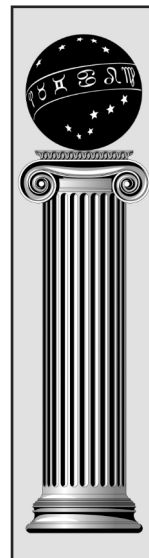


# ST. JOHNS LODGE No. ONE

## F. & A.M.

### PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

### CONSTITUTED - 1757



October 2025

3943<sup>rd</sup>  
Regular  
Communication



R.:W.: Mazen M. Alsabe  
District Deputy Grand Master  
Metro District

W.: Anthony M. Amaral  
Grand Master of Ceremonies

M.:W.: Rick Baccus  
Grand Master

R.:W.: Richard F. Lynch  
Grand Marshal

**This Month's Communication: October 15, 2025**

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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

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Wednesday, October 1, 2025

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

Saturday, October 11, 2025

Wednesday, October 15, 2025

Officers Rehearsal

Officers Rehearsal

St. Johns #1P Special Communication—EA Degree 9:00 AM

St. Johns Lodge #1P—EA Degree

Dinner

7:00 PM

7:00 PM

6:30 PM

5:30 PM

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

W.: Robert J. Larrabee, Master

## Master's Message

My Worthy Brothers,

"Oh, what a night!" Those lyrics from a famous song inspired me to realize that you'll never forget your first meeting from the vantage point of the Master's chair at St Johns Lodge No. 1 Providence. Not surprisingly, in the aftermath of that night, that's exactly how I feel. I have many to thank for that.

My personal thanks go out to all the members and guests who took the time to dine with us and engage with the work of the evening, more especially those Brothers who participated in the festivities that we witnessed.

Transformation was the theme of the night, just ask **Br. Chris Baker, W. Br. Bryan Cooper, Br. John Gauthier, Br. Joe Giorno, Br. Octavio Gomez and Br. Joseph Puleo**. To say that they 'wore' the evidence is an understatement. Oh yes, we have the pictures to prove it. Video too, just ask and you shall receive.

As a personal and Lodge goal for my time in the East, I'm committed to supporting our Masonic Youth Groups. To that end, the SJIP-sponsored *Warwick Assembly of Rainbow Girls*, under the guidance of their Mother Advisor, **Ms. Andrea Tovar Barrigan** (Draya as she's known in IORG circles and on my phone) performed their 'Fun' degree, which, as we all saw and a select few experienced, is as it reads: a very fun degree! The Rainbow girls enthusiastically performed their ceremony spoofing their ritualistic degree as a fun opportunity to make Masons into Rainbow girls, just like them! Indeed!

Curiously, I did solicit some thoughts from our newly created 'Rainbows' about their take away from their experience. For sure it's too lengthy to publish in its entirety.

Suffice to say they unanimously expressed sentiments alluding to the mutual interactions relative to ritual and being conducted around the Lodge by the girls in a Masonic context. All while having some lighthearted fun!

And, oh yeah, all of that and 'Octavia' skipping with joy, all the while trying to catch up to 'Rapunzel.' That quest was an epic fail. I was also amused to learn that at least one new 'Rainbow' had nary a single dollar to pony up for their dues card. Tsk tsk tsk.

In September, having our dinner precede the Lodge opening seemed to work as well as hoped. Possibly even better as I witnessed Brothers and guests dining, leisurely conversing, and for me, the best part was no long line waiting to be served. Your feedback on this new SJIP concept is welcomed.

With that said, this is an opportune time to mention that at October 15th's stated communication, dinner will begin @ 5:30 PM due to the work of the evening, which will be SJIP's Entered Apprentice (EA) degree on all candidates eligible to receive it. Lodge will open @ 6:30 PM, conduct our business and the EA degree will commence in due time.

As per usual, dinner reservations are required and can be made by calling 401-861-1757 or by email at [SJ1prov@gmail.com](mailto:SJ1prov@gmail.com) no later than the Friday preceding the stated meeting. For October, that date is Friday the 10th.



