

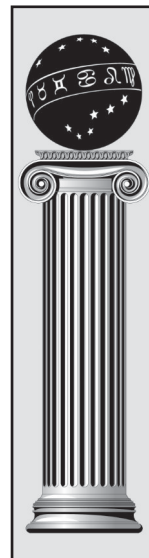


# ST. JOHNS LODGE No. ONE

## F. & A.M.

### PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

#### CONSTITUTED - 1757



April 2021

3899<sup>th</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: April 21, 2021**

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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



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Wednesday, April 14, 2021  
Wednesday, April 21, 2021

St. Johns #1 Providence Rehearsal  
St. Johns #1 Providence Communication  
R.: W.: Andre H. Faria, Jr. DDGM's Visitation \*

7:00 PM  
6:00 PM

\* The Lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction are now limited to 50% of the room capacity as long as they maintain 6 feet of Social Distancing.  
Reservations are a MUST and will only be taken after 5PM on Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at [stj1pres@gmail.com](mailto:stj1pres@gmail.com)

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

W.: Scott E. Miller, Master

## Master's Message

Greetings Brothers,

This month we will welcome our **DDGM, R.W.: Andre H. Faria, Jr.** for his Visitation. I am asking that all wishing to attend make a reservation and we will follow Department of Health guidelines on capacity. We will continue to monitor state and local guidelines for any changes. Masks will be required for all attending, physical distancing guidelines will be in place and health screening will occur. To give all an equal opportunity to make a reservation, they will not be accepted prior to 5pm on Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. The email address to request a reservation is [stj1pres@gmail.com](mailto:stj1pres@gmail.com) and you will receive a confirmation.



I want to thank the **Worshipful Chancellor of the Collegium Luminosum, Timothy L. Culhane**, for his excellent presentation on *Saint Patrick* for the March communication! The presentation for April is still To Be Determined as most organizations are not yet back to giving in person presentations. Expect an email from the Secretary, as well as an Event page on our Facebook group shortly. I want to encourage any Brothers who have not joined our private Facebook group, to do so. Also, please register through Grandview ([https://ri.gvsoftware.com/users/sign\\_in](https://ri.gvsoftware.com/users/sign_in)) and make sure all your contact information is up to date.

I am excited that the vaccines are now available to many and the officers and I are here to help. If you need help to get an appointment or a ride to your appointment, please contact us. I also want to encourage everyone eligible for a vaccine to get one. And even if you have been vaccinated, please continue to remain vigilant in observing all recommended mitigation efforts.

Please make an effort to attend one of the two presentations by AFSP in support of the *Walk out of Darkness* fundraiser. There will be one on May 10<sup>th</sup> and one on May 17<sup>th</sup>. The details can be found within this communication.

Please help me to welcome and congratulate *Logia Libertad UD* as the first Spanish speaking Lodge in RI that was recently granted a Dispensation by the Grand Master. Many exceptional Masons have worked hard to make this happen and it is fantastic to see that effort's results.

As always, I stand ready to help, aid and assist the brethren in any way I can and with all the resources available to me.

Stay safe and stay well, Brothers!

Fraternally,

Scott E. Miller

*Scott E. Miller*  
Worshipful Master



American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's  
*Walk Out of Darkness* fundraiser.

<https://afsp.org/talk-saves-lives#about-talk-saves-lives>

## Get Well Wishes

**Edwin Fielder**

**401-397-5637**

85 Lakehurst Drive, 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 Scott E. Miller 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

Monday 4/5/21	<b>St. Johns #1</b>	6:30 PM
	<b>Grand Masters Visitation</b>	7:30 PM
	(East Bay District)	
Saturday 4/10/21	<b>Gaspee Chapter DeMolay</b>	10:30 AM
Tuesday 4/12/21	<b>Redwood #35</b>	6:30 PM
	<b>Grand Masters Visitation</b>	7:30 PM
	(Mother Lodge)	
Tuesday 4/13/21	<b>Overseas Lodge #40</b>	6:30 PM
Wednesday 4/14/21	<b>St. Johns #1 Providence</b>	7:00 PM
	Rehearsal	
Monday 4/19/21	<b>Rising Sun #30</b>	7:30 PM
Wednesday 4/21/21	<b>St. Johns #1 Providence</b>	6:00 PM
	DDGM's Visitation	
	Program TBD	

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Saturday 4/24/21	<b>Gaspee Chapter DeMolay</b>	10:30 AM
Monday 4/26/21	<b>Jenks Lodge #24</b>	7:00 PM
Thursday 4/29/21	<b>Collegium Luminosum</b>	6:30 PM

All meetings will be conducted in accordance with current RDOH and The Grand Lodge of Rhode Island guidelines.

# SAVE THE DATE

**GRAND LODGE  
OF RHODE ISLAND  
ANNUAL BANQUET**

**Monday, May 17, 2021**

**Rhodes on the Pawtuxet**

**Social Hour: 5:30-6:45 PM  
Introductions: 6:45 PM  
Dinner 7:00 PM**

## ***Grand Master's Visitations***

April 5, 2021     **East Bay District**  
St John's Lodge No. 1  
April 12, 2021     **Mother Lodge**  
Redwood Lodge No. 35

## ***Metro District Meetings***

### **ANNUAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Redwood No. 35 ~ May 10, 2021

### **DDGM VISITATIONS**

Overseas No. 40 ~ April 13, 2021

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

\*Officer Forum



**American  
Foundation  
for Suicide  
Prevention**

**American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's  
*Walk Out of Darkness* fundraiser.**

Concerted effort of:

**St. Johns #1 Providence**  
**Euclid Lodge #136**, Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey  
**Lafayette Lodge #27**, Rahway, NJ  
**Joshua Lodge #890**, Manhattan, NYC

Presentation on May 10<sup>th</sup> and May 17<sup>th</sup>

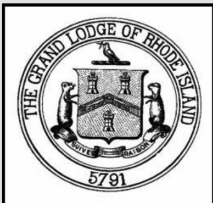
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## ***Ballot on Petition to Join by Degrees***

**Darnell Joseph Brown**  
62 Ontario St. Apt 1  
Providence, RI

**Joseph Anthony Wojtanowski**  
90 Roger Williams Circle  
Cranston, RI



## **Call of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations**

# **230<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL COMMUNICATION**

### ***Brethren:***

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations will be held in Freemasons' Hall, 222 Taunton Avenue, East Providence, Rhode Island

**Monday, May 17, 2021**

For the transaction of such business as shall regularly come before it and the installation of Grand Lodge officers for the ensuing Masonic year. Grand Lodge will open promptly at **9:00 o'clock A.M.** Masters and Wardens, or their proxies, are required to attend in business suits and to wear their official jewels.

Attest:  
**Ronald P. Reed**  
Ronald P. Reed  
Grand Secretary

Signed:  
**Gary S. Kaufman**  
Gary S. Kaufman  
Grand Master

Masters and Wardens of Subordinate Lodges only are entitled to send proxies who must be members of the same Lodge.

## 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.: Mekaw E. Elmekaw** Associate Chaplain: **Scott Alexander**



Senior Deacon: **Joseph J. 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 DiScullo  
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.  
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

1967 Edward Swiszc  
1969 M. Lee Reed  
1971 Elmer E. Whetstone  
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 ^  
1970 Bernard Labush ^  
1971 Robert H. Engelhart

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  
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  
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 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