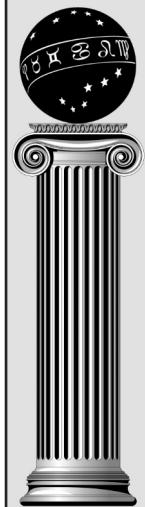


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February 2026

3947th
Regular
Communication



R.W.: Mazen M. Alsabe
District Deputy Grand Master
Metro District
W.: Randy Boone
Grand Master of Ceremonies
M.W.: Rick Baccus
Grand Master
R.W.: Richard F. Lynch
Grand Marshal

This Month's Communication: February 18, 2026

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Wednesday, February 4, 2026
Wednesday, February 11, 2026
Wednesday, February 18, 2026

Officers Rehearsal
Officers Rehearsal
St. Johns Lodge #1P
Dinner

7:00 PM
7:00 PM
7:00 PM
6:00 PM

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

W.: Robert J. Larrabee, Master

Master's Message

My Worthy Brothers,
With January now being in the books, and having conferred the Fellowcraft degree on the five SJ1P candidates, we can forward focus to the pinnacle point of any Mason's journey, completing the third degree in Blue Lodge Freemasonry. It's probably safe to say that all who receive this communication fondly remember the very night that they became Master Masons. From there we commence on our own Masonic journey and the activities associated with being a Mason. Invariably, we will also count the years that pass, often with incredulousness at how many we've tallied.

Keeping that in mind, what if YOUR Masonic journey began circa 1975! What might that look like? Surely, many who will read this were just born, or perhaps, yet to be born. For me, I was just out of high school and soon to start my own family. Where has the time gone? That's an age-old question that inevitably anyone and everyone will ponder at some point in their own life.

At SJ1P, in February, we may get some heartfelt answers to what happens in the passage of Masonic time. During our stated communication, we'll get to meet and hear from several of the five SJ1P Brothers eligible to receive their 50-year Grand Lodge service medal. Appropriately, **R.:W.:DDGM Mazen Alsabe** will have the distinct pleasure of bestowing this honor on them.

The eligible 50-year recipients are: **M.:W.:PGM Ralph J. DiScuillo, R.:W.:Kenneth B. Phillips, W.:Mohamed Hassan Hussein, Br. Jackson L. Jennings, and Br. Daniel F. Nungesser.** Please join us and them for this milestone event.

Also planned for the February meeting, **W.:Raymond Aznavorian** will illustrate for us a brief overview of usage of an *AED Unit and CPR basics*. I don't have to tell you the number (too large frankly) of dear Brothers that ascended to the Celestial Lodge above during the December/January timeframe and how potentially critical it could be for any one of us to implement life-sustaining actions on a stricken individual, more especially a worthy Brother.

Lastly, my plea to sustain the flow of donations to SJ1P's My Giving Page, aptly named "SJ1P for Dana-Farber & The Jimmy Fund," which funds Dana Farber Cancer Institute & The Jimmy Fund (DFCI) research. To date we have funneled \$3,149.52 to the cause and I graciously thank each and all of you who already donated. I'm asking for more to inch closer to my ambitious goal of \$10K and I'm not bashful about doing so. All donations, however big or small, make a tangible difference.

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

<https://danafarber.jimmyfund.org/goto/SJ1P>



Per the customary requirement, 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 February, that date is Friday the 13th which of course is purely coincidental. Beware March, it will be the same.

Further, just barely a short month from now, in March 2026, we'll once again experience the honor of making Master Masons, the culmination of SJ1P's degree work for this Masonic year and for the Lodge Officers who play an important part in these solemn ceremonies. Without a doubt, for SJ1P's newest Brothers, this will bookend their Masonic year and their accomplishments.

As always, objective and constructive feedback is welcomed.

Fraternally,

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.

43 Hall Street, West Warwick, RI 02893-4631

401-828-7925

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**

February 18th Monthly Communication

6:00 PM: Dinner
7:00 PM: St. Johns open to transact such business as shall regularly come before it.
7:15 PM: 50 Year Service Awards and Program

*Call: Brother Senior Steward @ **401-861-1757**
or email: [sj1prov@gmail.com](mailto:SJ1prov@gmail.com)*

No later than Friday, February 13th for reservations.

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

Please refrain from using \$100 or \$50 dollar bills when paying for dinner. The Lodge has a limited amount of change available the night of our meeting. Thank you.

