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RI INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS

JAN/FEB 2009

VALENTINE EVENT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2008

Looking for a gift idea for your sweetheart or friend? Join us for a luncheon buffet and matinee theater outing to the Newport Playhouse & Cabaret Restaurant, 102 Connell Highway, Newport.

The Cemetery Club is about three widows who meet once a month for tea before going to visit the cemetery. Here's what critics are saying about the play: "Funny, sweet and moving!" "Humorous and touching!" And the buffet is far from ordinary featuring a tasty variety of salads, entrees, sides, desserts, coffee and tea. For menu, directions and more reviews, visit:

www.newportplayhouse.com

Cost: \$50 per person (includes buffet, play and cabaret). Doors open at 11 AM; buffet starts at 11:30 AM; play starts at 1 PM followed by a cabaret. Deadline to sign up is January 24th.

For tickets, contact:

Lt. Gen. John C. Beebe III, Gr. Sec.
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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Eligible students can find the annual scholarship application instructions on our web site. The topic for this year's essay is the electoral college.



Please visit www.ioofri.org or call the Grand Lodge office for more details.
Good luck!

FROM THE GRAND MASTER

Brothers and Sisters

I hope all have had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and I hope you haven't made any resolutions that you can't keep! I've been reviewing the Grand Lodge schedule of Visitations and events and we are starting to wind down our year. There are only three months left until our Annual Session in April. For the immediate future, in January and February we have two Visitations: Excelsior Lodge #49 on January 9, 2009 and Friendship Lodge #16 on February 25, 2009. I would like to remind all who are planning to attend the Grand Masters Visitation at Friendship Lodge that they are now meeting at the Grange Hall, 1116 Main Street in Hope Valley, RI.

On February 15, 2009 we will be holding a charity event at the Newport Playhouse. Proceeds from the buffet luncheon and play ("The Cemetery Club") benefit The Arthritis Foundation. Please see details at left. The deadline for tickets will be January 24, 2009. Dinner theater tickets make a great gift!

The Grand Encampment will be holding their Annual Session on the 20th and 21st of March. I hope all who can attend will put aside that weekend to assist us in having a great Session. I anticipate that Gordon Taylor will be going in as the Grand Patriarch.

Our School of Instruction was well attended with over 20 in attendance. Congratulations to Brother Robert Kane on putting together a great day. Many questions were asked and answered to help enlighten us in our journey through Odd Fellowship.

In F. L. & T.,

MAURICE WARREN, GRAND MASTER
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(All communication via the Grand Secretary please.)

2008—2009 REBEKAH
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Bristol, RI 02809-0296
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Lt. Gen. John C. Beebe III, Gr. Sec.
10 Kerins Terrace
Newport, RI 02840
Meets Annually in April

HARMONY LODGE #5

900 Main St.
E. Greenwich, RI 02818
Walter S. Taylor, Sec.
750 Old Baptist Rd.
N. Kingstown, RI 02852
P: 401.294.3486
Meets: 2nd & 4th Thursday

CANONICUS LODGE #9

Rumford Grange
125 N. Broadway
E. Providence, RI 02916
Frank Moitozo, Sec.
64 Salisbury St.
Rehoboth, MA 02769
P: 508.336.6912
Meets: 2nd & 4th Friday

UNITED BROTHERS LODGE #13

178 High St.
Bristol, RI 02809
John Enander, Sec.
21 Drolet Ave.
Pawtucket, RI 02861
P: 401.722.3280
Meets: 1st Tuesday

MANUFACTURERS LODGE #15

900 Main St.
E. Greenwich, RI 02818
Derrick W. Round, Sec.
33 Central St.
W. Warwick, RI 02893-3632
P: 401.263.4877 E: dwr357@aol.com
Meets: 1st & 3rd Wednesday

FRIENDSHIP LODGE #16

Hope Valley Grange
1116 Main St. (RT 3)
Hope Valley, RI 02832
Jennie P. Knight, Sec.
PO Box 135
Hopkinton, RI 02833
P: 401.315.5268
Meets: 4th Wednesday

GRANITE LODGE #33

178 High St.
Bristol, RI 02809
Robert A. Kane, Sec.
95 Farnum Rd.
Warwick, RI 02888
P: 401.463.8367
Meets: 3rd Wednesday @ 11 AM

SEACONNET LODGE #39

Little Compton Commons
Little Compton, RI 02837
Walter C. Elwell, Sec.
460B Long Hwy.
Little Compton, RI 02837
P: 401.635.4749
Meets: 3rd Friday

EXCELSIOR LODGE #49

St. John's Masonic Temple
81 Sprague St.
Portsmouth, RI 02871
Arthur C. E. Perry, Sec.
47 Eustis Ave.
Newport, RI 02840
P: 401.846.9151
Meets: 2nd & 4th Friday

PLEASE NOTIFY GRAND SECRETARY OF CHANGES/CORRECTIONS. E: GLRI-1@HOTMAIL.COM

2008-2009 RI REBEKAH LODGE DIRECTORY

REBEKAH ASSEMBLY OF RI—MEETS ANNUALLY IN APRIL

Celia J. Kettle, PP, Secretary 177 Cady Ave., Warwick, RI 02889 P: 401.529.2661 E: CJK@WHCORP.COM
(All communication via the Secretary please. See Page 2 for Lodge locations.)

