

The Dove Tales

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Spring Event

Come as your favorite TV Personality to the Spring Event which will be held on April 8 at the American Legion Hall, 17 Dunn Street, Westbrook from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. This event will be a fund raiser to benefit the Rainbow and DeMolay.

There will be a *photo op* opportunity along with a DJ, 50/50 raffle, and baskets to be raffled off.

The social hour will begin at 5 p.m. with the buffet meal at 6:30 p.m. and after that the fun will begin all for the price of \$25 per ticket. Reservations must be made by March 30 with checks made out to and sent to Lee-Ann Vokey, 665 Saco Street, Lot 36, Westbrook, ME 04092.

Co-Chairmen for this event are Laverne and Shirley, aka: Lee-Ann Vokey and Janis McLaughlin. You are welcome to bring family and/or friends to this event as your guests!

Quickie Questions

(answers on last page)

1. In order to have an installation of officers, what four officers must be elected?
2. When should Eastern Star installations be held in Maine?
3. How many copies of the secret work does a chapter have?
4. Is the hollow square formed at an Open Installation of Officers?
5. May pictures be taken during a Chapter Installation?

Blessings of Faith and Peace
Grand Chapter Session
May 14-17, 2023

New Brunswick in Maine Exchange

The New Brunswick in Maine Exchange will be held on April 15 at the Presque Isle Masonic Hall at 230 State Street and will be hosted by Lunar Chapter #126.

Registration will commence at 9 a.m. with the Grand Families and Lunar Chapter Officers rehearsing at 10 am. The luncheon will be served at 11:15 a.m.

Reservations need to be made by April 7 to Brenda Hall, Past Grand Matron, 7 Skyview Drive, Presque Isle, ME 04769, \$15 in American funds with checks made payable to Lunar Chapter #126.

Please make certain you have your 2023 dues card to show at the registration desk.

Places to stay in Presque are:

Northeastland Hotel	207-768-5321
Hampton Inn	207-261-5364
Sure Stay Motel by Best Western	207-769-0111

Grand Family in Augusta

Lily of the Valley Chapter #157, Weeks Mills will sponsor the final *Blessings of Faith and Peace* Grand Family on Saturday, April 29 at the Augusta Masonic Lodge Hall at 317 Water Street. The rehearsal will be held at 11 a.m. with light morning refreshments and the registration at 10 a.m. Lunch is at noon with the meeting and degrees commencing at 1 pm.

Reservations for the baked ham luncheon may be made by paying \$15 to Lily of the Valley Chapter No. 157 and mailing the check to Carol Thomas, Secretary, 154 Weeks Mills Road, South China, ME 04358 The reservation deadline is April 14. Please bring your dues card for the registration.

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- May the Lord keep you in his hand and never close his fist too tight
- May the good Lord take a liking to you, but not too soon.
- When I count my blessings, I count you twice.
- May your troubles be as few and as far apart as my grandmother's teeth.
- May you die in bed at 95 years shot by a jealous husband.
- As you slide the banisters of life, may the splinters never point the wrong way.
- May the saddest day of the future be no worse than the happiest day of your past.
- May you live to be a 100 years with one extra year to repent.
- May you live as long as you want and never want as long as you live

Devotional

I know you've heard the saying, "in like a lion, out like a lamb" when referring to the month of March. In other words, if it starts out with cold weather, then by the end of the month, it starts warming up. Of course we all know that doesn't always hold true but one of the reasons March comes in so fiercely cold is because of the wind. We normally think of March as the windy month.

Wind can be a lot of different things. It can be harsh, howling, cold, or even gentle and calm. It all depends on how it is blowing at the moment. What I do know is that the Lord is in control of that wind. "...What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?" Mark 4:41

There are many stories in the Bible that we can see lessons to be learned just by thinking about how God controlled the wind.

We all have a little wind that comes into our lives. Things that blow in when we least expect them. Other times they are things we know are coming but still they have an impact on us. Sometimes that wind is fierce and howling. It can come in like a lion and freeze us to the bone. Sometimes the wind can knock us over like it does lawn furniture or it may be a little gentler with the force of simply blowing leaves into the air.

