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ODD FELLOWS/REBEKAHS OF MAINE

DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

AUGUST 1ST 2023

Committee Reports due: Rebekah Assembly of Maine

Committee chairs just a reminder your reports are due for your committees no later than August 1st so they can be included in the Advanced Journal. If you can send them to me either by mail: 273 Mitchell Road, Cape Elizabeth ME 04107 or Email: rameasstsecretary@gmail.com (New Email address for Assembly items only)

If you have any questions, please let me know. I can be reached at (207) 653-5285

Have a great summer, see you all in October.

Deb Harney, PP
Asst Secretary

JJYC Meeting: Sunday, August 13th, Unity Lodge #3, 179 Ridgeland Avenue, So. Portland.

Lunch is at 12:00 Noon. Cost \$10.00.

Meeting starts at 1:00PM, We will be ordering Italians from Amato's.

Please contact Fred Stuart, no later than August 9th if you plan on coming to lunch.

He can be reached at (207) 939-8003. Everyone is Welcome to attend.

ANNUAL MEETING CAMP NEOFA SEPTEMBER 9TH AND 10TH.

LADY ARAMBEC ANNUAL FUNDRAISER 16 SEPTEMBER 2023.

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

AUGUST
2023



REBEKAH ASSEMBLY OF MAINE



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

GREETINGS!

The 129th Annual Session of the Rebekah Assembly of Maine I.O.O.F. will be held on Thursday and Friday, October 19th, and 20th, 2023 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, 2023, 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.

Our Session starts at 9:00AM on Thursday morning. On Wednesday evening at 7:30PM there will be a rehearsal for the Marshall, Conductor, Flag Bearers, Assistant Marshall, Assistant Conductor and Assistants to take up the password. Only those participating should attend the rehearsal. Thank you.

You may register for the Assembly on Wednesday evening at 7:30PM. The Registration Committee is Cynthia Larrabee, Norma Corliss and Joan Heighton. The committee will set up outside the Assembly Room.

On Thursday morning at 8:00AM, the Credential Committee, Hazel Moore, PP, Kay Johnston and Joan Heighton, PP, will meet with the candidates to receive the Rebekah Assembly Degree. The Candidates need to have their Credential to present to the Committee. Any Past Noble Grand or Past Grand in a good standing in a Rebekah Lodge who desires to take the Assembly Degree must make application with the Assembly Secretary, Kera Ashline, 24 Nealley Street, South Berwick, ME 03908. Your Lodge Secretary has the proper credential forms.

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

At 8:00 AM in addition to the Credential Committee the following Committees will meet to perform their various duties. Registration Table- Cynthia Larrabee, Norma Corliss and Joan Heighton, PP. Exchange Table- Jean Moffatt, Idell Stickney and Joyce Young, PP Supply Table/Journals – Pat Robichaud Cookbooks – Bea and Fred Stuart.

Coffee, Tea, and Water will be available in the Session Room each day.

We will drop down to the Rebekah Degree during the Session, giving the opportunity for all Rebekahs 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.

The 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 Officially opened Thursday afternoon. The degree will also be conferred 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.

On Thursday and Friday, I would like my Officers and Assistants to wear session gowns in green or pink. If you don't have a session dress, please wear a pink or green top with a navy -blue skirt. Past Presidents may wear a gown in your choice of color. On Friday anyone participating in the Installing Ceremonies please wear a white gown or men wear a suit or a sport coat.

Photos of next year's officers and Deputies will be at 1:00 PM sharp 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.

Pasta and Salad Buffet Lunch: Linguine with choice of sauce, Marinara, Alfredo or Pesto Sauces, Garden Salad, Garlic Bread, Cookies and Brownies and Assorted Beverages. If you just wish to join us for lunch the cost will be \$25.00. Make checks payable to the Rebekah Assembly of Maine. Luncheon is free for all attending the Rebekah Assembly Session.

You will need to make reservation to attend the luncheon with Debra Harney, Asst Secretary no later than October 3rd. No reservations will be taken after that date. (207) 653-5285. "rameasstsecretary@gmail.com". 273 Mitchell Rd, Cape Elizabeth Me 04107

The reports of the Legislation committee and the Trustees committee will be presented on Thursday afternoon. Please have two copies of your reports typed if possible.

The Past Presidents memorial will take place Thursday afternoon under the directions of Ernestine MacMillan, PP and Verna Jones, PP.

The Memorial Committee please plan on doing your memorial Service on Thursday afternoon if time permits. Names of deceased members should be sent 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.

The New Past Presidents Association will meet for a meeting followed by dinner on Thursday, October 19th at 5:00PM. We will meet in the room adjacent to the Assembly Session room. (It will be marked) To keep the costs low we will be ordering off the menu. Each attendee will pay for their own meal. Any Past President may attend this meeting. Please contact Ernestine MacMillan, PP, at (207) 474-1920 to reserve your seat. Reservations must be made by October 3rd, 2023. After that we cannot guarantee a reservation.

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 and Grand Encampment Officers and members will be introduced.

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.

Salad & Pizza Buffet Lunch: Garden Salad, Assortment of Pizza, (Cheese, Veggie/Pepperoni, Hamburger) Garlic Bread sticks with Marinara Sauce, Assorted beverages, Assorted cookies, and brownies. If you wish to just join us for lunch the cost will be \$25.00. Make checks payable to the Rebekah Assembly of Maine. Luncheon is free for all attending the Rebekah Assembly Session.

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Following the Installation of the Officer and Deputies Friday Afternoon and the presentation of our new Presidents Program the Assembly will reconvene for any additional business until 4:00PM.

