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ODD FELLOWS/REBEKAHS OF MAINE

### **DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR**

**SWAN'S ISLAND DEGREE RALLY AT HANCOCK LODGE #150. 9 SEPTEMBER 2023 TAKE 9:00 A.M. FERRY FROM BASS BARBOR.**

**ANNUAL MEETING CAMP NEOFA SEPTEMBER 9TH AND 10TH AT CAMP NEOFA.**

**LADY ARAMBEC ANNUAL FUNDRAISER 16 SEPTEMBER 2023.**

**SEPTEMBER 30TH 2023 PRESIDENT'S FUNDRAISER SEE THE POSTER ON PAGE 6 FOR DETAILS. EVERYONE SHOULD COME FOR A GOOD TIME.**

**ME-GE SESSION WILL BE HELD AT THE UNITY LODGE #3 HALL AT 179 RIDGELAND AVE. SOUTH PORTLAND, MAINE. ON 11 NOVEMBER 2023 MEETING STARTS AT 9:00 A.M. A COMPLEMENTARY SOUP, MAKE YOUR OWN SANDWICH LUNCHEON AND DESSERT WILL BE SERVED AT NOON.**

### **LODGE OF SORROW**

**FRATERNITY #6 GEORGE CHRISTENSEN SR. PASSED AWAY 24 JULY 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 PUBLISHED PLEASE SEND THEM TO THE GL EMAIL PREFERABLE AS A WORD DOCUMENT OR ATTACHMENTS**

**SEPTEMBER  
2023**



## GRAND MASTER'S SEPTEMBER LETTER

### GREETINGS BROTHERS AND SISTERS

September is sneaking up on us and autumn is around the corner! Hope all are well and have taken time to enjoy the summer!

On June 30th Mike Anderson, Jerry Farnham, Troy Carter, Verna Jones and myself went to Houlton to meet with Richard McLaughlin and the members of Rockabema Lodge #78, to dedicate a beautiful clock to the town of Houlton. The clock was installed in the town square . It was a beautiful day and a great crowd was on hand.

As you may remember, six Grand Lodge members took a ferry to Swans Island in April ,for our first meeting in many years. On September 9th we will be returning to Swans Island, for a degree rally. We are looking for help and if any lodge has candidates they are welcome and encouraged to attend. If you have questions please call me.

Troy, Richard and myself will be attending the session in Connecticut in September .

Maine's session will be held, October 20-21st, in Waterville. Please make plans to attend,; the details are listed in this newsletter. We will be holding the Grand Lodge degree. All third degree members are eligible to attend this session.

That's it for now. Please let me know if there's anything the Grand Lodge can do to help you or your lodge.

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In FL& T,

Rod Ronco Grand Master

## REBEKAH ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT'S SEPTEMBER LETTER

### Greetings Sisters and Brothers:

I hope everyone has had a good summer with lots of time spent with family. The summer has been very quiet for lodge activity, but it should gear up here soon. September is going to be a very busy month.

September 9th and 10th is the Annual Northeast Meeting at Camp Neofa. Please come out and support camp, anyone can attend the meeting. I will also be presenting my presentation on the history of the Camp at this time. Lady Arambec is having their annual fundraiser on Sept 16th. It's always a good time. Connecticut Session is Sept 22-23, which I will be attending as my last out of state visit as President. I'm looking forward to having a good time as I got a carload going with me. Finally on Sept 30th, Priscilla # 69 and Sterling # 95 is putting on a fundraiser for my project Cancer of Maine. Please see the attached flyer for all the details.

Assembly is right around the corner, if you cannot make it, please let me know ASAP, so I can fill that spot. The assembly gowns will be in around September 30th. I will get them to you as soon as they arrive. I'm looking forward to my assembly, it's going to be a great time for all. Each lodge should have received the call to session letter for assembly, if you have any questions, please let me know! After the banquet Friday night, we will be playing the game Toto. All money raised from the game will be going towards our Project.

