

ST. JOHNS LODGE No. ONE

F. & A.M.

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

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March 2026

3948th
Regular
Communication



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

W.: Randy Boone
Grand Master of Ceremonies

M.: W.: Rick Baccus
Grand Master

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

This Month's Communication: March 18, 2026

Return Service Requested



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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.

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Wednesday, March 4, 2026	Officers Rehearsal	7:00 PM
Wednesday, March 11, 2026	Officers Rehearsal	7:00 PM
Wednesday, March 18, 2026	St. Johns Lodge #1P MM Degree Part I	6:30 PM
	Dinner	5:30 PM
Saturday, March 21, 2026	St. Johns Lodge #1P MM Degree Part II & III	11:00 AM
	At Harmony Lodge #9	

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

W.: Robert J. Larrabee, Master

Master's Message

My Worthy Brothers,

With February now behind us, it's time to forward focus to the launch point for any candidate to earnestly begin their Masonic journey, and equally notable, the culmination of the SJIP Officer experiences for this Masonic year. And that would be to confer the Master Mason degree on this year's candidates.

Please note that this month we will require some unique logistics for conferring SJIP's Master Mason degree.

On **Wednesday March 18th**, we will perform Part 1 of the MM degree and as is typical for SJIP, in its entirety we will require 2 meetings. *Part 1 being on March 18th, with Lodge opening at 6:30 PM, dinner at 5:30 PM.*

Then, on **Saturday March 21st**, and with much gratitude and appreciation to **W.: Adam Clement** of *Harmony Lodge*, they have granted us permission to utilize their Lodge room for SJIP to perform Parts 2 and 3 to conclude the MM degree. This Special communication will open at 11:00 AM.

Harmony Lodge is located at 1237 Reservoir Ave, Cranston, RI 02920.

I hope to enlist a unique group of Master Masons to perform the Part 2 allegory. My expectation is that this cast will provide a meaningful experience for the soon to be raised Master Masons and the Brothers attending on the sidelines.

In February, we were honored and privileged to meet and hear from several SJIP Brothers who received their 50-year Grand Lodge service medal. Appropriately, **R.: W.: DDGM Mazen Alsabe**, along with our **M.: W.: GM Rick Baccus** shared the utmost pleasure of bestowing this honor on them. To cite a frequent quip that **W.: Bob O'Brien** and I often share, this equated to 'another great day in Freemasonry.'

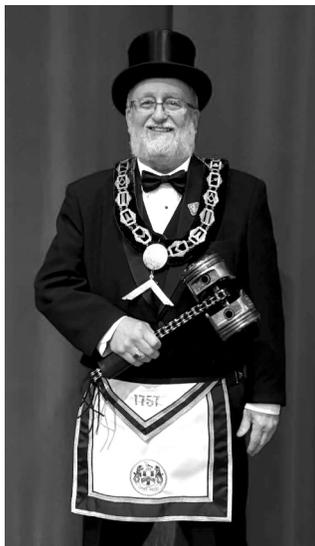
No less important, in February **W.: Raymond Aznavorian** illustrated for us a brief overview of the usage of an AED Unit and CPR basics. Strikingly, many of us present had previously witnessed first-hand a worthy Brother being stricken and how critical it was for him to receive life-sustaining treatment and how impactful it was to resuscitate him for the final precious hours of time spent with the love of his life.

Please my Brothers, consider enrolling yourself for formal training on this so that should the need ever arise in your presence, you can be that invaluable "first responder."

There's never a bad time for another shameless plea to sustain the flow of donations to SJIP's My Giving Page, eponymously named "**SJIP for Dana-Farber & The Jimmy Fund**," which funds DFCI research. To date we have funneled more than \$4000.00 dollars to the cause, and I graciously thank each of you who already donated. All donations, no matter the size, make a tangible difference.

The URL and/or QR code to access this page is:

<https://danafarber.jimmyfund.org/goto/SJIP>



Please note the scrolling option as seen on the My Giving Page, which lists previous donations. Donors can identify themselves and personalize any messaging associated with their contribution to be visible on the scroll. You can also remain anonymous if so desired.

