

St. Alban's Lodge No. 6, F.&A.M.
Trestleboard for April, 2018

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

www.stalbans6.org

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

Notice of Regular Communication – Wednesday, April 11 – 7:00 PM

The 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

The program for the evening will be an interesting presentation on witchcraft in 17th century New England. We are pleased to welcome back Dr. Charlotte Carrington-Farmer, who previously presented us with unique and fascinating information about Roger Williams. Expect to receive a deeper understanding of our history and the role that witchcraft represents.

NEW Website – www.stalbans6.org

Please take a few minutes to check out our newly launched website. It already contains information on the history of the lodge, lists the officers, and has a calendar of activities of St. Alban's Lodge and events of interest to the members. If anyone has comments or suggestions, please contact the Secretary.

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.

10 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. 15th R.: W.: David C. Lavery

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

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

From the East

Brethren:

I would like to first congratulate our new line of officers on a job well done opening and closing. All of the rehearsals have been paying off and it shows! Just a reminder that this month's communication will have a phenomenal program about witchcraft in New England during the 17th century.

We have quite a few things coming up in the way of community betterment, and I would like to thank you all for your support. I am most happy to announce that St. Alban's Lodge is a proud sponsor of a King Phillip Little League team and looks forward to becoming an even bigger part of the community.

The lodge will be participating in the Family Fun Day on April 21st at Mulligan's Island. You can play 9 holes of 3-hole golf or of miniature golf. This is sponsored by the Grand Lodge Ladies to raise funds for Ethan Place Assisted Living Facility. It is \$25/p and open to friends and family. **Contact me to reserve a spot on our teams.**

Also, in the month of May we plan on having all the Past Masters of St. Alban's come together to have their portraits done. I hope with the advanced notice we can have as many present as possible. Our photographer will also take a group picture. I am hoping we can have this done at our regular communication and, depending on time, we may have a small program to follow.

I hope everyone has a happy Easter or Passover season, and look forward to seeing everyone soon!

Warmest Regards,

M. J. Benevides

W.: Manuel J. Benevides
Master

Attest,

William D. Stephens

W.: William D. Stephens
Secretary

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From the West

Brethren, we attend Lodge for many various reasons. We attend Lodge for the purpose of admitting new members to our fraternity, to instruct them in the lessons and principles of our order and to strengthen and support each other. We attend Lodge to hand down to succeeding generations the knowledge and practice of our ritual and ceremonies, which we ourselves have inherited from our Masonic ancestors. These ceremonies typify great and immortal fundamental truths and inculcate the teachings of the fundamental principles of ancient Freemasonry.

“attending lodge is imperative”

I feel that attending Lodge is imperative to completing, what I call the cycle of knowledge. We all have something to contribute. When an experienced brother fails to attend Lodge he deprives himself the opportunity to teach and pass down his knowledge to others and when a newer Mason fails to attend Lodge he deprives himself the opportunity to learn and gain knowledge about the Craft. Either way the cycle of knowledge is broken.

Brethren, the future of Freemasonry depends on the cycle of knowledge and the preservation of our ritual and ceremonies. We are taught to have honesty of thought and deed, towards our God, our neighbors, and ourselves. We are also taught to strive towards the attainment of the perfect, absolute truth, the perfect understanding of all things human and divine. Nevertheless, by faith and perseverance we may continuously approach nearer and nearer to the truth, and such is the duty enjoined by us in a Freemason's lodge. As quoted by Richard Carlile: *“Freemasonry embracing a wider range, and having a nobler object in view, namely, the cultivation and improvement of the human mind”*.

Attending Lodge is sometimes taken too lightly. Brethren it is our duty to attend Lodge to keep the exchange of knowledge alive and if this is done the whole Craft will benefit. Brethren let us not forget our obligated duty to the whole Craft and ourselves in particular.

Fraternally,

W.: Timothy A. Pray, Senior Warden

Ongoing Events

Officer's Rehearsals	5:00 pm, each Sunday (unless otherwise discussed)
Craft Club / Doric Club	8:00 pm, 1 st Friday, Each Month
St. Alban's Assoc., Inc. - Board of Directors	4:00 pm, 1 st Sunday, Each Month (except February)

Upcoming Events

If St. Alban's events are cancelled, email notice will be sent to members, and it will be posted on Facebook.

