

# ST. JOHNS LODGE No. ONE

## F. & A.M.

### PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

#### CONSTITUTED - 1757



August 2020

3891<sup>st</sup>  
Regular  
Communication



R.:W.: Andre Faria  
District Deputy Grand Master  
Metro District

W.: Brandt Evans  
Grand Master of Ceremonies

M.:W.: Gary S. Kaufman  
Grand Master

R.:W.: Melvin E. Silverio  
Grand Marshal

**This Month's Communication: August 19, 2020**

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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.  
Telephone: 401-223-7041



Secretary's mailing Address: P.O. Box 8397 Warwick, R.I. 02888-0397  
Telephone: 401-323-8955 Email: secretary1prov@gmail.com

Wednesday, August 5, 2020

St. Johns Rehearsal

7:00 PM

Wednesday, August 12, 2020

St. Johns Rehearsal

7:00 PM

Wednesday, August 19, 2020

St. Johns TBD Presentation

7:00 PM

The Events, Dates and Times are subject to change due to the restrictions caused by the Covid-19 Virus

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

W.: Scott E. Miller, Master

## Master's Message

Greetings Brothers,

I hope this message finds you all doing well physically, mentally and spiritually. As I am writing this, the summer weather is certainly here and I hope you all find time to enjoy it. The Masonic Park at Buttonwoods is currently open to Masons, their family and guests. Unfortunately, the pool and snack bar will not open this summer, but I would still encourage anyone looking to enjoy some nice breezes off the bay, a sandy beach to wander and plenty of open green space to take advantage of this amazing gem.



The most recent guidelines from the RI Dept. of Health and the Governor allow 25 people for indoor events and 50 people for outdoor events. Both the Grand Lodge and our officers are actively monitoring announcements and changes to guidelines that may affect the status of our in person meetings in the future. We are still planning on meeting in person at Scottish Rite for our August meeting. As per current guidelines, we are only able to have a maximum of 25. As the officers make up 15 of that number, we should have 10 spots available (possibly more) for the meeting. There will not be a meal at this meeting so it will start at 7pm to allow brothers to have a meal before coming to the lodge. Please send an email to the Secretary indicating your interest in attending as we will fill the spots on a first come, first served basis. I realize it is not ideal, but these small gatherings will be of great help to ensure we do everything necessary to follow the Department of Health protocols and protect the health of the brethren.

On our Zoom meeting in July the **M.:W.: Grand Master Gary S. Kaufman** and **R.:W.: Grand Marshal Melvin Silverio** were welcomed to the meeting. The **M.:W.:** Grand Master brought his greetings and that of the Grand Lodge, making special note to congratulate the **Junior Past Master, Mazen Alsabe** on a successful year. There was also welcome dialogue on alterations and alternatives that would allow lodges to move forward with degree work. The suggestion to get a Zoom subscription for the lodge so that we may start a weekly meeting to keep in contact with any out of state brothers and brothers unable to make it to the traditional lodge meeting was well received. I will post more on our Facebook page once everything is in place.

I encourage any brother in any need to contact me via phone (401-480-7025) or via email ([scott@scottericmiller.com](mailto:scott@scottericmiller.com)) whether the need is great or small. It is during these times that our Fraternity can be and will be an example through action. I send you all my warm thoughts and pray that He continues to bless us and grant us His mercy!

Fraternally,

*Scott E. Miller*

Scott E. Miller

Worshipful Master



## Get Well Wishes

**Edwin Fielder** 401-397-5637

85 Lakehurst Drive, Coventry, RI 02816

**Richard Urquart** 401-397-5001

Alpine Nursing Home, 557 Weaver Hill Rd  
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 Mazen M. Alsabe or any of the following Sick Committee members; Walter Kelly, Kenneth Phillips, Garabed Emdjian or contact Bob O'Brien at [bob.obrien@gmail.com](mailto:bob.obrien@gmail.com) or 401-487-4750

## Lodge & District Events

|                   |                               |          |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|----------|
| Wednesday 8/5/20  | <b>St. Johns Rehearsal</b>    | 7:00 PM  |
| Saturday 8/8/20   | <b>Gaspee Chapter DeMoley</b> | 10:30 AM |
| Monday 8/10/20    | <b>Redwood #35</b>            | 7:30 PM  |
| Tuesday 8/11/20   | <b>Overseas Lodge #40</b>     | 6:30 PM  |
| Wednesday 8/12/20 | <b>St. Johns Rehearsal</b>    | 7:00 PM  |
| Monday 8/17/20    | <b>Rising Sun #30</b>         | 7:00 PM  |
| Wednesday 8/19/20 | <b>St. Johns Rehearsal</b>    | 7:00 PM  |
| Saturday 8/22/20  | <b>Gaspee Chapter DeMoley</b> | 10:30 AM |
| Saturday 8/24/20  | <b>Jenks Lodge #24</b>        | 7:00 PM  |

In accordance with current RIDOH guidelines, the Grand Master is permitting lodges to meet in person, with a maximum attendance of 25 persons. Some of these meetings may be virtual. Please see [www.rimasons.org](http://www.rimasons.org) for more information or contact the Lodge directly.

