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ODD FELLOWS/REBEKAHS OF MAINE

DATES TO REMEMBER

NH-GL Annual Session 4/23/2021 - 4/24/2021

NH - RA Annual Session 4/23/2021 - 4/24/2021

NH - GE Annual Session 5/8/2021

MA - GL Annual Session 6/4/2021 - 6/5/2021

ANE - Dept. Council Session 6/19/2021

ME - GL Annual Session 10/15/2021 - 10/16/2021

ME - RA Annual Session 10/14/2021 - 10/15/2021

ME - GE Annual Session 11/13/2021

As more dates become available I will post them. As to be expected a lot of units throughout the Northeast are still waiting to find out when things will be opened up prior to confirming their dates.

LODGE OF SORROW

Parmenas LEA #18 Lorna M. Nason passed away 12/12/2020.

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

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APRIL
2021

Grand Master's April, 2021 Letter

The Covid-19 vaccine appears to be successful against the deadly virus. April first myself and Carol will have had our shots and I will feel comfortable traveling. I would appreciate Lodge Secretaries notifying (e-mail) me and The Grand Lodge if your Lodge is meeting, planning any special events, degree work , or other projects. I have a lot of visits to catch up on and especially would like to visit with the members I haven't met as of yet.

The Odd Fellows Executive Board and The Home Board have continued to conduct their respective meetings safely. Business as usual. Lodges that have been dark might want to start thinking of a meeting as vaccinations become more available. The Grand Lodge Annual Session looks more promising for October 14-15 in Bangor once everything is finalized Lodges will be notified.

On a personal note: I received many get well cards and phone calls from Odd Fellows near and far. I want thank every one for their best wishes, thoughts and prayers. I recovered very quickly and feel pretty good.

F.L.T.

David Gulya

Grand Master

Assembly President's Letter April 2021

Hello Everyone here is my next newsletter. Good news I finally got my first Covid-19 shot on March 9th and the second one is scheduled for March 29th. I received the Pfizer vaccine and everything went smoothly with No reactions. Be sure to get yours when/if you can!

More good news- I think spring has finally sprung! The skunks and chipmunks are out and the snow and ice is almost gone, Diane keeps telling me "we are not out of the woods yet" and "we could have snow in April" but I hope she is wrong.

Marilee has her first visit scheduled; tentatively she is going to Ivy #5 on May 18th, for a joint visit with them, along with Pinea #71, Olive #21, and Narragansett #145 followed by the Regional meeting on May 22nd. We hope many of you will come to support her and enjoy the things they are planning. This will be a chance to spread our wings after being cooped up for over a year. Just remember to wear your mask or shield even if you have been vaccinated. Gretchen is still in the planning stages but nothing is definite yet, I will keep you posted in my future news letters with her dates.

Camp NEOFA work week-end is scheduled for May 28,29,30th so please try to come and help; there is plenty of work to be done and "a lot of hands make light work"! Be sure to bring quarters, dimes, and at least 3-\$1.00 bills for card playing. (Penny your jar should be overflowing by now)!!

My first out-of-state visit will be to New Hampshire on April 23,24th so I am looking forward to this. We are leaving on the 22th and home on the 25th. We are waiting for information on the other out-of-state visits and will pass this along when available.

President's Letter Continued

There are no new deaths that I have heard about, this month. from the various lodges but we should all pray for the 10 people that lost their lives recently in Boulder, Colorado; especially for the first victim, Police Officer, Eric Talley, Age 51, a hero who leaves 7 children without a Father. He was the first to arrive at the scene and was gunned down just "doing his job". Hopefully justice will be served!

My silent auction things that I have, so far, for Assembly will be included in my next months news letter so stay tuned. There should be something, of interest, for everyone.

Welcome Spring and Welcome Home Peggy Campbell!!

