

## 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 16th, and 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025 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, 2025, 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.

<u>The Arrangements Committee</u> 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.

<u>The New Past Presidents Association</u> will meet for a meeting and lunch on Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:00AM. We will meet in the Event Center which is down the hall past the front desk (It will be marked) To save time President Luella Dean would like to have a buffet lunch consisting of Soup, Sandwiches, assorted desserts and beverages the cost will be \$20.00. Any Past President my attend this meeting. Please contact Luella Dean PP, at (207) 227-0939 to reserve your seat. Reservations must be made <u>by</u> **October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025**. After that we cannot guarantee a reservation

We are trying something new this year. We would like everyone to register in advance and pay the registration fee of \$5.00. This hopefully will allow us to get thru the registration process a little faster. We will have a packet ready for those who preregister. This will contain your advanced journal, name tag, ticket for the Friday lunch

and the Friday night President and Grand Maters Banquet (if attending). Please complete the attached registration form and send along with any checks payable to The Rebekah Assembly of Maine to Sister Clarissa Labbe, Treasurer, PO Box 623, Augusta ME 04332 by October 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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 Joan Heighton, PP, Lorna Grant and Muriel Elkins. Registration will be in the Thomas room which is adjacent to the Assembly Room.

On Thursday afternoon at 12:30PM, the Credential Committee, Penny Johnston, Diane Young and Cynthia Larrabee, 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 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- Jean Moffatt, Nancy Fitzgerald, Cheryl Farley and Susan Dates, Supply Table: Ruth Carrigan and Kathleen Randall Journals: Miranda Perkins and June Lowe, 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 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

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 white tops.

Past Presidents may wear an outfit of your choice. On Friday anyone participating in the Installing Ceremonies please wear a white gown or men wear a suit or a sport coat.

Thursday Evening: 6:00PM-7:30PM <u>Past District Deputies Association</u>. We will meet in the Board Room on the third floor. Secretaries, please send all deceased Past District Deputies' names should be sent to Cheryl Holt no later than October 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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 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, 2025, to be placed in the advanced journal. The reports can be emailed to <a href="mailto:rameasstsecretary@gmail.com">rameasstsecretary@gmail.com</a> 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 Cheryl Holt no later than October 2<sup>nd</sup>. 82 Park Street, apt #1, Madison ME 04950 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.

<u>Friday Salad & Sandwich Lunch</u>: Deluxe Deli Buffet Consisting of assorted breads, condiments, Roast Turkey, Roasted Ham and Chicken Salad. Garden Salad and Pasta Salad, Chips assorted beverages and Cookies. If you wish to just join us for lunch the cost will be \$25.00. Make checks payable to the Rebekah Assembly of Maine. And mail to Debra Harney, 273 Mitchell Rd, Cape Elizabeth ME 04107. **Luncheon is free for all attending the Rebekah Assembly Session on Friday**.

Reservation to attend the luncheon on Friday must be made with Debra Harney, Asst Secretary no later than October 3rd. **No reservations will be taken after that date**. She can be reached at (207) 653-5285.

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.

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.

<u>The New District Deputies</u> will meet with the President, Vice President and Warden on Friday afternoon after the session closes in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Board Room. Time will be announced at the Session.

**Friday Evening**: The Grand Master and President's banquet: Social hour 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 \$50.00 per person. Reservations and money to be mailed to Sister Clarissa Labbe, Treasurer, the Rebekah Assembly of Maine, PO Box 623, Augusta Maine 04332. 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 October 3 rd. No reservations will be taken after October 3 rd. Make all checks payable to the Rebekah Assembly of Maine. 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, Peas & Carrots, Roasted Mini Potatoes, Parmesan Crusted Baked White Fish, Roasted Pork Tenderloin w/gravy and 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).

Sister Glenda would like each lodge to donate a basket for the Presidents Special Project, Camp Neofa. There is no special theme for the basket, each lodge can decide the dollar value and theme.

Note: Installation of Incoming Lodge Officers for 2025-2026 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 16, 2025

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) 313-6491

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,

Glenda Knights, President Rebekah Assembly of Maine Attest: Kera Ashline, Secretary Rebekah Assembly of Maine

## REGISTRATION FOR THE REBEKAH ASSEMBLY OF MAINE 2025 ONE FORM PER PERSON

NAME:	
ADDRESS:	-
PHONE NUMBER:	
EMAIL:	_
LODGE NAME	
LODGE NUMBER:	
HIGHEST TITLE FOR NAME BADGE:	
Registration Fee: \$ 5.00. \$	
GM and Presidents Banquet Friday Night \$50.00. \$	
Total Enclosed \$ Check Number:	

Please return this form with payment by October 3, 2025. 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.