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ODD FELLOWS/REBEKAHS OF MAINE

DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

SEE PAGE 4 FOR APRIL'S VISITATIONS, REGIONAL, AND DISTRICT MEETINGS.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE TOMB DATES FOR THE TRIP ARE LEAVE FRIDAY 5/5/2023 RETURN MONDAY 5/8/2023. PRICE IS \$150 PER PERSON ALSO PICKING UP IN MASS AND CONNECTICUTT.

NORTHERN MAINE REGIONAL MEETING 20 MAY 2023.

LODGE OF SORROW

BROOKLIN LODGE #133 ROBERT L. DOW PASSED AWAY 10/11/2021

JOSHUA DAVIS LODGE #145 VANCE GOVE SR. PASSED AWAY 3/12/2023.

IVY REBEKAH LODGE #5 PPRA LOUISE COOKSON LANCASTER PASSED AWAY 3/22/2023

Traditional Duties of an Odd Fellow Are:

- To visit the sick
- To relieve the distressed
- To bury the dead
- To Educate the Orphan
Helping others to build a better World

IF YOU WANT YOUR LODGES EVENTS AND PHOTOS PUBLISHED PLEASE SEND THEM TO THE GL EMAIL PREFERABLE AS A WORD DOCUMENT OR ATTACHMENTS



**APRIL
2023**

GRAND MASTER'S APRIL LETTER

Hi everyone,

Well winter is over and Spring is on its way!

I want to begin by offering our thoughts and prayers, for a full recovery to our Grand Treasurer, George Merrill, who is healing from a broken hip, and for past Grand Master, Ronald Brann, who is recovering from neck and back surgery. Hope to see both out and about soon!

We have a lot of degree work happening. Blue Hill is having a second degree on April 6th, and planning a 3rd degree before they retire for the Summer vacation.

April is going to be a very busy month with many districts having district meetings. I am planning to attend all of them and hope to see a good attendance at all of them. Also in April, some of us will be attending Rhode Island and New Hampshire sessions.

I'm beginning a new fund raiser for my project, Fighting Cancer in Maine, it's a calendar raffle for the month of September, with total give away of \$3000! Hoping to sell 2000 tickets so all help will be appreciated .

Yours in FL&T,

Rod Ronco

Grand Master

PRESIDENT'S LETTER APRIL

Greetings Sister and Brothers,

March has started off with a bang with lots of traveling. My first visitation was at Ivy #5, a great evening was had by all. Next came something that hasn't been done in a long time, calling a Special session for the Rebekah Assembly of Maine. Everything went well, the proposal presented was passed. On March 13, I made my visitation to Narragansett # 145 and Olive # 21. At this meeting I also got to participate in something that not every President gets to do. I did a consolidation between Olive # 21 and Narragansett # 145. Even though we lost one lodge, we built a struggling lodge back up. A great evening was had, and we made it back home before the snow came in.

The First Regional Meeting is this weekend. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone and having a good day. Just hope the weather cooperates!

Some Important Dates to Remember

April 4, 2023- Glenda's Visitation, Priscilla # 69, 5 P.M Dinner, 7:30 P.M Meeting

April 5, 2023- Glenda's Visitation, Sterling #95, 5 P.M Dinner, 7:00 P.M Meeting

April 11, 2023 - Glenda's Visitation, Lady Arambec # 26, 6 P.M Dinner, 7:00 P.M Meeting

April 13, 2023 - Glenda's Visitation, Acme # 75, 6 P.M Dinner, 7:00 P.M Meeting

April 15, 2023- Central Regional Meeting, Centenary United Methodist Church, 113 Dr. Mann Rd, Skowhegan Maine 04976, 11:30 Lunch, 1 P.M Meeting

Chop Suey, Salad, Italian Bread, Cheese/Crackers, Pickles, and Dessert. Cost is \$10.00 Please send money to Ernestine MacMillan, 28 Dr. Mann Road Skowhegan Maine, 04976 by April 7, 2023.

April 24, 2023- Denise's Visitation, Nina #86/Liberty # 94, 7 P.M Meeting, Grand Lodge Office, Downstairs

June 10, 2023- South Central Regional Meeting, Place TBD

Just a reminder for all lodges to get their charity's done and turned in at the Regional Meeting's. Also, for any Rebekah Assembly Officer, can you please check that you have the right regalia and bag that goes with it. It has been brought to my attention that some of them may have gotten mixed up at Assembly. Please let me know! The first of April I will be reaching out to the company that will be doing the gowns for Assembly. As soon as I have the paperwork, I will be in contact with all Assembly Officers. Happy Travels!

In F.L.T Gretchen Clark, President Rebekah Assembly of Maine

JJYC MEETING APRIL 16TH AT THE MASONIC HALL 21 OAK ST, OAKLAND ME 04963 @1PM

EVERYONE IS WELCOME, COME WITH SOME GOOD IDEAS TO HELP THE YOUTH.

