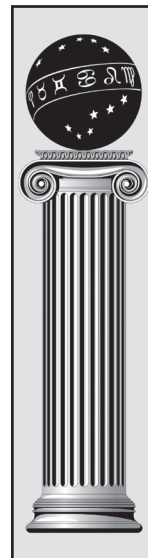


ST. JOHNS LODGE No. ONE

F. & A.M.

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

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December 2016

**3853rd
Regular
Communication**



R.: W.: Gary S. Kaufman
District Deputy Grand Master
Metro District
W.: Mark E. Eddleston
Grand Master of Ceremonies
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Grand Master
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Wednesday, December 14, 2016
Wednesday, December 21, 2016

St. Johns Rehearsal
St. Johns Communication

7:00 PM
6:00 PM

Attest: Louis G. Sherman, III, Secretary

W.: William J. DeLuca, Master

Master's Message

Greetings Brothers,

With the holiday season upon us, we have much to keep us occupied; our families, friends, and the craft. We hosted the Grand Master's visitation to the Metro District with over one hundred forty three members of the craft present. It was a full evening with Past Grand Master for the State of Kansas, Michael Halleran speaking on "Freemasonry in the American Civil War". It was an excellent presentation commented on by many brothers in attendance. The semi-annual communication of Grand Lodge was held and RW Deputy Grand Master Peter Jacobucci is now Grand Master elect and our District Deputy RW Gary Kaufman has become the Junior Grand Warden elect. The Fall Festival of Grand Lodge was well attended and St. Johns was well represented.



As we enter December we have much in the craft to keep us occupied. One of the two District Charity events is being held on Sunday, December 4, 2016 from 12 noon to 2pm at Jenks Lodge. It is a chilli cook-off with proceeds to be given to Special Olympics at the second District Charity event, a polar plunge, to be held on January 1, 2017. The annual St. Johns Holiday party is being held at the Shrine on Friday, December 9, 2016 at 6:00 pm. We look forward to a wonderful evening with our guests and brothers. St. Johns will be having its annual Holiday basket event on December 17, 2107 at 6:30 AM at the Scottish Rite Cathedral. This is a great time for the Brothers and their families and friends to join us in preparing these baskets for delivery to those who need them the most. Breakfast will also be provided. Our regular communication for December will be held with our Brothers from Ezekiel Bates Lodge of Attleboro, MA. Both Lodges will be opening, receiving their District Deputy and closing. This will allow the brethren of both lodges to observe the different forms of opening and closing conducted in each state.

Finally, I, along with the Officers of St. Johns Lodge, extend our best wishes to our brothers in the craft and their families and hope that each of you have a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

Fraternally,

William DeLuca

William DeLuca
Worshipful Master

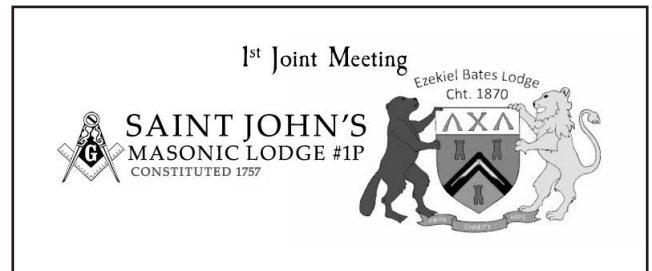
**PEACE
ON EARTH**

Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah
from the Master, Wardens and Officers
of St. Johns No.1 Providence.



Lodge & District Events

Saturday 12/3/16	Masonic Town Hall Meeting	9:00 AM
Sunday 12/4/16	Metro District Charity Event	Noon-2PM
Friday 12/9	St. Johns Christmas Party	6:00 PM
	Imperial Room, RI Shriners	
Wednesday 12/14/16	St. Johns Rehearsal	7:00 PM
Monday 12/12/16	Redwood Lodge #35	6:00 PM
Tuesday 12/13/16	Overseas Lodge #40	1:00 PM
Monday 12/19/16	Rising Sun Lodge #30	6:00 PM
Monday 12/12/16	St. Johns Communication	6:00 PM
Monday 12/26/16	Jenks Lodge #24	6:00 PM
Monday 1/9/17	Rising Sun Lodge #30	7:30 PM
	DDGM Visitation	



December 21st Monthly Communication

6:00 PM: Open to transact such business as shall regularly come before the Lodge.

6:45 PM: Dinner: Garden salad, Teriyaki Glazed Sirloin Tips, Chicken Francaise, Stuffed Scrod (on request), mashed potatoes, grilled veggies, bread, dessert tray, lemonade/fruit punch - \$10.00

7:30 PM: Resume Work

Call: Bob Gervais @ 401-861-1757

No later than **Sunday, November 14th** for reservations.

Any Brother with special dietary needs beyond the listed menu,
please let Brother Bob aware of it.

Metro District Charity Event

Jenks ChiliCook Off is the first of two district charity events and will be held on *Sunday, December 4th from Noon to 2 PM*. The cook off is open to all Freemasons to enter. Open to the public for \$5.00 at the door to come taste the best chili's our chefs can make. There will be prizes for the top three chili's. So please come enter, taste, and support the brothers of Jenks, St. Johns (Providence), Overseas, Redwood, and Rising Sun Lodges. All proceeds will benefit the **Special Olympics** of RI at the 2nd district charity event; the **Penguin Plunge** on January 1, 2017.

