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ODD FELLOWS/REBEKAHS OF MAINE

**DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR**

**PLANNING BOARDS AND JOINT PLANNING  
BOARD ARE ON SATURDAY 15 JANUARY 2022.**

**ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE 2/15/2022**

**2022 PILGRIMAGE TO THE TOMB**

**THE WREATH LAYING WILL BE HELD ON  
MAY 8TH 2022**

**IN ORDER FOR US TO PLAN A BUS TRIP  
FOR THE PILGRIMAGE TO THE TOMB, WE  
WILL NEED A HEAD COUNT OF ALL INTER-  
ESTED PARTIES. IF YOU ARE PLANNING ON  
GOING THIS YEAR PLEASE CONTACT THE  
GRAND LODGE ASAP SO WE CAN DECIDE IF  
WE SHOULD PROCEED WITH RESERVING A  
BUS. DATES FOR THE TRIP SHOULD BE  
FROM 5/6 TO 5/9/2022. CONTACT INFO IS ON  
LAST PAGE OF NEWSLETTER.**

**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 PUBLISHED  
PLEASE SEND THEM TO  
THE GL EMAIL  
PREFERABLE AS  
A WORD DOCUMENT OR AT-  
TACHMENTS**



**JANUARY  
2022**

**Happy New Year!**

**I hope everyone had a safe and wonderful holiday season.**

**It is time to start the new year and time to think about what we can do to grow Odd Fellowship in Maine. If any lodges are having, or hosting any events, please let the Grand Lodge know so we can help you promote it. You can also put information on the Grand Lodge's Facebook page so other will know what you are doing. <https://www.facebook.com/OddFellowsOfMaine/>**

**It is also time to think outside the box to try and get new members. How About a meal for the public, doing something with kids in your area, get involved with local law enforcement, or check with some of the local youth groups and see if you can help them out – remember you only have to be 16 to join the Odd Fellows.**

**Speaking of youth groups, think about how your lodge could start a youth group. Michele Trynor is the secretary for the SGL IARA Joint Youth Committee, and she has all the forms and Rituals for every youth group. Speaking of youth lodges, I would like to see our local youth committee start raising money so we will have some on hand should youth groups start back up in Maine. If the committee is raising money for other projects, I would like to see an equal dollar amount go into the youth fund for future lodges. We need to think and look to the future and not dwell on the past and what it once was.**

**There are lots of things out there that help us promote the Odd Fellows, you just need to look. An example of this is something like Wreaths Across America. Every town in Maine has a cemetery that could become a WAA event getting you news coverage and local people involved and meeting you. It is that foot in the door, that chance to get a new member, and an opportunity to make an impression on a young mind. The Noble Grand of Unity Lodge #3 did an event this year for WAA and she can put you in touch with the right people to start a project like this. It gives you a whole year to prepare and get ready for next December 18th when we once again Honor our Veterans, both fallen and active.**

**In Closing I would just ask that everyone become more active in finding new ways to promote and grow Odd Fellowship in Maine.**

**FLT**



## PRESIDENT of REBEKAH ASSEMBLY'S JANUARY LETTER

Greetings to all,

Well there is snow on the fields and it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas. I hope that everyone had a wonderful Christmas and Holiday season.

I would like to thank my elves for taking time out of their busy lives to come to Auburn and shop for the residents of the Odd Fellow & Rebekah Home. It is always a great time. Also thanks to Diddie for decorating a beautiful tree for me with purple, green and snowflakes from her travels, and a picture of Nora on the top. All of you made me feel so special.

I had the pleasure of being invited to Unity Lodge's Christmas party on December 15th, good food and great company, thanks again I had a great time.

It's hard to believe that 2022 is almost here. I know that most lodges are closed January and February, but please remember to stay in contact with members and don't forget our shut ins.

To the secretaries of the lodges you will soon be receiving your lodges annual report, please fill these out as soon as you can and return.

Anyone who should have received the 2019 Journal and has not received it please contact Deb Harney 207-653-5285 or email dharney19@gmail.com

Everyone stay safe, healthy and warm

F L &T Marilee Perkins

President, Rebekah Assembly of Maine

## GRAND PATRIARCHS JANUARY LETTER

Good evening to all.

