



# Ocean State Traveler

RI INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS

MAR/APR 2009

## FROM THE GRAND MASTER

Brothers and Sisters,

This will be my last message as Grand Master. I am pleased to say that we have accomplished almost all of the goals set. I have to thank the Grand Lodge Officers for a job well done. I am disappointed that our membership goals were not met this year, and I hope the new Grand Master can devote time and focus on increasing our rosters. I must also thank the Lodge Officers in all of their assistance in updating our membership files in the Grand Lodge.

We have a lot of work ahead of us with the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly Sessions coming up on the 4<sup>th</sup> of April preceded by our banquet the night before. Let us not forget the Grand Encampment will be holding their Annual Session on the 21<sup>st</sup> of March preceded by the Purple Dinner the night before. I would request all who have access to a computer to visit and bookmark our web site ([www.ioofri.org](http://www.ioofri.org)). We have updated the site to include our Scholarships and Calls to our Sessions. Any and all input would be welcome as to what the Brothers and Sisters would like to have posted on our site.

Granite Lodge has moved to Bristol and is now a "daylight lodge" meeting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month with the exception of January and February. All of our retired or otherwise available Brothers and Sisters are invited to attend our meeting on March 18<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM. The Visitation night for Friendship Lodge has been changed to March 25, 2009.

As I depart as Grand Master, I must say it has been a great experience. Deare and I have logged a lot of miles this year traveling for the Order. I wish the best to Peter and his line of officers.

**MAURICE WARREN, GRAND MASTER**  
**GLRI-2@HOTMAIL.COM**

## JOINT SESSION AND JOINT SESSION BANQUET

### BANQUET

**Friday, April 3, 2009**

**@ Best Western-Mainstay Inn  
151 Admiral Kalbfus Rd., Newport, RI  
Cocktails @ 6:00 PM; Dinner @ 6:30 PM  
Cost: \$26 per person (cash bar)**

**For reservations, contact:  
George L. Glover III, PGM-PGP-PDC  
15 Jaclyn Dr., Coventry, RI 02816  
Phone: 401.828.8216**

**Checks should be made payable  
to George L. Glover III and  
remitted no later than 3/27/09.**

### SESSION

**Saturday, April 4, 2009  
(same location as above)**

**Registration: 8:30 AM  
Session Opens: 9:00 AM  
Lunch Break**

**Session Reopens Following Lunch**

All candidates for the Grand Lodge Degree should report to the Committee on Credentials at 8:30 AM with their Past Grand's Certificate. All Past Grands are encouraged to attend. All Third Degree Members are welcome to attend (you have a voice, but no vote).

**We are honored that our Sovereign  
Grand Master Brother Richard "Dick"  
Proulx and the I.A.R.A. Secretary Sister  
Vivian W. Pursell will be joining us!**

Note: Hotel room cost is \$79.20 + tax per night. Reservations must be made through the Grand Lodge Office by 3/13/09. Call 401.253.9540 for details and instructions.

**"WE SEEK TO IMPROVE AND ELEVATE THE CHARACTER OF MANKIND."**

2008—2009 GRAND LODGE OF RI OFFICERS

**Maurice W. Warren, Grand Master**  
**Peter M. Sousa, PG, Deputy Grand Master**  
**Charles Rouleau, Grand Warden**  
**L/G John C. Beebe III, PGM-PGP-DC, Gr. Sec.**  
**George L. Glover III, SGW-PGM-PGP, Gr. Treas.**  
**Michael S. Massa, Jr., PGM-PGP, Jr. Past Grand**  
**Gordon D. Taylor, PGM-PGP, Grand Marshal**  
**John W. Enander, PGM, Grand Conductor**  
**Alvin E. Edler, Jr., PG, Grand Chaplain**  
**Robert A. Kane, PGM-PGP, Grand Instructor**  
**George F. Jerauld, PG, Grand Guardian**  
**Dave Machado, PG, Grand Herald**  
**Eric Johnson, PG, Grand Color Bearer**  
**Charles E. Pendelton, PGP, Grand Musician**  
(All communication via the Grand Secretary please.)

