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ODD FELLOWS/REBEKAHS OF MAINE

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GERMAINE GOOLDRUP, IS IN WOODLANDS ASSISTED LIVING, 201 CAMDEN ST., ROCKLAND, ME 04841.

I TALKED WITH HER AT CHRISTMAS TIME AND SHE IS HAPPY THERE. SHE LOVES MAIL. WOULD YOU PLEASE SEND HER CARDS . THANKS MURA

PEGGY CAMPBELL OF STARLIGHT REBEKAH LODGE #82 IN FORT FAIRFIELD IS OFF THE VENTILATOR! HER VITALS ARE GOING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. SHE EVEN SPOKE TO HER FATHER. ONE OF HER QUESTIONS WAS HOW MUCH SNOW DID THEY GET! THIS IS CERTAINLY A HAPPY DAY FOR US ALL. CARDS CAN BE SENT TO PEGGY CAMPBELL 142 CHAPMAN ROAD, PRESQUE ISLE, ME 04769.

LODGE OF SORROW

Dana Dean husband of PPRA Luella Dean passed away 1/27/2021. Cards can be sent to Luella at 447 Grendell Rd. Chapman, ME 04752

Sean Walsh Grand Master of the Atlantic Provinces passed away 12/21/2020.



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- 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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**FEBRUARY
2021**

PRESIDENT of REBEKAH ASSEMBLY'S LETTER

FEBRUARY 2021

Hello Everyone here is my next newsletter.

I hope everyone is doing well and staying safe. It is great news that vaccines for Covid-19 are coming our way, even though a bit slow. Please get your shots, when you can, and lets stamp out Covid-19!! I am so proud of a Rebekah Sister who refused to wear a mask but has now gotten used to wearing a shield. I just want to say I am so proud of you! I will not reveal your name but you know who you are.

There is not much scheduled, yet, during the early months of 2021, because of limited number of people who can attend, but your President, Vice President, and Warden are starting to think about visitations in late spring and summer. Things should start to open up, as more shots are administered, so stay tuned for more information on this. I am going to the county; Penny get your quarters and dimes ready! Looking forward to visiting with you all.

I am working on fundraisers for our project "Travis Mills Foundation" and I think one of my first projects will be Maple Sunday at my Sister and Brother-in-Laws Home in Windham. I am going to sell a couple of maple products (if this event isn't cancelled due to Covid) so, if you want a Saturday or Sunday drive on March 27 or 28, 2021, come to 79 Nash Road, Windham, ME. You can even get a free sample of Vanilla ice cream with warm maple syrup on top, plus other products available to purchase such as maple cotton candy, maple baked beans, maple candy, and always maple syrup to purchase. She sometimes has maple cook-books and other items as well. Have I made you hungry yet? Come check it out!

I also have dishcloths for sale at \$3.00 each (the best I have been told! The more you use them the better they get!) As I visit the various Lodges I will have some, with me, so just ask me; or you can call me and I will see that you receive them.

On the Rebekah Lodge side I want to report that Mystic #51 has now consolidated with Miriam #33. This is good news as we did not lose a Lodge we just made Miriam bigger and stronger, and helped out Mystic. Much success to these two Lodges now One!!

At Assembly this year please bring socks, mittens, hats, scarves; also non-perishable food or canned goods (just make sure the expiration date has not gone by please) and they will be given to the local food pantry or homeless shelter in the area where Assembly is held. You will receive a ticket for each item you bring and we will have 2 prizes; a \$25.00 Irving gas card and a home made item (not decided on yet but it will be something nice!) The more items you bring the more chances you will have to win.

PRESIDENT of REBEKAH ASSEMBLY'S LETTER CONTINUED

Now on a sad note Rockbound Rebekah Lodge #16 lost another member: Daphne Eaton passed away a few weeks before Christmas. She fought a brave and valiant fight but unfortunately could not fight off her cancer. She will be missed in our Rebekah fraternity.

Well I guess this covers all the news for this time so will see you again next month. Stay safe, get your shots when it's your time, and call me if you need anything-- 839-4723.

Last, but certainly not least, I am sending Thinking of You Wishes to my Grand Master, David Gulya. Hope to see you back in action soon but do not overdue things. Glad to hear everyday is an improvement! If there is anything I can do for you please let me know.

In FL& T,

Joyce Young, President

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To the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly thank you for the beautiful flowers they were gorgeous, they were a surprise thank you. Dana will be missed for sure but he is not suffering any more, it's been a very hard journey, but he is at peace. Thanks again, hope to get to the meetings soon.

PPRA Luella

It does not look like we will hold GL Sessions again this year in Quebec, if we do, it will be very limited in scope, only in a local Lodge hall or possibly even on Zoom. I will make sure you are up to date with what we decide.

Stay safe.

PGM Ed Copping

notes

My name is Peter Richardson, of Pictou, Nova Scotia. We, in the Atlantic Region, have bad news, our Grand Master Sean Walsh, of NI, passed away on December 21, 2020. He will be greatly missed.

I'm now Grand Master Pro-Temp and hope to take office this year, if we can have our Grand Sessions. I was looking forward to going to NI last year but not now due to his passing and Covid-19.

If Covid-19 changes anytime in the late spring, I would like to go to NI to visit and take part in a meeting before they close for the summer. We, in this region, have had some lodges holding meetings since September, 2020, but with a lot of restrictions. I'm hoping in the fall, if Covid-19 permits it, to join your sessions again. My wife and I enjoyed ourselves when we were at your Grand Sessions in October, 2019. I hope everyone in your region is staying safe. Thank you and keep sending the newsletters, they make for great reading and keeping up with what's going on in Maine.

