



REBEKAH ASSEMBLY OF MAINE

To all Officers and Members of the Rebekah Assembly I.O.O.F. of Maine.

GREETINGS!

The 131st Annual Session of the Rebekah Assembly of Maine I.O.O.F. will be held on Thursday and Friday, October 15th, and 16th, 2026 at the Best Western Plus, 375 Main Street, Waterville, Maine Tel.# 207-873-0111. Take the Maine Turnpike to Exit 130 (ME-104 S/Main Street), Turn right onto ME-104S/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 1, 2026, to guarantee the rates we have locked in. The room rates for 2 double beds will be \$129.00 + tax 1-4 people in the room. 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. You will not be receiving written confirmation from the hotel so please ask for your confirmation number when making the reservations.

The Arrangements Committee only will meet on Thursday morning at 9:30AM to set up the rooms for the session. Please make sure to bring posters from the Officers' Visitations to the Assembly Session to be displayed.

The New Past Presidents Association will meet for a meeting and lunch on Thursday, October 15th at 11:00AM. We will meet in the Event Center which is down the hall past the front desk (It will be marked) Lunch will consist of make your own sandwiches/Chef Salad, Cookies/Brownies for dessert and assorted beverages the cost will be \$30.00. Any Past President may attend this meeting. If you have any questions please contact Marilee Perkins PP, at (207) 437-2429. Reservations must be made **by September 30, 2026**. After that we cannot guarantee a reservation

Again, this year we would like everyone to register in advance and pay the registration fee of \$5.00. We are also asking you to make your reservations for all the luncheons and the Grand Masters and Presidents Banquet on the attached form. This hopefully will allow us to get through the registration process a little faster. We will have a packet

ready for those who pre-register. The packet will include advanced journal, name tag, tickets for all the meals indicated on your registration form. Please complete the attached registration form, one per person, send along with your check payable to The Rebekah Assembly of Maine to: Sister Clarissa Labbe, Treasurer, PO Box 623, Augusta ME 04332 by September 30th. Any questions please contact Deb Harney (207) 653-5285 or email rameasstsecretary@gmail.com.

You will pick up your Assembly Packet on Thursday morning from 10:00AM -11:00AM or Thursday afternoon from Noon to 1:00 PM. The Registration Committee is Lorna Grant, Muriel Elkins and Penny Johnston. Registration will be in the Thomas room which is adjacent to the Assembly Room.

On Thursday afternoon at 12:30PM, the Credential Committee, Cynthia Larrabee and Joan Heighton will meet with the candidates to receive the Rebekah Assembly Degree. The Candidates need to have their Credentials to present to the Committee. Any Past Noble Grand or Past Grand in a good standing in a Rebekah Lodge in good standing who desires to take the Assembly Degree must make application with the Assembly Secretary, Kera Ashline, 24 Neally Street, South Berwick, ME 03908. Lodge Secretaries or your visiting Assembly Officer should have the proper credential forms.

One copy of the credentials form is to be sent to the Assembly Secretary, and the other copy is to be brought to the Assembly, or she/he will not be admitted to the Assembly.

At 10:30 AM The following Committees will meet to perform their various duties. The **Exchange Table-** Susan Dates, Tammy Hagthery and Mary Goulet. **Supply Table:** Marylou Anderson and Louise Sterling. Journals: Linda Furrow and Luella Dean: **Cookbooks:** Bea and Fred Stuart

Coffee, tea, and water will be available in the Session Room each day.

The Assembly will open promptly at 1:00PM on Thursday Afternoon. The candidates are welcome to attend the opening ceremonies. The Assembly Degree will be conferred as soon as the Assembly is Officially opened. The degree will also be held on Friday morning after the opening of the Assembly. Sisters and Brothers taking the Assembly degree please wear a long gown, color of your choice, Brothers please wear a suit or sports coat

We will drop down to the Rebekah Degree during the Session, giving the opportunity for all Rebekah's to attend the Assembly, both on Thursday and Friday. It is our hope that many of you will take advantage of this opportunity to come and take part in our Assembly Session. We look forward to seeing all of you in October.

