



# ST. JOHNS LODGE No. ONE

## F. & A.M.

### PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

#### CONSTITUTED - 1757



April 2014

3827<sup>th</sup>  
Regular  
Communication



R.: W.: Peter Iacobucci  
District Deputy Grand Master  
Metro District  
W.: Gilbert J. Fontes, Jr., Master of  
Ceremonies, Metro District

M.: W.: Russell R. Davis, Sr.  
Grand Master  
W.: Joseph A. Plante  
Grand Marshal

This Month's Communication: April 16, 2014

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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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Sunday, April 6, 2014	St. Johns Lodge Church Service Hope Congregational Church East Providence, RI	10:00 AM
Wednesday, April 9, 2014	Special Business Communication Conduct monthly business, ballot on candidates, rehearsal	7:00 PM
Wednesday, April 16, 2014	Regular Communication R.: W.: Peter Iacobucci, D.D.G.M. Visitation and evening program	5:45 PM

Attest: Louis G. Sherman, III, Secretary

W.: Richard F. Lynch, Master

## Master's Message

Greetings my brothers,

My year as Master will soon come to an end in just 3 short months. Having completed 9 months already, I am most proud that I now have 8 new men that I can now call brothers. Just a few days ago, I along with my excellent line of officers conferred the Master Mason degree on our 8 candidates. To be truthful they received an excellent degree with the help of many brothers. This month they will present their proficiency and sign the bylaws and then become complete members of the greatest fraternity in the world as well as St. Johns Lodge. Names and photos will appear in next month's communication.

We will again be having a St. Johns Lodge church service, on Sunday April 6<sup>th</sup> at the Hope Congregational Church in East Providence. Pastor, Amy Frenze welcomed us in the Fall, for what was then our first church service in many, many years. We had a very fine turnout from the lodge along with an escort of Knights Templar from St. Johns Commandery No. 1. Pastor Amy looked forward to having us return in the spring. I hope you will again join us along with your family. The service is open to all faiths. If you can join us, please drop me an email or telephone call so that I have some idea of how big the turnout will be. ([hstrclrsch@aol.com](mailto:hstrclrsch@aol.com) 401-954-3829).

As we sit in lodge and enjoy each other's company we sometimes forget the troubles of the world and those closer to home. We have several brothers who are currently not in the best of health and cannot be with us. There are also major tragedies going on today that are gut-wrenching to everyone. Please during this season of religious faith let us pray for the families and the people impacted by the disappearance of Malaysia Flight MH370 and also all those missing in the terrible mudslide in Washington state, and let us never forget to pray for our men and women serving in the armed forces throughout the world.

The winter is now behind us and although as I write this we may yet get one more taste of winter, spring is now upon us. After what has been a very long and harsh winter we can look to a rebirth of life all around. Hopefully our "cabin fever" will disappear with the warm sunny days and we will soon see our "snow-bird" members who will return from Florida!

I hope the good weather inspires you to come to lodge if you haven't been with us in a while. I look forward to having you join us and if transportation is a problem, please contact me or any officer listed on the back of this notice and we will make arrangements to have you join us.

There are many brothers in Masonry that we look up to who have helped us on our journey and have given us good council. I have far to many to thank and list. There is one brother in particular however, I want to thank for all he has done for me personally. R.:W.:Walter Kelly has been a very close friend of mine from the time I entered the Craft. We have traveled extensively and shared a lot of time together. Brother Walt last year decided that after so many years serving in various capacities at the Grand Lodge level he was going to retire and spend much more time on the sidelines. I asked brother Walt if he would stay on for just one more year as the Associate Grand lecturer for St. Johns Lodge, so that I would have him at my side as Master. "My brother from another mother" as I refer to him, said he would and I was greatly honored. Now, Walt is definitely retiring as our Associate Grand lecturer effective with the Grand Lodge Annual in May. I can't thank him enough for all he has done for me and the lodge, and I wish him the best. Brother Walt is a St. Johns member so we will always see him and he will not stop traveling, but now it will be with no "work".

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## April 9<sup>th</sup> Special, Business Communication

We will be holding a special business meeting by dispensation to vote on 5 new candidates, clear up old business, and have an officer's rehearsal. This is being done in advance of our regular communication on April 16<sup>th</sup> to reduce the length of the meeting. We will be having the DDGM's visitation and will be hosting an evening speaker. We expect a large turnout.