Peter Richardson

Grand Master Pro-Temp

Atlantic Grand Lodge

The Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly of Maine Annual Session in October will not be held at the Ramada Inn in Bangor. We are currently negotiating with the Anah Shrine in Bangor to see if we can hold our Session there. They have a very nice facility. When we have a contract in place we will be publishing the information so everyone will be able to make plans to attend if they so desire.

Mike Anderson

Grand Secretary

Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Maine

By-Laws

Joint Planning Board

Revised 16 January 2021

.The purpose of this Joint Planning Board is to propose and develop Projects to benefit all Grand Bodies and the Membership.

BY-LAWS

Article 1:

Section I, MEMBERSHIP- Each Grand Body shall name (elect or appoint) a Planning Board committee of Elective Officers and members, yearly.

Section II, FUNCTION: - Such Board Shall have official status and shall function as a Board.

Article II

Section I. MEETINGS: - Joint Planning Board may meet two times per year. Once in January and once in September. Place and date of the meeting to be determined by the Board.

Section II, HOUR AND PLACE OF MEETING – The Joint Planning Board Shall meet at an hour and location to be determined by the Board. This meeting is open to all members in good standing. Dates and times will be published.

Section III, ANNUAL MEETING – The Annual meeting of the Joint Planning Board will be held at the meeting in September.

Article III

Section I, OFFICERS – The Board shall elect its Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary-Treasurer from its membership. The Vice Chairperson to be elected from the next Branch of the order at the annual Session. (Grand Lodge, Rebekah Assembly and the Grand Encampment) This is to be on a rotation basis from all Branches of the Order. The Secretary-Treasurer may serve more than one year in that office.

Section II, DUTIES – Recording meetings and make a report to each Branch of the Order, annually, at its Session that its Programs shall be supported by all Branches of the Order.

The Secretary-Treasurer to receive and disburse any monies and take minutes of the meetings.

Article IV

Section I, FUNDING – All Grand Bodies shall be required to participate and grand Bodies may appropriate funds for expenses from the Board.

Article V

Section I, COMMITTEES – Committees, as may be required, shall be appointed by the Chairperson.

Joint Planning Board Minutes 01/16/2021

Richard Ashline, President, Bertha Stuart VP, Debra Harney, Sec.

Members Present: David Guyla, GM, (Video) Joyce Young, PRA, ME, Marilee Perkins VPRA, ME, Gretchen Clark WRA, ME, (Video) Rod Ronco, GW, Mike Anderson Sec GL, George Merrill, Grand Treasurer, Kera Ashline Sec RA, ME, Sharon LaSota, PPRA, ME, Diane Young, Glenda Knights, Mura Knights, Sr. Warden Grand Encampment, Fred Stuart, PGM, Verna Jones, PPRA, ME

Flag and Prayer were done.

Minutes of last meeting were sent via email along with the bi-Laws. Motion by Fred Stuart, second by Verna Jones to accept the minutes and by-laws as sent. So, Voted.

Sick committee: Mura Knight reported that Royce Gordon has a small blood clot in his lung and is being treated with medication at this time.

Old Business: The Dam is finished at Camp NEOFA and the water seems to be running freely over the dam! Great News!! A question was asked if funds were still needed to cover the \$80K overage? This needs to be looked into.

The 2021 Session at the Ramada Inn in Bangor needs to be checked out. At the present time it is being used for a homeless shelter. Sharon and Rod will take care of this since they both live up that way and get back to all of us. Update: The hotel is being used as a homeless shelter indefinitely. Sharon has contacted a couple of other spots and is waiting for a reply. We will keep everyone posted.

Once a place is agreed upon Joyce and David will need to get the meal picked out and make all the arrangements for their meetings.

New Business: Camp NEOFA Directors Verna report the directors have a zoom meeting scheduled for February to discuss the upcoming camp season. They have all the staff hired and are working on the CDC mandates to keep everyone safe. More to come on this later. Sharon asked if everyone would save their egg cartons (the paper ones)

JJYC: Sharon let us know that JJYC will be having a basket Bingo calendar raffle in May to raise funds to help with families at Christmas time. We have lots of baskets and prizes so hopefully everyone will purchase calendars. The cost will be \$10.00 per ticket.

Contact Sharon LaSota for more information
(207) 383-0387

Mura Knights asked if a handrail could be put on both sides of the stairs going up to the offices from the meeting room downstairs. It is hard for folks to get up and down that have a physical challenge for stair climbing. Mike Anderson stated he would get the committee together and get this taken care of. Everyone agreed this was a great Idea.

Mura Knights brought the greetings from the Grand Encampment of Maine. The did not hold their planning board meeting today since there was not much going on. Not sure what is going to happened in March. Canton Ridgely will be consolidating with Canton Sebago on Thursday, January 21st at Mousam Lodge hall in Kennebunk.

Mura Knights suggested that instead of each branch bringing the greetings at this meeting that they tell what their plans are for their year and any news that we all should know about. This is just a committee meeting so we really don't need to have the flag salute or a prayer? No real out come with this.

Joyce brought her greetings and talked about all her ideas for fund raising to help with hers and David's Project.

David brought the greetings from the Grand Lodge of Maine. Said he would be having a basket bingo with all the donated items he had in August to help with his project the Travis Mills Foundation. The lodge in his area has not been meeting just holding the executive board to take care of business. Things are month to month at this point. Thanked all for the cards and notes.

There was nothing more to discuss, motion by Verna Jones seconded by Mike Anderson to adjourn so we all could head home due to inclement weather.

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Debra Harney

Secretary Joint Planning Board.

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