

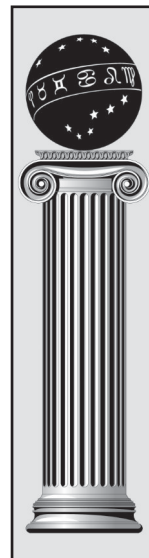


# ST. JOHNS LODGE NO. ONE

## F. & A.M.

### PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

#### CONSTITUTED - 1757



February 2023

3917<sup>th</sup>  
Regular  
Communication



R.: W.: Gilbert J. Fontes Jr.  
District Deputy Grand Master  
Metro District

W.: Jason M. Nystrom  
Grand Master of Ceremonies

M.: W.: Robert A. Palazzo  
Grand Master

R.: W.: Brad Ripley  
Grand Marshal

**This Month's Communication: February 15, 2023**

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at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 2115 Broad Street, Cranston, Rhode Island.  
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Wednesday, February 8, 2023

Wednesday, February 15, 2023

Wednesday, March 1, 2023

Officers Rehearsal

St. Johns #1 Providence Communication

Grand Master's Visitation

Lafayette Lodge # 47 (Northern District)

6:30 PM

6:00 PM

7:30 PM

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

W.: John B. Paliotta, Master

## Master's Message

Hello My Brothers,

I sincerely hope everyone and their families are doing well as we enter another winter month. We are getting that much closer to Spring.

Our January communication last month was a degree night. I'd like to take this opportunity to once again thank my Wardens and Officers for an exceptional Fellow Craft degree presented on our two candidates. The night seem to effortlessly move forward in great time. Another congratulations is in order to **Brother Senior Deacon** on his exceptional lecture of the middle chamber. The officer line will be diligently rehearsing during the next couple of months for our Master Mason degree in March.



For our communication this month, we will be switching it up and welcoming back a fantastic speaker who came to us last year. **Dr. Samuel Biagetti**. Dr. Biagetti will be presenting another wonderful lecture on our Craft. This topic will be "*The alleged pre-historic Newport Masonic Lodge*" which dates back to 1658. A very captivating and interesting topic indeed!

I'd like to make mention of something I'm proposing for next month. For our March communication, I would like to ask everyone who is able to, please bring cans and bags of food for dogs and cats. Other supplies that are needed are blankets, towels, cleaning supplies, etc. Another easy option is a \$5 or \$10 Amazon gift card. Many shelters are creating a need/want list for their organization on Amazon. With the cards collected, we can shop for various shelters. Simple and easy, we can click and ship directly to them as a gift and support from St. Johns 1P. Please look for a list of needed supplies to be posted on our St. Johns 1P Facebook page and in the next trestle board. This will greatly help these wonderful organizations in need. This is very much appreciated!

Please do not forget to make a reservation for dinner. Regarding upcoming events, all the dates, times, etc. are listed in this trestle board.

As always, Please keep a vigilant eye out for any animal in need or distress, and always report it immediately. Thank you!

*"Animals are a window to your Soul and a doorway to your spiritual destiny. If you let them into your life and allow them to teach you, you will be better for it."*

Grazie Fratelli Miei ... ..

