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ODD FELLOWS/REBEKAHS OF MAINE

## DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

GE OF RI 11 APRIL 2025.

GRAND LODGE OF RI 12 APRIL 2025.

CENTRAL REGIONAL MEETING 12 APRIL 2025.

GL & REBEKAH ASSEMBLY OF NH 25 & 26 APRIL 2025.

ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO THE TOMB 2 TO 5 MAY 2025.

GRAND LODGE OF A.P. 9 & 10 MAY 2025.

GE OF NH 10 MAY 2025

VERMONT CONCLAVE CAMP NEOFA 16 THRU 19 MAY 2025.

GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC 23 & 24 MAY 2025.

GL & REBEKAH ASSEMBLY OF MASS. 6 & 7 JUNE 2025.

NORTHERN REGIONAL MEETING 11 JUNE 2025.

SGL, IARA & GMC 15 TO 21 AUGUST 2025.

GL & REBEKAH ASSEMBLY OF MAINE 16, 17 & 18 OCT. 2025.

## LODGE OF SORROW

UNITY LODGE #3 DOMINIC COLUCCI PASSED AWAY  
3/14/2025.

FRATERNITY LODGE #6 ROBERT SPRAGUE PASSED AWAY  
2/19/2025.

MOUSAM LODGE #26 ROBERT NEWTON PASSED AWAY  
3/5/2025.



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

THERE IS A PROJECT  
YOUR LODGE CAN DO  
OVER THE NEXT FOUR  
MONTHS. THE IARA  
PRESIDENT IS ASKING  
FOR KNITTED HATS.  
PREME HATS FOR BA-  
BIES AND PEOPLE IN  
HOSPITALS ALL THE  
WAY UP TO AGE 102. IF  
YOU WOULD LIKE TO  
DONATE SOME HATS

APRIL  
2025

## PRESIDENT OF THE REBEKAH ASSEMBLY APRIL LETTER

HELLO EVERYONE!

I THINK SPRING IS FINALLY COMING.

WE HAVE HAD A BUSY MARCH WITH VISITATIONS AND THE FIRST REGIONAL MEETING IT IS SO NICE TO BE ABLE TO GET OUT AND SEE EVERYONE.

WE HAVE A BUSY APRIL COMING UP, I AM HOPING TO SEE A LOT OF YOU AT THE VISITATIONS AND REGIONALS.

BY ATTENDING YOU ARE SHOWING SUPPORT FOR YOUR FELLOW SISTERS AND BROTHERS.

I KNOW THIS IS A SHORT LETTER AND THAT SISTER VERNA AND SISTER MARILEE PLAN ON PUTTING IN DATES AND TIMES SO EVERY ONE WILL GET THE UPDATED INFORMATION. PLEASE REMEMBER THE ODD FELLOWS HOME AND CAMP NEOFA IN YOUR CHARITIES. I AM ENCOURAGING ANY ONE THAT CAN TO CALL THEM AND PLAN A VISIT, THEY LOVE SHOWING THEMSELVES OFF AND HELP US TO SEE WHAT GOOD WORK WE AS AN ORDER ARE DOING

TAKE CARE EVERYONE AND BE SAFE IN YOUR TRAVELS

GLEND A KNIGHTS PRA OF MAINE

## Vice-President's Visitations

Priscilla, Skowhegan: Monday April 1st..Supper at 5:00 at the Chinese Restaurant Me Lee Garden in Skowhegan. Meeting following at Fred and Ruth's house in Madison

Sterling, Madison, Tuesday April 2nd. Supper at 5:00 at Ken's in Skowhegan. Meeting to follow at Fred and Ruth's in Madison

Acme and Lady Arambec will have a joint visitation at Acme on Tuesday April 8th. Light Lunch at 5:30 . Meeting at 6:30

Regional Meeting at Acme April 12th. 11:30 lunch. Meeting at 1:00

Reminder for the Noble Grands to have their Reports ready and any Monies you are Donating.

Menu: mashed Potatoes, Chicken Fingers, Caesar Salad, Frozen Peas. Rolls/Butter, Cookies and Drinks..

Cost is \$5:00. Please make reservations by April,8th to Verna Jones.

Tel: 207-449-7436.

Thank -you

Hope to see many of you there.

