

HOUSING

Crowne Plaza Hotel, 801 Greenwich, Ave. Warwick, Rhode Island 02886. Cost is \$159.00 plus 13% tax per night per room (minimum stay of two (2) nights). Please note the cost of rooms will be based on the hotel's prevailing rate if only staying one night.

Reservations are to be made directly with the Crowne Plaza. (401) 732-6006 Ask for in-house reservations. Please call the hotel directly to insure proper reservations and price.

Identify you are with the Order of the Eastern Star when making a reservation.

PLEASE NOTE THE DEADLINE of SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

If you have any questions regarding housing or are unable to reserve a room at the Crowne Plaza, please contact:

**Kathryn Newman
newmank58@gmail.com; 401-219-2839**

**REHEARSAL
SEPTEMBER 27, 2026, 4:00 P.M.**
Deborah Chapter, Westerly
2025-2026 and 2026-2027
GRAND OFFICERS ONLY

OCTOBER 4, 2026, 4:00 P.M.
Adah Chapter/Masonic Center, North Kingstown
RI Grand Officers (2025-26 & 2026-27), Pages,
Assistants, Flag Bearers and Tributes, Past
Grands opening the Sessions

PLEASE BE PROMPT.

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2026
Past Grand Matrons/Patrons**
Chelo's Restaurant
1275 Reservoir Avenue, Cranston, RI
6:00 P.M. — Order from the Menu

Reservations to:
Judith E. Brightman, P.G.M.
508-496-6056; cbright27@aol.com

DEADLINE AUGUST 19, 2026

REGULATIONS

Attention is directed to the following clause in the Constitution:

ARTICLE IV, SECTION 1: During the election of Grand Officers, it shall be the duty of all members of this Grand Chapter attending the Grand Chapter Session to cast their ballot for the person they believe will best represent our Grand Chapter. Each member will be entitled to one vote whether or not she/he holds dual membership.

GENERAL INFORMATION

All reports and speeches must be typed and emailed to the Grand Secretary **NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 15, 2026.**

Email: newmank58@gmail.com. Any proposed amendments and/or recommendations to be presented by Committees or Members of the Grand Chapter at this Session must be submitted in proper form to the Worthy Grand Matron AND the Grand Secretary **ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 15, 2026.**

All motions must be submitted to the Worthy Grand Matron **BEFORE** the start of the Session (copy to the Grand Secretary).

THE GRAND CHAPTER OF RHODE ISLAND ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

1895



2026

Extends Fraternal Greetings and a Cordial Invitation to Attend the

**"Anchors of Hope"
The 130th Annual Session**

**Thursday, October 15, 2026
6:30 P.M. "Ahoy Gnomies"
Reception for RI Grand Officers**

**Friday, October 16, 2026
1:00 P.M. Informal Opening**

**Saturday, October 17, 2026
9:00 A.M. Formal Opening
Business Session**

3:00 P.M.
Installation of Grand Officers

Crowne Plaza Inn at the Crossings
801 Greenwich Avenue
Warwick, RI 02886; (401) 732-6000

Debra C. Sherpey
Worthy Grand Matron

Bradford Lamprey
Worthy Grand Patron

Kathryn A. Newman
*G.G.C.C. Chairperson
Celebrations in DC,
P.G.M., Grand Secretary*

GRAND CHAPTER TENTATIVE PROGRAM

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2026—6:30 P.M.

**“AHOY GNOMIES” RECEPTION in HONOR
of the Rhode Island 2025-2026 Grand Officers
IN THE ATRIUM**

Reception and Entertainment are open to all
members, family, and friends.

DRESS: Casual “cruise/seaside vacation dinner”
NO SHORTS

**GRAND CHAPTER SESSION
IN THE PLAZA BALLROOM**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2026—10:00 A.M.

Registration opens

**SESSION PHOTOGRAPHS—11:00 A.M.
IN THE PLAZA BALLROOM**

Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand
Patron, Grand Officers of Rhode Island, Past Grand
Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Rhode Island,
Grand Representatives of this and other
Jurisdictions, and Worthy Matrons and Worthy
Patrons of Rhode Island.

**“TREASURE GNOMES” BUFFET LUNCH
12:00 P.M., IN THE ATRIUM**

INFORMAL OPENING—1:00 P.M.

Flag Ceremonies; Charitable Presentations;
Introduction and Reception of Masonic
Leaders, Civic Leaders, and Eastern Star
Distinguished Guests.

**“GNOMES, ANCHORS, AND STARS:
ANCHORED IN FRIENDSHIP”
GRAND REPRESENTATIVES’ BANQUET
IN THE ATRIUM**

6:00 P.M. Social Hour

7:00 P.M. Dinner

Banquet and entertainment are open to all members,
family, and friends.

DRESS: Formal or Business

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2026

FORMAL OPENING—9:00 A.M.

Introduction and Reception of Distinguished
Guests not previously introduced and all
business to come before this Grand Chapter.

**“ANCHORS AWAY WITH RHODE
ISLAND” BUFFET LUNCH
12:00 P.M. IN THE ATRIUM**

Distinguished Guests and
50 Year Members Recognition Luncheon
DRESS: Business

1:00 P.M.

Fifty-Year Member Ceremony

1:30 P.M.

“Empty Table” Presentation

2:00 P.M.

Afternoon Session

3:00 P.M.