At this communication the following Brothers will be presented with their 50 year Service medals:

Ralph J. DiScuillo
Mohamed Hassan Hussein
Jackson L. Jennings
Daniel F. Nungesser
Kenneth B. Phillips

Please note the scrolling option as seen on the My Giving Page, which lists previous donations. Donors can identify themselves and personalize any messaging associated with their contribution to be visible on the scroll. You can also remain anonymous if so desired.



Dinner for the February 18th stated communication will begin @ 6:00 PM and will once again offer a warm and hearty winter meal. Lodge will open @ 7:00 PM to conduct our business and then commence with the work of the evening.

Lodge & District Events

Wednesday 02/04/26	Officers Rehearsal	7:00 PM
Saturday 02/07/26	Logia Libertad #50	7:30 PM
Monday 02/09/26	Grand Master's Visitation	1:00 PM
	Daylight Lodge #48 (Central District)	
Tuesday 02/10/26	Overseas Lodge #40	7:00 PM
Wednesday 02/11/26	Officers Rehearsal	7:00 PM
Saturday 02/14/26	Gaspee Chapter DeMolay	2:00 PM
Monday 02/16/26	Rising Sun Lodge #30	7:30 PM
Wednesday 02/18/26	St. Johns Communication	7:00 PM
	Dinner	6:00 PM
Monday 02/23/26	Jenks Lodge #24	7:30 PM
Saturday 02/28/26	Gaspee Chapter DeMolay	2:00 PM

February's Program

W.: Raymond Aznavorian
will present an overview of the usage of an
AED Unit and CPR basics

Secretary's Note

(Unknown Author)

Forget the hasty, unkind word:
Forget the slander you have heard
Forget the quarrel and the cause
Forget the whole affair, because,
 Forgetting is the only way.
Forget the storm of yesterday
Forget the knocker, and the squeak
Forget the bad day of the week.
Forget you're not a millionaire
Forget the grey streaks in your hair
Forget to even get the blues -
 But don't forget
 To Pay Your Dues!

Dues Notice Addendum:

The assessments have gone up one dollar. If you paid your dues automatically through your bank and paid \$71.00, please remit to the Treasurer an additional \$1.00. Thank you.



Happy Valentines Day

In Memoriam

Right Worshipful Brother Walter B. Kelly

What Cheer Lodge #21
Adelphi Lodge #33
Daylight Lodge #48
St. Johns Lodge #1 Providence
Born, January 5, 1943
Entered Apprentice degree February 7, 1992
Fellowcraft degree April 3, 1992
Master Mason degree April 27, 1993
Signed the By Laws June 25, 1993
Affiliated with St. Johns November 20, 2002
Worshipful Master of Daylight 2003 & 2004
Assistant Grand Lecturer 2010 to 2019
Grand Lodge Credentials Committee 2017 to 2020
Departed December 30, 2025
82 years

In Memoriam

Right Worshipful Brother Bogos Willis Peligian

Orpheus Lodge 36
Thomas Smith Webb Lodge #43
St. Johns Lodge #1 Providence
Born October 10, 1927
Entered Apprentice degree March 9, 1949
Fellowcraft degree June 8, 1949
Master Mason degree October 12, 1949
Signed the By Laws of Orpheus 36
November 9, 1949
Worshipful Master of Orpheus 1966
Served on the Armenian Degree Team
50year Veterans Medal 1999
Departed January 5, 2025
98 years

In Memoriam

Worshipful Brother George William Haworth Sr.

Born June 17, 1929
Unity Lodge #34
Barney Merry Lodge #29
St. Johns Lodge #1 Providence
Entered Apprentice degree October 10, 1961
Fellowcraft degree November 14, 1961
Master Mason degree December 12, 1961
Signed the by-laws of Unity 34, January 9, 1962
Worshipful Master of Unity Lodge #34 1969
Grand Lodge 50 year service medal 2012
Departed January 20, 2026
96 years

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



Senior Deacon: RW.: Jason E. Greene Junior Deacon: Octavio Gomez

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

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.: Kingsey L. Bennett*
1968 Kenneth W. Fawthrop*
1970 W.: Harold W. Thatcher*
1971 W.: Rufus C. Fuller, Jr.*
1971 W.: J. Harold Robertson*

1975 M.: 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