2008—2009 REBEKAH  
ASSEMBLY OF RI OFFICERS

**Karen Hawkins, President**  
**Disa Johnson, Vice President**  
**Deare Warren, Warden**  
**Celia Kettle, PP, Secretary**  
**Gertrude Crudden, PP, Treasurer**  
**Barbara Fedak, PP, Asst. Treasurer**  
**Muriel Sallum, PP, Jr. Past President**  
**Melissa Brown, District #1**  
**Nancy Gombeyski, PP, District #2**  
**Jean M. Heinemann, PP, Marshal**  
**Nancy Gombeyski, PP, Conductor**  
**Lydia Tobin, PP, Chaplain**  
**Dolores Massa, PP, Inside Guardian**  
**Terri Grande, PP, Outside Guardian**

2008—2009 RI ODD FELLOW LODGE DIRECTORY

**GRAND LODGE OF RI**

PO Box 296  
Bristol, RI 02809-0296  
P: 401.253.9540 (office)  
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

## THE CEMETERY CLUB PROVES ENTERTAINING

On February 15th, 26 members of the Order attended a matinee production of Ivan Menchell's "The Cemetery Club" at the Newport Playhouse and Cabaret Theater. A story of love and friendship that endures conflict and loss, it follows three widowed friends who meet for tea each month before visiting their husbands' graves. While the topic is dark, the characters are warm and humorous as two of the three widows who are ready to move on with their lives vie for the affections of a widower they meet at the cemetery.



Nancy Pinto, Sandra Nicastro and Cindy Killavey serve as bridesmaids in a friend's wedding in a scene from The Cemetery Club.



A 40+ item buffet preceded the play, and a traditional cabaret followed the play.

Established in 1983, the Newport Playhouse is a family-run business that is a favorite with both locals and tourists offering evening and matinee performances. For schedule, tickets and more info, please visit:

[www.newportplayhouse.com](http://www.newportplayhouse.com). At left: Disa Johnson, VP, Rebekah Assembly of RI, and Peter Sousa, PG, Deputy Grand Master, RI IOOF.



**Relay for Life** is the American Cancer Society's signature fundraising activity. Teams will meet at the athletic field at Gaudet Middle School in Middletown and take turns walking or running on the track. Team members get sponsors (family members, employers, a Lodge, etc.) to raise funds for awareness, prevention and treatment of cancer. This year's relay will start on Friday, May 8, 2009 and run for 18 hours straight. Our Lodges can provide support by cheering on walkers, serving refreshments and purchasing/decorating \$10 **luminaria bags** "in honor of, in memory of or in support of" someone special in your life. The bags will be lit at 9 PM on May 8th. If you want to participate, please contact Andrew Daigle (adaigle05@cox.net) or Christine Hayward (401.556.5940). This is an opportunity for us to educate fellow citizens about our Order while doing good in the community. This year's theme is "HOPE." For more info, visit [www.relayforlife.org](http://www.relayforlife.org).



## FROM THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT



The time to turn over the helm to the incoming Grand Patriarch is fast approaching. If the normal progression of officers follows through, Gordon Taylor will be my successor. I'm hopeful that he has some plans to implement that will have a positive impact on the Grand Encampment as a body which is sorely in need of leadership and direction. Gordie—having served in this office several years ago—is fully aware of the challenges facing the Encampment. I will offer my services to the new Grand Patriarch in any capacity that he may see fit. I wish him good luck and hope that other members will also plan to contribute some time and effort to make his term successful. We must work together to ensure the Encampment flourishes, because the way to the Patriarchs Militant is through the Encampment's Purple Degree. With our own John Beebe in line to be the international head of that branch in the coming years, we're hoping the Encampment will grow so more members are eligible to join the Patriarchs Militant to support John. The Purple Dinner and Annual Session are on the horizon. Please see Page 5 for details and make plans to join us. The Encampment is sponsoring the seedling give-away at the Joint Session Banquet this year in honor of the Living Legacy Program (details on PG 6).