Also.....please note that on October 11th, the preceding Saturday, Lodge will open @ 9:00 AM and will present the SJIP Officer Line with their first major initiative of 2025-26, conferring the EA degree on all candidates eligible to receive it.

As was mentioned at September's communication, your participation is critical! One of the duties and obligations mandated by our Grand Lodge is to make Masons. Please consider spending a portion of your Saturday morning with us, we won't disappoint. The candidates will appreciate it. (For added incentive, we won't be doing the history and lectures, those will be presented on Wednesday the 15th so we'll have you out of Lodge and on your way by noon. 🙌)

Lastly, Masonic Charity, one of our favorite activities. My interaction with the **Dana-Farber Cancer Institute** and the **Jimmy Fund** (DFJF) has yielded an official and personalized web-based giving page (secure HTTPS protocol) for the purpose of receiving donations. I have reviewed and tested it, requested slight edits, and the release and publishing of the link to it is imminent.

Remember, theirs is a worthy cause, the origins of which date back to Sidney Farber in 1948. To date, between my own donations and that of SJIP's 50/50 picnic raffle, \$360.00 has been raised. My hope is to attain \$5-\$10K. Ambitious, yes, so please help me with that. I have DFJF representatives tentatively committed to present real time at SJIP in November. Stay tuned. Dig deep. Please and thank you.

As a friendly reminder, Commercials are now required to be provided, in writing, in advance, to the WM no later than the day preceding the monthly stated communication. Collectively, they will be consolidated into one document and available for all in attendance at the Tiler's station. For recurring month to month messages simply notify the WM in the corresponding month to republish the original verbiage and/or to provide any necessary edit(s). Recurring messages, c/o Scottish Rite, could also be displayed on their digital signage board which I will coordinate for you. Messaging can be emailed to [robert.j.larrabee@gmail.com](mailto:robert.j.larrabee@gmail.com) directly.

As always, your objective and constructive feedback is always welcomed.

Yours in the Craft,

*W. Robert James Larrabee*

Robert James Larrabee  
Master, St. Johns No. 1 Providence



**St. Johns is looking for an Assistant Secretary to train with Brother Secretary to one day take over. Must be serious about the commitment. Contact Worshipful Master, Brother Secretary, or Brother Senior Warden if Interested.**

### October 15th Monthly Communication

- 5:30 PM: Dinner
- 6:30 PM: St. Johns open to transact such business as shall regularly come before it.
- 7:00 PM: EA Degree

Call: Brother Senior Steward @ 401-861-1757

or email: [sj1prov@gmail.com](mailto:sj1prov@gmail.com)

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

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

## Lodge & District Events

Wednesday 10/01/25	<b>Officers Rehearsal</b>	7:00 PM
Saturday 10/04/25	<b>Logia Libertad #50</b>	7:00 PM
Wednesday 10/08/25	<b>Officers Rehearsal</b>	7:00 PM
Saturday 10/11/25	<b>St. Johns EA Degree (1<sup>st</sup> Part)</b>	9:00 AM
Saturday 10/11/25	<b>Gaspee Chapter DeMolay</b>	2:00 PM
Tuesday 10/14/25	<b>Grand Master's Visitation</b>	7:30 PM
	<b>Overseas Lodge #40 (Metro District)</b>	
Wednesday 10/15/25	<b>St. Johns EA Degree (2<sup>nd</sup> Part)</b>	6:30 PM
	<b>Dinner</b>	5:30 PM
Monday 10/20/25	<b>DDGM's Visitation</b>	7:30 PM
	<b>Rising Sun Lodge #30</b>	
Saturday 10/25/25	<b>Gaspee Chapter DeMolay</b>	2:00 PM
Monday 10/27/25	<b>Jenks Lodge No. 24</b>	7:00 PM
Saturday 11/01/25	<b>DDGM's Visitation</b>	7:30 PM
	<b>Logia Libertad #50</b>	
Saturday 11/15/25	<b>Grand Lodge Semi-Annual Communication</b>	1:00 PM