NAOMI REBEKAH LODGE #1

Celia J. Kettle, PP, Rec. Sec.
177 Cady Ave.
Warwick, RI 02889

Meets: 4th Tuesday @ 7:30 PM
@ Harmony Lodge

SOCIAL REBEKAH LODGE #11

Dolores Massa, PP, Rec. Sec.
205 Tower St.
Fall River, MA 02724-3519

Meets: 3rd Wednesday @ 10 AM
@ Seaconnet Lodge

REBA REBEKAH LODGE #12

Patricia Koehne, PP, Rec. Sec.
5 Robin Hood Dr.
Riverside, RI 02915

Meets: 1st Thursday @ 7:30 PM
@ United Brothers Lodge

MIZPAH REBEKAH LODGE #22

Claudia Horton, Rec. Sec.
16 Smith St.
Bristol, RI 02809

Meets: 3rd Tuesday @ 7:30 PM
@ Canonicus Lodge

CAROLYN REBEKAH LODGE #31

Jean Heinemann, PP, Rec. Sec.
252 Townhouse Rd.
Carolina, RI 02812

Meets: 4th Monday @ 7:30 PM
@ Grange Hall, Hope Valley

EVELYN REBEKAH LODGE #33

Gertrude L. Crudden, PP, Rec. Sec.
230 Austin Rd.
N. Kingstown, RI 02852

Meets: 2nd Tuesday @ Noon
@ Harmony Lodge

CREMATION GARDEN DEDICATED

On November 1, 2008, the Cremation Garden at North Burial Ground in Bristol, RI was dedicated to Ralph E. Peters, Jr. As head of the Burial Commission, Ralph worked tirelessly for the Cremation Garden which allows for 1,400 cremation lots versus 50 graves. The centerpiece of the garden is "Peters' Pond" with a fountain which is illuminated at night. Ralph recruited and mentored many of



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us over the years in all branches of the Order. Many members attended the ceremony which included bagpiper Deborah Kane. We encourage all to see the lovely garden in the spring, and to pay your respects to our dear departed Brother Ralph while you're there.



FROM THE EDITOR

Ocean State Traveler is published bi-monthly by the Grand Lodge of RI. We welcome submission of articles, editorials, news and photos (with captions) for consideration by mail or e-mail. **Don't see any news from your Lodge? Contact me for a one-page flyer on "How to Submit News, Photos, Articles and Calendar Items!"** Save the Grand Lodge the cost of production and postage and get your newsletter faster and in color! Subscribe to receive your newsletter on-line. A PDF attachment—easy to share with friends and relatives—will be e-mailed to you. This is also a great way to help conserve those beautiful trees planted through the **Living Legacy Program!**

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FROM THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT



I recently installed an Encampment, and once the proceedings were completed, a lively discussion ensued regarding membership, leadership, the role of the Grand Encampment and other justifiable concerns. The members were passionate in their queries, which is an indication that they care about the future of our branch of the Order. While I tried to give guidance and answer questions, I could offer no immediate solutions to the problems facing many Encampments. I suggested that members help come up with ideas that would benefit their particular Encampment. Fund raisers for financial benefit, community involvement to reap publicity, and active recruitment to gain membership are not new ideas, just ones that need to be put into action. I ask that the Encampments please make the Grand Encampment aware of their ideas so we can work together. Keeping in mind that members have other obligations and varied schedules, I'd like to hear ideas that will help us promote our Order by working alongside like-minded citizens.

The Purple Dinner will be held on March 20th (details on PG 5), and our annual will be held on March 21st. This is our chance to shine and set our course for the coming year. Please attend!

ARTHUR C. E. PERRY, PGM, GRAND PATRIARCH P: 401.846.9151 E: RONIREDHATS@YAHOO.COM

FROM THE REBEKAH ASSEMBLY



Please note that there will be a **Special Meeting of the Rebekah Assembly of RI** on Saturday, 1/10/09 @ 10 AM at Harmony Lodge (Naomi Lodge's meeting place), 900 Main St., E. Greenwich. If a majority are unable to attend on the 10th, an alternate date of 1/24/09 has been selected. Please advise me (phone number and e-mail addresses below) or Celia Kettle at 401.529.2661 or cjk02917@aol.com of your intention/availability. The purpose of this Special Meeting is to initiate new members that will be unable to attend our 2009 Annual Session in April and discuss revised legislation brought before the 2008 Annual Session.

