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ODD FELLOWS/REBEKAHS OF MAINE

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**ME - GE Annual Session 11/13/2021** 21 Oak Street  
Oakland, ME. Starts at 9:00 A.M. Hotel is Fireside Inn  
Waterville, ME.

**GRAND MASTER RALPH TRYNOR'S AND REBEKAH ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT MARILEE PERKIN'S RECEPTION IS SATURDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2021. AT UNITY LODGE #3, 179 RIDGELAND AVE. S. PORTLAND, ME. SOCIAL TIME AT 11:30 A.M. LUNCH AT 12:00 P.M. RSVP TO DIDDIE BARRY 299 RIDGE RD FAIRFIELD ME 04937 OR CALL 207-453-6053, THE COST OF \$10.00 PER PERSON MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE BY NOVEMBER 10TH AS THERE IS LIMITED SEATING. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ACME REBEKAH LODGE # 75**

## LODGE OF SORROW

Brother Dave Wilson has passed away peacefully at home today. I have spoken to his wife, Sister Marilyn Wilson, PPRAO, PPIARA and at present there are no arrangements made. Please remember Sister Marilyn and her family at this time. Her home address is: 20 Oriole Cres., Grimsby, ON L3M 3X5.

From R.A. of Ontario.

I sent a card today from the Maine assembly. We found out about this at our session on Thursday evening. Pass along to those that don't have internet please.

Deb



**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**

**NOVEMBER  
2021**

# Grand Master's Letter

21 October 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters

Being your new Grand Master I would like to thank everyone for this opportunity to serve you. I am looking forward to a great year with a wonderful bunch of Odd Fellows. I know we can do it if we all work together.

I would like to thank everyone who showed up at the Grand Lodge Session this year. These past two years have been hard on all of us with COVID-19 and hopefully things will continue to get better. I am looking forward to visiting every lodge this year so that we can exchange ideas. I would love to get new ideas from everyone as to what we can all do to work together and make the jurisdiction of Maine a fun and friendly one.

Even though we are feeling safer with COVID-19, Lodges should still conduct meetings with the health and safety of our members a priority. If food is being prepared try to keep the number of people handling the food to a minimum. Also, when doing any kind of Ritualistic work keep the health of our members in mind.

I would like every lodge to provide me the information for their Lodge so that the Grand Lodge website can reflect a way for new members to find and contact your Lodge. I will have the Grand Lodge Secretary send out an email with the information to everyone on his Maine Odd Fellow e-mail list. If you would like to get the email, please let Mike Anderson know your e-mail address. I will also put this information in the newsletter.

I am providing my contact information so that members can keep in touch with me in some fashion. My e-mail is [RalphWTrynor@gmail.com](mailto:RalphWTrynor@gmail.com) and my personnel cell is 207-423-1552. I want members to contact me if they need to for any reason, be it for help or to offer ideas.

F,L&T

Ralph Trynor Grand Master

## **PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

Greetings to all,

November 2021

The leaves have changed color and fallen to the ground. The Rebekah Assembly has come and gone. Sister Joyce you had a wonderful session. It was great to see everyone that could make it, and to hear from those who could not. I would like to thank the Rebekah Assembly for voting me in as President, Verna Jones for being my assembly mother and all her help. Congratulations to Sister Gretchen Clark the new Vice President and Sister Denise Annis the new Warden, I know you will both do a great job!

I am looking forward to a great year working with the Odd Fellows and Rebekah's. I am selling raffle tickets on a lap quilt for my special project which is Life Flight of Maine, it is very near and dear to my heart.

There is a reception for the Grand Master Ralph Trynor & I, Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup> 2021 in South Portland at 179 Ridgeland Ave. Reservations are to be made with Diddie Barry 299 Ridge Rd Fairfield Me 04937 or call 207-453-6053, the cost of \$10.00 must be paid in advance as there is limited seating. Make checks payable to Acme Rebekah lodge # 75

I am asking all lodges to appoint someone in there lodge to send news for the newsletter to Mike Anderson, Grand Secretary 80 Caron Lane, Auburn ME 04210 or email gliooof-sec@roadrunner.com . This can be anything birthdays, someone who needs cards sent, what your lodge is doing, upcoming events ... anything.

December 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> me and my elves will be shopping for the residents of the Odd Fellow & Rebekah Home in Auburn, if any lodge would like to send a donation, this will help us do more for the resident throughout the year. Checks can be made out to the Rebekah Assembly and sent to Diddie Barry 299 Ridge Rd, Fairfield, ME 04937 please add in the memo Home Project/X-mas. Thank you in advance.

Please remember when holding meetings keep members health and safety in mind.

