

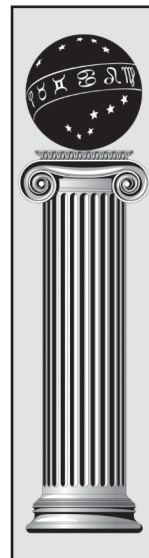


ST. JOHNS LODGE No. ONE

F. & A.M.

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

CONSTITUTED - 1757



October 2023

3923rd
Regular
Communication



R.: W.: Eric E. Grist
District Deputy Grand Master
Metro District

W.: John W. Kent III
Grand Master of Ceremonies

M.: W.: Douglas J. Grant
Grand Master

R.: W.: Michael R. Barbera
Grand Marshal

This Month's Communication: October 18, 2023

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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, October 4, 2023

Officers Rehearsal

7:00 PM

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

Officers Rehearsal

6:30 PM

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

St. Johns #1 P Communication EA Degree

5:30 PM

Saturday, October 21, 2023

St. Johns #1 P Communication EA Degree (Part II)

9:00 AM

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

W.: Joseph J. Bernier, Master

Master's Message

My Brothers,

Now that we are back from summer recess, St Johns Lodge No 1 Providence is bustling with activity and fraternal connections - you can absolutely feel the energy and it's invigorating. The September communication kicked off our year with a dynamic guest speaker, **R:W: Nicholas Ives** from the *Grand Lodge of Connecticut*. R:W: Nick spoke to us about Ouroboros Lodge No. 151, an observant lodge located in Wallingford, CT and shared why this lodge was created, what its members demand from this Masonic experience and how it operates differently from a traditional blue lodge. R:W: Nick is an incredibly engaging speaker and he echoed my belief that Masonic observance leads to excellence. As I've shared in many communications, the idea of observance and excellence is foundational to everything we do this year. I was certainly thrilled that **R:W: DDGM Eric Grist** and **M:W: GM Doug Grant** were both able to join us for the September meeting to kick off the year.



At our October Communication(s) we will be conferring the Entered Apprentice degree on our cohort of candidates. On Wednesday, 10/18 lodge will open at 5:30 pm to transact business. We will then enjoy dinner provided by our new caterer, *Cozy Catering*, and then will be performing the first section of the EA degree on five candidates. On Saturday, 10/21 we will be holding a special communication to continue with our EA degree work. Lodge will open early, and then starting at 9:00 am sharp, we will confer section one on the remainder of the candidates. Subsequently on Saturday, all the candidates will receive the lectures. I can attest to the fact that the officers have been focused and working diligently to put on an outstanding degree for our candidates. We have had several rehearsals and we are ready to deliver! Please come share in the experience and help us "wow" the candidates. We are reintroducing traditions to the already outstanding degree work performed by SJ1P and I expect that the degree will be memorable for not only the candidates but for you as well. Please join us and help us welcome and celebrate these new Brothers! Connecting with these new Brothers early is critical to their Masonic experience and encourages them to become active members in our esteemed lodge.

At our October communication we will also continue selling the SJ1P navy polos and khaki baseball hats. We currently have a variety of sizes available but quantities are limited. If you would like a polo or hat (or one of each), please get them while you can. The cost is \$20 each.

Lastly, a reminder that a dinner reservation for our monthly communications is absolutely required and due the Friday before our communication - this month that is Friday, 10/13. You can make your reservation for dinner with Brother Senior Steward via email at sjlprov@gmail.com or 401.861.1757. The cost of the meal with a reservation remains \$10. *IF* we can accommodate a Brother without a reservation the evening of the communication, the cost is \$20. A copy of the memo about reservations/catering/costs that was recently sent to members and is being included with this Trestleboard. If you have any questions, please contact me directly. Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter and your cooperation.

Fraternally,

W: Joseph J. Bernier

Joseph J. Bernier
Worshipful Master



Get Well Wishes

Peter McConaghy

401-641-5660

81 Norton Avenue, Cranston, RI 02920

Lino Martin

976 Long View Drive, North Attleboro, MA 02760

Darryl Triggs

401-632-6817

31 Remington Farm Drive, Coventry, RI 02816

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 W: Joseph J. Bernier or any of the following **Sick and Distressed Committee** members; Walter Kelly, Kenneth Phillips, Karapet Emdjian or contact Bob O'Brien at bob.obrien@gmail.com or **401-487-4750**

If you know of a brother who is ill, recuperating, house bound or we just haven't seen in a while, please contact someone on the **Sick and Distressed Committee**.