Sometimes the wind comes in the form of a tornado and lifts us up out of our comfort zone and plants us somewhere else and we get a little disoriented. Sometimes it blows dirt and debris into our eyes and we can't see what is up ahead.

Other times that wind just cools us off in the summer sun. Still other times it is just so calming and gentle as it caresses us as we relax on the porch.

We know the One who controls when and if the wind will hit, with what force, and what the wind will bring with it in its wake. We should be thankful that the Lord will be with us when the wind may hit us with a hard force or when it may come softly to our doors.

The Month of March

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Ash Wednesday	Green	Maudi Gras
Beads	Ireland	Rainbow
Blarney	Lamb	Shamrock
Blustery	Lent	Spring
Breezy	Leprechaun	Time Change
Cabbage	Lion	Tulip
Daffodil	March	Weather
Fat Tuesday	Mars	Windy
Gold		

Star News

Please email items for posting on *Star News* to corleybyras@gmail.com and to receive the *Star News* please send your email address to the same email.

Website

The Maine Order of the Eastern Star's website is maineoes.org – this is the place to go to when you want information about our Order in Maine. Current Grand Officers, Chapters and addresses for them, various forms, and a listing of the meetings in Maine etc. Sister Kathy Williamson is the Web Administrator and her email is kackyw@gmail.com.

The Dove Tales

The Dove Tales is the newsletter that will be published during the 2022-23 year and distributed currently through *Star News* and when Grand Family events are held it is given to the DDGM's. If you'd like items printed in it, email it to corleybyras@gmail.com or send it by snail mail to Sister Corley Anne Byras, 72 Smith Street, Unit 4, Augusta, ME 04330

Beacons of Light

On life's busy sea, each of us is tossed about by storms and unsettled weather. We try at all times to steer a straight course, to use the compass called right, and to aim toward the harbor.

To guard against the hidden rocks and shoals, to escape the rough waters and lurking dangers, each of us depends upon the great lighthouse along the shore and its never ending signals to point us in the right direction.

Our Holy Bible is the never-failing light of our lives, our great lighthouse that leads all the weary travelers on life's busy seas to the safety of the harbor. From this sacred book, we chart our course and plan life's voyage.

Adah: The sword and veil, the beacon of Fidelity shines on all who search for the safe harbor of truth, keeping our promises and living up to our obligation.

Ruth: The sheaf, the beacon of Constancy shines clearly that each of us may see the path of duty that is ours to follow as we strive to fulfill our responsibilities.

Esther: The crown and scepter, the beacon of Loyalty shines on all who depend on us – our families, our friends, and our Sisters and Brothers.

Martha: The broken column, the beacon of Faith shines clearly to all who are in despair and need to find a haven of hope and the assurance of everlasting life after death.

Electa: The cup of loving kindness, the beacon of Love shines clearly on the pathway toward charity for our fellow man.

May the Lord be your pilot. May He guide your footsteps. May he steer you through the deep channels. May He guide you with His love. Do not fear danger for He is within you. His love and His care will shelter you. He will calm the waves that your ship may move peacefully. Let the sunlight and starlight be with you on the voyage you take.

St. Patrick's Day Quiz

1. The national flower of Ireland
2. The dance that is done to lively Irish music
3. A word that Irish use that means small
4. As legend states every Leprechaun has this hidden in a secret place
5. Leprechauns are especially this and often turn themselves into rabbits or squirrels to make you think they are something they are not
6. A special meat that is often eaten on St. Patrick's Day
7. This is an Irish food that you can eat like toast
8. St. Patrick is the Patron Saint of what country
9. For six years St. Patrick worked as what, taking care of his master's sheep
10. St. Patrick chased what creature out of Ireland
11. In fifty years St. Patrick built 300 of these to help spread Christianity
12. This is a short heavy club or walking stick
13. St. Patrick often used this in his sermons to illustrate the message of the Holy Trinity
14. Kind of Irish talk that flatters you to try to get you a favor
15. A nickname for Ireland
16. The Irish kiss this for good luck

1. Shamrock
2. Irish jig
3. Wee
4. Pot of gold
5. Tricky
6. Corned beef
7. Irish soda bread
8. Ireland
9. Shepherd
10. Snakes
11. Churches
12. Shillelagh
13. The shamrock
14. Blarney
15. Emerald Isle
16. Blarney Stone

