

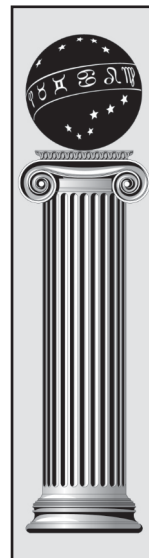


ST. JOHNS LODGE No. ONE

F. & A.M.

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

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Summer 2023



R.: W.: Eric E. Grist
District Deputy Grand Master
Metro District

W.: John W. Kent III
Grand Master of Ceremonies

M.: W.: Douglas J. Grant
Grand Master

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at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 2115 Broad Street, Cranston, Rhode Island.
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Sunday, August 6, 2023
Sunday, August 13, 2023

St. Johns #1P Family Picnic
Grand Lodge of RI Family Picnic

12:00 Noon
11:00 AM

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

W.: Joseph J. Bernier, Master



Sunday, August 27 is the Rhode Island DeMolay Conclave Banquet. This will be held at Scottish Rite. Doors open at 11:30 AM with intros beginning sharply at Noon. The attire is tuxedo, jewel and apron and the cost is \$30 per person. The registration link is below and required to be submitted no later than Sunday, August 20.

https://ridemolay.net/en/news.php?news_id=101

Get Well Wishes

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.: Joseph J. Bernier or any of the following Sick Committee members; Walter Kelly, Kenneth Phillips, Karapet Emdjian or contact Bob O'Brien at bob.obrien@gmail.com or **401-487-4750**

In Memoriam

Worshipful Edwin Earl Fielder

Born October 29, 1931

Nathanael Green Lodge #45, Admitted June 3, 1954

Worshipful Master 1966

Daylight Lodge #48

Harmony Lodge #9

St. Johns Lodge #1 Providence, Affiliated Dec. 18, 2002

Secretary 2005-10

Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite 33rd degree

Providence Chapter #1, Past High Priest 1983

Prov. Council #1, Past Thrice Illustrious Master 1984

St. Johns Commandry #1, Past Em. Commander 1977

Red Cross of Constantine, Past Sovereign 1995

EA January 9, 1954, FC April 1, 1954, MM May 6, 1954

Grand Lodge 50 year medal 2004

Exemplary Service Medal 2019

Departed June 3, 2023

91 years



The Officers of St Johns #1 Providence 2023-2024



Greetings My Brothers,

I need to begin my first Master's Message by thanking you for your confidence and trust in electing me Master of St Johns No. 1 Providence. As I shared in my speech at the Annual, I accept this honor with a deep sense of humility and an overwhelming feeling of pride given the rich history of this Lodge and the legacy of the men who have led it. It is beyond humbling to consider that the responsibility for our Lodge established 266 years ago (predating the founding of our country in 1776) rests on me. Please know that I will carry out the duties as Master of this Lodge to the very best of my abilities in hopes of contributing to our shared legacy as well as the forward progress of our much-admired institution.

As I write this message, I am astonished that the St Johns No. 1 Providence Annual Installation of Officers was nearly a month ago. I have often been told how quickly the time passes in the East and I can say that I feel that truth. Perhaps it's because we kick off the new Masonic year with a number of special events. Since the Installation, we held our annual Steak Fry at East Greenwich Yacht Club attended by 100+ members and esteemed guests. In typical SJIP fashion, it was a tremendous event – we enjoyed great food, a much-needed moment of relaxation and most importantly, the fellowship of our Brothers at a beautiful, waterside location. Did I mention the perfect weather? A huge round of applause and hearty thanks needs to be given to the committee of volunteers who make the Steak Fry happen flawlessly each year. During the Steak Fry I also had the honor of personally handing out service award pins to several members of our Lodge accompanied by **M.:W.: Doug Grant, R.:W.: Eric Grist and Junior Past Master John Paliotta**. Following tradition, Junior Past Master Paliotta and I also drank from the quaich (pronounced quake) as a symbol of authority passing from the outgoing Master to the incoming Master. It was truly a remarkable and enjoyable evening.



