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THE GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS
OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY
JANUARY 1, 2019

To all Lodges, Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters, Grand Master, all Odd Fellows.

Greetings:

This is to inform you that the One Hundred and Seventy Fifth Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of the State of Rhode Island will be held on Saturday April 13, 2019. The session will be opened by our Grand Master, Deare J. Warren at 9:00 AM, at the Mainstay Inn and Conference Center, 151 Admiral Kalbfus Rd., Newport, Rhode Island. Registration will start at 8:00 AM.

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 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 the rate is \$75.00 Plus tax.

Yours in Faith, Hope and Charity

Maurice W. Warren

Maurice W. Warren, PGM.

Grand Secretary

“PROMOTING ODD FELLOWSHIP THROUGH POSITIVE COMMUNICATION”

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF RHODE ISLAND

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SCRIBE

JANUARY 1, 2019

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

Greetings:

This is to inform you that the One Hundred and Seventy First Annual Session of the Grand Encampment of Rhode Island will be held on Friday April 12, 2019. The session will be opened by our Grand Patriarch, Maurice W. Warren at 1:00 PM, at the Mainstay Inn and Conference Center, 151 Admiral Kalbfus Rd., Newport, Rhode Island. Registration will start at 12:30 PM.

The Session will be opened in the Grand Encampment Degree, following the exemplification of the Grand Encampment Degree to all Qualified 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 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.

Yours in Faith, Hope and Charity

John C. Beebe, III,

Grand Scribe

Non-Discrimination Policy

The Grand Lodge of Rhode Island Independent Order of Odd Fellows (GL-RI I.O.O.F.) will not discriminate against any individual on the basis of disability, age [other than that of minimum to join the Order (lodge, club or group)], ethnicity, gender, race, sexual orientation, religion or other social identity. The GL-RI I.O.O.F. will make reasonable modifications in policies, practices, or procedures when such modifications are necessary to afford its services and facilities to individuals with disabilities, unless the modifications would fundamentally alter the nature of its services. The GL-RI I.O.O.F. will not exclude any individual based on disability, age, ethnicity, gender, race, sexual orientation, religion or other social identity from the full and equal enjoyment of its services and facilities, unless the individual poses a direct threat to the health or safety of others, or him/herself, that cannot be eliminated by a modification of policies, practices, or procedures or by the provision of auxiliary aids or services. The GL-RI I.O.O.F. will not exclude any individual from the full and equal enjoyment of its services and facilities because of the individual's association with a person of disability, age, ethnicity, gender, race, sexual orientation, religion or other social identity.



One Hundred Seventy Fifth Annual Session
of
The Grand Lodge of the State of Rhode Island
Independent Order of Odd Fellows



April 12 - 13, 2019, Newport, Rhode Island

HOTEL INFORMATION

Mainstay Inn and Conference Center
 151 Admiral Kalbfus Road
 Newport, Rhode Island, 02840-1310
 Phone: 401/849-9880

Reservations are now being accepted and should be made as soon as possible

The Mainstay Inn is the headquarters hotel for the 2019 Grand Lodge of the State of Rhode Island Scarlet Dinner and Annual Sessions. To receive the special rate of \$ 75.00, plus tax, available for the nights of April 13th reservations must be made no later than March 13, 2019. You must mention The Independent Order of Odd Fellows when making your reservations. The hotel will accept reservations on a space available basis after March 13, 2019 but the above rate may not be available.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, April 12, 2019

12:00 PM – 4:00PM	Grand Encampment Annual	2nd Floor opposite Elevator
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	SOCIAL HOUR	Banquet Room 1st floor.
7:00 PM – 10:00 PM	SCARLET DINNER	Banquet Room 1st floor.
10:00 PM – ????	HOSPITALITY ROOM	2nd Floor opposite Elevator

Saturday, April 13, 2019

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	REGISTRATION	Banquet Room 1st floor.
9:00 AM – 12:30 PM	GL SESSION	Banquet Room 1st floor
12:30 PM – 1:30 PM	LUNCHEON	Patio 1st Floor
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM	GL SESSION (IF NEEDED)	Banquet Room 1st floor
2:30 PM – 4:00 PM	INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS	Banquet Room 1st floor.

