



Name the Newsletter!

We are entering a new Grand year and ready to change the name of our Newsletter. Send your best suggestions to Mom Needham (akn050@gmail.com). We will announce the name change in our May Newsletter.

Grand Assembly 2024

What a great weekend we had in Trumbull for our Grand Assembly sessions. We welcomed 6 new IORG members who joined us for their initiation on Saturday! Grand Officers and Grand Representatives, led by Calleigh Cotter, Grand Worthy Advisor, made the weekend special for all who attended. The ritual, floorwork and drills were exemplary. And congrats to the 23-24 Grand Officers who absolutely rocked their Special Ops jobs! Congratulations to our 24-25 Grand Officers and Grand Representatives - we are off to a great start of the Grand Year!

24-25 Grand Officers

"Inspiring Islanders"

Grand Worthy Advisor

GO Supporter

Brielle L #4

Grand Worthy Associate Advisor

Ritual Helper

Emily M #6

Grand Charity

IORG Service Coordinator

Taylor B #8

Grand Hope

Masonic Family Liaison

Sarah M #19

Grand Faith*Special Ops Manager*

Hartley F #8

Grand Recorder*Rainbow Day Coordinator*

Abby D #6

Grand Chaplain*Grand Historian*

Samantha A #6

Grand Drill Leader*Grand Lecturer*

Lillian D #30

Grand Love*Grand Representative Supporter*

Carter P #46

Grand Religion*Social Media Influencer*

Emilie V #46

Grand Nature*Membership Motivator*

Tiffanie C #11

Grand Immortality*Social Media Influencer*

Sophia P #8

Grand Fidelity*Pledge Assistant*

Abby P #8

Grand Patriotism*Rainbow Day Coordinator*

Shayla V #46

Grand Service*IORG Service Coordinator*

Ashley M #19

Grand Confidential Observer

Grand Representatives

“Wandering Wayfinders”

Bailey L	#4
New York, South Carolina	
Caitlin T	#6
Pennsylvania, New Hampshire	
Amber H	#6
California, Massachusetts	
Kyra F	#6
Parana-Brazil, Missouri	
Autumn W	#6
Oklahoma, Nebraska	
Lyra L	#6
West Virginia, North Carolina	
Lindsey D	#8
Maine, Alabama	
Calleigh C	#8
New Jersey, Vermont	
Zoe U	#19
Mississippi, Georgia	
Branna B	#30
Sao Paulo-Brazil, Montana	
Brooklyn D	#30
New Mexico, Kentucky	
Annika O	#46
Washington/Idaho, Michigan	
Olivia E	#46
Virginia, Colorado	
Lily M	#46
Rhode Island, Illinois	

2024 Grand Assembly Honors

Grand Cross Recipients

Samantha A. #6

Dave W. #6

Tiffanie C. #11

Ashley M. #19

Lillian D. #30

Trophies

Integrity - Carter P. #46

Opportunity - Rose Assembly #11

Responsibility - 23-24 Grand Officers

Generosity - Mom and Dad "L"

Spirit Trophy - Sophia P. - #8

2023 Scottish Rite Youth Advisor of the Year - Mom Needham

Membership Incentive

Milford, New Britain, Ansonia, Branford, Rose, and Hope Assemblies all qualified for a free trip to Build-A-Bear

Services for Dad Wayne Rettburg

On Sunday, April 7th, calling hours will be held from 2-4pm to remember the life of Wayne Rettburg. The calling hours will be held at the Samsel and Carmon Funeral Home, 419 Buckland Rd., South Windsor. An Eastern Star, Amaranth and Masonic service will be held at 4pm. Donations in memory of Wayne can be made to the CT Grand Court Diabetes Fund, and sent to Eleanor Carbonaro, 548 Lisbon Rd., Canterbury, CT 06331. Wayne was currently serving as Worthy Grand Patron of the CT Grand Chapter. He was a Past Advisory Board member of IORG, and his daughter served as Grand Worthy Advisor in 2007. Please keep Grace, Cortland and Kayla in your prayers.

2024 Out Of State Grand Assemblies

As announced at Grand Assembly, CT IORG will cover the cost of visiting one out-of-state Grand Assembly for each Grand Representative and each Grand Officer. Girls will need to cover the cost of travel, but registration, room (4 in a room), and meal costs will be provided by CT IORG. All Grand Officers and Grand Representatives have the Grand

Assembly schedule in their notebooks.

New England Grand Assemblies are coming up quickly - Maine registration needs to be in by April 15th.

Supreme 2024

Plans are progressing for our Supreme Assembly Sessions in Hampton, Virginia at the end of July. If you have not made your reservations you must contact Betty Laferriere ASAP to reserve your space. Deposits are now due. Please also let Mom Betty know if you are interested in singing with the Supreme Choir - all are welcome. There is also a Ritual Competition open to all who are interested.

Upcoming Events

April 15th - Executive Meeting 6:00pm

April 19th - Grand Assembly Wrap-Up - New Britain Lodge. 6:00 Pot Luck Dinner with meeting following. Open to all Grand Assembly Advisors and Executive members.

April 20th - Build-A-Bear!!!!!! Starting at 11:00 am at the Farmington Build-A-Bear store. After we are done making our bears, we will head to the New Britain Lodge for lunch. Girls - please let your Mother Advisors know if you will be attending. Dress is casual.

April 20-21 Grand Officer Sleepover at the New Britain Lodge. The sleepover will begin after we are done with lunch. Girls - please have some ideas to share about your Special Op jobs and also work on your Ritual parts. We will have a Ritual rehearsal and drill practice, and also some fun things to do. Brielle will be contacting you about what you can bring for food. Please let Mom Needham know if you are unable to attend.

April 25th - OES Informal Opening - Please come to support Mom Caroline Maselli and Dad Zaleha as they start their sessions. Grand Officers and Representatives should arrive by 6:45pm. Dress for GOs/GRs - white gowns/sashes. This will be held at the Wyndham Southbury, 1284 Strongtown Rd., Southbury.

April 27th - OES Installation - Mom Wendy Batterton and Dad Zaleha will be installed as WGM/WGP at 7pm at the Wyndham Southbury. Please wear a dress or skirt.

May 4th - Fundraiser for Kris Spalding hosted by Norwich Assembly to be held at the Niantic Lodge building (32 Society Rd, Niantic) from 5-7 pm. \$15 donation for the Pasta Dinner. There will also be Raffle baskets. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Contact Mom Deb Connors for information and tickets at connorsuni74@yahoo.com. Please come to support Mom Kris and her family.