Lodge & District Events

Wednesday 10/04/23	Officers Rehearsal	7:00 PM
Monday 10/04/23	Redwood Lodge #35	7:00 PM
Saturday 10/07/23	Logia Libertad #50	7:00 PM
Tuesday 10/10/23	Overseas Lodge #40	6:30 PM
Wednesday 10/11/23	Officers Rehearsal	6:30 PM
Saturday 10/14/23	Gaspee Chapter DeMolay	2:00 PM
Monday 10/16/23	Rising Sun #30	7:30 PM
	DDGM's Visitation (Metro District)	
	and Officer Forum	
Wednesday 10/18/23	St Johns #1 Providence	5:30 PM
Saturday 10/21/23	St Johns #1 P Special	9:00 AM
Monday 10/23/23	Jenks Lodge No. 24	7:30 PM
Saturday 10/28/23	Gaspee Chapter DeMolay	2:00 PM
Friday 11/03/23	Logia Libertad #50	7:30 PM
	DDGM's Visitation (Metro District)	
Saturday 11/04/23	Friendship Lodge #7	7:30 PM
	GM's Visitation (Northern District)	

October 18th Monthly Communication

- 5:30 PM: St. Johns open to transact such business as shall regularly come before it.
- 6:15 PM: Dinner: **Chicken Saltimbocca** and **Baked Stuffed Filet of Sole** stuffed with crabmeat.
A limited number of fish meals available with reservation.
- 7:00 PM: EA Degree

Call: Brother Senior Steward @ **401-861-1757**

or email: sjlprov@gmail.com

No later than **Friday, October 13th** for reservations.

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

In Memoriam

Worshipful Brother James Franklin Wishart

Born January 31, 1932

Barney Merry Lodge #29

St. Johns Lodge #1 Providence

Entered Apprentice degree January 20, 1987

Fellowcraft degree March 17, 1987

Master Mason degree May 19, 1987

Signed the By Laws of Barney Merry Lodge #29

June 16, 1987

Affiliated with St. Johns Lodge #1 Providence

June 22, 2001

Departed August 22, 2023

91 years



In Memoriam

Worshipful Brother Marion Lee Reed

Born July 18, 1931

Barney Merry Lodge #29

St. Johns Lodge #1 Providence

Entered Apprentice degree March 21, 1961

Fellowcraft degree April 18, 1961

Master Mason degree May 16, 1961

Signed the By Laws of Barney Merry Lodge #29

June 20, 1961

Worshipful Master of Barney Merry 1969

Affiliated with St. Johns Lodge #1 Providence

June 22, 2001

Grand Lodge 50 year veteran's medal 2011

Departed August 16, 2023

92 years

Ballot on Petition to Join by Degrees

Mr. Lenine P. Camacho

1219 Narragansett Pkwy., Warwick, R.I.

CONGRATULATIONS

M. . W. . Wyman P. Hallstrom, Jr.

Recipient of the St. Johns Lodge Distinguished Service Medal

Brother Junior Deacon Scott Alexander

and **Brother William Mott**

St. Johns Lodge Man of the Year (Two Recipients)

