



The Trestle Board

Jenks Lodge #24 Riverside, RI

May 2026

Wardens and Brethren,

In our fourth meeting of the year, we were honored to host our District Deputy Grand Master R.W. Alsabe as his last visit to Jenks as a District Deputy. It was truly an honor to have him visit and be our Direct deputy this past year. We had R.W. Walter Hunt come present to us about Masonry and its beginning in the new Americas. This presentation was a recounting of the beginnings of Freemasonry in Rhode Island and Massachusetts which is a perfect example of Freemasonry being a progressive moral Science.

The foundations of Freemasonry in New England are deeply rooted in the colonial era, with Massachusetts serving as the primary gateway for the craft in North America. In 1733, Henry Price, a London-born tailor, received a deputation from the Grand Master of England to act as Provincial Grand Master for New England. This led to the establishment of St. John's Lodge in Boston, often cited as the first "regular" Masonic lodge in the American colonies. Freemasonry quickly became a social cornerstone for the merchant class and revolutionary thinkers alike; prominent figures such as Paul Revere and John Hancock later became members, cementing the fraternity's role in the intellectual and social fabric of Boston as the drums of independence began to beat.

In Rhode Island, the craft followed a slightly different but equally prestigious path, beginning in the maritime hub of Newport. In 1749, Thomas Oxnard, the Provincial Grand Master in Boston, granted a warrant for the formation of a lodge in Newport, which also adopted the name St. John's Lodge. A decade later, a second St. John's Lodge was established in Providence, reflecting the growing economic importance of the city. These early Rhode Island lodges were notable for their inclusivity during a restrictive era; for instance, the Newport lodge included several prominent Jewish merchants, such as Moses Michael Hays, who later became a Grand Master in Massachusetts. By 1791, the two local lodges joined forces to organize the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, formalizing a sovereign Masonic tradition.

Looking to the future our May meeting will have an "open house" for Parade Day. The lodge will open **May 25th at 8 AM**. (Pending dispensation, Brothers will receive due notice if this changes.) Food will be served around lunch time 11AM-12PM. The menu will be simple hotdogs and hamburgers "Grille food"

Finally, don't forget Jenks will be hosting JENKS TAVERN. Get your Tokens now for access and a Glass mug. This year's theme is The Revolution celebrating 250 years of American independence. I hope to see or at least speak with most of you soon.

Fraternally,

Andrew (AJ) Brockway WM Jenks #24

Meeting Information for the 1635th Stated Communication to be held May 25th, 2026

Lunch will be at 11:00am, cost is \$10.00, consisting of Backyard Grilled Hotdogs and Hamburgers Reservations are required by Thursday 5/21, email Dinner@jenkslodge.com to reserve.

Lodge will be opened in the Master Mason Degree at 8:00AM for its Stated Communication and any business which may regularly come before it.

Stick around after the meeting to watch the Riverside Memorial Day parade from our front porch!

Secretary's Quill

Dues are \$205.00 for the year 2026. They were Due by January 1st, 2026.

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Important Information:

Due to an increase in the cost to run the Lodge, the Jenks Trustees voted to increase annual dues to \$205.00 per year. Per our bylaws dues are payable on or before the first of the year. Also note Grand Lodge is increasing the per member assessment to \$44.00 per year.

2026 Dues notices were mailed out in December, If you have not please pay now at <https://jenks-lodge-annual-dues.cheddarup.com> or mail me a check this week.

Remember 2026 Dues were due on January 1st of 2025, if you still owe for last year, 2025, and cannot pay today, please contact me as soon as possible to avoid your suspension for non-payment of dues.

Upcoming Event Dates

5/18/26 Grand Lodge Annual.

5/23/26 Jenks Tavern Event.

5/27/26 at 8:00 AM Jenks Stated Communication **NOTE THIS IS A MORNING MEETING** Dress code is business casual pending Grand Lodge Dispensation (please watch for possible changes in your email



Worshipful Master
Andrew J Brockway



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Ritual Director	W. Robert Frank	Music Director	Kevin Jackson	Chaplain	W. Mark Kelleher

\$45 / 2 for \$80

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JOIN **MAY 23rd** at **6PM**



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ACCEPTED

LOCATED AT:

18 TURNER AVE, RIVERSIDE

