

Ocean State Traveler

RI INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS

JAN / FEB 2023

GRAND MASTERS' MESSAGE

Fraternal Greetings:

Now that the holidays are over, we are ready to celebrate 2023. What plans do you have for your lodge and how are you going to increase membership this year? Without continually gaining new members not only will your lodge die, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows will also die. As an almost 70 member, I certainly do not want this happen. But me Brothers and Sisters, it is up to EVERYONE to obtain new members.

Have an open house or some kind of community event. There is literature that can be ordered from the Grand Secretary to assist you in telling the Odd Fellows story. Don't be shy about spreading the word!!

My project again this year is the Ronald McDonald House in Providence. Many families have been given love and assistance when they need it the most. Won't you help to make this project a success?

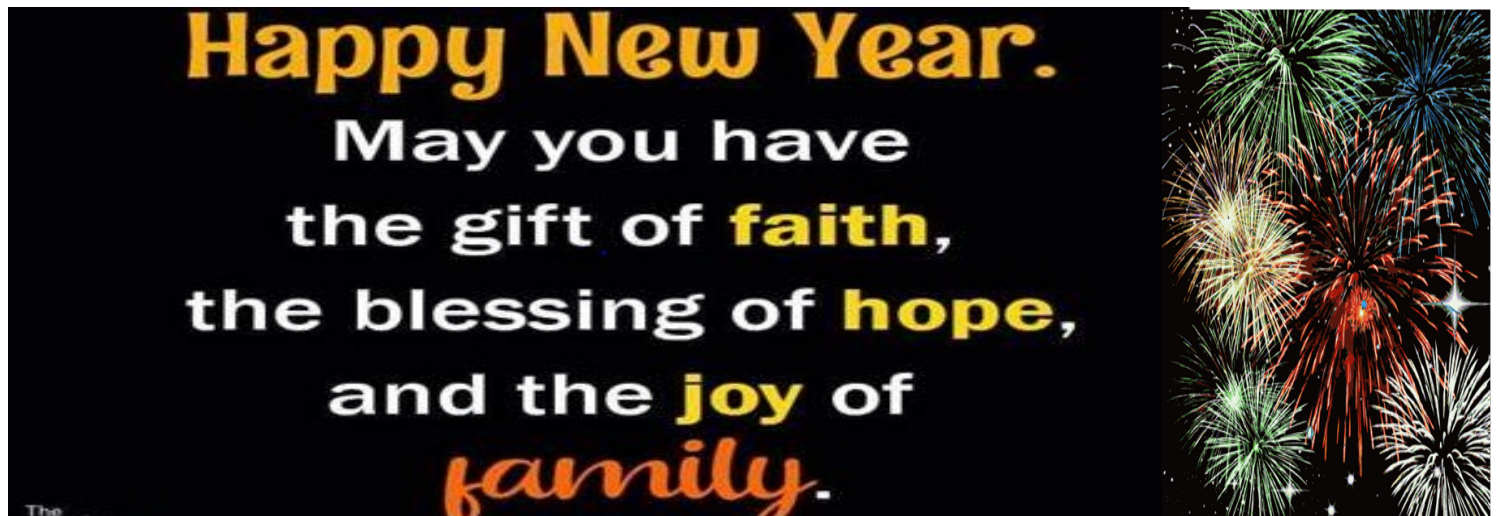
Thank you to everyone who attend the reception for Grand Patriarch Bryan King and myself. A wonderful time of friendship and fellowship was had by all. All gifts received went to my project.

As always, we seek to elevate the character of man. Odd Fellowship is a way of life, not just a meeting twice a month. Let us ALL spread the word of Odd Fellowship in gaining quality members.

Yours in F L & T

Donald E. McLaren

Grand Master



“PROMOTING ODD FELLOWSHIP THROUGH POSITIVE COMMUNICATION”



GRAND PATRIARCH MESSAGE

Greetings to all Patriarchs and Matriarchs,

This message, like my last, comes with a heavy heart. I am sure that many of you have probably heard of the passing of Brother Marshall D. Kalin of Connecticut. Brother Marshall was a member of the Order for over sixty years. He was an active member of all branches. Brother Marshall's funeral was attended by members of the Order from New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut and the Atlantic Northeast. The outpouring meant so much to Sister Edie and family. Donations in his memory may be made to Emanuel Synagogue Caring Fund, 160 Mohegan Drive, West Hartford, CT 06117 or to Fairview, The Odd Fellows Home of Connecticut, Inc., 235 Lestertown Road, Groton, CT 06340.

