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ODD FELLOWS/REBEKAHS OF MAINE

DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

**GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF MAINE ANNUAL SESSION
SATURDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2024. DETAILS ON PAGE 5.**

**GRAND MASTER'S AND PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION ON
SATURDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2024. DETAILS ON PAGE 4.**

**I WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT TO EXPRESS MY
HEARTFELT GRATITUDE TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF
YOU WHO PARTICIPATED IN MY TWO CALENDAR RAF-
FLES THIS YEAR. THANKS TO YOUR GENEROSITY, I HAD
THE HONOR OF PRESENTING A CHECK FOR \$5,408 TO
KATELYN RICE FROM GOOD SHEPHERD FOOD BANK
ON FRIDAY NIGHT. THIS ACHIEVEMENT WOULD NOT
HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT, AND
FOR THAT, I SINCERELY THANK YOU ALL.**

IN F,L,&T

PGM TROY E. CARTER

GRAND TREASURER

LODGE OF SORROW

**PRISCILLA REBEKAH LODGE #69 PP PRISCILLA GAM-
MON PASSED AWAY 10/16/2024.**

**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 BA-
BIES AND PEOPLE IN
HOSPITALS ALL THE
WAY UP TO AGE 102. IF
YOU WOULD LIKE TO
DONATE SOME HATS**

**NOVEMBER
2024**



GRAND MASTER'S LETTER NOVEMBER 2024

Greetings to all:

As the newly elected Grand Master of Maine IOOF, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to each of you. It is with great privilege that I have been chosen to lead the greatest fraternal organization in the world.

As we look forward to the coming year, I am excited to work closely with my elected and appointed officers to ensure that Maine IOOF continues to run at a higher standard for the good of the order.

To my elected officers, I would expect each of you to maintain a high level of professionalism and leadership. This would entail unity and patience as we work together to ensure proficiency and excellence for all we work towards. Our conduct should reflect Friendship, Love and Truth at every level. Our dress code for visitation of lodges is business casual and should reflect a positive outlook.

To my District Deputies, I would expect each of you to follow the guidelines outlined in the DDGM Manual and to maintain a high level of presence in your districts. That we work to schedule visitations and district meetings that are not in conflict with other visitations and inspections. Again, we must display a high level of proficiency so as to make sure we all are at the same level of conduct without interference. I look forward to working to strive for unity and growth within our lodges.

To my fellow Rebekah's, I promise to maintain an open line of communication and would expect that you will join me in our endeavors to help each other grow in unity.

My expectations do not stop at the top levels of the order. I expect all members of each lodge to strive for growth and unity. If any questions should arise, conflicts ensue, I expect all of my local lodge officers and members to maintain that open line of communication to assist in rapid problem solving.

My project for 2024-25, is Camp NEOFA. We have already started working with other jurisdictions to build the camp into a highly maintained organization. I am asking each of the lodges to help raise funds and will be in touch with each lodge to help organize events to contribute to the growth of the camp. I firmly believe the youth as the future of our order and that new membership opportunities will arise as we promote the camping adventure our youth will appreciate and desire. I will be doing a calendar raffle kickoff in November and December, and I am thanking all in advance for your support as we strive to build a better world.

Truly and Sincerely Submitted.

Richard A. McLaughlin

Grand Master Maine IOOF

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PRESIDENT OF THE REBEKAH ASSEMBLY'S LETTER NOVEMBER 2024

Greetings everyone!

We just got back from a very busy weekend at the Rebekah Assembly of Maine and the Grand Lodge Session, Congratulations to the newly elected officers, I hope everyone has a wonderful year.

I first want to let everyone know that the drawing date for the Quilt is wrong on the tickets, it will be drawn at Assembly next year, 2025, I apologize for the confusion.

We are also having a Reception for the new Grand Master, Richard McLaughlin and myself on November 16th at the Best Western Plus. Invitations were passed out to a lot of folks at the Assembly and Grand Lodge Sessions. I hope you are able to attend.

I have not finalized my committees due to a number of reasons. I hope to have that done in the near future. If anyone would like to serve on any of the committees let me know.

We have some exciting things coming up, I have spoken with my new deputies of things I would like to see the lodges doing in the coming year. I really want the lodges to reach out to their communities to see if there is something they can do to get their name out and to let the community know about us. One idea I have is to reach out to a local Nursing Home or local Senior Day Care Center, speak with the Activities Director and see if you can come in and provide some activity for the residents. Music, a tea party some activity that involves interaction. Many family members come to visit and would love to hear about us and what we do.