GRAND MASTER'S OFFICIAL VISITATIONS

November 4, 2023 **Northern District**

Friendship Lodge No. 7

December 5, 2023 **East Bay District**

St Pauls Lodge No. 14

January 22, 2024 **Mother Lodge**

Jenks Lodge No. 24

March 7, 2024 **Southern District**

Mt Vernon Lodge No. 4

April 19, 2024 **Central District**

Manchester Lodge No. 12

April 5, 2024 ... Testimonial Dinner



Grand Lodge Fall Festival

MW Douglas J Grant and Lady Cathy

Invite you to dine and dance with them on **Saturday, November 18, 2023**

Quidnessett Country Club

950 North Quidnessett Rd, North Kingstown, RI

6:00p.m. Social Hour, 7:00p.m dinner

\$40.00 per person

Dinner Choice: Braised Short Rib, Baked Scrod or Vegetarian

Music by Steve Anthony and the Persuasion Photo Booth* and more*

RSVP by November 7, 2023

Tickets may be purchased at the *Grand Lodge Office*

222 Taunton Ave, East Providence, RI



METRO DISTRICT MEETINGS

ANNUAL COMMUNICATIONS

Overseas No. 40 November 11, 2023

Jenks No. 24 January 6, 2024

Redwood No. 35 May 13, 2024

Rising Sun No.30 May 24, 2024

St. Johns No. 1 Providence June 24, 2024

Logia Libertad UD TBD

VISITATIONS

* Rising Sun No. 30October 16, 2023

Logia Libertad.....November 3 2023

Redwood No. 35January 8, 2024

Jenks No. 24March 25, 2024

Overseas No. 40.....April 9, 2024

St. Johns No. 1 ProvidenceApril 17, 2024

* Officer Forum

St Johns Lodge Number One Providence ~ Officers 2022-2023

Master: W.: Joseph J. Bernier
Senior Warden: Jason Shealy **Junior Warden: Robert Larrabee**
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: William C. Gouge **Junior Deacon: Scott C. Alexander**
Senior Steward: Jeffrey Parker **Junior Steward: Octavio Gomez**



Marshal: W.: John B. Paliotta
Sentinel: Sean C. Paley
Tiler: Karapet Emdjian **Associate Tiler: Thomas J. Kumes**
Master of Ceremonies W.: Timothy L. Culhane **Associate M.C.: R.: W.: Kenneth B. Phillips**

Musical Director: W.: Larry Thienel
Lodge Reporter: W.: Timothy L. Culhane
Finance Committee: W.: Edward D. Bertrand (2026), W.: Scott E. Miller (2025), Edward O. Quinn (2024)

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
 1986 Elton D. Ricker, Jr.
 1993 Anthony Marcello, Jr.
 1994-95 Thomas A. Ashley
 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
 2021 Joshua A. Irizarry
 2022 John B. Paliotta

Unity Lodge No. 34

1969 George W. Haworth

Barney Merry Lodge No. 29

1978 William E. Whetstone
 1985 Paul R. Moran
 1990 David Lancaster
 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.

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
 2017-2017 Stephen T. McGuire

2017-2018 Peter Iacobucci
 2018-2019 Glenn S. Carlson
 2020-2021 Gary S. Kaufman
 2021-2022 Robert B. Ellston
 2022-2023 Robert A. Palazzo



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
 2023 M.: W.: Wyman P. Hallstrom, Jr.

*deceased

September 13, 2023

Re: Dinner Reservations for All St Johns 1P Communications

Brethren,

The Worshipful Master and Wardens are working to improve the quality of the dining experience at St Johns 1P communications. To that end, we have contracted with a new caterer with the expectation of improved selection and food quality. But, in an effort to contain costs and minimize waste, we must now address and enforce our meal reservation requirement.

All brothers wishing to dine at one of our communications must make their reservation by the reservation date found in the Trestleboard (the Friday before our communication can be used as the rule of thumb for the reservation date.) Reservations are to be made with Brother Senior Steward via email at sj1prov@gmail.com or 401.861.1757. In order to meet our quality expectations, the caterer requires an accurate count well in advance of our communication. Most importantly, we cannot just order "extra" each month because, as we all know from our personal lives, the cost of food has increased so significantly that this is prohibitive. The cost of meals remains \$10 with a reservation (at \$10 SJ1P is subsidizing each meal.) If we can accommodate a brother without a reservation the night of a communication, the cost will be \$20 but there is absolutely NO guarantee.

Some brothers have requested to be on the reservation list "permanently" in order to avoid making reservations monthly. To accommodate this request, any brother wishing to be on the RSVP list for the entire year can prepay. A year of meals will be \$100 (\$10 per meal x 10 communications). If this option is selected later in the year, it can be prorated to the number of remaining communications.

Notes:

- Prepaid meals are not refundable nor transferable.
- Brothers may not pick and choose specific months for which to purchase meals.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Worshipful Master, Joe Bernier, directly at joseph.j.bernier@gmail.com or 401.261.9324. The Officers of SJ1P are working very hard to bring you a year filled with Masonic excellence and your cooperation with dinner reservations will help ensure we are ALL able to enjoy meals throughout the Masonic year.

Fraternally and with thanks,

W: Joseph J. Bernier

Joseph J. Bernier
Worshipful Master