

The Rhody Reminder

From the East of Grand Chapter

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

It seems difficult to believe that this will be the last message we share in the Rhody Reminder. This year would not have been possible without our incredible Grand Family, The Rhode Hogs. It also would not have been possible without the dedication of our members. The loftiest of our goals were achieved, and we could not be more proud of the accomplishments attained by everyone working together. Thank you all for the love and support we have felt this year.

It is exciting to say that our new Grand Chapter website is live and receiving VERY positive feedback. The Grand Chapter of Rhode Island's new web address is www.riorderofeasternstar.com. We invite you to visit it often, as it will be frequently updated with coming events, important forms, and other pertinent information for our members. Going forward we will have several members of the Membership Committee trained to update the site in order to maintain it ourselves. A huge thank you to the Membership Committee as well as the Grand Secretary for the work they have done on this project.

This year at Grand Chapter, we are inviting our members to join us in honoring those Sisters and Brothers who are no longer with us. During this year's session, there will be a Table of Remembrance in the Grand Chapter room. We ask that all RI members attending our sessions this year bring a photograph to share for the weekend to put in our display. The photograph could be of a spouse, family member, friend, mentor, or anyone special to you in your Eastern Star Journey. Pictures should be left on the table prior to the start of the Friday afternoon session and can be removed after the Saturday morning session. It is recommended that you put your name on the back of your picture for ease of return. We thank you for your participation in this special project, and hope to see you all at Grand Chapter!

In Star Love, Hogs and Kisses,

Deanna and Rick



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Dates to Remember

September 1st– Woonsocket Chapter #3 Stated Meeting, 7 PM
September 5th– Registration Deadline for RI Grand Chapter
September 6th– Membership Presentation at Ionic Lodge, 7 PM in Western Coventry
September 7th– Grand Chapter Rehearsal, **Grand Officers ONLY**, 1:30 PM at Rainbow of Promise Chapter in Wakefield. This will be a rehearsal of floorwork ONLY as there is a Rainbow event to follow.
September 8th– Martha Washington #18 Stated Meeting, 7 PM in Warren
September 11th– Deborah Chapter #9 Stated Meeting, 7 PM in Westerly
September 12-14th– DeMolay Conclave in Pascoag
September 13th– RI Rainbow 100th Anniversary at Squantum Club in East Providence
September 14th– Special Initiation at Deborah Chapter, 4 PM in Westerly
September 15th– Adah Chapter #15 Stated Meeting, 7 PM in North Kingstown
September 19th– Rainbow of Promise Stated Meeting, 6 PM in Wakefield
September 21st– RI Rainbow Grand Officer's Reception, 2-4 PM in North Kingstown (Adah Chapter)
September 22nd– Special Initiation at Martha Washington #18, 7 PM in Warren
September 23rd– Finance/ Investment Committee Zoom
September 28th– **Grand Chapter Rehearsal FOR ALL GRAND OFFICERS, PAGES, SPECIAL ASSISTANTS, FLAG BEARERS, AND INSTALLING SUITE. 3 PM AT ADAH CHAPTER.**
PLEASE BE PREPARED TO RECITE YOUR RITUAL, AS ALL PROGRAMS ARE GOING TO BE REHEARSED. YOUR PROMPTNESS AND CAREFUL ATTENTION ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED!!!!
OCTOBER 2-5TH– Rhode Island Grand Chapter Sessions at the Crowne Plaza in Warwick

Chapter Locations

- Woonsocket Chapter #3 meets at St. James Church, 24 Hamlet Ave, Woonsocket, RI 02895
- Deborah Chapter #9 meets at the Masonic Temple, 20 Elm St, Westerly, RI 02891
- Adah Chapter #15 meets at Washington Masonic Center, Ten Rod Rd., North Kingstown, RI
- Martha Washington Chapter #18 meets at Masonic Temple, Baker St, Warren RI
- Rainbow of Promise Chapter meets at South Kingstown Masonic Center, 64 Columbia St, Wakefield RI

INTERNATIONAL WEEKEND
OCTOBER 17-18, 2025
DEVENS COMMON CENTER, DEVENS, MA
Springhill Suites, 27 Andrews Parkway, Devens, MA
\$169 per night – [Book Here](#)
Registration fee \$10 USD
Friday: 6 pm "Little Italy" buffet and entertainment
Saturday: Morning and Lunch on your own
1 pm OES fun
6 pm Social Hour, 7 pm Dinner
All reservations must be honored. Paid reservations by 01 October 2025 with:
Tricia Butland, Grand Marshal, 781-244-4509, guesswho602@aol.com
7 Essex Street, Dracut, MA 01826
Payable to: Explorers of Hope Venmo: @ExplorersofHope

International Weekend
Name: _____ Title: _____
____ Registration \$10.00 USD
I am a _____ Current Grand Officer: _____ (office)
_____ Past Grand Officer: _____ (office)
_____ Chapter Officer: _____ (office)

