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ODD FELLOWS/REBEKAHS OF MAINE

DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE 2/15/2022, AT THE GL OCTOBER SESSION IT WAS VOTED TO FINE LODGES \$100.00 FOR EACH MONTH THE REPORT WAS OVERDUE.

2024 PILGRIMAGE TO THE TOMB

THE WREATH LAYING WILL BE HELD ON MAY 5TH 2024

IN ORDER FOR US TO PLAN A BUS TRIP FOR THE PILGRIMAGE TO THE TOMB, WE WILL NEED A HEAD COUNT OF ALL INTERESTED 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 5/3 TO 5/6/2024. CONTACT INFO IS ON LAST PAGE OF NEWSLETTER.

LODGE OF SORROW

WARREN LODGE #127 RONALD ANDERSON PASSED AWAY 12/11/2023.

BLUE HILL LODGE #79 PETER DODGE PASSED AWAY 12/17/2023

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 ATTACHMENTS



**JANUARY
2024**

Grand Master's January Letter

Dear Brothers & Sisters;

I would like to thank everyone who voted and given Me this opportunity to serve all my brothers and Sisters. I'm looking forward to the coming year where we all can accomplish a lot together.

First, I would like to introduce my new program for the coming year and ways you can help. My program this year will be the Good Shepard Food Bank. Good Shepherd Food Bank's mission is to eliminate hunger in Maine by improving access to nutritious food for people in need, building strong community partnerships, and mobilizing the public in the fight to end hunger. The food bank sources and distributes food to a network of over 400 partner agencies, including food pantries, meal sites, schools, and senior programs.

As members of the IOOF, we have a responsibility to support and uplift organizations like the Good Shepherd Food Bank. We believe in the power of compassion and the importance of giving back to our community. I urge each and every one of you to consider how you can contribute to this noble cause. Your financial contributions are making a difference. Together, we are making a difference. And together, we will continue to make a difference. I will be selling Raffle tickets and my pins to support this noble charity.

So I'm asking all my IOOF lodges to place a basket in your lodge so Brothers and Sisters can bring in nonperishable Goods threw out the year. If a Grand Lodge Officer comes by for a visitation, he or she can bring the can goods back to the Grand Lodge Office. In October during my Session, I'm going to present all donations and Nonperishable goods to Good Shepard Food Bank. And hoping with all your help we can feed a lot of needy people in our communities. Together, we are making a difference. And together, we will continue to make a difference.

If you're asking how do get involved with the Good Shepherd Food Bank?? Ether via my Calendar Raffle, There are 29 times in February you can Win!! You pick these cards up through ether Grand Lodge I O O F of Maine, me, my officers or my local Odd fellows Lodges or the second way is to bring your Nonperishable Goods to your local Odd Fellows Lodge located in Maine.

These items are preferred!!

- **Peanut butter.**
- **Canned soup.**
- **Canned fruit.**
- **Canned vegetables.**
- **Canned stew.**
- **Canned fish.**
- **Canned beans.**
- **Pasta (most prefer whole grain**

My only objective is to get as much food or cash for Good Shepherd Food Bank that I can!!

Thank you all so much !!

I Wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year!!

In FLT

Troy Carter Grand Master

Note

I thank everyone for the numerous messages and cards for my birthday.

THANK YOU

Michael Anderson

Grand Secretary

Liberty Rebekah Lodge #94 of Auburn consolidated with Nina Rebekah Lodge #86 Wednesday evening Dec. 6 in a ceremony conducted by Sister Denise Annis, President of the Rebekah Assembly of Maine with assistance from other Assembly officers. Liberty members present were welcomed by the Nina members present. Sister Margaret Dix, Noble Grand of Liberty served a specially decorated cake to top off the evening.

In the picture is Clarissa Labbe, Noble Grand of Nina Lodge. Denise Annis Rebekah Assembly President, Margaret Dix, Noble Grand of Liberty lodge and Esther Tucker, a 73 year member of Liberty and its Treasurer.



Sent by Esther Tucker for Margaret Dix

Ornaments on the Rebekah Assembly Xmas tree



About half of the Xmas Presents all packaged up for the Home



PPRA Marilee Perkins & WRA Verna Jones



GRAND PATRIARCH'S PROGRAM 2023-2024



- EMBLEM:** PRAYING HANDS.
- MOTTO:** WORK TOGETHER AS ONE.
- COLOR:** RED.
- FLOWER:** RED ROSE.
- HYMN:** HOW GREAT THRU ART.
- SONG:** I DID IT MY WAY, BY FRANK SINATRA.
- BIBLE VERSE:** 23RD PSALMS.
- PRAYER:** LORD'S PRAYER.
- GUIDE:** CODE OF GENERAL LAWS, RITUAL.
- PROJECT:** HOLLIS CENTER CHURCH, FOOD BANK.

RONALD M. BOUCHER SR.
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