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

## FROM THE REBEKAH ASSEMBLY



Rebekah Assembly conducted a Special Session on 1/24/09 to confer the Degree on our newest member, Sister Deb Richards. We also addressed some left over Legislation. I would like to encourage all members to finalize their reports and submit same for the Journal to Celia Kettle, Secretary. I ask that all Rebekah Lodges contribute a gift card or cards of any kind in denominations ranging from \$5 to \$50 for a raffle to be held at April's Session. I'm also collecting donations for a "White Elephant" table the proceeds of which will support my charities.

It's been a wonderful year representing the Ocean State as President of the Rebekah Assembly of Rhode Island. I'm looking forward to the Session in April. A rehearsal will be held on March 28th at 10 AM at United Brothers in Bristol.

News from Social Rebekah Lodge # 11:  
Sister Dorothy Vibbert—55 year member  
Sister Louise Bullock—65 year member  
Congratulations!

**KAREN E. HAWKINS, PRESIDENT P: 401.792.2249 E: KHAWKINS\_SAUGA6@YAHOO.COM**

## FROM THE PATRIARCHS MILITANT



I am writing this message from sunny Fort Myers Beach, FL. Next week I will be flying to Denver, CO, to attend the Testimonial honoring General Robert D. Vickrey, General Commanding of the General Military Council. Sovereign Grand Warden, Major General George Glover will be joining me for this event. On May 1<sup>st</sup>, a delegation from Rhode Island will be leaving to attend the May 3rd ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Washington, DC.

The Annual for the Department Council of Southern New England Patriarchs Militant will be held on May 16th. My term of two years as Department Commander will come to an end at that time. It has been a great two years and I would like to thank all of the Chevalier for their support.

The next meeting of Providence Canton #1 will be held on March 31, 2009. Dinner—prepared by Chevalier Arthur Perry—will be served at 6:30 PM; the meeting will start at 7:30 PM. It is time for the yearly dues of \$25 to be paid. Hope to see you at the next meeting!

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

## SICK & IN DISTRESS

Brothers in need of our prayers  
and well wishes:

### **Brother Richard "Dick" Proulx, SGM**

(recovering from bypass surgery)

c/o 490 Tyrolian Dr., Green Bay, WI 54302-5143

### **Brother Paul J. Cuminale, DSGM**

(recovering from open heart surgery)

c/o 422 Trade St.

Winston-Salem, NC 27101



## UNITED NATIONS PILGRIMAGE

This year marks the 60th anniversary of the United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth. Wholly owned programs of The Sovereign Grand Lodge Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the United Nations Educational Pilgrimage for Youth started in 1949 so young people from around the world could meet and study world affairs. The United Nations supports and promotes international peace and security, economic and social development, human rights, humanitarian action, and international law.

Although the deadline has passed for deposits for delegates registered for the Summer 2009 tours, sponsorship funds are still being sought. Any amount would be greatly appreciated. Expenses (such as \$8 for lunch, \$15 for dinner, \$40 for a room night, \$12 to \$18 for a tour) are incurred for each delegate. If your Lodge, Encampment or Canton is not sponsoring a student delegate, please consider a donation to help co-sponsor a delegate from your jurisdiction or to help defray costs nationally. For more info, please visit:

[www.unpilgrimage.org](http://www.unpilgrimage.org)

## 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 (cash bar)

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**

**Registration: 9 AM**

**Session Opens: 10 AM**

**@ Best Western-Mainstay Inn**

Any Patriarch who has achieved the Royal Purple  
Degree is invited and encouraged to attend the  
Grand Encampment Session (you have a voice,  
but no vote).

Following the session, lunch will be  
available for a modest \$10.

