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ODD FELLOWS/REBEKAHS OF MAINE

**DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR**

**ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE 2/15/2022,**

**AT THE GL OCTOBER SESSION IT WAS VOTED TO FINE LODGES \$100.00 FOR EACH MONTH THE REPORT WAS OVERDUE.**

**SCHUYLER COLFAX DAY THE 23RD DAY OF MARCH 2024**

**THE MONTH OF MARCH IS PROCLAIMED ODD FELLOWS AND REBEKAHS ARTHRITIS MONTH IN COOPERATION OF FUND RAISING THROUGH THE ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION IN THE USA, AND THE ARTHRITIS SOCIETY IN CANADA**

**2024 PILGRIMAGE TO THE TOMB**

**THE WREATH LAYING WILL BE HELD ON MAY 5TH 2024 INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE IN THE 2024 JAN-FEB ISSUE OF THE I.O.O.F. NEWS ON THE SGL WEBSITE.**

**THE BUS TRIP LETTER IS ON PAGE 6**

**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

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**FEBRUARY  
2024**

## SCHUYLER COLFAX DAY PROCLAMATION

To all Officers and Members of all Degrees of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Fraternal Greetings:

Whereas, the Rebekah Degree of Odd Fellowship was adopted in 1851, and the degree was the work of the Honorable Schuyler Colfax, later to serve as Speaker of the House of Representatives and go on to serve as Vice President of the United States of America.

Whereas, the Rebekah Degree provides woman's softening touch to Odd Fellowship, as founded upon the principles of the Order – faithfulness, hospitality, purity and dedication as portrayed by women of the Bible.

Whereas, because of the untiring efforts of Brother Colfax to provide a Degree for wives and daughters of Odd Fellows, the world now enjoys a Sisterhood of Lodges in twenty countries around the globe.

Therefore, I, John S. Cupp Jr., Sovereign Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, by authority in me duly vested, do proclaim, That the 23rd day of March 2024 be:

Schuyler Colfax Day throughout Odd Fellowship in honor of the birthday of Brother Colfax. Further, please observe the birthday of Brother Schuyler Colfax by initiating a 'Colfax Class' in honor of the celebration.

Done in the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, this the 1st day of January 2024, and in the 205th year of our Order.

Yours in F, L & T,

Attest:

s/ Terry L. Barrett  
Sovereign Grand Secretary

s/ John S. Cupp Jr.  
Sovereign Grand Master

## ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT'S FEBRUARY LETTER

**Dear Sisters and Brothers**

I would like to thank you for my gifts both monetary and my special ladybugs. I received ladybug jewelry, salt and pepper shakers, flannel and my bag of ladybugs. They mean a great deal to me.

I hope everyone stayed safe throughout the holiday season and is enjoying a prosperous New Year. Christmas and New Years Eve have passed and we're in February! Valentine's Day is just around the corner, don't forget that special someone or the neighbor around the corner.

The Tomb of the Unknown is coming up in May. If you have never gone, please consider traveling with us on the bus that leaves South Portland and picks up passengers along the way. The bus is contracted through the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs. It's a busy trip and well worth it.

My February project is knit socks. If you knit or know someone who does, please consider asking them for a pair of knit socks. They are very warm and comfortable. I have a pair that once on, I do not want to remove them.

### Meeting Dates:

**February 28 Lady Arambec Supper @ 6:00 meeting @7:00**

**March 7 Central @ Acme Supper @ 6:00 meeting @ 7:00**

**March 9 Central Regional Meeting (Snow date March 16th)**

**When good friends walk beside us, On the trails we must keep,**

**Our burdens seem less heavy, and the hills are not so steep.**

**The weary miles pass swiftly Taken in joyous stride,**

**And all the world seems brighter When friends walk by our side.**

**Harmony R.L. #69**

VISITATIONS OF THE WARDEN OF THE REBEKAH ASSEMBLY

COASTAL:

ROCKBOUND #16, STONINGTON MAY 13

SUPPER AT 5:00 MEETING AT 6:00

MIRIAM #33, TENANTS HARBOR MAY 21

LUNCHEON 12:00, 1:00 MEETING

MOUNTAIN #87, BLUE HILL JUNE 4

SUPPER, 6:00, MEETING AT 7:00

REGIONAL MEETING:

ROCKBOUND#16, STONINGTON JUNE 22

11:30 LUNCHEON, MEETING AT 1:00

SOUTH CENTRAL:

AUBURN/LISBON JUNE 10

AUBURN AT GRAND LODGE OFFICE

7:00 MEETING

REGIONAL MEETING JUNE 15

LUNCHEON: 11:30 MEETING AT 1:00

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL ME. TEL: 207-389-1212; CELL:207- 449-7436

VERNA JONES P.P. WARDEN

**Verna's new email address is " tomj22133@gmail.com "**

## Rebekahs of Maine Lodge #26 Lady Arambec

Rebekah Assembly of Maine President, Denise Annis and her Marshall Marilyn Tozier Central Regional DDP Vicki Soule and her Marshall Jean Moffatt.

