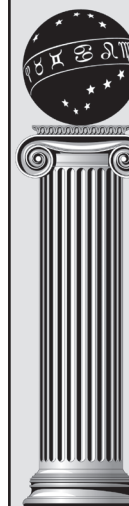


ST. JOHNS LODGE NO. ONE

F. & A.M.

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

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September 2017

3860th
Regular
Communication



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District Deputy Grand Master
Metro District
W.: Keith P. Moan
Grand Master of Ceremonies

M.: W.: Peter Iacobucci
Grand Master
R.: W.: Gil Fontes
Grand Marshal

This Month's Communication: September 2017

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Wednesday, September 13, 2017
Wednesday, September 20, 2017

St. Johns Rehearsal
St. Johns Communication

7:00 PM
6:00 PM

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

W.: Edward D. Bertrand, Master

Master's Message

Greetings Brothers!

I hope that you have been enjoying our beautiful Rhode Island summer! Though the Lodge has been in darkness, your line of officers and I have been quite busy preparing for the new Masonic year.

In July we had the annual officers' meeting at Ed Fielder's home on Johnson's pond in Coventry. Brother Fielder has recovered from his injury and passed along his very best wishes to the Brethren.

On August 13th, our annual Lodge picnic saw an incredible turnout of brothers, family, and DeMolays. With an estimated attendance of 140, our Junior Warden and his crew had their hands full! My hearty thanks goes out to Brother Mazen Alsabe for heading up this year's picnic. Brother's Richard Gonzalez, Bill Mott, and Joe Pine volunteered their talents to the Junior Warden and I can certainly say that nobody left hungry! Thank you to everyone who came out to enjoy a fun filled day at the Masonic Youth Center!!

Our September meeting will be a great chance to ease into a new year. **John McNiff** of the **Roger Williams Monument Park** in Providence will be coming to give a talk on Roger Williams and the founding of Rhode Island. John is very excited to make his return to our Lodge for first time since 2010.

Before closing this message, I have a favor to ask of you. Think of a Brother who hadn't joined us in Lodge for a while and whom you dearly miss. Maybe it's an older Brother who doesn't get out much, or perhaps a younger one who has been tied up with his kids. If everyone gives a call to one long missed Brother and just imagine what a great night we could have reconnecting!!

I look forward to seeing you all on the level!

With love and fraternity,

Edward D. Bertrand

Edward D. Bertrand
Worshipful Master



September Program:

Roger Williams & the Founding and History of Rhode Island

John McNiff is a Rhode Island native. Raised in Warwick, he attended Rhode Island College and received his BA in History with a minor in Anthropology in 1979. After studying archaeology in England and working on numerous archaeological projects throughout New England, he received his MA in Anthropology, specializing in archaeology, in 1990 from SUNY Binghamton. In 1996 John began working with the National Park Service and in 1997 was stationed as a Park Ranger at the Roger Williams National Memorial on North Main Street in Providence.



Ranger John McNiff
Roger Williams National Memorial

September 20th Monthly Communication

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

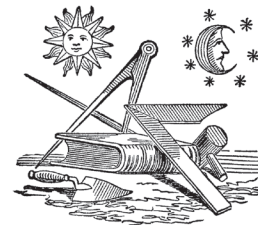
6:45 PM: Dinner : **Baked Cod**, garlic mashed potato, green beans Salad, bread/butter. Alternate entree of Grilled Chicken is available if requested with reservation.

7:30 PM: Program

Call: Bob Gervais @ 401-861-1757

*No later than **Sunday, September 17th** for reservations.*

Any Brother with special dietary needs beyond the listed menu, please inform Brother Bob.



DeMolay Legion of Honor Investiture

The Investiture will take place on Sunday, September 10, 2017 from 4 to 6 pm at the Scottish Rite Cathedral. A pasta dinner (\$10) will follow, prepared by the members of DeMolay. Our own **W.:** **Edward Bertrand** will be a recipient of the Legion of Honor Medal; the highest award for an advisor. This is a great honor and we should make every effort to attend.



Grand Master's Official Visitations:

M. : W. : Peter Iacobucci

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| October 21, 2017 | East Bay District | St. Albans #6 |
| November 4, 2017 | Central District | Ionic Lodge #28 |
| March 7, 2018 | Northern District | Lafayette Lodge #47 |
| March 26, 2018 | Metro District | Jenks Lodge #24 |
| March 27, 2018 | Special Visitation | Collegivm Lvminosvm |
| May 12, 2018 | Mother Lodge | Roger Williams #32 |

Lodge & District Events

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| Monday 9/11/17 | Redwood Lodge #35 | 6:00 PM |
| Tuesday 9/12/17 | Overseas Lodge #40 | 7:00 PM |
| Wednesday 9/13/17 | St. Johns Rehearsal | 7:00 PM |
| Monday 9/18/17 | Rising Sun Lodge #30 | 7:00 PM |
| Wednesday 9/20/17 | St. Johns Communication | 6:00 PM |
| Monday 9/25/17 | Jenks Lodge #24 | 7:00 PM |
| Monday 10/16/17 | DDGM's Visitation to Rising Sun Lodge #30 | 7:30 PM |
| Saturday 10/21/17 | Grand Master's Visitation East Bay District St. Albans #6 (To be held at Fort Adams) | 7:30 PM |

