

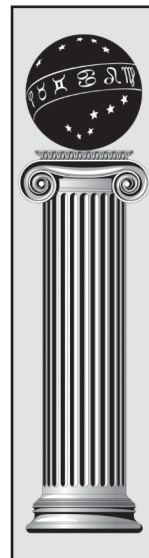


ST. JOHNS LODGE NO. ONE

F. & A.M.

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

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December 2023

3925th
Regular
Communication



R.: W.: Eric E. Grist
District Deputy Grand Master
Metro District

W.: John W. Kent III
Grand Master of Ceremonies

M.: W.: Douglas J. Grant
Grand Master

R.: W.: Michael R. Barbera
Grand Marshal

This Month's Communication: December 20, 2023

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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, December 13, 2023

Officers Rehearsal

7:00 PM

Wednesday, December 20, 2023

St. Johns #1 P Communication

6:00 PM

Joint meeting with Collegium Lvminosvm

Friday, December 15, 2023

St. Johns #1 P Holiday Party

6:00 PM

Saturday, December 16, 2023

St. Johns #1 P Holiday Basket Assembly & Distribution

6:30 AM & 8:00 AM

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

W.: Joseph J. Bernier, Master

Master's Message

My Brothers,

St Johns Lodge No. 1 Providence is ending 2023 with a burst of activities and nearly in a full-on sprint! At a special communication on Wednesday, November 29th, we conferred the Entered Apprentice degree on our second cohort of candidates. These new Brothers will join the existing class and they will all move forward together through the remaining degrees. In addition to the fine degree work, we also opened and closed our special communication in the Entered Apprentice degree. My thanks and congratulations to the officers on another job extremely well done! For your calendars: our Fellowcraft degree is scheduled for January 17th and Bro. SD Bill Gouge is already prepared with the Middle Chamber lecture! Please plan to join us for another impressively delivered degree and more WOW!



The annual SJ1P Holiday Party is being held on Friday, 12/15 from 6-10 pm at the **Alpine County Club** in Cranston. Colleen and I have picked out quite the selection of food and it will be a wonderful evening of fine dining, friendship, music and holiday joy. Fliers have been distributed both via regular mail and electronically (also available in our FB group.) If for some reason you have not received your invitation, please contact **Bro. JW Bob Larrabee** quickly as the 12/1 reservation deadline is rapidly approaching. As a charitable fundraiser at the holiday party, I have selected the US Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program. The goal of this program is to collect and distribute toys to less fortunate children at Christmas. That said, I ask that each family bring one unopened, unwrapped toy to the holiday party for donation. There is a Christmas tree set up in the ballroom at Alpine Country Club and I would love nothing more than to have the bottom of that tree completely stacked with toys for children. Please support this wonderful cause! If you are unable to attend the holiday party but would like to donate a toy, please contact me directly.

The very next morning, on Saturday, 12/16, St Johns 1P is gathering for its annual **Holiday Food Baskets** event. This year we are assembling 75 baskets for donation to those in need and facing food insecurity. The hours for the event are 6:30-8:00 am for setup (if you are available for setup, please coordinate with Bro. Hugo) and 8:00-10:00 am for the actual basket assembly. Thanks in advance to our Brothers from Daylight Lodge who will also be providing and serving us breakfast following the basket assembly. The basket event is always a great community builder and is our largest charitable event of the year. As the saying goes, many hands make light work, so please join us. If you would like to receive a basket to donate, please call Bro. Hugo Adames II (401.366.2766) or Bro. Thom Kumes (401.465.4458) to make the basket reservation no later than 12/10 at 5pm.