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

We would like to invite you all to the 1st Regional meeting of the year. The host of this meeting is the Central Region including lodges Acme, Lady Arambec, Priscilla and Sterling.

The meeting is on March 9th at the Acme lodge in Oakland. We will have an 11:30 am lunch and a 1 pm meeting. Lunch will include ham, potatoes, carrots, green bean casserole, rolls and dessert. We will also provide water and punch to drink. The cost for lunch will be \$10.00 per person. Please RSVP with a check made to Lady Arambec by February 29th sent to Verna Jones 11 Fred Brigham Rd Phippsburg ME 04562.

We will be having a 50/50 raffle for the President's project. We will also be collecting items for homeless shelters. Socks are the most requested item at shelters, but we will also accept gently used clothing, blankets, towels, old luggage/bags and toiletries.

♦ **90th IOOF Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns**

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- ♦ **The bus departs from the park and ride off exit 45 of the Maine Turnpike on Friday, May 3th at 6:00 AM and returns on Monday, May 6th around 4:30 PM. Picks up and drops off at the Wells bus terminal at exit 19 also, about 6:30 AM, pick-up and drop off at I-495 rest stop mile 87 Chelmsford MA about 8 to 8:15 A.M. usually stop at Charlton rest area on I-90 for bathroom break and snacks. Next pick-up and drop off location is Nosahogan Odd Fellow Lodge 3200 E. Main St. Waterbury CT about 10:00 A.M. The bus stops about every 2 to 3 hours for bathroom breaks and to get out and walk around. We will stop for a lunch break about noon and should be arriving at the Adams Mark around 5:00 P.M. Be at your departure site a half hour early the bus leaves on time with or without you.**
- ♦ **We would like to get a head count of how many are planning on riding the bus no later than March 20th.**
- ♦ **The cost of the bus will be \$150.00/per person**
- ♦ **If you are planning on riding the bus, please send a deposit of \$75.00 no later than March 20th. Make the check payable to The Grand Lodge of Maine and send to 80 Caron Lane Auburn Maine 04210. Make sure to mark memo section Trip to the Tomb. The remaining funds will be due no later than April 20, 2023.**
- ♦ **You will be responsible for making your own room reservation and for your pre-registration. At the Cemetery you will have to buy a tram ticket for a ride up to the Tomb, also I have been informed that a form of government ID will be required for people 18 and over (e.g. driver's license, state ID, passport etc.) under 18 a student ID is required.**
- ♦ **We can have the bus for up to 15 hours on Saturday and Sunday, so we plan on going out to eat as a group after the wreath laying on Sunday, probably to the Silver Diner in Alexanderia.**
- ♦ **On Saturday if we get enough interest, we may take the bus to the Air and Space Museum at Dulles Airport. Please let me know ASAP so we can arrange it with the bus company.**
- ♦ **On Monday May 6 the bus will depart from the Adams Mark at 6:00 A.M.**
- ♦ **This trip is not restricted to only members of the order anybody can go that wants too.**
- ♦ **Thank you , in FL&T**
- ♦ **Michael Anderson**
- ♦ **(207) 786-3638                      gliioofmesec@roadrunner.com**

**PS: to be able to contact you please include your cell phone number when you send in your money.**

## Encampment news

Penacook Encampment of Concord New Hampshire will host the First Regional Meeting on the second Saturday of February 2024 the 10th, in their lodge hall at 179 Pleasant Street. The Patriarchal and Golden Rule Degrees will be exemplified, social hour from 9 A.M. to 10 A.M. Meeting starts at 10 A.M. with the Patriarchal Degree. A lunch will be served at noon, cost \$10.00, which will be followed by the Golden Rule Degree. Several out of state candidates will be present.

Nashoonon Encampment of Derry New Hampshire will host the Second Regional Meeting on March 9th 2024, in their lodge hall at 18 Oak Street. The Royal Purple Degree will be exemplified. Meeting starts at 1 P.M. Following the meeting refreshments will be available. Candidates welcome.

In Faith, Hope, and Charity

George H. Abbott

Grand Scribe

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