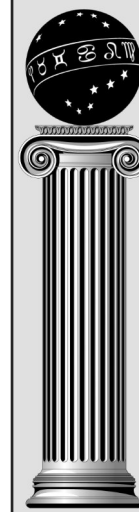


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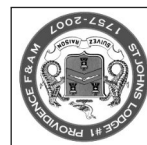
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Regular
Communication



R.: W.: Douglas J. Grant
District Deputy Grand Master
Metro District
W.: Michael R. Barbera
Grand Master of Ceremonies
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M.: W.: Kenneth F. Poyton
Grand Master
R.: W.: Michael R. Northup
Grand Marshal

This Month's Communication: March 2020

Return Service Requested



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Telephone: 401-223-7041



Secretary's mailing Address: P.O. Box 8397 Warwick, R.I. 02888-0397
Telephone: 401-323-8955 Email: secretary1prov@gmail.com

Monday, March 9, 2020	Grand Master's Visitation-Redwood Lodge #35 (Metro District)	7:30 PM
Wednesday, March 11, 2020	St. Johns - Rehearsal - MM Degree - 2 nd and 3 rd sections	7:00 PM
Wednesday, March 18, 2020	St. Johns - Regular Communication Master Mason Degree	5:30 PM
Monday, March 23, 2020	DDGM's Visitation Jenks Lodge #24	7:30 PM

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

W.: Mazen M. Alsabe, Master

Master's Message

Greetings My Brothers,

February has been exceptionally warm this year. I am not complaining, just enjoying the sunshine and the warm weather.

The officers of the Lodge have been busy preparing for the Master Mason degree. I am so grateful for the loyal, hard working officers who are diligent to perfect their Craft. The rehearsal on the first section of the MM degree was perfect.

Last month's speaker **Dr. Jack Mustard**, "*The Next Challenge in NASA's exploration of Mars: The Mars 2020 mission, what is it and what will be learn!*" was outstanding and kept all the brothers fascinated with the details of his lecture.



On February 22, we had the special Ladies' luncheon, which was planned and arranged by brother *William Gouge* and his lovely lady *Jaroen*. Thank you both for an outstanding function well prepared. **R.W. District Deputy Douglas Grant** joined us with his lovely wife *Kathy*. Thank you RWDD for supporting St. John's Lodge Special Ladies. (See photo below)

March 9th is the official visitation of the **Most Worshipful Grand Master** to **Redwood Lodge** at 7:30 pm. I would like to invite all the brethren to join the officers and show support for our Grand Master. On March 11th we will have a rehearsal for the second and third part for the MM degree.

The Wilkens Scholarship applications for 2020 are available and being circulated. The scholarship is open to the children and grandchildren of St Johns Lodge IP members in good standing, as well as members of Rainbow/DeMolay. If you need an application, please see brother *Edward Bertrand* at the March communication or drop an email to brother Secretary.

I look forward to seeing you all in Lodge. May the blessings of heaven rest upon us, our families and all the brethren in our great fraternity.

Fraternally,

Mazen M. Alsabe
Worshipful Master



Get Well Wishes

George Cicma
179 Riverdell Dr., Saunderstown, RI, 02874
Edwin Fielder 401-397-5637
85 Lakehurst Drive, Coventry, RI 02816
Richard Urquart 401-397-5001
Alpine Nursing Home, 557 Weaver Hill Rd
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 Mazen M. Alsabe 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

Ballot on Petition to Join by Degrees

Mr. Kevin M. Carey
35 Old Carriage Road
West Warwick, RI 02893

Mr. Thomas M. Nesbet III
426 Arnold Road
Coventry, RI 02816

Ballot on Petition to Join by Affiliation

Brother Frank DePetrillo
Manchester Lodge #12



St. Johns #1 Providence's Religious Service

will be held on *Sunday, March 29* at
Westminster Unitarian Church
(119 Kenyon Avenue, East Greenwich, RI).
Lodge members should arrive by 10:30
for the 11am service.



To Insure Enough Food For All, Dinner Reservations Are a MUST!!!!

