

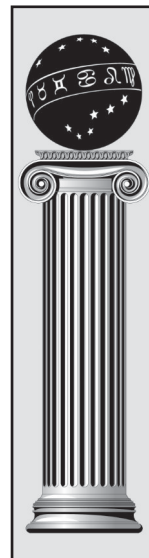


# ST. JOHNS LODGE No. ONE

## F. & A.M.

### PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

### CONSTITUTED - 1757



**September 2021**

**3901<sup>st</sup>  
Regular  
Communication**



R.: W.: Rick Baccus  
District Deputy Grand Master  
Metro District

R.: W.: Richard F. Lynch  
Grand Master of Ceremonies

M.: W.: Robert B. Ellston  
Grand Master

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Grand Marshal

**This Month's Communication: September 15, 2021**

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St. Johns Lodge meets the third Wednesday of every month, except July and August,  
at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 2115 Broad Street, Cranston, Rhode Island.  
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Wednesday, September 1, 2021  
Wednesday, September 8, 2021  
Wednesday, September 15, 2021  
Saturday, September 18, 2021

Officers Rehearsal  
Officers Rehearsal  
Saint Johns #1 Providence Communication  
Special Fraternal Visit to Friendship Lodge #7 Annual

7:00 PM  
7:00 PM  
6:00 PM  
7:30 PM

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

W.: Joshua A. Irizarry, Master

## Master's Message

Greetings Brothers,

After a year mostly spent apart from our brethren, families, and friends, it has been wonderful to get back into the familiar summer rhythms that mark the start of the Masonic year at Saint Johns Lodge #1 Providence!

SJ1P's Annual "Steak Fry" Banquet was held on June 24 at Rhodes on the Pawtucket. Although the look and feel of the Steak Fry were different this year, it was refreshing to once again be able freely enjoy drinks, steaks, cigars, and laughs with our brothers. We were similarly blessed with warm fellowship and perfect weather for our Family Picnic on August 1, and we owe Brother Junior Warden and his dedicated team our gratitude for putting together such a successful and well-attended event.

Throughout the summer, the lodge officers and I have been very busy with planning and logistics for the coming Masonic year. With the COVID-19 pandemic still an ongoing concern, we have worked to put multiple contingency plans in place to ensure that the Lodge will have the flexibility to adapt to any new developments while continuing the important work of Masonry. As Prudence commands us, "hope for the best, but prepare for the worst."

But we are still in a season of hope, and I am eagerly looking forward to September's Communication! The program for September's meeting is close to my heart: we will be presenting "*Stories from the Ashlar Project*" – three short interviews featuring memorable stories from our brethren about Saint Johns Lodge #1P and Freemasonry in Rhode Island.

If you've never heard of the Ashlar Project before, you're not alone – September's meeting will be its kick-off event!

**The Ashlar Project** is based on a simple idea: that each of us is a repository of valuable and irreplaceable stories and experiences of Freemasonry – years and decades of Masonic wisdom, memory, and history that once lost can never be recovered. The Ashlar Project is our chance to record and preserve the memories, stories – and most important – the faces and voices of our brothers before these things are lost forever. This type of project is known as an "oral history," and the goal is to create a lasting and ever-growing archive of memories and stories of the brethren of SJ1P to be kept by the Lodge for posterity.

These Ashlar Project interviews will be professionally recorded and edited and at first will be made available to Lodge members on a private website. After seeing for yourself how easy and fun the process can be, I hope that many of you, especially those brothers with long years in the quarries of Masonry, will take the time to add your memories, stories, and voices to the Ashlar Project in the months and years to come.

W. Joshua A. Irizarry

Joshua A. Irizarry  
Worshipful Master

*Light is sweet, and it pleases the eyes to see the sun.*  
- Ecclesiastes 11:7



## Get Well Wishes

**Edwin Fielder**

85 Lakehurst Drive, Coventry, RI 02816

**401-397-5637**

**Peter Dacany**

238 Suffolk Ave., Pawtucket, RI, 02861

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 Joshua A. Irizarry or any of the following Sick Committee members; Walter Kelly, Kenneth Phillips, Garabed Emdjian or contact Bob O'Brien at [bob.obrien@gmail.com](mailto:bob.obrien@gmail.com) or **401-487-4750**

## Lodge & District Events

Wednesday 9/01/21	<b>Officers Rehearsal</b>	7:00 PM
Saturday 9/04/21	<b>Logia Libertad UD</b>	7:30 PM
Wednesday 9/08/21	<b>Officers Rehearsal</b>	7:00 PM
Saturday 9/11/21	<b>Gaspee Chapter DeMolay</b>	10:30 AM
Tuesday 9/13/21	<b>Redwood #35</b>	6:30 PM
Tuesday 9/14/21	<b>Overseas Lodge #40</b>	6:30 PM
Wednesday 9/15/21	<b>Saint Johns #1 Providence</b>	6:00 PM
	Regular Communication	
Monday 9/20/21	<b>Rising Sun #30</b>	7:30 PM
Saturday 9/25/21	<b>Gaspee Chapter DeMolay</b>	10:30 AM
Monday 9/27/21	<b>Jenks Lodge #24</b>	7:00 PM
Wednesday 9/29/21	<b>Collegium Lvminosvm</b>	7:30 PM
Saturday 10/02/21	<b>Logia Libertad UD</b>	7:30 PM

