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Grand Chapter of Maine, Order of the Eastern Star

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Grand Family Reception

You are invited to attend a reception to honor the 2022-2023 *Blessings of Faith and Peace* Grand Family on Saturday, July 30 at Jeff's Catering, 15 Littlefield Road in Brewer. The social hour will commence at 11 a.m. with a noon luncheon and a 1 p.m. program.

Reservations for this event may be made by sending a check for \$15 per person to Brother Richard A. Farnsworth, III at 15 Fuller Road, Unit 202, Augusta, ME 04330. The reservation deadline is Friday, July 22 with all tickets to be picked up at the door.

Grand Family at Keystone

The second Grand Family for the *Blessings of Faith and Peace* Grand Family will be hosted by Keystone Chapter #78 at the Solon Masonic Hall at 9 Falls Road in Solon at 1 p.m. on Saturday, August 13. Registration commences at 10 a.m. The rehearsal for the Grand Officers will begin at 11 a.m.

A luncheon will be served at noon. Reservations may be made by mailing a check for \$10 made out to Keystone Chapter #78 to Brother William Merrill, 23 Merrill Lane, Solon, ME 04979. The deadline for reservations is July 30th and limited to the first one hundred members.

County Week

Aroostook County is the furthest Northern County in Maine and currently has three Eastern Star Chapters in it. These chapters meet the second Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday and they are all in the same week in August. County Week is always an exciting time for members as many travel to enjoy being with "The County" Sisters and Brothers. For many Maine travelers it's an annual tradition.

- Molunkus Valley #95, Sherman, meets on Church Street on Monday, August 8 at 7 p.m.
- Tillikum #99, Ashland meets at 32 Plum Street on Tuesday, August 9 with a 6 p.m. men's cookout and the meeting at 7 p.m.
- Lunar #126, Presque Isle meets at 230 State Street on Wednesday, August 10 and will be having a cookout with salads and desserts at 6 p.m. The meeting commences at 7 p.m.

WGM Special Project

The annual Worthy Grand Matron's Special Project will be held on Monday, August 15 at the Bangor Masonic Center at 294 Union Street in Bangor. Fifty percent of it will be going to Grand Chapter Charity and fifty percent to ESTARL. Coffee and refreshments will commence at 9 a.m. with actual work starting at 10 a.m. This is a casual dress event and all are welcome to attend. Jolene Farnsworth and Theo Heald are the Co-Chairmen for this event with Jane Ritchie and Hazel Rumney as the refreshment committee.

Heeeeeee-Haw! It's the Fall Event!!

Put on your best "Country Duds" (yup, jeans are ok!) and join us at the Bangor Masonic Center, Saturday, October 8 for good eats, good company and hopefully lots of laughter!! "Vittles" provided by Jeff's Catering featuring: cheese/crackers and cut vegetables w/dip during the Social Hour at 11 a.m. A country buffet at noon featuring seasoned pulled pork, grilled boneless seasoned chicken (sauces on the side), baked beans, macaroni and cheese, small rolls to make sandwiches, cornbread and cole slaw. Fresh apple crisp with topping for dessert for \$25 per person. The program will begin at 1 p.m. Chapters are being asked to consider purchasing five ghost tickets at \$5 each to support the Children's Dyslexia Centers. Ghost tickets and/or luncheon reservations should be sent to: Paula Nicholas, PM, 167 Ferry Road, Chelsea, ME 04330. Deadline for reservations is September 24th. The Co-Chairs are Mike and Paula Nicholas and Beverly Noonan.

Quickie Questions (answers on inside)

1. What is the term we use to describe where the officers will be at the completion of the opening march?
2. May the Associate Matron circumvent the proving of the Chapter by the Conductress and Associate Conductress?
3. Who wrote the poem "The Level and the Square mentioned in the Ritual on page 9?"
4. Why does the Order of the Eastern Star exist?
5. At what point following the chapter opening may the Warder inform the Worthy Matron that "There is an Alarm"?

A Special Plan For All

Sister Adah, The first duty of an Eastern Star Member is to live the teaching of the Order and then proclaim these teachings to mankind by action and deed. The lesson of Adah illustrates Jephthah's true determination to keep his spoken vow which he had made before assuming leadership of the Army of the Lord. As you serve your chapter as Adah this year, may your life illustrate the virtues exemplified in the life of Adah. The color representing this degree portrays the blue of the celestial sky. I present to you this candle of blue and trust that the principles of fidelity will shine through your life.

Sister Ruth, From the lesson of Ruth we learn true constancy. Plant seeds of friendship, the symbolization of the sheaf, and in due season you will reap the reward of golden friends and produce a hundred fold the peaceful fruits of righteousness. If we bind love and constancy with patient industry, gathering here a little and there a little, we will glean the golden grain of life's harvest. The color representing this degree is yellow, symbolizing constancy, teaching us to be faithful and obedient to the dictates of honor and justice. I present to you this candle of yellow and trust that the principles of constancy will shine through your life.

Sister Esther, In the exercise of authority we should be governed by justice and unselfish loyalty to the welfare of others. It was by practicing these virtues that Esther saved her people from certain death. The color for this degree is white, representing light, purity, and joy. I present to you this candle of white and trust that your life will exemplify the virtues of Queen Esther.

Sister Martha, Your lesson is of faith in the Divinity, that faith which has the power to give, to take, to bless, to live, to protect. Her staunch faith which has the power to give, to take, to bless, to live, to protect. Her staunch faith in the living God and His promises to mankind was and is today life's greatest reward. Green is the color for this degree, representing nature's life and beauty. I present to you this candle of green and trust that the faith of Martha will shine throughout your life.