Now, to be more upbeat, it was my honor to attend a reception for the Grand Master and myself on November 20, 2022 at Canonicus Lodge in Rumford, RI. It was a wonderful afternoon with good food and fine fellowship. I would like to thank Canonicus Lodge, Reba Rebekah Lodge and Frank & Stella Moitozo for their donations to my project, Fisher House.

Thank you to all Encampments within our jurisdiction for getting the annual reports to our Grand Scribe in a timely manner. By doing so, you have made her job a bit more easy in getting them off to Sovereign Grand Lodge by the due date.

As this year comes to a close, I ask that all Patriarchs and Matriarchs rededicate themselves to strengthening our branch of Oddfellowship. We need new members that will strive to keep the Encampments alive for years to come. Please encourage your Brothers and Sisters to join us.

During this holiday season, I wish you, your family and your friends, health, safety and happiness. May God continue to bless us all in the New Year.

In Faith, Hope and Charity,

Bryan F. King, Grand Patriarch



Greetings,

I hope that everyone had a blessed Christmas and holiday season.

We have now had the longest day of the year; as each day goes by we are that closer to Spring, and we will enjoy the new life that will be all around us in the form of the flowers, animals and the trees.

God Bless you all

Jen Lawson, Grand Chaplain

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN YOUR LODGE

Tell us about your ceremonies, visits, special occasions and socials.
Don't forget to include community service projects and special things your Lodge has done in your community.

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 Pencils and Litter bags for handing out at community events.



IN OUR PRAYERS / THINKING OF YOU



**John Enander
Gordon Taylor
Ada Beebe
Al Edler**

**Charles Rouleau, Sr.
Robert Kane
Frances M. Kane
Frances A. Kane**

**Nancy Gombeyski
Deare Warren
Charles Igo
Edith Kalin**

IN SYMPATHY

Charles Rouleau Sr. PGM and family on loss of his wife Florence

(Cards to 70 Ian Street, Swansea, MA 02777)

Edith Kalin, PPRA CT on loss of her husband, Marshall Kalin, Grand Secretary CT

(Cards to 72 Mill Plain Road, Waterbury CT 06705)



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January 15 Anniversary of the Birthday of Thomas Wildey, founder of our Order.

done in your community.

February Educational Foundation Month, Certificates available to Lodges making \$1.00 per member donations. Send donations to Grand Lodge Office, market Educational Foundation

February 10-11 Pilgrimage to Honor All Unknowns of the Civil War, Biloxi, MS

2022–2023 GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

Grand Master	Donald E McLaren, PGM, PGP, GCR
Deputy Grand Master	John A. Lawson, III
Grand Warden	Michael J. Seger
Grand Secretary	Barbara A. McLaren, PGM, PGP, PPIALAPM
Grand Treasurer	George L Glover, III, PSGM
Grand Representative	John C Beebe, III, PGM, PGP, GCR
Alternate Grand Representative	Deare J. Warren, PGM, PPRA
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

2022–2023 Grand Encampment Officers

Grand Patriarch	Bryan F. King , GM
Grand High Priest	Donald E. McLaren, PGP, PGM , GCR
Grand Senior Warden	Frank 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

GRAND LODGE SCHOLARSHIP

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

PLEASE FOLLOW DIRECTIONS CAREFULLY AND COMPLETELY, FAILURE TO DO SO WILL RESULT IN REJECTION OF APPLICATION

Applicant must use the current official Odd Fellows form which must be dated and signed by the Student, parent(s) or guardian(s) and lodge official(s) where applicable. All applications and statements are required to be signed. Typewritten applications are preferred or must be legibly handwritten.

Application and all supporting documents must be in English.

Official transcript of the student's records must be submitted. Records may be photocopies that bear an original signature of the proper authority.

The applicant shall prepare an essay of **250 words or less** on the following topic:

“Should the USA be the ‘gatekeeper’ of the World?”

This must be typed, and enclosed with all supporting materials

Application will be disqualified if essay is not included.

A current dated and signed recommendation; Limited to **150 words or less**, from the Principal or Counselor in authority and one teacher at the school the applicant is currently attending is required. Each recommendation must be enclosed in a sealed envelope, signed over the seal and returned to the student for enclosure in the scholarship packet.

Include one letter of endorsement from a responsible community (NON-SCHOOL) person. **This person should not be related to the applicant** but can be a business person, minister or civic leader. The person should be capable of reporting the applicant's participation in the community in terms of work service, leadership, notable skills and outstanding recognition. Do not refer to school accomplishments. This should be enclosed in a sealed envelope, signed over the seal and returned to the student for enclosure in the scholarship packet.