The SJIP Organizational Meeting took place on 7/6 where I had the opportunity to share and articulate my plans for the year with the Officers. My overarching theme is focused on two words: Excellence and Experience. First, I want us to identify and explore the sources of our excellence at St Johns No. 1 Providence and to consider potential opportunities to push the boundaries of our capabilities. Secondly, in regard to experience, I want us to consider how we, as members, can realize the experiences we want (or need) from Masonry. Moreover, since we have a fairly large cohort of candidates this fall (tentatively nine) how do we meet their expectations (aka Experience) of Masonry? I harken back to our Master Mason degree this past March when *Brother Leonard Cambra* unabashedly spoke up at the end of the degree because he needed to share that he just experienced a “WOW” moment. This had a profound impact on me and I want us all to consider how we can each get to excellence and WOW on our individual journeys. I have lined up a series of presenters for this upcoming year who will help us with this introspection and discussion.

On 7/19, I also had the opportunity to share and socialize my theme for the year during the St Johns No. 1 Providence Past Masters meeting held at Iron Works.

The Officers and I have also recently started a book discussion using **Bro. Andrew Hammer's** book, *Observing the Craft*, as the read. We are only a few chapters in but, based on the interactions to date, I am certain this will be a thought-provoking exercise for us and that perhaps we might also get to think about the paths to Excellence and Experience.

A couple of miscellaneous items to note:

The St Johns No. 1 Providence Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 6th at Buttonwoods park. Please mark this date in your calendars and be on the lookout for the flyer containing the specific details of the event and RSVP information. I look forward to seeing you and spending time with you and your family at the picnic.

And lastly, we will be placing an order for our popular SJIP polos and baseball hats (different colors this time.) More information will be forthcoming shortly.

My Brothers, thank you again for the opportunity to serve as Master of this wonderful and amazing Lodge. I am looking forward to a sharing a great year filled with Excellence and Experiences but in the meantime, enjoy the beautiful summer weather and spending time with your family and loved ones!

Fraternally,

W.: Joseph J. Bernier

Joseph J. Bernier
Worshipful Master



St Johns Lodge Number One Providence ~ Officers 2022-2023

Master: W.: Joseph J. Bernier
Senior Warden: Jason Shealy **Junior Warden: Robert Larrabee**
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: William C. Gouge **Junior Deacon: Scott C. Alexander**
Senior Steward: Jeffrey Parker **Junior Steward: Octavio Gomez**



Marshal: W.: John B. Paliotta
Sentinel: Sean C. Paley
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 (2026), 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
 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

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
 1990 David Lancaster
 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.

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
 2017-2017 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



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



St. Johns Lodge No. 1 Providence
Family Picnic

Sunday, August 6, 2023
12:00pm to 4:00pm

Shrine / Masonic Family Center (Buttonwoods)
Warwick, RI

St. Johns Lodge No.1 Providence invites you to join us for a wonderful day for the entire family.
 All Brothers are welcome to bring their wives, partners, parents, children, grandchildren, and
 prospective candidates to the fun-filled day!

Reservations are required and due by Monday, July 31st, 2023

Cost: \$10 per member - no additional cost for up to 8 guests! Additional \$10 for more than 8.
If you have a favorite dish or dessert you'd like to share, let us know!

Bob Larrabee, Committee Chairman

Call/text (401) 282-8574 with questions

MENU

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs
 Potato Salad, Macaroni Salad, Chips
 Water, Soda, Juice
 Pastries, Watermelon



ACTIVITIES

Swimming
 Horseshoes
 Good Fellowship!
 A Fun Time for All!

Remit \$10.00 with your completed reservation below. Please, no phone, email, Facebook or text message reservations.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City / State: _____ **Telephone:** _____

Number of Guests: Adults _____ **Children (6-12 yrs.)** _____

Kindly mail your reservation to: **Bob Larrabee - 34 Appleton Street, Cranston, RI 02910**