

# Ocean State Traveler

## GRAND MASTERS' MESSAGE

Fraternal Greetings:

It has been quite an adventure serving the Jurisdiction of Rhode Island for the past two years. There have been good times as well as some sad times. We as an organization have pushed forward in this 21st century. I have visited all lodges , whether officially or unofficially.

I can not stress enough that the Independent Order of Odd Fellows is an Organization that has lasted over 200 years. We are not a club!! It is everyone's responsibility to seek new members for your lodges. Have programs that invite the public so that they can see what Odd Fellowship is all about.

I want to thank the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs of Rhode Island for the honor that they have bestowed on me these past two years. Your friendships mean more than you will ever know. I have tried to promote dignity and harmony to this Order wherever I went.

My project again this year is the Ronald McDonald House, Providence. I thank you for all your contributions toward my project and hope that the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island is fondly remembered for our (your) generosity.

I wish that the incoming Grand Master and staff the very best and I will help in any way I can.

God Bless each and everyone and God Bless the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, not only in Rhode Island, but throughout the world.

Yours in F L & T

Donald E. McLaren

Grand Master

### 2022–2023 GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

Grand Master	Donald E McLaren, PGM
Deputy Grand Master	John A. Lawson, III
Grand Warden	Michael J. Seger
Grand Secretary	Barbara A. McLaren, PGM
Grand Treasurer	George L Glover, III, PSGM

### 2022–2023 GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

Grand Representative	John C Beebe, III, PGM
Alt Grand Representative	Deare J. Warren, PGM
Grand Marshal	Disa K. Johnson, PPRA
Grand Conductor	Charles E. Rouleau, Sr, PGM
Grand Chaplain	Jennifer M. Lawson
Grand Guardian	Eric D. Johnson
Grand Herald	Peter M. Sousa, PGM



# GRAND PATRIARCH MESSAGE

Greetings to all Patriarchs and Matriarchs,

As this is my final message to you all, I am very pleased to say that Ansantawae Encampment #20 of Waterbury, CT took in three new members. I am encouraged that our branch of the Order can thrive if the other Encampments within our Grand Encampment can do their part in following Ansantawae's efforts. It is up to each Matriarch and Patriarch to recruit new members to secure our future.

The merger of Hope #26 and Devotion #5 of New Milford, CT is still pending. Once consolidated, they will be known as Hope Devotion Encampment No. 5

I am also pleased to share that to date \$355.00 has been raised for my project, Fisher House. Out of that money, only one Encampment contributed, with the rest coming from Odd Fellows, Rebekahs and individuals. I appeal to the several Encampments that have yet to fundraise to please do so. My goal is to present a much larger sum to the representative of Fisher House. This can only be done with the work of each of you and your individual Encampment. I know that a meatloaf dinner fundraiser is being planned on Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM. This event will be held at Canonicus Lodge Hall, 125 North Broadway, Rumford, RI. The cost is \$20.00 per person and reservations must be made with George Glover III, PSGM by March 15<sup>th</sup>. He may be contacted by mail at 15 Jaclyn Drive, Coventry, RI 02816 or via phone at 401-828-8216. I am hoping to see many of you at this event.

In closing, I thank you for the honor and privilege of serving as your Grand Patriarch for the term of 2022-2023. I only pray that the faith you placed in me has resulted in all expectations. Finally, I ask that you give the support needed to my successor, Frank Moitoza, as he guides us forward.

May God bless you all!

In Faith, Hope and Charity,

Bryan F. King, Grand Patriarch

2022–2023 Grand Encampment Officers	
Grand Patriarch	Bryan F. King , GM
Grand High Priest	Donald E. McLaren, PGP, PGM , GCR
Grand Senior Warden	Frank X. Moitozo, PGM
Grand Scribe	Barbara A. McLaren, PGP, PGM
Grand Treasurer	George L. Glover III, PSGM
Grand Junior Warden	Disa K. Johnson, PPRA
Grand Representative	Barbara A. McLaren, PGP, PGM
Alternate Grand Representative	Donald E. McLaren, PGP, PGM
Grand Marshal	John C. Beebe III, PGP, PGM, GCR
Grand Inside Sentinel	Marshall D. Kalin, PDC
Grand Outside Sentinel	David B. Springer , PGP, PGM

## SUPPLIES — SUPPLIES — SUPPLIES

Just a reminder that all supply orders must be in writing to the Grand Secretary.