*W.: John B. Paliotta*  
John B. Paliotta  
Worshipful Master



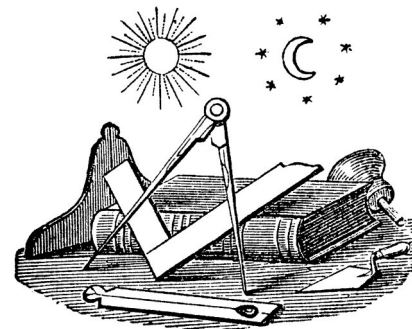
## Lodge & District Events

Friday 02/03/23	<b>Logia Libertad UD</b>	7:30 PM
Wednesday 02/08/23	<b>Officers Rehearsal</b>	6:30 PM
Saturday 02/11/23	<b>Gaspee Chapter DeMolay</b>	5:00 PM
Monday 02/13/23	<b>Redwood Lodge #35</b>	7:30 PM
Tuesday 02/14/23	<b>Overseas Lodge #40</b>	6:30 PM
Wednesday 02/15/23	<b>St Johns Regular</b>	6:00 PM
Monday 02/20/23	<b>Rising Sun #30</b>	7:30 PM
Saturday 02/25/23	<b>Gaspee Chapter DeMolay</b>	10:30 AM
Monday 02/27/23	<b>Jenks Lodge No. 24</b>	7:00 PM
Wednesday 03/01/23	<b>Grand Master's Visitation</b>	7:30 PM
	<b>Lafayette Lodge # 47</b> (Northern District)	
Friday 03/03/23	<b>Logia Libertad UD</b>	7:30 PM

## February Program

### *The Alleged Pre-Historic Newport Masonic Lodge*

Dr. Samuel Biagetti received his PhD in early American history from Columbia University. His research has been published in Early American Studies and the Journal of Caribbean History. He currently lives in central Massachusetts where he deals antiques and produces the general history podcast, "Historiansplaining."



## February 15th Monthly Communication

6:00 PM:	St. Johns open to transact such business as shall regularly come before it.
6:45 PM:	Dinner A limited number of fish meals available with reservation.
7:30 PM:	Program

Call: Brother Senior Steward @ **401-861-1757**  
or email: [sj1prov@gmail.com](mailto:sj1prov@gmail.com)

No later than **Sunday, February 12th** for reservations.  
Any Brother with special dietary needs beyond the listed menu, please mention it in your message.

## Get Well Wishes

**Edwin Fielder** 401-397-5637  
85 Lakehurst Drive, Coventry, RI 02816  
**Peter McConaghy** 401-641-5660  
81 Norton Avenue, Cranston, RI 02920  
**Lino Martin**  
976 Long View Drive, North Attleboro, MA 02760  
**Darryl Triggs** 401-632-6817  
31 Remington Farm Drive, Coventry, RI 02816

Let us remember all sick or shut in Brothers who could use a call, card or visit. Please report all such brothers to the Master W.: John B. Paliotta or any of the following Sick Committee members; Walter Kelly, Kenneth Phillips, Garabed Emdjian or contact Bob O'Brien at [bob.obrien@gmail.com](mailto:bob.obrien@gmail.com) or 401-487-4750

## Ballot on Petition to Join by Degrees

**Evan Michael Bennett**  
40 Oakland Ave., Cranston, RI, 02910

**Alan Christopher Vukas**  
174 Pequot Trl., East Greenwich, RI, 02818

**Richard Allen Lunn Jr.**  
998 Main St, Apt. D, West Warwick, RI, 02893

**Joseph A. Puleo**  
84 Ryan Ave, Warwick, RI, 02889

**Jason E. Norberg**  
54 Belmont Rd., Cranston, RI, 02910

**Omar Niazi**  
255 Promenard St. Apt 528, Providence, RI, 02908

## Ballot on Petition to Join by Affiliation

**Luis Carcamo**  
5 Regent Dr., Riverside, RI, 02915, Redwood Lodge #35

## Masonic labor is purely a labor of love.

He who seeks to draw Masonic wages in gold and silver will be disappointed. The wages of a Mason are in the dealings with one another; sympathy begets sympathy, kindness begets kindness, helpfulness begets helpfulness, and these are the wages of a Mason.

— Benjamin Franklin

## The real secrets of Masonry are never told, not even from mouth to ear.

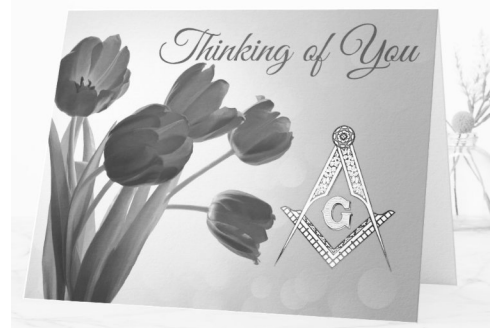
For the real secret of Masonry is spoken to your heart and from it to the heart of your brother. Never the language made for tongue may speak it, it is uttered only in the eye in those manifestations of that love which a man has for his friend, which passeth all other loves.