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

Mar. 26th – 7:00 pm Jenks No. 24: **Grand Master's Visitation to the Metro District**

Mar. 27th – 5:00 pm Grand Lodge, East Providence: **Grand Master's Visitation to the Collegium Luminosum**

Apr. 2nd – 7:00 pm St. John's No. 1 – **Visitation of R.: W.: D.D.G.M. Robert A. Palazzo**

Apr. 8th – 5:00 pm St. Alban's No. 6: Officer's rehearsal

Apr. 11th – **7:00 pm St. Alban's No. 6: Regular Communication** – Dr. Charlotte Carrington-Farmer: “Witchcraft in 17th Century New England”

Apr. 15th – 5:00 pm Rehearsal

Apr. 21st – **Family Fun Day** at Mulligan's Island, Grand Lodge Ladies fundraiser – 3-hole and miniature golf

Apr. 28th – 5:30 pm **Grand Master's Testimonial Dinner**, Casino at Roger Williams Park (resv. by 4/14)

From the Secretary's Desk

If you or someone you know needs a ride to lodge, please let the Master or Secretary know. We are very happy to arrange transportation, as we all want to see you in lodge.

Upon hearing of the illness or passing of a member, or in need of assistance, please contact the Master or Secretary as soon as possible. Too often we find out after the fact.

DUES are DUE. If you haven't yet made your payment, please do so now, or advise the Secretary what arrangements you would like to make.

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St. Alban's Lodge – Officers for 2018

Elected

Worshipful Master – Manuel J. Benevides mj.benevides69@gmail.com	27 Vernon Ave., Bristol, R.I. 02809-4049	(401) 573-6056
Senior Warden – W.: Timothy A. Pray tapprint@tapprint.com	724 Hope St., Bristol, RI 02809-1931	(401) 253-3004
Junior Warden – W.: Rory A. Hanmer rhanmer@fullchannel.net	130 Sunrise Drive, Bristol, RI 02809-5021	(401) 447-6047
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 2018

Senior Deacon – W.: José J. DaSilva	Chaplain – R.: W.: Alfred M. Cameron
Junior Deacon – Bro. Robert N. Hopkins, Jr.	Marshall – W.: Jason M. Nystrom
Senior Steward – Brother Danny S. Cordeiro	Tyler – W.: Andrew C. Daigle
Junior Steward – Bro. Roger P. Adolphe	Musical Director – W.: Scott P. Jamieson
Sentinel – W.: Steven M. Mould	Ritual Advisor – W.: Andrew M. Giovannini
Co-Historians – Bro. Albert A. Ferri & – R.: W.: David C. Lavery	

Living Past Masters

Leonard P. Sanford III 1971–1972	Edward C. Boyd Jr. 2005–2007	Andrew M. Giovannini 2014–2015
Edward M Wiacek 1981–1983	Jeffrey R. Howlett 2007–2009	José J. DaSilva 2015–2016
William W. Jaycox 1994–1995	William D. Stephens 2009–2011	R. Andrew Benn 2016–2017
Edwin A. McClure 1996–1997	Scott S. Crawford 2011–2012	Jason M. Nystrom 2017–2018
Raymond C. Sartini 1998–1999	Timothy A. Pray 2012–2013	Manuel J. Benevides 2018-
Leonard P. Sanford III 2002-2005	Rory A. Hanmer 2013–2014	

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

Visitation Committee: Master and Wardens

St. Alban's Association, Inc. – Directors

Effective Feb. 14th, 2018

Manuel J. Benevides, Pres.	Timothy A. Pray, 1 st VP
Rory A. Hanmer, 2 nd VP	Edward M. Wiacek, Treas.
William D. Stephens, Sec.	José J. DaSilva
Robert N. Hopkins, Jr.	Benjamin J. Murray
Jason M. Nystrom	Leonard P. Sanford III