I trust everyone had a safe, healthy and joyous holiday season. At this time, I'd like to remind everyone that reports need to be turned in to the Secretary. Please call me if you have any questions.

KAREN E. HAWKINS, PRESIDENT P: 401.792.2249 E: KHAWKINS_SAUGA6@YAHOO.COM



FROM THE PATRIARCHS MILITANT



This has been a great start this year for Providence Canton #1 by mustering in three new members. Lieutenant General John C. Beebe III was the captain for the degree and was assisted by Major General George L. Glover III as the guide. The three candidates that received the degree are Peter Sousa, Eric Johnson and Christine Hayward. Christine is the first female chevalier to be mustered into Providence Canton #1. The new officers elected and installed for Canton Providence #1 are:

Captain Robert Kane, Canton Captain; Lieutenant Christine Hayward, Canton Lieutenant; Ensign Eric Johnson, Canton Ensign; Lieutenant General John Beebe, Canton Clerk and Captain Maurice Warren, Canton Accountant. Canton members should remit dues (\$25) payable to Providence Canton #1 to PO Box 296, Bristol, RI 02809. I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays as we look forward to the New Year.

LT. GEN. JOHN C. BEEBE III, PGM-PGP-SNE DC P: 401.846.7411 E: GLRI-1@HOTMAIL.COM

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF RI ANNUAL PURPLE DINNER

Honoring our Grand Patriarch
Arthur C. E. Perry, PGM
and President of the Past Grand
Officers Association
Lt. Gen. John C. Beebe III, PGP, PGM, DC

Friday, March 20, 2009
@ Best Western-Mainstay Inn
151 Admiral Kalbfus Road, Newport, RI
Cocktails @ 6 PM
Buffet Dinner @ 7 PM

Dress Code: Formal/tux (for officers)
Semi-formal/business (for guests)
Cost: \$26 per person

RSVP and payment no later than March 13th.

Check made payable and mailed to:
John C. Beebe III
PO Box 296

Bristol, RI 02809-0296

For more info: 401.253.9540

Grand Encampment Officers: Please bring a
bottle of cheer for the drawing. Other
donations for the drawing also welcome!

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF RI ANNUAL SESSION

Saturday, March 21, 2009 @ 9 AM
@ Best Western-Mainstay Inn

SICK & IN DISTRESS

Brothers in need of our prayers and well wishes:

MORPHIS JAMIEL, PGM-PGP

(United Brothers Lodge #13)
(recuperating from cancer surgery)
10 Market St., Warren, RI 02878

ANDREW DAIGLE

(Excelsior Lodge #49)
(recuperating from hospitalization)
86 Lilac Ln., Portsmouth, RI 02871



Many Lodges, Encampments and Cantons were busy these past few months installing officers. Above (left to right): Deare Warren, Warden of the RA of RI; Desirie Desmaris, Vice Grand of Reba Rebekah Lodge #12; and Nancy Munroe Left Supporter-Noble Grand of Reba Rebekah Lodge #12. It's nice to see some young faces assuming offices and even nicer to know that our more experienced members are there to mentor and guide them.

CANADIAN WAR MEMORIAL WEEKEND—OTTOWA

The 40th Annual Canadian War Memorial Weekend will be held June 5-7, 2009 in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. The headquarters hotel is the Embassy West Hotel, 1400 Carling Ave., Ottawa. The Annual Banquet will be held in the North American Salon of the Embassy West Hotel on Saturday, June 6th at 6:30 PM preceded by a social time starting at 6 PM. Tickets are \$30 per person. The Saturday tour will be to the Stables of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police followed by lunch/shopping at the St. Laurent Shopping Centre. Cost is \$15 per person.

For more details including dress code and hotel reservations, rates and group code, call the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island office at 401.253.9540.





WINTER -THEMED WORD FIND PUZZLE

In English folklore, Jack Frost appears as an elfish creature who personifies winter weather. It is thought to be a variation of Father Winter or Old Man Winter, which many believe originated in Viking folklore. Russian, German, American Indian and many other cultures have tales featuring snow and ice. Characters inspired by Jack Frost—from harmless snowmen to super heroes to villains—appear in film, nursery rhymes, books, poetry, music and even comics and video games. Many embrace the winter season, while some struggle with boredom and depression. Now is a good time to “exercise” that library card, teach your kids or grandkids a favorite card or board game, hone your letter-writing skills, plan your spring garden or test a new recipe! For tips on fighting the winter blues, visit www.doityourself.com/stry/winterblues.

