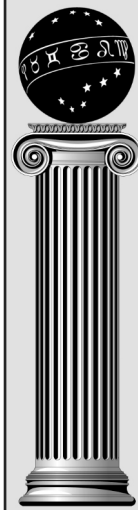


ST. JOHNS LODGE No. ONE

F. & A.M.

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

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December 2024

3935th
Regular
Communication



R.: W.: Stephan H. Saraidarian
District Deputy Grand Master
Metro District

W.: Jason J. Rainone
Grand Master of Ceremonies

M.: W.: Andre H. Faria
Grand Master

R.: W.: Brandt Evans
Grand Marshal

This Month's Communication: December 18, 2024

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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.

Telephone: 401-223-7041

Secretary's mailing Address: P.O. Box 8397 Warwick, R.I. 02888-0397

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Wednesday, December 11, 2024

Officers Rehearsal

6:30 PM

Saturday, December 14, 2024

Holiday Baskets

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Wednesday, December 18, 2024

St. Johns Lodge #1 Providence

6:00 PM

Friday, December 20, 2024

St. Johns Holiday Party

6:00 PM

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

W.: Jason Shealy, Master

Master's Message

Greetings My Brothers,

I hope your Thanksgiving was delightful, and that you were able to get rest as you celebrated with your families. The concentration of so many civic and religious holidays in the six short weeks between mid-November and the New Year may sometimes cause us to lose sight of the rest which this time is meant to afford us.

Our December lodge schedule is comparatively light. Our annual **Holiday Baskets** project will be at the Scottish Rite on *Saturday, December 14th*. Set up begins at 6AM, with baskets to be filled starting at 8AM. Pickup will begin after 9AM, or as soon as the baskets are filled. If you wish to secure a holiday basket, please call *Bro Hugo Adames, Jr*, or *Bro Thom Kumes*. They will secure your basket reservation. The deadline to request a basket is December 13th at 5PM.



For our December program, the officers and I will attempt something you don't often see in Blue Lodge. We will put on a show for you, a rough but fun version of the Charles Dickens holiday classic "A Christmas Carol." Many of us are part of concordant Masonic bodies where community theater and some light acting are crucial elements of those meetings. While I don't expect the SJ1P Players to compete with the fine work done by our Scottish Rite brothers, we will certainly do our best to entertain you! I have long appreciated the Masonic overtones found throughout this story, in particular those Masonic virtues of **faith, hope, and charity**. Our goal is to give you a very truncated and entertaining version of that story, to help us all remember what is truly important in life.

This year, our **Holiday Party** will be at *Quidnessett Country Club*, which is a departure from our usual venue at Alpine in Cranston. We will have cocktail hour from 6-7PM, with appetizers and a string quartet for entertainment. Dinner will be served at 7PM, with dueling pianos as our primary entertainment from 7-9PM. The reservation flier for the party was included in last month's Trestleboard, but you may still make reservations with *Brother JW Bill Gouge*, through December 6th. Please reach out to him with any questions. I must give special thanks to my wife Betsy for her hard work in helping me plan this party. We are looking forward to a wonderful evening of joy and levity.

Looking slightly ahead to January, our officers will put on the Fellowcraft Degree for our eight Entered Apprentice brothers. Preparations for that degree are well underway, and I have full confidence that both the candidates and brothers on the sidelines will enjoy the degree work very much.

Thank you for your continued support of St Johns 1P. The officers and I wish you a very blessed holiday season, and a prosperous New Year.

Fraternally yours,

W.: Charles Jason Shealy

Charles Jason Shealy
Master, St Johns No 1 Providence



Get Well Wishes

Lino Martin

976 Long View Drive, North Attleboro, MA 02760

Michael Northup

401-439-4099

131 Elm St Apt. A, Stonington, CT 06378-1177

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.:** **Jason Shealy** 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**

Ballot on Petition to Join by Affiliation

Jason Greene – Daylight Lodge #48

Alfonso Palazzo – Overseas Lodge #40

Lodge & District Events

Saturday 12/07/24	Logia Libertad #50	7:30 PM
Tuesday 12/10/24	Overseas Lodge #40	7:00 PM
Wednesday 12/11/24	Officers Rehearsal	6:30 PM
Saturday 12/14/24	Holiday Baskets	6:00 AM
Saturday 12/14/24	Gaspee Chapter DeMolay	2:00 PM
Monday 12/16/24	Rising Sun #30	7:00 PM
Monday 12/16/24	Jenks Lodge No. 24	7:30 PM
Wednesday 12/18/24	St. Johns #1 P	5:30 PM
Friday 12/20/24	St. Johns #1 P Holiday Party	6:00 PM
Saturday 12/28/24	Gaspee Chapter DeMolay	2:00 PM
Saturday, 01/04/25	Jenks Lodge No. 24	4:30 PM
	Annual Communication	

December 18th Monthly Communication

- 6:00 PM: St. Johns open to transact such business as shall regularly come before it.
- 6:45 PM: Dinner
- 7:30 PM: Program

Call: Brother Senior Steward @ **401-861-1757**
or email: *sjlprov@gmail.com*

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

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

Congratulations!!

