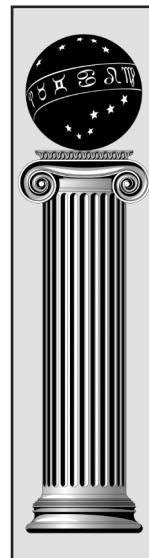


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October 2026

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R.: W.: Michael A. Cunningham
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Metro District

W.: Merill I. Torgan
Grand Master of Ceremonies

M.: W.: Gilbert J. Fontes Jr.
Grand Master

R.: W.: Jason M. Nystrom
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This Month's Communication: October 21, 2026

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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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Secretary's mailing Address: P.O. Box 8397 Warwick, R.I. 02888-0397
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Wednesday, October 7, 2026	Officers Rehearsal	6:30 PM
Wednesday, October 14, 2026	Officers Rehearsal	6:30 PM
Wednesday, October 21, 2026	St. Johns Lodge #1P Communication (MacIntyre Room at the Rhode Island Shrine)	5:30 PM Dinner
	Entered Apprentice Degree	6:30 PM

Attest: Stephen M. Mulcahey, Secretary

W.: William C. Gouge, Master

Master's Message

Brethren,

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to **Camille Vella-Wilkinson** and **Dr. Concetta Archer** from **MISSION: Boots to Briefcases** for the excellent program they presented to our Lodge. Their dedication to assisting veterans as they transition from military service to civilian life was evident throughout the evening, and I am grateful to everyone who joined us for such a worthwhile program. We plan to stay in touch with Camille and Dr. Archer and look for opportunities to continue supporting their important work.



October will bring us our **Entered Apprentice Degree**. We will begin the evening with dinner at 5:30 p.m. in the **MacIntyre Room** at the *Rhode Island Shriners*, then walk across the street to the Lodge, where we will open at 6:30 p.m. We will vote on the remaining available candidate(s) before conferring the Entered Apprentice Degree. I hope to see a strong turnout from the Brethren as we welcome our newest candidates and introduce them to the first lessons of Freemasonry.

Officer rehearsals for the EA Degree will be held on October 7 and October 14. Our back-room wranglers are strongly encouraged to attend both rehearsals, as their work is an important part of making the evening run smoothly. Thank you, Brethren, for your continued commitment to St. John's Lodge No. 1 and to one another. As always, let us continue our year together in Faith, Hope and Charity.

Fraternally,

W.: William C. Gouge

William C. Gouge
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

Hagop Tikoian, PM

401-356-0631

1371 Mendon Road, Apt. 16, Woonsocket, RI 02895

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.: **William C. Gouge** 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**

Ballot on Petition to Join by Degree

Patrick Henry Shelton

1921 Broad Street, Cranston, RI 02905

Pedro Pagan

816 Douglas Avenue, Providence, RI 02905



May Brotherly Love
Prevail

October 21st Monthly Communication

5:30 PM: Dinner

6:30 PM: St. Johns open to transact such business as shall regularly come before it.

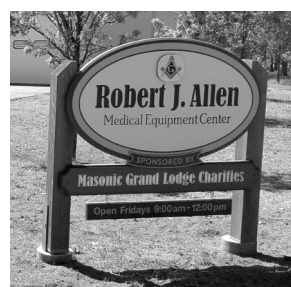
7:15 PM: EA Degree

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

or email: SrSteward@stjohns1p.org.

No later than **Friday, October 16th** for reservations.

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



**Open Friday's from
9 am to 12 Noon**

**116 Long Street
Warwick, Rhode Island, 02886**

Phone: (401) 451-0184

Lodge & District Events

Saturday 10/03/26	Logia Libertad Lodge #50	7:30 PM
	Grand Master's Visitation (Metro District)	
Wednesday 10/07/26	Officers Rehearsal	6:30PM
Saturday 10/10/26	Gaspee Chapter DeMolay	2:00 PM
Tuesday 10/13/26	Overseas Lodge #40	7:00 PM
Wednesday 10/14/26	Officers Rehearsal	6:30PM
Monday 10/19/26	Rising Sun Lodge #30	7:30 PM
	DDGM Visitation (Metro District)	
Wednesday 10/21/26	St. Johns Lodge #1P	6:30 PM
	Dinner	5:30 PM
Saturday 10/24/26	Gaspee Chapter DeMolay	2:00 PM
Monday 10/26/26	Jenks Lodge #24	7:30 PM

GRAND MASTER'S OFFICIAL VISITATIONS

January 12, 2027... **East Bay District** Washington Lodge No. 3
 February 2, 2027 **Central District** Harmony Lodge No. 9
 March 10, 2027 **Southern District** Hope Lodge No. 25
 April 10, 2027..... **Northern District** Roger Williams No. 32
Special Visitation April 14, 2027 to St. Albans Lodge No. 6
 May 10, 2027 **Mother Lodge** Daylight Lodge No. 48
 April 17, 2027 **Testimonial Dinner** TBD

Metro District Meetings

ANNUAL COMMUNICATIONS

Overseas No. 40..... November 11, 2026
 Jenks No. 24.....January 9, 2027

VISITATIONS

Rising Sun No. 30.....October 19, 2026
 *Logia Libertad No. 50November 7, 2026
 Jenks No. 24..... March 22, 2027
 Overseas No. 40..... April 13, 2027
 St. Johns No. 1 Providence April 21, 2027
 * Officer Forum



"Yes I'm sure! The Worshipful Master insisted the newsletter go out right away."

Mission: Boots to Briefcases

Empowering veterans with resources and opportunities.



Dr. Concetta Archer, Camille Vella-Wilkinson and W.M. William C. Gouge



St Johns Lodge Number One Providence ~ Officers 2026-2027

Master: W.: William C. Gouge

Senior Warden: W.: Scott E. Miller

Junior Warden: W.: Charles Jason Shealy

Treasurer: R.: W.: Ronald P. Reed

Secretary: Stephen M. Mulcahey

Chaplain: W.: Richard Gonzalez

Asst. Chaplain: Sean C. Paley



Senior Deacon: Octavio Gomez

Junior Deacon: Alan Vukas

Senior Steward: Joseph Puleo

Junior Steward: Aubrey Fletcher

Marshal: W.: Gregory Enos

Sentinel: Daniel Zirolli

Tiler: Karapet Emdjian Associate Tiler: Thomas J. Kumes

Master of Ceremonies W.: Joshua Irizarry

Lodge Reporter: W.: Timothy L. Culhane



Finance Committee: W.: Edward D. Bertrand (2029), W.: Scott E. Miller (2028), 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
2025 Robert J. Larrabee

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.

2026 R.: W.: Ronald P. Reed
2026 R.: W.: Timothy L. Culhane

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