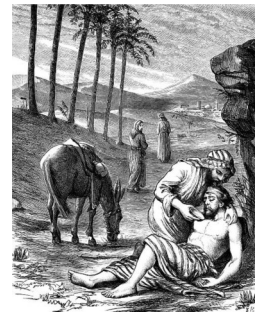


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GRAND LODGE OF NEW JERSEY

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GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

Brothers and Sisters,
As we enter the fall season, I would like to begin by congratulating our Immediate Past Sovereign Grand Master, Brother Tom Calabrese. Your dedicated service to our Order and especially to the members of New Jersey, has been paramount to the continued growth and prosperity of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. We are proud of your leadership and grateful for all you have done on behalf of Odd Fellowship. As Grand Master, I have begun implementing several important priorities for New Jersey. These include instituting new lodges, welcoming new members, strengthening our existing lodges, and ensuring that every member has the opportunity to receive the necessary degrees to advance, prosper, and assume leadership roles within the Order. Odd Fellowship is something truly special. Each of us has taken a solemn obligation to serve one another, support our com-

munities, promote our Order, and perform good works for the betterment of society. Friendship, Love, and Truth must be more than words—they must guide our actions and shape the future of our organization.

Unfortunately, some members have placed unnecessary roadblocks in the path of welcoming and advancing new members. I cannot understand why anyone would oppose responsible growth or make it more difficult for sincere individuals to become active Odd Fellows. An organization that does not welcome new people, develop future leaders, and establish new lodges cannot expect to prosper.

Let me be clear: I will not allow unnecessary resistance to stop the growth of Odd Fellowship in New Jersey. I remain firmly committed to opening doors, removing unreasonable barriers, and giving every sincere member an opportunity to participate, advance, and serve. We will continue moving forward with optimism, determination, and respect for the principles of



our Order.

This fall, I ask every lodge and every member to consider what they can do to strengthen Odd Fellowship. Invite someone to a meeting, organize a community service project, assist a new member with their degrees, or help restore enthusiasm within your lodge. Our future depends upon the actions we take today.

Working together, we can build a stronger, more active, and more welcoming Independent Order of Odd Fellows throughout New Jersey.

In Friendship, Love, and
Truth,

Joseph Miczak
Grand Master of New Jersey

Rebekah Assembly President's Message

The Summer is coming to an end, the days are getting shorter, the temperatures are getting cooler, and the leaves soon will start to change their color, and as our fraternal calendar year is also coming to an end, this is the time to remember all the good that you have accomplished during the term 2025-2026; and to plan for the term ahead



To the outgoing Officers, Congratulation on a job well done, to the incoming Officers, thank you for accepting the positions for which you were elected or appointed, Every new day is a challenge and the unknown is always a little frightful , but remember that you are not alone. Your Past Officers, the members of your lodge , as well as the Rebekah Assembly are there to guide you and help you achieve the plans you have for your term. Remember also the members that cannot come to your meetings or events. A visit or a phone call will remind them that they are appreciated as members of the Order and as human beings.

I am looking forward to seeing you as I travel throughout the State in my official visits and accompany Grand Master Joe whenever possible in his and in the different events that are planned. Please let me know of any events that your lodge is having / sponsoring, and I will be happy to be there to support you whenever possible.

Until then, take care of yourselves and each other.

Adis Roman PP

Rebekah Assembly President

The Grand Lodge of New Jersey Re Organization Meeting 2026



Sovereign Grand Lodge Session Frisco Texas





Dear Brothers and Sisters,

New Brunswick Lodge #6 invites you to the Testimonial Dinner for Joseph Miczak Grand Master of New Jersey. It will be held from 12:00 -3:00 Sunday November 8, 2026, Forsgate Country Club 375 Forsgate Drive, Monroe Township, NJ, 08831

In conjunction with this event, a souvenir booklet will be published. We encourage the support of all lodges and individual members. The deadline for ads and boosters is October 18, 2026

Please make all checks payable to New Brunswick Lodge #6, and send the form below to:
Thomas Calabrese 44 9th St, Hazlet NJ 07734

Name	Chicken Florentine	Eggplant Rollatini	Atlantic Cod	Price \$50
Total				

Fraternally yours,
New Brunswick Lodge #6



Testimonial Dinner Sponsors, Ads & Boosters

Deadline: October 18, 2026

Ads will be printed in Black & White. Ads & Boosters should be submitted in Word format. Please send them via an email attachment to raulioof@aol.com . Please designate the lodge with booster name. If there is no lodge designated, the name will appear with a list of general boosters. Inquiries may be made to the above email or by calling 732 670-1008. Please mail check, payable New Brunswick Lodge #6, along with hard copy of ad and boosters to:

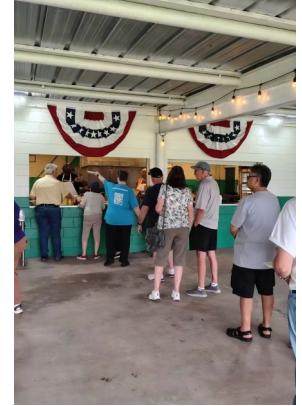
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Quarter Page	\$ 20		
Booster Ad	\$ 5		
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Dates to Remember:

Oct 3rd – 9:30 Staff Meeting, Roebling

Oct 21st - New Brunswick
#6 Charity Golf Outing

Nov, 7th—9:30 Staff Meeting, Roebling

Nov. 8th—Grand Master's
Testimonial 12:00 Forsgate
CC

Dec, 5th - Jingle Bell Run,
Holmdel, NJ

Dec 5th— 9:30 Staff Meeting, Roebling

April 8th-10th— (MASC)
Conclave Flatwood WV

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