Happy Thanksgiving in advance

F L & T Marilee Perkins

President, Rebekah Assembly of Maine

**PROGRAM**

EMBLEM	<b>SNOWFLAKE</b>  Rebekah's are like snowflakes they come in all shapes & sizes and each one shines in it's on unique way.
COLORS	<b>PURPLE &amp; GREEN</b>
GUIDES	<b>HOLY BIBLE, CODE OF GENERAL LAWS &amp; THE REBEKAH RITUAL</b>
FLOWER	<b>VIOLETS</b> (but all purple flowers are great)
WATCH WORDS	<b><u>SMILE, LAUGH &amp; KINDNESS</u></b>
BLESSING	May the road rise up to meet you.  May the wind be always at your back.  May sun shine upon your face,  and the rains fall soft upon your field  And until we meet again,  May God hold you in the palm of His hand
MOTTO	<b>SMILE</b> every day, <b>LAUGH</b> often & show <b>KINDNESS</b> whenever you can
HYMN	<b>WHY ME LORD</b> by Kris Kristofferson
BIBLE VERSE	<b>PROVERB 31:25-26</b>  She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs without fear of the future. When she speaks, her words are wise, and she gives instructions with kindness.
FUN SONG	<b>Try a little kindness</b> by Glenn Campbell
PRESIDENT'S PROJECT	<b>ODD FELLOW &amp; REBEKAH HOME</b>
SPECIAL PROJECT	<b>LIFE FLIGHT OF MAINE</b>

**CALLING ALL REBEKAH LODGES**

Please send or email Noble Grand, Vice Grand & Secretary Mailing address, phone # and email if they have one.

To Deb Harney: Asst Secretary of Rebekah Assembly of Maine  
273 Mitchell Rd. Cape Elizabeth, ME 04107 or Email - dharney19@gmail.com

This will help keep everyone informed

Thank you Marilee Perkins, President of RA.

**Rebekah Lodges / Individuals**

If you were not at our Assembly Session last week and would like a 2019 Journal please let me know. I Have plenty of them. I am keeping track of where they go so in the future when we order them we do not get more than needed. You may email me at dharney19@gmail.com or call me at (207) 653-5285.

**Cards would be appreciated by**

Maybelle Sturgeon, PP 30 Water Street Brunswick, ME 04011  
Tel: (207) 481-0027 (New phone number)

Carmen Lovejoy, PP Pen Bay Medical Center Room 44. 6 Glen Cove Drive Rockport, Me 04856

Sharon LaSota, PP C/o Barbara Doyon 164 Stream RD Winterport, Me 04496

Reta Young, PP 160 Flaggy Meadow Road Gorham, Maine 04038

Deb Harney: Asst Secretary of Rebekah Assembly of Maine

Don Nason, a member of our lodge since March of 1975 and a Past Noble Grand, is now a resident of the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Home. He served as Grand Musician of the Grand Lodge for many years. He is a Past Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment. He has been in ill health for a while. We of Liberty Lodge are so glad he can be at the Home now and hope he will receive many cards and telephone calls so he will know that we all care.

Liberty Lodge has made another donation to the Lawrence Tidswell Endowment Fund in memory of two of our past presidents of the Rebekah Assembly. Lucille Nelson served as president 2003-2004 and Priscilla Campbell served as president 1987-1988. Liberty members feel honored that we have had four members become past presidents from our lodge. The other two were Florence Bibber 1976-1977 and Belle Lewis 1932-1933. Liberty made donations in their names when the Tidswell Endowment Fund was first established.

Submitted by Esther Tucker, a 72 year member of Liberty #94.

## **Lodge information for Website**

**I am trying to get all lodges contact information for the GL website. We would like the information so if someone does want to join a lodge then can easily find one and get in contact with someone at that lodge. Remember your lodge can not grow if people cannot find or contact you. The bare minimum we need is the name of your lodge, a contact name and a phone number to be published for the public.**

**I am offering several options. You can just provide the bare minimum or you can fill out the form below with as much information as possible. I can also help you setup a calendar account with Google that can connect to the GL website calendar. What this will do is anything you put on your calendar will also show up on the GL website calendar. I can also help you setup a Facebook page for your lodge. If you already have a webpage, I can put a link to your site on the GL website for you and if you do not have website but want one, I can help you set one up.**

**We really need to start promoting who we are and what we do. One of the easiest ways to get started is to get your information on the GL website. The next this you can start doing right now if you have a personal Facebook page would be to post pictures of your events on the GL Facebook page [www.facebook.com/OddFellowsOfMaine/](http://www.facebook.com/OddFellowsOfMaine/) and then share it to your personal page. This way people looking at the GL Facebook will see what you have done.**

**I am looking for your help to help all of us grow. We need new members and to do this we need people to find us and to be able to see what we are doing. I can also post pictures, newsletter or any other types of communication you lodge would like to get out (even pictures of your lodge just having fun) on the GL website so start getting things together and lets all grow.**

## Website Request

Please enter the following info to have it placed on the GL website for contact information so that others may contact you.

[lodge name]

[address]

State, Zip

[phone]

[email]

Info on Lodge [Lodge Information when, where and what time you meet]

Let me know if you want to submit or would like – check all that you want to use.

Check List

[Photos if you want this option you will have to email be photos along with any text telling about them.]]

[Have your own web site] example:  
www.YourLodgeName.org

[e-mail address] example : YourLodgeName@oddfellowsofmaine.org

[Password area for members only]

[calendar]

[any Ideas you may have]

### THIS IS WHAT ODDFELLOWS AND REBEKAHS ARE ALL ABOUT

District # 2 treated the outgoing DDP Marilyn Tozier and her Marshal Diddie to Lunch at Governors in Waterville.

There were 18 there having a great time. And not a calorie in the whole meal (lol).

Some came from far away and it is so nice to be able to share the time and friendship with them all.

Submitted by Diddie Barry

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