Installation of 2026-2027 Grand Officers

**“MOUNTAIN RAILS AND
FIRESIDE TALES”
BUFFET BANQUET
6:30 P.M. in the ATRIUM
DRESS:** Business

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2026

**“THE ADVENTURE AWAITS”
BREAKFAST**

8:00 A.M. IN THE ATRIUM

DRESS: Casual

**HOSPITALITY ROOM
NEWPORT ROOM**

Friday, October 16, 2026

9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.

Saturday, October 17, 2026

8:00 A.M. —12:00 P.M.

Continental breakfast, snacks, goodies, drinks,
will be available for members and visitors.

**GRAND REPRESENTATIVES’
ANNUAL MEETING AUGUST 3, 2026
After Woonsocket Chapter’s meeting**

REGISTRATION

All Eastern Star Members **MUST** present a
2026 receipt for dues signed and sealed by the
Secretary of their respective Primary Chapter
and pay a registration fee of \$10.00. We
encourage all members and visitors to
pre-register.

**Registration forms from all members of
Rhode Island (only) must be received by
the September 25, 2026, deadline or they
will be assessed an additional \$5.00 for a
total registration of \$15.00.**

**Registration and meal reservations may be
paid using one check.** Checks are to be made
payable to the Grand Chapter of Rhode
Island, O.E.S. Meal/Registration form (and
checks) should be mailed to:

**Kathryn A. Newman, P.G.M.
c/o 65 Ethan Street, Warwick, RI 02888
newmank58@gmail.com; 401-219-2839**

**If you have any questions regarding
registration or meals, please contact:**

**Kathryn A. Newman, P.G.M.
at the above address.**

The Registration Committee will be available
Friday, October 16, 2026, 10:00 A.M. to 2:00
P.M. and Saturday, October 17, 2026, 8:00
A.M. to 12:00 P.M. at the Crowne Plaza Inn
at the Crossing, 801 Greenwich Avenue,
Warwick, Rhode Island.

**Form for pre-registration and meals is
enclosed.**

Grand Chapter of Rhode Island 2026 Meal Reservations and Registration

ONE FORM PER PERSON. PLEASE MAKE ADDITIONAL COPIES AS NEEDED. HOWEVER, ONE CHECK FOR ALL RESERVATIONS IS ACCEPTABLE.

Amount

Thursday, October 15—Ahoy Gnomies Grand Officers' Reception 6:30 P.M., \$45.00 pp \$ _____
DRESS: Casual "cruise/seaside vacation" NO SHORTS

Friday, October 16—"Treasure Gnomes" Luncheon Buffet 12:00 P.M., \$39.00 pp \$ _____

Friday, October 16—"Gnomes, Anchors, and Stars: Anchored in Friendship" Grand Representatives' Banquet
CHOOSE ONE: _____ Baked stuffed chicken or _____ New England Baked scrod
6:00 P.M. \$60.00 pp \$ _____

Complimentary meals for Grand Representatives' Banquet: Grand Representatives of Rhode Island in Other Jurisdictions; Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron of Rhode Island; General Grand Chapter Officers and Rhode Island Members serving as General Grand Chapter Committee Members and Special Appointments (once a triennium). **DRESS: Formal or Business**

Saturday, October 17—"Anchors Away in RI" Luncheon Buffet 12:00 P.M. \$46.00 pp \$ _____
****Complimentary Meals for Saturday Luncheon:** Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron of Rhode Island; General Grand Chapter Officers and General Grand Chapter Committee Members (once a Triennium); Visiting Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons. **2025-26 Grand Officers of Rhode Island, Special Assistants, Nurses, Pages, Hospitality Chairperson, and Grand Chapter Session Committee Chairperson, pay half-price for Saturday luncheon only. DRESS: Business**

Saturday, October 18—"Mountain Rails and Fireside Tales" Banquet Buffet 6:30 P.M., \$60.00 pp \$ _____
****Complimentary Meals for Saturday Banquet:** Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron of Rhode Island; General Grand Chapter Officers and General Grand Chapter Committee Members (once a Triennium). **2026-27 Grand Officers of Rhode Island pay half-price for Saturday banquet only. All other meals are full price. DRESS: Business**

Sunday, October 18—"The Adventure Awaits" Kickoff Breakfast 8:00 A.M., \$31.00 pp \$ _____

REGISTRATION \$10.00 per person \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

NAME _____ CHAPTER _____

TITLE _____ JURISDICTION _____

ADDRESS _____

E-mail _____ TELEPHONE _____

PAYMENT: Payment to be made by check made payable to Grand Chapter of Rhode Island, O.E.S. All forms (and checks) should be mailed to:

Kathryn A. Newman, G.G.C.C. Chairman Celebrations in DC, P.G.M.
65 Ethan Street, Warwick, RI 02888; newmank58@gmail.com; 401-219-2839

Tickets can be picked up upon check-in at Registration. Reservations are a **MUST**, even if your meal is complimentary as a Distinguished Guest. **Payment must accompany reservations.** If you have a **special dietary need**, please indicate the same with this reservation. Visitors, please indicate on the back of this form any traveling companions with whom you wish to be seated. **The deadline for reservations is September 25, 2026. Reservations are final and non-refundable after the deadline.**

Complimentary transportation is offered by the hotel to and from T.F. Green Airport (Providence Airport-PVD).