I guess this about covers my news for this month so I will be back next month with more news. Be sure to call me if you need anything. ---839-4723--

In FLT,

Joyce Young, President

In FLT,

NOTES

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone for the prayers, cards, phone calls and acts of kindness show to me and our family during the winter months. We appreciate all that was done for us and for all the kind thoughts.

In FLT,

Connie Clements, PPRA

Founder's Day Proclamation

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To the Officers and Members, of all Degrees of the Independent order of Odd Fellowship, Fraternal Greetings:

As we continue to enjoy two hundred and one years of fraternity let us not become complacent but strive toward setting goals to make a difference in our communities and share more creative ways of offering the hand of friendship of our fraternity to those we meet.

Therefore, (I, E.) Wesley Nelson, Sovereign Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, by authority in me duly vested, do proclaim That the month of April be declared Odd Fellows Anniversary Month throughout Odd Fellowship.

Be it further proclaimed, That April 26, 2021 be known as Founder's Day throughout Odd Fellowship commemorating the 202nd Anniversary of the founding of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Baltimore, Maryland.

Further, all units of the Order are encouraged to hold special festivities in celebration of the day: Degree Day (name the class for someone in your jurisdiction), Anniversary Ball, Community Work Project, et cetera.

Done in the City of Winston-Salem, the State of North Carolina the 1st day of March 2021 and of our Order the 202nd year.

Yours in F, L & T,

Attest: /s/ E. Wesley Nelson Sovereign Grand Master

/s/ Terry L. Barrett Sovereign Grand Secretary

Odd Fellows and Rebekah's Newsletter for April 2021

Liberty Rebekah Lodge #94 of Auburn is very active without meeting in our lodge hall for a year due to the Maine guidelines during the pandemic.

We do our essential business through phone calls and mail. Last month we reported doing our annual "Make A Difference Day" to make a difference for the residents at the Home on Valentine's Day. Holly, the activities director working on Valentine's Day, carried out the plan we made with the funds we furnished the Home for the gifts presented to the residents. Holly reported the residents were very pleased.

During the month of March the lodge has done the following Community Service by donating funds to several well deserving non-profit organizations in Lewiston and Auburn.

They are

Hope Haven, meals for the homeless.

Trinity Jubilee Center—clothing for the homeless.

New Beginnings—building brighter futures with homeless youth and families in crisis in Maine since 1980.

Safe Voices—supporting victims of abuse, no matter their race, age, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, education, or income level.

Healthy Androscoggin— works to create a community of thriving residents by giving individuals tools to live a healthy life. More information on its website Seniors Plus for their "Meals on Wheels" fund raiser.

Youth Journalism International— a unique organization, now based in Auburn, that has developed youth from all over the globe working together since 1994.

Natural Resources Council of Maine—The nature of Maine since 1959, by harnessing the power of science, the law, and the voices of people who value Maine's environment.

We also helped four individuals, three for fuel assistance and one for medical assistance. We were able to do all this from receiving an unexpected gift from Carrie Jenkins' will. She died at the age of 101. She joined the Rebekahs in 1955. In her memory we made a donation to the Lawrence Tidswell Endowment Fund for our Odd Fellows and Rebekah's Home.

We also made our annual donations to the various funds that the Rebekah Assembly supports.

Esther Tucker for Liberty #94

Make A Difference Day Proclamation

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(I. E.) Wesley Nelson, Sovereign Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, by authority in me duly vested, do proclaim that the Saturday the 17th day of April be declared Odd Fellows and Rebekahs:

Make a Difference Day.

Further, all units of the Order are encouraged to hold special festivities in celebration of the day: Community Work Project; Hands Across Your: city, town, village, community followed by an open house in the lodge hall; et cetera.

Done in the City of Winston-Salem, the State of North Carolina the 1st day of March 2021 and of our Order the 202nd year.

Yours in F, L & T,

Attest: /s/ E. Wesley Nelson Sovereign Grand Master

/s/ Terry L. Barrett Sovereign Grand Secretary

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