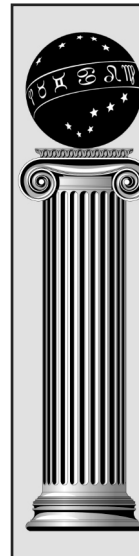


ST. JOHNS LODGE No. ONE

F. & A.M.

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

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June 2026

3951st
Regular
Communication



R.: W.: Michael A. Cunningham
District Deputy Grand Master
Metro District
W.: Merill I. Torgan
Grand Master of Ceremonies
M.: W.: Gilbert J. Fontes Jr.
Grand Master
R.: W.: Jason M. Nystrom
Grand Marshal

This Month's Communication: June 17, 2026

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Wednesday, June 10, 2026	Officers Rehearsal for Annual	6:30 PM
Wednesday, June 17, 2026	St. Johns Lodge #1P Awards Night Dinner	6:30 PM 5:30 PM
Saturday, June 27, 2026	St. Johns #1 P 269 th Annual Communication	1:30 PM (see flyer)
Tuesday, June 30, 2026	St. Johns #1 P Steak Fry	6:00 PM (see flyer)

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

W.: Robert J. Larrabee, Master

Master's Message

My Worthy Brothers,

Bang! And there it was. The Worshipful Master's siren call indicating that he was about to open a Lodge of Masons. What was ever so slightly different in this instance, for SJIP's 3,950th occurrence of the same, was that it was signaled with a very unique and commemorative gavel. To wit.

That rightful and pervasive sound described above was struck with the gavel commissioned to found **Semiquincentennial Lodge No. 250** (SQC 250). This commemorative Lodge was established by petition for chartering and received at an Occasional Grand Lodge on May 2, 2026 at Freemasons Hall in East Providence, RI.

It was Constituted as a formal salute to the important role Freemasonry played in the birth of the United States and dedicated to the 250th anniversary of America's Declaration of Independence. As **WPM Bob O'Brien** and I so often comment to each other, it made for another great day in Freemasonry."

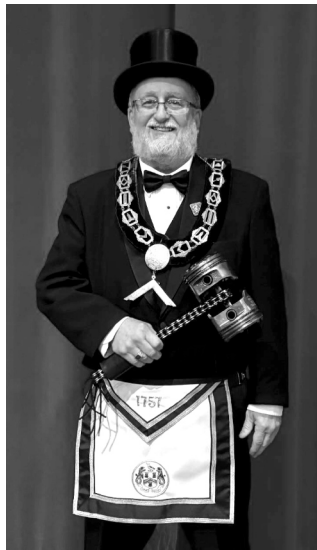
The noted gavel is pictured in this communication and the fact that I, as SJIP's Master, was the first to use it (post its commissioning) to conduct his May meeting was an honor I won't soon forget. BTW, it was the first of many, many SQC 250 events that the gavel and committee will travel to, such as **Collegivm Lvminosvm** on Sept. 30th, at St. Johns No.1 Providence Colonial Era Table Lodge on Nov. 14th, and a Liberty Tree planting/time capsule at a time, date and location TBD.

Further, as has been eloquently stated at multiple Lodge meetings by our **M.:W.:GM Gilbert J. Fontes Jr.**, Semiquincentennial Lodge No. 250 was founded on the principles of **reflecting on the past** to honor the Founders and early Freemasons who laid the foundation for American freedom; **celebrating the present** to reaffirm the Masonic commitment to *Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth*; and **hope for the future** that generations who follow are inspired to uphold the founding principles of America and Freemasonry.

And, having the approximately 35 Brothers from **Euclid Lodge 136**, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ travel up from their home state to Freemasons Hall for the SQC 250 commissioning was notable as well. After which, we ventured back to SJIP's home base at the Scottish Rite Cathedral to enjoy the remainder of the day, celebrating the 40+ years of Brotherhood and friendship between our respective Lodges.