HOSPITALITY ROOM WILL BE AVAILABLE UNTIL 4:00 PM TO STORE LUGGAGE



Dear Brothers and Sisters

SURPRISE ! The year has passed by, it has flown so fast. I have had such a fantastic year. I am not looking forward to this year being over. The travel has been so enjoyable, I have renewed many friendships as I have traveled over the past two years. My memories of this past year will never leave me. A special thank you to Excelsior Lodge and the members who did everything that I thought of doing without a thought of doing it. To all of my Sisters and Brothers

who supported me a BIG THANK YOU. My year would not have happened without you. To all of my Officers who went with me to all my visitations I couldn't have been prouder it was great to have had the Grand Lodge well represented at all of its visitations . I knew I had chosen the right Brothers and Sisters to help me in my year. THANK YOU, THANK YOU again THANK YOU. As my year has ended with all of my visitation it was my pleasure at Canonicus Lodge to see Brother James Gillis receive his Past Grand Patriarch's Jewel. What a great surprise for everyone. Again THANK YOU FOR A WONDERFUL YEAR.

In Friendship Love and Truth

IN MEMORIAM

Thelma Goin

Born: July 27, 1925 Passed: March 22, 2019

Age: 93 Years

Member Mizpah Rebekah Lodge No. 22

In Our Prayers

**Henry Sidok
Richard Shepard
Judy Smith
Ada Beebe**

**Gordon Taylor
David Mower
Charles Rouleau**

Canonicus Lodge No. 9

Canonicus Lodge No. 49 together with Roger Williams Rumford Grange and Mizpah Rebekah Lodge No. 22 donated food and toys to local Charities in East Providence. The Noble Grand Jen Lawson, Canonicus Lodge, Noble Grand Karen Hawkins, Mizpah Lodge and Frank Moitozo, Master Grange

Grand Masters Visitation

Mizpah Lodge No. 22
125 N. Broadway
E. Providence, RI 02916
March 19, 2019
Meeting 7:00 PM

Grand Masters Visitation

Canonicus Lodge No. 9
125 N. Broadway
E. Providence, RI 02916
March 8, 2019
Dinner 6:00 PM Meeting 7:00 PM

The SGL - IARA Membership Program *Sponsor of New Member*

(send this form to 422 N. Trade St, Winston-Salem NC 27101)

Sponsor Name _____
New Member's Lodge _____
Lodge Secretary Name _____
Address _____
City _____
State/Province _____
Postal/Zip Code _____

NEW MEMBER

Date Admitted _____ Bro _____ Sis _____
Name _____
Address _____
City _____
State/Province _____
Postal/Zip Code _____
Date of Birth : M/D/Y _____

Address Change ????

LET US KNOW

Old Address: _____ **New Address:** _____

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 photo's and I will try to get the articles in the next edition. Deadline for submission is the 15th of each month.

Join with us to leave a Living Legacy

Fighting Global Warming is the number one priority of many countries and governments. Odd Fellows and Rebekahs too, have taken the challenge to plant trees as a gift to future generations. Contact the Grand Warden Donald E McLaren for more information on our Living Legacy Program.

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. If you have trouble figuring out what to say, use the easy form below.

Event Name: _____

Event Location: _____

Event Date: _____ How Many Where In Attendance: _____

Description of Event

Special Guests: _____

Include any photos with names from left to right: _____

Mail to:

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PO Box 296

Bristol, RI 02809

or

E-mail: glri-2@hotmail.com

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
E. Providence, RI 02916
Frank Moitozo, PGM Sec.
64 Salisbury Street
Rehoboth, MA 02769
508 336-6912

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
Robert A. Kane, Sec.
95 Farnum Road
Warwick, RI 02888
401 463-8367

Meets: 3rd Wednesday 11:00 AM

SEACONNET LODGE # 39
8 Commons
Little Compton, RI 02837
Walter C. Elwell, Sec.
460 B Long Highway
Little Compton, RI 02837
401 635-4749

Meets: 3rd Wednesday 1:00 PM

EXCELSIOR LODGE # 49
81 Sprague Street
Portsmouth, RI 02871
Raye Fucito, Sec.
12 Granada Terr.
Middletown, RI 02842
401 849-3682

Meets: 2nd and 4th Friday 7:00 PM

SOCIAL REBEKAH LODGE # 11
178 High Street
Bristol, RI 02809
Nancy A. Gombeyski, PP, Sec.
10 Larchmont Drive.
Coventry, RI 02816
401 826-2965