March

- 11 – Mystic #69, Litchfield, 7 pm, Installation of Officers
- 11 – Josiah H Drummond #91, Unity, 6 pm, Installation of Officers, Refreshments will follow
- 13 – Fireside #103, Clinton, 7 pm, Annual Meeting with pizza at 6 pm
- 14 – Elm Vale #105, Harrison, 7:30 pm, Annual Meeting
- 15 – Felicity #195, Orland, 7 pm, Annual Meeting
- 16 – Pioneer #11, Lisbon Falls, 7 pm, Annual Meeting with 6 pm potluck
- 16 – Bethlehem #36, Pittsfield, 7 pm, Annual Meeting
- 16 – Lily of the Valley #157, Weeks Mills, 7:30 pm, Annual Meeting with Landmarks and Obligation Night
- 17 – Keystone #78, Solon, 7 pm, semi-public Installation of Officers, refreshments to follow
- 17 – Messalunskit #170, New Sharon, 7:30 pm, Installation of Officers, open
- 18 – Somerset #80, Stratton, 1 pm, Installation of Officers, open
- 20 – Electa #2, Bowdoinham, 7 pm, Annual Meeting with pizza party at 6:15 pm
- 20 – Arbutus #19, Liberty, 7:30 pm, Annual Meeting, potluck
- 20 – Tuscan #148, Bangor, 7 pm, Annual Meeting
- 21 – Golden Sheaf #114, New Gloucester, 7 pm, Annual Meeting
- 21 – Star Light #203, Westbrook, 7:30 pm, Welcome Spring
- 22 – Beacon #202, Damariscotta, 7 pm, Annual Meeting
- 23 – Riverside #123, Orland, 7 pm, Annual Meeting, with 6 pm potluck
- 24 – Fireside #103, Clinton, 7 pm, Installation of Officers
- 25 – Pine Cone #26, Auburn, 10 am, Installation of Officers
- 25 – Arbutus #19, Liberty, 1 pm, Installation of Officers
- 25 – Electa #2, Bowdoinham, 2 pm, Installation of Officers, open
- 25 – Rumery #46, Addison, 2 pm, Installation of Officers, light refreshments after.
- 25 – Irene #97, Ellsworth, 7:30 pm, Installation of Officers
- 28 – Mt. Zircon #142, Mexico, 7 pm, Annual Meeting
- 29 – Pioneer #11, Lisbon Falls, 7 pm, Installation of Officers
- 31 – Minerva #74, Madison, 7 pm, semi-public

Installation of Officers, refreshments to follow

April

- 1 – Madonna #144, West Kennebunk, 2 pm, Installation of Officers
- 1 – Lily of the Valley #157, Weeks Mills, 2 pm, Installation of Officers
- 1 – Pleasant River #159, Buxton, 11 am, Installation of Officers, open, Cynthia Plummer first time WM with Troy Plummer.
- 1 – Pondicherry #159, Bridgton, 3 pm, Installation of Officers
- 4 – Star Light #203, Westbrook, 7:30 pm, Stated Meeting
- 7 – Primrose #152, Belfast, 7:30 pm, Installation of Officers, 6:15 potluck
- 10 – Aldworth #39, Milo, 7:30 pm, Installation of Officers, 6:15 potluck
- 11 – Lakeside #60, Wales, 7 pm, Installation of Officers
- 18 – Star Light #203, Westbrook, 7:30, New and Returning Member Night
- 19 – Felicity #195, Bucksport, 7 pm, Installation of Officers, 6 pm supper
- 22 – Lunar #126, Presque Isle, 1 pm, open Installation of Officers
- 29 – Queen Esther #10, Hallowell meeting in Augusta, 7 pm, Installation of Officers

The only way that dates can be shared for a Subordinate Chapter meeting is if they are submitted for the Star News and the newsletter. Any chapter member may forward the information ... and it's more successful to receive the entire year at one time.

Quickie Answers

1. Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Secretary, and Treasurer
2. After the Chapter's annual meeting and by April 15 (unless you get a dispensation or your regular stated meeting is after the 15th and you hold your installation at that meeting)
3. Four and the Worthy Patron is presented them at the annual Installation and is in charge of them.
4. No
5. Only at an Open Installation