Get Well Wishes

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| Neville "Rusty" Booth, Jr. 43 Hall Street, West Warwick, RI 02893-4631 | 401-828-7925 |
| Charles Durfee Timber Ridge Nursing Center, 9848 SW 110th St, Ocala, Florida 34481 | 352-861-6747 |
| Edwin Fielder 85 Lakehurst Drive, Coventry, RI 02816 | 401-397-5637 |
| Norval Garnett, Sr. 5 Gilbert Stuart Dr., East Greenwich, RI 02818 | 401-885-8159 |
| Robert Labonte c/o VA Home 480 Metacom Ave, Bristol, RI | 401-353-2603 |
| Wayne H. Lacy 12 Gardner Ave., N. Providence, RI 02911 | 802-585-0342 |
| Steven Skaling 10 Burnham Ave. Apt. 7 Rutland, VT 05701 | 401-369-7125 |
| George H. Webb 101 Highland Ave., 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 Edward Bertrand or any of the following Sick Committee members; Richard Gonzalez, Walter Kelly, Kenneth Phillips, and Garabed Emdjian.

Ballot on Petition to Join by Degrees

Mr. Michael Melino
251 County St, Rehoboth, MA

Mr. William P. Colwell
127 Princeton Ave, Providence, RI

Mr. Scott C. Alexander
57 Falcon Ave, Warwick, RI

Ballot on Petition to Join by Affiliation

M.:W.: Stephen T. McGuire
109 Timberline Road
Warwick, RI
Member of Mt. Vernon #4

Russell J. McFarlane
3 Cottage Circle, Cranston, RI,
Member of The Massachusetts Lodge.

In Memoriam

Brother Richard F. Alberg
Barney Merry Lodge #29
St. John's Lodge #1 Providence
Born October 11, 1929
Entered Apprentice, September 18, 1956
Fellow Craft, December 18, 1956
Master Mason, January 15, 1957
Admitted Barney Merry, February 19, 1957
Merged with St Johns Lodge #1 P June 22, 2001
Grand Lodge 50 year Veterans medal 2007
Passed to the celestial lodge above July 10, 2017
87 years



Metro District DDGM Visitations:

R.:W.: Robert B. Ellston

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| October 16, 2017 | Rising Sun Lodge #30 |
| January 8, 2018 | Redwood Lodge #35 (Officer Forum) |
| February 26, 2018 | Jenks Lodge #24 |
| April 10, 2018 | Overseas Lodge #40 |
| April 18, 2018 | St. Johns #1 Providence |

Children's Dyslexia Center of R.I.

On Saturday, October 14, 2017, at 10 AM, the Children's Dyslexia Center of Rhode Island, Scottish Rite's favorite charity, will hold its 8th annual **10K By the Bay** fundraiser. It's a 10K/5K race with a 5K walk.

The Center, dedicated to the remediation of dyslexia in children, provides the highest quality multi sensory reading and written language tutorial services for children with dyslexia at no cost to the children or family.

We need volunteers to help. All volunteers are welcome to join us for refreshments at the conclusion of the race. This fundraiser has been successful in the past because of your help. I'm asking again if you can give us a few hours to help make this a success again. Like all Masonic charities, the Center's services are offered at no cost to the student.

For more information, please visit the Center's site at:
www.dyslexiari.org.

If you can volunteer, contact Bob O'Brien at 401-487-4750 or bob.obrien@gmail.com.

St Johns Lodge Number One Providence ~ Officers 2017-2018

Master: W.: Edward D. Bertrand ~ email: copey21@yahoo.com
Senior Warden: Richard Gonzalez Junior Warden: Mazen M. Alsabe
Treasurer: R.: W.: Ronald P. Reed Secretary: M.: W.: Wyman P. Hallstrom, Jr. email: secretary1prov@gmail.com
Chaplain: R.: W.: Kenneth B. Phillips Associate Chaplain: William A. Mott



Senior Deacon: Scott E. Miller Junior Deacon: Joshua A. Irizarry
Senior Steward: John B. Paliotta Junior Steward: Joseph Bernier



Marshal: Michael K. Lawson
Sentinel: Joseph Pine
Tiler: Garabed Emdjian Associate Tiler: Thomas Kumes
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 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
 2013 Richard F. Lynch
 2014 Robert J. O'Brien
 2015 Timothy L. Culhane
 2016 William J. DeLuca

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 Swiszcz
 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

1948 Robert W. Kenyon *
 1960 Norval E. Gamett *
 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 ^
 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

1989-1990 Herbert H. McGuire
 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 Steven T. McGuire

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