

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!

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) onto 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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