All members are encouraged to attend this special communication. Lodge opening will be at 7:00 PM and there will be no dinner served this evening.

## April 16<sup>th</sup> Monthly Communication

5:45 PM: Open Lodge to transact such business as shall regularly come before the Lodge. Close Lodge.

6:15 PM: Dinner: Chicken Cordon Blue  
Smashed Garlic Bliss Potatoes,  
Broccoli Au Gratin, Cranberry Sauce,  
Caesar Salad, Bread & Butter, Lemon  
Meringue Pie. **Donation - \$10.00**

7:00 PM: Reopen Lodge to receive the DDGM at 7:15 PM

8:00 PM: Evening Program: Ill. S. Brent Morris

Call: Bob Gervais @ 401-575-6759

No later than Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> for reservations.

## Ballot on Petition to Join by Degrees

### Joseph Mario Coelho

106 Coburn St., Warwick, RI 02889

Age: 53 – Correctional Officer

Recommended by Gary Moe and John Bray

### John Benedetto Paliotta

48 Mathewson St., Cranston, RI 02920

Age: 41 – Firefighter EMT-C

Recommended by Maurice Aquirre and Richard Lynch

### James Walter Richard

130 Zinnia Dr, Cranston, RI 02920

Age: 67 – Retired

Recommended by Richard Lynch and Rusty Booth

### Jeffrey Neil Strunin

7 Diana Dr., Pawtucket, RI 02861

Age: 38 – Teacher

Recommended by Robert Jarbaden and Jason Shealy

## Ballot on Petition to Join by Affiliation

### Michael Kenneth Lawson

70 Grassmere St., Warwick, RI 02889

Age: 39 -- Teacher

Recommended by Richard Lynch and Edwin Fielder

## By Order of THE GRAND LODGE

All members must present a valid dues card before entering the Lodge. The Tyler will strictly enforce this Order at all Lodge meetings.

Scholarship applications for the year 2014 are now available from the Secretary.

## GET WELL WISHES!

<b>Gary Berard</b> 26 Cold Spring Dr.	<b>401-828-2227</b> W. Warwick, RI	02893
<b>Peter Buick</b> Cherry Hill Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center 2 Cherry Hill Rd.	<b>401-231-3102</b> Johnston, RI	02919
<b>Kenneth E. Carlson</b> 24 Woodcove Dr.	<b>401-821-9477</b> Coventry, RI	02816
<b>John B. Cornell</b> 464 Seven Mile Rd.	<b>401-821-1864</b> Hope, RI	02831
<b>Norval Garnett, Sr.</b> 5 Gilbert Stuart Dr.	<b>401-885-8159</b> East Greenwich, RI	02818
<b>Wayne H. Lacy</b> 12 Gardner Ave.	<b>401-353-2603</b> N. Providence, RI	02911
<b>Joseph F. Netsel</b> The Clipper Home Rm. 24D 61 Post Rd.	<b>401-322-8081</b> Westerly, RI	02891
<b>Charles Tweedly, Sr.</b> 8 Baxter Ln.	<b>401-949-2367</b> Greenville, RI	02828
<b>George H. Webb</b> 101 Highland Ave.	<b>401-369-7125</b> Providence, RI	02806

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, Richard Lynch 401-954-3829 or Secretary, Lou Sherman 401-829-7043 or any of the following Sick Committee members; Garabed Emdjian, Richard Gonzalez, Walter Kelly, Kenneth Phillips, and Frank Villani.

### LODGE AND DISTRICT EVENTS

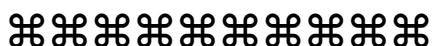
<b>Apr. 7</b>	Redwood Lodge #35 Communication	6:00 PM
<b>Apr. 8</b>	Overseas Lodge #40 Communication	6:00 PM
<b>Apr. 10</b>	Candidate Forum MM & FC Grand Lodge	7:00 PM
<b>Apr. 12</b>	Grand Master's Official Visitation to Ionic Lodge #28	7:00 PM
<b>Apr. 22</b>	Candidate Forum EA & MM Grand Lodge	7:00 PM
<b>Apr. 25</b>	Grand Master's Testimonial Dinner Crystal Lake Golf Course – Chepachet, RI	6:00 PM
<b>Apr. 25</b>	Rising Sun Lodge #30 Communication	6:00 PM
<b>Apr. 28</b>	Jenks Lodge #24 Communication	6:00 PM

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involved. At our next meeting or whenever you run into Walt, thank him and wish him the best.

