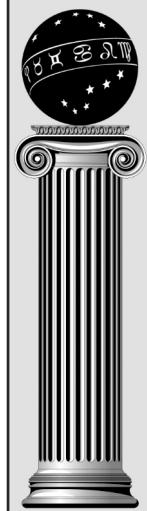


# ST. JOHNS LODGE NO. ONE

## F. & A.M.

### PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

#### CONSTITUTED - 1757



January 2026

3946<sup>th</sup>  
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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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, SJ1P's theme of Charity for December (and beyond) was a rousing success. At our Dec 17<sup>th</sup> stated communication, just under \$500.00 was raised c/o online donations to the SJ1P 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 17<sup>th</sup> discussion, SJ1P conducted several other charitable events. First, the annual **2025 Holiday Food Basket** event on Dec 13<sup>th</sup> – 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 20<sup>th</sup> – aside from the musical prowess of SJ1P'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/SJ1P> (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 SJ1P 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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.

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; Walter Kelly, Kenneth Phillips, Karapet Emdjan or contact Bob O'Brien at [bob.obrien@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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	<b>Logia Libertad #50</b>	7:30 PM
Saturday 01/03/26	<b>Jenks Lodge #24</b>	7:30 PM
<b>Annual Communication</b>		
Wednesday 01/07/26	<b>Officers Rehearsal</b>	7:00 PM
Saturday 01/10/26	<b>Gaspee Chapter DeMolay</b>	2:00 PM
Tuesday 01/13/26	<b>Overseas Lodge #40</b>	7:00 PM
Wednesday 01/14/26	<b>Officers Rehearsal</b>	7:00 PM
Monday 01/19/26	<b>Rising Sun Lodge #30</b>	7:30 PM
Wednesday 01/21/26	<b>St. Johns Communication</b>	6:30 PM
	Dinner	5:30 PM
Saturday 01/24/26	<b>Gaspee Chapter DeMolay</b>	2:00 PM
Monday 01/26/26	<b>Jenks Lodge #24</b>	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).

### SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS:

THE ARCTIC PLAYHOUSE  
CHELO'S HOMETOWN BAR & GRILL  
CARDI'S FURNITURE  
TIM AND CARISSA CULHANE  
FORGET ME NOT FLORIST  
JOE GIORNO AND COLLEEN CAHIR  
WM BOB LARRABEE AND LADY JANE  
JOHNNIE KNIGHTSVILLE PALIOTTA  
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## 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 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**

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
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#### **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**

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.: Kingsey L. Bennett*
1968 Kenneth W. Fawthrop*
1970 W.: Harold W. Thatcher*
1971 W.: Rufus C. Fuller, Jr.*
1971 W.: J. Harold Robertson*

1975 M.: 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