## Rainbow Girls Fun Degree

## Brotherly Wellness Update

### Lino Martin

976 Long View Drive, North Attleboro, MA 02760

### Neville "Rusty" Booth, Jr.

**401-828-7925**

43 Hall Street, West Warwick, RI 02893-4631

Let us remember all our Rest and Recuperation Brothers who could use a call, card or visit. Please report all such brothers to the Master W.: **Robert Larrabee** or any of the following **Wellness Committee** members; Walter Kelly, Kenneth Phillips, Karapet Emdjian or contact Bob O'Brien at [bob.obrien@gmail.com](mailto:bob.obrien@gmail.com) or **401-487-4750**

## Ballot on Petition to Join by Affiliation

### Joseph A. Kern

Roger Williams #32

### Jonathan W. Snowman

Roger Williams #32

## Ballot on Petition to Join by Degree

### Alejandro J. Castillo

133 Tiernan Ave.  
Warwick, RI 02886

### Felix Diclo Jr.

67 Freedom Rd  
Providence, RI 02909

### Mark A. Parker

7 Boylston St.  
Warwick, RI 02889-6001

### Robert N. Simmons III

41 Waveland Ave.  
Johnston, RI 02919

***"Remember not only to say the right thing in the right place, but far more difficult still, to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment."***

Bro. Benjamin Franklin, US author, diplomat, inventor, politician, & printer (1706-1790),  
St. Johns Lodge of Philadelphia, USA

## In Memoriam

### Brother Leon Thomas Nahigian

Orpheus Lodge #36

Thomas Smith Webb Lodge #43

St. Johns Lodge #1 Providence

Born September 6, 1926

Entered Apprentice degree June 15, 1965

Fellowcraft degree September 21, 1965

Master Mason degree October 19, 1965

Signed the By Laws Orpheus Lodge November 16, 1965

Merged with St. Johns Lodge #1 Providence 2012

50year Veterans Medal 2014

Departed August 16, 2025

98 years



## In Memoriam

### Worshipful Brother Stephen R. Babigian

Orpheus Lodge #36

Thomas Smith Webb Lodge #43

St. Johns Lodge #1 Providence

Born, July 1, 1949

Entered Apprentice degree January 16, 1978

Fellowcraft degree March 20, 1978

Master Mason degree May 22, 1978

Signed the By Laws of Orpheus Lodge #36

June 19, 1978

Worshipful Master of Orpheus #36

1982 and 1984

Departed September 3, 2025

76 years

## St Johns Lodge Number One Providence ~ Officers 2025-2026

Master: W.: Robert Larrabee

Senior Warden: William C. Gouge Junior Warden: W.: Scott E. Miller

Treasurer: R.: W.: Ronald P. Reed Secretary: M.: W.: Wyman P. Hallstrom, Jr.

Chaplain: W.: Bryan W. Cooper



Senior Deacon: RW.: Jason E. Greene Junior Deacon: Octavio Gomez

Senior Steward: Alan Vukas Junior Steward: Sean C. Paley



Marshal: John P. Gauthier

Sentinel: Joseph A. Pileo

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 (2027), Edward O. Quinn (2027)

## Living Past Masters of St. Johns Lodge Number One Providence

### St. Johns Lodge No. 1P

1971 Hagop Tikoian  
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  
2023 Joseph J. Bernier  
2024 C. Jason Shealy

### 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 ^  
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 ^  
1995 Joseph Costa  
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

(\*) Corinthian Lodge No. 27  
(^ ) Orpheus Lodge No. 36



## Honorary Past Masters of St. Johns Lodge Number One Providence

2025 Scott C. Alexander \*  
\*deceased

## 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  
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 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