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ODD FELLOWS/REBEKAHS OF MAINE

DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

03/14/2026	First Regional Meeting Ivy #5 S. Portland
03/28/2026	Central Regional Meeting VFW Hall Preble Ave. Madison
04/09/2026	Eastern Region District Meeting, Blue Hill #79
04/10-04/11	R.I. GE, GL. GM Thomas Gotaucó
04/13/2026	Northern Region District Meeting at Garfield #99
TBD	Southern Region District Meeting
04/18/2026	Coastal Regional Meeting at Rockbound, Stonington
4/24-4/25/26	NH GL Town & Country Resort Shelburne GM Kevin Taylor
05/1-05/3/26	Tomb of the Unknown Arlington Cemetery.
05/08-05/09	VT GL.
05/08-05/09	A.P. GL GM Jeff Dewtie
05/09/2026	GE NH GP Richard Davis
05/22-05/23	Quebec GL GM Tim Morrison.
06/05-06/06	MA GL. GM Susan Needles
06/5-06/7/26	Canadian War Memorial Weekend Ottawa
06/10/2026	North Regional Meeting Fort Fairfield
06/13/2026	Dept. Council A.N.E. Concord NH

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**

**FEBRUARY
2026**



Vice President Visitations 2026

March 17th 2026 Miriam #337 Elementary School Rd, Tenants Harbor ME

Noon lunch 1:30 pm meeting

March 23rd 2026 Rockbound #16 103 Oceanville Rd, Stonington ME

5pm supper 6pm meeting

April 7th 2026 Mountain #87 75 Main ST, Blue Hill ME

5pm supper 6pm meeting

April 18th 2026 Regional meeting 7 Elementary School Rd, Tenants Harbor ME

11:30 lunch 1:00 pm meeting

RSVP to Cheryl Farley 207-232-0658 (call or text) or huntress4u19@yahoo.com

June 10th 2026 Starlight #82 339 Main St, Fort Fairfield ME 11:00am meeting

WARDEN'S VISITATIONS 2026

March 12th 2026 Lady Arambec #26 Wiscasset and Acme #75 Oakland 5:30 P.M. supper.

March 18th 2026 Priscilla #69 Skowhegan and Sterling #95 Madison 7:00 P.M.

March 28th 2026 Regional meeting VFW Hall, Preble Ave. Madison, ME.

PRESIDENT'S VISITATIONS

FEBRUARY 28TH NARRAGANSETT #145 KENNEBUNK

12:00 MEAL MEETING AT 1:00

MARCH 3RD IVY #5 S. PORTLAND

6:30 MEAL MEETING AT 7:30

MARCH 4TH NINA #86 AUBURN

SNACKS AFTER MEETING MEETING AT 7:00

MARCH 14TH REGIONAL MEETING FOR DISTRICT 1

IVY #5, 179 RIDGELAND AVE. SOUTH PORTLAND.

11:30 LUNCH MEETING AT 1:00

IF THERE ANY CHANGES PLEASE CONTACT ME AT (207)-449-7436.

IN.F.L.T.

VERNA JONES, PRESIDENT.

Southern Regional Meeting/First Regional Meeting

The First Regional Meeting will be held at Ivy Rebekah Lodge #5, on Saturday, March 14th, 2026. The visiting officer will be Verna Jones, President of the Rebekah Assembly of Maine.

Lunch will be at 11:30 AM and the menu will consist of make your own sandwich, Salad, and dessert. Cost will be by donation. Please reply to Linda Furrow, DDP by March 6, 2026, if you plan on attending the lunch. No reservations will be taken after that date.

I can be reached at (207) 774-0033 or by email: lindafurrow13@twc.com.

There will be a basket raffle at the meeting. If your lodge or members would like to donate a basket it would be appreciated.

Linda Furrow, DDP

District #1

92nd Annual Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknown

Mark your calendars and get ready to take a trip with us to Washington DC. The Bus will be leaving Maine on Friday, May 1st and returning on Monday, May 4th, 2026. The cost of the bus again this year will be \$50.00 deposit per person. This deposit will hold your seat. If you attend the trip the \$50.00 will be returned to you. If you reserve a seat and then do not attend, you will forfeit the \$50.00. Thank you, Unity Lodge #3, for doing this again this year.

Reservations will be open starting February 15, 2026. Stops will be in Carmel Exit 174 at the park and ride, (approx. 4:00 AM) South Portland exit 45 Park and Ride, (Approx. 6:00AM) Wells exit 19 Park and Ride, (Approx 6:45 AM) Massachusetts, and Connecticut. (These times are subject to change based on the reservations received).

HOTEL RESEVATIONS: Hilton Mark Center, Alexandria VA will once again be the host hotel. The cost of the rooms will be \$139.00 for up to four people in a room. All room rates are subject to hotel tax. The hotel also sets aside funds for incidental so please plan on that when paying it could be \$50.00 per night. Make your own reservations with the hotel please call 703-845-1010 make sure tell them you are with the “Odd Fellows Pilgrimage”. Reservations must be made by April 1, 2026. If you have problems making hotel reservations, please contact Brother Chuck Renninger at 1-301-350-4495.

