

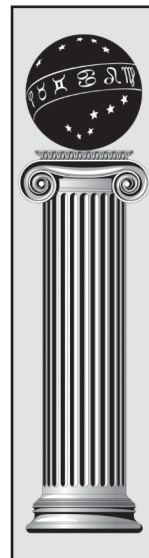


ST. JOHNS LODGE No. ONE

F. & A.M.

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

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February 2024

3927th
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: February 21, 2024

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Wednesday, February 7, 2024

Wednesday, February 14, 2024

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

Officers Rehearsal

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7:00 PM

7:00 PM

6:00 PM

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

W.: Joseph J. Bernier, Master

Master's Message

My Brothers,

It's hard to believe that the end of January is so rapidly approaching. I've been told several times how quickly a Master's time in the East passes and it is the absolute truth. That said, at our January Communication we witnessed the class of SJIP candidates deliver an incredible Entered Apprentice proficiency. The class was articulate, poised, absolutely prepared and proud to present their work. I was in awe of their delivery and actually speechless when they were done. They unquestionably delivered the WOW back to the Officers and the Lodge! I was so pleased that **M^r. W^h: Doug Grant** chose to join us for the evening as he was able to witness their fine work as well. Congratulations to **Brothers Camacho, Lunn, Niazi, Norberg, Puleo** and **Vukas** on their exceptional EA proficiency work. And, a huge thank you to our instructors who continue to ensure that the tradition of outstanding candidate work at SJIP continues.



In kind, and not to be outdone by the proficiency work of our class of candidates, the Officers and I delivered an equally impressive Fellowcraft degree on our six candidates. Once again, we focused on the senses through the use of candlelight, incense and lighting. In addition to delivering great ritual, the use of these sensory items really sets the stage for a degree and you know something special is happening. Thank you to all the Officers for your dedication to delivering another excellent degree. And a hearty congratulations to **Bro. Bill Gouge** on his delivery of the Middle Chamber lecture. **M^r. W^h: Dennis Pothier** said it best after the degree: Not only was Bro. Bill's rendition of the Middle Chamber lecture spot on but he also made it very personal. In order to deliver such a personal experience, it was obvious that Bro. Bill had complete command of the material. Kudos to you Bro. Bill on your amazing accomplishment. I'm so proud to say that you are the Senior Deacon of SJIP.

At our February Communication, our guest speaker will be **Bro. John Bizzack** joining us via Zoom. Per his bio on his website, "Dr. Bizzack is the author of fourteen books, numerous essays, commentaries, and papers on leadership, criminal investigation, police standards, the behavior organizations, their behavior, and management. His books and writings include the topic of Freemasonry. He speaks nationwide on a variety of issues about Freemasonry, the criminal justice system, and critical thinking." I have asked Bro. Bizzack to discuss his book, **Sins of Our Masonic Fathers**. Bro. Bizzack's book touches upon the idea of quality over quantity and that there is strength in fewness. I tremendously enjoyed reading this book and know and expect that this will spark dialogue. If you would like more information about Bro. Bizzack, you can read more here: <https://thecraftsman.org/about/john-bizzack/#bio>.

For your future attendance planning: Our March Communication will be our Master Mason Degree. I will be in search of Brothers to help participate in this degree. April will be **R^h: W^h: Eric Grist's** Official Visitation to SJIP and also his last Official Visitation as a DDGM. In honor of this special occasion, our guest speaker for the evening will be **Bro. Andrew Hammer**. May's Communication will be a presentation by **W^h: Bryan Cooper** and we will also be hosting **Euclid Lodge** in May. This is a special year for Euclid as they are celebrating their 150th anniversary. We need to make their visit more extra-special than usual! Lastly, June will be our Awards Night as well as our Annual.

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^h: **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 02/03/24	Logia Libertad #50	7:30 PM
Wednesday 02/07/24	Officers Rehearsal	7:00 PM
Saturday 02/10/24	Gaspee Chapter DeMolay	2:00 PM
Monday 02/12/24	Redwood Lodge #35	7:30 PM
Tuesday 02/13/24	Overseas Lodge #40	7:00 PM
Monday 02/19/24	Rising Sun #30	7:30 PM
Wednesday 02/21/24	St Johns #1 Providence	5:30 PM
Saturday 02/24/24	Gaspee Chapter DeMolay	2:00 PM
Saturday 02/26/24	Jenks Lodge No. 24	7:30 PM
Saturday 03/03/24	Logia Libertad #50	7:30 PM
	DDGM Vidsitaston	

"Masonic labor is purely a labor of love. He who seeks to draw Masonic wages in gold and silver will be disappointed. The wages of a Mason are in the dealings with one another; sympathy begets sympathy, kindness begets kindness, helpfulness begets helpfulness, and these are the wages of a Mason."

