

## *The January 2017 – Trestle- Board*

**St. Alban's Lodge No. 6, F.&A.M.** – 363 Hope Street, Bristol, RI 02809

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

Stated Communications:

Second Wednesdays at 7:00 PM (Except July & August)  
Annual Communication: Third Wednesday in January

### **Notice of Regular Communication – Wednesday, January 11, 2017 – 7:00 PM**

Lodge will open at 7:00 PM for the transaction of such business as shall regularly come before the Lodge. **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.

### **Notice of ANNUAL COMMUNICATION – Wednesday, January 18, 2017**

The Annual Communication will open at 5:00 PM for the reading of the annual reports, setting dues and salaries, election of officers, and the conduct of such other business as is customarily done at this time.

Pending receipt of dispensation, the Lodge will recess at approximately 6:30 PM for the **semi-public** installation of officers. All are invited to a collation following the meeting.

## *IN MEMORIAM*

Gregory "Greg" Murgo

Initiated \_\_\_\_\_ February 9<sup>th</sup>, 1966      Raised \_\_\_\_\_ April 13<sup>th</sup>, 1966

Passed \_\_\_\_\_ March 9<sup>th</sup>, 1966      Admitted \_\_\_\_\_ May 11<sup>th</sup>, 1966

Separated \_\_\_\_\_ November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Age 72 years, 10 days

### **The Program for the Evening**

The Second and Third Sections of the Entered Apprentice degree will be given for Brothers Danny Soare Cordeiro and Roger P. Adolphe who were initiated at the Special Communication of December 21.

### **Anniversaries**

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

#### **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.

34 yrs on the 12<sup>th</sup> W.: Edward C. Boyd, Jr.      8 yrs on the 19<sup>th</sup> W.: Andrew M. Giovannini

5 yrs on the 14<sup>th</sup> W.: Scott P. Jamieson      8 yrs on the 19<sup>th</sup> W.: Rory A. Hanmer

8 yrs on the 19<sup>th</sup> W.: José J. DaSilva

#### **Years of LIFE**

As you celebrate another birthday, we wish you many more, with love and happiness always.  
on Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> Bro. Manuel J. Benevides      on Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> W.: R. Andrew Benn

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### From the East

Greetings Brothers:

It's hard to believe that I'm sending you my last message from the East as your Worshipful Master. It's been a busy, but great and productive year. We cleaned up our Lodge room and began meeting there in April. We put up new ceiling on the second floor (per detailed contract specifications). We set up a new social TV corner. We improved our relationship with our first floor tenant. We attended the St. Alban's International Gathering 2016 in New York and planned for our hosting of the St. Alban's International Gathering in 2017. We held all three degrees within the Masonic year. We raised new Masons, brought in new candidates and new affiliated members from within the jurisdiction, outside the state, and outside the country.

We successfully completed and received the Grand Master's Award. We implemented a new electronic financial reporting system. We restructured the promissory note agreement between our Association and our Special Charity Fund in a way that satisfied both organizations; lowering the interest rate and increasing the length of the note. We established a rental agreement between our Lodge and building Association. Most importantly, we maintained fidelity to our Lodge and Association bylaws. We accomplished much over the past year brothers.

December Lodge Activities Review – On December 2<sup>nd</sup> we conducted an investigation of a new candidate, rehearsed the Entered Apprentice degree, had candidate proficiency, and had a Fellow Craft/Doric Club gathering of Texas Hold'em. On December 3<sup>rd</sup> Jason, Bill, and I attended the Grand Master's "Town Meeting" at Grand Lodge. I also attended a Mount Vernon Rainbow Girls degree in North Kingstown. On December 4<sup>th</sup> we had our Christmas Party at the Wharf Tavern, presented our widows with poinsettias, and had a special "Flower Talk" presentation by DeMolay. On Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, we rehearsed the EA degree. On December 14<sup>th</sup>, we had our regular communication during which brother David Kreutter showed excellent MM proficiency and balloted on two new candidates. The program was a presentation of the "Pot of Gold" degree by the Heather Dunford of the Mount Vernon Rainbow Girls. On December 21<sup>st</sup>, we had a special communication and performed the first section of the EA degree on our two new candidates.

December Association Activities Review – The new TV area is now functional with couches, tables, a working TV and antenna. On December 17<sup>th</sup> we had a very productive Association (and BoD meeting) where a new promissory note between the Lodge's Special Charity Fund and the Association was discussed and voted upon. We established a new rental agreement between the Lodge and the Association, and approved much needed repairs in Leo's. We did not have a litigation update but will expect one for our next meeting.

