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ODD FELLOWS/REBEKAHS OF MAINE

DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

CAMP NEOFA ANNUAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 7 2024

MAINE GRAND LODGE AND REBEKAH ASSEMBLY ANNUAL SESSIONS OCTOBER 16 THRU 19.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF MAINE ANNUAL SESSION SATURDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2024.

THE ODD FELLOWS AND REBEKAHS PLANNING BOARDS WILL BE ON 14 SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 11:00 A.M. AND THE JOINT PLANNING BOARD WILL BE 1:00 P.M.

THE ANNUAL POTATO RUN WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY 26 OCTOBER 2024.

LODGE OF SORROW

JOSHUA DAVIS LODGE #145 RICHARD SPENCER PASSED AWAY 8/14/2024.

JOSHUA DAVIS LODGE #145 DEXTER BRAY SR. PASSED AWAY 8/23/2024.

STARLIGHT REBEKAH LODGE #82 PEGGY CAMPBELL PASSED AWAY 8/27/2024.

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

**SEPTEMBER
2024**



GRAND MASTER'S SEPTEMBER LETTER

Brothers & Sisters,

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer! Autumn will be upon us before we know it. Since our last newsletter in June, twelve (12) Brothers & Sisters traveled to Swan's Island to provide educational support on running meetings and lodge operations. We enjoyed a fantastic lunch hosted by Hancock Lodge #150, and we sincerely thank their members for their warm hospitality.

I would like to invite you to The Lady Arambec's Annual event on Saturday, September 14th, at 3:00 PM, located at 33 Meadowbrook Rd, Phippsburg, ME 04562. All proceeds will benefit Rebekah's President Denise Annis' project for homeless shelters. Your support is greatly needed, and I hope to see everyone come out to help and enjoy the occasion.

Additionally, I'm excited to announce that my September Calendar Raffle will be drawn daily, with results posted on the Grand Lodge website and my own Facebook page. Winners will also be featured in the November newsletter.

Also, I want to share details about the 180th Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of Maine I.O.O.F., scheduled for Friday and Saturday, October 18th and 19th, 2024, at the Best Western Plus, 375 Main Street, Waterville, Maine. Please remember to make your hotel reservations by September 18th to secure our special room rate of \$129.00+ for 2 double beds. Reservations should be made directly through the hotel. Hoping all my Brothers & Sisters can make it to our Session.

On a personal note, this will be my last newsletter as your Grand Master. I want to Thank all of you, Brothers & Sisters, for the honor of serving in this role. From the time I was a twelve-year-old asking Grandfather if I could help with suppers, through my journey joining Brooklin Lodge #133 at 18, being your Grand Master has been the greatest honor of my life.

With gratitude,

Troy E Carter

Grand Master

REBEKAH ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT'S SEPTEMBER LETTER

To my Brothers and Sisters,

August has been a busy month and I believe the rest of my term will be the same.

Please keep the following in your prayers; Peggy Campbell, Judy Clark-Foster, Nancy Anderson, Gretchen Clark and Ernestine MacMillan and anyone you know who is under the weather. Allergies are bad this year.

Pittsburg was an eye-opening experience. I saw many friends and made some new ones. It wasn't as warm as I expected, but I had a wonderful time.

Please remember to get pin money to my marshal as well as the money for the scratch tickets and the name stubs. The tickets will be drawn at Assembly. If you have not made your reservations, do so soon as I'm told we will have a full house.

Committees: if you have not met, chairmen please at least call your members as your reports are due in to the secretary by the 30th of September. Officers need to have their reports in by then as well.

If any of you plan to attend the Connecticut Session, make your plans as soon as possible. The session will be held in Cromwell on Friday, 20th and Saturday, 21st.

A Smile

Let others cheer the winning man,
 There's one I hold worth while;
 'Tis he who does the best he can,
 Then loses with a smile.
 Beaten he is, but not to stay
 Down with the rank and file;
 That man will win some other day,
 Who loses with a smile.

Author unknown

Denise Annis, President; Rebekah Assembly of Maine

Grand Encampment I.O.O.F. of Maine

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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

THE ANNUAL POTATO RUN

ON 10/26/2024 THE PEOPLE GOING TO HOULTON TO DO THE PICKING UP OF POTATOES WILL GO TO ROCKABEMA LODGE IN HOULTON LOCATED AT 20 MARKET SQUARE, ARRIVING ABOUT 10:30 TO 11:00 A.M., FROM THERE THEY WILL GO TO THE POTATO HOUSE TO PICK UP THE POTATOES. IF YOU WISH TO ORDER POTATOES TO GIVE TO FOOD PANTRIES ETC. LET THE GRAND SECRETARY KNOW HOW MANY BAGS YOU NEED BEFORE OCTOBER 15TH. IF YOU WISH TO ORDER SOME POTATOES FOR PERSONAL OR LODGE USE LET ME KNOW SO I CAN HAVE THEM BAGGED UP AND READY FOR YOU TO PICK UP IN HOULTON.