REMINDER: Please pay the registration fee of \$7.00 (form is attached) before April 1, 2026. Registrations after that date will be \$10.00. Registration packets will be available at the registration table with your name and jurisdiction on them. Friday, May 1st 3:00PM -5:00PM Saturday morning 8:30 AM – 4:00PM reservation desk will be in the upper lobby foyer at the Hilton Mark Center Hotel.

Tram Tours: As in the past no private vehicles or buses are allowed in the cemetery. There is a tram that takes you up and back from the ceremony site at a cost of Approx \$21.00 per person (there are discounts for Seniors and Military members). This is a great tour filled with lots of interesting information.

EACH YEAR THE PILGRIMAGE COMMITTEE RESERVES BUSES THAT GO DIRECTLY UP INTO THE CEMETERY. THE COST THIS YEAR IS \$30.00. RESERVATIONS TO BE MADE USING THE PRE-REGISTRATION FORM ATTACHED. SATURDAY NIGHT PILGRIMAGE BANQUET: \$65.00 RESERVATIONS MAYBE MADE BY FILLING OUT THE (PRE-REGISTRATION FORM ATTACHED)

CHECKS FOR THE REGISTRATION, PILGRIMAGE COMMITTEE BUS AND THE BANQUET SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO THE IOOF PILGRIMAGE COMMITTEE AND MAILED TO THE ADDRESS ON THE PRE REGISTRATION FORM.

WE ARE PLANNING A SPECIAL TRIP ON SATURDAY, MAY 2ND TO THE WILMA EYE INSTITUTE AT JOHN HOPKINS UNIVERSITY. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT THE ODD FELLOWS AND REBEKAH'S SUPPORT. MORE INFORMATION TO COME ON THIS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND, PLEASE LET ME KNOW SO THAT I CAN GET BACK TO THE COMMITTEE. THIS WILL BE AN ALL DAY TRIP.

THOSE PARTICIPATING IN THE WREATH LAYING CEREMONY ON SUNDAY, MAY 3RD PLEASE REMEMBER LADIES WEAR DRESS (NO BRIGHT COLORS) AND DRESS SHOES (NO OPEN TOES OR FLIP FLOPS) MEN WEAR A SUIT AND DRESS SHOES. IF YOU ARE LAYING THE WREATH AND ARE IN THE MILITARY BRANCH, PLEASE REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR UNIFORM. IF YOU ARE ATTENDING THE CEREMONY, YOU DO NOT NEED TO WEAR A DRESS. DRESS PANTS AND SHOES ARE APPROPRIATE ATTIRE. REMEMBER TO RESPECT THE CEMETERY.

SUNDAY NIGHT WE WILL ALL GO OUT TO DINNER AT 5:30PM AT THE SILVER DINER WHICH IS NEAR THE HOTEL. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND THIS, PLEASE LET ME KNOW.

FOR THE MAINE BUS TRIP: PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO UNITY LODGE #3 AND MAIL THEM TO: DEB HARNEY, UNITY LODGE #3, 179 RIDGELAND AVENUE, SOUTH PORTLAND MAINE 04106 IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE TRIP, PLEASE CONTACT DEB HARNEY AT (207) 653-5285 EMAIL DHARNEY19@GMAIL.COM

THE ATTACHED FORMS ARE ON THE "ODDFELLOWSOFMAINE.ORG" WEBSITE UNDER FORMS/NEWSLETTERS.

PRESIDENT'S FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

WELL, JANUARY STARTED OUT COLD, THEN TURNED NICE FOR SOUTHERN MAINE, NOT SO MUCH UP NORTH. HOPE EVERYONE IS DOING WELL, AND GETTING RESTED UP FOR THE BUSY SEASON STARTING IN MARCH.

REMEMBER TO CHECK IN WITH OUR SHUT-INS AND ANYONE THAT IS IN NEED.

REALLY NOT MUCH TO DISCUSS. WHEN WE ARE ALL BACK TO OUR REGULAR ROUTINE, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE MANY OF YOU ATTEND OTHER VISITATIONS OR AT LEAST TRY TO ATTEND THE REGIONAL MEETINGS. THIS IS WHERE WE BOND AND LEARN FROM EACH OTHER.

I HAD PUT MY VISITATIONS IN THE JANUARY LETTER. I DO HAVE SOME CORRECTIONS.

VISITATION ON FEBRUARY 28TH IN KENNEBUNK, NARRAGANSETT #145, THE MEAL IS AT 12:00

AT THE FIRST REGIONAL MEETING ON MARCH 14TH, IN S. PORTLAND, IVY #5, THE MEAL IS AT 11:30 WITH MEETING AT 1

HOPE EVERYONE HAS A SAFE AND HEALTHY FEBRUARY. LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN MARCH.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

IN F.L.T.

VERNA JONES, PRESIDENT



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