St. Johns Lodge No. One

F. & A.M.

Providence, Rhode Island

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November 2026

3954th Regular Communication

R.∴W.∴ Michael A. Cunningham
District Deputy Grand Master
Metro District

W.∴ Merill I. Torgan
Grand Master of Ceremonies

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

R.∴W.∴ Jason M. Nystrom
Grand Marshal

This Month's Communication: November 18, 2026

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Wednesday, November 4, 2026	**Officers Rehearsal**	**6:30 PM**
Wednesday, November 11, 2026	**Veterans Day Wreath Laying Ceremony**	**10:00 AM**
Wednesday, November 18, 2026	**St. Johns Lodge #1P Communication**	**6:30 PM**

Attest: Stephen M. Mulcahey, Secretary **W.∴William C. Gouge, Master**

Master's Message

Brethren,



As we enter November, a season traditionally associated with gratitude and reflection, I would like to take a moment to recognize the dedication, hard work, and commitment to excellence that continue to define St. John's Lodge No. 1 Providence.

Last month, we had the pleasure of conferring the Entered Apprentice Degree upon four candidates, welcoming them into the fraternity and setting them upon their Masonic journeys. One of these Brothers was a candidate from last year's class who, due to circumstances at the time, was unable to complete his degree with his original class. It was particularly gratifying to have him return and continue his journey in Masonry. We are pleased to have him back among us and look forward to watching all four of our newest Entered Apprentices grow in Masonic knowledge and fellowship.

I want to extend my sincere appreciation to the Officers who worked diligently to prepare for and deliver the degree. Their commitment to the ritual, attention to detail, and dedication to their respective stations were evident throughout the evening. They delivered a degree with the dignity, precision, and excellence worthy of the proud traditions of St. John's Lodge No. 1 Providence. I could not be prouder of their efforts.

For our November communication, we will **open Lodge at 6:30 PM**, conduct our necessary business, and then break for dinner and our evening's program. Dinner will be catered by the **Rhode Island Shriners** and served in the Scottish Rite dining hall. One of my goals as Master is to continue strengthening our relationship with our neighboring Masonic organizations. By utilizing the Shriners' catering services whenever possible, we can support their efforts, foster greater fellowship, and keep our business within our extended Masonic family.

Our November program will focus on the **Charette High School Food Pantry**, an initiative that speaks directly to the Masonic principles of Faith, Hope, and Charity. As we approach the holiday season, it is especially fitting that we turn our attention toward those in our community who face food insecurity and consider how we, as Masons, can make a meaningful difference in their lives.

Charette High School Food Pantry

The Charette High School Food Pantry was established in response to the food insecurity experienced by students and their families at the school. Recognizing that access to nutritious food is essential to academic success, personal well-being, and a stable home environment, the pantry provides food and essential resources to families facing hardship. Through the generosity of school staff and the surrounding community, the pantry strives to ensure that no student or family goes hungry or feels alone during difficult times. Currently serving approximately 100 students and their families, the pantry embodies the values of compassion, community, and service, making a meaningful difference in the lives of those who need it most. Please bring in a food item to donate to the **Charette High School Food Pantry.**

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***

November 18 th Monthly Communication

6:30 PM:	St. Johns open to transact such business as shall regularly come before it.
7:15 PM:	Dinner
8:00 PM	Program

Call: Brother Senior Steward @ ***401-861-1757***
or email: ***SrSteward@stjohns1p.org.***
No later than ***Friday, November 13th*** *for reservations.*
Any Brother with special dietary needs beyond the listed menu, please mention it in your message.

A Special "Thank you" to RW Mekawy E. Elmekawy

for his Chaplain role in the October EA Degree.

Thank you!

Lodge & District Events

Wednesday 11/04/26	**Officers Rehearsal**	6:30PM
Saturday 11/07/26	**Logia Libertad Lodge #50**	7:30 PM
	DDGM Visitation	
Wednesday 11/11/26	**Overseas Lodge #40**	1:00 PM
	Annual Communication	
Saturday 11/14/26	**Gaspee Chapter DeMolay**	2:00 PM
Monday 11/16/26	**Rising Sun Lodge #30**	7:30 PM
	DDGM Visitation (Metro Distric)	
Wednesday 11/18/26	**St. Johns Lodge #1P**	6:30 PM
Saturday 11/21/26	**Grand Lodge Semi-Annual**	1:00 PM
	Communication	
Monday 11/23/26	**Jenks Lodge #24**	7:30 PM
Saturday 11/28/26	**Gaspee Chapter DeMolay**	2:00 PM

In Memoriam

Worshipful Brother Louis Falaguerra

Adelphoi Lodge #33
St. Johns Lodge #1 Providence
Born, May 23, 1928
Entered Apprentice degree September 25, 1984
Thomas Webb Lodge # 4
Fellowcraft degree January 22, 1985
Thomas Webb Lodge #4
Master Mason degree March 26, 1985
Thomas Webb Lodge #4
Signed the By Laws:
May 28, 1985-Thomas Webb Lodge #4
January 24, 1997-Rising Sun Lodge #30
February 1, 2002-St. Johns #1 Providence
Worshipful Master of Thomas Smith Webb Lodge #4 in 1993
Worshipful Master of Adelphoi Lodge #33 in 1996,
Worshipful Master of Rising Sun Lodge #30 in 2000
Departed October 14, 2026
98 years of age



Happy Thanksgiving from W.˙.William C. Gouge, Master, the Wardens and Officers of St. Johns #1 Providence





Call of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge for the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Brethren:
The Semi-Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations will be held in Freemasons' Hall, 222 Taunton Avenue, East Providence, Rhode Island.

Saturday, November 21, 2026

For the election of officers and the transaction of such business as shall regularly come before it. Grand Lodge will open promptly at **1:00P.M.** Master and Wardens, or their proxies are required to attend in business suits and to wear their official jewels.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
MASONIC GRAND LODGE CHAIRITIES OF RHODE ISLAND, INC.
Saturday, November 21, 2026

During Grand lodge Semi-Annual Meeting at approximately **2:00P.M.** in Freemasons' Hall 222 Taunton Avenue, East Providence, RI. Annual Reports of the Chairman, Treasurer and election of new members of the Board of Managers.

Attest:
Gary S. Kaufman
Grand Secretary

Signed:
Gilbert J. Fontes, Jr.
Grand Master

Masters and Wardens of Subordinate Lodges are entitled to send proxies who must be members of the same Lodge.

CONSTITUTION. Article VII. SECTION 1.7.5: *It is the duty of each subordinate Lodge to be represented at Communications of the Grand Lodge by its Master and the Wardens or by their proxies.* Printed Proxy forms have been furnished to each lodge in the Jurisdiction, one of which will be filed in and signed by the officer who is appointing the proxy (who must be a member of the same lodge and who shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of his constituent, expect that of taking rank in the Grand Lodge.) The proxy form will also carry the seal of the lodge.

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	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