Looking ahead to June's stated communication, SJIP will conduct our annual Awards Night. Please plan to join us and them that evening (we also welcome their family and friends) to recognize the many Brothers who have achieved significant milestones of service to our Craft.

The June meeting Awards portion will be open to non-Masons as well and that includes dining. Be sure to make the appropriate dinner reservations, please and thank you.



Since this will be my final full meeting to occupy the East, this will also be my final plea to sustain the flow of donations to ***SJIP's My Giving Page***, eponymously named "*SJIP for Dana-Farber & The Jimmy Fund*." To date, we are a tick OVER \$5K, \$5,136.84 to be exact, and I once again (finally??) graciously thank each of you who have donated.

The URL and/or QR code to access this page is:

<https://danafarber.jimmyfund.org/goto/SJIP>



Dinner for the June 17th stated communication will begin @ 5:30 PM and Lodge will open @ 6:30 PM to conduct our business and commence with the work of the evening.

You know the drill; dinner reservations are required and can be made by calling 401-861-1757 or by email at SJ1prov@gmail.com no later than the Friday preceding the stated meeting. For June, that date is Friday the 12th.

Finally, make no mistake, having served this Lodge will be among my fondest memories and experiences for the remainder of my days. I thank all who supported and counseled me in this endeavor. I couldn't have done it without you. 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.

401-828-7925

43 Hall Street, West Warwick, RI 02893-4631

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; Kenneth Phillips, Karapet Emdjian or contact Bob O'Brien at bob.obrien@gmail.com or 401-487-4750

Senior Warden's Message

My Brothers,

The SJIP annual will be on Saturday, June 27. The Masons only opening and election of officers is at 1:30PM. We're breaking for a meal at 3:00 roughly or at the completion of the election and private installation. Guests should arrive around 2:45PM. The semi public installation of officers will be around 4:30. After the ceremony please join us at the Shrine bar for fellowship.

The SJIP annual steak fry will be Tuesday, June 30 at 5:30 PM at the East Greenwich yacht club, remember you must be current on dues to attend.

Fraternally,
Bill Gouge, Senior Warden

June 17th 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: Awards

Call: Brother Senior Steward @ 401-861-1757
 or email: sj1prov@gmail.com

No later than **Friday, June 12th** for reservations.

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

Lodge & District Events

Saturday 06/06/26	Logia Libertad #50	12.00 PM
	Annual Communication	
Tuesday 06/09/26	Overseas Lodge #40	7:00 PM
Wednesday 06/10/26	Officers Rehearsal	6:30PM
Saturday 06/13/26	Gaspee Chapter DeMolay	2:00 PM
Wednesday 06/17/26	St. Johns 1P	6:30 PM
	Dinner	5:30 PM
Monday 06/22/26	Rising Sun Lodge #30	7:30 PM
Saturday 06/27/26	Gaspee Chapter DeMolay	2:00 PM
Monday 06/25/26	Jenks Lodge #24	7:30 PM
Saturday 06/27/26	St Johns Lodge 1P	1:30 PM
	Annual Communication	
Tuesday 06/30/26	St Johns Lodge 1P	6:00 PM
	Steak Fry	

Semiquincentennial Lodge No. 250
Commemorative Lodge



Most Worshipful
Brother Gilbert J. Fontes Jr.



Our 171st Grand Master for the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

“Just Signed the By-Laws”



Robert Simmons III, Daniel Zirolli Jr., W. Robert J. Larrabee,
 Brandon Silvestri, and Felix Diclo Jr..

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 **Asst. Secretary: Stephen M. Mulcahey**

Senior Deacon: R.: W.: Jason E. Greene **Junior Deacon:**
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 Mazen M. Alsabe
 2020 Scott E. Miller
 2021 Joshua A. Irizarry
 2022 John B. Paliotta
 2023 Joseph J. Bernier
 2024 C. Jason Shealy

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

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 ^
 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.: 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
 2023 M.: W.: Wyman P. Hallstrom, Jr.
 *deceased