

Ocean State Traveler

GRAND MASTERS' MESSAGE

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

I hope you are enjoying the beginning of the summer months. I am so glad you have allowed me to serve you as your Grand Master for the current term.

It has only been a couple months into my term but we were already saddened by the passing of two of my predecessors, John Enander and Charles E. Rouleau, Sr. They will both be missed by all. We also acknowledge the passing of Past Sovereign Grand Master Richard Kim. I hope by now you have draped your charters in their memory.

There are several members of ours that could use cards, prayers, calls and visits including Peter Sousa, PGM and Al Edler. Sometimes just a kind word is all that is needed to make someone's day. Please see a list of those who could use some encouragement. Please, contact the Grand Secretary or Grand Chaplain if you know of anyone who could use a card or prayers.

Well, we didn't have an official service at Swan Point as the attendance has been dwindling to not make it worth it. However, a few weeks ago. I took a RIPTA bus to the area and walked to the Odd Fellows memorial. If anyone wants directions on how to get there on your own please let me know. We may not be there as a group but can always go there for personal prayers and reflections. How many of you know that the first person buried at our site was a 1 year old infant? I didn't.

As you may have heard, I am currently selling my Grand Master's pin \$5 each with the profit to go to my project for Meeting Street School. The pin has on top the three links with F L T inside on top of a Rhode Island State flag and below it three gold links with Blue inside with the letters TWC which are the 3 initials to my term password. (I hope the password has been given to all of our members). My pin has been so popular with a large request coming from a Louisiana Lodge that I will need to order more, If you are still interested in one please contact me.

This year we will have our Grand Master's picnic at the Masonic Youth Center on 116 Long Street in Warwick, RI on July 23rd. You should have received information about this in a mailing to the lodge as well as in this paper. It sounds like it will be a good time for all. All are welcome, we will just need a count.

I was asked if I could give directions to the youth center. Some of you, especially those who belong to groups of the Masonic family, may already know how to get there, for others and those who forget here are some directions to the center,

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Happy Independence Day to you and your family! Let us uphold the true spirit of America today and practice kindness, loyalty, camaraderie, and serve our nation to the fullest!

On July Fourth we celebrated the nation's Independence Day. As we do every year, let us remember not only our military members, but also our own brothers and sisters who have served our country to keep us free as well as in our organization. So let us give thanks for all that they have done.

God Bless
 In Friendship, Love and Truth
 Jen Lawson

2023–2024 Grand Encampment Officers

Grand Patriarch	Frank X. Moitozo, PGM
Grand High Priest	Bryan F. King , PGP, GM
Grand Senior Warden	Disa K. Johnson, PPRA
Grand Scribe	Barbara A. McLaren, PGP, PGM
Grand Treasurer	George L. Glover III, PSGM
Grand Junior Warden	Donald E. McLaren, PGP, PGM , GCR
Grand Representative	Barbara A. McLaren, PGP, PGM
Alternate Grand Representative	Bryan F. King , PGP, GM
Grand Marshal	John C. Beebe III, PGP, PGM, GCR
Grand Inside Sentinel	Charles Rouleau, Sr., PGP
Grand Outside Sentinel	David B. Springer , PGP, PGM

Those we love don't go away.
They walk beside us everyday.
Unseen, unheard,
but always near,
still loved, still missed
and very dear.



IN MEMORIAM

Charles Rouleau, Sr., PGM—PGP

Born November 23, 1936 — Died May 13,
2023 —86 Years

Grand Master 2010—2011 and 2014—2015

Grand Patriarch 2005—2006

Canonicus Lodge No. 9

Richard S. Kim

Past Sovereign Grand Master 2007—2008

January 3, 1926—May 10, 2023 Age 97

Jurisdiction of Hawaii

Served with General Commanding Donald McLaren

President IALAPM Lady Barbara McLaren

Gloria J. Mundt-Wood

September 6 1925 – June 6, 2023

Past President International
Association of Rebekah Assemblies
1978—1979

Executive Director – IOOF Educational
Foundation – 1979-1998

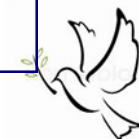
Jurisdiction of Indiana

J. Edward Stallings

August 6 1925 – June 25, 2023

Past Sovereign Grand Master
1972—1973

Jurisdiction of Georgia



GRAND MASTERS' MESSAGE, CONTINUED

Take 95 North or South to exit 28 B (Route 113 toward Route 5)

Stay to the left to go straight on 113/Main Ave. In approximately 2 miles, at an intersection with a traffic light, St. Jean Baptist Church will be on your left and Buttonwoods Ave will be an angled right hand turn. Follow Buttonwoods Ave.

