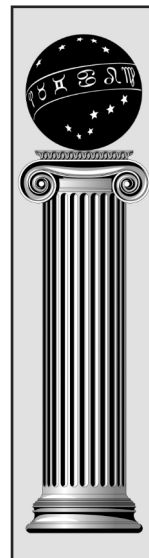


ST. JOHNS LODGE No. ONE

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January 2026

3946th
Regular
Communication



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

W.: Anthony M. Amaral
Grand Master of Ceremonies

M.: W.: Rick Baccus
Grand Master

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

This Month's Communication: January 21, 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.

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Wednesday, January 7, 2026

Officers Rehearsal

7:00 PM

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

Officers Rehearsal

7:00 PM

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

St. Johns Lodge #1P

6:30 PM

Dinner

5:30 PM

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

W.: Robert J. Larrabee, Master

Master's Message

My Worthy Brothers,

At the time of penning this creation, 2025's joyous Holiday season is officially in full swing. By the time you receive it, where will your psyche be? Whew, it's over or boy do I miss it? Either way, it is the season of giving.

Make no mistake, SJIP's theme of Charity for December (and beyond) was a rousing success. At our Dec 17th stated communication, just under \$500.00 was raised c/o online donations to the SJIP My Giving Page. Could it have been influenced by the WM's tutorial showcasing the ease of use to navigate and donate to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute (DFCI) web page? Nah, it was the moral fiber of the assembled Masons. Well, that and a helpful assist by **Worshipful Brother Tony Khoury**.



Because of the acquaintance between **R.:W.: DDGM Mazen Alsabe** and **W.: Brother Khoury**, the stated meeting featured Mr. Khoury, *President of Khoury Industries*, a worldwide leader in thermal test equipment for device characterization. Tony emphasized that "cancer does not know and does not care who you are, cancer touches all of our lives," and I believe he does not want anyone to have to face that alone. Tony had many heartfelt tales of the treatment and successes, and his support over the years for DFCI and he stressed those points expertly.

Literally preceding and succeeding that notable Dec 17th discussion, SJIP conducted several other charitable events. First, the annual **2025 Holiday Food Basket** event on Dec 13th – OK, so we used bags not boxes to assemble the food, that's just semantics. As per usual, seventy-five (75) Food Bags made their way to those in need of some Holiday good will. Second, at our **2025 annual Holiday Party** on Dec 20th – aside from the musical prowess of SJIP's **WPM, R.:W.: Tim Culhane** and *the Vegas Lords* who entertained us for hours, Charity would not play second fiddle to them. Not even close.

Between the combination of a 50/50 raffle and the Penny Social raffle items, donated by many local merchants, an impressive amount of \$1,651.00 was raised and the WM directed those funds to the My Giving Page.

Lady Jane and I have many to thank for their supportive efforts to facilitate the raffles but leading the way both monetarily and promotionally were **Brother Joseph Giorno** and his **Lady Colleen Cahir**. Gratitude to them, **WPM and JW Scott Miller** and his **Lady Michele** and several others, but most especially to our gracious 50/50 winner, **Brother Dave K**, who without hesitation channeled his winnings right back to DFCI. Thank you, Brother Dave, for displaying that selfless Masonic quality.

To date, the collective fundraising efforts have set our DFCI **'PROGRESS TO GOAL'** meter at \$2,811.54 and the donors are listed on the page scroll. Please join them if you have not already and thank you to all who have donated to date.

Your donation, however big or small, makes a tangible difference. *My Giving Page* is accessible here: <https://danafarber.jimmyfund.org/goto/SJIP> (Continue to the site, it is https secure.)

You will also see via the scroll, that WPM Tony donated in lieu of the stipend that SJIP was prepared to compensate him with for his

December presentation. Thank you, Worshipful Tony, more Masonic selflessness. You made my night.

Dinner for the January 21st stated communication will begin @ 5:30 PM. Lodge will open @ 6:30 PM to commence with the work of the evening not the least of which is to confer the Fellowcraft degree.