Also in stock: Treasurers Cash Book, Secretaries Cash Book, Members Register, Lodge Voucher Books, Rebekah Assembly Cook Books

We have a supply of FREE Pencils and Litter bags for handing out at community events.

### Thoughts from the Grand Chaplain

I hope that everyone is well. I would like to thank you all for your participation in the Chaplain activities this past year.

The next event is the memorial service at the Past Grand Officers' Banquet. I will be asking some of the Grand Officers to participate in the service.

As this Grand Lodge year comes to an end, and a new one starts, may we always count our blessings, and hand our sorrows to God so that we may walk with Faith into what lies ahead.


### IN OUR PRAYERS / THINKING OF YOU



John Enander  
Gordon Taylor  
Ada Beebe  
Peter Sousa

Al Edler  
Charles Rouleau, Sr.  
Frances M. Kane  
Frances A. Kane

Nancy Gombeyski  
Deare Warren  
Charles Igo  
Donald McLaren



### IN MEMORIAM

Robert A. Kane, PGM-PGP

Born November 6, 1937 — Died February 4, 2023 —85 Years

Member United Brothers Lodge No. 13 (34 years)

Mizpah Rebekah Lodge No. 22 — Massasoit Encampment No. 8

Canton Providence No. 1

Grand Master 1994-1995 —Grand Patriarch 2000-2001

Grand Representative 2000-20013

Grand Scribe of Grand Encampment

Sovereign Grand Chaplain 2010-2011



# Grand Lodge of the State of Rhode Island

## Independent Order of Odd Fellows

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

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To all Lodges, Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters,

Greetings:

This is to inform you that the One Hundred and Seventy Eighth Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of the State of Rhode Island will be held on Saturday April 15, 2023. The session will be opened by our Grand Master, Donald E. McLaren at 9:00 AM, at the Wyndham Newport Hotel, 240 Aquidneck Avenue, Middletown, RI 02842. Registration will start at 8:00 AM. **A valid dues card is required for registration.**

The Session will be opened in the Grand Lodge Degree. Following the exemplification of the Grand Lodge Degree to all Qualified Past Grands, we will open in the Third Degree to conduct our business. Any Odd Fellow who has received the Third Degree and has a valid dues card will be admitted to the session. You will also have a voice but no vote.

We request that each of you plan to attend and take an active part in the deliberations in advancing the Order. Your input may be just what is needed.

Come spend an enjoyable and informative day with us. If you wish to stay at the Hotel, make your reservations with the hotel no later than March 15, 2023, the rate is \$99 Thursday 4/13; \$159 Friday 4/14 and \$209 Saturday 4/15 all rates are plus tax.

Yours in Friendship, Love and Truth

*Barbara McLaren*

Barbara McLaren, PGM

Grand Secretary





# Grand Encampment of Rhode Island and Connecticut

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SCRIBE

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**FEBRUARY 1, 2023**

To all Encampments, Grand Encampment Officers, Past Grand Patriarchs,

Greetings:

This is to inform you that the Annual Session of the Grand Encampment of Rhode Island and Connecticut will be held on Friday April 14, 2023. The session will be opened by our Grand Patriarch, Bryan King at 1:00 PM, at the Wyndham Newport Hotel, 240 Aquidneck Avenue, Middletown, RI 02842. Registration will start at 12:15 PM. **A valid dues card is required for registration.**

The Session will be opened in the Grand Encampment Degree. Following the exemplification of the Grand Encampment Degree to all Qualified Past Chief Patriarchs', we will open in the Royal Purple Degree to conduct our business. Any Patriarch who has received the Royal Purple Degree and has a valid dues card will be admitted to the session. You will also have a voice but no vote.

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*Barbara McLaren*

Barbara McLaren, PGP

Grand Scribe



# Past Grand Officers Association of Rhode Island

## *Independent Order of Odd Fellows*

### ***JOINT SESSION BANQUET***

Dear Brothers, Sisters, and Friends:

The Past Grand Officers Association of Rhode Island cordially invites you to attend the annual Joint Session Banquet occurring on Friday Evening, April 14, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. at the Wyndham Newport Hotel, 240 Aquidneck Ave., Middletown, Rhode Island. There will be a No Host Social Hour at 6:00 P.M. We will be honoring the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, Brother Donald E. McLaren, PGM-PGP-GCR; the Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment of Rhode Island, Patriarch Bryan F. King, PGM; and the President of the Past Grand Officers Association of Rhode Island, Sister Disa K. Johnson, PP-GJW that evening.

