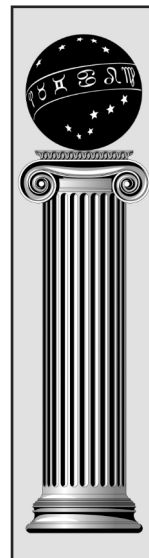


ST. JOHNS LODGE NO. ONE

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May 2025

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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
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This Month's Communication: May 21, 2025

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Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

Friday, May 30, 2025

Officers Rehearsal

St. Johns Lodge #1 P

Funny-4-Funds Fundraiser (see attached flyer)

For the benefit of Kerri Alexander

6:30 PM

6:00 PM

4-9 PM

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

W.: Jason Shealy, Master

Master's Message

Greetings My Brothers,

It's hard to believe that we are approaching the end of our Masonic year. These last few weeks before our **June 22nd Annual** will be full of transition. The incoming officer line is already hard at work planning for the lodge's annual communication and banquet, the steak fry to follow, and a very full upcoming year of Masonic activity. I'm mindful not to name our presumptive incoming Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, as our elections are yet to occur. Yet, I am deeply encouraged that St Johns 1P will continue to benefit from our long-standing commitment to the progressive officer line.



The continuity of leadership from year to year is, to my mind, one of the most vital elements contributing to our Lodge's ongoing success. Despite our challenging year in this regard, I am heartened to know that those brothers who came to our lodge's aid in her moment of crisis will continue to serve in the best interest of the Craft for the coming years. Brethren, you should have high confidence that our lodge's current officer line is as strong as ever, and ready to continue in good service to the Craft.

As ever, we have been extremely busy. In April, we visited our *Grand Master* at his mother lodge, and traveled with our District Deputy Grand Master within the district. It was a tremendous honor to send off **RW Stephan Saraidarian** as he came to visit St Johns 1P for his final district visitation. We honor RW Stephan's service to the districts on behalf of lodges throughout the jurisdiction, and wish him the very best as he ascends to the Grand Council at this month's Grand Lodge Annual communication. The Grand Master and Grand Council were, as always, most welcome visitors to St Johns Lodge No 1 Providence, for this exceptional gathering of Masons.

Our annual visitation with **Euclid Lodge No. 136** in Hasbrouck Heights, NJ was a great event, as ever. We traveled there to celebrate the 40th anniversary of this visitation. It was lovely to visit with our New Jersey brethren, and to hear stories about how this visitation was formed. May it continue to be a pillar of fraternal bonds between our lodges.

We held a delightful luncheon for our **Special Ladies** at the end of April, where we celebrated the lives of their departed husbands, our brothers, and listened to stories of Freemasonry from their perspectives. I was reminded, as always, just how valuable our spouses are to the work we do in the Craft. My wife Betsy will be first in line to remind anyone that she is the support structure behind everything I do in Freemasonry. It is right and good that we continue to support our Special Ladies after the passing of our brothers. The event was a pleasure, as always.

In that vein, I wish to remind everyone about our big fundraising event, for which the flyer is included in this mailer. **Kerrie Alexander**, the widow of our **Senior Deacon Scott**

Alexander, needs a great deal of support as she navigates life without Scott. One of the ways we can help her is to put on a fundraising event. I have solicited the help of our lodge officer spouses, namely my wife **Betsy, Jaroen Gouge**, and **Jane Larrabee**, who are driving this project. We will host a comedy show with dinner on *May 30th at the Scottish Rite*. There will be raffles, auctions, and sponsorship opportunities to raise money for Kerrie. Please plan to attend, and give generously towards this most worthy of causes!

Even as we plan this fundraiser and celebration of Scott's life, we continue to process the deep grief which comes with the loss of our brother. Our winter plans were dramatically upended by his illness and passing, but as my JW likes to say, "semper gumbly." By remaining in close contact and lovingly supporting each other's needs during this time, we were able to weather the initial storm, and successfully bring the lodge through to meeting its priorities. We are taking numerous steps to ensure Scott's legacy will be enshrined as part of our lodge's ongoing story.

As inevitable as they are, the many transitions of this season continue to create anxiety for me. I mentioned this to W:. Bro Josh the other day, and he expressed curiosity at the thought. Very reasonably, should I not be excited to conclude this busy year, in lieu of all our successes and challenges? I am still working it out, but I think there's comfort in believing you still have time to fix whatever needs fixing. When you know your time is short, and you can't get to everything, well... that would make anyone anxious, right? That feels pretty human to me, and serves as a reminder that we should celebrate life every day, ever mindful that we do not know how or when our time will come to a close.

Fortunately, as I know that my time as Master is nearing its end, I will continue to give everything I have to St Johns 1P, to make good with the time left to me. I will have more to say on this as we conclude our year, but let me start by expressing my deepest, most sincere gratitude. Serving my small part in the greater work of this lodge has been a privilege and an honor. Thank you for the opportunity. I'll see you soon.

W.: Charles Jason Shealy

Charles Jason Shealy
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.

Ballot on Petition to Join by Degree

Daniel Joseph Zirola Jr
1125 Point Judith Rd, #02
Narragansett, RI, 02882

Lodge & District Events

Saturday 05/03/25	Travel to Euclid Lodge #136	7:00 AM
Saturday 05/03/25	Logia Libertad #50	7:00 PM
Saturday 05/10/25	Gaspee Chapter DeMolay	2:00 PM
Tuesday 05/13/25	Overseas Lodge #40	7:00 PM
Wednesday 05/14/25	Officers Rehearsal	6:30 PM
Thursday 05/15/25	Rising Sun #30	7:00 PM
	Annual Communication	
Monday 05/19/25	Grand Lodge Annual	9:00 AM
Wednesday 05/21/25	St. Johns Communication	6:00 PM
Saturday 05/24/25	Gaspee Chapter DeMolay	2:00 PM
Monday 05/26/25	Jenks Lodge No. 24	7:00 PM
Friday 05/30/25	Funny-4-Funds Fundraiser	4-9 PM
	For the benefit of Kerri Alexander	

May's Program

Hearing loss in children up to age 5.

For our May program, we welcome the *Supervising Educational Audiologist & Outreach Coordinator from RISDeaf, Christen Kelly*. Ms Kelly will offer an informative presentation to help explain the nature of hearing loss in children up to age 5. In particular, she will dive into specific issues related to hearing loss in newborn children, why it is important to have hearing screenings, and what can be done to ensure those children develop typically as their hearing peers. The program will focus less on Deaf culture (as was the case in our September program), and more on the technical and medical side of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing world. This program intends to answer many of the typical questions that hearing people have about deafness and Deaf people, as well as provide opportunity for in-depth discussions. The program will be semi-public, and brothers are encouraged to bring family, friends, and guests!

Get Well Wishes

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**

Please Note: No bills larger than \$50 when paying for dinner. Thank you.

May 21st 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: sj1prov@gmail.com

No later than **Friday, May 16th** for reservations.

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



R.: W.: Stephan H. Saraidarian District Deputy Grand Master, Metro District and W.: Jason J. Rainone Grand Master of Ceremonies



St. Johns 1P newest Master Masons: Francisco Lovera, Greg Medici, W.: Jason Shealy, Aubrey Fletcher, Eric Perreault, and Nick Lavalee.

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: W. : Joshua A. Irizarry

Junior Deacon: John P. Gauthier

Senior Steward: Octavio Gomez

Junior Steward: Sean C. Paley



Marshal: W. : Scott E. Miller

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
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

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 ^
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



COMEDY FUNDRAISER IN LOVING MEMORY SCOTT ALEXANDER

Friday, May 30, 2025

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