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ODD FELLOWS/REBEKAHS OF MAINE

DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

10/15-16/2026 Maine Rebekah Assembly session

10/16/2026 Grand Encampment of Maine session.

10/16/2026 Rebekah Assembly/Grand Lodge
Banquet

10/17/2026 Grand Lodge of Maine session.

JUST A REMINDER:

The Potato Run will be on Sunday 1 November 2026 this date was chosen because of conflicting schedules. Please get your orders in ASAP so we can get the potatoes bagged for pickup.

NOTES

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs home had its 100th Anniversary on September 19th there was a good turnout with games, raffles, and food. The Auburn Fire Department showed up and displayed their trucks and equipment and Jerry Farnham displayed his 1930 Model A Ford. The bounce house was well attended by the younger crowd. We should do this again next year.



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**

**OCTOBER
2026**

★ PART 1 OF 5 ★

HOW TO HELP A LODGE FAIL

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INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS
PHILIPPINES


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 **DON'T ATTEND MEETINGS.**
If you do, arrive late and leave early.

 **NEVER VOLUNTEER.**
Assume the same few people will handle everything.

 **CRITICIZE THE PEOPLE DOING THE WORK.**
Especially from the sidelines.

 **DON'T WELCOME NEW MEMBERS.**
They'll figure it out on their own.

 **SAY THE LODGE NEEDS YOUNGER MEMBERS...**
But never invite any.

 **WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO PAY DUES.**
Then wonder why things are struggling financially.

 **COMPLAIN ABOUT CHANGE.**
And complain when nothing changes.

 **SUPPORT THE LODGE ONLINE ONLY.**
Avoid showing up in person whenever possible.

 **TURN SMALL DISAGREEMENTS INTO BIG DIVISIONS.**
One bad interaction? Blame the whole Lodge.

 **LET RUMORS SPREAD.**
Negativity travels faster than facts.

 **EXPECT PERFECT EVENTS.**
Without offering time, ideas, or help.

 **FORGET TO THANK VOLUNTEERS.**
Burnout builds quickly.

 **TALK MORE ABOUT PROBLEMS THAN PURPOSE.**
Veterans. Youth. Community. Fellowship.

 **ASSUME "SOMEONE ELSE" WILL SAVE THE LODGE.**
While good members quietly drift away.

A LODGE RARELY FAILS ALL AT ONCE.
**IT FADES WHEN GOOD PEOPLE
★ SLOWLY DISCONNECT. ★**



PRESIDENT'S LETTER FOR OCTOBER

WELL, I CAN'T BELIEVE THE PAST 3 YEARS HAVE GONE SO FAST.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL MY SISTERS AND BROTHERS FROM ALL BRANCHES FOR THEIR LOYAL SUPPORT.

AS WE ALL KNOW, OUR NUMBERS ARE DOWN ON BOTH LODGES AND MEMBERS. THAT IS WHY IT IS VERY IMPORTANT WE SUPPORT EACH OTHER. MY HOPE IS THAT WE PUT OUR DIFFERENCES ASIDE AND WORK FOR TH IS WONDERFUL ORDER.

EVEN THOUGH THIS IS MY SECOND TIME AS PRESIDENT, I HAVE MADE MISTAKES AND I ALSO LEARNED EVEN MORE.

I HAVE TRAVELED ALL OVER THE STATE AND ALSO MY OUT OF STATE VISITS. I HAVE HAD WONDERFUL TRAVELING PARTNERS. I EN COURAGE EVERYONE TO TRY AND TRAVEL TO OTHER LODGES AND JURISDICTIONS. THE FRIENDSHIPS YOU CREATE IS LONG LASTING.

I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR ASSEMBLY AT THE END OF THE MONTH. EXCITED TO SEE EVERYONE FROM NEAR AND AWAY.

JUST ONE MORE THING! A SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR GRAND MASTER ROD RONCO. IT HAS BEEN A PLEASURE TO WORK ALONG SIDE OF YOU.

REMEMBER WE HAVE BEAUTIFUL QUILTS TO RAFFLE AT ASSEMBLY . THIS IS FOR OUR SPECIAL PROJECT ALS.

TO THE UPCOMING OFFICERS I PLEDGE MY TOTAL SUPPORT .
I GUESS THAT WAS 2 MORE THINGS!!!

THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE, LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT!

IN F.L.T

VERNA JONES, P.R.A.

Good afternoon, everyone

I apologize for getting this information out to you later than usual. We are in the process of digitizing our applications and forms so that we can streamline our application and payment process. As of today, the delegate application link is available on the website.

Www.ioofpilgrimageforyouth.com. All other forms and applications will be available on October 1.

The application is self-guiding and user-friendly. Each page must be completed before proceeding to the next page. At the end of the application there is a submit button that will send the application directly to me. The Notary Public signature page and the Medical Release page have a link to download them and are to be filled out, scanned and sent back to me by the link provided. As with any change, there will probably be some glitches that we will have to navigate through. Please be patient with the process!

Once you have chosen your delegates, please provide the website where they can find the application. If they are having difficulty with the process in filling the form out and you don't feel comfortable in answering their questions, then feel free to refer them to me at 304 550-9434.

The Pilgrimage for Youth Board met in Frisco, TX and approved the following:

PFY 2027 tour dates will be: June 26-July 9

The tour will start and end in Philadelphia

The cost of this year's tour is \$2,200 due to rising cost for transportation, housing and food.

All fees and applications are due by February 1, 2027

All delegates must start the tour on the beginning date and stay with the tour until the end date.

Delegates must be between 16/17 years old when the tour starts and have at least one year of high school left.

Staff and tour leader applications are due by November 1, 2026

There are no fees for tour leaders.

The itinerary will be available on the website as soon as the details have been confirmed.

All fees and donations are to be sent to the Executive Director:

Leonard Bolton, Executive Director

Pilgrimage for Youth

6223 Six Mile Road

Danville, WV 25053

There will be three scholarship winners each year in the following amounts:

1st Place \$2,500

2nd Place \$1,500

3rd Place \$500

This year's winners were:

1st Place Brielle Brown from MN

2nd Place Zane Bergman from Colorado

3rd Place Zachary Proctor from Iowa.

If you have any questions, please give me a call. Let's make this year as special as we possibly can.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Leonard Bolton







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