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DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

AUGUST 1ST 2023

Committee Reports due: Rebekah Assembly of Maine

Committee chairs just a reminder your reports are due for your committees no later than August 1st so they can be included in the Advanced Journal. If you can send them to me either by mail: 273 Mitchell Road, Cape Elizabeth ME 04107 or Email: <u>rameasstsecretary@gmail.com</u> (New Email address for Assembly items only)

If you have any questions, please let me know. I can be reached at (207) 653-5285

Have a great summer, see you all in October.

Deb Harney, PP Asst Secretary

LADY ARAMBEC ANNUAL FUNDRAISER 16 SEP-TEMBER 2023.

LODGE OF SORROW

Hancock Lodge #150 Dexter Lee passed away 5/31/2023.

PPRA Constance (Connie) Clements passed away 6/10/2023. A celebration of life will be held at 1:00 P.M. on Saturday July 22, 2023, at the Monroe Community Church



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 PUB-LISHED PLEASE SEND THEM TO THE GL EMAIL PREFERABLE AS A WORD DOCU-MENT OR AT-TACHMENTS

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER JULY

Greetings Sisters and Brothers,

I hope all the fathers had a good Father's Day spent with family. I'm hoping the Summer will not be all rain so we can outside and enjoy nature. I have planted flowers but they are not doing so well. We had a nice ride up to the county for the Northern Regional Meeting, a good time was had by all. There were 7 lodges present with 25 people. I also attended the Massachusetts Assembly on June 2, 2023. It was so nice to see friends that I haven't seen for a while. A storm knocked out the power to the hotel, but it didn't last long, Thank God! This past weekend was the South-Central Regional Meeting, the crowd was small, but we all had a good day of friendship. There were 5 lodges present with 16 members. All of the official visits and regional meetings have been completed, see you on the road in a few months.

The gowns for Assembly have been ordered. Thank You to everyone for getting them back to me on the timeline. We are all going to be so colorful at Assembly. I will be working this summer to finish some things up as September will be a busy month.

Please send all deaths of members to Sister Cheryl Holt to be used in the memorial service at Assembly. Please include when they became a member, a born and a death date. Her address is: 82 Park Street, Apt 1, Madison, Maine 04950. She has not received any yet, and I know that we have lost members this year.

Please don't forget about the raffles that Rod and I are doing. We have a queen size quilt at \$5.00 a ticket, that will be drawn in October at Assembly and a calendar raffle for the month of September, at \$10.00 a ticket, can win up to \$2000. Please let me know if you would like to purchase tickets.

The summer is quiet as some lodges take a break. Enjoy the time with friends and family, I certainly will.

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

SOUTH-CENTRAL REGIONAL MEETING



****SURPRISE FOR OLIVE DAILY****

Hi All Rebekah's and Odd Fellows:

Diane, Muriel, and I visited Olive recently and she is doing fairly well, even though her mind wanders just a little. She is also bedridden as her legs have given out on her. She named us correctly as we walked in and was very glad to see us.

This is A SPECIAL SURPRISE REQUEST FOR HER!! She has a 90th Birthday coming up on October 11, 2023 so we are asking if all Rebekahs' and Odd Fellows' will please mail her a birthday card between now and October 11th in hopes she will receive 90+. Please jot her a short note and mail it to her home address which is: OLIVE DAILY, PO BOX 73, ORLAND ME 04472. This is her home address and her Daughter picks up her mail so she will not see them until her actual day so please mail them anytime now and write a short note. On the back side flap of the envelope please write Birthday, then her Daughter will know to hold them, so it will be a nice day for her in October! She will love hearing from all of you; even if you do not know her please send a card and introduce yourself. She is a retired RN and was the Nurse for several years at our Assembly Session.

Thanks for your help with this! Her Daughter knows about this and OK'd it so please help us out to make her Birthday special. I will keep you updated on the number she receives.

Thanks Again in F,L,T.- Joyce & Diane Young, Muriel Elkins and Linda Frost Olive's Daughter

Albion Lodge #149 held it's annual BBQ. We had 30 Oddfellows and Rebekahs attend.







Blue Hill Lodge #79 recently enjoyed a visit from an Odd Fellow vacationing from Indiana. Brother Jeff Sharp and his wife were vacationing in Maine hiking the local trails and took time off from their busy schedule to visit the Blue Hill Lodge. Brother Jeff found contact in formation online for the Lodge and spoke to Brother Larry Maxim about a visit to see our Lodge. Larry called a few brothers interested in entertaining a visitor. Grand Master Rod Ronco dropped what he was doing and drove over.

The Brothers provided refreshments from the local fare. We gave him a tour of out 118 year old Lodge. We talked about membership drives, benevolence, and fund raising projects., Sharing new ideas about projects and charity.

Brother Jeff is a member of IOOF Tyner Lodge 821 Tyner, Indiana 46572. Pictured in the photo: Mark Taplin, Grand Master Rod Ronco, Past Grand Master David Gulya, Jeff Sharp, Larry Maxim, and Danner Curtis.

FLT David Gulya

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Annual session Department Council P.M. I.O.O.F. ANE

Chevaliers:

The Third Annual Session of the Department Council P.M. Atlantic North East I.O.O.F. was convened on Saturday 17 June 2023 at 9:00 A.M. in the Odd Fellows Hall, 18 Oak Street Derry NH. The General Military Council representative was General Commanding Retired, Gen. Jack Roberts from Virginia. Gen Jack did a class on sword proficiency and other instruction before the start of the session to any Chevalier or Lady who wanted to participate.

The session was very harmonious and a lot was accomplished. 15 Legislative Bills were discussed and approved in order to update our Constitution and By-Laws to be in accordance with the 2022 Code of General Laws changes.

Col. Doreen Slaney the Department Vice-President has a busy year in other branches of our order, so with everyone's consent the current Officers and Staff agreed to be reelected or appointed to their current positions for the ensuing term.

The Fourth Annual Session for the Department Council will be on Saturday 15 June 2024. It will be held in the Mousam Lodge #26 hall in Kennebunk, Maine.

Chivalrously Lt.G. Michael Anderson Dept. Adjutant

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