— William Howard Taft

## Freemasonry is an institution founded on eternal reason and truth;

whose deep basis is the civilization of mankind, and whose everlasting glory it is to have the immovable support of those two mighty pillars, science and morality.

— George Washington



## Freemason Quotes: Valentine's Day Edition

"My most brilliant achievement was my ability to be able to persuade my wife to marry me."

~Sir Winston Churchill  
Studholme Lodge No. 1591, England

"Two times a week, my wife and I go to a nice restaurant, have a little beverage, good food and companionship. She goes on Tuesdays; I go on Fridays."

~Red Skelton  
Vincennes Lodge No. 1, Indiana

"I believe in the institution of marriage, and I intend to keep trying till I get it right."

~Richard Pryor  
Henry Brown Lodge No. 22 PHA, Illinois

## GRAND MASTER'S OFFICIAL VISITATIONS

March 1, 2023 .... **Northern District**  
Lafayette Lodge No. 47  
March 8, 2023 .... **East Bay District**  
St Albans Lodge No. 6  
April 4, 2023 .... **Central District**  
Harmony Lodge No. 9  
April 15, 2023 .... **Mother Lodge**  
Roger Williams Lodge No. 32  
May 6, 2023 ... **Testimonial Dinner**

## METRO DISTRICT MEETINGS

### ANNUAL COMMUNICATIONS

Redwood No. 35 – May 8, 2023  
Logia Libertad UD – TBA

### VISITATIONS

\*Jenks No. 24 – March 27, 2023  
Overseas No. 40 – April 11, 2023  
St. Johns No. 1 Providence – April 19, 2023  
\*Officer Forum



## St Johns Lodge Number One Providence ~ Officers 2022-2023

**Master: W. John B. Paliotta**

**Senior Warden: Joseph J. Bernier Junior Warden: Jason Shealy**

**Treasurer: R. W. Ronald P. Reed Secretary: M. W. Wyman P. Hallstrom, Jr.** email: secretary1prov@gmail.com

**Chaplain: W. Robert J. O'Brien**

**Associate Chaplain: Peter A. Healey**



**Senior Deacon: Robert Larrabee**

**Junior Deacon: William C. Gouge**

**Senior Steward: Scott C. Alexander**

**Junior Steward: Jeffrey Parker**



**Marshal: W. Joshua A. Irizarry**

**Sentinel: Octavio Gomez**

**Tiler: Garabed Emdjian Associate Tiler: Thomas J. Kumes**

**Master of Ceremonies W. Timothy L. Culhane Associate M.C.: R. W. Kenneth B. Phillips**

**Musical Director: W. Larry Thienel**

**Lodge Reporter: W. Timothy L. Culhane**

**Finance Committee: W. Edward D. Bertrand (2023), W. Scott E. Miller (2025), Edward O. Quinn (2024)**

## Living Past Masters of St. Johns Lodge Number One Providence

### St. Johns Lodge No. 1P

1971 Hagop Tikoian  
1973 John C. Crompton  
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  
1999-00 Clarence Soderberg, Jr.  
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

### Unity Lodge No. 34

1969 George W. Haworth

### Barney Merry Lodge No. 29

1969 M. Lee Reed  
1978 William E. Whetstone  
1985 Paul R. Moran  
1991 James Wishart  
1992-93 Robert B. Ellston  
1997-98 William E. Whetstone  
2000 Ronald P. Reed

### Thomas Smith Webb No.43

1966 Bogos W. Pelgian ^  
1970 Bernard Labush ^  
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 ^  
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

(#) Honorary Past Master  
(\*) Corinthian Lodge No. 27  
(^\*) Orpheus Lodge No. 36



## 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  
2002-2003 Robert J. Allen  
2004-2005 Bradford L. Barco  
2005-2006 Wyman P. Hallstrom, Jr.

2006-2007 Carl B. Willi  
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



## 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

\*deceased