Go for a about ¾ of a mile. You will cross over West Shore Rd and pass by Ocean State Job Lot. Keep going until you come to Long St on your right. (You will see Asylum Rd going to the left). Turn right onto Long St. Keep going until you get to St. Rose & Clement Parish on your right. The entrance to the Masonic Youth Center grounds will be on your left. The driveway is long so keep driving through. If someone stops you, just tell them you are with the Rhode Island Odd Fellows.

I hope to see many of you there. As well as at my other visits during the year.

In Friendship, Love and Truth,

John A. Lawson III
Grand Master



2023—2024 GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

Grand Master	John A. Lawson, III
Deputy Grand Master	Michael J. Seger
Grand Warden	Thomas A. Gotauco
Grand Secretary	Barbara A. McLaren, PGM
Grand Treasurer	George L Glover, III, PSGM
Immediate PGM	Donald E. McLaren, PGM

2023—2024 GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

Grand Representative	John C Beebe, III, PGM
Alt Grand Representative	John A. Lawson, III
Grand Marshal	Eric D. Johnson
Grand Conductor	Claire A. Bergus
Grand Chaplain	Jennifer M. Lawson
Grand Guardian	Disa K. Johnson, PPRA
Grand Herald	David Springer, PGM

DOG DAYS OF SUMMER



The term “ Dog Days ” traditionally refers to a period of particularly **hot and humid weather** occurring during the summer months of July and August in the Northern Hemisphere. In ancient Greece and Rome, the Dog Days were believed to be a time of drought, bad luck, and unrest, when dogs and men alike would be driven mad by the extreme heat.



GRAND MASTER'S PICNIC

Please join the Grand Master for an afternoon of fun
and fellowship

When: SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2023
12 Noon—Dark

Where: Masonic Youth Center (Buttonwoods)
Entrance across the street from
St. Rose and Clement Church
116 Long Street, Warwick, RI
Directions are on Page 4—end of Grand Master's Message

No Charge—Open to all members, friends and family!

Menu: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Potato Salad, Drinks and Dessert

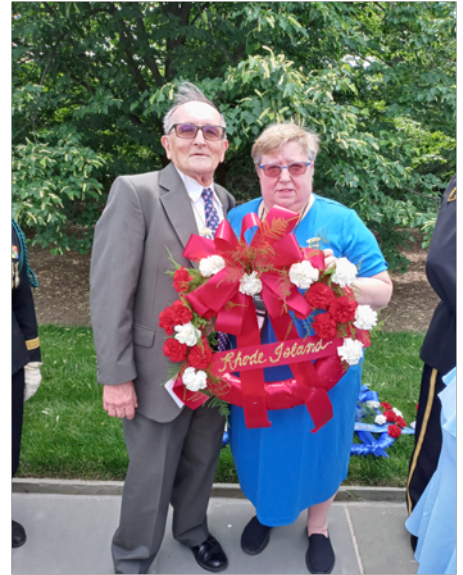
Bring your bathing suits!! Pool available!!

Bring comfortable lawn chairs. Picnic tables available.

RSVP by July 16 to John or Jen:
(401) 434-1491
jalawsoniii@gmail.com



Arlington National Cemetery, TOMB OF UNKNOWN SOLDIER is a national treasure everyone should see. This year the 89TH Odd Fellow / Rebekah Pilgrimage was held Sunday, May 7th. God favored us with a beautiful day. On behalf of the Grand Master, John Lawson who had a family commitment, Donald and Barbara McLaren had the honor and privilege to once again present the wreath for Rhode Island. Hopefully others from RI can be part of this impressive ceremony.