On Thursday and Friday, I would like my Officers and Assistants to wear black bottoms (skirts, palazzo pants or dress pants no leggings please) with blue or green top.

Past Presidents may wear an outfit of your choice.

Thursday Evening: 6:00PM-7:30PM **Past District Deputies Association**. Will meet in the Assembly meeting room. Secretaries, please send all deceased Past District Deputies' names to Cheryl Holt no later than October 2nd. 82 Park Street, apt #1, Madison ME 04950 with date of joining and the date of passing.

Thursday Evening at 7:30PM-9:00PM The Presidents Hospitality Room will be in the Event Center. This is located down the hall right after the entrance to the hotel on the left side. Please come and join the fun

The reports of the Legislation Committee, Budget Committee and the Trustees Committee will be presented on Thursday afternoon. Please have a copy of your reports typed, if possible, to give to the Secretary.

Committee Chairman reports must be sent to the Asst. Secretary Debra Harney, PP no later than September 1, 2026, to be placed in the advanced journal. The reports can be emailed to rameasstsecretary@gmail.com or mailed to 273 Mitchell Road, Cape Elizabeth ME 04107. Reports not received by that date must be read at the Assembly Session in October. If you have any questions, please contact Debra at (207) 653-5285

The Memorial Committee and the Past Presidents will do their Memorial Service together on Thursday afternoon if time permits. Names of deceased members should be sent to Mura Knights no later than October 2nd. 3 Quaker Hill Road #2, Albion ME 04910 with date of joining and the date of passing.

On Friday morning, the Rebekah Assembly will reconvene promptly at 8:00 AM and the Assembly Degree will be conferred if needed. Immediately following the degree. Those in attendance who have not been introduced will be introduced following the Assembly Degree.

At Promptly 10:00 AM on Friday Morning we will have nominations and election of officers followed by remarks from our I.A.R.A. Guest and any business until 11:30am when we will recess for lunch.

Friday Salad & Sandwich Lunch: Deluxe Deli Buffet Consisting of assorted breads, condiments, Roast Turkey, Deli Ham, Egg Salad, Chicken Salad. Potato Salad. Pasta Salad, Chips, assorted beverages and Cookies. Lunch is free for those members attending the Rebekah Assembly Session on Friday. If you wish to just join us for lunch but do not attend the session the cost will be \$35.00. Please complete the attached registration form.

On Friday those participating in the Installing Ceremonies please wear a white blouse with black bottom, men wear a sport coat please. Photos of next year's Officers and Deputies will be at 1:00 PM sharp on Friday afternoon. Please be in the appointed place and ready for your photo by 12:55 PM The Installation will follow at 1:15 PM.

Following the Installation of the Officer and Deputies Friday Afternoon and the presentation of our new Presidents Program the Assembly will reconvene if necessary for any additional business.

The New District Deputies will meet with the President, Vice President and Warden on Friday afternoon at 3:00PM in the assembly room.

Friday Evening: The Grand Master and President's banquet: Social hours will start at 5:00 P.M., go to Pub for alcoholic beverages, dinner will be served at 6:15 PM. A Buffet Meal will be served at a cost of \$55.00 per person. Reservations and money to be mailed to Sister Clarissa Labbe, Treasurer, (See attached form). Any questions, please contact either Mike Anderson (207)-786-3638 or Deb Harney (207) 653-5285. R.S.V.P. for the banquet no later than September 30th. No reservations will be made after that date.

Dress Code for Grand Lodge Officers: Formal (tux, suit, lodge jacket, etc.). The Grand Master's Hospitality Room will be after the banquet. Friday's Banquet Buffet includes Garden Salad, Green Beans, Roasted Red Potatoes, W/gravy , Parmesan Crusted Baked Haddock, Terriyaki Beef Tips, Teriyaki Vegetable Stir Fry w/white rice, Dinner Rolls, Beverages (Coffee/Sweet Iced tea/Water/lemonade), assorted light dessert Squares/mini-Cheesecakes, Cream Puffs/Tiramisu Bites (plated per table).

