

# Ocean State Traveler

RI INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS

MAY/JUN 2019



## GRAND MASTERS MESSAGE

How fitting to be elected Grand Master of Rhode Island when our fraternity is celebrating its 200th Anniversary Year of the founding of Odd Fellowship in North America. I wish to thank all the Grand Lodge members for the support at the session and the confidence they demonstrated by electing me Grand Master. I have been a member of the odd Fellows for amount 23 years. I first learned about Odd Fellowship in researching my Paternal side of my Family Tree. When I discovered my Great, Great, Great Grand

Father belongs to the Lodge in Bristol, RI and resided on Constitution Street in Bristol, RI. Which is quite ironic since we hold the RI Grand Lodge Executive Board Meetings just the down the street from where my Great, Grand Parents lived and visited the lodge in Bristol. I just returned from the Grand Lodge Jurisdictional Session in New Hampshire where there was still snow on top of the mountains and was greeted with honors from Patrick Doughty, GM. My guest was George L. Glover, III, PSGM. George know everyone knows, plus he introduces me to all out of international and out of state dignitaries from all the New England Jurisdictions. I will learn how other jurisdiction perform their session in hopes of making my session run smooth and functional. The day of was being recognized for being a guest of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire Canonius Lodge, No.9 my mother Lodge was having a IOOF Birthday Party to celebrate Odd Fellowship. I am planning on having numerous events to raising monies to help raise monies for Disabled Veterans Groups in Rhode Island which are in need of basic necessities. CLAMBOIL: SUNDAY, 30 JUNE, 2019 will be held at Grange Lodge at East Providence, Rhode Island. The cost will be \$30.00 pp. Ticket are being printed. STEAK FRY: SUNDAY, 4 AUGUST 2019, will also be held at the Grange at East Providence, Rhode Island. The cost will be \$25.00pp. Ticket will be ready very soon. SPAGETTI & MEATBALL DINNER: SUNDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 2019, also will be held at the Grange Hall in East Providence, Rhode Island. Ticket prices will be \$20.00pp I hope all the Rhode Island Odd Fellows will support my numerous fund raising activities. I have tried the appeal to the many interests and financial considerations of our membership. Visiting the Paw Sox Game at McCoy Stadium, a Luncheon and Train Ride on the Newport Narragansett Railroad, 1 Alexander Ave., Middletown, RI. Burbage Theater Company: 249 Roosevelt Ave., Pawtucket, RI. Performances It has always said to me is meeting all the brothers and sister of numerous Jurisdictions is the highlight of being Grand Master of Rhode Island. I am very grateful for your confidence and belief in me. I pray our Lord to guide me and direction me in advance the causes our fraternal order so that it will survive another 200 hundred years. I am educating myself in valuable interpersonal skills and how to handle various personalities and budgets, By-Laws and Constitutions and. I have selected members who can guide and advise me in performing my responsibilities so we can grow in Rhode Island. My main goal is to create a NON-Profit Organization within Odd Fellowship to receive items of needed for our **Disable Veterans** residing in shelter homes. They need items such as; soap, shampoo, toothbrushes and deodorant, clothing. We will be able to obtain these items by being a Federal Tax-Exempt organization and to expand IOOF's mission to bury the dead, educate the orphans. I believe strong the way we attracted younger members is to communication in the methods and they use such as Face book, Instagram, and creating our own website. And Using electronic to keep our membership informed to communication by using the new 'applications' or APPS for cell phones and laptops, and tablets. All the major companies are using these methods to attract customers and to help reduce the cost of printing and postage.

Have you visited the Rhode Island Grand Lodge Website yet? <https://www.ioofri.org/>

“PROMOTING ODD FELLOWSHIP THROUGH POSITIVE COMMUNICATION”



from left to right:

Tom Wright, Harold Nonnenmacher, Paul Bamford, Tom Chadronet, Walter Kelly, Leon Volpini (behind Walter), Elliot Greene and Past Grand Master; Deare Warren

ing. The Members gathered together on April 18th and visited the two homes and gave out the Sweat Shirts.

