

St. Alban's Lodge No. 6, F.&A.M.
Trestle-Board for April 2017

Location: 363 Hope Street, Bristol, RI 02809

Correspondence: c/o W. D. Stephens, Sec.
One Leyland Ct., Bristol, RI 02809

Stated Communications at 7:00 PM

Second Wednesday of each month except July & August
Annual Communication: Third Wednesday in January

Facebook notices are available to members (contact the W.: Master to participate)

Notice of Regular Communication – Wednesday, April 12, 2017 – 7:00 PM

Lodge will open at 7:00 PM for the transaction of such business as shall regularly come before it. **If there is a parking ban in the town of Bristol, the meeting will be postponed or cancelled.** If postponed, a dispensation will be requested from Grand Lodge.

The Program for the Evening

W.: Scott Jamieson will present information on Masonic catechisms, catchphrases, and other distinct means where one brother may identify and/or hold himself out as a mason in public. How do YOU ascertain if an acquaintance is a Mason?

International Gathering of Masonic Lodges Named for St. Alban

We are hosting the 2017 GATHERING on October 20-22, 2017 in Newport. Everyone interested in helping is asked to contact Brothers Jason Nystrom or Bill Stephens.

On **Sunday afternoon, Apr. 2nd at 2:00 pm** we have an **“ALL HANDS MEETING”** of members and significant others to discuss planning and arrangements for the Gathering. This meeting is not only open to spouses and significant others, but they are encouraged to attend. We want to be certain that we have events planned around their interests.

We may include is a small tin of M&Ms, about 50 per tin, in each attendee's event bag. We can personalize the tins ourselves, and the **manufacturer will personalize the candies. We need four (4) phrases for our candies.** Each M&M can have two (2) lines, and each line can have up to nine (9) characters and spaces. Please put on your creativity caps and let's see what messages we can produce. Let your imagination run. Four messages will be chosen from those submitted.

From the Secretary's Desk

Statements for membership fees for 2017 were mailed last month, and **unpaid accounts are now past due.** “THANK YOU” to those who have already sent in their payment or contacted me; others are reminded that your lodge depends on early payment for efficient management. Please advise me if there is any circumstance preventing your financial support at this time.

Anniversaries

Congratulations to these Brethren who celebrate their Anniversaries this month in Masonry and in life:

Years of LIGHT

As another year passes since you were raised to the degree of Master Mason, we thank you for your service to the cause of good, and wish you well as you continue your quest for light.

9 yrs on Apr. 11th W.: Stephen J. Curria

Years of LIFE

As you celebrate another birthday, we wish you many more, with love and happiness always.

on Apr. 12th Bro. Ronald C. Hillegass

on Apr. 16th Bro. Steven F. Williams

on Apr. 12th W.: Steven M. Mould

on Apr. 23rd W.: Brandt D. Evans

on Apr. 15th R.: W.: David C. Lavery

From the East

Greetings Brethren:

March was an active month, with 2 District Deputy Grand Master visitations, and April is proving to be equally, if not more busy for us. Although we will not be conferring the Fellow Craft degree on our candidates this

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month, I have accelerated May's proposed program for your entertainment & enlightenment. This month we will have the honor of hosting W.: Scott Jamieson, who will put on an informational session on Masonic catechisms, catchphrases, and other distinct means where one brother may identify and/or hold himself out as a mason in public. I'm sure that we've all had at least 1 experience where we encountered a fellow brother in public, only to bungle our questioning or responses to the same.

In other news, the Traveling Gavel has had success in its visits thus far to St. John's Lodge #1 and Roger Williams Lodge #32. Although the visitation schedule has had to be modified over March and February, I am still positive that we will be able to visit every lodge in this state by the year's end. I am also pleased to report that we are on-track for the Grand Master's Award. Although our District Deputy Grand Master's Visitation in March did not include the Officer's Forum as originally planned, I trust that we will be able to complete all the requirements throughout the remainder of the year.

