

The Order of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations welcomes you to our New England Gathering—2025

Tours and meals are strictly limited to the first 80 people who register. Meetings are open to all members.

Our hotel is the Crowne Plaza Providence-Warwick (Airport), 801 Greenwich Ave. Warwick, Rhode Island.

The hotel offers a free shuttle to/from the TF Green Providence Airport, which is three miles away. *Guests can call the front desk at (401) 732-6000 (option "0") and arrange for a shuttle to pick them up when they arrive at the airport.* The room rate is \$179/night. To book your room, use this link [Order of the First Families of RI](#). Alternatively, you can call the hotel directly at (401) 732-6000 with reference group code of **OFF**.

Don't wait to make your hotel reservations. The room block closes on September 17!

Registration: \$65, which includes all tours and river cruise. Your nametag will be your admission ticket.

For members of the Order of the Devourers of Ice Cream, there is a pilgrimage available 10 minutes from the hotel:
Bella's Creamery, 1775 Post Road, Warwick (401-384-7046) "*Where Calories don't Count, and Sweet Dreams come true.*"
Hours: Fri.-Sat. noon - 11 p.m., Sun. noon - 9 p.m., Mon. noon - 10 p.m.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Registration, Crowne Plaza lobby

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Reception, light hors d'oeuvres, *cash bar*; **NEWPORT ROOM** at the Crowne Plaza, hosted by the Hereditary Order of the First Families of Massachusetts, which is celebrating its 40th anniversary, Governor General Karen Wills

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

6:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Breakfast is included with your hotel stay.

8:30 a.m. - noon. Two tours available for all attendees.

- ◆ **Clouds Hill**, 4157 Post Road, Warwick (4 miles / 20 mins. from hotel; 8 miles / 20 mins. from Smith's Castle)

- ◆ The historic house at Clouds Hill was built as a wedding gift for Elizabeth Ives Slater on her marriage to Alfred Augustus Reed, Jr. In 2000, Clouds Hill opened its doors to offer the public a "portal to the past" - an opportunity to experience late nineteenth century life in a home that had never passed out of the original family's stewardship. That stewardship descended through four generations in the hands of the oldest female.

- ◆ *Mobility:* The museum is handicap accessible to the first floor by lift and ramp. The stairs to the second floor are wide with a sturdy banister and a low riser. The grounds are level, partly walking on grass, a little dirt, and pavement. The approach to the carriage museum is up a concrete ramp to a concrete and wooden floor. The Center for the Outdoors is up three steps.

- ◆ **Smith's Castle**, 55 Richard Smith Dr, North Kingstown (12 miles / 30 mins. from hotel; 8 miles / 20 mins. from Clouds Hill)

- ◆ Along the western shore of the Narragansett Bay in Rhode Island is an area known as Cocumscussoc, which is part of the ancestral homeland of the Narragansett People. Cocumscussoc was also the location of trading posts established by



Roger Williams and Richard Smith in the late 1630s. Nestled among the cattails and holly trees at Cocumscussoc is a handsome house that has existed on the site since 1678, known for centuries as Smith's Castle. A living history encampment is being put in place for us.

- ♦ **Mobility:** We do have a wheelchair ramp to the first floor. There is a second floor only accessible by stairs (with a railing). For those who do not wish to climb stairs, a docent can show photos and explain the second floor.

Noon - 1:30 p.m. Buffet lunch at the [Greenwood Inn](#), 1350 Jefferson Blvd., Warwick (1 mile / 5 minutes from Hotel)

- ♦ **Buffet:** Chicken Soup, Garden Salad, Oven Roasted Potatoes, Vegetable of the Day, Baked Stuffed Scrod

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. New England Society Meetings, Hotel, **KINGSTON ROOM**

- ♦ 2:00 p.m. HOFFMA
- ♦ 2:30 p.m. ODAHAC
- ♦ 3:00 p.m. PHS
- ♦ 3:30 p.m. OFFRI-PP
- ♦ 4:00 p.m. OFFCT
- ♦ 4:30 p.m. OFFVT

Dinner 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. *Limited to 65 people.* Buttonwoods Broadway, 50 Sims Ave, Providence. **Munchies! Cuterie** (Assorted Local Cured Meats & Cheeses | Jams | Pickles | Olives | Nuts | Fruit | Crackers | Crostini), **Crispy Lil' Chicken** (Thigh Chunks with Bleu Cheese Dipper. Choice Of Guava Buffalo | BBQ | Plain), **Smashed Beef Patty** (Cheddar & American Cheese | Super Special Sauce | Shaved Onion | Shreduce | Tomato Jam | Lil' Brioche Bun), **Fried Chicken Sando Slider** (Seasonal Set | Lil' Brioche Bun), **Mac and Cheese** (Buttonwood's Beer Cheese with Cheddar & Smoked Gouda | Cavatappi | Buttered Cracker Crumb). **Cash bar.**



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

6:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Breakfast is included with your hotel stay.

10 a.m. - noon. Two tours available for all attendees; sites are adjacent (15 miles / 30 mins. from hotel; 1/2 mile / 3 mins. from The Guild - Pawtucket);

- ♦ [Blackstone Valley Visitor Center & Museum](#), 175 Main Street. Pawtucket
- ♦ [Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park \(U.S. National Park Service\)](#), 67 Roosevelt Avenue, Pawtucket
 - ♦ The Blackstone River powered America's entry into the Age of Industry. The success of Samuel Slater's cotton spinning mill in Pawtucket touched off a chain reaction that changed how people worked and where they lived. Learn how this revolution transformed the landscape of the Blackstone Valley and the United States.
 - ♦ 10:30 a.m. Slater Mill Tour (limit 25)
 - ♦ 11:15 a.m. Slater Mill Tour (limit 25)
 - ♦ **Mobility:** Flat surfaces, three steps in one area.



