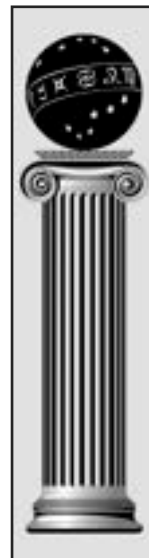


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Grand Master

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This Month's Communication: September 17, 2025

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Wednesday, September 03, 2025

Officers Rehearsal

7:00 PM

Friday, September 12, 2025

Officers Rehearsal

7:00 PM

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

St. Johns Lodge #1 P-Regular Communication

7:00 PM

Dinner

6:00 PM

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

W.: Robert J. Larrabee, Master

Master's Message

My Worthy Brothers,

Just a few short weeks ago, filled with humbleness, (and a bit of uncertainty about what to say) I embraced the task of creating my 1st Master's Message, which of course was accomplished and published. Now, although the humbleness remains in place, and always will, my feeling is a bit more of an obligation to begin this edition, ever striving for timeliness. Thank you Brother Secretary! Don't ever refrain from that advice, it's well received by this WM.

Inevitably, the calendar pages turn, so here we are in mid-August and with it the requisite uptick of SJIP Lodge duties to facilitate along with an abundance of Masonic obligations to fulfill. For all of us.

No summer could ever be complete without fond memories and 2025's version exemplified that tenet in the most remarkable way on July 19th for Lady Jane and I with the birth of our first (until December that is) granddaughter. That would be **Hannah Faith Clunan**, all 6 pounds of her. Mom **Lisa** and hubby **Scott** and the little peanut are doing well. We're all beyond proud. Plus, having 2-weeks-old little Hannah in attendance with my family at the picnic was beyond gratifying.

Speaking of the picnic, on August 3rd, as is customary for our annual Family Picnic, SJIP received notably more than a hundred of our cherished members, their families, their guests along with most of SJIP's '25-26 candidates for Freemasonry by Degrees. Perfect weather? ☒ Delicious food professionally prepared and served? ☒ Dessert? ☒ Good fellowship and comradery? ☒ Given the performance of recent years this event can be a tough act to follow but I think we nailed it. The planning and assistance that I received from this Officer Line to create this memorable experience was crucial and exemplary. Thank you!

Not to be overlooked was the effort put into the 50/50 raffle to support my adopted charity, the Jimmy Fund. The winning ticket was drawn by our **Most Worshipful Grand Master, Rick Baccus**. Several hundred dollars were awarded to both WPM: **John B. Paliotta**, the fortuitous winner, and **the Jimmy Fund**. Kudos to Brother Knightsville who then portioned out some of his largesse to the Jimmy Fund as well. My sincere gratitude goes out to all who made those generous donations.

Please note, I'm actively in discussions with the Jimmy Fund and they have already created a web-based portal page (secure HTTPS protocol) for the purpose of receiving donations for this now in progress Masonic year. In due time, upon completion of my review, I will publish the link on our SJIP website and various social pages to accept ongoing donations to their worthy cause, the origins of which date back to Sidney Farber in 1948. Details will be announced very soon and I tentatively have their commitment to present real time at SJIP in November. Stay tuned. Dig deep. Please and thank you.

Ahh, September, what to do, what to do? Well, aside from officially opening Lodge for the 1st time, the **Rainbow Girls Warwick Assembly**, under the guidance of **Andrea Barrigan**, will grace us with their presence to perform their "Fun" degree. Which is as it reads: a very fun degree, a ceremony to spoof their ritualistic degree to (in their words as stated to me at the 2025 Grand Assembly) 'make girls out of Masons' just like them! Please do come and witness this classic performance and if you have young daughters and/or granddaughters



kindly bring them along as well, as it may influence them to join IORG.

Looking further ahead, October 15, 2025 will present the SJIP Officer Line with their first major initiative of 2025-26, the **Entered Apprentice degree**. I'm looking forward to that challenge as I know all the Officers are. Dinner for October 2025's stated meeting will commence at 5:30 PM.

For this Masonic year, 2025-2026, the agenda for monthly meetings to be implemented at SJIP is starkly different than what has been done in recent years. Much of this adaptation is a direct result of counsel provided to me at this past June's Past Masters dinner. The primary purpose of these changes is to explicitly shorten the duration of our meetings. To wit:

- Dinner will now precede the opening of the 2025-26 stated meetings, the time to be determined by the work of the evening, either 5:30 PM or 6:00 PM and will be published in advance. The September 2025 dinner will begin at 6:00 PM. **Dinner reservations** (required) can be made by calling **401-861-1757** or by email at SJ1prov@gmail.com no later than the Friday preceding the stated meeting. For September that date is the 12th.

- Commercials will now be required to be provided, in writing, in advance, to the WM no later than the day preceding the stated meeting. Collectively, they will be consolidated into one document and provided to 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 or to provide any necessary edit(s). Messaging can be emailed to robert.j.larrabee@gmail.com directly.

All of these protocol changes will be monitored for efficacy and acceptance by those impacted by them. As always, your objective and constructive feedback is always welcomed.

As a very famous song (from back in my day, 1966 that is) so melodically says, "See you, in September, See you when the summer's through."

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.

Ballot on Petition to Join by Degrees

Mr. Dennis Lazaro Leggett
21 Longfellow Terrace, Providence, RI

Lodge & District Events

Wednesday 09/03/25	Officers Rehearsal	7:00 PM
Thursday 09/04/25	Grand Master's Visitation	7:30 PM
	Morning Star Lodge #13 (Northern District)	
Saturday 09/06/25	Logia Libertad #50	7:00 PM
Tuesday 09/09/25	Overseas Lodge #40	7:00 PM
Friday 09/12/25	Officers Rehearsal	7:00 PM
Saturday 09/13/25	Gaspee Chapter DeMolay	2:00 PM
Monday 09/15/25	Rising Sun #30	7:00 PM
Wednesday 09/17/25	St. Johns Communication	7:00 PM
	Dinner	6:00 PM
Monday 09/22/25	Jenks Lodge No. 24	7:00 PM
Saturday 09/27/25	Gaspee Chapter DeMolay	2:00 PM

September's Program



The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls Warwick Assembly "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 or 401-487-4750

September 17th Monthly Communication

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

Call: Brother Senior Steward @ 401-861-1757

or email: sj1prov@gmail.com

No later than **Friday, September 12th** for reservations.

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



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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 ^
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.

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