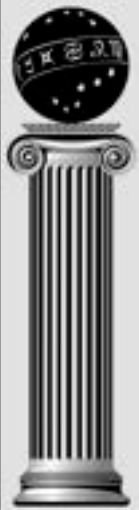


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Summer 2026

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W.: Merill I. Torgan
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M.: W.: Gilbert J. Fontes Jr.
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Summer Communication

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Sunday, August 2, 2026

St. Johns 1P Family Picnic

12:00pm to 4:00pm

Shrine / Masonic Family Center (Buttonwoods), Warwick, RI (See attached Flyer)

Attest: Stephen M. Mulcahey, Secretary

W.: William C. Gouge, Master

Master's Message

Brethren,

After a wonderful day of brotherhood and fellowship at the **269th Annual Communication** of our historic lodge, I would like to thank you, my Brothers, for the confidence you have placed in me by electing me to serve as Master of the Lodge for the ensuing year. It is truly an honor to lead St. Johns Lodge #1 Providence and our team of officers look forward to serving the Craft throughout the coming year.

While the Lodge is now dark for the summer, by the time this newsletter reaches you we will have celebrated another successful year together at our **Annual Steak Fry** at the East Greenwich Yacht Club. Fellowship has always been one of the great strengths of our fraternity, and I hope everyone had the opportunity to enjoy an evening of good food, camaraderie, and the company of their Brothers.

Although our meetings have paused for the summer, work continues behind the scenes. Our **Brother Senior Deacon, Octavio Gomez**, has been busy establishing an email account for each officer's chair. As each Brother advances through the line, those accounts will be passed on to their successor, allowing us to preserve correspondence, documents, and institutional knowledge while improving continuity from one administration to the next.

We hope to make some website enhancements. As a result, you may soon see a new website go live with expanded features and resources for our members. One feature I would especially like to add is a directory of our Brothers' businesses. We have Brothers working in the trades, finance, real estate, insurance, law, healthcare, and many other professions. My hope is that this directory will encourage us to support one another whenever we need a service—not because we are looking for the cheapest price or asking for free or discounted work, but simply because we have an opportunity to support a Brother's business. If you're going to have the work done anyway, why not help a Brother provide for himself and his family? In the coming weeks, we'll share details on where to send your business information so we can begin building this directory.

Thank you again for the trust you have placed in me. Our entire team of officers is honored to serve, and we look forward to an outstanding year of Masonry, fellowship, and continued service to our Lodge and community.

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

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

St Johns 1P Man of the Year 2026



Brother John P. Gauthier receiving the award from
W.: Brother Robert J. Larrabee

Ballot on Petition to Join by Affiliation

Edward Peter Barber Jr.
Manchester Lodge #12

Derek Raymond Busico
Euclid Lodge #136

Hope you have a happy and safe summer!



The Worshipful Master, Wardens
and Officers of
St. Johns Lodge #1 Providence

Distinguished Service Medal Recipients



R.: W.: Ronald P. Reed

Presented by
W.: Brother
Robert J. Larrabee

and

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



R.: W.: Timothy L. Culhane

St. Johns 1P Annual Communication



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

Assistant Ritual Advisor: W.: Joseph Bernier

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

*deceased



*St. Johns Lodge No. 1 Providence
Family Picnic*

Sunday, August 2, 2026 - 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!

*** Fifty-Fifty Raffle for Operation: Stand Down RI, to support RI Veterans! ***

Reservations are required and due by Friday, July 31st, 2026

**Cost: \$10/member and 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!**

Jason Shealy, Committee Chairman

Call/text (401) 218-8134 with questions

Menu

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



ACTIVITIES

Horseshoes! Good Fellowship!

A Fun Time for All!

Remit \$10.00 with your completed reservation below. No telephone call, email, or text message reservations, please.

Name _____

Address _____

City & State _____ Telephone _____

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

Please mail your reservation to: **Jason Shealy - 86 Preston Drive, Cranston, RI 02910**