## GENERAL PROCLAMATIONS

**To the Officers and Members of all Degrees of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows**

**Fraternal Greetings:**

**I, Gerald V. Workman, Sovereign Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, by authority duly vested in me, do proclaim the following:**

**1. April 15, 2024: Make a Difference Day.**

**2. April 26, 2025: Founder's Day, commemorating the 205th Anniversary of the founding of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Baltimore, Maryland. All units of the Order are encouraged to hold special festivities in celebration of the day: Degree Day (name the class for someone in your jurisdiction), Anniversary Ball, Community Work Project, et cetera.**

**3. June 10, 2024: Memorial Day, for the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. All units are asked to set aside time to remember.**

**I ask that you observe the above-mentioned days on the date noted or a date as near as possible.**

**Done in the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, this 31st day of August 2024 in the 206th year of our Order.**

**Yours in F, L & T,  
s/ Gerald V. Workman  
Sovereign Grand Master**

**Attest:**

**s/ Terry L. Barrett  
Sovereign Grand Secretary**

**SCHEDULE OF PICK-UPS FOR TRIP TO ARLINGTON 5/2/25**

**CARMEL EXIT 174 BUS ARRIVES 4:00 A.M. LEAVES AT 4:15 A.M.**

**S. PORTLAND BUS ARRIVES 5:45 A.M. LEAVES AT 6:00 A.M.**

**WELLS AMTRAC STATION BUS ARRIVES 6:15 A.M. LEAVES AT 6:30 A.M.**

**CHELSEFORD MASS REST AREA ABOUT 7:30 A.M.**

**CT STOP PARK & RIDE EXIT 17/18 RT. 84.**

**BUS WILL STOP FOR BREAK AT CHARLSTON MASS REST AREA.**

**BUS STOPS FOR BATHROOM BREAKS APPROXIMATELY EVERY 2 HOURS.**

**ONLY 5 SEATS STILL AVAILABLE ON BUS.**

**WI-FI AVAILABLE ON BUS.**

**DO NOT BE LATE BUS LEAVES ON SCHEDULE, FROM THE STOPS.**

**IT WAS A GREAT EVENING AT BROOKLIN LODGE #133, WHERE WE CONDUCTED THE THIRD DEGREE. MORE THAN 24 PEOPLE ATTENDED AND ENJOYED MY CHOP SUEY AS WELL AS JERRY GRAY'S HELP WITH BAKING THE GARLIC BREAD AND OTHER THINGS.**

**UPSTAIRS, ANDY ANDREW INSTRUCTED FIVE MEMBERS OF GOVERNOR BROOKS LODGE NO. 142 IN THE MYSTERIES OF THE THIRD DEGREE. WE HADN'T PERFORMED A THIRD DEGREE IN A LONG TIME, SO IT WAS WONDERFUL TO SEE.**

**SUBMITTED BY:**

**PGM TROY CARTER**

**GRAND TREASURER**

# GRAND LODGE OF VERMONT

## CONCLAVE/DEGREE RALLY

Honorable Brothers and Sisters,

Our new generation of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs are hosting a Conclave to gather members, friends, family, and the interested public for a weekend of Odd Fellowship in the woods of Maine.

### CONCLAVE NEOFA

May 16th - 19th, 2025.

Camp NEOFA  
213 Trotting Park Rd  
Montville, ME 04941

We invite Members, friends, family, and the general public to join us for an afternoon or a long weekend. We will have open daytime events on Saturday, May 17th and Sunday, May 18th.

Saturday is an Odd Festival. Odd folks will host workshops, show art, trade trinkets, and bring Odd Fellowship to life.

Sunday is a day of service. Camp NEOFA needs our help to do essential maintenance and cleanup before the summer season begins.

We want to make the place shine for these amazing kids.

Evenings are for Rituals.

- Friday, May 16th we will host a bonfire Initiation.
- Saturday, May 17th we will hold a Rebekahs degree and any Odd Fellows degrees our attendees need.
- Sunday, May 18th we will have the Encampment degrees. If you hope to receive any degrees, please bring a letter stating your eligibility, signed and sealed by the necessary officers of your home Lodge. We will send you home with a unique certificate for your new degrees. We have limited cabins and plentiful tent-sites for anyone who wants the full experience. Overnight stays are encouraged Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights. Meals will be available in the dining hall. Please pre-register on our website: <https://www.conclaveneofa.org/> There is no commitment at this time, but the cabin space is limited. We are not charging an admission fee for this event. We will gladly accept donations to help cover expenses. Any additional money we collect will go to Camp NEOFA. We need volunteers to make this Conclave happen!

- Run a workshop, activity, table, or performance on Saturday.
- Help stage the degrees.
- Volunteer at the event as an EMT, cook, greeter, or gopher.
- Join our organizing committee and help us pull it all together. Visit our website at <https://www.conclaveneofa.org/> to sign up. Or email me with the subject line “Conclave Volunteer” at [vermontgrandsecretaryioof@gmail.com](mailto:vermontgrandsecretaryioof@gmail.com).

In Friendship, Love & Truth

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