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ODD FELLOWS/REBEKAHS OF MAINE

DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE 2/15/2022

2023 PILGRIMAGE TO THE TOMB

**THE WREATH LAYING WILL BE HELD ON
MAY 8TH 2022**

**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.**

LODGE OF SORROW

**PINEA REBEKAH LODGE #71 BEULAH MA-
SON PASSED AWAY 11/17/2022.**

**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 PUB-
LISHED PLEASE
SEND THEM TO
THE GL EMAIL
PREFERABLE AS
A WORD DOCU-
MENT OR AT-
TACHMENTS**



**JANUARY
2023**

Grand Master's January Letter

Hi folks! I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas, and are on their way to having a happy, healthy and prosperous 2023!

I'm pleased to announce that Blue Hill Lodge, will be hosting a monthly cribbage tournament, starting January 21, 2023 at 4:30 P.M.. The tournament will be the 3rd Saturday of every month. The lodge will be providing pot luck.

The Brooksville Lodge will also be hosting a monthly cribbage tournament, the 2nd Saturday of every month, beginning January 14, 2023. Let's get out and support them!!

Albion Lodge held a 1st Degree for seven members on December 5th. Joshua Davis Lodge held the 1st Degree on December 7th, for two members, and on the 14th held the Second Degree for nine members!

Brooklin Lodge #133, is planning a 3rd Degree on January 9th.

Warren Lodge #127 is planning a 2nd degree on December 30th.

IF ANY LODGE HAS ANY CANIDATES THAT NEED THE 3RD DEGREE, CONTACT THE GRAND LODGE OR GM ROD RONCO!

On December 10th, we participated in the annual Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Home Christmas party. What a joy to be able to do it in person this year!! As GM I played Santa, handing out gifts to the residents that President Gretchen Clark and her many elves had purchased. Fun was had by all!

Unity Lodge #3 of South Portland held a Christmas party on December 14th.

So long for now, GM Rod Ronco in F,L&T

President of the Rebekah Assembly January Letter

Greetings Sisters and Brothers,

I Hope everyone had a great Christmas and enjoyed lots of time with family. I would like to thank everyone who donated to the Home Christmas. Mom and I had a great time at the Unity Lodge Christmas Party. Thanks to Unity Lodge for the Invite. As many of you know I love Christmas and big trees. Mom and I picked out a tree and it ended up being a little too big, but we made it work. Oops!

The Home Christmas Party's were a success. My committee and I started on Wednesday, decorating the home, and many of the resident's said how nice everything looked. On Thursday morning we were able to have coffee and doughnuts with the nursing home side, social distance from the residents of course. We all had a great time, and the doughnuts were very delicious. We then started shopping and finished all of the wrapping. We had to have all of the gifts ready to go for Friday morning as the nursing home party was in the afternoon. Friday morning the residents on the Residential side, sang some Christmas songs for me and my committee. They did such a great job! In the afternoon we had the party on the nursing home side. It went well, and the resident's all had a great time. You could see many smiles on there faces. I had a small party for my committee Friday night at the hotel as a Thank You to all the hard work they put in during the week. Saturday afternoon we had the other party for the residential side. Everyone sang some Christmas songs and Santa stopped by and paid a visit. The room was filled with smiles from all. It felt so great to be able to go back in the home again and make it magical for the residents. They also did a wonderful job decorating my President's Tree. I just love it!

There is not much upcoming other than a board meeting. Enjoy the winter months and relaxation. Spring is going to come quick which means busy season for traveling.

If there is anything that I can do to help, please let me know.

Have a Happy New Year!

In F.L.T Gretchen Clark President Rebekah Assembly of Maine

GRAND PATRIARCHS DECEMBER 2022 LETTER

Good day.

The Grand Encampment Session has come and gone on November 12, 2022. We had a good turnout with many out of state guests attending. A great time was had by all.

Before the Grand Encampment Session, Bea and I attended PGP Ron Brann's wife Judy Brann's service on Thursday November 10 in Rockland. An excellent Rebekah Service was done by sisters and brothers from her lodge.

With Bea being the District Deputy Grand Patriarch for District #1 and me being the Grand Patriarch keep a lookout for us to show up together to all the encampments, Odd Fellows & Rebekah events, and Canton events in the state.

We attended on November 19, 2022, the President's and Grand Master's Reception along with their Marshals Judy Clark-Foster and David Gulya held at the Waterville Fireside Inn.

In F.H.&C.

Grand Patriarch, Frederick Stuart



SANTA AND ELVES

LODGE NOTES

Just a note to let everyone know what a small but mighty group have been up to. On Dec. 07 we had a Xmas party, baked chicken with all the trimmings. Must say very good, thanks all. After our dinner we had exchange of gifts, game of right / left with everyone getting a gift, lots of fun. Then the party began with our famous auction of home made gift and famous auctioneer “Peggy,” now some of you have been to our auctions so you know the fun we have some saying did I buy this for HOW MUCH!! She has away that you bid against yourself but every one is happy at the end, with only 7 members present we made \$198.00 for our lodge , we also gave 20 boxes of cereal to the food bank in Ft.. Fairfield and we the members brought in 250 prs of socks for the veterans at Caribou veterans home.

Members all pull together to do the best we can for a small lodge here in Northern Maine. Small but mighty. Hope all had a Merry Xmas and great new year for our order.

In FL&T

Starlight Rebekah Lodge#82

Luella Dean PP Secretary. .

Priscilla Rebekah Lodge #69, had a great time doing two craft shows this year. We did on at the Space in Skowhegan and one at the Church.

We are trying to get our name out there and get new members. We did pretty well with both of them.

**Ernestine MacMillan
Sec. Priscilla Rebekah Lodge # 69**



Liberty Rebekah Lodge #94 wishes to show our appreciation for our member Sister Doreen Locke, a Past District Deputy President who was appointed by the President of the Rebekah Assembly many years ago. Doreen has worked at the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Home for 30 years. She has been awarded the national honor of Assisted Living Nurse of the year. This award is given to a Nurse who has shown dedication to her profession and has exemplified what it means to be one of the best care givers in Long-Term-Care. Doreen is the first person from Maine to win this prestigious award. She made a trip to Nashville to receive the award.

Other uplifting news from Liberty #94. Instead of having one Make a Difference Day each year, this year we are planning to have a Make a Difference Day once a month from October through June. The residents of the HOME will be our focus. This is a surprise for the residents so our plans will be revealed to you for this month in the next newsletter.

We are happy to let you know that our very faithful Rebekah sister, Cathy Hunnewell, is now living at the HOME on the residential side. If anyone reading this happens to visit the Home please look her up and say "Hello".

News from Liberty Rebekah Lodge #94 of Auburn.

In October our lodge had a Make a Difference Day for the residents of the our HOME. Two baskets of gifts were presented to the residents one for each side. Gloves for the women and socks for the men. Each resident received a bag to open with their gift. This note was attached to each gift.

May this gift make a difference to you today.

Margaret, Kenny, Diane,

Esther, & Cindy

Elected officers of Liberty #94

We have another surprise for them to give them, another make a difference in their day sometime in November.

Our lodge will honor Donald Nason by making a donation to the Lawrence Tidswell Endowment Fund.

Submitted by Esther Tucker

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