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MAYOR'S INAUGURAL & ELECTED OFFICIALS OATH OF OFFICE CEREMONY

LEWISTON - The City of Lewiston announces the Mayoral Inaugural & Elected Officials Oath of Office Ceremony will take place on Tuesday, January 3, 2012. The evening ceremony will begin at 6:30pm at the Franco-American Heritage Center (46 Cedar Street, Lewiston) and will be followed by a dessert reception at the Center. All members of the public are invited to attend this evening of celebration to acknowledge the newly elected and returning members of Lewiston City Government. The Inauguration is the first celebration for the City of Lewiston to mark the new year and is free and open to all who wish to help participate.

Elected Officials taking their oath of office during the ceremony include Mayor-elect Robert E. Macdonald, members of the City Council and members of the School Committee. The 2012-2013 City Councilors are John T. Butler, Jr., Ward One; Donald A. D'Auteuil, Ward Two; Nathan L. Libby, Ward Three; Craig O. Saddlemire, Ward Five; Mark A. Cayer, Ward Six and Richard R. Desjardins, Ward Seven. The members of the 2012-2013 School Committee are Robert V. Connors, member at-large; Linda M. Scott, Ward One; Paul R. St. Pierre, Ward Two, Eugene P. Dumont, Ward Three; James R. Handy, Ward Four; Sonia G. Taylor, Ward Five; Elizabeth A. Dube, Ward Six and Thomas P. Shannon, Ward Seven.

During the ceremony, Outgoing Mayor Gilbert will be offering his Farewell Address and Incoming Mayor Macdonald will present his Inaugural Address, highlighting his goals and objectives for the City for the next two years. The City Council will be nominating and electing the City Council president for the 2012-2013 term. In addition, the School Committee will be nominating and electing the School Committee Chairperson for the 2012-2013 term.

The evening will begin with Lewiston High School senior Mackenzi Masselli singing the National Anthem to officially open the Inaugural ceremony. Local clergy members will deliver the invocation and benediction for the ceremony. The Lewiston Fire and Police Department Honor Guards will conduct the

presentation and retirement of the flags. This combined unit will also serve to officially escort the Mayor-Elect during the entrance procession of elected officials.

Members of the Lewiston High School Law Enforcement Cadets and Air Force Junior ROTC program will serve as ushers and program distributors for the evening. Flowers and plants have been provided by Blais Flower Shop and a videotape production of the ceremony will be created by Great Falls TV. The Lewiston High School Chamber Choir will conduct a musical performance during the ceremony.

The dessert reception immediately following the ceremony will be held at the Franco-American Heritage Center. Catering provided by the Lewiston Regional Technical Center Culinary Arts Program students.

For more information, please contact City Clerk Kathy Montejo at 513-3124.