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PUZZLE BY KEVIN T. BECK, URI FRESHMAN

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SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION—NOVEMBER 16, 2008

20 members representing three generations and all branches of our Order gathered at United Brothers Lodge for the annual “School of Instruction” hosted by Robert Kane, Grand Scribe. In addition, a public relations workshop was run by our Grand Lodge newspaper’s publisher. Attendees left empowered with resources to help run meetings and ceremonies, boost membership and promote the work of our Order.





FROM THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE (SGL)

The Testimonial Dinner for our Sovereign Grand Master, Richard Proulx, was held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on November 22, 2008. I had the pleasure of attending the banquet and had a very nice time. A very informative Leadership Seminar was held the day before the banquet, with about 75 people in attendance. The Membership and Communication Committees of The Sovereign Grand Lodge and the International Association of Rebekah Assemblies are preparing to make the seminar available to every lodge in a CD and hard copy version in the spring of 2009. I urge each lodge to use the material when it becomes available. A follow-up to the Leadership Seminar will also be held on the day before the Testimonial Dinner for the President of the International Association of Rebekah Assemblies, Marilyn Wilson, in Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada.

The Grand Lodge of Rhode Island has again purchased a wreath to be placed at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery on May 3, 2009. This year the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island has also purchased a wreath to be placed at the Canadian War Memorial in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada (see PG 5 for details). These two events, sponsored by our Order on the international level, are dedicated to the memory of the men and women who have lost their lives in the defense of freedom. I recommend that as many members as possible try to attend these two ceremonies. Upcoming events include:

February 21, 2009 – Testimonial Dinner for Gen. Robert D. Vickrey in Denver, Colorado

April 18, 2009 – Testimonial Dinner for Marilyn L. Wilson in Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada

May 3, 2009 – Annual Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington Cemetery, Virginia

June 5–7, 2009 – Annual Pilgrimage to the Canadian War Memorial in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

August 16–21, 2009 – Annual Sessions of the Sovereign Grand Lodge held in Santa Clara, California

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, 1/9/09—Grand Master's Visitation @ Excelsior Lodge #49, Portsmouth. Dinner at 6:30 PM.

Saturday, 1/10/09 @ 10 AM—Special Meeting of the Rebekah Assembly of Rhode Island @ Harmony Lodge Hall (Naomi Lodge's meeting location), 900 Main St., E. Greenwich (details on PG 4).

Sunday, 2/15/09 @ 11 AM—Matinee buffet/theater outing to the Newport Playhouse & Cabaret Restaurant! Great date for you and your "Valentine!" Details on PAGE 1.

Wednesday, 2/25/09 @ 7:30 PM—Grand Master's Visitation @ Friendship Lodge #16, Hope Valley Grange

Friday, 3/13/09 @ 6:30 PM—Grand Master's Visitation @ Canonicus Lodge #9, East Providence

Tuesday, 3/17/09 @ 7:30 PM—Grand Officers Night @ Mizpah Lodge #22, East Providence

Friday, 3/20/09 @ 6 PM—Grand Encampment's PURPLE DINNER @ Best Western-Mainstay Inn, Newport (details on PG 5).

Saturday, 3/21/09 @ 9 AM—Grand Encampment Annual Session @ Best Western-Mainstay Inn, Newport (details on PG 5).

SAVE THE DATES!!! Friday, 4/3/09 @ 6 PM—Joint Session Banquet @ Best Western-Mainstay Inn, Newport; and **Saturday, 4/4/09 @ 9 AM**—Grand Lodge Annual Session and Rebekah Assembly Annual Sessions @ Best Western-Mainstay Inn, Newport. Details will be in the MAR/APR 2009 issue.



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Oddfellowship: What are we selling?

When we recruit new members, what exactly is it we're trying to sell?

This question was posed at the recent "School of Instruction." The answer: friendship! When you join a branch of the Odd Fellows, you are immediately welcomed into a family-friendly environment. Your Lodge, Encampment or Canton may meet weekly, twice a month or monthly. Most offer a meal or some kind of social hour before or after the meeting. Even new members are encouraged to assist in meetings and ceremonies, often assuming roles for more senior members who are absent. While members are expected to attend most meetings and functions, we realize that family and work obligations come first.

So what's so great about Oddfellowship? Membership doesn't interfere with your religious or political beliefs; it doesn't infringe on family life; it doesn't require you to miss work or take personal calls at the office; and it doesn't knock on your door with an outstretched hand. Instead, members are blessed with "instant friends" who share a similar philosophy to "improve and elevate the character of mankind" guided by Friendship, Love and Truth. It's not rocket science, and it's not a "secret society!" It's an environment of kindness and caring for our fellow brothers and sisters and the communities in which we live.

Yes, it's that simple! So invite a neighbor or co-worker to a social function at your Lodge. New friends are just waiting to be asked to join!