## Manufacturers/ Harmony Lodge News

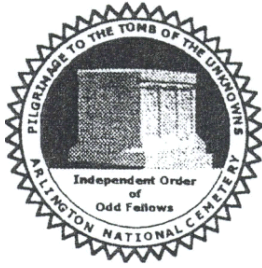
Manufacturers Lodge #15 and Harmony Lodge #5 donated 55 zippered & hooded sweatshirts to each of the above organizations. Each sweatshirt was embroidered with IOOF, FLT (including our rings) and both lodges' name. Each long term resident received one and they were very appreciative. While most nursing home temperatures are by their very nature warm, residents, due to age, can still feel cold. Our donation was highly welcomed by staff and residents at both facilities. Two of the homes are Roberts Health Center and Kingston Center for Rehabilitation and Nurs-

## Past Grand Officers Association

The Past Grand Officers Association will be holding its Annual Communication on June 20, 2019 at Jacks Family Restaurant, 294 Child St., Warren, RI. Cocktail Hour will be from 6:00 PM to 6:30 PM after which we will be ordering our meals and discussing any upcoming Legislation at our Sovereign Grand Lodge this August. All Past Grand Officers both Elected and Appointed from the Rhode Island Grand Lodge are invited to this meeting. Please contact Russell Noverca (1 407 592-6479) or the Grand Lodge Office (253-9540) for reservations. Deadline for reservations will be June 10th. Hope to see all of our members there.

## Non-Discrimination Policy

The Grand Lodge of Rhode Island Independent Order of Odd Fellows (GL-RI I.O.O.F.) will not discriminate against any individual on the basis of disability, age [other than that of minimum to join the Order (lodge, club or group)], ethnicity, gender, race, sexual orientation, religion or other social identity. The GL-RI I.O.O.F. will make reasonable modifications in policies, practices, or procedures when such modifications are necessary to afford its services and facilities to individuals with disabilities, unless the modifications would fundamentally alter the nature of its services. The GL-RI I.O.O.F. will not exclude any individual based on disability, age, ethnicity, gender, race, sexual orientation, religion or other social identity from the full and equal enjoyment of its services and facilities, unless the individual poses a direct threat to the health or safety of others, or him/herself, that cannot be eliminated by a modification of policies, practices, or procedures or by the provision of auxiliary aids or services. The GL-RI I.O.O.F. will not exclude any individual from the full and equal enjoyment of its services and facilities because of the individual's association with a person of disability, age, ethnicity, gender, race, sexual orientation, religion or other social identity.



# Eighty-sixth I.O.O.F. Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns

May 3-5, 2019, Arlington, Virginia

November 2018

*Greetings* to all members, families and friends of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. You are cordially invited to attend the Eighty-sixth Annual Independent Order of Odd Fellows Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns. Members of all units of the Order are encouraged to participate. The Pilgrimage Committee is pleased to provide the following information about this annual event.

The 2019 Pilgrimage will take place on Sunday, May 5, 2019 at Arlington National Cemetery. The memorial services will begin at **noon** followed by the wreath laying ceremonies at the Tomb immediately after the 1:00 p.m. changing of the guard. ***Please note the dates and times the program will be held this year.*** The Pilgrimage address at the Tomb will be delivered by the Honorable Douglas E. Pittman, Sovereign Grand Master.

The Hilton Alexandria Mark Center, at 5000 Seminary Road, Alexandria, Virginia 22311, will be our headquarters. Room reservations are to be made directly with the hotel, at toll-free 1-800-Hiltons (1-800-445-8667) or 1-703-845-1010. You **MUST** mention "Odd Fellows Pilgrimage" when reserving your room to receive the special rate of \$119 single/double, \$129 triple, and \$139 quad. All room rates are subject to applicable hotel tax. (See attached information about hotel accommodations).

The annual Pilgrimage banquet will be held in the hotel on Saturday, May 4, 2019, at 7:00 PM. (Advance ticket purchase required - see attached pre-registration form.) A social hour will be held from 5:45 PM to 6:45 PM. After the banquet, all present will have the opportunity to meet and greet the Honorable Douglas E. Pittman, Sovereign Grand Master, Sovereign Grand Lodge from the Jurisdiction of Colorado; Sister Patty A. Heighton, President, International Association of Rebekah Assemblies from the Jurisdiction of Atlantic Provinces; General S. Ray Johnson, General Commanding, General Military Council, Patriarchs Militant, from the Jurisdiction of Indiana; and Lady Michelle Jones, President, International Association of Ladies Auxiliaries Patriarchs Militant from the Jurisdiction of Colorado.

