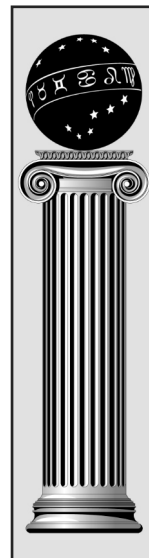


# ST. JOHNS LODGE NO. ONE

## F. & A.M.

### PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

### CONSTITUTED - 1757



September 2026

3952<sup>nd</sup>  
Regular  
Communication



R.:W.: Michael A. Cunningham  
District Deputy Grand Master  
Metro District

W.: Merill I. Torgan  
Grand Master of Ceremonies

M.:W.: Gilbert J. Fontes Jr.  
Grand Master

R.:W.: Jason M. Nystrom  
Grand Marshal

**This Month's Communication: September 16, 2026**

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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) 461-2480

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|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Wednesday, September 2, 2026  | Officers Rehearsal                | 6:30 PM |
| Wednesday, September 9, 2026  | Officers Rehearsal                | 6:30 PM |
| Wednesday, September 17, 2026 | St. Johns Lodge #1P Communication | 6:00 PM |

Please Note: The cost of dinner is now \$20 per person.

Attest: Stephen M. Mulcahey, Secretary

W.: William C. Gouge, Master

## Master's Message

Brethren,

As summer begins to wind down, I hope all of our Brothers and their families have had the opportunity to enjoy time together.

We recently enjoyed our annual Steak Fry and Family Picnic at the Masonic Youth Center in Buttonwoods. It was a wonderful day of fellowship, good food, and time spent with our Masonic family.

Our officers and I are also diligently working on our ritual as we prepare for next month and for our Entered Apprentice Degree in October. I appreciate the time and effort our officers continue to put into their work, and I look forward to seeing that dedication reflected in the Lodge.

We have also been invited to observe the Boots to Briefcases memorial ceremony commemorating the 25th anniversary of September 11, 2001. The ceremony will be held at the 9/11 Memorial Garden in Oakland Beach, near the seawall, and is scheduled to begin promptly at 10:28 a.m. and continue until noon. As we mark this solemn anniversary and remember those whose lives were lost and forever changed that day, I encourage any Brother who is available to attend and show our support.

As always, I look forward to seeing you in Lodge and continuing our year together in the spirit of Faith, Hope and Charity.

Fraternally,

*W.: William C. Gouge*

William C. Gouge  
Master, St. Johns No. 1 Providence



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## Ballot on Petition to Join by Degree

**Daniel Arsenhalt**  
141 Eaton Street  
Pawtucket, RI

## 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.: William C. Gouge** or any of the following **Wellness Committee** members; Kenneth Phillips, Karapet Emdjian or contact Bob O'Brien at [bob.obrien@gmail.com](mailto:bob.obrien@gmail.com) or **401-487-4750**



## And the Master Mason said

“When we understand that  
each day isn't one more day,  
but one less, we'll start  
giving more value to the  
things that truly matter.”

### September 16th 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: [SrSteward@stjohns1p.org](mailto:SrSteward@stjohns1p.org).

No later than **Friday, September 11th** for reservations.  
Any Brother with special dietary needs beyond the listed menu,  
please mention it in your message.

## Lodge & District Events

|                    |                                                   |         |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Wednesday 09/02/26 | <b>Officers Rehearsal</b>                         | 6:30PM  |
| Saturday 09/05/26  | <b>Logia Libertad Lodge #50</b>                   | 7:30 PM |
| Tuesday 09/08/26   | <b>Overseas Lodge #40</b>                         | 7:00 PM |
| Wednesday 09/09/26 | <b>Officers Rehearsal</b>                         | 6:30PM  |
| Saturday 09/12/26  | <b>Gaspee Chapter DeMolay</b>                     | 2:00 PM |
| Wednesday 09/16/26 | <b>St. Johns Lodge #1P</b>                        | 6:00 PM |
| Monday 09/21/26    | <b>Rising Sun Lodge #30</b>                       | 7:30 PM |
| Saturday 09/26/26  | <b>Gaspee Chapter DeMolay</b>                     | 2:00 PM |
| Monday 09/28/26    | <b>Jenks Lodge #24</b>                            | 7:30 PM |
| Saturday 10/03/26  | <b>Logia Libertad Lodge #50</b>                   | 7:30 PM |
|                    | <b>Grand Master's Visitation (Metro District)</b> |         |