ALBION LODGE #149 DISTRICT MEETING IS APRIL 17TH 22 MAIN ST ALBION ME 04910 AT 7PM, LITE LUNCH AFTER.

Thanks PPRA Marilee Perkins

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APRIL 15, 2023- CENTRAL REGIONAL MEETING, CENTENARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 113 DR. MANN RD, SKOWHEGAN MAINE 04976, 11:30 LUNCH, 1 P.M MEETING

CHOP SUEY, SALAD, ITALIAN BREAD, CHEESE/CRACKERS, PICKLES, AND DESSERT. COST IS \$10.00 PLEASE SEND MONEY TO ERNESTINE MACMILLAN, 28 DR. MANN ROAD SKOWHEGAN MAINE, 04976 BY APRIL 7, 2023.

APRIL 24, 2023- DENISE'S VISITATION, NINA #86/LIBERTY # 94, 7 P.M MEETING, GRAND LODGE OFFICE, DOWNSTAIRS

JUNE 10, 2023- SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL MEETING, PLACE TBD

THE ODD FELLOW DISTRICT MEETINGS ARE AS SCHEDULED:

DISTRICT #1 WEDNESDAY 4/19/2023 AT UNITY LODGE #3 SOUTH PORTLAND.

DISTRICT #2 MONDAY 4/17/2023 AT ALBION LODGE #149 ALBION.

DISTRICT #3 FRIDAY 4/7/2023 AT WARREN LODGE #127 WARREN.

DISTRICT #4 MONDAY 5/8/2023 AT GARFIELD LODGE #99 WINTERPORT.

DISTRICT #5 THURSDAY 4/27/2023 AT ROCKABEMA LODGE #78 HOULTON.

DISTRICT #6 WEDNESDAY 4/12/2023 AT JOSHUA DAVIS LODGE #145 STONINGTON.

20 MAY 2023

Will be held in the Chapman Ridge Runners Club Town Hall Road Chapman, ME. 11:00 A.M. Lunch, Finger Sandwiches, Crackers, Cheese, Vegetable Platter, Pickles, Chips and for dessert, Gingerbread with Whipped Cream.

Cost \$10.00 per person, check made payable to Starlight Rebekah Lodge. Mail to Sandra Durepo 639 Limestone Road, Fort Fairfield, ME 04742. NO LATER THAN 15 MAY 2023.

Meeting to start at 1:00 P.M. - WRA Glenda Knights will be the visiting officer.

Hotels in the area are: Hampton Inn (207) 760-9292.

Sure Stay Hotel (207) 769-0111. Northeastland (207) 768-5321.

HAPPENINGS IN THE OTHER JURISDICTIONS

THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF RHODE ISLAND AND CONNECTICUT WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY 14 APRIL 2023, AND THE GRAND LODGE OF RHODE ISLAND WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY 15 APRIL 2023. BOTH AT THE WYNDHAM NEWPORT HOTEL, 240 AQUIDNECK AVENUE, MIDDLETOWN R.I.

THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE WILL BE ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY APRIL 21 AND 22 IN THE TOWN AND COUNTRY INN LOCATED ON US ROUTE 2 IN SHELBURNE NH. THE REBEKAH ASSEMBLY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE WILL ALSO MEET THERE.

THE REBEKAH ASSEMBLY OF MASSACHUSETTS WILL MEET ON FRIDAY JUNE 2ND AND THE GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS WILL MEET ON SATURDAY JUNE 3RD AT THE DOUBLETREE MILFORD HOTEL, 11 BEAVER STREET, MILFORD, MA.

IF YOU WANT MORE INFORMATION ON THESE EVENTS ODD FELLOWS CAN CONTACT THE GRAND SECRETARY AND REBEKAHS CAN CONTACT THE ASSEMBLY SECRETARY.



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March 2023

TO: All Branches of our Order

FR: Camp NEOFA

RE: Wish List

Fraternal Greetings:

I have been asked by the Directors of Camp NEOFA to prepare this letter, along with a wish/need list for our camp. It is their hope that each lodge will be able to make some contribution to items on this list.

Enclosed you will find a list of needed items, along with estimated costs. You will also find other categories which may interest your members.

When you have made your decision, please complete the enclosed form and mail it to me at the above address.

Thanks you in advance for your help, and for your continued support of Camp NEOFA.

Fraternally,

Jane

Jane S. McCollister, PPRA ME, Secretary



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2023 Camp NEOFA Wish List

Fencing (around swimming area)	\$8000.00
Lights	400.00
Upgrade PA (Public Address) system	500.00
Archery fence	500.00
Kitchen supplies (salad bar guards, pans, etc.)	500.00
Shower curtains	100.00
Repair BB guns	400.00
Archery targets	300.00
Backstop	575.00
100 folding chairs	3850.00

Donate to: Maintenance _____

Programs _____

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