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ODD FELLOWS/REBEKAHS OF MAINE

DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

**JANUARY 15 ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTHDAY
OF THOMAS WILDEY, FOUNDER OF OUR ORDER.**

**ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO THE TOMB 1 TO 3 MAY 2026.
DETAILS ABOUT THE BUS TRIP WILL BE IN THE FEBRU-
ARY NEWSLETTER. SEE PAGE 7 FOR MORE INFOR-
MATION. FORMS FOR THE EVENT ARE ON THE
“IOOF.ORG” WEBSITE UNDER MEMBER RESOURCES,
IOOF NEWS, 2025, NOV-DEC.**

NOTES

**WARREN LODGE #127 WILL BE DOING THE INITIATORY
DEGREE ON FRIDAY 16 JANUARY 2026. WITH A 6:00
P.M. SUPPER. PLEASE CALL WALTER KALER IF YOU ARE
GOING, AND GIVE HIM A HEADCOUNT FOR THE MEAL.
(207) 273-2579. CELL #(207) 691-1954.**

ANNUAL REPORTS WILL BE COMING OUT SOON.

**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

**THERE IS A PROJECT
YOUR LODGE CAN DO
OVER THE NEXT FOUR
MONTHS. THE IARA
PRESIDENT IS ASKING
FOR KNITTED HATS.
PREME HATS FOR BA-
BIES AND PEOPLE IN
HOSPITALS ALL THE
WAY UP TO AGE 102. IF
YOU WOULD LIKE TO
DONATE SOME **HATS****

JANUARY

2026



REBEKAH ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT'S LETTER JANUARY 2026

I HOPE EVERYONE HAD A GREAT CHRISTMAS AND HOLIDAY.

MY CHRISTMAS COMMITTEE AND I WERE VERY BUSY THE FIRST WEEK OF DECEMBER. WE DECORATED THE HOME WITH HOLIDAY CHEER,

EVEN SOME OF THE RESIDENTS HELPT.WE HAD A GREAT TIME HAVING COFFEE AND DONUTS IN THE NURSING WING TO HAVING LUNCH WITH THE RESIDENTS OF THE BOARDING HOME ON FRIDAY. THIS WAS SO MUCH FUN INTERACTING WITH OUR GUESTS.OFF WE WENT TO BUY GIFTS. OF COURSE, A LOT OF EATING AND LAUGHS. WRAPPING IS ALWAYS INTERESTING, EVERYONE HELPT EACH OTHER. FRIDAY THE RESIDENTS HAD A PARTY FOR THE COMMITTEE WITH PRESENT COMPANY ENTERTAINING US. THEY DECORATED THE TREE WITH MY THEME OF LIGHTHOUSES. IT WAS BEAUTIFUL. SATURDAY WAS BUSY WITH A PARTY FIRST ON THE NURSING WING THEN , THE BOARDING HOME. THIS ALSO WAS BEING ENTERTAINED BY PRESENT COMPANY.HIGHTLIGHT WAS HAVING SANTA VISIT. HE DID A GREAT JOB. TAKING TIME TO VISIT WITH ALL THE RESIDENTS. FIRST, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK MY COMMITTEE FOR DOING SUCH A GREAT JOB. ALSO, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE STAFF AT THE HOME FOR ALL THEY DID FOR US, YOU MADE OUR JOB EASY.

EVEN THOUGH SOME LODGES ARE CLOSED THE MONTHS OF JANUARY AND FEBRUARY, JUST A REMINDER TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH OTHER.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK UNITY LODGE FOR THE GREAT MEAL AND ENTERTAINMENT ON THE 17TH .THIS WAS A LOT OF FUN HAVING FELLOWSHIP WITH EVERYONE.

HOPE EVERYONE KEEPS WARM AND WELL THIS WINTER. SEE EVERYONE IN MARCH. WE HAVE A BUSY SPRING COMING.

IF ANYONE HAS ANY QUESTIONS FEEL FREE TO CALL ME. 207-449-7436.

REMEMBER, THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE, LET'S BE GLAD IN IT.

IN F.L.T.

VERNA JONES, PRESIDENT

PRESIDENT'S VISITATIONS

FEBRUARY 28TH NARRAGANSETT #145 KENNEBUNK

11:30 MEAL MEETING AT 1:00

MARCH 3RD IVY #5 S. PORTLAND

6:30 MEAL MEETING AT 7:30

MARCH 4TH NINA #86 AUBURN

SNACKS AFTER MEETING MEETING AT 7:00

MARCH 14TH REGIONAL MEETING FOR DISTRICT 1

IVY #5, SOUTH PORTLAND.

