

Ocean State Traveler

RI INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS

Sept/October 2022

GRAND MASTERS' MESSAGE

September 2022

Fraternal Greetings:

Fall is upon us as we prepare for another fraternal year. I hope everyone is doing well and had a good summer.

As fall approaches, it is time to concentrate on election of officers and beginning a new fraternal year. Please contact your deputy as soon as possible to schedule a date for installation. Have an open installation and invite friends and family so that they can witness some of our beautiful ritual. You never know what will trigger a new member. Remember, no installation can be done until the term reports are completed and sent to the Grand Lodge Office or placed in the hands of the Deputy on the night of installation. Secretaries, please complete the term reports as soon as possible so that events are not delayed.

It was my honor and privilege as your Grand Master to once again present the Rhode Island Flag during the opening ceremonies at Sovereign Grand Lodge.

I am continuing the Ronald McDonald House in Providence as my project. Their mission aligns with those of our Order to assist those that need our help. Please support this worthwhile project by collecting can tabs to be presented at our annual session. These tabs are recycled and can aid in defraying the cost of large purchases.

Yours in F L & T

Donald E. McLaren

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
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

“PROMOTING ODD FELLOWSHIP THROUGH POSITIVE COMMUNICATION”

GRAND PATRIARCH MESSAGE



Greetings to all Patriarchs and Matriarchs,

It is hard to believe that my term in office is almost half over. Time has flown by, but I don't feel that I have accomplished much. I have repeatedly asked all Scribes to notify our Grand Scribe of plans for fundraising activities for my project, Fisher House. No such information has been provided and I can only attribute that to Encampments being shut down for the summer. With fall fast approaching and Encampments reopening, I ask once again for this information.

Likewise, the issue of updating current contact information has not been provided to the Grand Scribe. It is paramount that the Grand Encampment be able to reach each and every member. This can only be done with the correct information, so please be sure to send your updated information to the Grand Scribe.

As many of you may already know, I will be the incoming Grand Master of Connecticut in September, if the votes favor the same. The Grand Patriarch is always invited to their session, but with my various duties within my Grand Lodge, I felt that I should not accept this invitation. Instead, I have asked our Grand Senior Warden, Frank Moitozo to represent me. He has kindly accepted and my thanks go out to him for this.

If there is anything I can do to help your Encampment, please don't hesitate to contact me. If for any reason you have trouble getting a hold of me, you can always "funnel" a message through our Grand Scribe (Barbara McLaren glri-2@hotmail.com 508-579-3606).

UP COMING EVENTS TO WATCH FOR
Grand Master & Grand Patriarch Reception

Sunday November 20, 2022



Grand Lodge Christmas Party TBD

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.

IN MEMORIAM

Lydia Tobin

Born: November 14, 1939 Passed: August 19, 2022

Age: 82 years

Member

Reba Rebekah Lodge No. 12

IN OUR PRAYERS / THINKING OF YOU

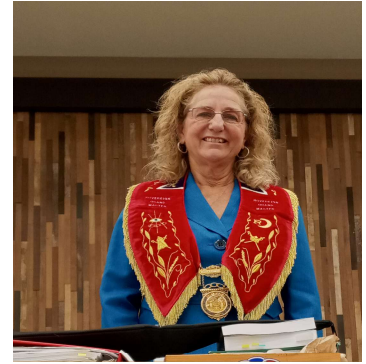
**John Enander
Gordon Taylor
John Beebe
Ada Beebe
Donald McLaren**

**Charles Rouleau
Florence Rouleau
Robert Kane
Peter Sousa**

**Nany Gombeski
Deare Warren
Charles Igo
Members of Manufactures
Lodge with COVID**

Sovereign Grand Lodge Session Highlights

History was made at The Sovereign Grand Lodge Session in Winston-Salem, NC as Sister Michelle Heckart of Iowa was installed as the first female Sovereign Grand Master!!



Brother Donald McLaren and Sister Barbara McLaren proudly presented the Rhode Island Flag at the opening ceremony.

Our Representatives
hard at work



Past Sovereign Grand
Masters.

All set for GMC Installation and Change of
Command



Grand Chaplain

Hi all Odd Fellows and Rebekahs,

I hope that you are all enjoying your summer and trying to stay cool.

I would like to thank all that attended the annual memorial service in June at Swan Point, although attendance was low, we still had a good service.

If anyone would like a copy of the service, please let me know and I will send you one.

Please keep sending cards from yourself or the lodge to members that are shut-in or ill. The members always enjoy reading them. The best list to use is the one in the Traveler, as it is the most recent one.

Enjoy the rest of your summer.

“Remember whatever you do in word or deed, do it in the name of the Lord giving thanks to the Lord”

God Bless

Jen Lawson

Grand Chaplain



Grand Secretary Office Hours
Every Wednesday 10 AM—4 PM

178 High Street
Bristol, RI 02809
401-253-9540
Glri-2@hotmail.com

SUPPLIES — SUPPLIES — SUPPLIES

The 2021 SGL Code changes are here. Please order now whatever year you need to make sure your SGL Code is up to date. All lodges MUST have an up to date SGL Code Book.

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

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

**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

Member Name _____

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 even numbered month (February, April, June, August, October and December).

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 Lodge Office 401-253-9540 for more information on our Living Legacy Program.

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 Wednes-
day 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: 4th Tuesday 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

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DATES TO REMEMBER

September 7, 2022	Manufacturers Lodge and Harmony Lodge, Slocum Grange, North Kingstown 7 PM
September 11, 2022	Grand Master's Steak Fry, Excelsior Lodge Hall, Sprague Street, Portsmouth
November 20, 2022	Grand Master and Grand Patriarch Reception, Canonicus Lodge Hall, Rumford RI
December 2022	Grand Lodge Christmas Party—TBD
March 10, 2023	Grand Officers Night , Canonicus Lodge, Rumford 6 PM Supper