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ODD FELLOWS/REBEKAHS OF MAINE

DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

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

PRESIDENT'S VISITATION – MARCH 7, 2023 – IVY # 5

- To visit the sick

PRESIDENT'S VISITATION – MARCH 11, 2023 – NARRAGANSETT # 145 AND OLIVE # 21

- To relieve the distressed

FIRST REGIONAL MEETING – MARCH 18, 2023, NARRAGANSETT #145 SNOW DATE – MARCH 25, 2023

- To bury the dead

PILGRIMAGE TO THE TOMB DATES FOR THE TRIP ARE LEAVE FRIDAY 5/5/2023 RETURN MONDAY 5/8/2023. PRICE IS \$150 PER PERSON ALSO PICKING UP IN MASS AND CONNECTICUT.

- To Educate the Orphan
Helping others to build a better World

NORTHERN MAINE REGIONAL MEETING 20 MAY 2023.

LODGE OF SORROW

GARFIELD LODGE #99 FRANCIS O. BASS PASSED AWAY 1/4/2023

ROCKABEMA LODGE #78 JON FRASER PASSED AWAY 12/9/2022.

ROCKABEMA LODGE #78 LEROY CRANE PASSED AWAY 2/17/2023

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



**MARCH
2023**

GRAND MASTER'S MARCH LETTER

Hi brothers and sisters,

Well winter is coming to an end and it has been a good one. Myself and the Deputy Grand Master, Troy Carter, have been very busy. We have visited lodges from Rockabema in Houlton to Mousam in Kennebunk -and everywhere in between! It appears lodges are bringing in more candidates this year, as we have been to several lodges doing degrees.

Now that March is here those that close for the winter will be opening- along with the Rebekahs. I believe it will be a very busy Spring!

Let's get out and visit new and old friends-visit lodges other than your own; that is what Odd Fellowship is all about. Will have more for you next month!

Yours in FL&T, Grand Master, Rod Ronco

PRESIDENT'S LETTER MARCH

Greetings Sister and Brothers,

Spring is on its way, and the days are getting longer. It's so nice to get up and have sunlight. All lodges open In March which means it will be traveling time once again. Like Willie Nelson's song and PP Sister Luella's, I will be on the road again with my crew. My visitations will start off the traveling of the officers visiting the lodges.

SOME IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER THAT ARE COMING UP:

President's Visitation – March 7, 2023 – Ivy # 5

President's Visitation – March 11, 2023 – Narragansett # 145 and Olive # 21 - Refreshments

Correction: Presidents Visitation now March 11,2023 and not March 13, 2023.

First Regional Meeting – March 18, 2023, Narragansett #145 Snow Date – March 25, 2023

Address: 145 New Gorham Road, Westbrook, Maine 04092

Lunch 11:30 with 1:00 P.M meeting. Ham Dinner with mashed potatoes, carrots, peas, rolls, dessert, and drinks. Price is \$10.00 a person, RSVP by March 10, 2023. No reservations will be taken at the door, no refund for no shows.

Please send Reservations to: Diane Young 6 Juniper Circle Gorham, Maine 04038

Any Questions please call Diane Young at 207-839-4723

Bring your money! There's going to be baskets to take chances on, all money raised will be going to Cancer of Maine.

Please send all deaths of members to Sister Cheryl Holt to be used in the memorial service at Assembly. Please included when they became a member, a born and a death date. Her address is :82 Park Street, Apt 1, Madison, Maine 04950

Please remember, Rod and I have started setting tickets for a Queen Size Quilt. This raffle will be going until session in October, Drawn at the Banquet. Tickets are \$5.00 apiece. I have plenty to sell, please let me know if you would like to purchase some. I will have some with me at the First Regional Meeting.

Please Note: Ernestine MacMillan's Phone number is now her cell 207-474-1920, Do not call 207-474-2986.

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

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DAY	TICKET #	PERSON
1	0993	LINDA FURROW
2	0402	FREDERICK CARRIGAN
3	0777	DAVID PLUMMER
4	0326	TEAGUE BREWER FRAZEE
5	0310	WAYNE QUIMBY
6	0396	DEAN PHILBRICK
7	0174	CHRIS EBERT
8	0983	JULIE HOWARD
9	0844	IVER LOFVING
10	0315	KEITH JUDKINS
11	0189	DARYL ASTBURY
12	0778	MIKE GRIFFIN
13	0353	RANDY RONCO
14	0351	RANDY RONCO
15	0883	KENNETH GINN
16	0974	AMY LABRECQUE
17	0889	JACKIE RYAN
18	0348	RANDY RONCO
19	1047	JAMES BRAY SR.
20	0801	DAVID PATRY
21	0836	ERNESTINE MACMILLAN
22	0813	SUE ST. PETER
23	0879	LYNDA STEVENS
24	0360	GASPER RONCO
25	1103	JODY WEEKS
26	0799	DAVID PATRY
27	0939	SONNY MCPHERSON
28	0934	AMY LABRECQUE
29	0294	MONICA WOODSIDE
30	0485	PAUL KNUTSON
31	0297	JOANN RONCO