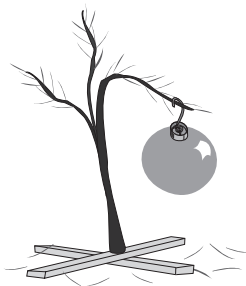


Special Olympics
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Get Well Wishes

Peter Buia 5 Apple Valley Pkwy. Apt. 12, Greenville, RI 02828	401-232-1433
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Edward L. Calamar Jr. 13 Cynthia Dr., Coventry, RI 02816-8413	401-828-2280
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Steven Skaling 10 Burnham Ave. Apt. 7 Rutland, VT 05701	802-585-0342
George H. Webb 101 Highland Ave., Providence, RI 02806	401-369-7125
Joseph Wilkinson 90 Normandy Dr., Warwick, RI 02886	401-738-1962

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 William J. DeLuca or Secretary, Lou Sherman 401-829-7043 or any of the following Sick Committee members; Richard Gonzalez, Walter Kelly, Kenneth Phillips, and Garabed Emdjian.



If you missed the November issue of the Scottish Rite Magazine, *The Northern Light*, you missed a great book review by our own Senior Steward, Brother Joshua A. Irizarry. The title of the article is **A comparison of The Origins of Freemasonry: Scotland's Century 1590-1710** by David Stevenson and *Facts & Fiction* by Margaret C. Jacob. Check it out! It is worth your time.

Joshua A. Irizarry, PhD, 32°,
is a member of the Valley of Providence.
He is a cultural anthropologist and
teaches at Bridgewater State University.



Check out the Lodge's Web site @
<http://www.stjohns1p.com>

'Twas the Night before Christmas

'Twas the Night before Christmas, and down at the Lodge
Not a gavel was stirring, and in the hodge-podge
Of aprons and jewels and chairs East and West
You could savor the silence, most gladly divest
All metal and mineral, it mattered not,
Since Christmas was nigh and the coals were still hot.
In the hearth of your homeplace, all Masons abed,
As visions of trestleboards danced in their head;
When up on the roof there arose such a clatter
Our Tiler jumped up to see what was the matter!
He picked up his sword and ran fast to the door,
Three knocks shook the panels — he wondered "What for?"
He answered the knocking with raps of his own,
And once the door opened he saw, with a moan
Of delight it was Santa, all jolly and red
Except for one notable feature instead!
Upon his large finger he wore what we knew
Was compasses and square on a background of blue!
"Why Santa!" he shouted and lowered his blade,
"I see you're a Mason!" the Tiler relayed.
He looked tow'rd the Master's most dignified chair
And said, voice near trembling, "Most Worshipful Sir
There's a Gentleman properly clothed at the gate!"
The Master replied, "Let's allow him — but wait!
You tell me a Gentleman, but I don't see
His Apron beneath that red suit, can it be
Our visitor hasn't been properly raised?
Must we offer a test that is suitably phrased?"
"I do beg your pardon," ol' Santa said quick
As he pulled up his coat and displayed not a stick
But a cane with engraving, two balls did appear
And oh, what an apron, he wore and held dear!
Adorned like the Master's, complete with a sign
Of "Lodge Number One, the North Pole" on one line!
"Now let this man enter," the Master declared,
And once in the Lodge room, the Brethren all stared,
For Santa was wearing a jewel not seen
For many a century — there in between
The fur of his coat and the splendid red collar
Gleamed two golden reindeer that shone like a dollar!
"It's Donner and Blitzen, who I must confess
Are actually images brought from the West
By my Warden, a craftsman like none in the world!"
And with a great laugh from his bag he unfurled
An ear of fine corn, and some oil from the East,
"My friends I have plenty, tonight we will feast
On all that is good! We are Masons, kind sir!"
A murmur went throughout the Lodge, quite a stir,
As presents and promises flew from his sack!
This Santa, a Mason, showed he had a knack
For making this Christmas the best you could glean,
And soon even Deacons were laughing, they'd seen
On this very night only happiness reigned!
This jolly Saint Nicholas quickly explained
That only a Mason could be so inclined
To make all kids happy, make all people find
A Christmas so special, yes, Santa was right!
Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night!

St Johns Lodge Number One Providence ~ Officers 2016-2017

Master: W.: William J. DeLuca ~ email: wdeluca03@aol.com
Senior Warden: W.: Edward D. Bertrand **Junior Warden: Richard Gonzalez**
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Master of Ceremonies W.: Anthony Marcello, Jr. **Associate M.C.: W.: Arthur Bajakian**
Musical Director: Frank A. Castellone
Lodge Reporter: W.: Timothy L. Culhane
Finance Committee: W.: Gregory W. Dexter, Edward McDonald, 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 H. Hanrahan
 1980 Carl E. Croft
 1981 Ralph DiScullo
 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
 2013 Richard F. Lynch
 2014 Robert J. O'Brien
 2015 Timothy L. Culhane

Unity Lodge No. 34

1959 Edward S. Angell
 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

1958 Allen R. Bellows
 1960 Walter S. Donahue, Jr.
 1963 Robert A. Allen
 1967 Edward Swiszc
 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
 2000 Ronald P. Reed

Thomas Smith Webb No.43

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 ^
 1982 Steven Babigian ^
 1984 Steven Babigian ^
 1985 Mohamed H. Hussein ^
 1986 Dennis C. Smith
 1987 Louis Mitcheli, 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 ^
 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

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 (*) Corinthian Lodge No. 27
 (^) Orpheus Lodge No. 36

Living Past Grand Masters of St. Johns Lodge Number One Providence

1989-1990 Herbert H. McGuire
 1994-1995 Ralph DiScullo
 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

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