ALBION LODGE #149 WAS HAPPY TO PARTICIPATE IN ALBION'S BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION. WE HOSTED A CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT AND HAD 36 PLAYERS. ALSO A BIG THANK YOU TO JERRY FARNHAM AND HIS SISTER LISA DRAKE FOR BRINGING THEIR ANTIQUE CAR UP FOR OUR PARADE, AND BRAYDEN FOR DRIVING!



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July 22, 2024

**To all Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge I.O.O.F. of Maine.
GREETINGS!**

180th Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of Maine I.O.O.F. will be held on Friday and Saturday, October 18th, and 19th 2024 at the Best Western Plus, 375 Main Street, Waterville, Maine Tel.# 207-873-0111. Take the Maine Turnpike to Exit 130 (ME Rt.104 S/Main Street), Turn right (if going North) or left (if going South) on to ME-104 S/Main Street, then take your immediate left into the Best Western Plus Waterville Grand Hotel.

Room reservations are to be made directly to the hotel no later than September 18, 2024 to guarantee the rates we have locked in. The room rates for 2 double beds will be \$129.00 + tax. Call as soon as possible for reservations; mention Rebekah Assembly or Odd Fellows Grand Lodge. Do not forget to request if you have any special needs. Complimentary breakfast tickets are available at the front desk.

On Friday morning, the Rebekah Assembly will reconvene promptly at 8:00 A.M. the Assembly Degree will be conferred if needed. Immediately following the degree, the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment Officers and members will be introduced. The Official Opening of the Grand Lodge will begin at 1:00 P.M. on Friday. The Grand Lodge Degree will be conferred as soon as the Grand Lodge is opened. The degree will also be conferred on Saturday morning after the Grand Lodge reconvenes at 9:00 A.M. Registration (no fee) will start 1 hour prior to the opening on both Friday and Saturday. All Maine Grand Lodge members are voting members, 3rd Degree members may attend, after the Grand Lodge is dropped to the 3rd Degree but have no vote.

Recommended Dress Code for the Session is a Business Casual. Any Past Grand or 3rd Degree PNG in good standing in an Odd Fellows Lodge, may take the Grand Lodge Degree, they must have their Past Grand's/PNG certificate. Lodge Secretaries be sure to complete the certificate, give one copy to the retiring Noble Grand and mail one copy to the Grand Secretary.

Friday Evening: The Grand Master and President's banquet: The room will be open at 5:30 P.M with a cash bar, dinner will be served at 6:00 PM. A Buffet meal will be served at a cost of \$55.00 per person. Reservations and money to be mailed to the Grand Lodge Office, 80 Caron Lane Auburn, ME 04210-4289. Tel. 207-786-3638.

R.S.V.P. for the banquet no later than October 3rd no reservations will be taken after October 3rd. Make all checks payable to the Grand Lodge of Maine. Dress Code: Formal (tux, suit, lodge jacket, etc.). The Grand Master's Hospitality Room will be after the buffet.

Friday's Banquet Buffet includes; Pasta Salad, Coleslaw, Glazed Carrots, Roasted Potatoes, Baked Stuffed Chicken, Parmesan Crusted Haddock, and Prime Rib, Dinner Rolls, Beverages (Coffee/Sweet tea/Water), assorted mini desserts. A vegetarian option of Veggie Lasagna will be available, please specify if you want this.

Saturday Luncheon at 11:20 A.M. Memorial Service at 1:00 P.M. Installation of Officers will begin at 1:30 P.M. Following the Installation of Officers and Deputies the Grand Lodge will reconvene for any remaining business, the newly installed officers will take over after the close of the session.

Saturday's luncheon will be a "Picnic Buffet": with hamburgers, Hot Dogs, and veggie burgers Cheese, Buns, Bacon, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Onions, Pickles, Garden Salad, Pasta Salad, assorted beverages, Condiments, Potato Chips, and Assorted Cookies/Brownies. Saturday's Luncheon is free for all Odd Fellows who have R.S.V.P.'d and attend the Grand Lodge Session that day. If you wish to join us for lunch and not attend the session the cost will be \$35.00. Make checks payable to the Grand Lodge of Maine. You will need to make a reservation to attend the luncheon with the Grand Secretary no later than October 3rd No reservations will be taken after that date.

R.S.V.P. for the banquet and/or the luncheon no later than October 3rd we will need a head count for the Hotel. The Grand Secretary will have your luncheon tickets available on Saturday.

In F.L. &T.,

Troy Carter
Grand Master

Attest; Michael Anderson
Grand Secretary

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