BUS TRIP ITINERARY

The bus departs from the park and ride off exit 45 of the Maine Turnpike on Friday, May 5th at 6:00 AM and returns on Monday, May 8th around 6:00 PM. Picks up and drops off at the Wells bus terminal at exit 19 also, about 6:30 AM, pick-up and drop off at I-495 rest stop mile 87 Chelmsford MA about 7:30 A.M. usually stop at Charlton rest area on I-90 for bathroom break and snacks. Next pick-up and drop off location is Nosahogan Odd Fellow Lodge 3200 E. Main St. Waterbury CT about 10:00 A.M. The bus stops about every 2 to 3 hours for bathroom breaks and to get out and walk around. We will stop for a lunch break about noon and should be arriving at the Adams Mark around 6:00 P.M. Be at your departure site a half hour early the bus leaves on time with or without you.

We would like to get a head count of how many are planning on riding the bus no later than March 20th.

The cost of the bus will be \$150.00/per person

If you are planning on riding the bus, please send a deposit of \$75.00 no later than March 20th. Make the check payable to The Grand Lodge of Maine and send to 80 Caron Lane Auburn Maine 04210. Make sure to mark memo section Trip to the Tomb. The remaining funds will be due no later than April 20, 2023.

You will be responsible for making your own room reservation and for your pre-registration. At the Cemetery you will have to buy a tram ticket for a ride up to the Tomb, also I have been informed that a form of government ID will be required for people 18 and over (e.g. driver's license, state ID, passport etc.) under 18 a student ID is required.

We can have the bus for up to 15 hours on Saturday and Sunday, so we plan on going out to eat as a group after the wreath laying.

Thank you , in FL&T

Michael Anderson

(207) 786-3638 gloofmesec@roadrunner.com

PS: to be able to contact you please include your cell phone number when you send in your money.

HAPPENINGS IN THE OTHER JURISDICTIONS

THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF RHODE ISLAND AND CONNECTICUT WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY 14 APRIL 2023, AND THE GRAND LODGE OF RHODE ISLAND WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY 15 APRIL 2023. BOTH AT THE WYNDHAM NEWPORT HOTEL, 240 AQUIDNECK AVENUE, MIDDLETOWN R.I.

THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE WILL BE ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY APRIL 21 AND 22 IN THE TOWN AND COUNTRY INN LOCATED ON US ROUTE 2 IN SHELBURNE NH. THE REBEKAH ASSEMBLY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE WILL ALSO MEET THERE.

THE REBEKAH ASSEMBLY OF MASSACHUSETTS WILL MEET ON FRIDAY JUNE 2ND AND THE GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS WILL MEET ON SATURDAY JUNE 3RD AT THE DOUBLETREE MILFORD HOTEL, 11 BEAVER STREET, MILFORD, MA.

IF YOU WANT MORE INFORMATION ON THESE EVENTS ODD FELLOWS CAN CONTACT THE GRAND SECRETARY AND REBEKAHS CAN CONTACT THE ASSEMBLY SECRETARY.

President Gretchen's visitation on 11 March 2023 with Narragansett Lodge #145 and Olive Lodge #21 Address: 145 New Gorham Road, Westbrook, Maine 04092. will have a 12:00 P.M. luncheon, soup, salad, and dessert. The meeting will start at 1:00 P.M. Please call Debra Harney at (207) 653-5285 and let her know you plan to attend.

**NORTHERN MAINE REGIONAL MEETING SATURDAY
20 MAY 2023**

Will be held in the Chapman Ridge Runners Club Town Hall Road Chapman, ME.

11:00 A.M. Lunch, Finger Sandwiches, Crackers, Cheese, Vegetable Platter, Pickles, Chips and for dessert, Gingerbread with Whipped Cream.

Cost \$10.00 per person, check made payable to Starlight Rebekah Lodge. Mail to Sandra Durepo 639 Limestone Road, Fort Fairfield, ME 04742. NO LATER THAN 15 MAY 2023.

Meeting to start at 1:00 P.M. - WRA Glenda Knights will be the visiting officer.

Hotels in the area are:

Hampton Inn (207) 760-9292.

Sure Stay Hotel (207) 769-0111.

Northeastland (207) 768-5321.

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