The Home Fundraising Committee has started a new fundraiser. The raffle is \$200 worth of scratch tickets. The tickets are 6 for \$ 5 or \$ 1 a ticket. All proceeds will be going to the Home of Maine. Please let me know if you would like some tickets. Winner will be drawn at Assembly. Be on the look-out for more information to come, The Home Fundraising Committee working with the Odd Fellows and Rebekah's Home of Maine will be hosting a 30 year re dedication ceremony of the Nursing Wing on October 7th. Please, remember Rod and I still have the quilt raffle going on and it will also be drawn at Assembly.

Our time as President and Grand Master may be coming to an end but we are still working very hard and getting in everything that we can. Hope to see lots of people on my travels through September.

Priscilla Rebekah Lodge gathered personal care items and donated them to the Skowhegan Free Public library so they can make blessing bags. These bags are free to anyone that needs them. The library was very grateful for this donation. Sterling # 95 and Priscilla # 69 also collected socks and donated them to the Maine Veterans Home in Augusta and to Togus in Augusta. Priscilla donated 86 pairs of socks and Sterling donated 82 pairs of socks. Both places were very grateful for this donation.

Sister Ernestine Macmillan would like to say Thank- You to everyone that has sent her cards. She really appreciates it!

In F.L.T,

Gretchen Clark

President Rebekah Assembly of Maine



**STERLING # 95 WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE FOR COMING TO OUR BBQ ON AUGUST 2,2023.**

**THERE WAS PLENTY OF FOOD AND A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL.**

**JUDY CLARK-FOSTER**

**SECRETARY STERLING # 95**

**ON JUNE 30TH MIKE ANDERSON, JERRY FARNHAM, TROY CARTER, VERNA JONES AND MYSELF WENT TO HOULTON TO MEET WITH RICHARD MCLAUGHLIN AND THE MEMBERS OF ROCKABEMA LODGE #78, TO DEDICATE A BEAUTIFUL CLOCK TO THE TOWN OF HOULTON. THE CLOCK WAS INSTALLED IN THE TOWN SQUARE . IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL DAY AND A GREAT CROWD WAS ON HAND.**





# Victor Grange 49

Priscilla Rebekah Lodge #69  
& Sterling Rebekah Lodge #95



presents

Elvis Tribute Artist

## EP ROCK

Saturday Night September 30th  
4:30 to 6:00- Public Supper-\$10

7:00-Show-\$10

\$20.00 for Both

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**Grand Encampment I.O.O.F. of Maine**

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**Patriarchs and Matriarchs****16 August 2023**

The Grand Encampment of Maine 178th Annual Session will be held on Saturday, November 11th 2023 at the Unity Lodge #3 Hall, 179 Ridgeland Ave. South Portland, Maine. The Session will convene on Saturday morning at 9:00 AM. registration will start 1 hour prior to the opening on Saturday.

**Directions:** Take the Maine Turnpike to Exit 45, turn left at the light onto Main Street, then go to the 3rd light and turn right on Broadway, take a left onto Church Street (it's the third left and a cemetery is on your left). The Hall is on your left at the Intersection of Church Street and Ridgeland Ave.

The hotel for the session is the Best Western/Merry Manor Inn located at 700 Main Street South Portland Maine. Tel. # (207) 774-6151. The price is \$129.00 plus applicable taxes, mention "Eastern Star Encampment" to get this rate. There is also an incidentals hold of \$50.00. Directions to the hotel, after you get off at Exit 45 the hotel is straight across from the light.

The hotel has a continental breakfast.

Please make your reservation with the hotel prior to 6 November 2023.

Saturday's luncheon will be Soup, make your own sandwiches, and dessert no cost for the luncheon.

The Grand Encampment Degree will be conferred prior to dropping to the Royal Purple Degree.

Royal Purple members may attend the session after it is opened and dropped to the Royal Purple Degree.

R.S.V.P. with who will be attending no later than November 6th 2023. Do not forget to request if you have any special needs. E-mail is acceptable.

Yours in F H & C

GS Michael Anderson

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