## GRAND MASTER'S OFFICIAL VISITATIONS

|                        |                           |
|------------------------|---------------------------|
| September 3, 2020 .... | <b>Northern District</b>  |
|                        | Morning Star Lodge No. 13 |
| October 31, 2020 ....  | <b>Central District</b>   |
|                        | Ionic Lodge No. 28        |
| November 10, 2020 .... | <b>Southern District</b>  |
|                        | Franklin Lodge No. 20     |
| January 20, 2021 ....  | <i>Special Visitation</i> |
|                        | St Johns Lodge No. 1P     |
| February 3, 2021 ....  | <i>Special Visitation</i> |
|                        | Lafayette Lodge No. 47    |
| March 9, 2021 ....     | <b>Metro District</b>     |
|                        | Overseas Lodge No. 40     |
| March 22, 2021 ....    | <i>Special Visitation</i> |
|                        | Jenks Lodge No. 24        |
| April 5, 2021 ....     | <b>East Bay District</b>  |
|                        | St John's Lodge No. 1     |
| April 12, 2021 ....    | <b>Mother Lodge</b>       |
|                        | Redwood Lodge No. 35      |
| April 17, 2021 ....    | <b>Testimonial Dinner</b> |

### *Ballot on Petition to Join by Degrees*

**Mr. Kevin Michael Carey**  
Old Carriage Road  
West Warwick, Rhode Island

**Mr. Thomas M. Nisbet III**  
426 Arnold Road  
Coventry, Rhode Island

### *Ballot on Petition to Join by Affiliation*

**Brother Douglas M. Leavens**  
Manchester Lodge #12

**Brother Frank S. DePetrillo**  
Manchester Lodge #12

### *In Memoriam*

#### **Worshipful Brother Robert A. Allen**

Barney Merry Lodge #29

St. Johns Lodge #1 Providence

Born April 19, 1930

Entered Apprentice degree September 15, 1953

Fellowcraft degree December 15, 1953

Master Mason degree January 19, 1954

Signed the By Laws February 16, 1954

Worshipful Master of Barney Merry Lodge 1963

50year Veterans Medal 2004

Departed July 11, 2020

90 years



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Redwood Lodge No. 35

April 17, 2021 .... **Testimonial Dinner**

### *Metro District Meetings*

#### **ANNUAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Overseas No. 40 ~ November 11, 2020

Jenks No. 24 ~ January 2, 2021

Redwood No. 35 ~ May 10, 2021

#### **DDGM VISITATIONS**

Rising Sun No. 30 ~ October 19, 2020

\*Redwood No. 35 ~ January 11, 2021

Jenks No. 24 ~ March 22, 2021

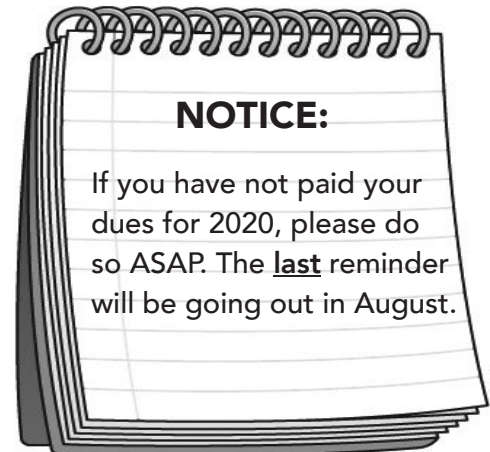
Overseas No. 40 ~ April 13, 2021

St. Johns No. 1 Providence ~ April 21, 2021

\*Officer Forum

#### **NOTICE:**

If you have not paid your dues for 2020, please do so ASAP. The **last** reminder will be going out in August.



**St Johns Lodge Number One Providence ~ Officers 2020-2021**

*Master: W.: Scott E. Miller ~ email: [scott@scottericmiller.com](mailto:scott@scottericmiller.com)*

*Senior Warden: Joshua A. Irizarry Junior Warden: John B. Paliotta*

*Treasurer: R.: W.: Ronald P. Reed Secretary: M.: W.: Wyman P. Hallstrom, Jr. email: [secretary1prov@gmail.com](mailto:secretary1prov@gmail.com)*

*Chaplain: R.: W.: Mekawy E. Elmekawy Associate Chaplain: Scott Alexander*



*Senior Deacon: Joseph Bernier Junior Deacon: John P. Gauthier  
Senior Steward: Robert Larrabee Junior Steward: William C. Gouge*



*Marshal: Hugo A. Adames  
Sentinel: Scott C. Alexander*

*Tiler: Garabed Emdjian Associate Tiler: Thomas J. Kumes  
Master of Ceremonies W.: Edward D. Bertrand Associate M.C.: W.: Timothy L. Culhane*

*Musical Director: W.: Larry Thienel  
Lodge Reporter: W.: Timothy L. Culhane  
Finance Committee: W.: Edward D. Bertrand, 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 DiScuillo  
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.  
2012 Arthur Bajakian  
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

**Unity Lodge No. 34**

1969 George W. Haworth  
1981 Bruce E. Lancaster  
1982-83 James Spooner  
1986 Milton E. Demers  
1989-91 Milton E. Demers

**Barney Merry Lodge No. 29**

1963 Robert A. Allen  
1967 Edward Swiszc  
1969 M. Lee Reed  
1971 Elmer E. Whetstone  
1974 Eugene Pascale  
1978 William E. Whetstone  
1981 Philip Ovoian  
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 Donald P. Higgins \*  
1966 Bogos W. Pelgian ^  
1967 Gerald G. Norigian ^  
1970 Bernard Labush ^  
1971 Robert H. Engelhart  
1972 Armenag Palian ^

1982 Steven Babigian ^  
1984 Steven Babigian ^  
1985 Mohamed H. Hussein ^  
1986 Dennis C. Smith  
1987 Louis Micheli Jr.  
1987-90 Donald P. Higgins \*  
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  
2009 Arthur Bajakian  
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 DiScuillo  
2000-2001 Benjamin A. Phillips  
2001-2002 Dennis W. Pothier  
2002-2003 Robert J. Allen

2003-2004 Joseph B. Brearley  
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

**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 DiScuillo  
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