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ODD FELLOWS/REBEKAHS OF MAINE

**DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR**

**MAINE GRAND LODGE AND REBEKAH ASSEMBLY ANNUAL SESSIONS OCTOBER 16 THRU 19.**

**GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF MAINE ANNUAL SESSION SATURDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2024.**

**THE ANNUAL POTATO RUN WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY 26 OCTOBER 2024.**

**ALBION LODGE #149 WILL BE DOING THE INITIATORY DEGREE ON OCTOBER 7TH AT 7PM. ANYONE WITH CANDIDATES IS WELCOME TO JOIN US.**

**MIRANDA PERKINS**

**LODGE OF SORROW**

**JOSHUA DAVIS LODGE #145 PGM GEORGE STEVENS PASSED AWAY 9/11/2024.**

**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

**THERE IS A PROJECT YOUR LODGE CAN DO OVER THE NEXT FOUR MONTHS. THE IARA PRESIDENT IS ASKING FOR KNITTED HATS. PREME HATS FOR BABIES AND PEOPLE IN HOSPITALS ALL THE WAY UP TO AGE 102. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE SOME HATS**

**OCTOBER  
2024**



Rebekah Sisters and Brothers, there have been many changes in our By-Laws and our IARA-SGL Reports over the last few years.

The Rebekah Assembly of Maines Constitution and By-Laws were intertwined and needed to be separated, along with some housekeeping. Some of the changes have upset members. Rebekah Degree members can attend the Assembly and be heard when recognized by the presiding officer but have no voting rights.

Your concerns about what is or is not in our By-Laws can be questioned. The Legislation Committee whose job it was to separate the Constitution and By-Laws will be at the Assembly session to answer any questions you may have and explain the changes. The committee worked with the IARA Executive Board to make sure how things were to be done correctly.

The Constitution and By-Law changes were discussed and voted on at the Assembly Session in 2022. This does not mean that they are carved in stone. We as an Assembly can listen, discuss and vote on any changes that members feel need to be made. **THE BY-LAWS ARE ALWAYS A WORK IN PROGRESS.** This is your Assembly; everyone's concerns can be addressed.

We urge you to attend the Assembly Session to learn about new legislation and changes that have taken place at the International Association of Rebekah Assemblies (IARA) each year. Any Rebekah in good standing may attend the IARA sessions in August each year.

Please do not just complain about the changes that are happening at our Assembly to the Officers or to other Rebekahs without understanding why the changes have been made. Ask the Committee Chairperson, this is why we have them. We all need to work together, everyone's opinions matter.

We hope to see you all at the Session in October.

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Kera Ashline, Assembly Secretary

Debra Harney, PP Assistant Secretary.

## SEPTEMBER CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

September 4th William Hanley.

September 5th Joseph Turcotte.

September 6th Gerald Gray.

September 7th Bob Calder donated to GM Project.

September 8th Miranda Perkins.

September 9th Charlene Buteau.

September 10th Joseph Devlin.

September 11th Lee Mcwilliams.

September 12th Brenda Gray.

September 13th Robyn Porenz.

September 14th Gladys Smith.

September 15th Frank John.

September 16th Jack Newton.

September 17th Will Bradford.

September 18th Forrest Nevells.

September 19th Lisa Drake.

September 20th Wayne Gaspar.

September 21st Francis Latanowich.

September 22nd St. George Lodge #132.

September 23rd Phillip Lutz.

September 24th Lorna Grant.

September 25th Glenda Knights.

September 26th Palmer Little.

September 27th Frank Sadler.

September 28th Paul Knutson.

September 29th Cheryl Farley.

September 30th Matthew Betts.

## **THE ANNUAL POTATO RUN**

**On 10/26/2024 the People going to Houlton to do the picking up of potatoes will go to Rockabema Lodge in Houlton located at 20 Market Square, arriving about 10:30 to 11:00 A.M., from there they will go to the potato house to pick up the potatoes. If you wish to order potatoes to give to food pantries etc. let the Grand Secretary know how many bags you need before October 15th. If you wish to order some potatoes for personal or lodge use let me know so I can have them bagged up and ready for you to pick up in Houlton.**

**The people travelling to Houlton please let me know you are coming and for whom you are picking up potatoes.**

**Michael Anderson**

**Grand Secretary**

# **GRAND ENCAMPMENT I.O.O.F. OF MAINE**

**OFFICE OF THE GRAND SCRIBE**

**80 CARON LANE**

**AUBURN, ME 04210**

**PATRIARCHS AND MATRIARCHS**

**28 AUGUST 2024**

**THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF MAINE 179TH ANNUAL SESSION WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH 2024 AT THE UNITY LODGE #3 HALL, 179 RIDGELAND AVE. SOUTH PORTLAND, MAINE. THE SESSION WILL CONVENE ON SATURDAY MORNING AT 9:00 AM. REGISTRATION WILL START 1 HOUR PRIOR TO THE OPENING ON SATURDAY.**

