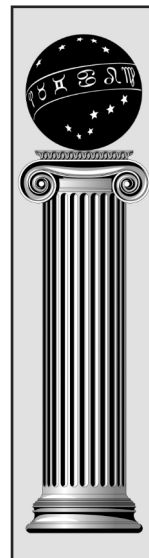


ST. JOHNS LODGE No. ONE

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September 2024

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Communication



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Wednesday, September 04, 2024

Officers Rehearsal

6:30 PM

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

Officers Rehearsal

6:30 PM

Friday, September 13, 2024

Grand Master's Visitation-Northern District

6:30 PM

Mt. Moriah Lodge #8

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

St. Johns Lodge #1 Providence

5:30 PM

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

W.: Jason Shealy, Master

Master's Message

Greetings My Brothers,

It's that time of year again! The summer days are slowly cooling down, the back to school season is well underway (much to the chagrin of my children), and our lodge will soon reconvene for another year of good work in the quarries of Freemasonry. I hope your summer experiences were relaxing and enjoyable, and that you are as excited about the coming year as I am. Welcome back!

It was a busy summer indeed. We enjoyed our annual St Johns family picnic on August 4th, where we hosted over 100 brothers, family, and guests. It was a delightful afternoon of food and fellowship. I want to thank brother **Junior Warden Bill Gouge** for heading up the picnic committee. Thanks to his hard work, as well as that of our officer line, our picnic went off without a hitch. We were fortunate to have most of our 2024-2025 candidate class there as well, which gave them an opportunity to get to know each other, as well as the lodge brothers. They are enthusiastic about taking the degrees, and it will be an honor for our officer line to give them the finest experience possible. At our picnic, we also held a 50/50 raffle to benefit the *Rhode Island School for the Deaf's* after-school and athletics programs, for which we raised close to \$400! My thanks to all of our SJIP brothers and families for their exceptional generosity towards this worthy charitable cause.

At the end of August, the St Johns 1P officers gathered for our annual organizational meeting. I am confident in saying that we are well-prepared for the coming year. Your line officers remain the most committed and impressive group of brothers I have had the good fortune to work alongside. We spent ample time reviewing the calendar ahead of us, and my brothers, it is going to be BUSY between now and December! We have three high quality programs scheduled, as well as a large class of candidates to take the EA degree in October.

For September's program, the **Rhode Island School for the Deaf** will come to visit our lodge. September is Deaf Awareness Month, so having RISDeaf come to speak to us about the school, its mission, Deaf culture, and more, will be both a delightful and timely program. Please note we will open the lodge at 5:30PM, as we also have quite a lot of business to get through, in addition to our program agenda.

In October, we will confer the EA degree upon our new group of candidates. You may have noticed that to this point, I have not specified the number of candidates. We currently have four candidates voted and ready to take the degrees. As many as SIX additional candidates are in the pipeline for investigation and voting. The lodge and officers are preparing to conduct the EA degree over two sessions in October, to be split between our stated communication on October 16th, and a special communication on October 19th. It is a blessing to have so many applicants to our lodge! We continue to guard the West gate, as we follow the appropriate application and investigation procedures which have served us so well. But still, I am enthusiastic about having such a robust class.

A friendly reminder that RSVPs for dinner at each communication are **mandatory**. Our stewards are talented at slightly over-estimating the meal count for a given meeting, but we don't want to make them guess at who is coming. If you expect you will be in attendance for dinner, **please send in your RSVP!** In the event you do not, you will be asked to wait until all RSVPed brothers have gone through the line, at which point we will gladly receive you to dine with the lodge. Thank you, brethren, for making our steward's jobs just a little bit easier.

As I traveled this summer, I frequently found myself in the company of brethren from other lodges. In particular, while at Camp Yawgoog with



my children in July, I was delighted to spend time in the company of brothers from no fewer than four other Masonic lodges from within the jurisdiction! Along with the opportunities afforded by Grand Lodge gatherings, each of these meetings gave opportunity to listen and learn from these brothers, on all manner of subjects. We discussed degree and ritual differences between lodges, how best to engage with the families of our brothers, whether or not we charge too much (or too little!) in dues, among other things.

Through all of these discussions, I realized how fortunate we are at St Johns 1P to have such a vibrant and enthusiastic lodge culture. There are many great lodges in our jurisdiction, and we remain among the most active and dedicated. We have worked hard to earn our reputation for Masonic excellence. It is, therefore, vital that we remember how we earned that reputation; by devotion to hard work, dedication, and commitment to the causes of the Craft. We must continue that good work, day after day, never resting on our laurels contented with these momentary blessings of good fortune.

I believe in this lodge, and the officers who dedicate their time and energy to it. We will serve it with joy, conviction, and good old fashioned hard work. As my grandfather used to say, "that corn ain't gonna shuck itself."

My brothers, I look forward to enjoying with you another exceptional year of Masonic life at St Johns Lodge No 1 Providence.

