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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.**

LODGE OF SORROW

**PRISCILLA REBEKAH LODGE #69 PP JUDY
CLARK-FOSTER PASSED AWAY 8/8/2025.**

**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**

**SEPTEMBER
2025**



Grand Lodge I.O.O.F. of Maine

September Letter DGM Grand Lodge I.O.O.F. of Maine Greetings!

Here it is, September! Our session for October 18th is right around the corner. I just wanted to let you know that I am very proud to be able to serve as your Deputy Grand Master.

I have had an interesting year. I have given out a few jewels-one for 60 years of service. I have been to two out of state visits and plan to go to Connecticut before this month is over.

A group of us went to Swan's Island, to help them with installation and initiatory degree on five candidates. They fed us very well and it was a very good time.

I have been fortunate to watch and assist with several other degrees. I would like to start a traveling degree team; if interested contact Mike Anderson or myself.

I am in need of some help to do a first degree, for lodge #149, in Albion.

As your state representative, I spent a week in West Virginia, at the Sovereign Grand Lodge; I will give a report on that at a later date. I am looking forward to a very interesting session in October and hope to see many of you there! I hope you all have a great September.

In FLT,

Your Deputy Grand Master, Rod Ronco



Rod and Verna all dressed up to participate in the SGL opening ceremony in Charleston West Virginia .

Sunday 17 August 2025

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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**INSTALLATION CEREMONY AT SGL.
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW
SGM TOM CALABRESE AND THE NEW
IARA PRESIDENT PAMELA ISENHOWER.**

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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