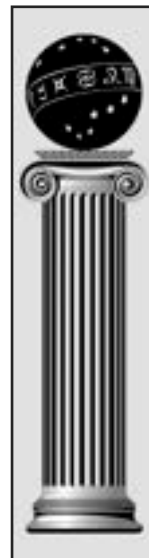


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Sunday, June 22, 2025

St. Johns Lodge #1P-Family Picnic

Sunday, August 3, 2025 – 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM

RI Shriners / Masonic Youth Center (Buttonwoods), 116 Long Street, Warwick, RI 02886

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

W.: Robert J. Larrabee, Master

Master's Message

My Worthy Brothers,

This is the first day of many, whereby I humbly create for the brethren a year's worth of Master's Messages. As I've so often heard, it truly does take some time to get used to having been conferred the title of "Worshipful Master." And, as many of you heard upon greeting me *in that manner* at our **St Johns Steak Fry**, just four short days post the **SJ1P Annual & Banquet**, I prompted you to say it multiple times, much to my delight. I thank all who indulged me with those precious moments. For me, those were legacy moments, and now, forever memories. As noted in my acceptance speech, I respectfully thank each and every SJ1P Brother who thought enough of my character and my ability to lead this Lodge for the ensuing year and to put that thought to paper. And now we get to the work of the Lodge.



As many, if not all, Past Masters before me have experienced, the last two weeks of June are unavoidably structured to be a very busy time for SJ1P. Now, I too, know this all too well. In early 2025, while the Senior Warden in the West, bookings were made for the Holiday Party, the Steak Fry, the Past Masters Dinner, the Annual & Banquet and the Family Picnic to name them.

For your planning purposes, **SJ1P's 2025 Holiday Party** is scheduled for *Saturday December 20th, 2025* (NO storms please) at Quidnessett Country Club, where a great time was had by all this past December. This coming December will be no exception.

The Past Masters Dinner was held at Iron Works on June 16th, a scant week prior to the annual. As was hoped for, I was able to leverage the assessment and opinions of my initial plans of what to do, and conversely, what not to do for the upcoming year by the attending Past Masters. The fellowship and counsel given was warmly accepted and appreciated. The food was phenomenal as well. It was another memorable evening, only exceeded by the wisdom of our Past Masters. **THANK YOU!**

The Saint Johns 2025 Annual & Banquet was held on Sunday June 22nd at the Scottish Rite Cathedral. I'd be remiss not to acknowledge the Metro District installation team of District Deputy Grand Master, in his Mother Lodge, St Johns very own **R.:W.: Mazen Alsabe** and his Worshipful Master of Ceremonies **Anthony M. Amaral**, for the precision floor work and oration of the ritual so critically necessary to facilitate the timeless Masonic obligation, installation and proclamation of Officers. **THANK YOU!**

I've often wondered what the impression and take away is of the profane who witness our time-honored ceremony, many for the first time, might be of it. So, I asked. One daughter stated, "I thought the memorization was impressive." She definitely offered a profound thought as I think we Masons might on occasion take that aspect for granted since it's a requisite necessity. My son-in-law commented on how noticeable it was that Masons from other Lodges were there to offer well wishes/congratulations. I think we all lovingly call that 'Grand Lodge Introductions.'

To my Prologue team, I could not have been more honored by your presence on that special evening. **MWPGM Dennis Pothier**, your historical overview of the origins of Freemasonry, still shrouded in the mystery and unknown that are part of its charm, were, and will always be, an invaluable gift to our guests, who might otherwise be unaware of where we began the laudable work that this fraternity performs. No less meritorious, WPM of St Johns 1P, **John B. Paliotta** along with WPM of Daylight #48, Past Grand High Priest, Past Eminent Commander St

John's Commandery #1, Past Commander in Chief of Consistory at Scottish Rite Freemasonry, **Bob Fish**. **THANK YOU!**

Now, for some current and pending Masonic activity, the **Annual St Johns 1P Family Picnic** will be held on *Sunday, August 3rd, 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM* at the Masonic Youth Center in Buttonwoods. Please see the incorporated flyer for further details, or reach out to myself or Worshipful Brother Junior Warden **Scott Miller** with any questions. Please mail your RSVP to W.: Brother Miller in a timely manner but no later than *Sunday July 27th, 2025* in order for us to have plentiful food and refreshments for your enjoyment. We will cherish the time we get to spend with members and their families and prospective new SJ1P candidates on that day.