March 18th Monthly Communication
5:30 PM: St. Johns will open to transact such business as shall regularly come before it.
6:15 PM: Dinner: **Corned Beef and Cabbage, Baked Scrod**
Carrots, Potatoes and Onions, Antipasto, Chocolate Cake, Tea, Coffee and Lemonade.
7:00 PM Master Mason Degree

Call: **John P. Gauthier** @ 401-861-1757

No later than **Sunday, March 15th** for reservations.

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

Lodge & District Events

Monday 3/9/20	Grand Master's Visitation Redwood Lodge #35 (Metro District)	7:30 PM
Tuesday 3/10/20	Overseas Lodge #40	7:00 PM
Wednesday 3/11/20	St. Johns Rehearsal Master Mason Degree	7:00 PM
Thursday 3/12/20	Candidate Forum All Degrees	7:00 PM
Saturday 3/14/20	Gaspee Chapter DeMolay	10:30 AM
Monday 3/16/20	Rising Sun #30	7:00 PM
Wednesday 3/18/20	St. Johns Communication Master Mason Degree	6:00 PM
Monday 3/23/20	Jenks Lodge #24 DDGM's Visitation Dinner 6:00 PM At St. Andrew's Temple, Riverside, RI	7:00 PM 7:30 PM
Tuesday 3/24/20	Candidate Forum As Registered	7:00 PM
Saturday 3/28/20	Gaspee Chapter DeMolay	10:30 AM
Sunday 3/29/20	St Johns Religious Service	11:00 AM
Thursday 4/2/20	Grand Master's Visitation Mt Vernon Lodge #4 (Southern District)	7:30 PM
Thursday 4/9/20	Candidate Forum All Degrees	7:00 PM
Tuesday 4/14/20	Overseas Lodge #40 DDGM's Visitation	7:30 PM
Wednesday 4/15/20	St. Johns Communication DDGM's Visitation	6:00 PM
Saturday 4/18/20	Swing into Spring	1:00 PM
Tuesday 5/5/20	Grand Master's Visitation Harmony Lodge #9 (Mother Lodge)	7:30 PM
Monday 5/11/20	Redwood Lodge #35 Annual Communication	7:00 PM
Monday 5/18/20	Grand Lodge Annual	9:00 AM
Friday 5/22/20	Rising Sun Lodge #30 Annual Communication	7:00 PM
Monday 6/22/20	St. Johns #1 Providence Annual Communication	5:30 PM

GRAND VIEW ACCESS

Grand View is our membership site.

Lodge Secretaries use it to maintain membership records but as a member of our Jurisdiction you can sign on and update your own details such as name and address. Registering will also allow access to other membership and lodge resources, for information and training.



To register, you will need your Mother Lodge number, member ID (on your dues card), and last name. You will then be asked for your email address and to create a password. Keep this safe as the Grand Lodge does not have access to this. To register go to:

https://ri.gvsoftware.com/membership_registration

Once you've registered, you can sign in at any time using this link: https://ri.gvsoftware.com/users/sign_in

(Please note the underscore in each address)