Friday Evening: The Grand Master and President's banquet: The room will be open at 5:30 P.M with music and a cash bar. Dinner will be served at 6:30 PM. A Deluxe Buffet meal will be served at a cost of \$55.00 per person. Reservations are to be mailed to the Grand Lodge Office, 80 Caron Lane Auburn, ME 04210. Tel. 207-786-3638. R.S.V.P. for the banquet no later than October 3rd. Make all checks payable to the Grand Lodge of Maine. Dress Code: Formal.

There will be the game Toto for those who wish to participate. The money raised will go towards the Grandmaster's and President's Cancer project

SATURDAY: 7:00 AM THE NEW DISTRICT DEPUTIES WILL MEET WITH THE PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, AND WARDEN FOR BREAKFAST ALONG WITH THE PAST DISTRICT DEPUTIES ASSOCIATION. WE WILL MEET IN THE ROOM ADJACENT TO THE ASSEMBLY SESSION ROOM. PLEASE BRING A 2023 CALENDAR AND THE DATES THAT YOUR REGIONAL REBEKAH LODGES MEET.

SECRETARIES, PLEASE SEND ALL DECEASED PAST DISTRICT DEPUTIES NAMES SHOULD BE SENT 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.

11:30 AM ANYONE WISHING TO JOIN THE GRAND LODGE FOR THEIR LUNCH BUFFET (SEE BELOW) PICNIC BUFFET: HAMBURGER, CHICKEN BURGERS OR VEGGIE BURGER, BACON STRIPS/PICKLES, ASSORTED CHEESES, KEISER ROLL, GARDEN SALAD, MACARONI SALAD OR POTATO SALAD, POTATO CHIPS, ASSORTED BEVERAGES. THE COST IS \$35.00. MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE GRAND LODGE OF MAINE. SATURDAYS LUNCHEON IS FREE FOR ALL MAINE ODD FELLOWS ATTENDING THE GRAND LODGE SESSION. R.S.V.P. FOR THE LUNCHEON NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 3RD RESERVATIONS TO BE MAILED TO THE GRAND LODGE OFFICE 80 CARON LANE AUBURN, ME 04210. TEL. 207- 786-3638.

I WILL ISSUE A BLANKET DISPENSATION FOR ALL THE LODGES TO HOLD INSTALLATION AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2023, IN WHATEVER MANNER THAT IS CONVENIENT FOR THE LODGES IN THE DISTRICT. THEY MUST BE HELD BY OCTOBER 16, 2023.

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 MAY FIND SOMEONE TO TAKE YOUR PLACE. CONTACT ME AT (207) 409-6673.

THERE WILL BE A GOWN SALE AGAIN THIS YEAR. PLEASE BRING GOWNS, LONG SKIRTS, DRESSY TOPS AND STREET LENGTH DRESSES TO THE SESSION ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT OR THURSDAY MORNING.

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,

**GRETCHEN CLARK, PRESIDENT
REBEKAH ASSEMBLY OF MAINE**

**ATTEST: KERA ASHLINE, SECRETARY
REBEKAH ASSEMBLY OF MAINE**



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of the
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July 7, 2023

ANNUAL MEETING

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSTITUTION OF THE NORTH-EAST ODD FELLOWS' ASSOCIATION, INC.

ARTICLE IX - MEETINGS - THE ANNUAL MEETING SHALL BE HELD ON THE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AFTER LABOR DAY EACH YEAR, AT CAMP NEOFA IN MONTVILLE, MAINE.

The Annual Meeting of the Northeast Odd Fellows' Association, Inc. will be held on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 9 and 10, 2023 at Camp NEOFA.

The President, Joy Royea, has given me the following meeting times:

SATURDAY: Lunch Noon – 1pm Meeting 1 pm Supper 5:00 pm

SUNDAY: Breakfast 7-8 am Church/ Memorial Service 8:30 am Dinner Noon

Annual Meeting to reconvene at conclusion of church service.

Vice-chair of the Camp Directors, Dwight Crow, has asked that Camp Directors meet at 9 am Saturday morning. I am asking that Directors help spread the notice of the Annual Meeting, so that other members might attend.

Please send names of all deceased Officers/Past Officers of all branches of the Order to the Chaplain, Diane Young, 6 Juniper Cir, Gorham ME 04038

PRIOR to the Annual Meeting.

Saturday lunch, Saturday dinner, and Sunday lunch will each be \$13. Sunday breakfast will be \$10, for a total of \$49. No reservations will be required. Meals can be paid for upon arrival at camp. Meals this year will be provided by Rock-bound Rebekah Lodge in Stonington. We are fortunate that they are willing to do this. If we want meals to continue, we need to support them by eating at camp.

Area motels are:

COLONIAL GABLES	Rt. 1 Belfast 04915	1 207 338 4000
YANKEE CLIPPER	Rt. 1 Belfast 04915	1 207 338 2353
GULL MOTEL	Rt. 1 Belfast 04915	1 207 338 4030
BELFAST MOTOR INN	Rt. 1 Belfast 04915	1 207 338 2740
ADMIRAL'S OCEAN INN	Rt. 1 Belfast 04915	1 207 338 4260

(Admiral's Ocean Inn accepts late night checkins)

The President would like all Committee Chairs to have their reports ready when called for. PLEASE HAVE A TYPED COPY FOR THE SECRETARY, SUITABLE FOR PRINTING IN THE ANNUAL REPORT.

According to the Constitution of the Northeast, any member in good standing of any branch of the Order in the eight Northeastern Jurisdictions is a member.

A reminder that there will be Jurisdictional caucuses to choose your nominee for Camp Director.

All Members of the various Jurisdictions are urged to attend and participate in the Annual Meeting. This is your Association - this is your camp - show your interest and support of your Camp by being present.

Fraternally,

Jane S. McCollister

Jane S. McCollister, Secretary

Joy Royea, President

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