# IOOF IOOF ODD FELLOWS/REBEKAHS OFMAINE

Thanks to The Odd Fellows and Rebekah's and everyone that supported our Project Joyce and I were warmly received at The Travis Mills Retreat. Past President Joyce Young and I had great time touring the Facility. We presented Travis with the Sovereign Grand Master's highest civilian award and a check for \$12,333.00 from the Odd Fellows and Rebekah's Project. These funds are going towards his new health Center project .

### 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

IF YOU WANT YOUR LODGES EVENTS AND PHOTOS PUB-LISHED PLEASE SEND THEM TO THE GL EMAIL PREFERABLE AS A WORD DOCU-MENT OR AT-TACHMENTS

DECEMBER 2021





# **Grand Master's Program**

## 2021-2022

**Emblem] Boston Terrier – For its loyalty and friendship.** 

Colors] All shades of Purple & Gold

Flower] Poppies

Song] God Bless the USA by Lee Greenwood

Hymn] Hallelujah (Veterans Version by Sailor Jerri .)

Verse] However many holy words you read, However many you speak,

what good will they do you if you do not act upon them. (Buddha)

Motto] Don't wait for a solution, Be the solution.

Priorities] To help the lodges become better so we can grow the Order.

**Project]** Honor Flight of Maine

Saying] FRIENDS

**F-Fight for you** 

**R-Respect you** 

I-Include you

**E-Encourage you** 

N-Need you

**D-Deserve you** 

S-Stand by you

## **PRESIDENT'S LETTER December 2021**

Greetings to all,

As you receive this letter Thanksgiving will have come and gone, I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving with family and friends.

Did all lodges send news in? We really want to know what your lodge is doing.

I would like to congratulate the new officers of the Grand Encampment of Maine, Grand Patriarch Mura Knights, Grand Senior Warden Fred Stuart and Grand Junior Warden Ronald Boucher. I wish them all a harmonious and prosperous year.

To all my District Deputies, I hope that you have been able to bring my program to the lodges. I am looking forward to this coming year and being able to visit all the lodges.

On behalf of Grand Master Ralph Trynor, Grand Marshall Deb Harney, Marshall for the Rebekah Assembly of Maine Glenda Knights and myself I would like to thank all who were able to attend our reception on November 20th 2021. I would also like to thank Michele Trynor for all you did to make this day a big success, you always go above and beyond.

I am packing my bag to go to Auburn to shop for the Residents of the Odd Fellow & Rebekah Home, I am so looking forward to this, it make my heart warm. We will not be able to do our Christmas party with the resident this year, but they will still have present from Santa. To any lodges that donated money, Thank You!

As we gather with family and friend to celebrate the Holiday season, please remember to SMILE every day, LAUGH often & show KINDNESS whenever you can.

Merry Christmas & Happy Holiday to all.

F L &T Marilee Perkins

President, Rebekah Assembly of Maine

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### **Greetings from the JJYC!**

Your JJYC has held its first meeting for the year. We are planning on holding a calendar raffle this year to raise funds for Christmas 2022.

In the past we have held Basket Bingos and other Calendar Raffles to help raise money help provide a "Christmas" for a number of families from one end of the state to another.

This year our "prizes" will be gift cards to a variety of places and services. We are asking each Odd Fellow and Rebekah lodge to either send in \$25.00 worth of gift cards OR send a donation from your lodge and we will purchase the gift cards.

We will be doing the drawings in the month of May. Please send the donations to Glenda Knights 3 Quaker Hill Rd. Albion ME 04910. Checks should be sent here but made out to the "Rebekah Assembly of Maine".

Thank you in advance.

Glenda Knights, President of the JJYC Committee

**GRAND PATRIARCHS LETTER** 

GOOD MORNING TO ALL,

WE HAVE SURVIVED OUR GRAND ENCAMPMENT SESSION AND ENJOYED A DELICIOUS MEAL PREPARED BY ACME REBEKAH LODGE # 75 .

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE MEMBERS FOR VOTING ME IN AS GRAND PATRI-ARCH. I WILL TRY TO GET TO MEETINGS THAT ARE SPECIAL OR JUST DROP IN. ALLEN MADE THE NOMINATION IN 2019 FOR ME TO GO IN AS GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN AND HE IS WATCHING OVER ME WITH A WHIP IN HIS HAND NOW.

I'LL SEE YOU ON NOV. 20, 2021. STAY SAFE AND HEALTHY.

IN F. L. & T.

MURA KNIGHTS, GRAND PATRIARCH,

**GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF MAINE** 

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Grand Master Ralph Trynor Grand Marshal Debra Harney President of the Rebekah Assembly Marilee Perkins Her Marshal Glenda Knights The Reception for the Grand Master and the President of the Rebekah Assembly was held on Saturday 20 November 2021 in Unity's Lodge Hall.

It was well attended and everyone enjoyed the meal.

Mistress and Master of Ceremony Verna Jones PP of the Rebekah Assembly and Frederick A. Stuart PGM of the Grand Lodge of Maine, did a great job introducing the distinguished and honored guests, and having the heads of the branches bring their greetings.

Noble Grand of Unity Lodge Michele Trynor worked hard and did an awesome job at organizing the Reception, decorating the hall and making centerpieces for the tables.

The GM put together a great video which showcased his songs and the Presidents songs. If you have a means of playing a video in your lodge you should ask him to put this on for you when he visits, you won't be disappointed.

The GM's Project is "Honor Flight Maine" and The PRA's Project is "Life Flight of Maine" both of these are worthy projects and they benefit Maine people, so please support them. To make it easy GM Ralph and PRA Marilee each have a special donation box they will bring with them on their travels.

## **SPECIAL NOTE**

NG Michele has arranged for "Wreaths Across America" to do the Veterans buried in the cemetery beside Unity Lodge. This will be Saturday 18 December 2021 about 12 noon, all are welcome to attend.

# ODD FELLOWS OF MAINE

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