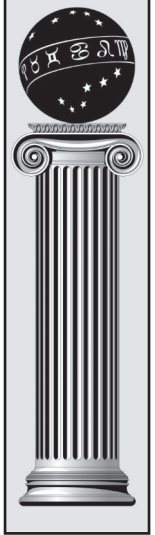


# ST. JOHNS LODGE No. ONE

## F. & A.M.

### PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

#### CONSTITUTED - 1757



**March 2023**

**3918<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  
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M.: W.: Robert A. Palazzo  
Grand Master  
R.: W.: Brad Ripley  
Grand Marshal

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

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at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 2115 Broad Street, Cranston, Rhode Island.  
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Wednesday, March 1, 2023	Officers Rehearsal	6:30 PM
Wednesday, March 8, 2023	Officers Rehearsal	6:30 PM
Wednesday, March 15, 2023	St. Johns #1 P Communication-MM Degree	5:30 PM

Attest: M.: W.: Wyman P. Hallstrom, Jr., Secretary  
W.: John B. Paliotta, Master

## Master's Message

Hello My Brothers,

Hoping this message finds everyone well. Last months communication was a nice, relaxed evening as we welcomed our guest speaker **Dr. Biagetti** who spoke on the alleged Masonic lodge in Newport dating back to 1658. It was a well attended meeting and a very interesting presentation!



Our stated communication for March will be our Master Mason degree on our two candidates. Please note that we will open the meeting at 5:30pm to conduct business. From there we will head straight to dinner, then immediately begin our degree afterwards. As everyone knows, this is a big presentation. All of us officers and many brothers are working diligently to make sure this performance goes wonderfully. Thank you all!

I briefly touched upon my plan going forward for the rest of the year regarding animal welfare. I am asking those that are able to, please consider making a donation of dry and wet food for both dogs and cats to the lodge. Also needed are cleaning supplies, blankets, towels, cat litter, toys, treats, etc. I also spoke about a simple and easy approach to donating. Many shelters and organizations now have Amazon wish lists. This makes donating a lot easier! The Amazon gift cards can be as little as five dollars, or more if you can. All cards collected will go on the Amazon account. From there, I will purchase the items and they ship directly to the organizations in need. It will be accompanied by a note from Amazon and a personal greeting card that I will send with a message that the donation is from St. Johns Lodge No. 1P Freemasons.

I will post this list of wants and needs on our St. Johns 1P Facebook page as well. Starting this month until the end of our Masonic year, please bring all donations to the lodge. If you choose the gift card option, please hand them directly to me or one of the officers. Thank you in advance!

Please keep an eye out for any animal in need or distress. As their voice, It's our duty! If you have a story about how you helped an animal, please share that in Lodge, we would love to hear it!

***"We can't change the world for animals without changing our ideas about animals. We have to move from the idea that animals are things, tools, machines, commodities, resources here for our use to the idea that as sentient beings they have their own inherent value and dignity."***

Grazie Fratelli Miei ... ..

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



## Lodge & District Events

Wednesday 03/01/23	<b>Grand Master's Visitation</b>	7:30 PM
	<b>Lafayette Lodge # 47</b> (Northern District)	
Wednesday 03/01/23	<b>Officers Rehearsal</b>	6:30 PM
Friday 03/03/23	<b>Logia Libertad UD</b>	7:30 PM
Wednesday 03/08/23	<b>Grand Master's Visitation</b>	7:30 PM
	<b>St. Albans Lodge # 6</b> (East Bay District)	
Wednesday 03/08/23	<b>Officers Rehearsal</b>	6:30 PM
Saturday 03/11/23	<b>Gaspee Chapter DeMolay</b>	2:00 PM
Monday 03/13/23	<b>Redwood Lodge #35</b>	7:30 PM
Tuesday 03/14/23	<b>Overseas Lodge #40</b>	6:30 PM
Wednesday 03/15/23	<b>St Johns MM Degree</b>	5:30 PM
Monday 03/20/23	<b>Rising Sun #30</b>	7:30 PM
Saturday 03/25/23	<b>Gaspee Chapter DeMolay</b>	2:00 PM
Monday 03/27/23	<b>Jenks Lodge No. 24</b>	7:30 PM
	<b>DDGM Visitation (Metro) Officer Forum</b>	



Happy  
St. Joseph's Day

### March 15th 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:	MM Degree

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

No later than **Sunday, March 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

**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



### 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



## In Memoriam

### Brother Peter Bedrosian

Orpheus Lodge #36  
Thomas Smith Webb Lodge #43  
St. Johns Lodge #1 Providence  
Born, September 16, 1926  
Entered Apprentice degree December 9, 1963  
Fellowcraft degree March 16, 1964  
Master Mason degree April 20, 1964  
Signed the By Laws of Orpheus Lodge #36  
May 11, 1964  
Grand Lodge 50 year Veterans Medal 2014  
Departed January 20, 2023  
96 years



At February's Stated Communication, **Brother Mike Ritz** shared the powerful and moving story of the extraordinary efforts by a group of former Marines to rescue Dr. Jalal -- a former Afghan translator with the 2/7 Marines who was marked for death by the Taliban -- and his family from Afghanistan after the American withdrawal in 2021.

After years of trying to secure the safety of Dr. Jalal and his family, these Marines were finally able to welcome the Jalals to their new home in Houston, Texas on January 31st. Each family member had with them only a single suitcase with which to rebuild their lives in America. The US government provided only a month's worth of financial support.

In recognition of Dr. Jalal's service to the United States and his sacrifice for the dream of a free Afghanistan, and in honor of the heroic efforts of the American servicemen who rescued him and his family, please consider donating as liberally as you can to the GoFundMe page that Bro. Ritz has set up to give support to the Jalals as they establish themselves in the United States.

<https://gofund.me/06fbc39b>

**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 DiScuillo
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
<b>Unity Lodge No. 34</b>	
1969	George W. Haworth
<b>Barney Merry Lodge No. 29</b>	
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
<b>Thomas Smith Webb No.43</b>	
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 DiScuillo
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 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

\*deceased