In Memoriam

Brother Wayne H. Lacy

Barney Merry Lodge #29
St. Johns Lodge #1 Providence
Born May 17, 1930

Entered Apprentice degree March 19, 1974

Fellowcraft degree April 16, 1974

Master Mason degree May 21, 1974

Signed the By Laws of Barney Merry Lodge #29

June 22, 1975

Affiliated with St. Johns #1 Providence January 16, 2008

Departed January 30, 2020

89 years



Brother Sarkis Y. Yepremian

Orpheus Lodge #36

Thomas Smith Webb Lodge # 43

St. Johns Lodge #1 Providence

Born March 14, 1938

Entered Apprentice degree February 19, 1990

Fellowcraft degree June 17, 1996

Master Mason degree September 16, 1996

Signed the By Laws of Orpheus Lodge #36

October 21, 1996

Merged with T. S. W. Lodge February 25, 2003

Merged with St. Johns #1 Providence May 16, 2012

Departed January 27, 2020

81 years



Brother Robert V. Kalian

Overseas Lodge #40

St. Johns Lodge #1 Providence

Born July 7, 1930

Entered Apprentice degree December 10, 1968

Fellowcraft degree October 14, 1969

Master Mason degree November 4, 1969

Signed the By Laws December 09, 1969

50 year Veterans Medal 2019

Departed February 15, 2020

89 years

TESTIMONIAL DINNER IN HONOR OF BROTHER KENNETH F. POYTON

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Saturday, April 25, 2020

Twelve Acres
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Presented by Harmony Lodge No. 9 F. & A. M.

No Host Social Hour – 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Dinner – 7:00 PM

The complete flyer will be included in the PDF March Newsletter
available for download at <http://www.stjohns1p.com>

St Johns Lodge Number One Providence ~ Officers 2019-2020

Master: W.: Mazen M. Alsabe ~ email: malsabe@yahoo.com

Senior Warden: Scott E. Miller Junior Warden: Joshua A. Irizarry

Treasurer: R.: W.: Ronald P. Reed Secretary: M.: W.: Wyman P. Hallstrom, Jr. email: secretary1prov@gmail.com

Chaplain: R.: W.: Mekawy E. Elmekawy Associate Chaplain: Scott Alexander



*Senior Deacon: John B. Paliotta Junior Deacon: Joseph Bernier
Senior Steward: John P. Gauthier Junior Steward: Robert Larrabee*



*Marshal: Louis A. Manzo
Sentinel: William Gouge*

*Tiler: Garabed Emdjian Associate Tiler: Neville "Rusty" Booth
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 DiScuillo
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.
2012 Arthur Bajakian
2013 Richard F. Lynch
2014 Robert J. O'Brien
2015 Timothy L. Culhane
2016 William J. DeLuca
2017 Edward D. Bertrand
2018 Richard Gonzalez

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

1963 Robert A. Allen
1967 Edward Swiszc
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

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 ^

1996 Eugene Thibeault
1999 Frank DiMascio ^
2000 Eugene Thibeault
2004-05 James F. Desmarais
2007 Philip R. Hartnett
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

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 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 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

ST JOHN'S #1P SWING IN THE SPRING PARTY

April 18, 2020

Cocktail Hour – 12-1:00 pm

Lunch/Dinner – 1- 4:00 pm

Kirkbrae Country Club

**197 Old River Road
Lincoln, RI 02865**

Hors d'oeuvres

Lunch Buffet

Garden Salad *with house dressing; Fresh rolls and butter*

Sliced Top Round of Beef, Chicken Francaise, Seared Salmon and Lamb on a bed of rice

Roasted Red Bliss Potatoes, Penne,

Assorted Grilled Vegetables, Carrots with Dill, Butter

Dessert Coffee and Tea

There will be no charge for the Party. However, we are asking the brethren to make a donation of money for the food bank. Remember, "To relieve the distressed is a duty incumbent upon all men; but particularly on Masons." Please RSVP by April 1st, 2020. Please COMPLETELY fill in the bottom portion of the form and return to brother:

Joshua Irizarry, 301 First Ave., East Greenwich, RI 02818

Name _____

Name of Guest _____

Email address: _____ Phone: _____

Any Dietary Restrictions? Yes No if yes, please detail

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Dinner – 7:00 PM

Choice of:

New York Sirloin Steak (12 oz.)

Chicken Kiev, Twelve Acres Specialty

Price - \$35.00 per person

*All Reservations must be received prior to **April 19, 2020***
Tables of ten (10) may be reserved – All others are open seating
Gentlemen: Business suit

Return this portion with your check payable to: Harmony Lodge No. 9,
c/o James R. Rapson, Treasurer, 244 Park View Avenue, Warwick, RI 02888

Name _____ # in Party * _____ Telephone: _____

Beef _____ # Chicken _____ # Vegetarian Gluten Free _____

Total payment enclosed: \$ _____

***NOTE: Attach list of all names in your party with individual choices**