We recommend that you schedule flights to and from Ronald Reagan National Airport (DCA), the nearest airport to take advantage of the free shuttle service to the hotel provided by the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center. The Washington metro area is also served by Dulles International Airport (IAD), located 30 miles southwest of the Capital in Northern Virginia. (There is no free hotel shuttle from this airport).

We encourage you to publicize this special annual event in your I.O.O.F. community. The contact information for the various events is listed on the reverse of this page or on the attached forms. We look forward to seeing you May 3-5, 2019 in Alexandria, Virginia.

In Friendship, Love, and Truth,  
Jennie Sue Pearson and Chuck Renninger  
General Co-Chairmen

## Swan Point

**SWAN POINT CEMETERY** The annual memorial and wreath-laying ceremony at Swan Point Cemetery will take place on Sunday, June 14, 2009 @ 1 PM. The RI IOOF has a plot at Swan Point Cemetery which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Notables interred in this park-like setting including former RI politicians, artist David Aldrich, and horror writer H. P. Lovecraft. Dress code is business suits, uniform or dresses. For more info, contact the GL of RI office at 401.253.9540. We'll meet at the Chapel parking lot to the left inside the gate at 12:30 PM. The cemetery is located at 585 Blackstone Boulevard in Providence.

## Grand Masters Appointments for the Year 2019-2020

### Degree Master All Lodges

**James Gillis     467-2515**

**Initiatory; First; Second and Third Degrees**

### District Deputies

**Michael Seger   434-7401**

**United Brothers # 13; Granite # 33; Seaconnet # 39 and Excelsior # 49**

**Robert Kane     463-8367**

**Harmony # 5; Canonikus # 9 and Manufacturers # 15**

**Barbara McLaren     508 579-3606**

**Social # 1; Reba # 12 and Mizpah # 22**

### In Our Prayers

**Henry Sidok  
Richard Shepard  
Judy Smith  
Ada Beebe  
Gordon Taylor**

**David Mower  
Charles Rouleau  
Alvin Edler  
Louis Krueger**



## Grand Masters Visitation

Seaconnet Lodge No. 39

8 Commons

Little Compton, RI 02837

June 19, 2019

Meeting 1:00 PM

## Grand Masters Visitation

Social Lodge No. 11

178 High St.

Bristol, RI 02809

August 12, 2019

Meeting 1:00 PM

### 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

**Old Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **New Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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### 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 month.

### *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 Warden Donald E McLaren for more information on our Living Legacy Program.

## 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. If you have trouble figuring out what to say, use the easy form below.

Event Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Event Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Event Date: \_\_\_\_\_ How Many Where In Attendance: \_\_\_\_\_

### Description of Event

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Special Guests: \_\_\_\_\_

Include any photos with names from left to right: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mail to:

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PO Box 296

Bristol, RI 02809

or

E-mail: [glri-2@hotmail.com](mailto:glri-2@hotmail.com)

# 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  
E. Providence, RI 02916  
Frank Moitzo, PGM Sec.  
64 Salisbury Street  
Rehoboth, MA 02769  
508 336-6912

Meets: 2nd and 4th Friday 8:00 PM

## **UNITED BROTHERS LODGE #13**

178 High Street  
Bristol, RI 02809  
Frank Moitzo, 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  
Robert A. Kane, Sec.  
95 Farnum Road  
Warwick, RI 02888  
401 463-8367

Meets: 3rd Wednesday 11:00 AM

## **SEACONNET LODGE # 39**

8 Commons  
Little Compton, RI 02837  
Walter C. Elwell, Sec.  
460 B Long Highway  
Little Compton, RI 02837  
401 635-4749

Meets: 3rd Wednesday 1:00 PM

## **EXCELSIOR LODGE # 49**

81 Sprague Street  
Portsmouth, RI 02871  
Raye Fucito, Sec.  
12 Granada Terr.  
Middletown, RI 02842  
401 849-3682

Meets: 2nd and 4th Friday 7:00 PM

## **SOCIAL REBEKAH LODGE # 11**

178 High Street  
Bristol, RI 02809  
Nancy A. Gombeyski, PP, Sec.  
10 Larchmont Drive.  
Coventry, RI 02816  
401 826-2965

