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ODD FELLOWS/REBEKAHS OF MAINE

DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

4/21/2024 JJYC POSTPONED TO JUNE

4/20/2024 SOUTHERN REGIONAL MEETING

5/18/2024 NORTHERN REGIONAL MEETING

6/15/2024 SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL MEETING

6/22/2024 COASTAL REGIONAL MEETING

6/15/2024 DEPARTMENT COUNCIL ATLANTIC NORTHEAST HELD IN KENNEBUNK. SEE PAGE 6 FOR DETAILS.

5/3 TO 5/6/2024 PILGRIMAGE TO THE TOMB

HERE IS A PROJECT YOUR LODGE CAN DO OVER THE NEXT FOUR MONTHS. THE IARA PRESIDENT IS ASKING FOR KNITTED HATS. PREME HATS FOR BABIES IN HOSPITALS AND PEOPLE ALL THE WAY UP TO AGE 102 .IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE SOME HATS PLEASE LET ME KNOW. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE MONEY TO PURCHASE SOME HATS THAT'S OK TOO. I WILL TAKE THEM WITH ME TO SESSION IN AUGUST. YOUR LODGE WILL GET A CERTIFICATE SHOWING THE NUMBER OF HATS DONATED. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE LET ME KNOW. DEB HARNEY. "RAMEASSTSECRETARY@GMAIL.COM".

LODGE OF SORROW

FRATERNITY LODGE #6 MARGUERITE (PEGGY) BOUCHER PASSED AWAY 2/3/2024

JURISDICTIONAL LODGE #1 LEON G. DORR PASSED AWAY 1/27/2024

MONROE LODGE #136 KENNETH TATE PASSED AWAY 11/26/2023



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

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APRIL 2024

## GRAND MASTER'S APRIL LETTER

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Hoping the Ground Hog was correct in February , that Spring is fast approaching! Been too much rain and wind. I guess we should be thankful for no big amounts of snow. Deputy Grand Master Richard McLaughlin and I went to the Rebekah's First Regional Meeting, March 9th at the Acme lodge in Oakland. It was so nice to have such a great turnout for the meeting. Verna Jones and helpers made such a delicious ham dinner.

In March, I did Inspection at St. George lodge, Joshua Davis Lodge, Blue Hill Lodge and Warren Lodge.

In April, I will be attending the District Meetings for District 1, on April 10th at Mousam Lodge #26. And the District 6, District Meeting on April 16th at the new Governor Brooks Lodge #142. April is the beginning of my out-State visitations and be heading on April 12, to Rhode Island Grand Lodge Session.

Remember to come out and support IOOF Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns

I also wanted to spend a moment on talking about expanding our membership in our local lodges. By increasing our numbers, we can strengthen our collective voice and extend our reach to even more communities in need. Membership growth is not just about numbers; it is about building a vibrant and inclusive community of like-minded individuals who share our values and are dedicated to making a difference. To achieve this, we must actively engage with our current members and foster a sense of camaraderie and belonging. Let us organize regular meetings, events, and educational programs that provide opportunities for personal growth, networking, and meaningful connections. By nurturing our existing relationships, we can inspire our members to become ambassadors for our cause and encourage them to invite others to join our ranks. Remember the more members we have the bigger voice we have at Sovereign. We lost one of the Grand Representative positions last year do to lost of membership in our local lodges. If anybody is doing Degrees, please inform me or the Grand Lodge so that maybe I could come if can fit into my schedule to come visit.

I wish to express my gratitude to everybody, who bought my Good Shepherd Calendar Raffle. I will be beginning another Calendar Raffle late March or early April. Hoping you all will take another chance on my next calendar Raffle.

Yours in FLT,

Troy Carter

Grand Master

## REBEKAH ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT'S APRIL LETTER

To my sisters and brothers,

Hope everyone got only a few April Fools but had a wonderful and lucky St Patrick's Day.

I do not think we need any more showers this month as the water level everywhere I look is quite high.

I have had a very busy March and look forward to the month ahead.

We had a very good meal for the 1st Regional Meeting and a fun meeting. I hope that I didn't torture people with my Women of the Bible quizzes. I took a few pics. Our Grand Master and some of the men looked handsome in the green hats and ties.

Congratulations to Carol Pavone on receiving her 50-year pin.

We collected socks, slippers, and blankets for the homeless shelters at the Regional meeting. Thank you to all the lodges that donated and came to the March meetings.

I appreciated the ladybug gifts and fingernail adornment. It was wonderful. Thank you, Acme #75, for all the work you did on lunch, tableau and for hosting the meeting. I am working on another activity for the homeless shelters. More to come next month.