Per the usual protocol, 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 communication. For January 2026 (subtle reminder), that date is Friday the 16th.

As always, objective, and constructive feedback is welcomed.

Yours in the Craft,

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.

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**

January 21st 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: FC Degree

Call: Brother Senior Steward @ **401-861-1757**

or email: sj1prov@gmail.com

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

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

At the February communication the following Brothers will be presented with their 50 year Service medals:

Ralph J. DiScullo
Muhammed Hassan Hussein
Jackson L. Jennings
Daniel F. Nungesser
Kenneth B. Phillips



In Memoriam

Right Worshipful Brother Elliott R. Greene Jr.

Born November 19, 1943
 Manchester Lodge #12
 Daylight Lodge #48
 St. Johns Lodge #1 Providence
 Entered Apprentice degree January 28, 1977
 Fellowcraft degree March 4, 1977
 Master Mason degree April 29, 1977
 Signed the by-laws June 24, 1977
 Worshipful Master Manchester 2003, & 2004
 Worshipful Master Daylight 2010, & 2011
 Grand Marshal of Grand Lodge of RI 2016
 Exemplary Service Medal 2010
 Distinguished Service Medal 2016
 Departed December 21, 2025
 82 years

In Memoriam

Brother Gregory E. Thomson

Corinthian Lodge #27
 St. Johns Lodge #1 Providence
 Born, November 29, 1948
 Entered Apprentice degree April 26, 1976
 Fellowcraft degree June 22, 1976
 Master Mason degree September 27, 1976
 Signed the By Laws of Orpheus Lodge #36
 November 22, 1976
 Departed May 29, 2025
 76 years

Lodge & District Events

Saturday 01/03/26	Logia Libertad #50	7:30 PM
Saturday 01/03/26	Jenks Lodge #24	7:30 PM
	Annual Communication	
Wednesday 01/07/26	Officers Rehearsal	7:00 PM
Saturday 01/10/26	Gaspee Chapter DeMolay	2:00 PM
Tuesday 01/13/26	Overseas Lodge #40	7:00 PM
Wednesday 01/14/26	Officers Rehearsal	7:00 PM
Monday 01/19/26	Rising Sun Lodge #30	7:30 PM
Wednesday 01/21/26	St. Johns Communication	6:30 PM
	Dinner	5:30 PM
Saturday 01/24/26	Gaspee Chapter DeMolay	2:00 PM
Monday 01/26/26	Jenks Lodge #24	7:30 PM

Dues Notice Addendum:

The assessments have gone up one dollar. If you paid your dues automatically through your bank and paid \$71.00, please remit to the Treasurer an additional \$1.00. Thank you.

In Memoriam

Worshipful Brother George M. Hanrahan

Born July 24, 1942
 St. Johns Lodge #1 Providence
 Entered Apprentice degree February 20, 1974
 Fellowcraft degree March 20, 1974
 Master Mason degree May 15, 1974
 Signed the by-laws October 16, 1974
 Worshipful Master St. Johns #1 Providence 1979
 50 year Grand Lodge service medal 2024
 Departed December 17, 2025
 83 years

In Memoriam

Brother John A. (Jack) Webb

Born December 17, 1928
 Barney Merry #29
 St. Johns Lodge #1 Providence
 Entered Apprentice degree November 8, 1955
 Fellowcraft degree December 20, 1955
 Master Mason degree January 17, 1956
 Signed the by-laws February 14, 1956
 Grand Lodge 50 Year Service Medal 2006
 Departed February 4, 2024
 96 years



Graciously presenting on behalf of DFCI was
 WPM Tony Khoury, flanked by
 WM Bob Larrabee (L) and RW DDGM Mazen Alsabe (R).

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 JOE GIORNO AND COLLEEN CAHIR
 WM BOB LARRABEE AND LADY JANE
 JOHNNIE KNIGHTSVILLE PALIOTTA
 PPAC – THE VETS AUDITORIUM



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



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
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 ^
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