R.: W.: Deputy Grand Master
Rick Baccus
Grand Master elect for 2025-2026

In Memoriam

Brother Porfirio R. Dacanay

Born August 4, 1945

Barney Merry #29

St. Johns Lodge #1 Providence

Daylight Lodge #48

Entered Apprentice degree February 10, 2001

Fellowcraft degree April 6, 2001

Master Mason degree May 16, 2001

Signed the by-laws June 19, 2001

Departed November 12, 2024

79 years

In Memoriam

Brother Dickran Palian

Orpheus Lodge #36

T. S. W. Lodge #43

St. Johns Lodge #1 Providence

Born December 4., 1931

Entered Apprentice degree June 20, 1955

Fellowcraft degree September 19, 1955

Master Mason degree October 17, 1955

Signed the By Laws November 21, 1955

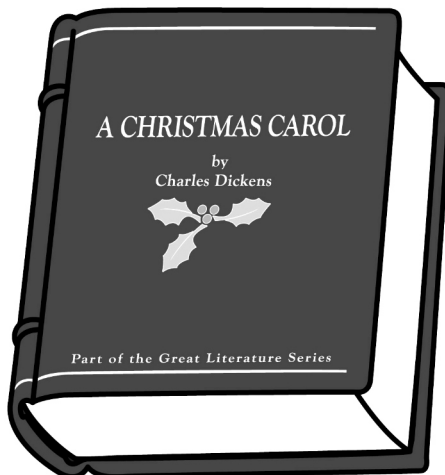
50year Veterans Medal 2005

Departed November 20, 2024

92 years



December's Program



Like you've never seen it before!!

2024 Holiday Food Baskets

Saturday, December 14th at Scottish Rite

2115 Broad St. Cranston RI. 02905

Set-up from 6:30am – 8am

Basket event 8am -10am

FOR BASKET RESERVATIONS

All brothers who wish to receive a basket please call:

*Bro.: Hugo Adames II. @ 401-366-2766

Associate Tiler: Bro. Thomas Kumes @ (401)465-4458

Please only use the #s provided here for your reservation. Once you have made your reservation at these #s you will be put on the list. There will be no need for a call back or a confirmation, leaving your message will take care of your reservation.

Limit one (1) basket per Brother! The hard deadline

Will be Friday the 13th @ 5 PM.

If you request a basket and do not claim it the day of, you will be billed \$85 for the cost of the basket and your basket will also be given away to a needy family!

Thank you for your cooperation and diligence.

St. Johns Lodge 1P wishes all our brethren and their families a happy and blessed holiday season.

Bros. Thomas Kumes & Hugo Adames II



Also PICKUp time is from 9am(ish) to 10am. We MUST/WILL be out of the building by 10:30am so PLEASE plan accordingly, additional baskets(if available) will be distributed at 10am to 10:30am, Thank you.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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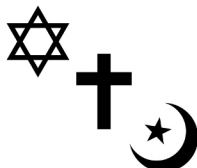
HAPPY HANUKKAH

FROM THE MASTER, WARDENS

AND OFFICERS

OF ST. JOHNS NO.1 PROVIDENCE

**PEACE
ON EARTH**



St Johns Lodge Number One Providence ~ Officers 2024-2025

Master: W.: Jason Shealy

Senior Warden: Robert Larrabee Junior Warden: William C. Gouge

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: Scott C. Alexander Junior Deacon: John P. Gauthier
Senior Steward: Octavio Gomez Junior Steward: Sean C. Paley*



*Marshal: W.: Joshua A. Irizarry
Sentinel: Alan Vukas*

*Tiler: Karapet Emdjian Associate Tiler: Thomas J. Kumes
Master of Ceremonies R.: W.: Timothy L. Culhane*

Lodge Reporter: W.: Timothy L. Culhane

Finance Committee: W.: Edward D. Bertrand (2026), W.: Scott E. Miller (2025), Edward O. Quinn (2027)

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 DiScuillo
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
2023 Joseph J. Bernier

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 DiScuillo
2000-2001 Benjamin A. Phillips
2001-2002 Dennis W. Pothier
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
2016-2017 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
2023-2024 Douglas J. Grant



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 DiScuillo
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