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ODD FELLOWS/REBEKAHS OF MAINE

DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

Traditional Duties of an Odd Fellow Are:

Southern Regional Meeting will be held on Saturday, June 11th at Ivy Rebekah Lodge #5. 179 Ridgeland Ave, South Portland Maine.

- To visit the sick
- To relieve the distressed
- To bury the dead
- To Educate the Orphan
Helping others to build a better World

DEPARTMENT COUNCIL ATLANTIC NORTHEAST SESSION 6/18/2022.

COASTAL REGIONAL MEETING JUNE 23, 2022 AT 1:00 P.M. AT THE ST. GEORGE LODGE HALL, 7 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ROAD. TENANTS HARBOR.

IF YOU WANT YOUR LODGES EVENTS AND PHOTOS PUBLISHED PLEASE SEND THEM TO THE GL EMAIL PREFERABLE AS A WORD DOCUMENT OR ATTACHMENTS

NOTES

HELLO FROM ACME REBEKAH LODGE #75. WE HAVE BEEN BUSY SINCE ASSEMBLY. WE PUT ON A POTLUCK SUPPER AND WELCOMED THE DISTRICT DEPUTY PRESIDENT OF DISTRICT #2, FRED CARRIGAN WHO BROUGHT US THE PRESIDENTS PROGRAM. MANY MEMBERS ALSO WENT TO THE OTHER VISITATIONS IN OUR DISTRICT, IT WAS GREAT TO VISIT AND SEE OTHER MEMBERS. WE ALSO HOSTED THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT FOR THEIR ANNUAL SESSION IN OAKLAND. EVERYTHING WENT GREAT AND WE ARE ALWAYS HAPPY TO HAVE THEM. I HOPE EVERYONE HAD A WONDERFUL THANKSGIVING. ENJOY THE UPCOMING HOLIDAY SEASON! MIRANDA

LODGE OF SORROW

ST. GEORGE LODGE #132 AND MIRIAM REBEKAH #33 ARTHUR IFEMEY PASSED AWAY 5/10/2022.



MAY 2022

GRAND MASTER'S LETTER

Well here we are in JUNE.

It has been an interesting few months. I have been invited to and visited a few of the lodges. I also got to go to the Tomb of the Unknown and place a wreath, which was a very moving and humbling experience for me. In my travels I have made it to a number of out of state sessions. It was eye opening to see other issues happening around the country and in Canada but all in all things seem to be on the right track. I was pleased to see the cooperation the Grand Lodge in Nova Scotia had with its members when handling some very difficult tasks, I also had a great time while there and can't wait to go back.

I have asked this before, and it still holds true. If any lodges are having or hosting any events, please let the Grand Lodge know so we can help you promote it. You can also put information on the Grand Lodge's Facebook page so other will know what you are doing. <https://www.facebook.com/OddFellowsOfMaine/>. Also, let's not forget the Grand Lodge may be able to help you with some of the funding for public events.

I am also glad to see that we have four lodges interested in starting a Youth lodge and one that is going to look into it more. You should be able to reach out to our youth committee for information on youth lodges and starting one or contact Michele Trynor @ 207-423-1551 as she is the SGL/IARA Joint Youth Committee Secretary. I would hope that the youth committee has at some point over the years been in touch with the lodges about youth lodges and some of the benefits of having one. This could be our biggest asset and a fresh source for new, younger members.

I also have asked that lodges fill out a questionnaire in the past and few have responded to that newsletter. Please take the time to fill it out for us at the Grand Lodge so we may better serve you. Remember this is your Grand Lodge and we are here to serve you. I would hope you are electing us for our qualifications so that we are better able to serve you. We need to move forward with new ideas and we need your help so please get those questionnaires in to us.

In this newsletter I would also like to thank Warren Lodge for all the invites and updates on things they do. They are followed by a close second with St George Lodge. I greatly appreciate the invitations and knowing what is going on even if I am unable to make every event. When Lodges let the Grand Lodge know about things like this it helps us know what the lodges are doing. I also love the fact that lodges like Warren and St George work together doing events and members visit each other's lodges.

I would like to see more lodges visit each other. I know this is hard for some because of dates and time so I have come up with an idea. To help make it a little easier, if a couple of lodges in different districts would like to get together,

Why not pick a day like Saturday and a time like 1 pm to hold a special meeting for a get together. I would be glad to give a dispensation so the meeting can take place. This will give time for travel, the meeting and travel back home all during the daytime. It is nice to see the differences in how we run our lodges and also have a great time together every once in a while. Maybe not even have a meeting, but a BBQ or some other type of event.