In FL&T

Denise Annis

President Rebekah Assembly of Maine

**TROY  
CARTER**



**FIRST REGIONAL MEETING PICTURES**





## **REGIONAL MEETINGS:**

### **SOUTHERN REGIONAL MEETING**

**WILL BE ON SATURDAY APRIL 20TH AT IVY, UNITY LODGE HALL,  
179 RIDGELAND AVENUE SOUTH PORTLAND.**

**MEAL IS AT 11:30, COST IS \$10.00, PLEASE RSVP AND SEND MONEY TO:**

**MYRTLE MILLER**

**20 EAST VIEW COURT**

**BIDDEFORD, ME 04005**

**PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECKS OUT TO IVY REBEKAH LODGE #5.**

**MEETING WILL BE AT 1:00 P.M. FOLLOWING THE MEAL. RESIDENT  
CHEF RALPH WILL BE PREPARING A GREAT MEAL. THERE WILL BE  
LOTS OF EXCITING RAFFLES, AN EXCHANGE TABLE AND LOTS MORE.**

### **NORTHERN MAINE REGIONAL MEETING 18 MAY 2023**

**WILL BE HELD IN THE CHAPMAN RIDGE RUNNERS CLUB HOUSE,  
TOWN HALL RD CHAPMAN ME. 11 A.M. WITH LUNCH, OF HADDOCK  
CHOWDER, VEGETABLE SOUP, ROLLS AND CRACKERS.**

**DESSERT: SHEET CAKES WITH CHOICE OF STRAWBERRIES/ CREAM  
OR ICE CREAM.**

**COST \$10.00. CHECK MADE OUT TO STARLIGHT REBEKAH LODGE #82,  
SEND TO: SANDRA DUREPO**

**639 LIMESTONE RD.**

**FT. FAIRFIELD ME 04742,**

**NO LATER THAN 13TH OF MAY. NO TICKETS SOLD AT DOOR.**

**MEETING STARTS AT 1 PM WITH PRA DENISE ANNIS, AS OUR QUEST OF  
HONOR.**

**FRIDAY EVENING WE WILL BE GOING OUT TO SUPPER AT GOVER-  
NOR'S RESTAURANT AT 5 P.M. PLEASE LET LUELLE KNOW BY MAY  
13TH. IF YOU ARE GOING, SO TABLE WILL BE READY FOR US.**

**HOTELS IN AREA ARE: HAMPTON INN (207) 769-0111, NORTHEASTLAND  
(207) 768-5321**

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**March 27, 2024**

**To all Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge I.O.O.F. of Maine.**

## **GREETINGS!**

**The 180th Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of Maine I.O.O.F. will be held on Friday and Saturday, October 18th, and 19th 2024 at the Best Western Plus, 375 Main Street, Waterville, Maine Tel.# 207-873-0111. Take the Maine Turnpike to Exit 130 (ME Rt.104 S/ Main Street), Turn right (if going North) or left (if going South) on to ME-104 S/Main Street, then take your immediate left into the Best Western Plus Waterville Grand Hotel.**

**Room reservations are to be made directly to the hotel no later than September 18, 2024 to guarantee the rates we have locked in. The room rates for 2 double beds will be \$129.00 + tax. Call as soon as possible for reservations; mention Rebekah Assembly or Odd Fellows Grand Lodge. Do not forget to request if you have any special needs.**

**On Friday morning, the Rebekah Assembly will reconvene promptly at 8:00 A.M. the Assembly Degree will be conferred if needed. Immediately following the degree, the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment Officers and members will be introduced.**

**The Official Opening of the Grand Lodge will begin at 1:00 P.M. on Friday. The Grand Lodge Degree will be conferred as soon as the Grand Lodge is opened. The degree will also be conferred on Saturday morning after the Grand Lodge reconvenes at 9:00 A.M. Registration (no fee) will start 1 hour prior to the opening on both Friday and Saturday. All Maine Grand Lodge members are voting members, 3rd Degree members may attend, after the Grand Lodge is dropped to the 3rd Degree but have no vote.**

**Recommended Dress Code for the Session is a Business Casual.**

**Any Past Grand or 3rd Degree PNG in good standing in an Odd Fellows Lodge, may take the Grand Lodge Degree, they must have their Past Grand's/PNG certificate. Lodge Secretaries be sure to complete the certificate, give one copy to the retiring Noble Grand and mail one copy to the Grand Secretary.**

**Information on meals and the Banquet will be provided in the August newsletter.**



**ROCKABEMA LODGE #78 VISITED THE NURSING HOME TO SEE BROTHER KELLY BISHOP, SEATED IN WHEELCHAIR, WHO IS IN LONG TERM CARE. STANDING LEFT TO RIGHT ARE TREASURER MARK JACKINS, CHAPLIN DGM RICHARD MCLAUGHLIN, NG GEORGE MERRITT, WARDEN DDGM BRUCE FOLSOM, RSNG JOHN LINCOLN, AND SECRETARY DAVID BROWN.**



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