### GRAND MASTER'S OFFICIAL VISITATIONS

October 3, 2026 .... **Metro District** Logia Libertad No. 50  
 January 12, 2027... **East Bay District** Washington Lodge No. 3  
 February 2, 2027 .... **Central District** Harmony Lodge No. 9  
 March 10, 2027 .... **Southern District** Hope Lodge No. 25  
 April 10, 2027..... **Northern District** Roger Williams No. 32  
**Special Visitation** April 14, 2027 to St. Albans Lodge No. 6  
 May 10, 2027 .... **Mother Lodge** Daylight Lodge No. 48  
 April 17, 2027 ..... **Testimonial Dinner** TBD

### METRO DISTRICT MEETINGS

### ANNUAL COMMUNICATIONS

Overseas No. 40..... November 11, 2026  
 Jenks No. 24.....January 9, 2027

### VISITATIONS

Rising Sun No. 30.....October 19, 2026  
 \*Logia Libertad No. 50 .....November 7, 2026  
 Jenks No. 24..... March 22, 2027  
 Overseas No. 40..... April 13, 2027  
 St. Johns No. 1 Providence .....April 21, 2027  
 \* Officer Forum

## In Memoriam

### Brother Mohamed Hassan Hussein

Orpheus Lodge #36

Thomas Smith Webb Lodge #43

St. Johns Lodge #1 Providence

Born, May 1, 1939

Entered Apprentice degree December 15, 1975

Fellowcraft degree January 19, 1976

Master Mason degree April 19, 1976

Signed the By Laws May 24, 1976

Grand Lodge 50 year Veterans Medal 2026

Departed May 27, 2026

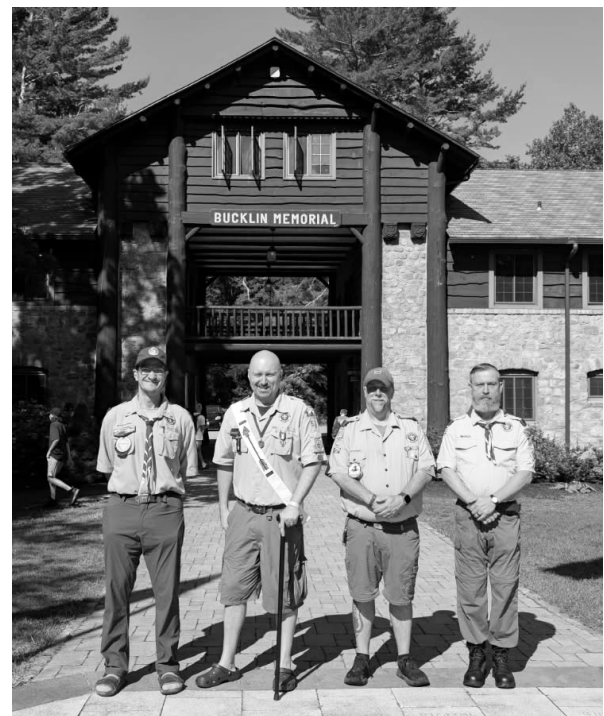
87 years



### Please Note:

**If you have a new address, phone number or email address, please contact the Secretary so we may update our records.**

**"St Johns 1P brothers gathered at Camp Yawgoog to lead their respective Scout troops for a week of scouting adventure!"**



From left to right: W:. Bro Jason Shealy, Bro Chris Baker, W:. Bro Jonathan Snowman, Bro Eric Perreault

## St Johns Lodge Number One Providence ~ Officers 2026-2027



**Master: W.: William C. Gouge**  
**Senior Warden: W.: Scott E. Miller**      **Junior Warden: W.: Charles Jason Shealy**  
**Treasurer: R.: W.: Ronald P. Reed**      **Secretary: Stephen M. Mulcahey**  
**Chaplain: W.: Richard Gonzalez**      **Asst. Chaplain: Sean C. Paley**  
  
**Senior Deacon: Octavio Gomez**      **Junior Deacon: Alan Vukas**  
**Senior Steward: Joseph Puleo**      **Junior Steward: Aubrey Fletcher**  
  
**Marshal: W.: Gregory Enos**  
**Sentinel: Daniel Zirolli**  
  
**Tiler: Karapet Emdjian**      **Associate Tiler: Thomas J. Kumes**  
**Master of Ceremonies W.: Joshua Irizarry**  
**Assistant Ritual Advisor: W.: Joseph Bernier**  
**Lodge Reporter: W.: Timothy L. Culhane**  
  
**Finance Committee: W.: Edward D. Bertrand (2029), W.: Scott E. Miller (2028), 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  
 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  
 2025 Robert J. Larrabee

### 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

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.

2026 R.: W.: Ronald P. Reed  
 2026 R.: W.: Timothy L. Culhane

\*deceased