

**Grand Lodge I.O.O.F. of Maine**

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

**GREETINGS!**

The 172<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Grand Lodge of Maine I.O.O.F. will be held on Friday and Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the Bangor Inn & /Suites, 701 Hogan Road, Bangor, ME 04401. Tel.# 207-947-0355. Directions: Take the Maine Turnpike to Exit 187 Hogan Rd. Exit, keep left at the ramp toward the Bangor Mall, Bangor Inn & Suites on the right. Room reservations are to be made directly to the hotel no later than October 1, 2015 to guarantee the rates we have locked in. The room rates will be \$ 88.00 +tax of 7% for 1 or 4 people in the room. Call as soon as possible for reservations; mention Rebekah Assembly or Odd Fellows Grand Lodge. Don't forget to request if you have any special needs.

For first floor make sure you call early as this is leaf peeping weekend. The Session will open on Friday afternoon at 1:00 PM sharp; registration will start 1 hour prior to the opening on both Friday and Saturday. All Grand Lodge members are voting members, 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree members may attend, after the Grand Lodge is dropped to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree but have no vote.

Any Past Noble Grand in good standing in an Odd Fellows Lodge, may take the Grand Lodge Degree, they must have their Past Noble Grand's 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.

On Friday morning the Rebekah Assembly will reconvene promptly at 8:00 AM the Assembly Degree will be conferred if needed. Immediately following the degree, the Grand Lodge, Grand Encampment, officers and members will be introduced. The Department Council Chevaliers and the Department Association Ladies (in social dress) will also be presented at this time.

The Official Opening of the Grand Lodge will begin at 1:00 PM 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 AM.

There will be a photo session for the Incoming Officers and Deputies at 1:00 PM Saturday. After the Memorial Service, Installation of Officers will begin at 1:30 PM. 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.

The Grand Master and President's banquet will be held at 6:00PM on Friday evening. This will be a Buffet which will include Deeply Seasoned and slow roasted Top Round of Beef/ Traditional Baked Stuffed Chicken with home style gravy/ Baked Haddock Filet topped with Seafood stuffing and a Creamy White Sauce/ Garlic Mashed Potatoes/ Honey Glazed Carrots/ Tossed Garden Salad/ rolls/ and assorted desserts. \$30.00. Reservations to be make with Judy Clark, PP, 467 Middle Rd., Skowhegan, ME 04976 Tel. 207-474-9578. Make all checks payable to the Rebekah Assembly.

All District Deputies are asked to meet with the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer for instruction during lunch Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 PM. Lunch will be a buffet consisting of Baked Glazed Ham/Traditional Meat Lasagna/Turkey Pie/Sweet Buttered Corn/Tossed Garden Salad/rolls/Assorted Fruit Pies. All Grand Lodge Members in attendance are the guests of the Grand Master.

The Grand Master's Hospitality Room will be at 8:00 PM Friday night after the Banquet.

F.L.&T.,  
*Boyd Norman*  
Grand Master

Attest:  
*Michael Anderson*  
Grand Secretary