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ODD FELLOWS/REBEKAHS OF MAINE

**DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR**

**6/4/2024 MOUNTAIN REBEKAH LODGE VISITATION BLUE HILL.**

**6/5/2024 SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL MEETING BOWDOIN**

**6/15/2024 DEPARTMENT COUNCIL ATLANTIC NORTHEAST HELD IN KENNEBUNK.**

**6/22/2024 COASTAL REGIONAL MEETING STONINGTON.**

**6/23/2024 JJYC 1:00 P.M.**

**FROM THE ASSEMBLY TREASURER**

**PLEASE HAVE ALL MONIES AND BILLS DUE TO THE REBEKAH ASSEMBLY TO ME NO LATER THAN **JUNE 15TH, 2024.****

**IN F, L & T**

**Clarissa Labbe**

**Assembly Treasurer**

**LODGE OF SORROW**

**WARREN LODGE #127 ETHYLEN PHILBRICK PASSED AWAY 5/11/2024.**

**BLUE HILL LODGE #79 CHARLES H. BENNETT PASSED AWAY 1/27/2024.**

**MOUSAM LODGE #26 DALE MIDGLEY PASSED AWAY 5/18/2024.**



**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

**THERE IS A PROJECT YOUR LODGE CAN DO OVER THE NEXT FOUR MONTHS. THE IARA PRESIDENT IS ASKING FOR KNITTED HATS. PREME HATS FOR BABIES AND PEOPLE IN HOSPITALS ALL THE WAY UP TO AGE 102. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE SOME HATS**

**JUNE  
2024**

## GRAND MASTER'S JUNE LETTER

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

I hope this newsletter finds you all well. It has been a busy month for me with various meetings and visitations. I wanted to share some highlights from my recent activities.

On May 3-6, a group of our Brothers & Sisters and I had the honor of attending the Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns in Washington DC. It was a truly eye-opening experience, and I had the privilege of placing the wreath alongside President Denise Annis of the Rebekah Assembly. I encourage more of our members to participate in future trips like this to ensure their continuation.

I am sorry to learn that the Northern Maine Regional Meeting was canceled can't be rescheduled due to poor attendance and illness of some of their members. The meeting can't be rescheduled because unable to get the venue again this year. Let me send my personal best wishes to my Sisters hoping you all are feeling better soon. Had great visitation at Rockabema Lodge in Houlton on May. 9th with Grand Secretary Michael Anderson. DGM Richard McLaughlin and lodge members made delicious supper to celebrate the DDGM Bruce Folsom's new pool opening.

Another significant event was the Atlantic Provinces Grand Lodge Session in Fredericton, New Brunswick, which took place on May 10-11. DGM Richard Mclaughlin and I attended, and I would like to express my gratitude to GM David Estey for his hospitality. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet our Brothers & Sisters from the Atlantic Provinces and reconnect with old friends. I attended the District 3 District Meeting in Warren on May 17, and I visited Albion for the District 2 District Meeting May 20. Additionally, I attended the Quebec Grand Lodge Session on May 24-25. Maine had a good showing with DGM Richard McLaughlin, GS Michael Anderson, PGM Jerry Farnham, PGM Fred Stuart, and PPDALAPM Bea Stuart present.

I would also like to take a moment to mention the Calendar Raffle that is currently ongoing. The proceeds from this raffle will go towards supporting the Good Shepherd Food Bank. In the past, raffle we were able to raise \$3,000. I'm hoping we can out do the last raffle numbers to be able to donate between \$6,000 and \$10,000. Your support is greatly appreciated, and you can purchase raffle tickets from Grand Lodge Officers, local lodges, or by mailing a check made out to the Grand Lodge of Maine for \$10 per ticket. If you provide a self-addressed and stamped envelope, I will mail you back the ticket. Also hope my Odd Fellow Lodges are continuing to collect non-perishable goods for the food Bank.

Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to our future endeavors together.

Yours in F,L,&T,

Troy Carter Grand Master

## REBEKAH ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT'S JUNE LETTER

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I hope everyone's May was as busy and entertaining as mine was.

Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers: Judy Clark-Foster, Gretchen Clark, Ernestine MacMillan, Luella Dean, Penny Johnston, and any other members that have been under the weather or just fighting allergies of the spring. We all want everyone to feel tip top for the summer BBQs.