Lastly, our December communication will be held on Wednesday, 12/20 and is a joint meeting of St Johns 1P and Collegium Luminosum. The guest speaker for the evening is W:. Bro. Dan Kemble. Bro. Kemble is a fifth-generation Freemason and a fourth-generation member of Hays Lodge No. 517 at Hays, Kentucky. Bro. Kemble is a member, Past Master, and Fellow of Kentucky's William O. Ware Lodge of Research. At our joint meeting, Bro. Kemble will be sharing his presentation on **THE ROLE OF RESEARCH LODGES IN OBSERVANT FREEMASONRY: ESTABLISHING A SERIOUSNESS OF PURPOSE**. Bro. Kemble's presentation will

Get Well Wishes

Peter McConaghy

401-641-5660

81 Norton Avenue, Cranston, RI 02920

Lino Martin

976 Long View Drive, North Attleboro, MA 02760

Darryl Triggs

401-632-6817

31 Remington Farm 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 W:. Joseph J. Bernier or any of the following **Sick and Distressed Committee** members; Walter Kelly, Kenneth Phillips, Karapet Emdjian or contact Bob O'Brien at bob.obrien@gmail.com or **401-487-4750**

If you know of a brother who is ill, recuperating, house bound or we just haven't seen in a while, please contact someone on the **Sick and Distressed Committee**.

Lodge & District Events

Saturday 12/02/23	Logia Libertad #50	7:30 PM
Tuesday 12/05/23	St. Paul's Lodge #14	7:30 PM
	GM's Visitation (East Bay District)	
Saturday 12/09/23	Gaspee Chapter DeMolay	2:00 PM
Monday 12/11/23	Redwood Lodge #35	7:00 PM
Tuesday 12/12/23	Overseas Lodge #40	1:00 PM
Wednesday 12/13/23	Officers Rehearsal	7:00 PM
Friday 12/15/23	St Johns 1P Holiday Party	6:00 PM
Saturday 12/16/23	Holiday Basket Assembly	6:30 AM
Saturday 12/16/23	Holiday Basket Distribution	8:00 AM
Monday 12/18/23	Rising Sun #30	7:30 PM
Monday 12/18/23	Jenks Lodge No. 24	7:30 PM
Wednesday 12/20/23	St Johns #1 Providence	6:00 PM
	Collegivm Lvminosvm (Joint Meeting)	
Saturday 12/23/23	Gaspee Chapter DeMolay	2:00 PM
Saturday 01/06/24	Jenks Lodge No. 24	7:30 PM
	Annual Communication	

touch on the history of the William O. Ware Lodge of Research and share how it drifted away from its mission and purpose – almost to its peril. However, through direction provided by Observant Masonry, the William O. Ware Lodge is now thriving because of its dedication to “seriousness of purpose”. This is going to be a wonderful presentation as the subject matter (loss of purpose) is applicable to both blue lodges and research lodges and demonstrates how renewed purpose leads to reinvigoration and growth (via Masonic Observance.)

The Wardens and Officers of Saint Johns Lodge No. 1 Providence join me in wishing you and your families a happy, joyous and safe holiday season!

Faternally,

W:. Joseph J. Bernier

Joseph J. Bernier
Worshipful Master



December's Guest Speaker

THE ROLE OF RESEARCH LODGES IN OBSERVANT FREEMASONRY: ESTABLISHING A SERIOUSNESS OF PURPOSE.



An active Mason since 1978, Dan Kemble is a fifth-generation Freemason and a fourth-generation member of Hays Lodge No. 517 at Hays, Kentucky.

Bro. Kemble is a member, Past Master, and Fellow of Kentucky's William O. Ware Lodge of Research.

He is a member of Alba Lodge No. 222 in Washington, D. C., and Nova Caesarea Harmony Lodge No. 2 in Cincinnati, Ohio.

He has served the Grand Lodge of Kentucky as Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Education, as Parliamentarian, a member of the Committee on By-Laws, District Deputy Grand Master for District 18, and as Grand Pursuivant. He is a Past President of the Society of Past Masters of Northern Kentucky.

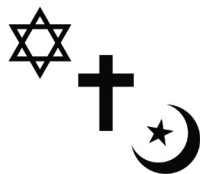
Bro. Kemble is an active member and Recorder of The Rubicon Masonic Society. He is a co-producer of the documentary, "The Masonic Table," and co-editor of *The Transactions of The Rubicon Masonic Society*.