Meets: 2nd Monday 1:00 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 7:30 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 7:30 PM

## **MASSASOIT ENCAMPMENT # 8**

178 High St.  
Bristol, RI 02809  
Robert Kane, PGM-PGP  
95 Farnum Rd.  
Warwick, RI 02888  
401 463-8367

Meets: 4th Tuesday 7:30 PM

## **CANTON PROVIDENCE #1**

125 Broadway  
East Providence, RI 02916  
George Glover, PSGM  
15 Jaclyn Drive  
Coventry, RI 02816  
401 828-8216

Meets: 4th Tuesday, 7:30 PM

## **LAPM CANTON PROVIDENCE # 1**

125 Broadway  
East Providence, RI 02916  
Lady Nancy A. Gombeyski, PP, Sec.  
10 Larchmont Drive.  
Coventry, RI 02816  
401 826-2965

Meets: 4th Tuesday 7:30 PM

## **2018 - 2019 OFFICERS**

### **GRAND LODGE**

David B. Springer  
Donald E. McLaren  
Karen Hawkins,  
Maurice W. Warren  
George L. Glover, III

Grand Master  
Deputy Grand Master  
Grand Warden  
Grand Secretary  
Grand Treasurer

80 Durfee Rd.  
86 Highland Rd.  
1221 Saugatucket Rd.  
120 Water St.  
15 Jaclyn Drive

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Brookline, MA 02445  
Peacedale, RI 02879  
Portsmouth, RI 02871  
Coventry, RI 02816

508 496-3006  
508 579-3606  
401 683-3056  
401 828-8216

### **GRAND ENCAMPMENT**

Barbara A. McLaren  
Maurice W. Warren  
Brian King

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Grand High Priest  
Grand Senior Warden  
Grand Junior Warden  
Grand Scribe  
Grand Treasurer

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

**SUN, MAY 5, 2019 – Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington VA**  
**FRI - SAT, MAY 10-11, 2019 – Vermont Grand Lodge Session, Information to follow**  
**WED, MAY 15, 2019 –Executive Board Meeting, 178 High St., Bristol, RI – 10:00 AM**  
**SAT, MAY 18, 2019 – SNE Department Council Annual Session - Information to follow**  
**FRI - SAT, MAY 24-25, 2019 - Quebec Grand Lodge Session, Information to follow**  
**SUN, JUN 9, 2019 - Pilgrimage to Swan Point Cemetery - Information to follow**  
**FRI - SAT, JUN 14-15, 2019 - MA Grand Lodge Session, Doubletree Hotel, 11 Beaver Street, Milford, MA 01757**  
**WED JUN 19, 2019 - Executive Board Meeting, 178 High St., Bristol, RI – 10:00 AM**  
**WED, JUN 19, 2019 - Grand Master Visitation, Seaconnet Lodge, Little Compton, RI – 1:00 PM**  
**THUR, JUN 27, 2019 - PGOA Annual Meeting, To Be Announced**  
**SUN, JUN 30, 2019 - Clam boil, 81 Sprague St., Portsmouth, RI – 1:00 PM**  
**SUN, JUL 14, 2019 - Grand Master Picnic, Colt State Park, Section 81, - 1:00 PM**  
**WED, JUL 17, 2019 - Executive Board Meeting, 178 High St., Bristol, RI – 10:00 AM**  
**SAT, JUL 27, 2019 - Newport Narragansett Railroad, 1 Alexander Rd., Portsmouth, RI 11:00 AM**  
**SUN, AUG 4, 2019 - Steak Fry, 81 Sprague St., Portsmouth, RI – 1:00 PM**  
**MON, AUG 12, 2019 - Grand Master Visitation, Social Lodge, 178 High St., Bristol, RI 1:00 PM**  
**WED, AUG 14, 2019 - Executive Board Meeting, 178 High St., Bristol, RI – 10:00 AM**  
**MON -THU AUG 19-22, 2019 – Sovereign Grand Lodge Annual, Winston-Salem, N. Carolina**