There are lots of things out there that help us promote the Odd Fellows, you just need to look. An example of this is something like Wreaths Across America. Every town in Maine has a cemetery that could become a WAA event getting you news coverage and local people involved as well as meeting you. It is that foot in the door, that chance to get a new member, and an opportunity to make an impression on a young mind. The Noble Grand of Unity Lodge #3 Michele Trynor did this event last year for WAA and she can put you in touch with the right people to start a project like this. Starting to think about this gives you time to prepare, raise funds for wreaths and get ready for this December when we once again Honor our Veterans both fallen and active.

In Closing I would just ask that everyone become more active in promoting your Lodge to the public, other Lodges and to the Grand Lodge. Let's grow Odd Fellows in Maine.

FLT GM Ralph Trynor

GRAND PATRIARCHS JUNE NEWSLETTER

Good morning to everyone . May has been a long month. Ivy's visitation was very nice. Then it was off to Washington to assist in the march to lay the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown. That was an interesting trip down and back. Last night Glenda Knights and I visited District Meeting in District 3 in Warren, ME The demonstrations went smoothly. Conclave is coming up. Hope to see you there.

F,H.C. Mura, Knights, Grand Patriarch

Grand Encampment of Maine

REBEKAH ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT'S JUNE LETTER

Greetings all

Well since the last newsletter I had the great pleasure of going to Washington DC and being the line up to lay the wreath at the tomb of the unknown soldier. This was such an honor. On Saturday I had the chance to see some of the Memorials, what a humbling experience. I would like to thank all who made the trip with me, and sharing in fun and friendship.

Save the date June 11th 2022 will be the southern regional meeting at Ivy lodge in South Portland.

June 26th 2022 JJYC meeting at Acme's lodge hall in Oakland at 1pm, make sure all tickets are turned for the calendar raffle. The more you sell the more kids we can help.

On Memorial Day make sure to remember all the men and women who we have lost in active service. Lodges may want visit your local cemeteries, put flags out if permitted, have a small service.

I hope everyone is able to get out and enjoy the warm weather, plant flowers, go for a walk or just sit in the sun. Enjoy!

F L & T Marilee Perkins President, Rebekah Assembly of Maine.

Coastal Regional Meeting:

Rebekah Coastal Regional Meeting date is July 23, to be held at St. George Lodge Hall, 7 Elementary School Road, Tenants Harbor.

Luncheon will be at 11:30 am with beef stew, rolls and pie. \$5.00 for luncheon with proceeds to go to President Marilee's special project. Meeting will begin at 1:00 pm.

Please RSVP for the luncheon to Ruth Harvey, 25A, Wiley's Corner Road, St. George ME 04860.

Thanks,

Nancy Fitzgerald

On Monday April 25 Priscilla #69 and Acme #75 helped do the degree work on a new member for Narragansett #145. Even though we had a small crowd, a good evening was had by all as it was also a visitation.



New Member Sister Jenna Davis and Gretchen Clark VP (Picture Attached)

Welcome Sister Jenna!

In .F.L.T

Gretchen Clark V.P

At our April meeting Priscila #69 brought items to donate to the Skowhegan Animal Shelter. We used to do this and stopped to due to not meeting because of the Pandemic but decided to start it again.

In F.L.T

Ernestine MacMillan

District #2 hosted the Central Regional Meeting on April 30th in Oakland. We had 30 Rebekah's present. We had a nice lunch and a good meeting.



**On Saturday April 30th at the Central Regional Meeting I had the honor of presenting Judy Clark-Foster PP with her 50 year jewel. What a surprise that was to her! Congratulations for being a 50 year member.
In F.LT**





People who rode on the bus for the Arlington Pilgrimage to the Tomb bus driver Dennis Farnham is front and center.

NOTES

FROM THE DESK OF THE ASSEMBLY TREASURER

Another year is getting ready to close. Please get everything to me that is pending by June 15th. Thank you for all you do for our order. Diddie

Southern Regional Meeting

The Southern Regional Meeting will be held on Saturday, June 11th at Ivy Rebekah Lodge #5. 179 Ridgeland Ave, South Portland Maine Lunch 11:30am and the meeting starts at 1:00PM.

For lunch reservations please contact Bea Stuart (207)887-9349.

Thank-you for all the get well soon cards and flowers for when I was recovering from hip surgery.

It really brightened my day.

F.L.T Gretchen Clark Vice President Rebekah Assembly

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