Please don't forget to join us on April 12<sup>th</sup> at Ionic Lodge for the Grand Master's official visitation. Our meeting on April 16<sup>th</sup> will be R.:W.:Peter Iacobucci's last official visitation to St. Johns Lodge and the Districts before moving on to Grand Lodge. Please come out and show your support. Last but not least our Grand Master will be having his testimonial dinner on April 25<sup>th</sup> before he leaves office. Please see our secretary to make reservations to attend. As in the past, we will have a number of tables reserved for St. Johns Lodge.

Fraternally,  
*Richard Lynch*  
Worshipful Master



**R.:W.:Peter Iacobucci**  
**District Deputy**  
**Grand Master**

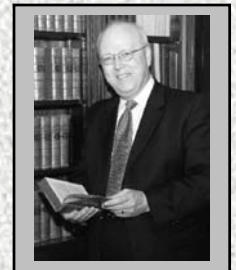
**Last Visitation to the Districts**

**April 16, 2014**

**St. Johns Lodge No. 1P**

Please join the members of St. Johns Lodge No. 1P for R.:W.:Peter Iacobucci's last official visitation to the Districts before advancing to the position of Grand Junior Warden. Join us in extending our thanks for a job well done and wish him success in his journey to the Grand East.

We have an excellent program planned for the evening that you will not want to miss!



**A Presentation by:**

**III. S. Brent Morris 33°**

#### "The Pope and the Pornographer"

*Leo Taxil was an expelled Entered Apprentice and reformed pornographer. He became a favorite of Pope Leo XIII in the 1890s when he tricked him with the "true, inner secrets" of the Freemasons, and his hoax is still accepted as the truth by the gullible. This presentation will give the full story of Taxil and Leo XIII.*

*S. Brent Morris, 33°, Grand Cross, is Managing Editor of the Scottish Rite Journal of the Supreme Council, 33°, S.J. He retired in 2000 after 25 years as a mathematician with the federal government, and has taught at Duke, Johns Hopkins, and George Washington Universities.*

*He is twice Past Master (1979 & 2000) of Patmos Lodge No. 70, Ellicott City, Maryland, Past Master (2008) of Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076, London, a Fellow of the Philalethes Society, recipient of the Philalethes Society Certificate of Literature, an honorary Fellow of the Phylaxis Society, Editor of Heredom, the transactions of the Scottish Rite Research Society (S.R.R.S.), recipient of the S.R.R.S. Albert G. Mackey Lifetime Achievement Award, and Grand Abbot of the Society of Blue Friars. He is also a noted personality who has appeared in many documentaries on Freemasonry.*



### IN MEMORIAM



**WILLIAM JAMES WRIGHT, JR.**

BORN – MAY 16, 1925  
RECEIVED EA DEGREE – OCTOBER 8, 1957  
PASSED TO FC DEGREE – NOVEMBER 12, 1957  
RAISED TO MASTER MASON – DECEMBER 10, 1957  
ADMITTED – JANUARY 14, 1958  
BARNEY MERRY LODGE NO. 29  
MERGED – ST. JOHNS LODGE NO. 1P  
JUNE 22, 2001  
56 – YEAR MEMBER  
DIED – JANUARY 15, 2014 - AGE 88 YEARS GL # 9559