Friday Night
____ Little Italy Buffet \$40.00 USD

Saturday Night
____ Brown Sugar Seared Double-Cut Bone-In Pork Chop with Apple Demi-Glaze \$45.00 USD
____ Roasted Filet of Salmon Finished with a Sweet Ginger and Vermont Maple Glaze \$48.00 USD
____ Wild Mushroom and Spinach Stuffed Ravioli with a Roasted Tomato Cream Sauce \$45.00 USD
TOTAL: _____

RHODE ISLAND GRAND CHAPTER, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

CELEBRATE THE 130TH ANNIVERSARY

"YOU ARE THE BONES OF EASTERN STAR" CELEBRATION



OCTOBER 25, 2025

THE SHRINE CLUB, CRANSTON, RI

6-10 PM \$30 per person

BUFFET DINNER (Herb Crusted Haddock, Chicken Picata, veg and potato)

Social hour 6-7 pm, dinner to follow

RSVP: CINDY-LOU 243-5035 OR BRENDA 487-8372

Reservations made upon receipt of payment

Firm deadline date: Oct 15TH

COME DRESSED AS YOUR BEST HALLOWEEN CHARACTER!!

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!!!

The Grand Chapter Membership Committee is pleased to announce the launch of the new Grand Chapter of Rhode Island, OES website!

Please visit us at our new web address:

Riorderofeasternstar.com

The Membership Committee, along with the Worthy Grand Matron and Grand Secretary have been hard at work with our new website developers to create a new website for our members. We hope this will allow for easier access to forms, flyers, and other up to date information regarding upcoming events for Eastern Star in The Ocean State.

Our new site is now LIVE!

Special Collections 2024-2025

Amy Cornelius, Grand Adah, Will be collecting items for our troops.

Suggested Items:

- Personal Hygiene Items such as shampoo, soap, toothpaste and brushes, deodorant, baby wipes, lip balm, etc.)
- Sunscreen
- Socks
- Hand Sanitizer
- Snacks such as beef jerky, non-melting candy, and trail mix
- Sewing Kits
- Drink Mixes in Single Serving Packets
- Shelf Stable canned goods
- Stationary/Stamps
- Games

The Rhode Hogs Photo Corner



On August 2nd, the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron presented four Eastern Star Scholarships to this year's applicants. This year RI Grand Chapter gave \$15,300 in support of those furthering their education. Congratulations to this year's recipients!

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in service to others." - Mahatma Gandhi

Kudos to the members of Rainbow of Promise Chapter for their continued support of Project Hand Up. In the month of August, they were recognized on the Project Hand Up Facebook page for their monthly donation of non-perishable food.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone at the Eastern Star Rainbow of Promise for donating this much-needed food to Project Hand Up. I am deeply grateful for your kindness. Thank you again.



The 2025-2026 “Pozi-Gnomes”

Worthy Grand Matron: Debra C. Sherpey (RP)*

Worthy Grand Patron: Bradford Lamprey (9)*

Associate Grand Matron: Arielle Lucente (9)*

Associate Grand Patron: Christopher Ellis (15)*

Grand Secretary: Kathryn A. Newman, P.G.M., G.G.C. Chair of DC Celebrations (3)*

Grand Treasurer: Shirley E.G. Ayers, P.G.M. (3)*

Grand Conductress: Michelle Rivet (3)*

Associate Grand Conductress: Shona McGookin (3)*

Grand Chaplain: Dawn Mitchell Winters (9)

Grand Marshal: Jennifer Ellis, P.G.M. (15)

Grand Organist: Deborah L. Therrien, P.G.M., G.G.C.M. Cancer (15)

Grand Adah: Amy Cornelius (9)

Grand Ruth: Sharon Lamprey (9)

Grand Esther: Bonnie J.S. Dunford (15)

Grand Martha: Jaqualine A. King (15)

Grand Electa: Sandra Bobola (3)

Grand Warder: Ross Fisher (3)

Grand Sentinel: Denise Shippee, P.G.M. (18)

(* indicates a candidate for office and will serve if elected at Grand Chapter)



The Rhode Hogs 2024-2025

Worthy Grand Matron– Deanna M. Gillis (RP)

Worthy Grand Patron– Richard J. Therrien, PGP (15)

Assoc. Grand Matron– Debra C. Sherpey (RP)

Assoc. Grand Patron– Bradford B. Lamprey (9)

Grand Secretary– Kathryn A. Newman, PGM (3)

Grand Treasurer– Shirley E.G. Ayers, PGM (3)

Grand Conductress– Arielle Lucente (9)

Assoc. Grand Conductress– Michelle E. Rivet (3)

Grand Chaplain– Richard P. Harrell, PGP (3)

Grand Marshal– Christopher Ellis (15)

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Grand Adah– Amy Cornelius (9)

Grand Ruth– Shona McGookin (3)

Grand Esther– Dawn Mitchell– Winters (9)

Grand Martha– Jacqueline A. King (15)

Grand Electa– Ida F. Shaw (9)

Grand Warder– Bonnie J. S. Dunford (15)

Grand Sentinel– Jennifer Ellis, PGM (15)

