

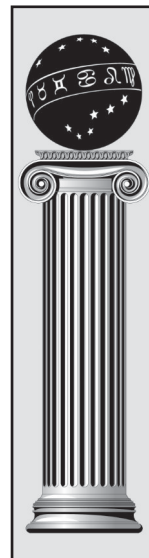


ST. JOHNS LODGE NO. ONE

F. & A.M.

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

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March 2022

3908th
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: March 16, 2022

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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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Wednesday, March 2, 2022
Wednesday, March 9, 2022
Wednesday, March 16, 2022
Saturday, March 19, 2022

Officers Rehearsal	7:00 PM
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St Johns Communication - MM Degree - Section 1	5:30 PM
St Johns Communication - MM Degree - Section 2 and 3	9:00 AM

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

W.: Joshua A. Irizarry, Master

Master's Message

My Brothers,

Two years ago this month, **Worshipful Alsabe** and his line officers were preparing to raise our three candidates as Master Masons. We were putting the finishing touches on our ritual when the labor in the Temple came to an abrupt halt.

When I think back to where we were at this time two years ago, none of us could have imagined the journey that we were about to undergo these past twenty-four months. During these difficult years, we have needed the beautiful and profound lessons of the Sublime Degree more than ever before. It is a sad irony that the Master Mason degree has not been conferred at Saint Johns #1P since 2019.

I am proud beyond measure to announce that Saint Johns #1P will be once again conferring the Master Mason degree on our seven worthy candidates this month!

We will be obligating our candidates as Master Masons at our **Regular Communication on Wednesday, March 16**. The Second and Third sections of the Degree will be delivered at a **Special Communication on Saturday, March 19** (opening at 9am, breakfast provided). I hope that you will join us for both halves of the degree to support our officers and our candidates.

Several more dates to put in your calendar:

Saturday, April 9: SJ1P will be welcomed at **Temple Emanu-El (99 Taft Avenue, Providence)** for our annual Religious Service. The service begins at 9:30am, with lunch to follow. If you have never been to a service at a synagogue before, this is a perfect opportunity to do so!

Saturday, May 14: our brothers from **Euclid Lodge #136** will be coming up from New Jersey for our annual Day of Brotherhood! Planning is currently underway – more details to follow!

Be safe, stay healthy, and pray for peace, my brothers.

W. Joshua A. Irizarry

Joshua A. Irizarry
Worshipful Master

“Freemasonry is ‘veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols’ because these are the surest way by which moral and ethical truths may be taught. It is not only with the brain and with the mind that the initiate must take Freemasonry but also with the heart.” – C. H. Claudy



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

Cards of Sympathy for the loss of his wife may be sent to:

Louis Falaguera

12 Plum Rd, Riverside, RI, 02915

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

Wednesday 03/02/22	Officers Rehearsal	7:00 PM
	MM Degree Section 1 and Lectures	
Saturday 03/05/22	Logia Libertad UD	7:30 PM
Tuesday 03/08/22	Overseas Lodge #40	6:30 PM
Tuesday 03/08/22	Grand Masters Visitation:	
	Washington Lodge No. 3	
	East Bay District	
Wednesday 03/09/22	Officers Rehearsal	6:30 PM
	Candidates' FC Proficiency	
	MM Degree Section 1,2 and Lectures	
Saturday 03/12/22	Gaspee Chapter DeMolay	10:30 AM
Monday 03/14/22	Redwood #35	6:30 PM
Wednesday 03/16/22	St. Johns #1 Providence	5:30 PM
	Master Mason Degree Part1	
Saturday 03/19/22	St. Johns #1 Providence	9:00 AM
	Special Communication	
	Master Mason Degree Part 2 & 3	
Monday 03/21/22	Rising Sun #30	7:30 PM
Saturday 03/26/22	Gaspee Chapter DeMolay	10:30 AM
Monday 03/28/22	Jenks Lodge #24	7:30 PM
	DDGM Visitation (Metro)	
	Jenks Lodge No. 24	

March 16th Monthly Communication

5:30 PM:	St. Johns open to transact such business as shall regularly come before it.
6:15 PM:	Dinner: Pasta, Meatballs, Sausage and Peppers Chicken Parmigiana , Italian Vegetables, Garlic Bread, Coffee/Tea/Dessert (Fish Meals available upon request)
7:00 PM:	MM Degree
	Call: Brother Senior Steward @ 401-861-1757 or email: reservationsSJ1P@gmail.com
	No later than Sunday, March 13th for reservations.
	Any Brother with special dietary needs beyond the listed menu, please mention it in your message.

In Memoriam

Worshipful Brother James Browning Spooner

Unity Lodge #34

Barney Merry Lodge #29

St. Johns Lodge #1 Providence

Born, June 8, 1935

Entered Apprentice degree November 13, 1962

Fellowcraft degree December 11, 1962

Master Mason degree January 8, 1963

Signed the By Laws of Unity Lodge #34

February 22, 1963

Worshipful Master of Unity Lodge 1984

Signed the by-laws of

St. Johns Lodge #1 Providence October 21, 2015

Grand Lodge 50 year Veterans Medal 2013

Departed January 1, 2022

86 years

Testimonial for

M:W:Grand Master Robert B. Ellston

*Saturday April 23rd,
Twelve Acres,
445 Douglas Pike, Smithfield, RI.*

Tickets are \$35.00 each. Social hour is 5:30 PM
with dinner at 6:30 PM. Choices are,

**Chicken Kiev, Baked Stuffed Shrimp, Sirloin, or a
Vegetarian choice.**

For tickets contact W: **Michael Picard** at
s@mtmoriah8.org or 1-978-580-1166



Dates to Remember

Saturday, April 9: SJIP Religious Service at
Temple Emanu-el
(99 Taft Street, Providence)

Saturday, May 14: Fraternal Visit by **Euclid Lodge**

Saturday, June 11: **Gaspee Days** Parade

Friday, June 24: **SJIP Annual Communication** and
Installation of Officers

ACACIA

by William R. Fischer

The Acacia tree is found in the area known as Palestine during ancient times, today it is found all over Africa. Acacia looks like the mulberry tree, can grow to well over one hundred feet high and is a hard wood. The gum obtained from it is known as Arabic.

Acacia is a sacred Hebrew wood known in the scripture as "Shittah." The ark of the covenant was made from it.

Acacia is part of our initiation as Master Masons and represents the immortality of the soul, as the soul lives on after our bodies have been put to rest.

Acacia can be a bush, tree, or a grove of trees. If you cut it down it grows back, if you burn it, it grows back. If you try to dig it up and leave one root it will grow back. Acacia can live through floods, droughts, and bad soil conditions. There is little doubt to the reason Acacia is our symbol of immortality.

Metro District Meetings

ANNUAL COMMUNICATIONS

Redwood No. 35 ~ May 9, 2022

Logia Libertad ~ TBA

DDGM VISITATIONS

Jenks No. 24 ~ March 28, 2022

*Overseas No. 40 ~ April 12, 2022

St. Johns No. 1 Providence ~ April 20, 2022

Logia Libertad UD ~ TBA

*Officer Forum

Grand Master's Visitations

March 8, 2022 **East Bay District**

Washington Lodge No. 3

April 22, 2022 **Mother Lodge**

Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 8

April 23, 2022 **Testimonial Dinner**

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