## SPECIAL DATES ON THE HORIZON

**March 23rd—Schuyler Colfax Day**

**April 26th—Founder's Day**

**June 9th—IOOF Memorial Day**

WORD LIST

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ENVIRONMENT THEMED WORD FIND PUZZLE

The US Environmental Protection Agency has resources for students, educators, citizens, scientists, governments and businesses on their web site ([www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov)). You can search for power and watershed info for your area; take a quiz; learn about career options, conservation, recycling, pollution prevention, air quality, etc. The "Protect the Environment" section is full of useful tips for everything from your home and garden to your school or workplace. (Puzzle by Kevin T. Beck, URI Freshman)



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ENCAMPMENT TO SPONSOR TREE GIVE-AWAY

At last year's Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly Annual Session, Excelsior Lodge #49 celebrated the Living Legacy Program by giving out red maple and white dogwood tree seedlings to banquet attendees. The Living Legacy Program of the IOOF promotes tree planting which enhances the environment by reducing pollution and erosion, providing habitat and food for wildlife, and beautifying our communities. This year, Earth Day will be celebrated on April 22nd. Arbor Day, a national observance founded by J. Sterling Morton in 1872, will be celebrated on April 24th (the last Friday in April). In honor of Earth Day and Arbor Day and in support of the Living Legacy Program, a variety of seedlings will be distributed to this year's banquet attendees courtesy of a restricted gift from two members of Aquidneck Encampment #5 and Wampanoag Encampment #23.



We're on the web! Please visit and bookmark

**WWW.IOOFRI.ORG**

where you'll find contact info, resources and breaking news!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 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 @ 10 AM**—Grand Encampment Annual Session @ Best Western-Mainstay Inn, Newport (details on PG 5)
- Friday, 3/25/09 @ 7:30 PM**—Grand Master's Visitation @ Friendship Lodge #16, Hope Valley
- Friday, 4/3/09 @ 6 PM**—Joint Session Banquet @ Best Western-Mainstay Inn, Newport (details on PG 1)
- Saturday, 4/4/09 @ 9 AM**—Grand Lodge Annual Session and Rebekah Assembly Annual Sessions @ Best Western-Mainstay Inn, Newport (details on PG 1)
- Saturday, 5/9/09**—**MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH** (details below)

### MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

Celebrate the special women in your life by joining us for brunch! On **Saturday, May 9, 2009 from 10 AM to 2 PM**, there will be a Mother's Day Brunch at Excelsior Lodge #49, 81 Sprague St., Portsmouth Tickets may be ordered through the Grand Lodge Office by calling 401.253.9540. Brunch: \$9 per person; Gift-a-Rama Tickets: \$1 each or 3 for \$2. There will be prize drawings at noon and 2 PM. This event is sponsored by the George L. Glover III Committee co-chairs Barbara McLaren and Maurice W. Warren.



Each Lodge is asked to assemble and donate a themed gift basket valued at around \$30 to be raffled off at the Joint Session Banquet. Specialty foods, wine, spa items, rainy weekend, etc. are fun themes. Please bring baskets to Banquet.

When you start spring cleaning, remember the Rebekah Assembly's "White Elephant" table at Session! New or gently used items only. See PG 4 for details. Don't forget!



**Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success. (Author Unknown)**

### FROM THE EDITOR

Ocean State Traveler is published bi-monthly by the Grand Lodge of RI. We welcome submission of articles, 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 a great way to help conserve trees planted through the **Living Legacy Program!**

Contact: Lt. Gen. John C. Beebe III, PGM-PGP-DC  
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Google "membership declines" and you will get nearly 1.5 million matches! Nationwide, professional and social organizations that rely on dues and donations to fund their outreach to members and the community are suffering. With unemployment on the rise, the kindness and generosity of fraternal organizations will be needed more than ever to help families in crisis when government assistance is slow or inadequate. Now is our chance to shine! If you are aware of a need in your community, brainstorm with your members. If your Lodge, Canton or Encampment can't help financially, perhaps your members could volunteer (there are lots of opportunities). Maybe your hall could host or help promote a fundraiser for an area community program that is struggling in these difficult economic times. Host a car wash for local Scouts (the Scouts do the work; the Lodge provides the parking lot and water!); collect blankets or clothing for the homeless; adopt an older pet from the shelter. Our caring deeds will not go unnoticed! This is a great opportunity to "relieve the distressed" and educate the public about our Order.

The Executive Board—along with representatives from the Youth Committee—have reviewed and ranked scholarship applications. Winners were notified recently. The scholarships will be awarded on the evening of Saturday, April 4, 2009.

