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ODD FELLOWS/REBEKAHS OF MAINE

DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

Acme is on the Move!! FIRST REGIONAL MEETING July 11th at 1:00 P.M. Acme will be doing the degree on a candidate.(if you have any candidates please bring them with you).

Acme will have it as safe as we can. I'm sure not a Rebekah or Odd Fellow would come sick. We will have a thermometer present, a hand sanitation station, all handles and what can be wiped down will be. Masks will be available if anyone should need one and also if you can't wear them it is ok not to do so. We have a nice day planned so come and join us. Sorry we can't do lunch. Perhaps the Odd Fellows would like to join us.

Thank you,

Diddie Stay Safe

LODGE OF SORROW

Miriam Rebekah Lodge #33 Janice Ifemey passed away 5/29/2020.

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 PUBLISHED PLEASE SEND THEM TO THE GL EMAIL PREFERABLE AS A WORD DOCUMENT OR ATTACHMENTS

**JULY
2020**



PRESIDENT of REBEKAH ASSEMBLY'S LETTER

June 19, 2020

Hello everyone here is my next newsletter. I hope everyone is well and escaping Covid-19. Doctor Shah from the CDC says that we need to keep our foot on the gas because we still have a ways to go; they are not taking a victory lap yet. He also said to continue to wear your mask, maintain 6 foot distancing at all times, and wash your hands often. Good advice to maintain. New cases continue to arise every day so be careful!

****IMPORTANT NEWS** First Regional meeting has been rescheduled to July 11, 2020 at Acme Rebekah Lodge #75 in Oakland, 21 Oak Street, Oakland ME 04963. No dinner will be served so eat before you come! If anyone is interested maybe we could meet at a restaurant and order lunch (if interested call me and I will see if we can get something arranged) I think I heard Diddie say she would cook lunch at her house for all; I think this is a great idea, don't you? She has a big house and Jerry Gray needs to finish fixing her clock)- Meeting starts at 1:00 PM.**

They are going to check with Verna Jones to see if the Past Presidents, and helpers, can come and do the degree. There are 2 or 3 Lodges that have a candidate so let's get them installed and welcome them to our great fraternity. Call me 839-4723 or Marilyn Tozier 344-8251 to let one of us know if you have a candidate that can come.

I am sending a special invitation, via this letter, to my Grand Master, David Gulya, and his Board of Officers, to join us for the afternoon. Hope many of you can make it.

The only sick report that I have heard about is Jane McCollister. She had gal bladder problems but is now home and feeling much better, with her gall bladder still intact. Great news Jane!

I will also have dish cloths available that I am selling for our project; they are \$3.00 each and I have chance tickets on afgans and a quilt so bring your money and be ready to spend. These will be drawn at Assembly, whenever this is held (hopefully 2021 and not 2020. The majority of people that I have spoken with have said they will not be attending the 2020 session).

I will be doing questions and answers so if you have a question, that you always wanted to ask, please call me and I will include it so you will have an answer.

This is all the news that I know of, for now, so stay well and I will be back next month with more news.

In FL &T,

Joyce Young, President

The family of Allen Knights would to thank everyone for the warm wishes, cards, flowers, thoughts and prayers. They were very much appreciated.

I would like to thank everyone for the cards, visits, and warm wishes though out my recovery. I am doing much better and looking forward to seeing everyone at future meetings.

FL&T

Glenda Knights

The family of PGP James Gochie a PG of Saccarappa Lodge #11 requested an Odd Fellow Graveside service on Sunday 14 June 2020 at 11:00 A.M. The members of Saccarappa Lodge and other Odd Fellows and Rebekahs who knew Jim and about 100 members of his friends and family gathered at the New Highland Cemetery Annex in Limerick, Maine. PGM, PGP Jerrold Farnham Grand Treasurer of the Grand Encampment of Maine did the Noble Grand part and DDGM Michele Trynor did the Chaplain Part, all Odd Fellows and Rebekahs present participated. The family was very appreciative for the service.

On 17 June 2020 the National Guard showed up at the Home. They set up and conducted N95 mask fitting tests, this is a requirement, personnel have to know how to use them in case of a Covid-19 outbreak also there are different styles and you can only use the style that has been tested and properly fits you.

WE DO NOT HAVE A CASE OF COVID-19 AT THE HOME.

At the end of the Grand Lodge fiscal year we for the sake of clarity write checks and deposit or send the funds to the appropriate charity etc. The funds followed by * are items that we have in our budget and the rest are charitable donations made by the lodges.

