

IOOF ODD FELLOWS/REBEKAHS OF MAINE

DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

CAMP NEOFA ANNUAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 7 2024

**MAINE GRAND LODGE AND REBEKAH ASSEMBLY ANNUAL SESSIONS
OCTOBER 16 THRU 19. HOTEL INFO ON PAGE 4.**

NOTES

JJYC COMMITTEE

THE REBEKAH ASSEMBLY AND GRAND LODGE OF MAINE JOINT JURISDICTION YOUTH COMMITTEE MET IN OAKLAND MAINE ON SUNDAY, JUNE 23RD. WE DECIDED TO GIVE AWAY THREE BIKES AGAIN THIS YEAR AT UNITY RACE WAY. ONE WILL BE DONATED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF MAINE; ONE BY THE REBEKAH ASSEMBLY OF MAINE AND THE THIRD ONE WILL BE DONATED BY THE JJYC COMMITTEE. DATE TO BE DETERMINED.

PLEASE NOTE:

BY VOTE OF THE JJYC COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT, DUE TO LACK OF PARTICIPATION WE WILL SUSPEND THE JJYC COMMITTEE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. THE EXECUTIVE BOARDS OF BOTH BRANCHES WILL APPOINT A COMMITTEE IF A NEED ARISES. IF ANYONE HAS ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT MYSELF OR ANYONE ONE ON THE EXECUTIVE BOARDS OF THE REBEKAH ASSEMBLY OR GRAND LODGE OF MAINE.

DEBRA HARNEY, PP

SECRETARY/TREASURER

JJYC COMMITTEE

LODGE OF SORROW

**WARREN LODGE #127 LLOYD W. LIGHT PASSED AWAY
5/12/2024.**



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

HERE 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

**JULY
2024**

GRAND MASTER'S JULY LETTER

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

I hope everyone is having a great summer! It's been pretty hot, so hope you all are keeping cool and hydrated.

On June 7-8th, Rod Ronco and I attended The Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Massachusetts. We had a great time at Grand Master Erik J. Fearing's session. I'm pleased to report that Erik raised over \$10,000 for his project supporting the LGBTQ community. I want to thank everyone at the IOOF of Massachusetts for their hospitality! You are all welcome to attend my session on October 18th & 19th in Waterville.

On June 29th, we had a great visitation to Swan's Island with many Brothers & Sisters. I want to thank Hancock Lodge #150 for the delicious lunch. I appreciate everyone who could make the trip and give up a Saturday out of their busy schedules. I believe the members of Hancock Lodge #150 gained a lot from our educational trip.

I am sending Richard Ashline my best wishes for a speedy recovery and sending Kera my hugs! I think PGM Richard would appreciate it if Brothers & Sisters could send him some cards to let him know we all are thinking of him. Here is Richard's address: 24 Nealley Street, S. Berwick, ME 03908.

I would also like to mention the Calendar Raffle that is currently ongoing. The proceeds from this raffle will support the Good Shepherd Food Bank. In our last raffle, we raised \$3,000. This time, I'm hoping we can surpass that amount and donate between \$6,000 and \$10,000. Your support is greatly appreciated. You can purchase raffle tickets from Grand Lodge Officers, local lodges, or by mailing a check made out to the Grand Lodge of Maine for \$10 per ticket. If you provide a self-addressed and stamped envelope, I will mail the ticket back to you.

Yours in FLT,

Troy Carter Grand Master

REBEKAH ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT'S JULY LETTER

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

I can't believe the year is half gone already. They say time goes fast when one is busy. I recently attended the consolidation of Lafayette Canton under Halifax 24. A pleasant time was had by all in attendance. As always, I thoroughly enjoyed Mountain 87 visitation by Warden Verna. My visit to the Massachusetts Assembly and Grand Lodge was also very nice. Both Blue Hill and Massachusetts is like old home week. Most of the visitations are complete but there are still a couple of visitations to do.

Get well wishes to Michelle, hope life is looking up for you. Thank you for my ladybug bee house. I love it as well as the plaque that now has a home in my kitchen given by Ivy #5.

I have been asked about attire for the Assembly in October. Please feel free to wear a gown of your choice, one that makes you feel good about yourself.

I have a new fundraiser for the shelters coming. I will be sending tickets for a drawing of \$200 worth of scratch tickets soon. The drawing will take place at Assembly.

I Shall not pass this way again
Through this toilsome world, alas!
Once and only once I pass;
If a kindness I may show,
If a good deed I may do
To a suffering fellow man,
Let me do it while I can.
No delay, for it is plain
I shall not pass this way again.

Have a great summer with lots of BBQ's with friends and family.

In FL&T

Denise Annis President Rebekah Assembly of Maine

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June 27, 2024

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

GREETINGS!

The 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 a left at the light into the Best Western Plus Waterville Grand Hotel.

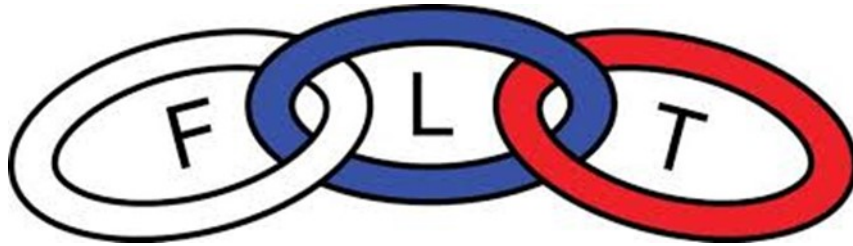
Room reservations are to be made directly to the hotel no later than September 18, 2024 to guarantee the rates we have locked in. The room rates for 2 double beds will be \$129.00 + tax. Call as soon as possible for reservations; mention Rebekah Assembly or Odd Fellows Grand Lodge. Do not forget to request if you have any special needs. The hotel is pet friendly be sure to let them know when you make your reservation.

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.

Meals information will be provided in the next Newsletter.



**REBEKAH LODGE #26 LADY ARAMBEC
INVITES YOU TO THE 8TH ANNUAL KARAOKE DANCE!**

SEPTEMBER 14, 2024

3 TO 8 P.M. ISH

AT MEADOWBROOK CAMPGROUND

33 MEADOWBROOK RD, PHIPPSBURG MAINE

207-443-4967

WATER, SODA, AND HOT DOGS FOR RECOMMENDED DONATION.

BYO(ADULT)B

MAKE SURE TO BRING A CHAIR!

WE WILL OFFER DAREOKE FOR THOSE DARING ENOUGH!

RSVP TO THE EVENT ON FACEBOOK!

**A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS GO TO TEDFORD HOUSING IN
BRUNSWICK ME**

NOTES

REBEKAH ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

**JUST A REMINDER TO HAVE YOUR COMMITTEE REPORTS TO ME NO
LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 5TH SO THAT THEY CAN BE PLACED IN THE
ADVANCED JOURNAL. THE SESSION LETTER WILL BE OUT SOON.**

**YOU MAY MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS NOW SEE INFORMATION IN
THE NEWSLETTER. ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE LET ME KNOW MY
EMAIL IS ASSTSECRETARYRAME@GMAIL.COM. THANK YOU**

DEB



**REGIONAL MEETING JUNE 22, 2024 HOSTED BY ROCKBOUND
REBEKAH LODGE #16 IN STONINGTON**

**Facing Page Mousam Lodge #26 Ladies Night with guests and
Narragansett Rebekah Lodge #145 members at the Bull & Claw
Restaurant**



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