INSTRUCTIONS CONTINUED

All parts of the application (application, essay, principal/counselor's statement, teacher's statement, non-school endorsement and official transcript) must be enclosed in one packet and must be returned to the Grand Secretary at the Grand Lodge office (**before the February 1st deadline**). Please allow ample mail delivery time! It is the responsibility of the applicant to consolidate all materials in one packet.

Applicant must be a resident of Rhode Island /Massachusetts and their sponsor must be a member of an Odd Fellows or Rebekah Lodge in the jurisdiction of Rhode Island.

Only those chosen to receive awards will be notified by the end of March and will be requested to attend our Annual Banquet on April 14, 2023 at the Wyndham Newport Hotel, 240 Aquidneck Ave., Middletown, Rhode Island at 6:00 PM, when the Scholarships will be handed out.

Applicant must have a letter from their Lodge or the Lodge of their Sponsor verifying that they or their sponsor are a member in good standing and shall bear the seal of the Lodge.

ROSE PARADE FLOAT — JANUARY 2, 2023

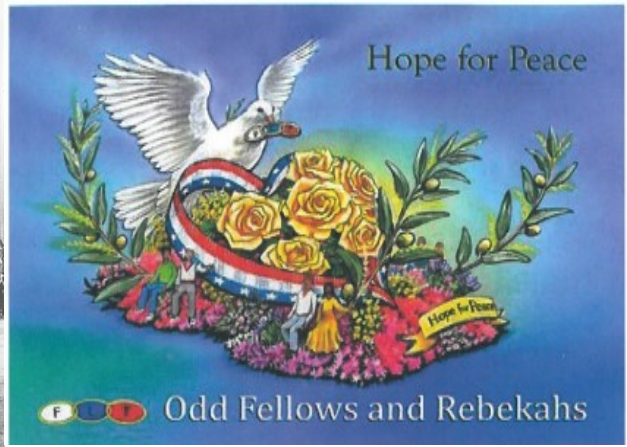
Starting January 1, 1908, the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs have had continual presence in the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, CA. The Odd Fellows Rebekahs Rose Float is a labor of love in which all services are volunteered. No one gets paid to work on the float or the organizing committee. The Odd Fellows Rebekahs Rose Float Organization is incorporated as a 501c(3) Charitable Corporation by the State of California.

The corporation is organized to provide an educational experience for the public by teaching volunteers to create and display a work of art in the annual Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena California. The corporation performs this objective by its ability to sponsor, plan, and design, build, decorate, and enter a float. The float is a work of art which is viewed by nearly a million people locally in Southern California and is televised to more than 70 million international viewers. The corporation endeavors to promote a culture of caring and sharing, and goodwill to all people everywhere via the themes of its floats, and seeks to elevate the character of mankind. What an experience many Odd Fellows and Rebekahs have had working and riding on the float.

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2023



BIRTHDAY'S, BIRTHDAY'S, BIRTHDAY'S

<u>JANUARY BIRTHDAY'S</u>	
Elizabeth Aleszczyk	1
Shirley Nunes	3
Walter Kelly	5
Thomas Gotauco	11
Michael Seger	13
David Flaxington	23
CJ Ferry	31
Jessica Veneri	31

<u>FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY'S</u>	
Charles Rouleau, Jr	5
John Sutterley	13
Claire Bergus	17
Christopher Veneri	24
Frances M. Kane	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

**SOCIAL REBEKAH
LODGE # 11**
178 High Street
Bristol, RI 02809
Nancy Edler, PP, Sec.
55 Sea Breeze Lane.
Bristol, RI 02809
401 253-9917
Meets: 2nd Monday 1:30 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
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DATES TO REMEMBER

- January 8, 2023 Grand Lodge Christmas Party – Canonicus
Lodge Hall, 125 N. Broadway, Rumford
1 PM Luncheon
- March 10, 2023 Grand Officers Night , Canonicus Lodge No.
9, Rumford 6 PM Supper
- March 21, 2023 Grand Officers Night , Mizpah Rebekah No.
22, Rumford 7 PM Collation following
- April 14, 2023 Grand Encampment Session, 1 PM,
Wyndham Newport Hotel, Aquidneck Avenue,
Middletown, RI
- April 14, 2023 Joint Session Banquet, 6 PM,
Wyndham Newport Hotel, Aquidneck Avenue,
Middletown, RI
- April 15, 2023 Grand Lodge Session, 9 AM,
Wyndham Newport Hotel, Aquidneck Avenue,
Middletown, RI

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).