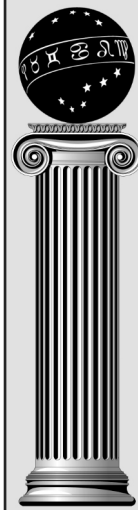


ST. JOHNS LODGE No. ONE

F. & A.M.

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

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January 2025

3936th
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: January 15, 2025

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Wednesday, January 8, 2025	Officers Rehearsal	6:30 PM
Thursday, January 9, 2025	Officers Rehearsal	6:30 PM
Saturday, January 11, 2025	Grand Master's Visitation - Ionic Lodge #28	7:30 PM
Wednesday, January 15, 2025	St. Johns Lodge #1 Providence - FC Degree	5:30 PM

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

W.: Jason Shealy, Master

Master's Message

Greetings My Brothers,

Happy New Year! I hope you enjoyed the holiday season, and that the break from the hustle and bustle was pleasant for you and your families. December was certainly full of hustle and bustle for St Johns 1P. We had a fantastic turnout for our annual Holiday Baskets charity event, where we built and delivered 75 food baskets to needy families in our communities. Thanks to the committee who tirelessly put this program together each year, in particular **Brothers Hugo Adames II, Thom Kumes, Bill Mott, and Ken Norman**. Thanks as well to our brothers at **Daylight Lodge** who fed us breakfast, as is their tradition at this event. It was an excellent morning of service to others, which is my favorite kind of Freemasonry.



The program in December was particularly seasonal. The officers gave a rendition of the Charles Dickens classic "A Christmas Carol." While it was a little rough around the edges, the performance was great fun for the officers. The brothers in the lodge were genuinely delighted by our efforts to bring them this classic tale of charity and redemption. Thanks to our officers for their willingness to go along with this crazy idea! Particular thanks also goes to our **District Deputy RW Stephan Saraidarian**, who joined the cast just an hour before the performance. A cast member needed to deal with an emergent situation, and RW Stephan agreed to fill in with no rehearsal or notice. I must say, he was the loveliest "Mrs Cratchet" that I've ever seen.

Of course, this time of year wouldn't be complete without the annual St Johns 1P holiday party. What a holiday party it was! We gathered at the *Quidnessett Country Club*, with live music from a string quartet during cocktail hour, and dueling pianos for the remainder of the evening. We enjoyed caroling, dancing, and most importantly, we brought back the great SJIP tradition of singing of the 12 Days of Christmas together. It truly was a wonderful, joyous experience to share with the lodge. I owe a huge debt of gratitude to my wife **Betsy Shealy**, who began planning the event over the summer. The centerpieces, the place settings, the several decorations throughout the room, were a result of her commitment to hosting a fantastic event. This party would not have been half as enjoyable were it not for her hard work these last few months. Thanks honey!

Looking to January, we will be conducting the Fellowcraft degree for our several EA brothers. Please plan to attend if you are able. We will observe the proficiency examinations of our EA brothers, and Bro SD Scott Alexander will deliver a spectacular Middle Chamber lecture. Please come to support our brother and observe the fruitfulness of his labors in learning this most valuable of Masonic lectures.

As we come upon the New Year, we enter the season of change and new resolutions. I'm always struck by the societal tendency to create new goals at this specific time of year. Maybe it works for some folks, but I never found it particularly useful. A New Year's resolution better serves us when it is reflective of our current condition, the trajectory we are on, and the goal we wish to achieve. Being realistic in this way, we are more likely to improve ourselves and our communities than by going big or going home. Sometimes setting a big goal makes sense, but generally, the change and improvements which last are the small incremental steps we take along the way. My father has frequently said to me, "Jay, you know the difference between an oak tree and a pine tree? One of them is a tree, and the other is a weed." Allow growth to take the time it needs, is what I think he's saying. Southern colloquialisms are always fun to unpack.

Happy New Year to you, and may the blessings of Heaven continue to rest upon you and your families,

W.: Charles Jason Shealy

Charles Jason Shealy
Master, St Johns No 1 Providence



A new year doesn't bring change.

You do!

Get Well Wishes

Neville "Rusty" Booth, Jr.

43 Hall St. ,West Warwick, RI 02893-4631

401-486-1315

Lino Martin

976 Long View Drive, North Attleboro, MA 02760

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**

January 15th Monthly Communication

5:30 PM: St. Johns open to transact such business
as shall regularly come before it.

6:15 PM: Dinner

7:15 PM: FC Degree

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

or email: sj1prov@gmail.com

No later than **Friday, January 10th** for reservations.

Any Brother with special dietary needs beyond the listed menu,

please mention it in your message.

In Memoriam

Worshipful Brother Paul Richard Moran Sr.

Born September 8, 1934

Barney Merry #29

St. Johns Lodge #1 Providence

Entered Apprentice degree January 15, 1980

Fellowcraft degree April 15, 1980

Master Mason degree May 20, 1980

Signed the by-laws of Barney Merry June 17, 1980

Worshipful Master of Barney Merry 1985

Merged with St. John's June 22, 2001

Departed December 7, 2024

90 years



In Memoriam

Worshipful Brother Bernard LaBush

Born January 1, 1928

Orpheus #36

Thomas Smith Webb # 43

St. Johns Lodge #1 Providence

Entered Apprentice degree June 15, 1964

Fellowcraft degree September 21, 1964

Master Mason degree October 19, 1964

Signed the by-laws of Orpheus November 16, 1964

Worshipful Master of Thomas Smith Webb 1970

Merged with St. John's June 22, 2001

50 year Medal 2014

Departed December 27, 2024

96 years

Lodge & District Events

Saturday 01/04/25	Jenks Lodge No. 24	4:30 PM
	Annual Communication	
Saturday 01/04/25	Logia Libertad #50	7:30 PM
Wednesday 01/08/25	Officers Rehearsal	6:30 PM
Thursday 01/09/25	Officers Rehearsal	6:30 PM
Saturday 01/11/25	Grand Master's Visitation	7:30 PM
	Ionic Lodge #28 (Central District)	
Saturday 01/11/25	Gaspee Chapter DeMolay	2:00 PM
Monday 01/13/25	DDGM's Visitation	7:30 PM
	Redwood Lodge #35 - Officer Forum	
Tuesday 01/14/25	Overseas Lodge #40	7:00 PM
Wednesday 01/15/25	St. Johns #1 P - FC Degree	5:30 PM
Monday 01/20/25	Rising Sun #30	7:00 PM
Saturday 01/25/25	Gaspee Chapter DeMolay	2:00 PM
Monday 01/27/25	Jenks Lodge No. 24	7:30 PM

GRAND MASTER'S OFFICIAL VISITATIONS

January 11, 2025 **Central District**

Ionic Lodge No. 28

February 11, 2025 **Southern District**

Franklin Lodge No. 20

Special Visitation March 1, 2025 to Logia Libertad No 50

Special Visitation March 11, 2025

to Pythagorean Lodge, Marion, MA

April 7, 2025 **Mother Lodge**

St John's Lodge No. 1

TBD ... **Testimonial Dinner**

METRO DISTRICT MEETINGS

ANNUAL COMMUNICATIONS

Jenks No. 24 January 4, 2025

Redwood No. 35 May 12, 2025

Rising Sun No. 30 May 23, 2025

VISITATIONS

* Redwood No. 35 January 13, 2025

Logia Libertad 50 March 1, 2025

Jenks No. 24 March 24, 2025

Overseas No. 40 April 8, 2025

St. Johns No. 1 Providence April 16, 2025

* Officer Forum



"With the new day comes new strength and new thoughts."

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

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
 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 ^
 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