

Ocean State Traveler

“PROMOTING ODD FELLOWSHIP THROUGH POSITIVE COMMUNICATION”

Grand Master's Message

I bring you the greetings of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, All of our Officers, Elected and Appointed along with my own personal greetings to you and your family.

Fall is here and we hope all are enjoying the activities of the season. My family made our annual visit to the Jack O'Lantern Spooktacular at the Roger Williams Park Zoo. The trivia theme makes for a fun challenge!

The Grand Masters steak fry was held on Sunday, September 14th at the Gotauco house/farm. It was well attended and enjoyed by all. Thank you to all who attended. Many thanks to Harmony Lodge for sponsoring this event making it possible for all proceeds to go toward my project this year!

The last two jurisdictional visits include Connecticut and Maine. I did attend Connecticut Session in September along with our Grand Secretary Barbara McLaren and our Grand Patriarch Donald McLaren. Thank you to Connecticut Grand Lodge for a Great weekend! I was not able to attend Maine Session in October, Thank you to Barbara and Donald McLaren for representing Rhode Island.

The end of 2025 is upon us. We hope All Members and Families have a wonderful Holiday Season!!

Always in Friendship, Love and Truth

Thomas A Gotauco Jr, Grand Master of Rhode Island



Grand Patriarch's Message

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Encampment of Rhode Island and Connecticut.

Greetings,

Now that we are enjoying fall in New England we are beginning a new Fraternal Year in Encampment Odd Fellowship. Installations are happening but as always, we need new members. Have an open Installation and invite prospective members. Have you asked members from your Odd Fellows Lodge to join?? Encourage them by advising them that the Degrees of the Encampment are a continuing education in Odd Fellowship.

Choose your new leadership wisely. Good leadership is so important for the growth and benefit of your encampment. Scribes, be sure to get your term reports into the Grand Scribe on a timely basis. Remember they need to be completed prior to installation.

I hope to see many of you on the road of Encampment Odd Fellowship. We will be conferring the 3 Encampment Degrees sometime in January—date to be determined.

May all your holidays be full of family, friends and fellowship.

Until next time

In F H & C

Donald E. McLaren

2025—2026 Grand Encampment Officers

Grand Patriarch	Donald E. McLaren, PGP, PGM , GCR,
Grand High Priest	Disa K. Johnson, PPRA, PGP
Grand Senior Warden	Vincent Braucci, PGM
Grand Scribe	Barbara A. McLaren, PGP, PGM, PPIALAPM
Grand Treasurer	George L. Glover III, PSGM
Grand Junior Warden	John A. Lawson, III, PGM
Grand Representative	Barbara A. McLaren, PGP, PGM, PPIALAPM
Alt Grand Representative	George L. Glover III, PSGM
Grand Marshal	John C. Beebe III, PGP, PGM, GCR
Grand Inside Sentinel	Bryan King, PGP, PGM

2025—2026 GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

Grand Master	Thomas A. Gotauco	Grand Representative	John C Beebe, III, PGM
Deputy Grand Master	Michael J. Seger	Alt Representative	Michael J. Seger, PGM
Grand Warden	Jennifer M. Lawson	Grand Marshal	Eric D. Johnson
Grand Secretary	Barbara A. McLaren, PGM	Grand Conductor	Elizabeth Aleszczyk
Grand Treasurer	George L Glover, III, PSGM	Grand Chaplain	John A. Lawson, III., PGM
Immediate PGM	Michael J. Seger, PGM	Grand Guardian	Jason Greene
		Grand Herald	Donald E. McLaren, PGM

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From The Grand Secretary

As we start our new Fraternal Year, we must be mindful about our members—both old and new. Engage your members in ALL of your activities. Listen to ALL suggestions from your members—no suggestion is to be taken lightly. Do not use those hated words *We never did it that way!* Try something new, you might be surprised.

As we pay our dues for 2026, please make sure that all non-contributing members have a dues card. Without this card they have no proof of membership. Instead of a dollar amount, simply put NON-CONTRIBUTING on the top of the dues card.

It is with sadness that we must have a consolidation of lodges. Excel-sior Lodge No. 49, formerly of Portsmouth will consolidate with United Brother Lodge No. 13 of Bristol on Thursday, November 6th at 4:30 PM. With this consolidation, we will have one stronger lodge instead of two weaker ones.

We wish all the members of United Brothers Lodge No. 13 all the best in the coming years.





Calling all lodges

The Initiatory Degree

Will be exemplified

On Saturday, January 10, 2026

178 High Street

Bristol, RI

Degree commences at 1:00

Candidates to arrive by 12 Noon

Light refreshments following degree

Please let the Grand Secretary know if your lodge has
any candidates.