Meets: 2nd Monday 1:00 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 7:30 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 7:30 PM

MASSASOIT ENCAMPMENT # 8
178 High St.
Bristol, RI 02809
Robert Kane, PGM-PGP
95 Farnum Rd.
Warwick, RI 02888
401 463-8367

Meets: 4th Tuesday 7:30 PM

CANTON PROVIDENCE #1
125 Broadway
East Providence, RI 02916
George Glover, PSGM
15 Jaclyn Drive
Coventry, RI 02816
401 828-8216

Meets: 4th Tuesday, 7:30 PM

LAPM CANTON PROVIDENCE # 1
125 Broadway
East Providence, RI 02916
Lady Nancy A. Gombeyski, PP, Sec.
10 Larchmont Drive.
Coventry, RI 02816
401 826-2965

Meets: 4th Tuesday 7:30 PM

2018 - 2019 OFFICERS

GRAND LODGE

Deare J. Warren	Grand Master	120 Water St.	Portsmouth, RI 02871	401 683-3056
David B. Springer	Deputy Grand Master	80 Durfee Rd.	Tiverton, RI 02878	508 496-3006
Donald E. McLaren	Grand Warden	86 Highland Rd.	Brookline, MA 02445	508 579-3606
Maurice W. Warren	Grand Secretary	120 Water St.	Portsmouth, RI 02871	401 683-3056
George L. Glover, III	Grand Treasurer	15 Jaclyn Drive	Coventry, RI 02816	401 828-8216

GRAND ENCAMPMENT

Maurice W. Warren	Grand Patriarch	120 Water St.	Portsmouth, RI 02871	401 683-3056
James A. Gillis	Grand High Priest	55 Atlantic Ave.	Warwick, RI 02888	401 467-2515
Barbara A. McLaren	Grand Senior Warden	86 Highland Rd.	Brookline, MA 02445	508 579-3606
Brian King	Grand Junior Warden	30 Atkins Ave.	Bristol, CT 06010	860 582-0410
John C. Beebe, III	Grand Scribe	10 Kerins Terr.	Newport RI 02840	401 207-9184
George L. Glover, III	Grand Treasurer	15 Jaclyn Drive	Coventry, RI 02816	401 828-8216

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DATES TO REMEMBER

FRI, MAR 8, 2019 - Grand Master Visitation, Canonicus Lodge No. 9, 125 N. Broadway, E. Providence, RI
TUE, MAR 19, 2019 - Grand Master Visitation, Mizpah Lodge No. 22, 125 N. Broadway, E. Providence, RI
FRI, APR 12, 2019 - Grand Encampment Annual Session, Main Stay Inn, Newport, RI - 1::00 PM
FRI, APR 12, 2019 - PGOA Scarlet/Purple Dinner, Main Stay Inn, Newport, RI - 6:00 PM
SAT, APR 13, 2019 - Grand Lodge Session, Main Stay Inn, Newport, RI - 9:00 AM
WED, APR 17, 2019 - Executive Board Meeting, 178 High St., Bristol, RI – 10:00 AM
FRI - SAT, APR 26-27, 2019 – New Hampshire Grand Lodge - Town and Country Inn, US Rte. 2, Shelburne, NH
SUN, MAY 5, 2019 – Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington VA
FRI - SAT, MAY 10-11, 2019 – Vermont Grand Lodge Dinner, Information to follow
WED, MAY 15, 2019 –Executive Board Meeting, 178 High St., Bristol, RI – 10:00 AM
SAT, MAY 18, 2019 – SNE Department Council Annual Session - Information to follow
FRI - SAT, MAY 24-25, 2019 - Quebec Grand Lodge Session, Information to follow
SUN, JUN 9, 2019 - Pilgrimage to Swan Point Cemetery - Information to follow
FRI - SAT, JUN 14-15, 2019 - MA Grand Lodge Session, Doubletree Hotel, 11 Beaver Street, Milford, MA 01757
WED JUN 19, 2019 - Executive Board Meeting, 178 High St., Bristol, RI – 10:00 AM
WED, JUN 19, 2019 - Grand Master Visitation, Seaconnet Lodge, Little Compton, RI – 1:00 AM
THUR, JUN 27, 2019 - PGOA Annual Meeting, To Be Announced
SUN, JUN 30, 2019 - Clam boil, 81 Sprague St., Portsmouth, RI – 1:00 PM