

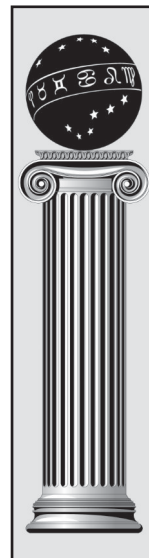


ST. JOHNS LODGE NO. ONE

F. & A.M.

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

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January 2023

3916th
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: January 18, 2023

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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 4, 2023
Wednesday, January 11, 2023
Wednesday, January 18, 2023

Officers Rehearsal
Officers Rehearsal
St. Johns #1 Providence FC Degree

6:30 PM
6:30 PM
5:30 PM

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

W.: John B. Paliotta, Master

Master's Message

Happy New Year Brothers,

As we reflect on another year gone by, we can't help but think of the past. Whether feeling good, bad, sad, or glad, these experiences prepared us to be who and where we are meant to be today.

Our December communication was a wonderful, warm, and **Fuzzy** night, literally. We conducted business and had a delicious dinner with an amazing heartwarming presentation from *Vintage Pet Rescue*. **Kristen** along with her volunteers from VPR give us a glimpse of the day to day operations at the shelter. We were also blessed to have eight of their beautiful senior four-legged residents join us! It was an honor and a privilege for our lodge to donate a check in the amount of \$5000 to this incredible organization. The funds donated were the result of money raised during our raffle at our Christmas holiday party, the Grand Lodge charities matching grant program, and a donation from our lodge. I invite everyone to follow them on facebook and visit their website to follow the wonderful work they do for these amazing dogs!



We were honored to receive a visit from our **MWGM Robert A. Palazzo** and **Lady Val**, who brought with them a friend of theirs, **Susan** from *Cross Anchor Animal Rescue of RI*. Susan received a check in the amount of \$2000 to benefit her organization. These particular funds raised were the result of another successful raffle at the Grand Lodge fall festival and a matching grant from Grand Lodge Charities. Congratulations!

Last month, we held our annual Christmas holiday party at the Alpine country club where we had approximately 125 people in attendance. It was a classy, relaxed night filled with love, cheer, and great food. Our raffle to benefit VPR was extraordinary. Special thanks to **Lady Dina**, *Spain restaurant*, *Cafè Itri*, *Casali liquors*, **W.: Cooper**, and *Alpine Country Club* for their donations. \$1700 was raised within a couple of hours. Thank you all for your generosity!

Our annual holiday food basket drive was an incredible success! This year we assembled and donated food baskets to 80 families in need. What a wonderful feeling! Thank you to our committee and everyone who helped make this happen. Bravo! It was a beautiful, feel-good morning!

Our communication this month will be Wednesday January 18, at 5:30pm. This will be our Fellow Craft degree. We will be conducting this degree on our two candidates. Our officer line is working diligently to make sure we have a great degree as always. Be sure to join us that evening as we will also have the pleasure of listening to our Senior Deacon recite the middle chamber lecture.

As always, I ask everyone to please keep an eye out for any animal in need or distress. We are their voice!

"Until one has loved an animal, a part of one's soul remains unawakened"

Grazie Fratelli Miei

W.: John B. Paliotta

John B. Paliotta

Worshipful Master



Lodge & District Events

Wednesday 01/04/23	Officers Rehearsal	6:30 PM
Friday 01/06/23	Logia Libertad UD	7:30 PM
Saturday 01/07/23	Jenks Lodge No. 24	4:30 PM
	Annual Communication	
Monday 01/09/23	Redwood Lodge #35	7:30 PM
	DDGM Visitation (Metro)	
Tuesday 01/10/23	Overseas Lodge #40	6:30 PM
Wednesday 01/11/23	Officers Rehearsal	6:30 PM
Saturday 01/14/23	Gaspee Chapter DeMolay	10:00 AM
Monday 01/16/23	Rising Sun #30	7:30 PM
Wednesday 01/18/23	St Johns Regular	5:30 PM
	Communication FC Degree	
Monday 01/23/23	Jenks Lodge No. 24	7:00 PM
Saturday 01/28/23	Gaspee Chapter DeMolay	10:00 AM
Tuesday 01/31/23	Collegivm Lvminosvm	6:00 PM

We Masons are among the fortunate ones who are taught to meet together with others opposing convictions or competitive ideas and yet respect each other as Brothers.

Albert Pike



January 18th Monthly Communication

5:30 PM:	St. Johns open to transact such business as shall regularly come before it.
6:15 PM:	Dinner
	A limited number of fish meals available with reservation.
7:00 PM:	FC Degree

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

or email: sjlprov@gmail.com

No later than **Sunday, January 15th** for reservations.

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

Get Well Wishes

Edwin Fielder

85 Lakehurst Drive, Coventry, RI 02816

Peter McConaghy

81 Norton Avenue, Cranston, RI 02920

Lino Martin

976 Long View Drive, North Attleboro, MA 02760

Darryl Triggs

31 Remington Farm Drive, Coventry, RI 02816

401-397-5637

401-641-5660

401-632-6817

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 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



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

Jenks No. 24 – January 7, 2023

Redwood No. 35 – May 8, 2023

Logia Libertad UD – TBA

VISITATIONS

Redwood No. 35 – January 9, 2023

*Jenks No. 24 – March 27, 2023

Overseas No. 40 – April 11, 2023

St. Johns No. 1 Providence – April 19, 2023

*Officer Forum

HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR FROM THE MASTER, WARDENS AND OFFICERS OF ST. JOHNS NO.1 PROVIDENCE.



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