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ODD FELLOWS/REBEKAHS OF MAINE

DATES TO REMEMBER

ME - GL Annual Session 10/15/2021 - 10/16/2021

ME - RA Annual Session 10/14/2021 - 10/15/2021

ME - GE Annual Session 11/13/2021

NOTE

Get Well Cards would be appreciated by the following:

Sister Sharon LaSota, PP Rebekah Assembly of Maine;
213 Stillwater Avenue, Apt #4 Bangor, ME 04401.

Kera Ashline, Sec. Rebekah Assembly of Maine;
24 Nealley Street South Berwick, ME 03908.

Thinking of you card:

;Sister Maybell Sturgeon, PP Rebekah Assembly of Maine;
30 Water Street, Apt 504 Brunswick, ME 04011.

LODGE OF SORROW

Sandi Jean Merrill wife of GT George Merrill passed away 9/12/2021.

Rockema Lodge #78 PDDGM Rick Welton passed away 8/17/2021.

Warren Lodge # 127 Elywn F. Henderson passed away 9/7/2021.



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

OCTOBER
2021

Greetings to everyone, the Grand Lodge has been working diligently to make the 177th Grand Lodge session come to fruition. We were able to schedule this session but had to compromise and alter the plan.

Please get your banquet reservations in as soon as possible this will help us get the meals we need ordered.

The room rates the hotel gave us are limited so get your reservations in on time.

The official opening of the Grand Lodge will begin Friday October 15th at one o'clock. We will confer the Grand Lodge degree shortly after. The Saturday Session will reconvene at 9:00am. The Grand Lodge Degree will also be offered Saturday October 16th.

Registration will begin one hour before the opening (no registration fee). I still have a few Travis Mills project pins available pick up a few before they're gone all the money will go to The Mills Foundation.

Joyce and I will have a few gift baskets and other raffle items for the Mills project at the banquet available.

This Newsletter page should be my last Grand Master letter, I want to thank everyone for the support and love that helped make my sessions amazing.

F. L. T.

David Gulya Grand Master

Grand Lodge of Maine

President's Newsletter

October 2021

Hello everyone this is my last newsletter before Marilee takes over. Have you noticed that the leaves have started to turn color already so hopefully this doesn't mean an early winter.

Diane, Sharon, and I attended the IARA Session and there were 12 others from Maine who went so we were well represented. Also Diane and I, along with 7 others, just returned from the Connecticut session. Both meetings were well done and everything went along very smooth. It was great to see old Friends once again and we made some new Friends as well.

Now for my Reminders:

1. Make sure you call Bangor Motor Inn if you are planning on coming to Assembly; rooms are filling up fast. Call 207-947-0355
2. Friday Lunch reservations should be made with Debbie Harney by October 2, 2021; phone her at 207-653-5285
3. Friday Night banquet reservations should be made with Michael Anderson; phone him at 207-786-3638
4. Remember to bring canned goods and non-perishable items for the food bank and homeless shelters in Bangor.
5. If I have asked you to do something at Assembly, and you will not be attending, please call me at 207-839-4723 so I can fill your spot. Thank you.

I guess this covers all the news for this time. Thank you and see you at Assembly.

In F,L, T.

Joyce Young President

Attention!!!!

The Maine Bicentennial Book Map Raffle is still going on until Assembly in October. If you have sold tickets that have not been turned in, please get them to me before Assembly. The fundraising committee and home board members still have tickets for purchase.

The Map Raffle will be drawn at Assembly in Bangor.

Thanks,

Gretchen Clark

Chairman Home Fundraising Committee

The North East Odd Fellows Association at the annual meeting made me the Historian/ Archivist of Camp. I'm looking for any information about camp from the beginning 1950 - through current. I'm also looking for information from 1934 - 1950 before NEOFA bought the land. If any member has anything at all, can you please send me copies or originals (I will return them after being scanned) so they can be documented. I'm trying to put a timeline together about Camp NEOFA and the history.

You can send things to:

Gretchen Clark

467 Middle Rd.

Skowhegan ME, 04976

or to getchenclark12@yahoo.com

Thanks,

Gretchen Clark

Chairman Historian/ Archivist Committee Camp NEOFA.

Liberty Rebekah Lodge #94 is saddened by the death of Sister Lucille Nelson, a 50 year member of our lodge and Past President of the Rebekah Assembly.

Upon her daughter's request I sent her this information about her mother as a Rebekah. I have been a member of Liberty for 72 years and tapped on my memory of Sister Lucille's involvement in the Rebekahs knowing it probably is not complete but it is the best I can do. She was a hard worker and deserves to be remembered.

Lucille Bremner Edwards Nelson, daughter of James and Elsie Bremner, joined Ruth Rebekah Lodge February 5, 1971 making her a 50 year member this year.

She transferred to Liberty Rebekah Lodge a few years later which is where her parents were active members. She was always very active in lodge work and became a Past Noble Grand while in Ruth Lodge. After becoming a member of Liberty Lodge she took office filling many of the chairs, Vice Grand, Noble Grand, Past Noble Grand, Secretary, Chaplain, and was a Trustee for many years. She was appointed by the President of the Rebekah Assembly two times for the office of District Deputy President, once 1986-1987 and again 1990-1991. She went through the chairs in the Rebekah Assembly becoming President earning her Past Presidents jewel in 2004. As President she traveled extensively to Rebekah Assemblies in other states and to the International Association of Rebekah Assemblies (IARA) representing the State of Maine.

Lucille very actively promoted the annual pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington, Virginia. A representative from each state, usually the highest ranking officer of the Patriarchs Militant and Ladies Auxiliary having the honor to lay a wreath at the tomb.

Lady Lucille, when she was president of the Ladies Auxiliary Patriarchs Militant, the military order of the Odd Fellows, had that honor. The Patriarchs Militant is the only organization allowed to lay a wreath at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Lucille also worked diligently to secure Camperships for children to attend Camp NEOFA in Montville, Maine. (NEOFA stands for North East Odd Fellows Association)

Esther Thorpe Tucker

The Grand Encampment Officers 2020/2021

Grand Patriarch	Royce Gordon Sr.
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