



Ocean State Traveler

RI INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS Nov-December 2022

GRAND MASTERS' MESSAGE

Fraternal Greetings:

Now that the summer is over, fall is quickly slipping by, our new officers are being installed. We hope that the various Noble Grands of each lodge have a program for their members. An active lodge will entice others to become members of our Order.

Odd Fellowship is NOT a club. It is an organizations that is over 200 years old and worth billions of dollars world-wide.

As we come into the holiday season, do not forget to stay in touch with members that need our help. Not just those that are ill, but also the widows and shut ins.

Every lodge should try to have an open house or public event to let the public know what our Order stands for. We have so many great projects that our Order supports. There is lots of literature available from the Grand Secretary.

As Thanksgiving and the December Holidays will soon be here, let us stop and give thanks for all the great gifts that you have received. Remember, Friendship, Love and Truth, the foundation of our Oder is what everyone should strive for.

Blessings to you and your loved ones during this Holiday Season.

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,

This message comes with a heavy heart. As many of you know, I live in Bristol, CT and you have probably heard of the tragic loss of two of our police officers. They were killed in an ambush responding to a bogus 911 call. I request that each Encampment have a moment of silent prayer at their next meeting in memory of these heroes. If your Encampment wishes to make a donation in their memory, please contact me.

On a brighter note, our Grand Scribe has informed me that one Encampment in Rhode Island has replied to my request about fundraising activities for my project, Fisher House. That is progress, but we still need to hear from the rest of the Encampments, both in Rhode Island and Connecticut. I really wish to be able to make a sizeable donation to this very deserving group that provides nearby accommodations for veteran's families when the vet is hospitalized. As a side note, Winona Rebekah Lodge of Waterbury, CT is also raising funds for Fisher House.

Hope Encampment and Devotion Encampment in New Milford, CT are in the process of merging. That is a good step in keeping this branch of Odd Fellowship alive, but it does mean that we will have one less Encampment on our books. Because of this, I encourage each of you that know any people in the Massachusetts Encampments in joining me by "talking up" the possibility of them merging with us. If that happens, we could develop into the Grand Encampment of Southern New England and be a more viable group to ensure that Patriarchal Odd Fellowship continues for years to come.

In closing, I wish you, your family and your friends a joyous, healthy, safe and happy holiday season. May God bless one and all in the New Year.

In Faith, Hope and Charity,

Bryan F. King, Grand Patriarch



LET'S CELEBRATE

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY

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|-----------------------|------|----------------------|------|
| • Robert Kane | 6th | Nancy Edler | 7th |
| • Alvin Edler | 11th | Deare Warren | 12th |
| • Harold Nonnenmacher | 17th | Charles Igo | 18th |
| • Elliot Green | 19th | Charles Rouleau, Sr. | 23rd |
| • Claudia Horton | 24th | | |

December Birthday

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| • Frank Moitozo | 3rd | Laura Gotauco | 7th |
| • Barbara McLaren | 14th | Stella Moitozo | 17th |
| • Frances A. Kane | 17th | Kayla Magee | 18th |

IN OUR PRAYERS / THINKING OF YOU

John Enander
Gordon Taylor
John Beebe
Ada Beebe

Donald McLaren
Charles Rouleau, Sr.
Florence Rouleau
Robert Kane

Nancy Gombeyski
Deare Warren
Charles Igo
Doreen Slaney

IN MEMORIAM

Michael Munroe
November 24, 2021

Reba Rebekah No. 13

IN MEMORIAM

Daniel S. Harrop
September 29, 2022

Canonicus Lodge No. 9



RECEPTION FOR
GRAND MASTER
DONALD E. MCLAREN
AND
GRAND PATRIARCH
BRYAN F. KING

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2022
1 - 5 PM
CANONICUS LODGE HALL
125 N. BROADWAY
RUMFORD, RI

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED
RESERVATIONS ARE REQUESTED
GEORGE GLOVER
15 JACLYN DRIVE
COVENTRY, RI 02816
GEORGEGLOVER@VERIZON.NET



Peter Sousa of Excelsior Lodge No. 49 presents a check for \$150 to the principal of Pell School in Newport for good student award .



Grand Lodge Christmas Party

Sunday, January 8, 2023

Luncheon at 1 PM

\$25.00

CANONICUS LODGE HALL

125 N. BROADWAY

RUMFORD, RI

50-50 Raffle for Grand Master's Project

PLEASE BRING DONATIONS FOR RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED

No Later Than January 2nd

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Holiday Greetings,

As, we prepare for the upcoming holiday season let's remember our brothers and sisters that are shut ins with a card or two or even just a visit.

It is also that time when we can be thankful and be joyful for all that we have.

*My wish to everyone is to have
a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas*

Gen Lawson Grand Chaplain

The Officers of the Grand Lodge IOOF of Rhode Island and the Officers of the Grand Encampment IOOF of RI and CT

hope your holidays are filled with love, family and happiness.

**HOLIDAY ORNAMENTS are available at \$12.50 each.
Please Order through the Grand Lodge Office.**

0180-30 – Three Links on a 3 7/8” Silver Snowflake
item number



0180-31 – All Seeing Eye on a 3 7/8” Silver Snowflake
item number



Please contact the Grand Lodge of you have a change of contact information — address, phone, email.

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).

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

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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
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401 828-8216
Meets: 4th Tuesday, 7:30 PM

**Grand Secretary
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Wednesday

10 AM—4 PM

**178 High Street
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401-253-9540

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**NEW WEB PAGE
GRAND LODGE OF
RHODE ISLAND IOOF**

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Independent Order of Odd Fellows
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DATES TO REMEMBER

November 20, 2022 Grand Master and Grand Patriarch Reception, 1–5 PM Canonicus Lodge Hall, Rumford RI—Reservations requested

January 8, 2023 Grand Lodge Christmas Party—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

I O O F NEWS

Please note that the Sovereign Grand Lodge Newspaper (I O O F News) can be found at IOOF.org under Member Resources. Paper copies will no longer be mailed due to rising costs.