All is about the same. December 6th 2021 I received an application from a gentleman to join Parmenas Encampment # 18. It was a wonderful surprise.

I enjoyed the Christmas Party put on by Unity Lodge # 3. Food was good and friends were plentiful. Roads were rain, slush, and ice. Marilee was the driver. Good job well done.

We will not be meeting until March. (winter vacation.) Hope all are healthy and warm.

In F. L. & T.

Mura Knights, Grand Patriarch,  
Grand Encampment of Maine

Hello from ACME #75. We have been keeping busy since Assembly. We had our visitation with our District Deputy Fred Carrigan who brought us the President's Program. Many members also attended the other visitations in our district. We also had a December craft night where Denise Annis taught us how to make some pretty snowflakes. We hope you all have a wonderful Holiday season and hope to see everyone in the Spring!

Miranda Perkins

Mousam Lodge #26 in Kennebunk held their Christmas get together on 12/22/2021, Unity and Fraternity Lodge members attended.

## Joint Planning Board 09/25/2021 Minutes

David Gulya gave the opening prayer. Bertha Stuart, VP ran the meeting, due to Brother Richard Ashline being ill.

Members present: Priscilla Gammon Chair Finance Committee, Diane Young, Marilee Perkins, VPRAME, Glenda Knights, Joyce Young, PRAME, Gretchen Clark, WRAME, Mike Anderson, Sec GL, Fred Stuart, DGM, David Gulya, GM GL, Jerry Farnham, George Merrill, GT, Verna Jones, Diddy Barry, Deb Harney.

Members sick or in distress: Richard Ashline- problems with his kidneys, Kera Ashline, Had a treatment on Thursday.

Sharon LaSota- In EMMC for about 3-4 more days. Very Ill and has a weak heart, blood sugar was low. She had to give her two cats away due to the fact she will be going to stay with her sister once out of the hospital then to a senior housing place in the Spring.

Sandi Merrill passed away, Jean Moffitt's granddaughter passed away Sunday, Keith Ploof lost his mother in a house fire.

Old Business: Anah Shrine 2021 Session next month. Handrails and chair lift update? Not sure chair is any good. Still a work in progress.

New Business: 2021 Session everything all set and ready to go.

New Grand Master and Presidents Reception, November 20th at Unity Lodge 11:30am Social time lunch at noon. Payment must be made in advance reservations made with Elaine Barry no later than November 10th. Limited to 70 people.

Lodge membership is declining, we need to come up with something to bring members in and keep them. David Gulya, said the masons do something every weekend. This weekend is the Dempsey Challenge. Dress up in Costumes and participate in events around town.

Have a signature event each year to raise funds and get new members. Something FUN

Maybe we need to hire a PR firm to get some ideas. 1 event per year keep a list of who participates and who shows up. Maybe use Camp NEOFA it is free. Split the cost between the GL and RAME and all other branches.

Shutters donated for Camp NEOFA.

Thoughts from my research: Deb spoke with a planner. Here is some ideas Maybe we could start out doing a carnival at the GL office. Have games and prizes for the kids and adults. A bouncy house, Corn hole toss. Maybe have a tour of the home. Food: hamburgers and hotdogs, chips and beverage. Baked goods We would need people to help set up, run games and clean up. Have this from 10am-3PM in early summer. Make up gift bags with applications and may be other goodies. Something to think about .