## September 15th Monthly Communication

6:00 PM:	St. Johns open to transact such business as shall regularly come before it.
6:45 PM:	<b>Roast Beef, Stuffed Scrod</b> , Pasta, Roasted Potatoes, Honey-glazed Green Beans, Garden Salad
7:30 PM:	Program: <b>Stories from the Ashlar Project</b>

Call: Brother Senior Steward @ **401-861-1757**  
or email: [reservationsSJ1P@gmail.com](mailto:reservationsSJ1P@gmail.com)

No later than **Sunday, September 12th** for reservations.

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

## September's Program

### "Stories from the Ashlar Project"

– three short interviews featuring memorable stories from our brethren about Saint Johns Lodge #1P and Freemasonry in Rhode Island.

## *St. Johns Summer Outing*



**Fellowship  
at  
its  
finest**



## *Grand Master's Visitations*

November 13, 2021 .... **Northern District**  
Roger Williams Lodge No. 32

December 15, 2021 .... **Metro District**  
St Johns Lodge No. 1 Providence

January 8, 2022 .... **Central District**  
Daylight Lodge No. 48

March 8, 2022 .... **East Bay District**  
Washington Lodge No. 3

April 22, 2022 .... **Mother Lodge**  
Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 8

April 23, 2022 .... **Testimonial Dinner**

## *Metro District Meetings*

### **ANNUAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Overseas No. 40 ~ November 11, 2021

Jenks No. 24 ~ January 8, 2022

Redwood No. 35 ~ May 9, 2022

Logia Libertad ~ TBA

### **DDGM VISITATIONS**

Rising Sun No. 30 ~ October 18, 2021

Redwood No. 35 ~ January 10, 2022

Jenks No. 24 ~ March 28, 2022

\*Overseas No. 40 ~ April 12, 2022

St. Johns No. 1 Providence ~ April 20, 2022

Logia Libertad UD ~ TBA

\*Officer Forum

On Saturday, November 6, 2021 at 10 am, the *Children's Dyslexia Center of Rhode Island*, Scottish Rite's favorite charity, will hold its *12th Annual Race By the Bay*. It's a 10K and 5K race, which starts and finishes in the Masonic Youth Center on Long Street in Warwick. The course is USATF certified and in our twelve year history has become very popular with the running community.

This fundraiser has been successful in the past because of your help. I'm asking again if you can give us a few hours to help make this a success again. We rely on fundraisers and the generous support of the Masonic community to keep the Center operating at no cost to the students or families.

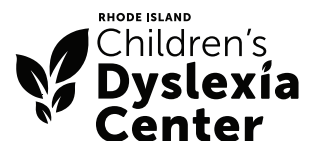
Thank you so much.

Please call:

Bob O'Brien

401-487-4750

bob.obrien@gmail.com





## St Johns Lodge Number One Providence ~ Officers 2021-2022

**Master: W. Joshua A. Irizarry**  
**Senior Warden: John B. Paliotta Junior Warden: Joseph J. Bernier**  
**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: Jason Shealy Junior Deacon: Robert Larrabee**  
**Senior Steward: William C. Gouge Junior Steward: William C. Gouge**



**Marshal: Robert W. Gervais**  
**Sentinel: Hugo A. Adames, II**  
**Tiler: Garabed Emdjian Associate Tiler: Thomas J. Kumes**  
**Master of Ceremonies W. Edward D. Bertrand Associate M.C.: W. Timothy L. Culhane**

**Musical Director: W. Larry Thienel**  
**Lodge Reporter: W. Timothy L. Culhane**  
**Finance Committee: W. Edward D. Bertrand, W. Scott E. Miller, Edward O. Quinn**

## 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  
 1985 Robert R. Mason  
 1986 Elton D. Ricker, Jr.  
 1993 Anthony Marcello, Jr.  
 1994-95 Thomas A. Ashley  
 1999-00 Clarence Soderberg, Jr.  
 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

### Unity Lodge No. 34

1969 George W. Haworth  
 1982-83 James Spooner

### Barney Merry Lodge No. 29

1967 Edward Swiszczy  
 1969 M. Lee Reed  
 1978 William E. Whetstone  
 1985 Paul R. Moran  
 1991 James Wishart  
 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.  
 2006-2007 Carl B. Willi  
 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

2016-2017 Stephen T. McGuire  
 2017-2018 Peter Iacobucci  
 2018-2019 Glenn S. Carlson  
 2020-2021 Gary S. Kaufman

## 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

\*deceased