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DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

CAMP NEOFA ANNUAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 7 2024

**MAINE GRAND LODGE AND REBEKAH ASSEMBLY ANNUAL SESSIONS
OCTOBER 16 THRU 19.**

NOTES

I AM IN THE PROCESS OF PUTTING THE MEMORIAL SERVICE TOGETHER FOR ASSEMBLY AND I NEED JOINING FOR THE FOLLOWING: DIANE TREACY, HENRY SMITH, SHIRLEY HARVEY, LINDA ALEXANDER AND TERRY TISDALE. IF THE INFO COULD BE SENT TO ME ASAP, I'D APPRECIATE IT GREATLY. PLEASE MAIL TO: CHERYL HOLT 82 PARK ST. APT 1. MADISON, ME 04950

ON FEBRUARY 26, 2024 PGM ROD RONCO AND PP, GRETCHEN CLARK WENT TO THE LAFAYETTE CANCER CENTER IN BREWER MAINE TO PRESENT OUR PROJECT MONEY TO THEM. IN TOTAL WE DONATED OVER \$15,000 TO THE CANCER CENTER. WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE WHO HELPED US RAISE THIS MONEY OVER OUR YEAR AS OFFICERS.

LODGE OF SORROW

**SACCARAPPA LODGE #11 ERLAN WENTWORTH PASSED AWAY
6/4/2024.**

**TRIUMPH LODGE #119 RONALD REYNOLDS PASSED AWAY
7/12/2024.**



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

THERE IS A PROJECT YOUR LODGE CAN DO OVER THE NEXT FOUR MONTHS. THE IARA PRESIDENT IS ASKING FOR KNITTED HATS. PREME HATS FOR BABIES AND PEOPLE IN HOSPITALS ALL THE WAY UP TO AGE 102. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE SOME HATS

**AUGUST
2024**

BANQUET 18 OCTOBER 2024

Friday Evening: The Grand Master and President's banquet: The room will be open at 5:30 P.M with a cash bar, dinner will be served at 6:00 PM. A Buffet meal will be served at a cost of \$55.00 per person. Reservations and money to be mailed to the Grand Lodge Office, 80 Caron Lane Auburn, ME 04210-4289. Tel. 207-786-3638. R.S.V.P. for the banquet no later than October 3rd no reservations will be taken after October 3rd. Make all checks payable to the Grand Lodge of Maine. Dress Code: Formal (tux, suit, lodge jacket, etc.). The Grand Master's Hospitality Room will be after the buffet.

Friday's Banquet Buffet includes; Pasta Salad, Coleslaw, Glazed Carrots, Roasted Potatoes, Baked Stuffed Chicken, Parmesan Crusted Haddock, and Prime Rib, Dinner Rolls, Beverages (Coffee/Sweet tea/Water), assorted mini desserts. A vegetarian option of Veggie Lasagna will be available, please specify if you want this.

Saturday Luncheon at 11:20 A.M. Memorial Service at 1:00 P.M. Installation of Officers will begin at 1:30 P.M. Following the Installation of Officers and Deputies the Grand Lodge will reconvene for any remaining business, the newly installed officers will take over after the close of the session.

Saturday's luncheon will be a "Picnic Buffet": with hamburgers, Hot Dogs, and veggie burgers Cheese, Buns, Bacon, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Onions, Pickles, Garden Salad, Pasta Salad, assorted beverages, Condiments, Potato Chips, and Assorted Cookies/Brownies. Saturday's Luncheon is free for all Odd Fellows attending the Grand Lodge Session that day. If you wish to join us for lunch and not attend the session the cost will be \$35.00. Make checks payable to the Grand Lodge of Maine. You will need to make a reservation to attend the luncheon with the Grand Secretary no later than October 3rd No reservations will be taken after that date.

R.S.V.P. for the banquet and the luncheon no later than October 3rd we will need a head count for the Hotel.

In F.L. &T.,

Troy Carter
Grand Master

Attest; Michael Anderson
Grand Secretary

REBEKAH ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT'S AUGUST LETTER

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Another month has flown by, I can hardly believe it. If you have not turned your pin money in to Marilyn Tozier, please do so. Her address is: Marilyn Tozier, 62 Ohio Hill Road, Fairfield, Maine

Please remember the following in your prayers: Judy Clark-Foster, Gretchen Clark, Muriel Elkins, Richard Ashline and Ernestine MacMillan. Ernestine is back in the hospital and Richard is in Rehab and both would appreciate cards and calls.

Chairmen, please have your committee meetings and your reports in by the 31st of August so they can be ready for the journal.

