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ODD FELLOWS/REBEKAHS OF MAINE

DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

**PILGRIMAGE TO THE TOMB CANCELLED
SEE PAGE 4.**

ROSE PARADE CANCELLED SEE PAGE 5.

ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE 2/15/2021

LODGE OF SORROW

**Jurisdictional Lodge #1 Philip W. Carter passed
away 12/29/2018.**

**Saccarappa Lodge #11 Jack Gordon passed away
12/13/2020.**

**Mousam Lodge #26 Dennis Harriman passed
away 12/21/2020.**

**Acme Rebekah Lodge #75 Arlene M. Smith
passed away 12/2/2020.**

**Loyal Rebekah Lodge #92 Evelyn Porter passed
away 12/10/2020**

**Joshua Davis Lodge #145 Charles Turner passed
away 11/30/2020.**

**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

**IF YOU WANT
YOUR LODGES
EVENTS AND
PHOTOS PUB-
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SEND THEM TO
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**JANUARY
2021**

Grand Masters Letter

December 2020

C.A.B.G. (cabbage)

Friday November 27th I sat reflecting about the past 8 months.. The entire world was in a deadly pandemic that affected everyone

I thought to myself how much worse can this get. A few hours later I was about to find out, Myocardial infarction.

I had a pain in my wrist, my watch felt too tight, I kept loosening the band a notch at a time it did not help. I sat in my recliner, thought I developed acid reflux heart burn I treated that after a couple of hours it went away.

Saturday morning I woke up feeling fine, I went for a walk, had a Turkey sandwich, sat in my recliner to watch a ball game and my watch felt too tight. All afternoon I could not get comfortable towards supper-time ,my jaw ached ,my arm throbbed and my heartburn would not subside. Through my years of training and experience I recognized the signs and symptoms I was also in denial. I can't remember how many times I said to myself you're not having a heart attack, not me HA that was about to change. I was admitted Saturday night, transferred to Bangor the next day and went through a series of tests. Tuesday morning I went into the Cath lab, test results determined I needed cabbage "Coronary Artery Bypass Grafts" three of them. The surgeons scheduled me for surgery on Friday but had an opening on Thursday morning so it was my turn, I was on deck.

I am very thankful for the wonderful surgical staff at Northern Light Eastern Maine Medical. Now the rehabilitation is on me, thousands and thousands have gone through this procedure successfully for years. Now it's my time. It will be awhile before I am at full strength again. I hope sometime this year we are able to meet with Odd Fellows and I am able to travel and visit my brothers and sisters in the lodges of Maine. My spirits are high and I have a great support team back here at home. Thank you everyone for your kind wishes thoughts and prayers.

F.L.T.

Grand Master

David Gulya

PRESIDENT of REBEKAH ASSEMBLY'S LETTER

Hello everyone here is my newsletter for December 2020.

I hope everyone is hiding from Covid-19 and the new strain that is popping up. It is good news that the 2 vaccines have now been approved and are being shipped so keep your fingers crossed this will be the miracle cure. It will be several months before everyone can be vaccinated, that is eligible so you need to continue to wear your mask, do 6 foot distancing, and wash your hands often.

Now about the Home Christmas Party. The committee assembled at Hampton Inn on Wednesday evening, December 2, 2020 and we all received our names and money bags. On Thursday it was "Shop til you dropped" and wrapping then we finished up everything on Friday .It was fun to shop and I am sure the residents will like everything we found for them. It is customary, on Thursday morning to have coffee and donuts with the Nursing Wing and Lunch with the Residential Care wing so we did both of these things, even though not in person but in thought. Friday evening, at the Hotel, we had our own little party; this was a great way to end the week and I hope everyone had a fun time. I had 8 of the finest Elves so things went very smoothly and we all worked well together. Thank you to everyone for your help and assistance. NOTE: Thanks also to Rick and Bobbie for making sure we had everything we needed to work with across the street. MUCH APPRECIATED!

I also did my shopping for my JJYC Christmas Family. It was a Mom, 2 Boys age 5 and 9 and a Girl Age 7. All they wanted was things to keep the children busy, when they were home, so I got lots of things for them to do. I shopped at Walmart and got lots for my money. 16 or 17 gifts in all and Diane donated 4 hats, Thank you Diane!!

Now for the sad news; Loyal Rebekah Lodge lost another member; they have taken a big hit this year, Evelyn Porter passed away on December 10. 2020 at the age of 93.

Also Stonington just lost another member so I will get the information and put it in my next newsletter if they haven't reported it this month.

Well I guess this covers all the news this month so will be back again next month with more news.

I want to wish everyone a good Christmas Holiday. Stay safe everyone. Call me if you need anything, 207-839-4723

In FL &T,

Joyce Young, President

2021 Pilgrimage to the Tomb
WILL NOT BE HELD

Thank you for your continued support of the Pilgrimage to the Tomb over the many years it has been held. As you know, it was necessary to cancel the 2020 Pilgrimage due to the Covid-19 outbreak.

We hoped to hold the Pilgrimage to the Tomb in 2021. However, while Arlington is open on a limited basis the Tomb remains closed to visitors due to the Covid-19 outbreak. As a result, we have not received approval from the Army to hold the Pilgrimage in May 2021. In addition, due to current CDC and the Commonwealth of Virginia restrictions on group events, it is impossible to move forward with any planning for the 2021 Pilgrimage. Therefore, there will NOT be a Pilgrimage to the Tomb in 2021.