11:30 LUNCH.MEETING AT 1:00

IF THERE ANY CHANGES PLEASE CONTACT ME AT (207)-449-7436.

IN.F.L.T.

VERNA JONES, PRESIDENT.

CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS AND DAYS

Nancy_Anderson_Day_1_&_31	David_Lent__Day_____11__
Randy_Dennison__”__2	Ann_Ronco__”__13,_16_&.17__
Dustini_Betts _____”__3	Randy_Ronco_”__15,_26_&_28__
Monica_Kittredge__”__4_	Fraternity_Lodge_#6__”__18
Jerry_Gray__5,_12,_14,_21_&_30	Muriel_Knutson__”_____19__
Matthew_Betts_”__6,_27_&_29_	Charlette_Betts__”_____20__
Elizabeth_Wentworth__”__7__	Alexis_LePage_____”_____22__
George_Foster_____”__8_	Muriel_Elkins_____”_____23__
Pernell_Waugh_____”__9	Doreen_Slaney_____”_____24__
Stanley_Crossman_____”__10_	Emery_Lincoln_____”_____25__



Left to right.

GLENDA KNIGHTS , NANCY ANDERSON, JEAN MOFFAT, RODERICK RONCO, CHERYL HOLT, VERNA JONES, MARILEE PERKINS, DEBRA HARNEY, JOYCE YOUNG AND DIANE YOUNG.

THE GRAND MASTER AND HIS ELVES FOR THE HOME CHRISTMAS PARTY WHO SPENT SEVERAL DAYS SHOPPING AND WRAPPING PRESENTS.



**MOUSAM LODGE #26 ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE
BULL & CLAW IN WELLS.**

**DDGM GEORGE MERRILL AND MIKE GRIFFIN ALSO JOINED
LEFT TO RIGHT:**

**SITTING: GEORGE MERRILL, KATHLEEN GRIFFIN, MARY NEW-
TON, JANET AND PAUL ZANICKOWSKY, NANCY ANDERSON.**

**STANDING: RICHARD HARRIMAN, MICHAEL ANDERSON, BILL
GRIFFIN, THOMAS SOMERS, WILLIAM BRADFORD, CHERI HAR-
RIMAN, MIKE GRIFFIN JACK NEWTON.**



Narragansett Rebekah Lodge #145 Christmas party.
Joining us were Ronald Boucher and Karen Underwood
from Ivy #5

Ninety Second I.O.O.F. Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns May 1-3, 2026, Arlington, Virginia

Greetings to all members, families and friends of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. You are cordially invited to attend the Ninety Second Annual Independent Order of Odd Fellows Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns. Members of all units of the Order are encouraged to participate. The Pilgrimage Committee is pleased to provide the following information about this annual event.

The 2026 Pilgrimage will take place on Sunday, May 3 at Arlington National Cemetery. The memorial services will begin at noon followed by the wreath laying ceremonies at the Tomb immediately after the 1:00 p.m. changing of the guard. Please note the dates and times the program will be held. The Pilgrimage address at the Tomb will be delivered by the Honorable Thomas J. Calabrese, Sovereign Grand Master.

The Hilton Alexandria Mark Center, at 5000 Seminary Road, Alexandria, Virginia 22311, will be our headquarters. Room reservations are to be made directly with the hotel, at toll-free 1-800-Hiltons (1-800-445-8667) or 1-703-845-1010. You MUST mention "Odd Fellows Pilgrimage" when reserving your room to receive the special rate of \$139 for up to four (4) in a room. All room rates are subject to applicable hotel tax. (See attached information about hotel accommodations).

The annual Pilgrimage banquet will be held in the hotel on Saturday, May 2, 2026, at 7:00 PM. (Advance ticket purchase required - see attached pre-registration form.) A social hour will be held from 5:45 PM to 6:45 PM. After the banquet, all present will have the opportunity to meet and greet the Honorable Thomas J. Calabrese, Sovereign Grand Master, Sovereign Grand Lodge from the Jurisdiction of New Jersey, Sister Pamela M. Isenhower, President, International Association of Rebekah Assemblies from the Jurisdiction of Texas, and General Marion F. Owens Jr., General Commanding, General Military Council, Patriarchs Militant, from the Department of Ohio.

We recommend that you schedule flights to and from Ronald Reagan National Airport (DCA), the nearest airport to the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center. The hotel no longer offers shuttle service. However, other transportation services are available from the airport. The Washington metro area is also served by Dulles International Airport (IAD), located 30 miles southwest of the Capital in Northern Virginia. Metro subway service is now available from Dulles with several stops in Northern Virginia from which you can get transportation to the hotel. Please note the event could be cancelled at the last minute by the military; therefore, travel arrangements should be made accordingly.

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