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ODD FELLOWS/REBEKAHS OF MAINE

DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

**Traditional Duties of
an Odd Fellow Are:**

ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE 2/15/2022

• **To visit the sick**

FIRST DISTRICT MEETING 3/19/2022

• **To relieve the
distressed**

2022 PILGRIMAGE TO THE TOMB

• **To bury the dead**

**SEE PAGES 6 AND 7. MORE INFO ON SGL WEBSITE
"IOOF.ORG" JAN/FEB NEWSLETTER.**

• **To Educate the
Orphan**

**IN ORDER FOR US TO PLAN A BUS TRIP
FOR THE PILGRIMAGE TO THE TOMB, WE
WILL NEED A HEAD COUNT OF ALL INTER-
ESTED PARTIES. IF YOU ARE PLANNING ON
GOING THIS YEAR PLEASE CONTACT THE
GRAND LODGE ASAP SO WE CAN DECIDE IF
WE SHOULD PROCEED WITH RESERVING A
BUS. DATES FOR THE TRIP SHOULD BE
FROM 5/6 TO 5/9/2022. CONTACT INFO IS ON
LAST PAGE OF NEWSLETTER.**

Helping others to
build a better World

LODGE OF SORROW

**IF YOU WANT
YOUR LODGES
EVENTS AND
PHOTOS PUB-
LISHED PLEASE
SEND THEM TO
THE GL EMAIL
PREFERABLE AS
A WORD DOCU-
MENT OR AT-
TACHMENTS**

**REBEKAH JURISDICTIONAL LODGE PNG BERTHA
SPRAGUE PASSED AWAY 12/17/2021**

**WARREN LODGE #127 RONALD LUFKIN PASSED
AWAY 1/22/2022**



**FEBRUARY
2022**

GRAND MASTER'S LETTER

2/1/2022

An observation I have made over the last three years. There are only a few lodges that are actually healthy and growing, many are fading out slowly and their remaining members seem to accept it far too readily. They seem to have lost interest in everything but being a few old friends having coffee once or twice a month. Many of the lodges are in disrepair and need help with finance or maybe just need help with ideas on what direction to take for a better future. I have been thinking about this problem and a way to help out with these issues. I am asking all lodge secretaries to complete a questionnaire on each lodge's issues, so I know what lodges are in need of for help, it's vital that each lodge member discuss this issue amongst themselves and respond quickly, please take this seriously!

Odd Fellowship will go away in Maine completely unless each member reminds themselves of why they are Odd Fellows and step-up and act. I'm always willing to hear from each member with their concerns, worries, problems, suggestions, call me direct (207)423-1552 anytime if I don't answer leave me a message and I'll return the call A.S.A.P. as I can! You can also email me Ralph_Trynor@hotmail.com. Let us know what we need to do. The Grand lodge is here to support all of you but cannot help without your input, do what's necessary and right.

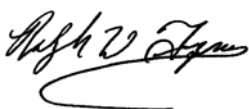
Show us that you care about being an Odd Fellow and take some action, use the Grand Lodge!!

MEMBERSHIP IDEA Hey! Are you looking for a way to increase membership? Collect your members magazines and distribute them to your local businesses, like restaurants or somewhere people have to wait and want to have something to read. Put a sticker on the back with your lodge's contact information. This is a great way to spread the word and show what our lodges do and to get people interested in becoming members. Staple one of the brochures about Odd Fellowship inside the cover. It wouldn't hurt to put an application in there as well. It's an easy way to get the word out and you get to meet your business neighbors and you might get some new members. **SHARE YOUR IDEAS** Don't forget to share your ideas. We have a lot of lodges that can use your help with getting members. If you have a success story, then please share it with us.

Once again I hope that you have new members who have been willing to take up the challenge of filling an office within your lodge. I hope all of you will help and guide them as they learn their roles within your lodge, for there is nothing more worthwhile than knowing you are needed and can help. Again, I ask you all to contact any of your Grand Lodge Officers at any time if you are in need of help and I expect my Officers to pass the information on to me in a timely manner. We are truly here to help make your journey in Odd Fellowship a most wonderful experience.

Please check the Grand Lodge Website OddFellowsOfMaine.org or IOOF-ME.org under the "Find a Lodge" link and make sure the correct information is there for your lodge. If something needs to be changed or added please let me know so I can fix it.

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FROM THE GRAND MASTER'S DESK

What do you feel is your lodges most pressing issue?

What can the Grand Lodge do to help your lodge with that issue?

Does your lodge put on any events for the public? If so what events do you put on for the public.

Does your lodge do any kind of advertising or publicity listing in any of the local newspapers?

If you do publish or advertise where and how do you do it, this may help other lodges with ideas.

Would your lodge like to put on an event but needs help with the funding?

If so what type of event, about how much would it cost, how many people do you expect to attend?

**Would your lodge like to do a yearly event for the public to help get the word out about our lodges? Yes _____
No _____**

Lodge _____

Contact name and number _____

PRESIDENT of REBEKAH ASSEMBLY'S FEBRUARY LETTER

Greetings all

Happy New Year!

I hope 2022 is a great year for everyone. Don't forget January 15th Thomas Wildey Day, please remember the founder of the Odd Fellows in North America and what our great organization stands for.

First Regional meeting will be March 19th 2022 at the Masonic Hall 5 Oak St, Lisbon Falls. There will be a ham lunch at 11:30am and meeting at 1:00pm, the cost of the lunch will be \$5.00. Please RSVP to Gail Morgan 333 West Burrough Rd, Bowdoin ME 04287 and make checks payable to Nina Lodge #86

Vice President Gretchen Clark had hip surgery and everything went very well, let's keep her in our thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery.