The menu for the evening will be a choice of one of three entrées - Baked Stuffed Scrod, 12 oz. Grilled New York Sirloin or Vegetarian Pasta Primavera. The entrées will be preceded by a Salad and followed by dessert at a cost of \$ 42.00 per person. Please indicate your choice of entrée when making your reservation and payment.

A Memorial Service and program will follow the dinner. The cut off date for reservations is Saturday, March 25, 2023.

Please remit your payment to:

George L. Glover, III, PSGM

15 Jaclyn Drive

Coventry, Rhode Island 02816

Tel: (401) 499-8216

Email: [georgeglover@verizon.net](mailto:georgeglover@verizon.net)

Please make all checks payable to: Past Grand Officers Association of RI

This year we will be honored with the presence of the Deputy Sovereign Grand Master, Brother John S. Cupp, Jr. of Pennsylvania.

It is requested that each lodge donate a basket for a drawing to be held at the conclusion of the evening.

Let us all make an effort to attend our Joint Session Banquet to greet our honored guests and enjoy an evening of sociability with our members and friends.

Fraternally,

/s/George L. Glover III, PSGM

Chairman





# Joint Session Banquet Reservation Form April 14, 2023

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse / Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Please use this form to indicate your dinner choice, using one form per person or couple.**

**Make additional copies of this form as needed.**

**Meal Cost \$42.00**

**Check Your Banquet Choice:**

	Member	Spouse / Guest
Baked Stuffed Scrod		
12 oz Grilled NY Sirloin		
Pasta Primavera		

**Reservations no later than March 25, 2023**

**For Reservations, please contact George Glover at  
(401) 499-8216 or [georgeglover@verizon.net](mailto:georgeglover@verizon.net)**

**REMINDER**

2023 Annual Reports are due to the RI Secretary of State's Office. State law requires you to file an Annual Report along with the \$20 filing fee between February 1 and May 1, 2023.

# MEAT LOAF DINNER FUND RAISER

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## 50-50 RAFFLE

Sponsor: Grand Encampment of Rhode Island and Connecticut  
Benefit: Fisher House Foundation of CT  
Project of Grand Patriarch Bryan King  
When: Sunday, March 26, 2023  
Time: 1 PM  
Where: Canonicus Lodge Hall (Rumford Grange) 125 North Broadway,  
Rumford RI  
Cost: \$20.00



Reservations please no later than Sunday March 19th to George Glover  
([georgeglover@verizon.net](mailto:georgeglover@verizon.net))



### BIRTHDAY'S, BIRTHDAY'S, BIRTHDAY'S

#### MARCH BIRTHDAY'S

Marion Leland	1
George L. Gover III	3
Charles Fiske	3
Nancy Gombeyski	4
Bruce Boulester	6
Karen Hawkins	10
Jason Greene	13
Robert Koehne	26
Elijah Alston	28
Richard Park	30

#### APRIL BIRTHDAY'S

Walter Elwell	8
Nancy Munroe	11
Jennifer Lawson	18
Mark Howard	18
Patricia Koehne	26





## LODGE DIRECTORY

**HARMONY LODGE # 5**  
96 Slocum Rd.  
N. Kingstown, RI 02852  
Thomas Wright, Sec  
18 Holiday Ct.  
Wakefield, RI 02879  
401 284-2008  
Meets: 2nd and 4th Thursday  
7:00 PM

**CANONICUS LODGE # 9**  
125 N. Broadway  
Rumford, RI 02916  
Jennifer Lawson, Sec.  
125 N. Broadway  
Rumford, RI 02916  
401 489-8132  
Meets: 2nd and 4th Friday  
8:00 PM

**UNITED BROTHERS  
LODGE #13**  
178 High Street  
Bristol, RI 02809  
Frank Moitozo, PGM Sec.  
64 Salisbury Street  
Rehoboth, MA 02769  
508 336-6912  
Meets: 1st. Tuesday 7:00 PM

**MANUFACTURERS  
LODGE # 15**  
96 Slocum Rd.  
N. Kingstown, RI 02852  
Harold Nonnenmacher, Sec.  
115 Holiday Ct.  
Wakefield, RI 02879  
401 782-6004  
Meets: 1st Wed and 3rd  
Thurs 7:00 PM

