

## Ocean State Traveler

### GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

I think everyone by now has heard of the passing of Peter Sousa, Past Grand Master. He will be surely missed around the state. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Now is the time of year where lodges have their officers installed. The Grand Lodge Executive Committee, with the assistance occasionally of the other Grand Officers will be the Installing Team. Please give them all the courtesies of their respective offices. I only know of one installation that I will unfortunately be unable to make but I have no doubt the installation will still be done as well as possible.

As far as Grand Lodge visitations to the lodges, some lodges are choosing to have their visitation on the same night as the installation. I have no problem with that. For those who hold the visitation on a later date, we hope we can feel the welcome of your lodge, and members on both occasions.

By the time you receive this the Initiatory Degree being held on October 30th at United Brothers Lodge will have been completed. I am certain all of those involved will have done their best work and that the candidates fully enjoyed the degree and were fulfilled with the lessons of Odd Fellowship.

My project for the year, as everyone knows, is Meeting Street School. I thank everyone who has sent in items or has made donations. We are having a tour of their place on the morning of Tuesday December 12, 2023 at 10:00 AM. Please contact me by December 5th if you are interested by emailing me at [jalawsoniii@gmail.com](mailto:jalawsoniii@gmail.com) or leaving a message at my number (401) 227-0542. I will give everyone who calls or emails final details as the day approaches. We will be presenting all the items donated at that time. We have a limit of 15 people, so let me know early. If we need to, we will schedule a second tour.

One event that I know everyone looks forward to is the annual Grand Lodge Christmas/Holiday Party. This year we are holding this at Canonicus Lodge Hall on January 7, 2024 with a snow date of January 14, 2024. I know the food and fellowship will be outstanding.

Also, if you don't already have one of my Grand Master's pins, consider purchasing one for \$5 to support my charity. And don't worry, if we run out we will get more.

I look forward to greeting everyone at all of the events coming up in Rhode Island Odd Fellows.

In Friendship, Love and Truth,

John A. Lawson III

Grand Master

*From the Grand Secretary: I am starting a new feature in the paper (borrowed the idea from another Jurisdiction, Thank You Idaho)*

THE DO YOU KNOW CORNER From: The Grand Secretary

**EXAMINATION** Question: What happens if the Brother or Sister does not provide the correct password.

Answer: The examining officer will report this to the Noble Grand.

Procedure: The Noble Grand will proceed to satisfy himself or herself that the brother or sister is entitled to the passwords, whereupon the Noble Grand will personally communicate the password or cause it to be done by an examining officer; or if the brother or sister be from another jurisdiction and has proved to be a member in good standing, the Noble Grand may instruct the examining officer to “pass the brother or sister”. If the Noble Grand is in doubt, he or she may appoint an examining committee to retire with the brother or sister and make a satisfactory examination.

NEXT ISSUE: VOTING/BALLOTING



**Grand Patriarch's**

**Message**

Hi Patriarchs,

Happy Halloween to everyone. Well, Fall is making its entrance to our weather. Hoping everyone is enjoying the fall colors all around us.

The Patriarchs and Odd Fellows had a good Lasagna dinner on October 8th. Fun was had by all, those who were not able to make it missed meeting my older daughter. We had a small raffle and everyone took something home.

Well time is waiting for no one because Thanksgiving is in three weeks and Christmas is the end of December. Also December is a good month because Stella and I have birthdays.

For now that is about it. Have a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a Happy, Happy New Year.

Love you all Brothers and Sisters

Your Grand Patriarch

Frank Moitozo

You are cordially invited  
to join us for a

**TOUR OF MEETING STREET SCHOOL**

Tuesday, December 12th  
10 a.m.

(carpooling from Canonicus Lodge at 9:30 a.m.)

Limited space is available so reservations  
are needed by December 4th to:

*Grand Master John Lawson III*

*Email: jalawsoniii@gmailcom or Cell: (401)227-0542*

**Join US!**



## NEW MEMBERS

On Monday, October 30th, the Initiatory Degree was conferred on 2 new members by the Grand Lodge Officers at United Brothers Lodge Hall, Bristol..