Looking ahead, May will be an active month not only for our lodge, but also for the East Bay District. On May 6th, we will be participating in the District Charity event, which will be a comedy show held at St. John's Lodge in Portsmouth to benefit the Newport Homeless Shelter. Tickets are \$20 per person, "bring your own snacks," and there will be raffle and auction items for bid. Each lodge has been asked to provide 1 auction item, at least 2 raffle items, and I would like us to obtain at least 5 "show sponsors" from our own lodge. A "show sponsor" is merely an individual/business that we seek a donation from in support of our event. Each sponsor will have their name on a banner above the stage and will receive a "shout-out" by the performing comic. If we can get 5 sponsors at \$100 per donation, we will be fast on track to making this event a resounding success. Keep your eyes out for further details and please let me know if you are interested in tickets or other assistance for the event.

If you or you know of a brother who requires assistance in attending our communication, please let either myself or Bro. Secretary know, and a ride will be provided. I look forward to seeing you all in April!

Fraternally,
Jason M. Nystrom
W.: Jason M. Nystrom
Master

Attest,
William D. Stephens
W.: William D. Stephens
Secretary

Ongoing Events

Rehearsals,	3:00 pm, each Sunday
Fellow Craft Club / Doric Club	8:00 pm, 1 st Friday, Each Month (2 nd Friday this month)
St. Alban's Assoc., Inc. - Board of Directors	9:00 am, 1 st Saturday, Each Month (2 nd Friday this month)
The Travelling Gavel to RI Lodges	Listed below: confirm schedule and times with the Master

Upcoming Events

If events are cancelled, email notice will be sent out, and it will be posted on Facebook.

For complete and up to date calendar of events for the Jurisdiction, go to: www.rimasons.org

- Apr. 2nd – **2:00 pm ALL HANDS MEETING for the October GATHERING of St. Alban's Lodges**
 - 3:00 pm Rehearsal – Fellow Craft Degree
- Apr. 3rd – **6:45 pm St. John's No. 1: Visitation of R.: W.: Robert B. Ellston, D.D.G.M**
- Apr. 6th – TRAVELLING GAVEL: W.: Master & others to attend Mt. Vernon Lodge No. 4, North Kingstown
- Apr. 7th – 8:00 pm Fellow Craft Club / Doric Club
 - TRAVELLING GAVEL: W.: Master & others to attend Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 8, Limerock
- Apr. 8th – 10:00 am St. Alban's Assoc., Inc. - Board of Directors
 - TRAVELLING GAVEL: W.: Master & others to attend Friendship Lodge No. 7, Chepachet
 - 4:30 p Grand Lodge: New England Masonic Brotherhood Night
- Apr. 9th – 3:00 pm Rehearsal for Fellow Craft Degree
- Apr. 11th – **7:00 pm Washington No. 3: Grand Master's Visitation to the East Bay District**

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- Apr. 12th – 6:30 pm Hope Chapter No. 6, RAM: Regular Convocation
– **7:00 pm St. Alban's No. 6: Regular Communication**
- Apr. 16th – Easter Sunday
- Apr. 22nd – **Grand Master's Testimonial Dinner – Reservations due by the 10th**
- May 2nd – **7:00 pm St. Paul's No. 14: Visitation of R.: W.: Robert B. Ellston, D.D.G.M**
- May 5th – TRAVELLING GAVEL: W.: Master & others to attend Manchester Lodge No. 12, Coventry
- May 6th – 50:00 pm St. John's No.1: **East Bay District – Charity Project – Comedy Night**
- May 10th – **7:00 pm St. Alban's No. 6: Regular Communication**
- May 22nd – 9:00 am Grand Lodge, Annual Communication – Installation of R.: W.: Peter Iacobucci as G.: M.:
5:30 pm Grand Lodge, Annual Banquet – Tickets by May 8th

Grand Master's Testimonial Dinner
In Honor of M.: W.: Stephen T. McGuire

April 22, 2017

Quonset O Club, North Kingstown, RI

6:00 PM Social Hour 7:00 PM Dinner - \$35.00/p

Stuffed Chicken, Prime Rib, or Vegetarian

Reservations are a must by April 10th – at: www.GMTestimonial.com

Candidates in Waiting

Bros. Entered Apprentice Danny Cordeiro and Roger Adolphe are working on their proficiency. There is the possibility of a Special Communication this month to confer the Master Mason Degree. Bro. Timothy Hole is studying for his proficiency examination. Please offer your support as they continue their journeys.