We recently paid \$10,000.00 to the Camp NEOFA Dam Project this was a pledge that was voted to do at the last Grand Lodge Session.

The item labeled Home Savings account is where we put raffle money with the purpose of benefitting the Home. It stays there until the raffle is complete.

GL_Building_Fund	Annual_Contribution	\$10,000.00	*
GL_Advertising_Fund	” ”	\$2,000.00	*
_Odd_Fellows_&_Rebekahs_Home_GL_Donation		\$8,000.00	*
Home_Tax	Annual_Lodges	\$481.50	
GL_Home_Fund	” Payment	\$5,000.00	*
_Odd_Fellows_&_Rebekahs_Home_Home_Savings_Account		\$120.00	
” ” ” ” ” ”	Home_Endowment	\$910.00	
Eye_Bank_Fund	Donations	\$480.00	
Nurses_Training_Award	”	\$975.00	
Educational_Foundation	”	\$525.00	
Arthritis_Foundation	”	\$700.00	
Camp_NEOFA	Dam_Project_Donations	\$200.00	
” ”	Regular_Donations	\$200.00	

In FL&T

Michael Anderson

Grand Secretary

To Whom It May Concern:

Albion Lodge#149 would like to let you know of some upcoming events:

July 6th – 5:00 supper followed by meeting and initiation

July 20 – Fun night bring your cards and board games

August 3 – district meeting at Albion Lodge, District #2

August 17 – BBQ at Allen & Mura Knights home

We are trying to keep busy with what is left of our summer, please join us if you are able

Albion Lodge #149

St. George Lodge #132 on 30 May 2020 put on a free drive thru Bean Supper, They served over 100 meals. Donations were accepted and the funds went to the St. George Food Pantry.

On 21 December 2019 they let the Midcoast Community Band put on a free concert in their Lodge Hall, all American music and a sing-a-long of songs from the 40's.

On 31 October 2019 they let the community use their parking lot and bathrooms, they had games for Halloween and gave out candy.

Community involvement is an important part of Odd Fellowship and while many lodges do this, they don't let the rest of the world know. I would like to hear from the lodges when they are participating in these events.

Greetings brothers and sisters,

We are happy to announce that the Pilgrimage for Youth website has been updated. The site is very easy to navigate and user friendly. Please take time to familiarize yourself with the site. All the information you will need about the program including applications, donation forms, payment forms, jurisdictional chairperson information, delegate information and such are found on one page and easy to download.

The Pilgrimage for Youth website address is: <https://ioofpilgrimageforyouth.com>.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to review the website. Our hope is that this will make your job easier and save you some time.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Leonard Bolton, Executive Director

The Eye Bank form has been updated we now have one for members of the order, it is a little simpler and is submitted thru your lodge. The member form can have the cost of eye glasses paid directly to you with submittal of receipts.

The Allen Knights Vocational Technical school award has been approved for use by the Grand Lodge Executive Board.

All of these forms are now available on our website.

**THE GENERAL MILITARY COUNCIL
INDEPENDENT ORDER of ODD FELLOWS**

3 June, 2020,

**To the Generals Commanding Retired
Present Elected and Appointed Officers of the GMC
President of the L.A.L.A.P.M.
All Department Commanders and Adjutants**

Greetings Chevaliers,

I have received a letter from the Sovereign Grand Master, The Honorable E. Wesley Nelson, stating that due to the present Covid19 Pandemic, the 2020 Sovereign Grand Lodge Session has been cancelled. The Code of General Laws: Chapter VIII, GMC: Article VII, Sessions: Sec. 1 states; "The GMC shall convene at the same time and place as the SGL ... "

Due to this fact, and even more importantly the safety of our members, I am with the approval of the GMC Executive Committee canceling the GMC session as well. We shall reconvene in 2021 in Cincinnati, Ohio. Hopefully, if I do not see you before then, I am looking forward to seeing you there.

All current and appointed Officers of the General Military Council will remain in their current office until the 2021 session.

Stay safe and healthy.

Chivalrously,

**Gen. John C. (Jack) Roberts, General Commanding
Lt. Gen. Michael Bowers, Deputy General Commanding
Maj. Gen. Earl Wys, Executive Officer
Maj. Gen. Clement Olson, Adjutant General
Maj. Gen. Marie Greger-Smith, Quartermaster General
Gen. R.L (Ken) Laswell, GMC Representative to SGL Elect.**

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