Fraternally,

W.: Charles Jason Shealy

Charles Jason Shealy
Master, St Johns No 1 Providence



Get Well Wishes

Lino Martin

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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**

September 18th Monthly Communication

- 5:30 PM: St. Johns open to transact such business
as shall regularly come before it.
6:30 PM: Dinner
7:30 PM: Program

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

or email: sjlprov@gmail.com

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

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

September Program

Rhode Island School for the Deaf

"Deaf Awareness"



Lodge & District Events

Wednesday 09/04/24	Officers Rehearsal	6:30 PM
Saturday 09/07/24	Logia Libertad #50	7:30 PM
Monday 09/09/24	Redwood Lodge #35	7:30 PM
Tuesday 09/10/24	Overseas Lodge #40	7:00 PM
Wednesday 09/11/24	Officers Rehearsal	6:30 PM
Friday 09/13/24	Grand Master's Visitation	6:30 PM
	Mt. Moriah #8 (Northern District)	
Saturday 09/14/24	Gaspee Chapter DeMolay	2:00 PM
Monday 09/16/24	Rising Sun #30	7:30 PM
Wednesday 09/18/24	St. Johns #1 Providence	5:30 PM
Monday 09/23/24	Jenks Lodge No. 24	7:30 PM
Saturday 09/28/24	Gaspee Chapter DeMolay	2:00 PM

Ballot on Petition to Join by Affiliation

M. W. Douglas Grant
Jenks Lodge #24

Ballot on Petition to Join by Degrees

Justice Agholor
Rankin St., Providence, R I



St. Johns Lodge #1 Providence Service Awards 2024

25 Years

John C. Jorgensen, 98 Dean Rd., East Lyme, CT, 06333

30 Years

Neville "Rusty" Booth, 43 Hill St, West Warwick, RI, 02893

William G. Dawless, 32 Squirrels Run, West Greenwich, RI, 02817

Stephen E. Mottau, 17 Edge St, West Warwick, RI, 02893 829-8155

Steven E. Smith, 31 Edmund H. Nichols Rd., North Attleboro, MA, 02760

35 Years

Mekawy E. Elmekawy, 20 Cindy Ln, Cranston, RI, 02921

Frederick A. Morton, 107 Church Hill DR., Cranston, RI, 02920

Walter Jim Neri, 196 Park Ave., Cranston, RI, 02905

Gerald T. Plemmons, 46 Breakwater Ln., North Kingstown, RI, 02852

Eugene W. Thibeault, 133 Wolomolopoag St., Sharon, MA, 02067

40 Years

Donald R. Goffe, 123 Johnson Blvd., Coventry, RI, 02816

Terry L. Goffe, 39 Grenore St., Warwick, RI, 02888

James S. Miller, 95639 Arbor Ln., Fernandina Beach, FL, 32034

Parker E. Smith, 845 Wakefield St., Apt. 602, West Warwick, RI, 02893

Duncan C. Watson, 34 Breeze Ave., Riverside, RI, 02915

45 Years

Gregory W. Dexter, 23 Mockingbird Dr., Danielson, CT, 06239

50 Years

Stephen G. Creasey, 144 Cypress Cir., Bainbridge, GA, 39819

Andrew M. Erickson, 112 Rockhurst, Trl, Ponte Verda, FL, 32081

George M. Hanrahan, 49 Rice City Rd., Greene, RI, 02827

William E. Whetstone, 1110 S Highway 80, Trir 103, Benson, AZ, 85602

Elton D. Ricker Jr., 360 Mishnock, RD, West Greenwich, RI, 02817

55 Years

William H. Lacross, 7 Ginger Trl., Coventry, RI, 02816

60 Years

Leon T. Nahigian, 64 Sheffield Rd., Cranston, RI, 02920

65 Years

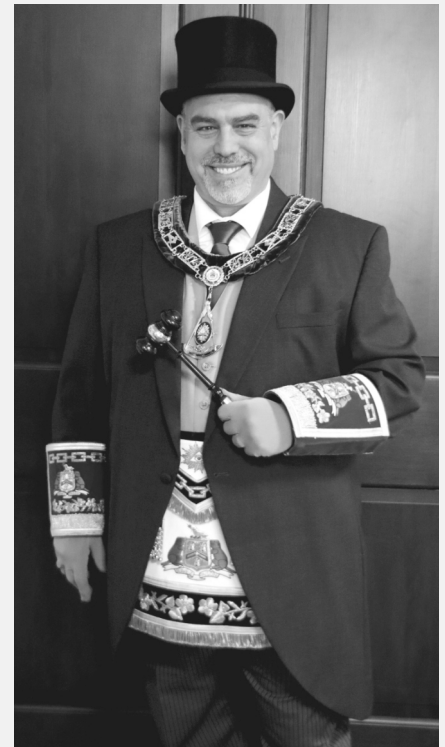
Jack Nalbandian, 51 Kettle Ct., North Kingstown, RI, 02852

70 Years

Dana L. Hutchins, 7333 E 58th Ct., Tulsa, OK, 74145

Thomas E. Moore, 48 Dale Ave, Cranston, RI, 02910

Most Worshipful Brother Andre H. Faria



**Our 169th Grand Master for the
State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations**

*It is not what we earn,
but what we save ... that makes us rich.
It is not what we read, but what we
remember ... that makes us learned.
It is not what we profess, but what we
practice ... that makes us Masons!
Love of country is the Mason's deed;
world citizenship is his thought.*

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

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 (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 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
 2024 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 DiScullo
 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



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