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ODD FELLOWS/REBEKAHS OF MAINE

## DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

**SGL, IARA & GMC 15 TO 21 AUGUST 2025.**

**GL & REBEKAH ASSEMBLY OF MAINE 16, 17 & 18 OCT. 2025.**

**GE MAINE 17 OCTOBER 2025.**

**START THINKING POTATO RUN IT IS PLANNED FOR 25 OCTOBER 2025.**

## NOTES

**THIS YEAR THE REBEKAH ASSEMBLY WILL MEET ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY.**

**THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT WILL MEET ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON 17 OCTOBER 2025 FROM 1:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.**

**THE GRAND LODGE WILL MEET ON SATURDAY 9:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.**

## LODGE OF SORROW

**GOV. BROOKS LODGE #142 CORDELL GROSS PASSED AWAY 7/1/2025.**

**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  
2025**



## Grand Lodge I.O.O.F. of Maine

On Sunday 13 July 2025 a team from the Grand Lodge when to Hancock Lodge #150 on Swan's Island to do the Initiatory Degree on 5 Candidates. The team led by DGM, PGM Roderick Ronco and assisted by GW Michele Trynor, GP, PGM Ralph Trynor, GS, PGM Michael Anderson, G. Chap. PGM David Gulya, G. Herald Debra Harney, SDDGM, PGM Jerry Farnham and DDGM, PGP Frederick Carrigan. The Lodge was opened, and the officers for Hancock Lodge were installed in their chairs, then we went into the degree assisted by the members of Hancock Lodge.



Dorothy LeMoine, Ralph Trynor,

Jerry Farnham and Matt.









As you can see by their bulletin board Hancock Lodge plays an important part in their community.

After the degree we were treated to a meal that ranged from baked beans and pulled pork to lobster rolls, everything was very good and the lobster rolls were huge and plentiful.

Then we were taken to the Ferry Terminal to catch the 1:30 P.M. ferry. But on Sunday the ferry left at 1:00 P.M. And the next one was at 4:30 P.M. This turned out to be a good thing, our hosts took us on a tour of the Island. I and I'm sure some of other team members had never seen anything except the short stretch of road from the terminal to the lodge hall. We started at the lighthouse where they had artifacts on display and one of the Keepers gave us a tour and talked about its history.

We were taken to other parts of the Island and learned of past and present happenings. Does anyone know that before 1980 the Island was so populous that it had 3 Post Offices? The one that is left is in the town of Swan's Island. I didn't know there was actually a town. We saw the Historical Society Museum and the Maritime Museum. Also Brother Iver gave us a tour of his studio. All in all the best trip I ever had going to Swan's Island.

GS Mike Anderson.

DGM Roderick Ronco has expressed a desire to form a degree team. This would be Members who were willing to learn a part and be willing to travel to a lodge to give the full degree.

These parts would not only be the speaking parts but also people are needed to do the non-speaking positions in the lodge, the army, the robbers, the coffin carriers etc. many people are needed to do an impressive degree. We have enough robes and outfits to dress everyone appropriately. I can remember when we used to have these teams and there was a list of people who wanted on the team but had to wait for someone to drop off before they got a chance. We always had a great time traveling and doing a degree.

Joshua Davis did their version of the Second degree, the Barnyard Degree and anyone who took it or even saw it will never forget it. I think we can be great again and make Odd Fellowship fun.

## Greetings

I had the pleasure of being at camp one day when He campers were arriving one Sunday, it took me back to when I went to camp. The joy and excitement was amazing. Campers meeting their counselors and bunkmates, seeing them move their things in and playing with each other is so heartwarming. Ok! We have a lot to look forward to this month, International is coming up and it will be exciting to hear what everyone has been up to.

Nina is doing the degree on August 6th at 7:00 pm, if anyone is able to come and support them it would be greatly appreciated.

I was able to attend the funeral and Celebration of Life for Sister Ernestine MacMillan. I was pleased that the Executive Board was all able to attend. Many of our sisters and brothers from other Jurisdictions were in attendance and were also able to say a final farewell to a wonderful Rebekah and mentor to many of us. She will be missed.

Please remember to review your by-laws and submit any changes to the By-Laws Committee as soon as possible. If you have a report that needs to be done, please do so as soon as you can and get it to Sister Deb Harney so it can be in the Advance Journal.

In F,L&T.

Glenda Knights PRA of Maine



Thank you to all that have returned their ballots for the change in the Rebekah Assembly Session. If you have not returned yours please send them in as soon as possible. All members' opinions count!!.

The Assembly Session letter will be coming out soon.

Here are a couple of changes that will be taking place.

The Executive Board voted at their meeting in June to have everyone pre-register for the Rebekah Assembly session. We hope that this will ease some of the congestion when folks register on Thursday and Friday. The cost will still be \$5.00 per person. Make Checks payable to The Rebekah Assembly of Maine and sent to Sister Clarissa Labbe, Treasurer PO Box 623 Augusta Maine 04332.

The President and Grand Masters Banquet for Friday night, October 17th, 2025 will cost \$50.00 per person. The Assembly will be collecting the funds for this event. Those wishing to attend please make checks payable to The Rebekah Assembly of Maine and send to Sister Clarissa Labbe, Treasurer, PO Box 632 Augusta Maine 04332. Checks must accompany the reservations. NO RESERVATIONS will be accepted after October 3rd. Those attending from Canada will be allowed to pay when they arrive, Just let Deb Harney, Asst. Secretary know if you plan on attending by calling (207) 653-5285 or email [rameasstsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:rameasstsecretary@gmail.com)

If you are attending the Rebekah Assembly Session and the Banquet and wish to make out one check put in the memo section of your check Banquet and Registration so Clarissa can add you to the proper list. Remember if paying for yourself and anyone else with the same check please send the names along with the check so we can put the tickets in their packet and keep track of who is attending.

If you have an office for Sister Glenda and can not attend please contact her as soon as possible so that she can find a replacement. Her number is (207) 313-6491.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Look forward to seeing you all in October.

Deb Harney, PP

Asst. Secretary

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