Congratulations to:

Carl Adler, Canonicus Lodge No. 9

Alan Sidok, Excelsior Lodge No. 49

Degree Team:

Noble Grand—John C. Beebe, III

Vice Grand — Barbara A. McLaren

Chaplain — Disa K. Johnson

Past Grand — Thomas A. Gotauco

Venerable Warden—Donald E. McLaren

Conductor—John A. Lawson, III

Right Scene Supporter — George L. Glover, III

Left Scene Supporter — Claire A. Bergus

Outside Conductor — George L. Glover, III

Inside Guardian — Frank X. Moitozo

Many thanks to those who assisted as well as those in attendance We had 5 lodges represented. Well Done.

The First, Second and Third Degrees will be conferred at a later date.

### IN OUR PRAYERS / THINKING OF YOU

Gordon Taylor

Charles Igo

Family of Peter Sousa,

Ada Beebe

Anthony Caprio

PGM

Al Edler

Gail Caprio

Those with COVID

Nancy Gombeyski

Deere Warren

Karen Hawkins

Family of Claudia Horton

DAY LIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS  
SUNDAY, NOBEMBER 5. 2023 AT  
2:00 am.

REMEMBER TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS  
BACK ONE HOUR.





2024 Odd Fellows Rebekahs Rose Float  
Celebrating a World of Music



The 2024 parade theme is "Celebrating a World of Music". Our Float is titled "All We Need is Love".

Matching challenge: A donor will match up to \$10,000 for the 2023 float fund. This matching continues until December 31, 2023. Donations are needed to pay for this beautiful float — Float cost is \$135,000. The float represents the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs and will help us increase our visibility and membership. Donations are tax deductible. **Send donations to Grand Lodge Office no later than December 10th.**

Look at the web site: <http://Oddfellows-rebekahs-rosefloat.org>. Special thanks to all who support the float.

Our float will have Frank Sines (From the WHO) performing on the float the whole parade. What great advertising! The parade is seen by about 700,000 parade attendees and millions world wide.

**GRAND LODGE  
HOLIDAY  
PARTY**

**SUNDAY JANUARY 7, 2024**  
125 High Street, Rumford, RI  
1 PM

**RESERVATIONS NO LATER THAN  
MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2024**

**George Glover**  
[georgeglover@verizon.net](mailto:georgeglover@verizon.net)

## ***IN MEMORIAM***



**Claudia A. Horton**

**September 9, 2023                      Age 84**

**Past Rhode Island Rebekah Assembly Secretary**

**Mizpah Rebekah Lodge No. 22**

**Lady Patty White**

**September 11, 2023                      Age 90**

**Past President IALAPM**

**Jurisdiction of Oklahoma**

**Peter M. Sousa, Sr.**

**October 1, 2023                              Age 82**

**Past Grand Master**

**Excelsior Lodge No. 49**

**Reba Rebekah Lodge No. 12**

*Farewell to thee, but not farewell*

*To all my fondest thoughts of thee:*

*Within my heart they still shall dwell:*

*And they shall cheer and comfort me.*

*By Anne Bronte*



# November

Nancy Edler	7
Alvin Edler	11
Deare Warren	12
Harold Nonnenacher	17
Charles Igo	18
Elliot Green	19
Thanksgiving	23



# December

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

W. C. JONES

Ken Bruns	2
Frank Moitozo	3
Laura Gotauco	7
Happy Hanukkah	7
Barbara McLaren	14
Stella Moitozo	17
Frances A. Kane	17
Kayla Magee	18
Merry Christmas	25
Happy Kwanzaa	26





# Steak Fry



On Sunday, September 10th, about 35 brother sisters family and friends gathered for our annual Steak Fry

Kitchen Crew Disa Johnson, Deb Seger, Barbara McLaren ready to serve



Grand Master John Lawson anticipating the yummy steak and sweet corn.



Good time was had

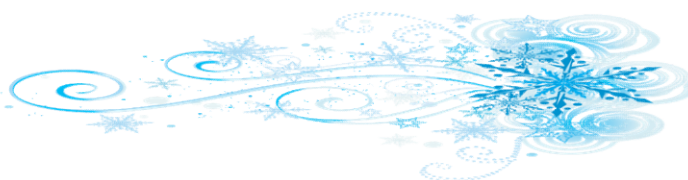


by all.



**Please Note:** You will be hearing from Sovereign Grand Lodge via email. The Sovereign Grand Lodge is starting a program reaching out to all its members. You have probably not heard from us before by email. We want you to know how we work; what we are doing and help you understand the structure of our Order. This is your Order, help us help you.