Sickness and Distress

Brother Albert Ferri's health continues to keep him from lodge. Please continue to keep Bro. Ferri and his family in your prayers.

R.: W.: Brother Al Cameron continues his recovery from pneumonia. Please keep him in your prayers as well that he might be back in lodge soon.

Many of us learned in Lodge last month, W.: Brother Tim Pray suffered the loss of his brother, Roger. Our sincere condolences go to Tim and to all of Roger's family.

Please advise the Secretary if you know of any Brother or their relative who is ill or in need of assistance. Too often we find out after the fact.

Announcements

Whether you received this notice by USPS or email, if it was not your preference, or you do not wish to receive future notices, please let the Secretary know. We will accommodate your preference.

Put Saturday, May 6th on your calendar!

Please support our **East Bay District Charity Comedy Night**. Bring your friends, have fun, and help raise money for charity. The show starts at 5:00 pm at St. John's Lodge No. 1, 81 Sprague Street, Portsmouth. Contact Cole Gomes, Senior Warden of St. John's No.1 at (774) 488-1808 for tickets, which are \$20 per person.

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St. Alban's Lodge – Officers for 2017

Elected

Worshipful Master – Jason M. Nystrom jaynystrom@hotmail.com	51 Kickemuit Road, Warren, R.I. 02885-1932	(860) 539-8809
Senior Warden – Manuel J. Benevides mj.benevides69@gmail.com	27 Vernon Ave., Bristol, R.I. 02809-4049	(401) 573-6056
Junior Warden – W.: Timothy A. Pray tapprint@tapprint.com	724 Hope St., Bristol, RI 02809-1931	(401) 253-3004
Treasurer – W.: Edward M. Wiacek edwiacek@verizon.net	88 Mulberry Road, Bristol, RI 02809-1347	(401) 253-3068
Secretary – W.: William D. Stephens bllstphns@gmail.com	One Leyland Ct., Bristol, RI 02809-5185	(401) 524-2111

Appointed Officers for 2017

Senior Deacon – W.: Rory A. Hanmer	Chaplain – R.: W.: Alfred M. Cameron
Junior Deacon – W.: Andrew C. Daigle	Marshal – W.: R. Andrew Benn
Senior Steward – W.: Steven M. Mould	Tyler – W.: José J. DaSilva
Junior Steward – Bro. Robert N. Hopkins, Jr.	Ritual Advisor – W.: Andrew M. Giovannini
Sentinel – Bro. David B. Kreutter	Co-Historians – Bro. Albert A. Ferri & R.: W.: David C. Lavery

Living Past Masters

Leonard P. Sanford III	1971–1972	Leonard P. Sanford III	2002–2005	Timothy A. Pray	2012–2013
Edward M Wiacek	1981–1983	Edward C. Boyd Jr.	2005–2007	Rory A. Hanmer	2013–2014
William W. Jaycox	1994–1995	Jeffrey R. Howlett	2007–2009	Andrew M. Giovannini	2014–2015
Edwin A. McClure	1996–1997	William D. Stephens	2009–2011	José J. DaSilva	2015–2016
Raymond C. Sartini	1998–1999	Scott S. Crawford	2011–2012	R. Andrew Benn	2016–2017
				Jason M. Nystrom	2017–

Committees of St. Alban's Lodge

Special Charities Committee: W.: William W. Jaycox, W.: William D. Stephens, W.: José J. DaSilva

Lodges Named for St. Alban's: Committee: Master, Wardens, and Past Masters
Co-Chairs: W.: Jason M. Nystrom & W.: William D. Stephens

Visitation Committee: Master and Wardens

St. Alban's Association, Inc. – Directors

Jason M. Nystrom, Pres.	Manuel J. Benevides, 1 st VP
Timothy A. Pray, 2 nd VP	Edward M. Wiacek, Treas.
William D. Stephens, Sec.	R. Andrew Benn
Andrew C. Daigle	José J. DaSilva
Rory A. Hanmer	Leonard P. Sanford III