Saturday Grand Lodge Lunch: Picnic Buffet: Consisting of Hamburgers, Grilled Chicken Breasts, Hot Dogs, Garden Salad, Macaroni Salad, Chips, Condiments, cookies and brownies for dessert and assorted beverages. Lunch is free for all members attending the Grand Lodge Session on Saturday If you wish to just join us for lunch and do not attend the Grand Lodge Session the cost will be \$35.00. Please complete the attached registration form attached.

Sister Verna would like each lodge to donate a basket for the Presidents Special Project, The Odd Fellows and Rebekah's Home of Maine. There is no special theme for the basket, each lodge can decide the dollar value and theme.

To raise funds for their project ALS President Verna Jones and Grand Master Rod Ronco are selling tickets on two quilts. Grand Master Rod Ronco's quilt is a full size and President Verna Jones' quilt is a lap size. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. They will draw the winner at the banquet on Friday evening. Please see Brother Rod or Sister Verna for tickets.

Brother Rod Ronco is also selling tickets to win a gas card. (1) card for \$200.00 and (2) Cards at \$50.00 each. Tickets are \$ 1.00 or 6 for \$5.00. Please see Brother Rod for tickets. This is a great cause in memory of Past President Sister Judy Clark-Foster.

Note: Installation of Incoming Lodge Officers for 2026-2027 will be at the discretion of the District Deputy President and the lodges in her district. All lodges must be installed prior to the Assembly Session on October 15, 2026

If there are any Elected Officers, Appointed Officers, Assistants or Committee Members who will not be able to attend the Assembly, please let me know as early as possible so that I can find someone to take your place. Contact me at (207) 449-7436

I want to say a big "Thank You" to each and every one of you who have held an office or been on a committee for me this year. Also, for all the courtesies that have been shown to me and to anyone traveling with me.

Secretaries, this communication must be read at two consecutive meetings.

Fraternal Love,

Verna Jones, President
Rebekah Assembly of Maine

Attest: Kera Ashline, Secretary
Rebekah Assembly of Maine

REGISTRATION FOR THE REBEKAH ASSEMBLY And GRAND LODGE OF MAINE 2026

ONE FORM PER PERSON

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ EMAIL: _____

LODGE NAME _____ LODGE NUMBER: _____

HIGHEST TITLE (All Branches) FOR NAME BADGE (ONLY ONE TITLE): _____

Rebekah Assembly Registration Fee: \$ 5.00 \$ _____

Attending Thursday PM: YES, ___ NO ___ Friday Session: YES ___ NO ___

Thursday Morning: Rebekah Assembly Past Presidents Luncheon: \$30.00 Yes ___ NO ___
\$ _____

Friday: Rebekah Assembly Lunch (Free if attending session) YES ___ NO ___
(\$35.00 IF NOT ATTENDING SESSION) \$ _____

Friday Night: Grand Masters and Presidents Banquet \$55.00. \$ _____

Grand Lodge of Maine Session: YES ___ NO ___

Saturday: Grand Lodge Lunch (Free for those attending Session) Yes ___ NO ___
(\$35.00 IF NOT ATTENDING SESSION) \$ _____

REPRESENTING YOUR JURISDICTION Yes ___ NO ___

Jurisdiction: MA ___ NH ___ CT ___ AP ___ QUEBEC ___ VT ___

OTHER _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____ Check Number: _____

Please return this form with payment by September 30, 2026. NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR OR AFTER THE CUT OFF DATE.

PLEASE MAIL THIS FORM WITH YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO THE REBEKAH ASSEMBLY OF MAINE TO SISTER CLARISSA LABBE, PO BOX 623, AUGUSTA MAINE 04332.