Lodges please share your activities with the rest of us. I know that Starlight had a hat parade in July with an independent judge. Hope it went well. Also Albion lodge sponsored a cribbage tournament with a beautiful cribbage board as grand prize. Let's see who can come up with an unusual event before summer is officially over!

There will be a gown sale at Assembly. If you have any you would like to recycle, please bring them with you.

I have some suggestions that I would like each lodge to consider as a basket theme but feel free to come up with others. They are Christmas, Thanksgiving, Gardening, Pasta, Picnic, Summer fun, Hawaiian, July 4th, Valentines, Fall, Winter and Crafting. Keep them under \$30 if possible.

Tickets for the raffle are in the mail to the District Deputies and Secretaries.

I hope you continue to enjoy the summer and stay hydrated and cool during the hot, humid days.

Outwitted

He drew a circle that shut me out—

Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout.

But Love and I had the wit to win:

We drew a circle that took him in!!

Unknown

In FL&T

Denise Annis, President Rebekah Assembly of Maine



News from Camp NEOFA

June 27, 2024 was a great day at Camp! The new fishing dock was installed and is ready for the upcoming camp season. Everyone was very excited for this and we all can't wait to see how the campers like it. They finally have something safe to fish on. Also, we found out in March that Camp NEOFA is officially on the National Historic Registry List of Maine! We should all be proud of our Camp!

Jessie was so excited he started pulled the weeds around the dock.

Gretchen Clark

**Camp Director for Maine/
Archivist**



HAT PARADE AT STARLIGHT REBEKAH LODGE #82 JANE TOOK FIRST PLACE WITH THE PATRIOTIC HAT. ICE CREAM SOCIAL FOLLOWED.

NOTES

THE LUNCHEONS FOR THE REBEKAH ASSEMBLY ARE

THURSDAY LUNCH: SOUP AND SALAD.

THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER IN THE EVENT CENTER AT 5 P.M. OFF A LIMITED MENU.

FRIDAY LUNCH: PASTA BUFFET.

COMPLETE DETAILS WILL BE IN THE SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER.



Northeast Odd Fellows' Association
of the
Independent Order of Odd Fellows

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July 7, 2024

ANNUAL MEETING

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSTITUTION OF THE NORTHEAST ODD FELLOWS' ASSOCIATION, INC. ARTICLE IX - MEETINGS - THE ANNUAL MEETING SHALL BE HELD ON THE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AFTER LABOR DAY EACH YEAR, AT CAMP NEOFA IN MONTVILLE, MAINE.

The Annual Meeting of the Northeast Odd Fellows' Association, Inc. will be held on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 7 and 8, 2024 at Camp NEOFA.

The President, Verna Jones, has given me the following meeting times:

SATURDAY: Lunch Noon - 1pm Meeting 1 pm Supper 5:00 pm

**SUNDAY: Breakfast 7-8 am Church/ Memorial Service 8:30 am
Dinner Noon
Annual Meeting to reconvene at conclusion of church service**

Chair of the Camp Directors, Gretchen Clark, has asked that the Camp Directors meet at 9 am Saturday morning. I am asking that Directors help spread the notice of the Annual Meeting, so that other members might attend.

Please send names of all deceased Officers/Past Officers of all branches of the Order to the Chaplain, Betty Lent 260 River Rd. Epsom NH 03234, PRIOR to the Annual Meeting.

Saturday lunch, Saturday dinner, and Sunday lunch will each be \$13. Sunday breakfast will be \$10, for a total of \$49. Please let us know if you plan on attending and eating your meals at camp. Meals can be paid for upon arrival at camp. Meals this year will be provided by Rockbound Rebekah Lodge in Stonington. We are fortunate that they are willing to do this. If we want meals to continue, we need to support them by eating at camp.

Area motels are:

COLONIAL GABLES	Rt. 1 Belfast 04915	1 207 338 4000
YANKEE CLIPPER	Rt. 1 Belfast 04915	1 207 338 2353
GULL MOTEL	Rt. 1 Belfast 04915	1 207 338 4030
BELFAST MOTOR INN	Rt. 1 Belfast 04915	1 207 338 2740

The President would like all Committee Chairs to have their reports ready when called for. PLEASE HAVE A TYPED COPY FOR THE SECRETARY, SUITABLE FOR PRINTING IN THE ANNUAL REPORT.

According to the Constitution of the Northeast, any member in good standing of any branch of the Order in the eight Northeastern Jurisdictions is a member.

A reminder that there will be Jurisdictional caucuses to choose your nominee for Camp Director.

All Members of the various Jurisdictions are urged to attend and participate in the Annual Meeting. This is your Association - this is your camp - show your interest and support of your Camp by being present.

Fraternally,

Glenda L Knights, Secretary

Verna Jones, President

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