Peter McConaghy

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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. J. **Joseph J. Bernier** or any of the following **Sick and Distressed Committee** members; Walter Kelly, Kenneth Phillips, Karapet Emdjian or contact Bob O'Brien at bob.obrien@gmail.com or **401-487-4750**

If you know of a brother who is ill, recuperating, house bound or we just haven't seen in a while, please contact someone on the **Sick and Distressed Committee**.



Our Newest Master Masons



Lenine Camacho, Alan Vukas, Richard Lunn, W. J. Joseph J. Bernier, Omar Niazi, Jason Norberg, Joseph Puleo

St Johns Lodge Number One Providence ~ Officers 2022-2023

Master: W.: Joseph J. Bernier
Senior Warden: Jason Shealy **Junior Warden: Robert Larrabee**
Treasurer: R.: W.: Ronald P. Reed **Secretary: M.: W.: Wyman P. Hallstrom, Jr.** email: secretary1prov@gmail.com
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Marshal: W.: John B. Paliotta
Sentinel: Sean C. Paley
Tiler: Karapet Emdjian **Associate Tiler: Thomas J. Kumes**
Master of Ceremonies R.: 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 (2026), 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
 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
 2022 John B. Paliotta

Unity Lodge No. 34

1969 George W. Haworth

Barney Merry Lodge No. 29

1978 William E. Whetstone
 1985 Paul R. Moran
 1990 David Lancaster
 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.

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
 2017-2017 Stephen T. McGuire

2017-2018 Peter Iacobucci
 2018-2019 Glenn S. Carlson
 2020-2021 Gary S. Kaufman
 2021-2022 Robert B. Ellston
 2022-2023 Robert A. Palazzo



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
 2023 M.: W.: Wyman P. Hallstrom, Jr.

*deceased