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ODD FELLOWS/REBEKAHS OF MAINE

**DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR**

**SCHUYLER COLFAX DAY THE 23RD DAY OF  
MARCH 2024**

**THE MONTH OF MARCH IS PROCLAIMED ODD FEL-  
LWS AND REBEKAHS ARTHRITIS MONTH IN COOPERA-  
TION OF FUND RAISING THROUGH THE ARTHRITIS  
FOUNDATION IN THE USA, AND THE ARTHRITIS SOCIE-  
TY IN CANADA**

**2024 PILGRIMAGE TO THE TOMB**

**THE WREATH LAYING WILL BE HELD ON MAY 5TH 2024  
INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE IN THE 2024 JAN-FEB ISSUE  
OF THE I.O.O.F. NEWS ON THE SGL WEBSITE.**

**THE BUS TRIP LETTER IS ON PAGE 6**

**LODGE OF SORROW**

**WARREN LODGE #127 PGM ARNOLD HILL PASSED AWAY  
1/31/2024**

**NINA REBEKAH LODGE #86 PNG DIANE TREACY PASSED AWAY  
2/7/2024**

**ST. GEORGE LODGE #132 JOSEPH N. KIRK PASSED AWAY  
11/30/2023**

**BROOKLIN LODGE #133 JOHN C. FULLER PASSED AWAY  
3/9/2023**

**SACCARAPPA LODGE #11 GORDON JUNKINS PASSED AWAY  
7/9/2023**



**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

**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**

**MARCH  
2024**

## February\_Calendar\_Raffle

Luann Bower 1st \$50.00  
Karen Pierce 2nd \$50.00  
Shannon Joyce 3rd \$50.00  
Michele Trynor 4th \$100.00  
Judy Clark Foster 5th \$50.00  
Mary Stevens 6th \$50.00  
Gerald Gray 7th \$50.00  
Bill Fuller 8th \$50.00  
Christina Carter 9th \$50.00  
Kathy Lymburner 10th \$50.00  
Bertha Stuart 11th \$100.00  
David Patry 12th \$50.00  
Mary Stevens 13th \$50.00  
Joey Hopkins 14th \$50.00  
Amelia Bragg 15th \$50.00  
Kathy Lymburner 16th \$50.00  
Chistina Fifield 17th \$50.00  
Rhonda Havener 18th \$100.00  
Bill Fuller 19th \$50.00  
David Gray 20th \$50.00  
Louise Sterling 21st \$50.00  
Joe Ronco 22nd \$50.00  
Christina Fifield 23rd \$50.00  
Susan Otis 24th \$50.00  
Belinda Brewer 25th \$100.00  
Glenda Knights 26th \$50.00  
George Stevens 27th \$50.00  
Evelyn Siebert 28th \$50.00  
Roderick Ronco 29th \$50.00

## ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT'S FEBRUARY LETTER

To all my brothers and sisters;

March is here!! That means either the Lamb or the Lion will show its face. 'Tis time for the wearing of the Green and those cute little leprechauns with their pot of gold at the end of many, many rainbows.

Now to get down to work. This month I'm thinking it is spring cleaning time! No, it is not too early. You know those extra gifts you bought in case you'd forgotten someone. Well, it is time to put them to use. Soaps, hand lotion, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste and/or brushes, anything new for personal hygiene is always welcome at homeless shelters. For a neat idea check with your lodge secretary as I am sending an idea along for you clever ladies. It involves a needle, thread and a washcloth and ribbon!

My first meeting with Lady Arambec will be February 28th with weather permitting.

Priscilla visitation March 5, supper at Mei Lee Gardens, 381 Madison Avenue meeting at 7

Sterling visitation March 6, supper at Kens. 411 Madison Avenue meeting at 7

Central meeting March 7, at Acme 75, supper at 6, meeting at 7

Regional meeting March 9, at Acme 75 snow date 16th

There is a joy in life to find  
At every turning of the road,  
The strong arm of a comrade kind,  
To help me with my load.  
And as I have no gold to give  
And love alone must make amends  
My only prayer is while I live,  
"God make me worthy of my  
friends."

Denise Annis President Rebekah Assembly

## **Vice Presidents Visitations and regional meetings:**

**First Regional Meeting March 9th in Oakland at the Masonic Hall 21 Oak Street. Lunch is \$10.00 at 11:30A.M., meeting starts at 1:00 P.M.**

**Visitation at Ivy on April 9th, harty snack will be at 6:30, meeting at 7:30, In Unity Lodge Hall. 179 Ridgeland Avenue South Portland.**

**Visitation at Narragansett on April 13th, there will be a Pot-luck meal.**

**Times and location have not been finalized yet.**

**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.**

**In F,L,&T**

**Glenda Knights**

**Vice-President**

**Rebekah Assembly of Maine**



## CELEBRATION OF LIFE

On Sunday 25 February an Odd Fellows service was conducted in Warren Lodge #127 by PGM Jerry Farnham and PG Mark Waltz for PGM Arnold Hill. It was well attended by his family and friends, the Grand Master and his staff of officers, 7 PGMs and many Odd Fellows and Rebekahs. Approximately 80 people were present. Humorous stories were told and numerous tributes to Arnold's kindness and generosity.



♦ **90th IOOF Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns**

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- ♦ **The bus departs from the park and ride off exit 45 of the Maine Turnpike on Friday, May 3th at 6:00 AM and returns on Monday, May 6th around 4:30 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 8 to 8:15 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 5:00 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 on Sunday, probably to the Silver Diner in Alexanderia.**
- ♦ **On Saturday if we get enough interest, we may take the bus to the Air and Space Museum at Dulles Airport. Please let me know ASAP so we can arrange it with the bus company.**
- ♦ **On Monday May 6 the bus will depart from the Adams Mark at 6:00 A.M.**
- ♦ **This trip is not restricted to only members of the order anybody can go that wants too.**
- ♦ **Thank you , in FL&T**
- ♦ **Michael Anderson**
- ♦ **(207) 786-3638                      gliooftmesec@roadrunner.com**

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

## NOTES

I love to Welcome our new Brothers that took their Initiatory degree at Brooklin Lodge #133 on February 26, 2024

Welcome

Frank John of Brooklin Lodge #133

Justin Weed of Governor Brooks Lodge no.142

Darrell Gray of Joshua Davis Lodge # 145

Thanks Andy Andrews for making delicious Scallop Stew !! And Josh Gray donation of Scallops !!

Thank you PGM Rod Ronco and PGM , Grand Warden George Stevens for coming this evening !!

FLT

Troy Carter Grand Master

### FRATERNITY LODGE #6 INVITATION

Come join us at our 138 year celebration at our Odd Fellows Hall located at 651 Forest Ave. Portland, Maine, on Friday March 29th from 6:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M. There will be raffles to buy to benefit Maine Needs.

Enjoy the entertainment and snacks. ALL ARE WELCOME

Joel Demers, Noble Grand

PP Ernestine MacMillan has been in North Light in Bangor for 3 weeks. She would appreciate cards and well wishes. This has been a difficult time for the family.

Please send cards to: Ernestine MacMillan 28 Dr. Mann Rd. Skowhegan, Maine 04976 and I will make sure she gets them in Bangor. If you would like to call her she does have her cell phone with her. She really needs some cheer.

Also our Family would like to thank Sister's Ruth Carrigan, June Lowe and Brother Fred Carrigan for stepping up and helping us with Bill and whatever was needed. This is what Odd Fellows and Rebekahs are about, helping others when they are down.

Gretchen Clark, PP.



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