The latest issue of the IOOF News can be found by clicking on this link: <https://oddfellowssite.files.wordpress.com> You will be sent emails in the future, helping you with your journey in Odd Fellowship. Please make sure all your fellow members have their correct email on file with Sovereign Grand Lodge. In Friendship, Love, and Truth. Michelle Heckart Immediate Past Sovereign Grand Master



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!



**Rhode Island WEB Page**

[www.ioofri.org](http://www.ioofri.org)

We **FINALLY** have an up to date WEB page thanks to our Grand Master and all his efforts.

**NEW MEMBERS**

**The SGL - IARA Membership Program**

*Sponsor of New Member*

(send this form to Grand Lodge Office, PO Box 296, Bristol, RI 02809)

**Sponsor Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**New Member Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**New Member's Lodge** \_\_\_\_\_

**Lodge Secretary Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date Initiated** \_\_\_\_\_

**Members Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_

**State/Province** \_\_\_\_\_

**Postal/Zip Code** \_\_\_\_\_

**Members Birth date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Members Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Members Telephone (Home** \_\_\_\_\_





# LODGE DIRECTORY

**HARMONY LODGE # 5**  
 96 Slocum Road  
 N. Kingstown, RI 02852  
**Thomas Gotauco, GW, 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  
 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**  
**1515 Ten Rod Road**  
**N. Kingstown, RI 02852**  
 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, GM, 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, GM, Sec.  
 120 Wilson Street  
 Rumford, RI 02916  
 401 434-1491  
 Meets: 3rd Wednesday  
 1:00 PM

**EXCELSIOR LODGE # 49**  
**178 High Street**  
**Bristol, RI 02809**  
 Deare Warren, PGM, Sec  
 120 Water Street  
 Portsmouth, RI 02871  
 401 683-3056  
 Meets: 2nd and 4th  
 Wednesday 7:00 PM



**REBA REBEKAH LODGE # 12**  
 178 High Street  
 Bristol, RI 02809  
 Nancy Edler, PPR, 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**



**WAMPANOAG  
 ENCAMPMENT No. 23**  
 125 N. Broadway  
 East Providence, RI 02916  
 Michael Seger, DGM, 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  
 401-828-8216  
 Meets: 3rd Thursday 7:00 PM  
**CANTON PROVIDENCE #1**  
 125 N. Broadway  
 East Providence, RI 02916  
 George Glover, PSGM, Clerk  
 15 Jaclyn Drive

**Grand Secretary Office  
 Hours**  
 10 :30AM—4:30 PM  
 178 High Street  
 Bristol, RI 02809  
 401-253-9540  
 GLri-2@hotmail.com



## DATES TO REMEMBER

<b>November 2023</b>	
<b>11//2023</b>	Reba Installation and Grand Officers Night, 178 High Street, Bristol, 6:00 Dinner
<b>11/7/2023</b>	United Brothers Lodge No. 13 Installation, 178 High Street, Bristol 6:00 PM Dinner
<b>11/5/2023</b>	<i>DAY LIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS</i>
<b>11/10/2023</b>	Canonicus Lodge No. 9, Installation, Rumford. 6 PM Dinner
<b>11/11/2023</b>	Grand Encampment of Maine, South Portland, Maine
<b>11/16/2023</b>	Manufacturers Lodge No. 15 Installation
<b>11/23/2023</b>	Thanksgiving
<b>Dec-23</b>	
<b>12/7/2023</b>	Hanukkah
<b>12/12/2023</b>	Visit to Meeting Street School
<b>12/25/2023</b>	Christmas
<b>12/26/2023</b>	Kwanzaa
<b>Other Events</b>	
<b>1/7/2024</b>	Grand Lodge Christmas Party. Canonicus Lodge Hall, 125 N. Broadway, Rumford, RI
<b>3/8/2024</b>	Canonicus Lodge No. 9, Grand Officers Night
<b>3/19/2024</b>	Mizpah Rebekah Lodge No. 22, Grand Officers Night
<b>4/12/2024</b>	Grand Encampment of RI/CT, Wyndham Newport Hotel, Aquidneck Ave, Middletown, RI
<b>4/12/2024</b>	Joint Session Banquet, Wyndham Newport Hotel, Aquidneck Avenue, Middletown, RI
<b>4/13/2024</b>	Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, Wyndham Newport Hotel, Aquidneck Ave, Middletown, RI

**Grand Secretary Office Hours**  
**Wednesdays. 10:30AM—4:30 PM**  
**Please call before visiting the Grand Lodge Office**

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).