**GRANITE LODGE # 33**  
178 High Street  
Bristol, RI 02809  
John A. Lawson, DGM, Sec.  
120 Wilson Street  
Rumford, RI 02916  
401 434-1491  
Meets: 3rd Wednesday  
11:00 AM

**SEACONNET LODGE # 39**  
8 Commons  
Little Compton, RI 02837  
John A Lawson, DGM, Sec.  
120 Wilson Street  
Rumford, RI 02916  
401 434-1491  
Meets: 3rd Wednesday  
1:00 PM

**EXCELSIOR LODGE # 49**  
81 Sprague Street  
Portsmouth, RI 02871  
Deare Warren, Sec  
120 Water Street  
Portsmouth, RI 02871  
401 683-3056  
Meets: 2nd and 4th  
Wednesday 7:00 PM

**REBA REBEKAH LODGE # 12**  
178 High St.  
Bristol, RI 02809  
Nancy Edler, PP, Sec.  
55 Sea Breeze Lane.  
Bristol, RI 02809  
401 253-9917  
Meets: 1st Thursday 7:00 PM

**MIZPAH REBEKAH  
LODGE # 22**  
125 Broadway  
East Providence, RI 02916  
Claudia Horton, PNG, Sec.  
16 Smith St.  
Bristol, RI 02809  
401 253-6524  
Meets: 3rd Tuesday 7:00 PM

**WAMPANOAG  
ENCAMPMENT No. 23**  
125 Broadway  
East Providence, RI 02916  
Michael Seger, Scribe  
46 Hope St.  
Rumford, RI 02916  
401 434-7401  
Meets: 4th Friday 7:00 PM

**MASSASOIT  
ENCAMPMENT # 8**  
178 High St.  
Bristol, RI 02809  
George Glover,  
Financial, Scribe  
15 Jaclyn Drive.  
Coventry, RI 02816  
401-828-8216  
Meets: 3rd Thursday 7:00 PM

**CANTON PROVIDENCE #1**  
125 Broadway  
East Providence, RI 02916  
George Glover, PSGM, Clerk  
15 Jaclyn Drive  
Coventry, RI 02816  
401 828-8216  
Meets: 4th Tuesday, 7:30 PM

**Grand Secretary  
Office Hours  
Wednesday  
10 AM—4 PM  
178 High Street  
Bristol, RI 02809  
401-253-9540  
Glri-2@hotmail.com**



## DATES TO REMEMBER

### March 2023

*Arthritis Month*

<b>10</b>	Grand Officers Night	6 PM Supper	Canonicus Lodge No. 9, Rumford
<b>21</b>	Grand Officers Night	7 Pm Meeting	Mizpah Rebekah Lodge No. 22, Rumford
<b>26</b>	Meatloaf Dinner Fundraiser - Benefit Grand Patriarch's Project	1:00 PM	Canonicus Lodge No. 9, 125 North Broadway, Rumford

### April 2023

*Living Legacy Month" "Plant a Tree for One Who comes after Me'*

<b>14</b>	Grand Encampment Session	1:00 PM	Wyndham Newport Hotel, Aquidneck Avenue, Middletown, RI
<b>14</b>	Joint Session Banquet	6:00 PM	Wyndham Newport Hotel, Aquidneck Avenue, Middletown, RI
<b>15</b>	Grand Lodge Session	9:00 AM	Wyndham Newport Hotel, Aquidneck Avenue, Middletown, RI
<b>21-22</b>	Grand Lodge of New Hampshire		Town and Country, Shelburne NH
<b>23</b>	Anniversary of the birthday of Schuyler Colfax, Author of the Degree of Rebekah		
<b>26</b>	<b>204th Anniversary of the founding of the Order in North America</b>		

### Other Events

<b>May 7</b>	Pilgrimage to Tomb of Unknowns, Arlington, VA
<b>Jun-22</b>	Past Grand Officers' Association
<b>August 21 - 24</b>	Sovereign Grand Lodge Session, Des Moines, Iowa

### FROM THE EDITOR

The Ocean State Traveler is published bi-monthly by the Grand Lodge of The State of Rhode Island. Want to see news from your lodge? E-mail me with any information and photos and I will try to get the articles in the next edition. Deadline for submission is the 15th of each even numbered month (February, April, June, August, October and December).