Dinner for the March 18th stated communication will begin @ 5:30 PM and Lodge will open @ 6:30 PM to conduct our business and commence with the work of the evening.

As is customary, dinner reservations are required and 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 March, that date is Friday the 13th which of course is purely coincidental. Not really, it happened last month as well. As always, beware the Ides of March. Caesar didn't.

Lastly, in April, just a short month from now, SJIP will once again host the final Visitation to the districts of any sitting District Deputy Grand Master (DDGM) prior to their assignment to the Grand Council. All DDGM visits are special, but this one even more so as SJIP receives our very own **R.: W.: Mazen Alsabe** to give him a proper send off as he continues his journey to the Grand East. I'm beyond honored to have this occurrence fall during my time in the East since it was Br. Mazen who appointed me to the Officer Line.

Objective and constructive feedback is always welcomed.

W.: Robert James Larrabee

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



Brotherly Wellness Update

Lino Martin

976 Long View Drive, North Attleboro, MA 02760

Neville "Rusty" Booth, Jr.

43 Hall Street, West Warwick, RI 02893-4631

401-828-7925

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; Kenneth Phillips, Karapet Emdjian or contact **Bob O'Brien** at bob.obrien@gmail.com or **401-487-4750**

March 18th Monthly Communication

- 5:30 PM: Dinner
- 6:30 PM: St. Johns open to transact such business as shall regularly come before it.
- 7:15 PM: Master Mason Degree

Call: Brother Senior Steward @ **401-861-1757**
or email: sj1prov@gmail.com

No later than **Friday, March 13th** for reservations.

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

Please refrain from using \$100 or \$50 dollar bills when paying for dinner. The Lodge has a limited amount of change available the night of our meeting. Thank you.

Lodge & District Events

Wednesday 03/04/26	Officers Rehearsal	7:00 PM
Saturday 03/07/26	Logia Libertad #50	7:30 PM
Tuesday 03/10/26	Overseas Lodge #40	7:00 PM
Wednesday 03/11/26	Officers Rehearsal	7:00 PM
Saturday 03/14/26	Gaspee Chapter DeMolay	2:00 PM
Monday 03/16/26	Rising Sun Lodge #30	7:30 PM
Wednesday 03/18/26	St. Johns 1P MM Degree I	6:30 PM
	Dinner	5:30 PM
Saturday 03/21/26	St. Johns 1P	11:00 AM
	MM Degree II & III (Harmony Lodge #9)	
Monday 03/23/26	Jenks Lodge #24	7:30 PM
	DDGM's Visitation (Metro District)	
Thursday 03/26/26	Grand Master's Visitation	7:30 PM
	Charity Lodge #23 (Southern District)	
Saturday 03/28/26	Gaspee Chapter DeMolay	2:00 PM

In Memoriam

Brother Norman Richard Thibault

St. Johns Lodge #1 Providence

Born, July 10, 1945

Entered Apprentice degree March 18, 1987

Fellowcraft degree May 20, 1987

Master Mason degree November 18, 1987

Signed the By Laws

December 16, 1987

Departed February 18, 2026

80 years



The Grand Lodge of Rhode Island F&AM 50 Year Masonic Service Medal is a prestigious award honoring brethren for five decades of continuous dedication and service to Freemasonry.

Presentation of the 50 Year Grand Lodge Service Award to:

R.: W.: Kenneth B. Phillips
M.: W.: Ralph J. DiScuillo
Brother Jackson L. Jennings

Presentation of St. Johns 1P 50 Year Service Pin by:

R.: W.: Mazen M. Alsabe, DDGM
M.: W.: Rick Baccus, Grand Master
W.: Robert J. Larrabee, Master



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** *Asst. Secretary* **Stephen M. Mulcahey**



Senior Deacon: R.: **W.:** **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
 1980 Carl E. Croft
 1981 Ralph DiScuillo
 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

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 DiScuillo
 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 DiScuillo
 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