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ODD FELLOWS/REBEKAHS OF MAINE

DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

REBEKAH ASSEMBLY OF MAINE 16, & 17 OCT. 2025.

GE MAINE 17 OCTOBER 2025.

GL OF MAINE 18 OCT. 2025.

**START THINKING POTATO RUN IT IS
PLANNED FOR 25 OCTOBER 2025.**

NOTES

**THIS YEAR THE REBEKAH ASSEMBLY WILL
MEET ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY.**

**THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT WILL MEET ON
FRIDAY AFTERNOON 17 OCTOBER 2025 FROM
1:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.**

**THE GRAND LODGE WILL MEET ON SATUR-
DAY 9:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.**

**PILGRIMAGE TO THE TOMB OF THE UN-
KNOWN WREATH LAYING WILL BE ON SUN-
DAY 3 MAY 2026.**

**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 BA-
BIES AND PEOPLE IN
HOSPITALS ALL THE
WAY UP TO AGE 102. IF
YOU WOULD LIKE TO
DONATE SOME HATS**

**OCTOBER
2025**



REBEKAH ASSEMBLY I.O.O.F. of MAINE

PRESIDENT'S OCTOBER LETTER

Happy Fall to everyone!

Well things are cooling off outside and fall is here. The leaves are starting to turn and the mornings are a bit nippy, I have heard that the county has been getting some frost or at least the threat of some. I hope this letter finds all of you in good health and we hope to see you at Assembly. That is coming up very soon and I can't believe how fast time has gone. We have had a very busy September. Lady Arambec had a fabulous fund raiser, I was sad to see so many missed it. It was a great time and the folks at Meadowbrook were so welcoming. Great job ladies!

My last out of state visit has come and gone, it was wonderful to see everyone in Connecticut. My traveling companions and I were there and had a great time.

A few last reminders be sure to get your baskets to Assembly for the Exchange table, make your reservations early and let Deb Harney know if you plan on having lunch on Friday. Get registered for session and pay for the banquet with Clarissa Labbe as soon as you can. Registering early will speed things up and will cut down on the congestion at the door.

Again, it has been an honor and privilege to serve the Assembly these last four years and God willing I will continue to do so in other roles.

In F,L and T

Glenda Knights, President RAME

The Annual Potato Run

On 10/25/2025 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 A.M. 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. I will let you know the price for these when I find out.

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

Michael Anderson

Grand Secretary

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

The 181st Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of Maine I.O.O.F. will be held on Saturday, October 18th, 2025 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, 2025 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 Grand Lodge will open on Saturday morning at 9:00 A.M. Registration (no fee) will start 1 hour prior to the opening on Saturday. The Grand Lodge Degree will be conferred immediately after opening. 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 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: 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 Clarissa Labbe, P.O. Box 623, Augusta, ME 04332-0623. R.S.V.P. for the banquet no later than October 3rd no reservations will be accepted after October 3rd. 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 buffet.

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).

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 Beef Burgers, Beef Franks, assorted Cheeses, Buns, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Onions, Pickles, Garden Salad, Pasta Salad, canned soda bin, Condiments, 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 accepted 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 Rebekah Assembly Treasurer Clarissa Labbe will have your Banquet tickets available at the door on Friday.

In F.L. &T.,

Richard McLaughlin
Grand Master

Attest; Michael Anderson
Grand Secretary

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Maine Odd Fellows and Rebekahs at the Connecticut session



Patriarchs and Matriarchs

The Grand Encampment of Maine 180th Annual Session will be held on Friday afternoon, October 17th 2025 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.

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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 October 3rd 2025. Do not forget to request if you have any special needs. E-mail is acceptable.

Yours in F H & C

Michael Anderson

Grand Scribe

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