Troy Carter and I laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown the first weekend in May. It is such an honor to do so. We were accompanied by Fran Latanowich from the Department Council of the ANE. The changing of the Guard is always a solemn duty.

I was amazed again at the number of gravestones in the cemetery that seem to go on forever in nice straight lines that are kept immaculate. So many who gave all they could to keep us safe and secure at home. Please keep them in your prayers and never forget their sacrifice.

We also visited the Air & Space Museum. So many interesting versions of the "Flying Machine". It was a rainy day, making the day a little wet but we were very dry inside.

I have to apologize to the secretaries for not getting my letter to them as I promised but it is coming.

Don't forget our Warden's visitations coming soon.

Mountain #87 Blue Hill June 4 supper at 5 meeting at 6

Nina #86 Lisbon June 5 supper at 6 meeting at 7 at 54 West Road, Bowdoin (Baptist Church)

Rockbound #16 Stonington June 22 lunch 11:30 meeting at 1

Friendship

Oh, the comfort—the inexpressible comfort of feeling safe with a person,

Having neither to weigh thoughts,

Nor measure words – but pouring the

All right out – just as they are

Chaffe and grain together—

Certain that a faithful hand will

Take and sift them—

Keep what is worth keeping—

And with the breath of kindness

Blow the rest away

In FL&T

Denise Annis President Rebekah Assembly of Maine



Opposite page:

top presenting the Maine Wreath left to right Fran Latanovich Dept. Commander A.N.E., PRA Denise Annis, and GM Troy Carter.

Bottom DGM Richard McLaughlin and GS Michael Anderson presenting the R.I. Wreath.

## **REGIONAL MEETINGS:**

### **SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL MEETING**

**WILL BE ON JUNE 5, 2024 AT THE WEST BOWDOIN BAPTIST CHURCH ON 54 WEST RD. BOWDOIN, ME 04278.**

**THERE WILL BE A SUPPER AT 6PM WITH VARIOUS ITEMS TO MAKE SANDWICHES, DESSERTS CHIPS AND DRINKS. COST IS \$5.00.**

**MEETING WILL FOLLOW AT 7PM. PLEASE RSVP TO GAIL MORGAN AT 353-2567.**

**THANK YOU,**

**CYNTHIA LARRABEE., SECRETARY NINA LODGE #86**

## **NOTES**

**I WISH TO "THANK" ALL THE LODGES AND MEMBERS THAT SENT ME MANY MANY CARDS, PHONE CALLS TO CHECK UP ON ME AND SENT PRAYERS. I AM DOING WELL STILL, HAVING A PROBLEM WITH MY LEGS BUT OTHERWISE DOING WELL.**

**I WISH TO ESPECIALLY THANK NANCY ANDERSON FOR THE NUMEROUS CARDS SHE SENT. LUELLEA DEAN FOR THE DAILY CALLS AND CHECK INS. I NEVER KNEW I HAD SO MANY FRIENDS. I EVEN RECEIVED CARDS FROM MEMBERS I HAD NOT SEEN FOR A LONG TIME. THIS ALL MEANS SO MUCH TO ME.**

**THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART.**

**ERNESTINE MACMILLAN, PAST PRESIDENT.**



**Grand Secretary Michael Anderson of the GL of Maine presented Ed Copping Grand Secretary of the GL of Quebec the Silver Spoon Award. All present felt he was a deserving recipient.**

**REBEKAH ASSEMBLY WARDEN VISITATIONS**

**COASTAL:**

MOUNTAIN #87, BLUE HILL JUNE 4th SUPPER AT 5:00 P.M. MEETING AT 6:00 P.M.

**REGIONAL MEETING**

ROCKBOUND #16, STONINGTON JUNE 22nd, LUNCHEON AT 11:30 A.M. MEETING AT 1:00 P.M.

**SOUTH CENTRAL**

NINA #86, LISBON JUNE 5th VISITATION AND REGIONAL COMBINED. SUPPER AT 6:00 P.M.  
MEETING AT 7:00 P.M.

AT THE WEST BOWDOIN BAPTIST CHURCH 54 WEST ROAD, BOWDIN.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CALL ME AT (207) 449-7436

IN FL&T P.P. VERNA  
JONES WARDEN

PSGM Michelle Eckhart  
presenting a Rebekah 70  
year membership Jewel  
to PGM Ernestine Whip-  
ple and a Rebekah 65  
year Jewel to Shirley  
Vaughn.



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