We hope to be able to again hold the Pilgrimage beginning in 2022. Until then, stay safe and well.

Chuck Renninger Chairman Pilgrimage to the Tomb

2020 Rose Parade Cancellation



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**2021 THEME, FLOATS AND BANDS ROLL OVER TO
2022 ROSE PARADE® PRESENTED BY HONDA**
Current Pasadena Tournament of Roses President Bob Miller
continues to serve for 2022

PASADENA, Calif. (Aug. 20, 2020) - Last month, the Pasadena Tournament of Roses® Association announced that, after thoughtful consideration and with state restrictions and guidelines in place as a result of COVID-19, we are unable to host the 2021 Rose Parade®.

The next Rose Parade is scheduled for Saturday, January 1, 2022 and will feature elements that were planned for the 2021 parade, including the theme "Dream. Believe. Achieve." Bands that were selected to march in 2021 have been invited to participate in the 2022 Rose Parade presented by Honda and Bandfest. Floats that intended to roll down Colorado Blvd. this upcoming January 1 have been welcomed to join us in 2022. Equestrian units that were in the application process and interested groups can apply next year. Decisions regarding the Royal Court and Rose Queen® are to be determined.

Also, the Board of Directors of the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association approved amendments to the bylaws that will allow for the rollover of the Executive Committee, which includes President Bob Miller, who will remain the Association's President for another year and will preside over the 2022 Rose Parade. All other members of the Executive Committee, including officers and at-large members, will maintain their current positions for the upcoming year and then resume their usual rotations in during the 2022-2023 parade year.

Plans are underway for a reimagined America's New Year Celebration® in 2021. We are working in conjunction with our broadcast partners and sponsors and will announce a celebration with safe ways for those across the country and around the world to celebrate.

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About the Pasadena Tournament of Roses®

The Tournament of Roses is a volunteer organization that hosts America's New Year Celebration® with the Rose Parade® presented by Honda and the Rose Bowl Game® and a variety of accompanying events. 935 volunteer members of the association drive the success of these annual events. For more information, visit www.tournamentofroses.com. Like us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#).

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

This year is quickly passing along. And if we are honest, we are all happy to see 2020 come to a close. For many of us 2020 has been a trying year. We have been cooped up at home most of the year attempting to stay safe and those times when we do go out, we are extremely careful making sure we have our mask, gloves, hand sanitizer and antibacterial wipes. But that is the negative part of the year, let us focus on some of the positive and let us do what our International President Sister Elizabeth has asked us to do and let us “focus on what’s important!” One important thing to remember is who we are as Odd Fellows and Rebekahs. We are loving, generous, and caring Brothers and Sisters.” We will soon be in the mist of the holiday season and if 2020 has taught us anything it is to be thankful and “focus on what’s important”. Our Valediction teaches us to build a better world. And right now, in this crazy mixed up world we are in a position to be the ones who furnish the building materials to make someone’s world a better place. This holiday season because of the events of the last 10 months more families than ever will not have the luxury of a nice Thanksgiving Dinner and a Christmas morning with gifts under the Christmas tree or around the table when lighting the menorah. Many of the organizations that provide the needed help are in need of help as well to continue to provide the much-needed assistance during the winter months. We as Odd Fellows and Rebekahs have an opportunity to reach out and touch lives of those who are less fortunate. How do we do this during these times when we are trying to stay safe? Due to health concerns your Lodge might not be able to actually go and physically volunteer to help, however, we all have coats and other winter items we do not use. So, clean out those closets and donate those unused items of clothing to a homeless shelter in the name of your Lodge. Check with your local shelters and see if they are going to be serving Holiday meals and help donate the food or money towards the food – their dollars at the local Food Banks goes further than what you as the general public can purchase at the local store. Gifts to Toys for Tots helps to brighten a child’s day who may not have a joyous Christmas or Hanukkah without your love and generosity or pick a family from an Angel Tree and make sure they the best celebration ever. Although, these may not seem like way to build membership we would be helping to build a better world just as those before us did. And who knows those whose lives you touch could be perspective future members. Finally, now more than ever we must not forget those members who are shut-ins and are not able to get out because of underlying health issues. Many are lonely and seek to be in touch with the outside world. Send them a card or give them a call to say hello and let them know you are thinking about them. Our Lodge meetings may look a lot different in the future but if we “focus on what’s important” continue to look for ways to stay together as a family of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs we will survive and the last 10 months will just be a page in our history that future generations will look back on and say “They were the generation that did it. They kept our Order alive because they took the time to ‘focus on what was important’.”

In Friendship, Love and Truth,
The Committee on Membership

Happy Holiday's

On behalf of President Joyce and her Elves,
I want to take this opportunity to
thank you for the generous donation
for the Resident's Christmas Party.
It's Lodges like yours that help make Christmas
a special day for the lives of our Residents,
some having no family members to
celebrate with.
We are their only family.
Again, thank you for your donation!

Sharon A. La Sota, P.P.
Chairperson
Christmas Committee

*Thank You
Sharon*

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