## St Johns Lodge Number One Providence Officers 2013-2014

Master	R.: W.: Richard F. Lynch	12 Greenbrier Rd., Greenville, RI 02828-2531	954-3829
Sr. Warden	Robert J. O'Brien	86 Greenfield St., Pawtucket, RI 02861-2935	728-9487
Jr. Warden	Timothy L. Culhane	97 Concord Ave., Cranston, RI 02910-3303	781-2119
Treasurer	W.: Ronald P. Reed	P.O. Box 22, Albion, RI 02802-0022	333-5404
Secretary	Louis G. Sherman, III	2560 Harkney Hill Rd., Coventry, RI 02816-4639	829-7043
Chaplain	R.: W.: Kenneth B. Phillips	64 Rosemere Rd., Pawtucket, RI 02861-3526	722-0608
Associate Chaplain	Matthew D. Symmes	28 Tremont St. North Providence, RI 02904-4420	354-4696
Sr. Deacon	William J. DeLuca	2 Castleton Dr., Cranston, RI 02921-2413	946-6578
Jr. Deacon	Edward D. Bertrand	1571 Main St. Apt. 2C, West Warwick, RI 02893-4047	569-8824
Sr. Steward	Edward O. Quinn	17 Avon Ave., Cumberland, RI 02864-1751	658-1869
Jr. Steward	Richard Gonzalez	80 Burnside St., Cranston, RI 02910-1809	941-6454
Marshal	W.: Donald L. Williamson, Jr.	3 Jefferson St., Warwick, RI 02888-2031	780-6850
Sentinel	Mazen M. Alsabe	20 Annie St., Providence, RI 02908-1511	421-9367
Tiler	Garabed Emdjian	575 Wickenden St., Apt. 812 Providence, RI 02903-4461	274-0814
Associate Tiler	Scott E. Miller	2 School St., #337 Albion, RI 02802-0162	480-7025
Master of Ceremonies	W.: Anthony Marcello, Jr.	9 Lane B, Coventry, RI 02816-6231	823-0381
Associate M.C.	R.: W.: Edwin E. Fielder	85 Lakehurst Dr., Coventry, RI 02816-6949	397-5637
Musical Director	Frank A. Castellone	149 Beacon Dr., North Kingstown, RI 02852-4627	667-0595
Lodge Reporter	W.: Robert R. Mason	66 Indian Rd., Riverside, RI 02915-3102	433-4295
Finance Committee	W.: Gregory W. Dexter	500 Rocky Hill Rd., North Scituate, RI 02857-1002	934-1641
	Edward McDonald	3466 West Shore Rd., Warwick, RI 02886-5035	738-2440
	Edward O. Quinn	17 Avon Ave., Cumberland, RI 02864-1751	658-1869

## 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 H. 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.
1988-89	Edward L. Calamar, Jr.
1993	Anthony Marcello, Jr.
1994-95	Thomas A. Ashley
1998	Edward L. Calamar, Jr.
1999-00	Clarence Soderberg, Jr.
2001	Gregory W. Dexter
2002	William E. Whetstone
2005	Frank J. Villani, Sr.
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

### Unity Lodge No. 34

1959	Edward S. Angell
1969	George W. Haworth
1979	Kacheg Topalian
1981	Bruce E. Lancaster
1986	Milton E. Demers
1989-91	Milton E. Demers

### Barney Merry Lodge No. 29

1958	Allen R. Bellows
1960	Walter S. Donahue, Jr.
1963	Robert A. Allen
1964	Albert Wildgoose
1967	Edward Swiszczy
1968	M. Lee Reed
1971	Elmer E. Whetstone
1974	Eugene Pascale
1978	William E. Whetstone
1980	Philip Ovoian
1984	Paul R. Moran
1990	James Wishart
1991-93	Robert B. Ellston
1997-98	William E. Whetstone
1999	Douglas D. Dame
2000	Ronald P. Reed

### Thomas Smith Webb No.43

1957	John B. Cornell ^
1960	Norval E. Garnett *
1966	Donald P. Higgins *
1966	Bogos W. Pelgian ^
1967	Gerald G. Norigian ^
1970	Bernard Labush ^
1971	Robert H. Engelhart
1972	Armenag Palian ^
1977-78	Eric Engstrom ^
1979	Peter Papazian ^
1982	Steven Babigian ^
1983	Peter Papazian ^
1984	Steven Babigian ^

1985	Mohamed H. Hussein ^
1986	Dennis C. Smith
1987	Louis Mitcheli, Jr.
1987-90	Donald P. Higgins *
1988	Ernest N. Watson
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 ^
1995	Joseph Costa
1996	Eugene Thibeault
1999	Frank DiMascio ^
2000	Eugene Thibeault
2004-05	James F. Desmarais
2007	Philip R. Harnett
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

1972-1973	Otto Gehrig, Jr.
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.

## 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.*

1973	J. Harold Robertson*
1975	M.: W.: Wesley Reuter*
1980	W.: Ralph W. Wilkins *
1982	W.: James F. Candelat*

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.: Harry V. Aharonian*
2005	W.: Elton D. Ricker, Jr.
2007	W.: Gregory W. Dexter
2009	R.: W.: Russell A. Kawa