July	
Joanne Mower	2
United States of America	4
Patrick Warren	17
Steven Groves	21
Paul Grenier	26
Allysa Beebe	28

August	
Donald McLaren	4
Robert Boss	6
Richard Usher	8
Thomas Wright	9
David Springer	10
Bob Paquin	22
Thomas Chadronet	26
Paul Bamford	28
Peter Sousa	29

Past Grand Officers Association

On Thursday, June 22nd 13 members and guests met for the Annual Meeting of the Past Grand Officers Association. This year Davenport's in East Providence was the chosen venue. Disa Johnson, Association President presided over the meeting. The new officers are:

President	Donald McLaren, PGM
Vice President	Frank Moitozo, PGM
Secretary	Barbara McLaren, PGM
Treasurer	George Glover, PSGM

We wish the Association and the new officers a most productive and harmonious year. The next meeting will be Thursday, June 27 (4th Thursday). Place to be determined.



IN OUR PRAYERS / THINKING OF YOU

Gordon Taylor
Ada Beebe
Peter Sousa



Al Edler
Nancy Edler
Nancy Gombeyski
Karen Hawkins
Deare Warren

Charles Igo
Family of Charles
Rouleau, Sr.





MEMBERS – MEMBERS – MEMBERS



Mizpah Rebekah Lodge will be doing the
Rebekah Degree on Tuesday, July 25th at 7 PM,
in the air conditioned Canonicus Lodge Hall
125 No. Broadway,
Rumford, RI .

**WON'T YOU JOIN US IN WELCOMING OUR NEW
REBEKAH MEMBERS.**

Dear Members,

As a summer project, I would like to collect supplies for Meeting Street School. The collected supplies will be brought to the school when we go on a tour of their facility, hopefully in September after school resumes for the 2023-2024 school year.

Listed below is some of the items needed by the school:



Books for preschool age children
Puzzles for preschool age children
Construction paper
Copy paper, both white and colored
Washable, broad tip markers
Colored pencils
Regular #2 pencils
Crayons
Paints
Paint brushes
Tissues

Please bring any of the above items to the Grand Master's visitation to Manufacturers' Lodge on Wednesday, September 6th. If unable to attend, please contact me for additional options.

In Friendship, Love and Truth,

John Lawson III
Grand Master
Tel. (401) 434-1491
jalawsoniii@gmail.com



LODGE DIRECTORY



HARMONY LODGE # 5
 96 Slocum Road
 N. Kingstown, RI 02852
Thomas Gotauco, GW, Sec
772 Fletcher Road
No. Kingstown, RI 02852
 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
 81 Sprague Street
 Portsmouth, RI 02871
 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, 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
 Claudia Horton, PNG, Sec.
 16 Smith Street
 Bristol, RI 02809
 401 253-6524
 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
 Coventry, RI 02816
 401 828-8216
 Meets: 4th Tuesday, 7:30 PM

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



DATES TO REMEMBER

Jul-23

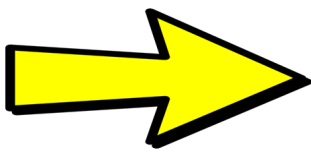
	1	Canada Day 
	4	247th Birthday of United States
	15	Massachusetts Annual Pilgrimage to Cathedral of the Pines, Rindge NH - Noon
	23	Grand Master's Picnic, Masonic Youth Center, Warwick
	25	Rebekah Degree, Mizpah Rebekah Lodge, Rumford

August 2023

August 21 - 24	Sovereign Grand Lodge Session, Des Moines, Iowa
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Other Events

6	Grand Officers Night - Manufacturers Lodge No. 15, 7 PM. 1515 Ten Rod Road, North Kingstown, RI
Sept 22 - 23	Grand Lodge of Connecticut, Southbury
Sep-24	Reception for Grand Master John Lawson, Canonicus Hall, Rumford, 2 PM
October 20 - 21	Grand Lodge of Maine, Waterville



From the Grand Secretary

Please note that the Grand Lodge Office will be closed August 14–August 31st.

I will be traveling to Sovereign Grand Lodge in Des Moines, Iowa with some sight seeing along the way.

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,