(401-253-9540) or email (glri-2@hotmail.com)



On Sunday, September 28th 4 candidates took their Initiatory Degree., representing 3 lodges. Harmony Lodge No. 5—Roland Daigle; Canonius Lodge No. 9—Stephen Glover; Seaconnet Lodge No. 39—Suzanne DiSilva and Nathan Denham. Congratulations to our newest members.



Pictured above: Stephen Glover; Nathan Denham. Roland Daigle; and Suzanne DiSilva . Congratulations to our newest members.

DAY LIGHT SAVINGS TIME
ENDS SUNDAY, NOBEMBER 2.
2025 AT 2:00 am.

REMEMBER TO TURN YOUR
CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR.





In honor of all of the men and women who have served this country, Happy Veterans Day! Thank you for your service and your sacrifice!



Toward the End of the Year

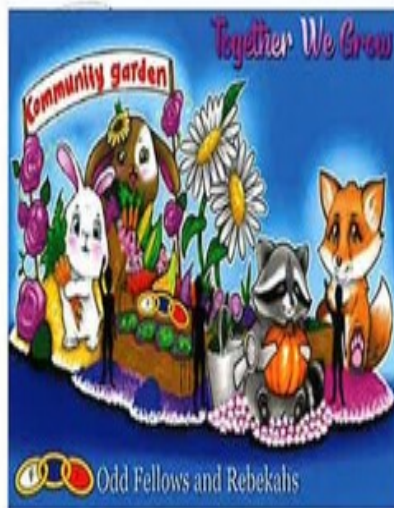
Toward the end of the year
as the holidays approach,
anticipation builds,
happiness increases,
our joy quotient goes way up,
smiles and laughter abound.

Part of that happiness and joy
is thinking of you during the holidays,
thankful to know you.

Happy Holidays!

By Joanna Fuchs





ODDFELLOWS REBEKAHS ROSE FLOAT 2026 "TOGETHER WE GROW"

Parade Theme is "THE MAGIC OF TEAMWORK"

It takes \$135,000 dollars each year to operate and pay for a Float (our size); so please donate

The float represents the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs
It will help our Footprint in being Recognized by the world.

Our float really needs your donations. Please help. We still owe for the 2025 float. We are behind due to the COVID years. Help us build our garden this year.

We are ALWAYS LOOKING for Riders with a good story. Send us a rider request with your story.

To Help Pay for the Float, Send your Donations to:

ODD FELLOWS REBEKAHS ROSE FLOAT, P.O. BOX 2718, REDONDO BEACH, CA 90278

Or DONATE ONLINE AT: [HTTP://ODDFELLOWS-REBEKAHS-ROSEFLOAT.ORG/paypal](http://ODDFELLOWS-REBEKAHS-ROSEFLOAT.ORG/paypal)



For additional info: Email us at: info@3linksfloat.org

Thank You for Your Support

<http://www.oddfellows-rebekahs-rosefloat.org>

Your donations are tax deductible as we are a 501 3(C) organization

Congratulations

A reception was held at Richards Pub, East Greenwich on Sunday, October 12th for Grand Master Thomas A. Gotauco and Grand Patriarch Donald McLaren.

Brother George Glover was Master of Ceremonies as 25 family and friends welcomed and congratulated Tom and Donald. Despite the rain, a good time was had by all.



Good Bye, Good Luck, Farewell

Jessica, Christopher and Lydia Veneri of Reba Rebekah Lodge No. 12 are off on a new adventure. They are moving to Germany to be near family. We will miss them and wish them all the best. Jessica is the granddaughter of the late Sister Patricia Koehne, PPRA.



Thoughts from the Grand Lodge Chaplain

As we come to that time of year when friends and families gather to celebrate the holidays, I'd like to focus on a thought drawn from the closing of our Valediction: that we must be grateful to our Creator.

Scripture reminds us often of the importance of thankfulness:

1 Thessalonians 5:18 – “Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.”

Psalms 107:1 – “Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!”

Colossians 3:15 – “And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.”

Psalms 100:4 – “Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.”

Hebrews 12:28 – “Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe.”

Knowing all that our Creator has done for us should fill us with deep gratitude and inspire us to share those blessings with others. So as you gather with your loved ones this season, take a moment to remember those in need. Be the vessel through which the Lord's blessings flow.

Wishing you a wonderful and meaningful holiday season.