It is very cold out and let's not forget our shut ins, a card or a phone call can make some ones day.

Happy Valentine's Day in advance

F L & T Marilee Perkins

President, Rebekah Assembly of Maine

TO ALL BRANCHES OF OUR ORDER.

We the Home Committee wish to thank everyone that donated to the Christmas Party.

We met at the Grand Lodge on Wednesday, with everyone picking out their favorite place to sit. We had coffee and donuts.

Didi, Charlette, and Miranda arrived to decorate Marilee's tree, it was beautiful. This was on display at the Grand Lodge.

We exchanged names for our party on Friday night' Dispersed the names of residents and their Christmas List, then off to shopping. This was a lot of fun, we kept running into each other at the different stores.

With the leadership of our President, Marilee Perkins, things went very smoothly. Everyone helped each other on the wrapping, lots of fellowship, laughter, and of course food.

Friday night we had a pizza party and exchanged our gifts, always fun. Glenda, brought a book on How Well Do You Know About Holiday Traditions. Needless to say, good thing she had the answers!!

I would like to thank the Grand Lodge for letting us use the downstairs, this worked out well.

We would also like to thank the John, Doreen, and the Staff at the Home for working so hard to keep our Residents safe.

Hopefully next year we will be able to decorate the Home, visit the Residents, and give them a great Holiday Party.

In FL&T

PPRA Verna Jones

President of the Home Board.

.Eighty-eighth I.O.O.F. Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns May 6-8, 2022, Arlington, Virginia January 2022

Greetings to all members, families and friends of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. You are cordially invited to attend the Eighty-eighth 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 2022 Pilgrimage will take place on Sunday, May 8 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 this year. The Pilgrimage address at the Tomb will be delivered by the Honorable Charles E. 'Chuck' Lusk, 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 \$125 single/double, \$140 triple, and \$150 quad. 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 7, 2022, 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 Charles E. 'Chuck' Lusk, Sovereign Grand Master, Sovereign Grand Lodge from the Jurisdiction of Ohio, Sister Kathleen D. 'Kathy' Richen President, International Association of Rebekah Assemblies from the Jurisdiction of Massachusetts, and General Michael L. Bowers, General Commanding, General Military Council, Patriarchs Militant, from the Jurisdiction of Tennessee.

We recommend that you schedule flights to and from Ronald Reagan National Airport (DCA), the nearest airport to the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center. Hotel shuttle service may or may not be available depending on Covid restrictions that may be in place in May. Taxi service is available. The Washington metro area is also served by Dulles International Airport (IAD), located 30 miles southwest of the Capital in Northern Virginia. (There is no free hotel shuttle from this airport.) Please note the event could be cancelled at the last minute by the military; therefore, travel arrangements should be made accordingly. In addition, masks will be required for all events. We encourage you to publicize this special annual event in your I.O.O.F. community. The contact information for the various events is listed on the reverse of this page or on the attached forms. We look forward to seeing you May 6-8, 2022, in Alexandria, Virginia

**PRE-REGISTRATION AND PURCHASE OF TICKETS FORM ONE FORM PER PERSON
PRE-REGISTRATION:**

\$5.00 per person, pre-registration deadline: March 31, 2022. Registrations postmarked after March 31, 2022, or in-person registrations: \$8.00 per person. Any questions about registration? Contact Independent Order of Odd Fellows Pilgrimage Committee, Treasurer Wanda Smith Phone: 1-703-590-1267 E-mail: 0302wsmith@gmail.com

PILGRIMAGE REGISTRATION DESK (upper lobby foyer of the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center) Open Friday, May 6, 3:00-7:00 P.M.; Saturday, May 7, 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.; Sunday, May 8, 8:00-10:00 A.M. Pre-registered participants must pick up their registration envelopes which include the Pilgrimage badge and certificate of attendance and any pre-paid tickets as requested on this form. In-person registrations are accepted. Any transportation tickets still available may be purchased. PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE – ONE FORM PER PERSON - (Please copy this form as needed) PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE March 31, 2022

**Name _____ Phone # _____ Email _____ Address _____
_____ Jurisdiction _____**

**_____ Highest Title you want printed on the certificate _____
_____ All funds are stated in U.S. dollars and must be**

paid in U.S. dollars. NO REFUNDS.

() \$ 5.00 PRE-REGISTRATION FEE available until March 31, 2022, after March 31, 2022, fee is \$8.00

() \$ 58.00 SATURDAY PILGRIMAGE BANQUET -- MUST be reserved and prepaid by March 31. Unless there are canceled reservations, no additional banquet tickets will be available.

() \$ 50.00 ARLINGTON CEMETERY TRANSPORTATION TICKETS - round-trip bus from the Hilton to the Visitor Center; round-trip shuttle from the visitor center to the tomb for Sunday, May 8, 2022 only. Space is limited. Unless there are cancellations, last minute transportation tickets may not be available

*****Masks are required for all events*** NO PRIVATE VEHICLES or BUSES WILL BE PERMITTED TO ENTER THE CEMETERY AND PARK. PRIVATE VEHICLE AND BUS PARKING IS AVAILABLE FOR A FEE AT THE COMMERCIAL PARKING GARAGE AT ARLINGTON CEMETERY. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Check # _____ Amount of check _____ All funds are stated in U.S. dollars and must be paid in U.S. dollars. Make checks payable to: Independent Order of Odd Fellows Pilgrimage Committee and send with this form to: Independent Order of Odd Fellows Pilgrimage Committee P. O. Box 7165, Woodbridge, VA 22195 Phone: 1-703-590-1267 – E-mail: 0302wsmith@gmail.com

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