He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Scottish Rite Valley of Covington's Masonic Library and Museum Association.

A native of Smiths Grove, Kentucky, Bro. Kemble is a graduate of Western Kentucky University (1978) and Salmon P. Chase College of Law (1984). Bro. Kemble resides in Covington, Kentucky, along with his wife, Holly.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY HANUKKAH
FROM THE MASTER, WARDENS
AND OFFICERS
OF ST. JOHNS NO.1 PROVIDENCE.

**PEACE
ON EARTH**



Ballot on Petition to Join by Degrees

Michael Patrick McManaman
49 Basswood Rd., Cranston, RI

Congratulations!!

R. V. W. V. Deputy Grand Master
Andre H. Faria, Jr.
Grand Master elect for 2024-2025

In Memoriam

Brother Terry Lloyd Clark

Born April 18, 1956

St. Johns Lodge #1 Providence

Entered Apprentice degree April 21, 2001

Fellowcraft degree April 21, 2001

Master Mason degree April 21, 2001

Signed the by-laws June 20, 2001

Departed November 18, 2023

67 years



December 20th Monthly Communication

6:00 PM: St. Johns open to transact such business as shall regularly come before it.

6:45 PM: Dinner

7:30 PM: Program

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

or email: sjlprov@gmail.com

No later than **Friday, December 15th** for reservations.

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

2023 Holiday Food Baskets
Saturday, December 16th at Scottish Rite
2115 Broad St. Cranston RI. 02905

Set-up from 6:30am - 8am

Basket event 8am - 10am

FOR BASKET RESERVATIONS

All brothers who wish to receive a basket please call:

*Bro.: Hugo Adames II. @ 401-366-2766

Associate Tiler: Bro. Thomas Kumes @ 401-785-1093

Please only use the #s provided here for your reservation. Once you have made your reservation at these #s you will put on the list. There will be no need for a call back or a confirmation, leaving your message will take care of your reservation.

Limit one (1) basket per Brother! The hard deadline

Will be Sunday the 10th @ 5 PM.

If you request a basket and do not claim it the day of, you will be **billed \$85** for the cost of the basket and your basket will also be given away to a needy family!

Thank you for your cooperation and diligence,
St. Johns Lodge 1P wishes all our brethren and their families a happy and blessed holiday season.

Bros. Thomas Kumes & Hugo Adames II



Attention Brothers

If you make reservations with Thomas Kumes the new # is (401)465-4458 or you can also make reservation via the 2nd # provided which is Brother Hugo Adames II. Thank you

Also PICK up time is from 9am(ish) to 10am. We MUST/WILL be out of the building by 10:30am so PLEASE plan accordingly, Thank you.

St Johns Lodge Number One Providence ~ Officers 2022-2023

Master: W.: Joseph J. Bernier
Senior Warden: Jason Shealy **Junior Warden: Robert Larrabee**
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: William C. Gouge **Junior Deacon: Scott C. Alexander**
Senior Steward: Jeffrey Parker **Junior Steward: Octavio Gomez**



Marshal: W.: John B. Paliotta
Sentinel: Sean C. Paley
Tiler: Karapet Emdjian **Associate Tiler: Thomas J. Kumes**
Master of Ceremonies R.: 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 (2026), W.: Scott E. Miller (2025), Edward O. Quinn (2024)

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
 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
 2021 Joshua A. Irizarry
 2022 John B. Paliotta

Unity Lodge No. 34

1969 George W. Haworth

Barney Merry Lodge No. 29

1978 William E. Whetstone
 1985 Paul R. Moran
 1990 David Lancaster
 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.

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
 2017-2017 Stephen T. McGuire

2017-2018 Peter Iacobucci
 2018-2019 Glenn S. Carlson
 2020-2021 Gary S. Kaufman
 2021-2022 Robert B. Ellston
 2022-2023 Robert A. Palazzo



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
 2023 M.: W.: Wyman P. Hallstrom, Jr.

*deceased