

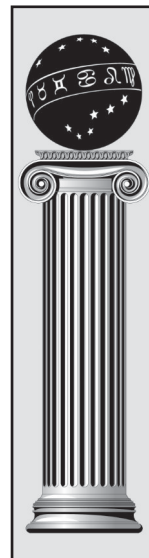


ST. JOHNS LODGE No. ONE

F. & A.M.

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

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April 2022

3909th
Regular
Communication



R.: W.: Rick Baccus
District Deputy Grand Master
Metro District

R.: W.: Richard F. Lynch
Grand Master of Ceremonies

M.: W.: Robert B. Ellston
Grand Master

R.: W.: Keith P. Moan
Grand Marshal

This Month's Communication: April 20, 2022

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at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 2115 Broad Street, Cranston, Rhode Island.
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Saturday April 9, 2022

SJ1P Religious Service at Temple Emanu-el

9:30 AM

Wednesday, April 13, 2022

Officers Rehearsal

7:00 PM

Wednesday, April 20, 2022

St. Johns #1P Regular Communication

5:30 PM

DDGM Visitation to SJ1P

Friday, April 22, 2022

Grand Master's Visitation to Mt. Moriah #8

7:30 PM

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

W.: Joshua A. Irizarry, Master

Master's Message

My Brothers,

On yonder book, that oath I took / and will I break it? Never.

When I was standing West of the Altar as a newly-raised Master Mason, R:W: Ken Phillips' majestic recitation of the Canadian Charge permanently etched these words onto my heart. Standing in front of a Lodge of Master Masons, facing the Worshipful Master in the East, and listening to R:W: Ken's Charge, I stood taller. I felt *elevated*. I felt *ennobled*.



I felt truly *raised*.

All of these feelings and memories came rushing back as I sat in the East at our Special Communication on Saturday, March 19, listening once again to R:W: Ken deliver these magnificent and life-changing words. I watched with pride as Saint Johns' seven newest Master Masons were themselves raised to the Sublime Degree.

In that moment, I remembered my first travels around the jurisdiction, nervous and excited to visit new lodges and to meet new men that I knew to be brothers. I remembered the joy of hearing new voices deliver familiar words differently, and coming to understand and appreciate what makes each lodge in our Grand Jurisdiction unique and special.

I realized then that our candidates – standing tall for the first time as just and upright Master Masons – were at that very moment having the words of the Canadian Charge permanently etched onto *their* hearts, and that they would now get to experience these “firsts” for themselves.

Having delivered the final ritual words of the final degree of my year in the East, I looked back at our newly-raised Master Masons and felt a twinge of envy for the journey they were about to begin. I'm only human, after all.

I am incredibly proud of every one of my line officers for their impeccable work in exemplifying the Master Mason degree, including our special “guest stars” M:W: Dennis Pothier, R:W: Ronald Reed, and Bro. John Gauthier. I am particularly awed by R:W: Ed Kdonian, who wowed us all by stepping into the West to do the Senior Warden's ritual – lectures and all! – with almost no prior preparation.

The Degrees of Masonry may be completed, but our work continues! Please join us on Wednesday, April 20th for **Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master Rick Baccus'** Official Visitation to Saint Johns Lodge #1 Providence, traditionally the final stop for a District Deputy before his election to the Grand Council. Our program for the evening will be a presentation by the author and journalist **Colin Woodard**, who will be talking about his groundbreaking book *American Nations*.

As with previous programs, this presentation is semi-public and open to spouses and partners. Given that it is RW: Baccus' last visitation as a DDGM, we are expecting a very packed house. **Reservations for you and your guest are a must, and are due no later than Sunday, April 17!**

Be safe and be well, my brothers..

W: Joshua A. Irizarry
Joshua A. Irizarry
Worshipful Master



Get Well Wishes

Edwin Fielder

401-397-5637

85 Lakehurst Drive, Coventry, RI 02816

Peter McConaghy

401-641-5660

81 Norton Avenue, Cranston, RI 02920

Lino Martin

976 Long View Drive, North Attleboro, MA 02760

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 Joshua A. Irizarry or any of the following Sick Committee members; Walter Kelly, Kenneth Phillips, Garabed Emdjian or contact Bob O'Brien at bob.obrien@gmail.com or **401-487-4750**

Lodge & District Events

Saturday 04/02/22	Logia Libertad UD	7:30 PM
Saturday 04/09/22	SJIP Religious Service at Temple Emanu-el (99 Taft Street, Providence)	9:30 AM
Saturday 04/09/22	Gaspee Chapter DeMolay	10:30 AM
Monday 04/11/22	Redwood #35	6:30 PM
Tuesday 04/12/22	Overseas Lodge #40 DDGM Visitation (Metro) & Officer's Forum	7:00 PM
Wednesday 04/13/22	Officers Rehearsal	7:00 PM
Monday 04/18/22	Rising Sun #30	7:30 PM
Wednesday 04/20/22	St. Johns #1 Providence	5:30 PM
Friday 04/22/22	Grand Masters Visitation: Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 8 Mother Lodge DDGM Visitation (Metro)	7:30 PM
Saturday 04/23/22	Gaspee Chapter DeMolay	10:30 AM
Saturday 04/23/22	Grand Master's Testimonial	6:00 PM
Monday 04/25/22	Jenks Lodge #24	7:30 PM
Monday 05/09/22	Redwood Lodge #35 Annual Communication	7:00 PM