Benjamin Franklin

A friendly reminder that a dinner reservation for our monthly communications is absolutely required and due the Friday before our communication – this month that is Friday, 2/16. You can make your reservation for dinner with Brother Senior Steward via email at sj1prov@gmail.com or **401.861.1757**. The cost of the meal with a reservation remains \$10. *IF* we can accommodate a Brother without a reservation the evening of the communication, the cost is \$20. A copy of the memo about reservations/catering/costs that was recently sent to members and is being included with this Trestleboard. If you have any questions, please contact me directly. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Fraternally,

W^h: Joseph J. Bernier

Joseph J. Bernier
Worshipful Master



February 21st Monthly Communication

6:00 PM: St. Johns open to transact such business as shall regularly come before it.
6:45 PM: Dinner: Chicken Parmesan (alternate-Shrimp Scampi)
7:30 PM: Program

Call: Brother Senior Steward @ 401-861-1757
or email: sjlprov@gmail.com

No later than **Friday 16, February** for reservations.

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

GRAND MASTER'S OFFICIAL VISITATIONS

March 7, 2024 **Southern District**
Mt Vernon Lodge No. 4
April 19, 2024 **Central District**
Manchester Lodge No. 12
April 5, 2024 ... Testimonial Dinner

METRO DISTRICT MEETINGS

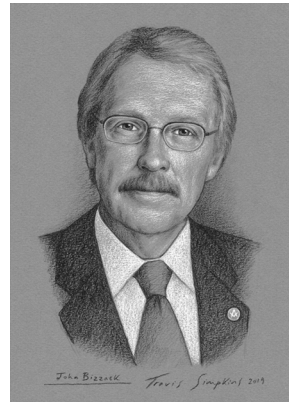
VISITATIONS

Jenks No. 24March 25, 2024
Overseas No. 40.....April 9, 2024
St. Johns No. 1 ProvidenceApril 17, 2024

February's Guest Speaker

"Sins of Our Masonic Fathers"

John W. Bizzack, Ph.D



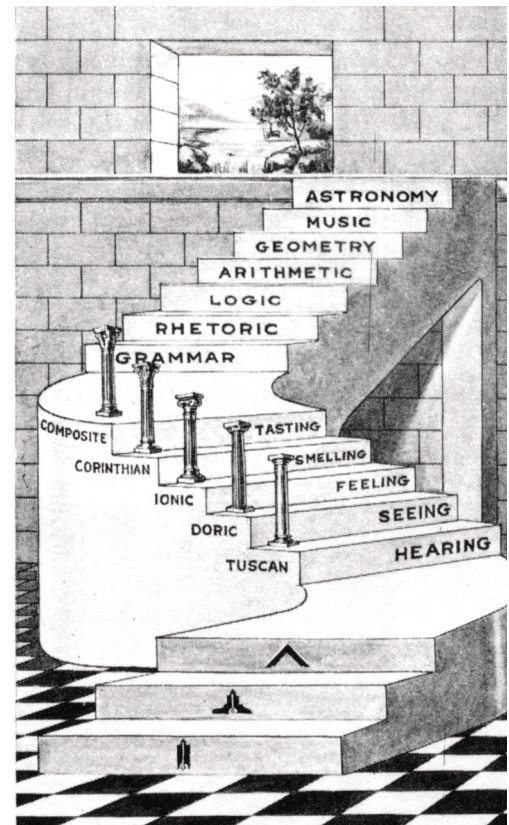
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Elected to two, consecutive terms as Master of Lexington Lodge No. 1 – the oldest Masonic lodge in Kentucky - he is co-founder and coordinated the Masonic History & Study Group and has served eight years as chair of the Education Committee and coordinated the Structured Degree Class Program. He is currently a member of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky Committee on Education, a Fellow and member of the Board of The Masonic Society. He is Vice-Chair and Founding Member of the Rubicon Masonic Society. Also, he is a member of the Scottish Rite, and the Philaethes Society, Southern California, and Texas Lodge of Research, and the Quatuor Coronati Correspondence Circle. He was named as Fellow in the initial class at William O. Ware Lodge of Research in Covington, Kentucky where he is also a life-time member. An Honorary Member of Sophia Lodge No. 767, North Carolina's first Observant Lodge, he is also a member of Fiat Lux No. 1717, and Alba Lodge No. 222 in Washington, D.C.

Our Newest Fellowcraft Brothers



Omar Niazi, Alan Vukas, Lenine Camacho, Jason Norberg, Joseph Puleo, Richard Lunn



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