Noon - 1:30 p.m. [The Guild - Pawtucket](#), 461 Main Street, Pawtucket. Submarine sandwiches to be delivered (BLT, Grilled Chicken, Ham & Cheese, Steak & Cheese, Steak Tip, or Turkey) and chips.



Two tours available for all attendees:

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.. [Daggett House](#), 825 Armistice Boulevard, Slater Park, Pawtucket (3 miles / 10 mins. from The Guild - Pawtucket; 5 miles / 15 mins. from Blackstone Valley Explorer River Cruise)

- ◆ The oldest standing house in Pawtucket, furnished with outstanding antiques, including Colonial Pewter used in the Revolutionary War and China owned by General and Mrs. Nathanael Greene and the Daggett Family. Eight generations of Daggetts lived on the farm, now known as Slater Park. The house was leased in 1902 by the Pawtucket Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution who began its restoration.

- ◆ *Mobility:* Please know that the Daggett House is not handicap accessible. There are also two steep staircases to access the second floor - no hand rails. We encourage visitors with physical limitations to remain on the first floor. *There is also no public rest room.* Street parking is available, along with lots behind the Daggett House and across the street at the tennis courts.



1:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. [Cruise #1 Blackstone Valley Explorer River Cruises](#) (arrive by 1:45 p.m.; cruise departs at 2:00 p.m.).
15 Madeira Ave, Central Falls (2 miles / 10 mins. from The Guild - Pawtucket; 5 miles / 15 mins. from the Daggett House)

First cruise limited to 40 people

- ◆ Since 1993, hundreds of thousands of passengers have come on our boat tours to learn and discover interesting facts about Rhode Island's Blackstone Valley, and see the quiet beauty many are often surprised to find/ Our well-informed guides can't wait to welcome you aboard to share the history, ecology, and beauty of the region. We even provide binoculars and nature guides for you to use during your trip.



2:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. [Cruise #2 Blackstone Valley Explorer River Cruises](#) (arrive by 2:45 p.m.; cruise departs at 4:00 p.m.).
15 Madeira Ave, Central Falls (2 miles / 10 mins. from The Guild - Pawtucket; 5 miles / 15 mins. from the Daggett House)

Second cruise limited to 40 people

DINNER

[Wright's Farm Restaurant](#), 84 Inman Road, Harrisville (or Burrillville) (27 miles / 40 mins. from Dagget House; 17 miles / 30 mins. from River Cruise).
Family style—all you care to eat. Salad, rolls and butter, macaroni with marinara, French fries, baked chicken, coffee, ice cream. *Cash bar.*

- ◆ Arrive 5:00 p.m.—5:25 p.m. for 5:30 p.m. seating ***Do not be late. They will not seat us until everyone is there.***

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

6:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Breakfast is included with your hotel stay.

Farewells and last ice cream run!



Registration: New England Gathering—2025

Host: Order of the First Families of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

ONE REGISTRATION FORM PER PERSON (TRUST ME, ROLL WITH IT)

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Name: _____

Member of ☐ HOFFMA ☐ ODAHAC ☐ PHS ☐ OFFRI-PP ☐ OFFCT ☐ OFFVT ☐ Winthrop ☐ OFFNH ☐ OFFME ☐ OFFNY

☒ Registration \$65 (includes all tours, room rental, goodie bag, program book) **\$65** \$65

FRIDAY

☐ Friday Night HOFFMA Reception. *Cash bar.* Free

SATURDAY

☐ Saturday Morning Tour—Clouds Hill ***

☐ Saturday Morning Tour—Smith's Castle ***

☐ Saturday buffet lunch at the Greenwood Inn. *Cash bar.* **\$30** _____

☐ Meetings ☐ HOFFMA ☐ ODAHAC ☐ PHS ☐ OFFRI-PP ☐ OFFCT ☐ OFFVT ***

☐ Saturday dinner at Buttonwoods Brewery (limited to 65 people) *Cash bar.* **\$30** _____

SUNDAY

☐ Sunday Morning Tour—Blackstone Valley Visitor Center & Museum ***

☐ Sunday Morning Tour—Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park ***

~~☐ Slater Mill Tour 10:30 a.m. (limited to the first 25 people) **FILLED**~~ ***

☐ Slater Mill Tour 11:15 a.m. (limited to the first 25 people) ***

☐ Sunday Lunch—The Guild: Pawtucket Beer Hall, sub sandwiches and chips. *Cash bar.*

☐ BLT ☐ Grilled Chicken ☐ Ham & Cheese

☐ Steak & Cheese ☐ Steak Tip ☐ Turkey **\$15** _____

☐ Sunday Afternoon Tour—Daggett House ***

☐ Sunday Afternoon Tour—Blackstone Valley Explorer River Cruises ***

☐ Cruise #1 (limited to 40 people) ☐ Cruise #2 (limited to 40 people) ***

☐ Sunday Dinner Wright's Farm Restaurant. *Cash bar.* **\$30** _____

*** Included with registration

☐ Dietary requirements _____

☐ I will be driving and have room for _____ passengers ☐ I will be using a wheelchair

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Mail check payable to OFFRI-PP to Sumner Hunnewell, 2030 San Pedro Dr., Arnold, MO 63010

Total Enclosed \$