January Lodge Activities – On Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup> we will be meeting with our candidates to review proficiency, followed by our monthly Fellow Craft / Doric Club meeting. On January 11<sup>th</sup> we will be holding our regular monthly communication. On January 18<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting our Annual Communication and installation of our new officers, followed by a collation.

In parting, I'd like to thank all the brothers for their support over the past year. And while it doesn't look as though I'll be an officer in next year's line, I wish Jason Nystrom and the line of officers all the best next year. Have fun, travel much, do degree work, keep the brothers well informed, and please remain vigilant to the adherence to our bylaws. I look forward to staying involved with St. Alban's Lodge and Association as possible.

Have a very happy New Year's brothers. Enjoy time with friends and family.

Fraternally,

*R. Andrew Benn*

W.: R. Andrew Benn  
Master

Attest,

*William D. Stephens*

W.: William D. Stephens  
Secretary

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### Candidates in Waiting

Bros. Danny Cordeiro and Roger Adolphe were initiated in December in the first part of the Entered Apprentice degree and have begun their instruction as they await the remainder of the degree. Bro. Timothy Hole is awaiting proficiency examination. Please offer your support as they continue their journey.

### Sickness and Distress

Brother Albert Ferri's declining health has kept him from lodge for some months. Please continue to keep Bro. Ferri and his family in your prayers.

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.

### Ongoing Events

Fellow Craft / Doric Club	8:00 pm, 1 <sup>st</sup> Friday, Each Month
Rehearsals, EA Degree	7:00 pm, each Friday
Building Work Parties	To Be Announced
St. Alban's Assoc., Inc. - Board of Directors	9:00 am, 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday, Each Month

### 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](http://www.rimasons.org)

- Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> – **Adelphoi No. 33**: Annual Communication
- Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 pm rehearsal of Entered Apprentice Degree (Second Section)  
– 8:30 pm Fellow Craft / Doric Club
- Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 am St. Alban's Assoc., Inc. - Board of Directors
- Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 pm E.A. & M.M. Forums – Grand Lodge
- Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> – **7:00 pm St. Alban's No. 6: Regular Communication**
- Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> – **St. Alban's No. 6: Annual Communication** – Semi-Public Installation of Officers
- Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> – **St. Paul's No. 14**: Annual Communication
- Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> – Grand Master's visitation to his Mother Lodge, Mount Vernon Lodge #4, North Kingstown
- Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 pm F.C. & E.A. Forums – Grand Lodge  
– **St. Andrews No. 39**: Visitation of Robert B. Ellston, R.: W.: D.D.G.M. for the East Bay District

### From the Secretary's Desk

If you need or would just **like to have a ride to Lodge**, please let the Secretary or another Brother know. We enjoy your company and value your friendship, and will be happy to give you a ride.

If your address, phone number, or email address has changed, please be sure to let the Secretary know.

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.

### Announcements

**We will host The 2017 GATHERING** of International Masonic Lodges Named for St. Alban on October 20-22, 2017 in Newport. Everyone interested in helping is asked to contact Brothers Jason Nystrom or Bill Stephens. There are plenty of tasks to go around.

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## St. Alban's Lodge – Officers for 2016

### Elected

**Worshipful Master** – W.: R. Andrew Benn 9 Hydraulion Ave., Bristol, RI 02809-1314 (401) 527-2907  
Randrewbenn@aol.com  
**Senior Warden** – Jason M. Nystrom 51 Kickemuit Road, Warren, R.I. 02885-1932 (860) 539-8809  
jaynystrom@hotmail.com  
**Junior Warden** – Manuel J. Benevides 27 Vernon Ave., Bristol, R.I. 02809-4049 (401) 573-6056  
mj.benevides69@gmail.com  
**Treasurer** – W.: Edward M. Wiacek 88 Mulberry Road, Bristol, RI 02809-1347 (401) 253-3068  
edwiacek@verizon.net  
**Secretary** – W.: William D. Stephens One Leyland Ct., Bristol, RI 02809/5185 (401) 524-2111  
bllstphns@gmail.com

### Appointed Officers for 2016

Senior Deacon – W.: Rory A. Hanmer  
Junior Deacon –  
Senior Steward –  
Junior Steward – W.: José J. DaSilva  
Sentinel – Bro. Albert A. Ferri  
Chaplain – R.: W.: Alfred M. Cameron  
Marshal – W.: Leonard P. Sanford III  
Tyler – Bro. Ronald C. Hillegass  
Ritual Advisor –  
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–

### 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: Bro. Jason M. Nystrom & W.: William D. Stephens

**Visitation Committee:** Master and Wardens

### St. Alban's Association, Inc. – Directors

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