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ODD FELLOWS/REBEKAHS OF MAINE

**DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR**

**THE CAMP NEOFA ANNUAL MEETING IS HELD ON THE WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 10TH 2022 AT THE CAMP ON TRUES POND.**

**GRAND LODGE OF CONNECTICUT ANNUAL SESSION WILL BE FRIDAY AND SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16TH AND 17TH 2022 AT THE HERITAGE HOTEL SOUTHURY, CT.**

**REBEKAH ASSEMBLY OF MAINE WILL BE THURSDAY AND FRIDAY OCTOBER 13TH AND 14TH 2022. AT THE BEST WESTERN PLUS IN WATERVILLE MAINE.**

**GRAND LODGE OF MAINE WILL BE FRIDAY AND SATURDAY OCTOBER 15TH AND 16TH 2022 AT THE BEST WESTERN PLUS IN WATERVILLE MAINE. THE BANQUET IS FRIDAY NIGHT OCTOBER 15TH 2002.**

**EASTERN STAR ENCAMPMENT #2 OFFICIAL VISITATION TUESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2022. INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS TUESDAY 11 OCTOBER 2022.**

**PARMENAS ENCAMPMENT #18 OFFICIAL VISITATION WEDNESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2022, 12:00 NOON AT ALBION LODGE.**

**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**



**SEPTEMBER  
2022**

## FROM THE DESK OF THE GRAND MASTER

Well it has been a pretty good ride this year. I have requested information for all lodges and only received anything from a few. Communications needs to be worked on in the future as this is one way to keep us strong in Maine. We need to know what each lodge needs and what we are doing. We need to know what has worked to help get new members and we need to know what our members would like to see. I would hope that lodges start visiting each other and if they can not at least try and communicate with other lodges. It would be nice if a lodge is putting on an event that they get it in the GL newsletter and maybe even send a personal invite to other lodges to have them either help out or attend the event. Once again communication. As lodges maybe we should also start creating a contact list with email address of the Secretaries of all the lodges so that we can send emails on a regular basis as to what we are doing, need or would like to do.

I am hoping to see everyone at the Grand Lodge Session this year. We need to be more active with and interact more with our Grand Lodge.

This have been a rough year for putting on events to raise money for my Project Honor Flight Maine so any help with that is greatly appreciated. Many of you may know this already but Maine has the oldest population in the country. This also means that we have many veterans that have never been to Washington to see their monuments. This is something every vet should experience, and I need your help to send as many as I can there. If you know a veteran that has been on Honor Flight, ask them about it and you will find it was a great opportunity that they had. If you would like to help you can mail a donation to the Grand Lodge of Maine and in the memo line put Honor Flight Maine or go to the Grand Lodge website IOOF-ME.ORG where you can make a donation or purchase something to help out. All funds raise on the sale of items or raffles goes to Honor Flight Maine. I do have some nice shirts for sale on the site as well.

You may know this already, but I went to SGL as your representative this year. I will be providing an electronic copy of all the minutes to anyone who would like them and they can be found at the GL website in the private area (under testing so let me know if you have problems). Again, this follows under communications and letting members know what is happening in the order and how it affects you.

## Quick Report on SGL session.

8/14/2022

Opening ceremony with flag posting. The Maine state flag was presented by Mike Anderson. Nothing note worthy to report on this day.

8/15/2022

After the opening of the session for the day reports were read and acted upon. Committees were appointed and put in place.

A debate on the campaigning and what is allowed and what is not. It is ok to recommend someone for an office but not ok to tell someone they should vote for this person. It is very important to only say who you like and why and never tell someone they should vote for someone or offer a position to them for their vote.

We heard words from the Grand Sire of the Netherlands Brother Morton Baum. Talked about the lodge they are still trying to start and about the help given to the Ukraine. Also talked about the war orphans in the Ukraine and how they have been getting them placed on other countries for safe keeping.

Bills and resolutions were presented and referred to the proper committees. There are a few bills laid over from las session that were also assigned to the proper committees.

Committees set times and places for their meetings later today to go over the work they had been assigned.

8/16/2022

A number of resolutions and bills were discussed and acted on. Some bills were withdrawn and others referred to committees for review..

Committees set times and places for their meetings later today to go over the work they had been assigned.

8/17/2022. More of the same today.

8/18/2022. Once again more of the same work being done.

8/19/2022

This was the final day with final discussion on remaining items along with the voting.

Action was taken and changes made to Ritualistic Work. SGS Barrett moved to issue charters to the four (4) new international lodges, which was agreed to. Brazil, Lebanon, Kenya, and Ghana.

I will be providing every lodge with the full minutes of the SGL session so that you can see what changes have taken place. I will also provide an electronic copy to anyone who asks. I will be doing this because I feel it is important that every member knows and has access to what happens at the SGL. I hope I served the members of Maine well and if asked will be your representative again.

Summery

Here is a quick breakdown of what was voted on and the outcome of things adopted.

Chapter III, Sec 13 - regarding Associate Membership

Chapter XXXVIII - repeal and replace - Offenses and Trials

Chapter III, Sections 1 - A, D (1); 2 - G; & 5 - L (2) 5 A (5) - deleting reference to LAPM

Again, see the full minutes for all the details.