April 20th Monthly Communication

5:30 PM:	St. Johns open to transact such business as shall regularly come before it.
6:15 PM:	Dinner: Turkey and Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes and Cranberry Sauce, Seafood Casserole Salad, Coffee, Tea, and Dessert (Fish meals available with advance request)
7:30 PM:	Receive DDGM
7:45 PM:	Program

Call: Brother Senior Steward @ **401-861-1757**

or email: reservationsSJIP@gmail.com

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

Any Brother with special dietary needs beyond the listed menu, please mention it in your message.

Guest Speaker-April

“American Nations”

COLIN WOODARD is a *New York Times* bestselling historian and *Polk Award*-winning journalist and is one of the most respected authorities on North American regionalism, the sociology of United States nationhood, and how our colonial past shapes and explains the present. He is a POLITICO contributing editor and the State and National Affairs Writer at the *Portland Press Herald* and *Maine Sunday Telegram*, where he received a 2012 George Polk Award and was a finalist for the 2016 Pulitzer Prize for Explanatory Reporting. A longtime foreign correspondent of *The Christian Science Monitor*, *The San Francisco Chronicle*, and *The Chronicle*, his work has appeared in dozens of publications and numerous television documentaries.



Ballot on Petition to Join by Affiliation

Edward B. Kdonian
Warwick, RI
Adelphoi #33

Ballot on Petition to Join by Degrees

Mark Aaron Perry
Providence, RI

Leonard Cambra
Providence, RI

In Memoriam

Brother Hervey Victor McNally

Corinthian Lodge #27

Thomas Smith Webb Lodge #43

St. Johns Lodge #1 Providence

Born, November 11, 1918

Entered Apprentice degree February 9, 1943

FellowCraft degree March 9, 1943

Master Mason degree April 13, 1943

Signed the By Laws

June 8, 1943

Grand Lodge 50 year Veterans Medal 1993

Departed December 6, 2020

102 years



50 Year Service Pin Recipient **Brother Thomas B. Wright** with W.: Joshua A. Irizarry, R.: W.: Rick Baccus, DDGM, R.: W.: Robert Palazzo, Deputy GM.

St. Johns 1 Providence's Newest Master Masons



From L to R: Brothers Fred Trapassi, Evan Trapassi, Saied Dib, Octavio Gomez, W.: Joshua A. Irizarry, Mike Ritz, Michael Mott and Darnell Brown.

Dates to Remember

Saturday, May 14: Fraternal Visit by Euclid Lodge
Saturday, June 11: Gaspee Days Parade
Friday, June 24: SJ1P Annual Communication and Installation of Officers

“I ask of each Mason, of each member, of each brother, that he shall remember ever that there is upon him a peculiar obligation to show himself in every respect a good citizen; for after all, the way he can best do his duty by the ancient order to which he belongs is by reflecting credit upon that order by way in which he performs his duty as a citizen of the United States.”
– *Theodore Roosevelt*

St Johns Lodge Number One Providence ~ Officers 2021-2022

Master: W.: Joshua A. Irizarry
Senior Warden: John B. Paliotta Junior Warden: Joseph J. Bernier
Treasurer: R.: W.: Ronald P. Reed Secretary: M.: W.: Wyman P. Hallstrom, Jr. email: secretary1prov@gmail.com
Chaplain: W.: Robert J. O'Brien Associate Chaplain: Peter A. Healey



Senior Deacon: Jason Shealy Junior Deacon: Robert Larrabee
Senior Steward: William C. Gouge Junior Steward: Scott C. Alexander



Marshal: W.: Scott Miller
Sentinel: Jeffrey Parker
Tiler: Garabed Emdjian Associate Tiler: Thomas J. Kumes
Master of Ceremonies W.: Timothy L. Culhane Associate M.C.: R.: W.: Kenneth B. Phillips

Musical Director: W.: Larry Thienel
Lodge Reporter: W.: Timothy L. Culhane
Finance Committee: W.: Edward D. Bertrand, W.: 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
 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
 2020 Scott E. Miller

Unity Lodge No. 34

1969 George W. Haworth

Barney Merry Lodge No. 29

1969 M. Lee Reed
 1978 William E. Whetstone
 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 Bogos W. Pelgian ^
 1970 Bernard Labush ^
 1982 Steven Babigian ^
 1984 Steven Babigian ^
 1985 Mohamed H. Hussein ^
 1986 Dennis C. Smith
 1987 Louis Micheli Jr.

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
 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
 2020-2021 Gary S. Kaufman



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