**DIRECTIONS: TAKE THE MAINE TURNPIKE TO EXIT 45, TURN LEFT AT THE LIGHT ONTO MAIN STREET, THEN GO TO THE 3RD LIGHT AND TURN RIGHT ON BROADWAY, TAKE A LEFT ONTO CHURCH STREET (IT'S THE THIRD LEFT AND A CEMETERY IS ON YOUR LEFT). THE HALL IS ON YOUR LEFT AT THE INTERSECTION OF CHURCH STREET AND RIDGELAND AVE.**

**SATURDAY'S LUNCHEON WILL BE SOUP, MAKE YOUR OWN SANDWICHES, AND DESSERT NO COST FOR THE LUNCHEON.**

**THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT DEGREE WILL BE CONFERRED PRIOR TO DROPPING TO THE ROYAL PURPLE DEGREE.**

**ROYAL PURPLE MEMBERS MAY ATTEND THE SESSION AFTER IT IS OPENED AND DROPPED TO THE ROYAL PURPLE DEGREE.**

**R.S.V.P. WITH WHO WILL BE ATTENDING NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 2ND 2024. DO NOT FORGET TO REQUEST IF YOU HAVE ANY SPECIAL NEEDS. E-MAIL IS ACCEPTABLE.**

**YOURS IN F H & C**

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**July 22, 2024**

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

**180th Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of Maine I.O.O.F. will be held on Friday and Saturday, October 18th, and 19th 2024 at the Best Western Plus, 375 Main Street, Waterville, Maine Tel.# 207-873-0111. Take the Maine Turnpike to Exit 130 (ME Rt.104 S/Main Street), Turn right (if going North) or left (if going South) on to ME-104 S/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 18, 2024 to guarantee the rates we have locked in. The room rates for 2 double beds will be \$129.00 + tax. 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. Complimentary breakfast tickets are available at the front desk.**

**On Friday morning, the Rebekah Assembly will reconvene promptly at 8:00 A.M. the Assembly Degree will be conferred if needed. Immediately following the degree, the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment Officers and members will be introduced. The Official Opening of the Grand Lodge will begin at 1:00 P.M. 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 A.M. Registration (no fee) will start 1 hour prior to the opening on both Friday and Saturday. All Maine Grand Lodge members are voting members, 3rd Degree members may attend, after the Grand Lodge is dropped to the 3rd Degree but have no vote.**

**Recommended Dress Code for the Session is a Business Casual. Any Past Grand or 3rd Degree PNG in good standing in an Odd Fellows Lodge, may take the Grand Lodge Degree, they must have their Past Grand's/PNG 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.**

**Friday Evening: The Grand Master and President's banquet: The room will be open at 5:30 P.M with a cash bar, dinner will be served at 6:00 PM. A Buffet meal will be served at a cost of \$55.00 per person. Reservations and money to be mailed to the Grand Lodge Office, 80 Caron Lane Auburn, ME 04210-4289. Tel. 207-786-3638. R.S.V.P. for the banquet no later than October 3rd no reservations will be taken after October 3rd. Make all checks payable to the Grand Lodge of Maine. Dress Code: Formal (tux, suit, lodge jacket, etc.). The Grand Master's Hospitality Room will be after the buffet.**

**Friday's Banquet Buffet includes; Pasta Salad, Coleslaw, Glazed Carrots, Roasted Potatoes, Baked Stuffed Chicken, Parmesan Crusted Haddock, and Prime Rib, Dinner Rolls, Beverages (Coffee/Sweet tea/Water), assorted mini desserts. A vegetarian option of Veggie Lasagna will be available, please specify if you want this.**

**Saturday Luncheon at 11:20 A.M. Memorial Service at 1:00 P.M. Installation of Officers will begin at 1:30 P.M. 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.**

**Saturday's luncheon will be a "Picnic Buffet": with hamburgers, Hot Dogs, and veggie burgers Cheese, Buns, Bacon, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Onions, Pickles, Garden Salad, Pasta Salad, assorted beverages, Condiments, Potato Chips, and Assorted Cookies/Brownies. Saturday's Luncheon is free for all Odd Fellows who have R.S.V.P.'d and attend the Grand Lodge Session that day. If you wish to join us for lunch and not attend the session the cost will be \$35.00. Make checks payable to the Grand Lodge of Maine. You will need to make a reservation to attend the luncheon with the Grand Secretary no later than October 3rd No reservations will be taken after that date.**

**R.S.V.P. for the banquet and/or the luncheon no later than October 3rd we will need a head count for the Hotel. The Grand Secretary will have your luncheon tickets available on Saturday.**

**In F.L. &T,**

**Troy Carter  
Grand Master**

**Attest; Michael Anderson  
Grand Secretary**

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