## **REBEKAH ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT'S SEPTEMBER LETTER**

**Greetings all**

**Well I just return from the IARA Session in Winston-Salem NC, what a great time we had. Maine was very well represented in all branches of the order. It was great to see so many friends and to make new friends. I would like to thank Deb Harney for always including me in projects that kept me busy and out of trouble.**

**Please make sure to read the note from The IARA Rituals and Ceremonies Committee, they are working on some projects and could use your help.**

**I would like to remind everyone that Lady Arambec is holding their annual fund raiser on Saturday September 24th at Meadow Brook Camp ground in Phippsburg, Maine 4pm to 8pm. This is such a fun event and helps raise money for my special project Life Flight of Maine.**

**I am getting ready for Rebekah Assembly October 13 & 14, if you have any questions feel free to contact me at 437-2429. **Make sure to let Deb Harney know if you plan to attend lunch on Thursday and/or Friday. Make reservations for the lunches with Deb Harney no later than October 3rd. No reservations will be taken after that date.****

**If you are the chairmen of a committee please email your reports to dharney19@gmail.com thank you in advance.**

**IN F L & T Marilee Perkins**

**President, Rebekah Assembly of Maine**

**PS If you have any questions or need forms please direct them to one of the Assembly officers, Thank You**

**GRAND PATRIARCHS SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER**

August is on its way out. Meetings are thinking about new officers. Where did the time go? International is in progress. Who will lead us on?

Outside is still burning up. With good travel conditions lets get those visitations and district meetings done.

Camp NEOFA is just around the corner. Home board is also. Now is the time for new orders from "THE HIGHER UPS".

F. H. C.

Mura Knights Grand Patriarch

Grand Encampment of Maine

**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

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August 1, 2022

**ANNUAL MEETING**

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSTITUTION OF THE NORTHEAST ODD FELLOWS' ASSOCIATION, INC. ARTICLE IX - MEETINGS - THE ANNUAL MEETING SHALL BE HELD ON THE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AFTER LABOR DAY EACH YEAR, AT CAMP NEOFA IN MONTVILLE, MAINE.

The Annual Meeting of the Northeast Odd Fellows' Association, Inc. will be held on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 10 and 11, 2022 at Camp NEOFA.

The President, Joy Royea, has given me the following meeting times:

SATURDAY: Lunch Noon – 1pm Meeting 1 pm Supper 5:00 pm

SUNDAY: Breakfast 7-8 am . Church/ Memorial

Service 8:30 am. Dinner, Noon

Annual Meeting to reconvene at conclusion of church service. Chair of the Camp Directors, Alice Bennett, has asked that Camp Directors meet at 9 am Saturday morning. I am asking that Directors help spread the notice of the Annual Meeting, so that other members might attend.

Please send names of all deceased Officers/Past Officers of all branches of the Order to the Chaplain, Diane Young, 6 Juniper Circle, Gorham ME 04038, PRIOR to the Annual Meeting.

Saturday lunch, Saturday dinner, and Sunday lunch will each be \$13. Sunday breakfast will be \$10, for a total of \$49. No reservations will be required. Meals can be paid for upon arrival at camp. Meals this year will be provided by Rockbound Rebekah Lodge in Stonington. We are fortunate that they are willing to do this. If we want meals to continue, we need to support them by eating at camp.

**Area motels are:**

<b>COLONIAL GABLES</b>	<b>Rt. 1 Belfast 04915</b>	<b>1 207 338 4000</b>
<b>YANKEE CLIPPER</b>	<b>Rt. 1 Belfast 04915</b>	<b>1 207 338</b>
<b>2353</b>		
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<b>2740</b>		
<b>ADMIRAL'S OCEAN INN</b>	<b>Rt. 1 Belfast 04915</b>	<b>1 207 338</b>
<b>4260</b>		

**(Admiral's Ocean Inn accepts late night check ins)**

The President would like all Committee Chairs to have their reports ready when called for. **PLEASE HAVE A TYPED COPY FOR THE SECRETARY, SUITABLE FOR PRINTING IN THE ANNUAL REPORT.**

According to the Constitution of the Northeast, any member in good standing of any branch of the Order in the eight Northeastern Jurisdictions is a member.

A reminder that there will be Jurisdictional caucuses to choose your nominee for Camp Director.

All Members of the various Jurisdictions are urged to attend and participate in the Annual Meeting. This is your Association - this is your camp - show your interest and support of your Camp by being present.

**Fraternally,  
Joy Royea, President**

**Jane S. McCollister, Secretary**

## NOTES

The IARA Rituals and Ceremonies Committee is working on a CD of the Rebekah Degree and we need your assistance. If you or your lodge have a member or members that are skilled at telling the Rebekah Story not reciting it. We would love to have you submit an audition CD/Tape to the committee not later than December 1, 2022.

We are working on replacing materials that are outdated. If your lodge has any material, you feel need to be updated that came from the IARA please let the committee know. We will start having things printed with dates on them going forward.

Thank you for your assistance with both items.

I have a few Lodge Secretary booklets I brought home from the IARA Session with me. If you have a new lodge Secretary and would like a booklet, please let me know. I have a very limited supply.

### Committee Members 2022:

Gail Weatherhead, PP IARA Chairman, 29 Hilma Street, North Quincy MA 02171-2724

Deb Harney, PP 273 Mitchell Road Cape Elizabeth ME 04107

Allison Cumminale, PP Delaware.

Sister Cathy Hunnewell is in rehab after having hip surgery. Cathy is in Carter Unit Room 8.

Her address is: Marshwood Center, 33 Roger Street, Lewiston, ME 04240  
Telephone 207-784-0108

When our secretary, Diane Treacy, talked with her she was in good spirits and was happy to talk with her.

Through the years she has been a faithful Rebekah holding many positions in the Rebekah Assembly as well as the lodges in our district. Currently she is a member of Liberty Rebekah Lodge and an Associate Member of Nina Rebekah lodge. We miss her active involvement in our lodges.

Submitted by Esther Tucker, Liberty Rebekah Lodge #94.

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