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**To all Officers and Members of the Rebekah Assembly IOOF of Maine.**

**GREETINGS!**

The 122 nd Session of the Rebekah Assembly of Maine IOOF will be held on Thursday and Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<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 Thursday morning at 9:00 AM sharp.

On Wednesday evening, October `4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM, there will be rehearsal for the MarshaL, Conductor, Flag Bearers, Assistant Marshal and Conductor. The Assistants to take up the password will rehearse at this time also. You may also register on Wednesday evening at 7:30 PM for the session. The .Registration Committee members are Idelle Stickney, Luella Dean and Alice Severance.

On Thursday morning the Credential Committee, Carol Pavone, Chair., Mura Knights, and Jean Edgerly will meet at 8:00 AM with the candidates to receive the Rebekah Assembly Degree and the candidates will present their credentials. Any

Past Noble Grand in good standing in a Rebekah Lodge, who desires to take the Assembly Degree, must make application with the Assembly Secretary, Sister Kera Ashline, 24 Nealley St. South Berwick, ME 03908 for the proper credentials or he/she will not be admitted to the Assembly.

In addition to the Credential Committee, the following committees will meet at 8:00 AM Thursday morning to perform their various duties. Exchange Table-Alice Glover, Chair., Elizabeth Cochran and Kay Johnson. International News & Rebekah Newsletter – Lucille Nelson, Chair., Debra Harney,- Journals Sally Nason, Chair., Olive Daily and Vicki Soule,- Registration, Idelle Stickney, Chair., Luella Dean and Alice Severance. Supply Table- Maybelle Sturgeon, Chair., Jolene Cochran and Ruth Harvey.

The Official Opening of the Rebekah Assembly will begin at 9:00 AM on Thursday morning. The candidates are welcome to attend the opening ceremonies. The Assembly Degree will be conferred as soon as the Assembly is reconvened Thursday afternoon. The degree will also be conferred on Thursday evening and Friday morning after the opening of the Assembly. Sisters receiving the degree please wear a long gown, color of your choice and brothers please wear a suit or sports coat.

On Thursday and Friday I would like my Officers and Assistants to wear a long white skirt with a pink or green top, also I would like them to wear white gloves.

On Friday anyone participating in the Installation Ceremonies please wear a white gown. This includes the Installing Officers, Escorts, Incoming Officers, Deputies and Marshals. There will be a photo session for the Incoming Officers and Deputies at 1:00 PM Friday, Installation of Officers will begin at 1:30 PM Friday.

The Past Assembly Marshals will meet for lunch on Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 PM This will be a Buffet: Grilled Garlic Chicken, Fresh Spinach & Mushroom Alfredo Pasta/ Shepherd's Pie/ Green Bean Almandine/ Caesar Salad/ rolls/ and Apple Crisp with Vanilla Ice Cream. \$14.00 per person. Send your reservations to Elaine "Diddie" Barry, 299 Ridge Rd., Fairfield, ME 04937, 207-453-6053. Make check payable to Elaine Barry.

The Past Presidents Association dinner will on Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM. It will be a buffet consisting of Cinnamon-Walnut Crusted Chicken with a Ruby Port Cranberry Sauce/ Fresh Rosemary & Garlic Roasted Pork Loin/Roasted Garden Vegetable Lasagna/ red and Sweet Roasted Potato/ Green Beans Almandine/ Caesar Salad/ rolls/ and Assorted Cheese Cake Factory Cheese Cakes. \$21.50 per person. Make reservations with Maybelle Sturgeon, PP, Woodlawn Towers, 30 Water St. Apt. 504, Brunswick, ME 04011- Tel. 207-729-9258, Make checks payable to Rebekah Assembly.

The Assembly will reconvene Thursday evening after the Memorial Service to conduct business until 9:00 PM The Assembly Degree will also be conferred immediately following the opening if there are any candidates.

On Friday morning the 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. At 10:00 AM we will have nominations and election of officers, followed by remarks from our IARA Guest and any business until 11:30 AM when the Assembly will recess for lunch.

Following the Installation of Officers and Deputies on Friday afternoon, the Assembly will reconvene for any remaining business.

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.

The Secretaries Association will meet on Saturday morning October 17<sup>th</sup> al 8::00 AM. Secretaries and Financial Secretaries please try to attend this meeting as you will learn a lot and have a chance to ask questions.

All New District Deputies will meet with the new President on Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM. Deputies please bring a list of the lodges in your district along with the meeting dates and times and a 2015-2016. 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. \$15.00. Make reservations with Diane Young, 6 Juniper Circle, Gorham, ME 04038. Tel.# 207-839-4723. Make checks payable to Rebekah Assembly.

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Attest:

Verna Jones, President  
Rebekah Assembly of Maine

Kera Ashline, Secretary  
Rebekah Assembly of Maine