John A. Lawson III, Grand Chaplain

IN OUR PRAYERS / THINKING OF YOU

Eric Olsen	Karen Hawkins	Elliott Greene
Ada Beebe	Fran M. Kane	George Glover
John Beebe	Frank Moitozo	Joanne Mower
Tom Gotauco	Stella Moitozo	Deare Warren
Jane Jerauld		





Robert Cabral	6
Nancy Edler	7
Deare Warren	12
Christopher Cotta	14
Michael D'Ambra	16
Harold Nonnenacher	17
Charles Igo	18
Elliot Green	19
Scott Lewis	22
Thanksgiving	27
Michael Bugara	27



**“The joy of
brightening
other lives
becomes for us
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the holidays.”**

W. C. JONES

Ken Bruns	2
Frank Moitozo	3
Laura Gotauco	7
Kristen Moniz	8
Happy Hanukkah	14
Barbara McLaren	14
Stella Moitozo	17
Kayla Magee	18
Chad Valcourt	20
Merry Christmas	25
Happy Kwanzaa	26



HARMONY LODGE # 5
 96 Slocum Road
 N. Kingstown, RI 02852
 Thomas Gotaucio, DGM, Sec.
 772 Fletcher Road
 No. Kingstown, RI 02852
 401-884-4623
 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
 7:30 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. Thursday 4:30 PM

**MANUFACTURERS
 LODGE # 15**
Scottish Rite Building
2115 Broad St, Cranston
 Harold Nonnenmacher, Sec.
 115 Holiday Court
 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, PGM, Sec.
 120 Wilson Street
 Rumford, RI 02916
 401 434-1491
 Meets: 3rd Wednesday
 11:00 AM

LODGE DIRECTORY

SEACONNET LODGE # 39
 32 Commons
 Little Compton, RI 02837
 John A Lawson, PGM, Sec.
 120 Wilson Street
 Rumford, RI 02916
 401 434-1491
 Meets: 4th Thursday 7 PM

EXCELSIOR LODGE # 49
**Consolidated with United
 Brothers Lodge No. 13 on
 Thursday, November 6, 2025**



REBA REBEKAH LODGE # 12
 178 High Street
 Bristol, RI 02809
 Nancy Edler, PPRA, 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
 Shirley Lawson, Sec.
 120 Wilson Street
 Rumford, RI 02916
 401 434-1491
 Meets: 3rd Tuesday 7:00 PM

**NOTE CHANGES IN
 LODGE DIRECTORY**

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

**MASSASOIT
 ENCAMPMENT # 8**
 178 High Street
 Bristol, RI 02809
 George Glover, PSGM
 Financial Scribe




15 Jaclyn Drive
 Coventry, RI 02816
 401-499-8216
 Meets: 3rd Thursday 7:00 PM
CANTON PROVIDENCE #1
 125 N. Broadway
 East Providence, RI 02916
 John Lawson, Clerk

Grand Secretary Office
 Days vary due to appoint-
 ments
 Please call for if you would
 like to come by
10:30AM—4:00 PM
 178 High Street
 Bristol, RI 02809
 401-253-9540
 Glri-2@hotmail.com






DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov-25

Nov 2nd	Daylight Savings Time Ends -- Turn Clocks Back	
Nov 5th	Installation - Manufacturers Lodge No 15 - 7 PM	
Nov 6th	Consolidation - Excelsior Lodge No.. 49 with United Brother Lodge No. 13 - 4:30 PM, Bristol	
Nov 6th	Instllation - Reba Rebekah Lodge No. 12 - 7 PM	
Nov 12th	Installation - Seaconnet Lodge No. 39, 32 Commons, First Floor, Little Compton, 7 PM	
Nov 14th	Installation - Canonicus Lodge No. 9, Rumford - Dinner 6, Installation 7:30 PM	
Nov 18th	Installation -Mizpah Rebekah Lodge No. 22, Rumford - Installation 7:00 PM	
Nov 28th	Installation -Wampanoag Encampment Rumford - Dinner 6, Installation 7:00 PM	

Dec-25

Dec 4th	Instllation - United Brother Lodge No. 13 - 4:30 PM	
Dec 14th	First Day of Hannukkah	
Dec 25th	Christmas	
Dec 26th	Kwanzaa	

Other Events

10-Jan-26	Initiatory Degree, 178 High Street, Bristol
13-Mar-26	Grand Officers - Canonicus Lodge No. 9, Rumford
17-Mar-26	Grand Officers - Mizpah Lodge No. 22, Rumford
10-Apr-26	Grand Encampment Session, Warwick
11-Apr-26	Grand Lodge Session, Warwick