My special project is Camp NEOFA, I will be raising money to be used to create a new activity for the campers. My hope is to build a climbing wall and a "jungle gym" for the campers.

Thanksgiving is just around the corner, I hope everyone will be able to enjoy the holiday with family and friends.

In the first week of December myself and my merry band of elves will be going to the home to decorate, buy gifts for the residents and to have a few "Christmas parties". I have to finalize the party on December 7th. Hopefully we will be able to have a party for all to attend.

If you have questions let me know either by email, "gknights437@gmail.com" or call me at (207) 313-6491.

In Friendship, Love & Truth,

Glenda Knights, President RAME



You're Invited to a Reception Honoring:

Richard McLaughlin Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine
Troy Carter Grand Marshall of the Grand Lodge of Maine
&
Glenda Knights President of the Rebekah Assembly of Maine
Cheryl Holt Marshall of the Rebekah Assembly of Maine

When: Saturday November 16th, 2024

Where: Best Western Plus Waterville Grand Hotel (Banquet Room)
375 Main St. Waterville, ME

Social Time with Cash Bar starts at 11am
Lunch to be served at 12pm

Buffet Menu:

Parmesan Crusted Baked White Fish
Roasted Pork Tenderloin with Gravy
Baked Ham
Mashed Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, Green Beans
Garden Salad, Rolls, Water, Coffee, Lemonade, Assorted Soda
Dessert
Cost: \$40 per person

Reservations: Contact Miranda Perkins, RSVP by Nov 8th.

Make checks payable to ACME Rebekah Lodge #75,

Mail to: 41 Quaker Hill Rd. Albion, ME 04910

Tel: (207)437-2429 Cell: (207)680-8722

Email: acbmp Perkins@gmail.com

Checks must come with the reservation,
no refunds will be given after Nov 9th



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PATRIARCHS AND MATRIARCHS

28 AUGUST 2024

THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF MAINE 179TH ANNUAL SESSION WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH 2024 AT THE UNITY LODGE #3 HALL, 179 RIDGELAND AVE. SOUTH PORTLAND, MAINE. THE SESSION WILL CONVENE ON SATURDAY MORNING AT 9:00 AM. REGISTRATION WILL START 1 HOUR PRIOR TO THE OPENING ON SATURDAY.

DIRECTIONS: TAKE THE MAINE TURNPIKE TO EXIT 45, TURN LEFT AT THE LIGHT ONTO MAIN STREET, THEN GO TO THE 3RD LIGHT AND TURN RIGHT ON BROADWAY, TAKE A LEFT ONTO CHURCH STREET (IT'S THE THIRD LEFT AND A CEMETERY IS ON YOUR LEFT). THE HALL IS ON YOUR LEFT AT THE INTERSECTION OF CHURCH STREET AND RIDGELAND AVE.

SATURDAY'S LUNCHEON WILL BE SOUP, MAKE YOUR OWN SANDWICHES, AND DESSERT NO COST FOR THE LUNCHEON.

THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT DEGREE WILL BE CONFERRED PRIOR TO DROPPING TO THE ROYAL PURPLE DEGREE.

ROYAL PURPLE MEMBERS MAY ATTEND THE SESSION AFTER IT IS OPENED AND DROPPED TO THE ROYAL PURPLE DEGREE.

R.S.V.P. WITH WHO WILL BE ATTENDING NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 2ND 2024. DO NOT FORGET TO REQUEST IF YOU HAVE ANY SPECIAL NEEDS. E-MAIL IS ACCEPTABLE.

YOURS IN F H & C

GS MICHAEL ANDERSON

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**2024/2025
OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MAINE IOOF**

RICHARD MCLAUGHLIN	GRAND MASTER
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MICHAEL ANDERSON	GRAND SECRETARY (2026)
TROY E. CARTER	GRAND TREASURER (2027)
GEORGE S. MERRILL II	ASST. GRAND TREASURER
BRUCE FOLSOM	GRAND MARSHAL
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DEBRA HARNEY	GRAND HERALD
	GRAND MUSICIAN
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DDGMs

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BRUCE FOLSOM
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DISTRICT #2:
DISTRICT #3:
DISTRICT #4:
DISTRICT #5:
DISTRICT #6:**

**GLENDA KNIGHTS
JERROLD W. FARNHAM**

**SPECIAL DEPUTY REBEKAH ASSEMBLY
SDDGM FRATERNITY LODGE #6**

2024/2025

OFFICERS OF THE REBEKAH ASSEMBLY OF MAINE IOOF

President: Glenda Knights
Vice President: Verna Jones
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