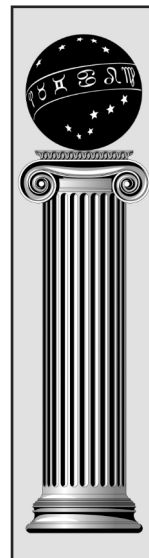


ST. JOHNS LODGE No. ONE

F. & A.M.

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

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October 2024

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Regular
Communication



R.: W.: Stephan H. Saraidarian
District Deputy Grand Master
Metro District

W.: Jason J. Rainone
Grand Master of Ceremonies

M.: W.: Andre H. Faria
Grand Master

R.: W.: Brandt Evans
Grand Marshal

This Month's Communication: October 16, 2024

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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 2, 2024

Saturday, October 5, 2024

Wednesday, October 9, 2024

Friday, October 11, 2024

Wednesday, October 16, 2024

Saturday, October 19, 2024

Monday, October 21, 2024

Officers Rehearsal

St. Johns 1P Car Wash

Grand Master's Visitation Redwood Lodge #35

Officers Rehearsal

St. Johns Lodge #1 Providence-EA Degree (I)

St. Johns Lodge #1 Providence-EA Degree (II)

DDGM's Visitation Rising Sun #30 - Metro District

6:30 PM

9:00 AM-1:00 PM

7:30 PM

6:30 PM

5:30 PM

9:00 AM

7:30 PM

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

W.: Jason Shealy, Master

Master's Message

Greetings My Brothers,

With the cooling of the air and the turning of the leaves, there is no doubt that it is fall in New England. Personally, this is one of my favorite times of year. The colorful leaves, the brisk bite of the evening breeze, and the option to have pumpkin spice in my coffee, all bring me to a place of gratitude that the fall season is upon us. I hope you are settling into this delightful season as well.

In September, we had a spectacular meeting, where we conducted the usual business of the lodge, enjoyed a meal together, and caught up with each other after the summer break.

The Rhode Island School for the Deaf came to visit, and we were pleased to receive them. The program focused on the school's mission to meet the needs of students who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing. There was also ample discussion about Deaf culture and how Deaf education is unique from the typical education a hearing person receives. Based on the many, many questions that were asked, it's safe to say we were as interested in hearing from the school as they were to present to us!

In addition to our charitable gift to their after-school program, we also announced that we will be sponsoring a car wash on October 5th, to be held at the Scottish Rite Cathedral. The **car wash** will be from 9AM to 1PM, and will allow the students to put some of their own sweat into raising funds for their after school activities. See the flier in this trestleboard for additional information. Please plan to come by and have your car cleaned by these hard working RISDeaf students!

For our October communication, along with the usual business of the lodge, we will vote on several candidates to receive the degrees. After dinner, we will conduct the EA degree on five candidates who have already been voted on, ending the evening prior to delivering the lectures. We will hold a special communication on Saturday, Oct 19th, where we will conduct the EA degree in its entirety. Those candidates who were voted on during the October 16th meeting will receive the entire degree, with the Wednesday night candidates joining for the lectures, concluding our degree work for the EA. This is a very busy process, but our officers are hard at work ensuring we have a healthy and motivated class of new Masons. It will be a pleasure to bring them into the craft and set them upon their Masonic journey!

I want to take a moment to advertise another important event happening in October. Our Grand Lodge will hold the 100th anniversary of the Grand Lodge building with a **cornerstone rededication ceremony**. This will be held on *Saturday, October 26th*, at the Grand Lodge building in East Providence. Specific details will be forthcoming, but please put this on your calendar so that you will be able to attend this very important event for our Grand Lodge.

In November, we expect to host an in-depth presentation from one of the Delta Force operators who was on the ground in Mogadishu, Somalia, in response to the **Black Hawk Down** incident during *Operation Gothic Serpent*. This gentleman has been an acquaintance of mine for some time, and I am thrilled that we will hear this unique story in November, in honor of Veteran's Day. Stay tuned for more details!