The progressive line officers will meet on Tuesday, July 15th, at 6:00 PM for our Organizational Meeting, to earnestly begin preparing to implement the plans and scheduling requirements for our 2025-2026 Masonic year.

For Masonic year 2025-2026 and beyond, I've adopted, and presently in the beginning stages of, planning fundraising activities and methodologies for charitable donations to the **Jimmy Fund**. The Jimmy Fund began in Boston in 1948 as a way for the community to raise money in support of **Dr. Sidney Farber's** groundbreaking cancer research and care. Personally, I've been a regular donor for multiple decades. For one simple reason. Those 3 daughters that I introduced to you at the annual, and hopefully the 2 grand babies to follow. All healthy at birth, with all the functioning parts. I will never forget those fortuitous birthing moments that I witnessed in real time and want to help those not blessed with that same good fortune.

I do hope that the gavel in the picture of your newest WM caught your eye. To my knowledge I'm the 3rd SJ1P Master to receive a handmade gavel from craftsman and **Brother Len Doeg**. Look at that beauty. The motif is that of a motorcycle, which was casually mentioned to **Br. Len** around one of his nearly year-round campfires, literally 2+ years ago, when he asked me when I might be elected as Master. The rest is history. If you were in attendance when it was presented to me, you and I both saw it for the first time at the same moment. After any given meeting, I invite you to stop by to view it and feel it for yourself. It's stunning. It's heavy. I can't thank you enough for this gesture Br. Len, I promise to strike it with pride. And I thank you for your military service,

Finally, although I pledged to you yesterday, today, and every day, to do the job that's been bestowed on me of leading this legacy-filled Lodge to the best of my abilities with vigor and zeal, neither I, nor any of the other SJ1P Worshipful Masters, past, present and future can do it alone. To the brethren and to my progressive line Officers, elected and appointed, I will support you, prepare you, encourage you, challenge you, and most importantly.....rely on you. And I plan take this remarkable journey with you. All I ask in return is the same of you.

With all of that said, and as with any other SJ1P Masonic year, we have a lot of work ahead of us, packed with the requisite monthly meetings, rehearsals, more rehearsals, degree work, visitations, educational forums, social and charitable events.

And it begins right now.

Yours in the Craft,

W.: Robert James Larrabee

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



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St. Johns Lodge No. 1 Providence Family Picnic

Sunday, August 3, 2025 – 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM

RI Shriners / Masonic Youth Center (Buttonwoods)

116 Long Street, Warwick, RI 02886

<https://www.rimyf.org/>

St. Johns Lodge No. 1 Providence invites its members to join us for a wonderful day for the entire family. SJ1P Brothers are welcome to bring their wives, partners, parents, in-laws, children, grandchildren, and prospective candidates to another annual fun-filled day!

***** Fifty-Fifty Raffle to support The Jimmy Fund! *****

Reservations are required and due by Sunday, July 27th, 2025

Cost: \$10 per member - no additional cost for up to 8 guests! Additional \$10 for more than 8 guests.

If you have a favorite dish or dessert you'd like to share, let us know!

W.: Scott Miller, Committee Chairman

Call/text (401) 480-7025 with questions

MENU

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Sausages
Potato Salad, Macaroni Salad, Chips
Water, Soda, Juice, Pastries, Watermelon

ACTIVITIES

Swimming

Horseshoes

Good Fellowship!

A Fun Time for All!

Remit \$10.00 with your completed reservation below.

Please be aware: No phone, email, Facebook nor text message reservations will be accepted.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City / State: _____ **Telephone:** _____

Number of Guests (including SJ1P member): Adults _____ **Children (6-12 yrs.)** _____

Kindly mail your reservation to: W.: Scott Miller – 100 Gilbert St. Warwick, RI 02886

St Johns Lodge Number One Providence ~ Officers 2024-2025

Master: W. : Jason Shealy

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Senior Steward: Octavio Gomez

Junior Steward: Sean C. Paley



Marshal: W. : Scott E. Miller

Sentinel: Alan Vukas

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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
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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