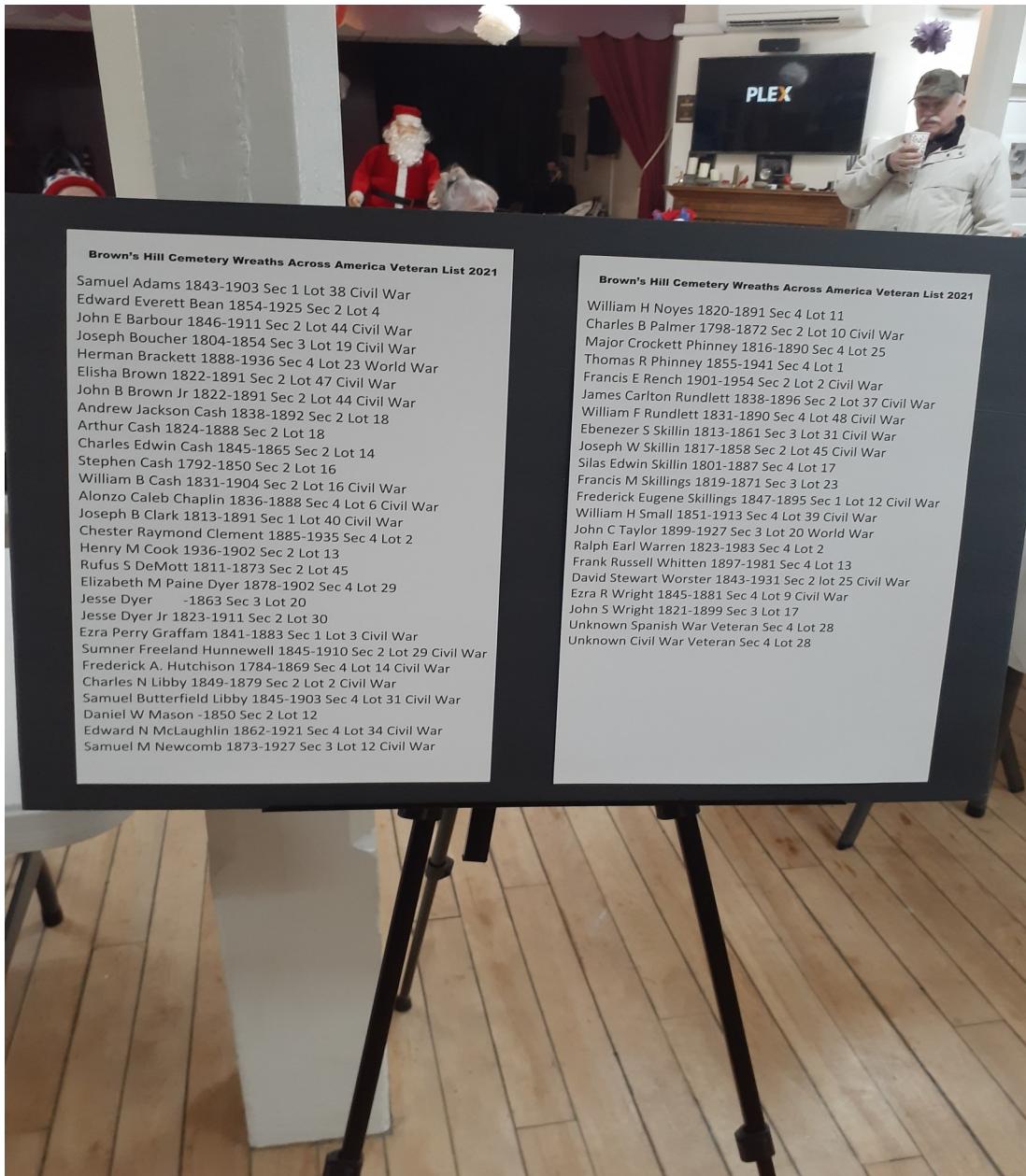
Next meeting January 15th at 1PM

Upcoming events: October 24, 2021 Potato run/ JJYC Madison

## WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

**On 18 December 2021, Unity Lodge #3 Noble Grand Michele Trynor organized a Wreath Laying Ceremony for the Veterans buried in the Brown's Hill Cemetery located next to Unity Lodge in South Portland. It was well attended, the Mayor of South Portland came and spoke, the USCG Color Guard attended and their Bugler played Taps.**

**Below is a list of the Veterans buried in this cemetery.**



**Two U.S. Army Veterans who participated in the Ceremony were Peter Kane on the Left and James Mardin. James is a former member of Fraternity Lodge #6, he will be celebrating his 100th birthday in a few days. He is a veteran of WWII who participated in the Normandy Invasion.**



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