A few weeks ago, my son Andrew and I spent time together building a workbench for the garage. This workbench was modeled after one



I already had in the shop, which I built with my father about 10 years ago. As we put the finishing touches on this new workbench, I was struck with the notion that I had not engineered the plan, but simply mimicked my Dad's work. Just the same, it was inevitable that small changes crept into the new build. Little things, such as using a different wood type for the top boards, or running the shelving surfaces in the opposite direction as Dad had done. I thought it poignant that even in my effort to mimic my father's good work, it was inevitable that my own touch would appear in the product of my labor. This is true for all of us, is it not, my brothers? As we labor in life, we are ever mindful of our role models, those people who we so admire as to follow in their footsteps. Laudable as this may seem, do not be afraid to deviate when the need arises. This is how our own path reveals itself, and in such moments, may you see the wisdom in following that path.

Fraternally,

W.: Charles Jason Shealy

Charles Jason Shealy
Master, St Johns No 1 Providence



Get Well Wishes

Lino Martin

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Michael Northup

401-439-4099

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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.: Jason Shealy** 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**

October 16th Monthly Communication

5:30 PM: St. Johns open to transact such business as shall regularly come before it.

6:30 PM: Dinner

7:15 PM: EA Degree

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

or email: sjlprov@gmail.com

No later than **Friday, October 11th** 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

Omar Morris

Ballot on Petition to Join by Degrees

Aubrey Fletcher
Christopher Gervais
William Koffler
Eric Perreault
Nicholas Lavallee



Lodge & District Events

Wednesday 10/02/24	Officers Rehearsal	6:30 PM
Saturday, 10/05/24	St. Johns Car Wash	9:00 AM-1:00 PM
Saturday 10/05/24	Logia Libertad #50	7:30 PM
Tuesday 10/08/24	Overseas Lodge #40	7:00 PM
Wednesday, 10/09/24	Grand Master's Visitation	7:30 PM
	Redwood #35 (Metro District)	
Friday 10/11/24	Officers Rehearsal	6:30 PM
Saturday 10/12/24	Gaspee Chapter DeMolay	2:00 PM
Wednesday 10/16/24	St. Johns #1 P (EA Degree I)	5:30 PM
Saturday 10/19/24	St. Johns #1 P (EA Degree II)	9:00 AM
Monday 10/21/24	DDGM's Visitation	7:30 PM
	Rising Sun #30 (Metro District)	
Saturday 10/26/24	Gaspee Chapter DeMolay	2:00 PM
Monday 10/28/24	Jenks Lodge No. 24	7:30 PM



Rhode Island School for the Deaf staff with the Worshipful Master, Andrew and Betsy Shealy.



CAR WASH

WHAT: RI SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF FUNDRAISER
(in partnership with St. Johns Lodge No. 1 Providence)

WHEN: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5TH
9 AM - 1 PM

WHERE:
SCOTTISH RITE CATHEDRAL
2115 BROAD STREET
CRANSTON, RI 02905



ALL PROCEEDS GO TO RISD ATHLETICS AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Unity-Entered Apprentice Degree

In an Entered Apprentice's Lodge, the **133rd Psalm** is read – sometimes sung – during the course of the degree: *Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard; that went down to the skirts of his garments; As the dew of Hermon and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion, for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.*

Unity is an essential part of a Masonic lodge. Unity of thought, of intention, of execution. It is but another word for harmony, which Freemasons are taught is the strength and support of all well-regulated institutions, especially this of ours. Dew is nature's blessing where little rain falls; the dew of Hermon is proverbially heavy. Israel poured precious ointments on the heads of those the people honored; that which went down to the skirts of his garments was evidently great in quantity, significant of the honor paid to Aaron, personification of high priest-hood, representative of the solidity of his group. The whole passage is a glorification of the beauty of brotherly love, which is why it was anciently selected to be a part of the Entered Apprentice's Degree, in which the initiate is first introduced to that principal tenet of the Fraternity.

St Johns Lodge Number One Providence ~ Officers 2024-2025

Master: W. : Jason Shealy
Senior Warden: Robert Larrabee Junior Warden: William C. Gouge
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



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Senior Steward: Octavio Gomez Junior Steward: Sean C. Paley



Marshal: W. : Joshua A. Irizarry
Sentinel: Alan Vukas
Tiler: Karapet Emdjian Associate Tiler: Thomas J. Kumes
Master of Ceremonies R. : W. : Timothy L. Culhane

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 (2027)

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
 2024 Joseph J. Bernier

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
 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
 2016-2017 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
 2023-2024 Douglas J. Grant



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