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There is no place quite like the **Olde Mill Inn** and the **Grain House** in winter, especially during the holiday season. The history of holidays past joins with the festivities of the present to create a unique and special location to celebrate, whether it be for a holiday wedding, a Christmas party, or dinner by one of the crackling fireplaces in the **Grain House**.

Each year, just after Thanksgiving, the entire property is decorated inside and out. The Christmas lights start at the front of the property where they are draped over the evergreens and the fence next to the **Olde Mill Inn** sign at the corner of Route 202 and North Maple Avenue. The lights continue along the front of the Inn and the **Grain House**, where they outline the roof and the windows. Inside the Inn, two decorated trees and a staircase wrapped with garland warmly welcome guests into the lobby. Up a short flight of stairs (wrapped with lighted garland) from the lobby is the elegant Piano Lounge, where a very tall Christmas tree lights up the bank of windows that overlook the stone courtyard. Downstairs, the Washington Ballroom is also decorated for the holidays.

A few steps from the Inn, the **Grain House Restaurant**, built in 1768, provides a cozy retreat for winter meals, social events or intimate weddings. This building was the original **Olde Mill Inn**. The **Grain House** is also fully decorated for the holidays, with a large lighted tree in the center hallway, mantles festooned with garland and ornaments over the fireplaces, and decorated trees and bar in the Hunt Room. Customers can select either the elegant Childs Dining Room or the Copertop Pub as the backdrop for their meal; both are ideal for casual dining and each features a large stone fireplace for fireside dining. The gleaming

namesake copper on the bar and the pub tables reflects the firelight, and the genuine tongue and groove wooden beams of the ceiling recall the history of the building. Local legend states that the **Grain House** stored grain for George Washington's Revolutionary Army. The restaurant offers classic American cuisine with contemporary highlights and features local, organic and natural ingredients wherever possible.

The Grain Room, the Fox & Hounds Room and the Hunt Room in the **Grain House** are charming public spaces for social events or intimate weddings. The Grain Room and the Hunt Room both feature fireplaces, and the Fox & Hound Room has a sunny atrium that overlooks the river running through the property. The Hunt Room also has its own richly paneled bar with a dance floor. During the winter months, these rooms are particularly cozy and welcoming.

Winter weddings at the **Olde Mill Inn** or the **Grain House** have a unique beauty, and provide many opportunities for spectacular photos and lovely wedding memories both indoors and outside. The elegant spaces lend a special ambiance to winter evening events.

The **Grain House** also features many holiday events throughout the month of December. The traditional Caroler Brunch, the Gingerbread Brunch, and the Santa Brunch are annual family favorites. The Christmas Buffet Lunches, the Christmas Eve Buffet, and the New Year's Eve Dinner are highlights of the holiday season.

The **Olde Mill Inn** and the **Grain House** are located at 225 Rte 202, Basking Ridge, NJ (GPS: 225 Morris-town Road). For inquiries about winter celebrations, call 908-696-2315. For dinner reservations at the **Grain House**, call 908-221-1150.