Sister Electa, The history of Electa instructs us in hospitality and truth, the virtues which are portrayed in this degree. The color for this degree is red, representing fervency which inspires bravery in the hour of persecution and will strengthen us to stand firmly upon the principles of our obligation. I present to you this candle of red which symbolizes that fervency of those engaging in the service of truth.

As daughters, widows, wives, sisters, and mothers who faithfully obey the precepts of the Order, you are ever under the protection of the One who will spread the mantle of His love around you. "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify Our Father in Heaven."

Butterflies

M I G R A T I O N A B M N E
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Adult	Flutter	Migration
Antenna	Habitat	Milkweed
Caterpillar	Harvesters	Molt
Chrysalis	Hatch	Monarch
Cocoon	Hibernation	Owlet
Coppers	Insect	Pupa
Egg	Larva	Skippers
Emergence	Mate	Swallowtail
Feelers	Metamorphosis	Wings

Web Site

The Maine Order of the Eastern Star's web site 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.

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.

The current Grand family will be guest officers at Messalunskit Chapter #170 in New Sharon on Saturday, July 23 at 1 pm to perform the degress on two candidates that are joining Somerset #80, Stratton.

Devotional Corner

This is the day that the Lord hath made. We will rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 18:24

This morning we awakened to a beautiful new day, a day that is capable of bringing great joy into our lives, a day that has within it, the possibilities of teaching each of us more of God's goodness. Often times we are prone to worry about tomorrow or yesterday and fail to enjoy the beauty of today.

If we are not engaged in turning to the past and possibly unhappy memories, if we are not busily engaged in thinking of tomorrow, today will be much more enjoyable. We will find living much simpler if we learn to live in the blessings of today, irrespective of the past or the future. We can see that in the great universal scheme provision has been made for our living but one day at a time.

A little girl promised by her mother that her request would be granted tomorrow said, *But when is tomorrow?* Her mother outlined its coming. *After dinner you will play for awhile, then you will go to sleep and when you wake up it will be tomorrow.* No mother, said the child, *when I wake up, it's always today.*

And so it is. Today is the only day we have, for we cannot relive yesterday, nor can we prelive tomorrow. Today is the day to live and enjoy – to cultivate the fruits of the spirit: love, joy, peace, understanding, thoughtfulness remembrance, devotion, and service.

Today is the day in which to express our qualities of mind and heart, to do, at least one worthy thing which we have long postponed, and to use our God-given abilities. Days are priceless. Twenty-four hours of the blessings of God are wrapped up in each day God gives to us.

It is very easy to dwell in the past, rummaging through good memories and mulling over bad ones. On the other hand, we often project our joys, our opportunities, even our living in the future.

Thus, today often becomes something to be endured rather than used, to be wished away rather than enjoyed. We need the Psalmist's attitude. *This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.* Let us always remember to give thanks for each new day as we have many things to be grateful for.

Every today is but a dream. Every tomorrow but a vision. But every day well lived, makes every

today a dream of hope. And every tomorrow a vision of happiness, therefore, look to this day.

Quickie Answers

1. Hollow Square
2. Yes, if she knows that every one present is in good standing
3. Rob Morris
4. For the purpose of giving practical effect to the purposes of Freemasonry. (Ritual pg. 56)
5. The Warder informs the Worthy Matron of an alarm after the Chapter has been opened, and the Pledge has been completed. In chapters that sing the National Anthem it would be done after that.

Trip to Lancaster, Pennsylvania

A fun trip to Lancaster, Pennsylvania planned for August 25 through the 28 has been canceled.

July

- 1 – Primrose #152, Belfast, 7:30 pm, Annual BBQ, Diabetics
- 5 – Queen Esther #10, Hallowell, 7 pm, Patriotic Message of our Colors, potluck ESTARL supper at 6 pm
- 6 – Messalunskit #170, New Sharon, 7:30 pm, Patriotic Remembrances, 6:30 pm potluck supper
- 8 – Rumery #46, Jonesport meeting in Addison, God Bless America
- 8 – Abenaki #116, Readfield, 7:30 pm, Fourth of July Night
- 12 – Lakeside #60, meeting in Wales, 7 pm, Honoring a Special Man
- 12 – Tillikum #99, Ashland, 7 pm, Celebrating Independence (wear red, white, blue) potluck snacks and desserts at 6:30 pm
- 14 – Somerset #80, Stratton, 7:30 pm, Bastille Day, National Mac and Cheese Day, National Tape Measure Day. Bring a tape measure or rulers for the classroom, 6:30 pm supper will include Mac N Cheese.
- 13 – Minerva #74, Madison, 7 pm, Flag Ceremony, potluck dinner at 6 pm
- 13 – Josiah H. Drummond #91, Unity, 7:30 pm, ice cream sundaes
- 13 – Lunar #126, Presque Isle, 7 pm, Official Visitation with the WGM, potluck at 6 pm
- 13 – Harbor View #136, Deer Isle, 7 pm, 4th of July Picnic
- 18 – Arbutus #19, Liberty, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation with the WGM
- 19 – Golden Sheaf #114, New Gloucester, 7 pm, Stated Meeting

- 19 – Ponndicherry #192, Bridgton, 7:30 pm, honoring Jim Wakem, Grand Sentinel and Anita Barker, DDGM #3
- 20 – Ivy #16, Warren, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation with the WGM
- 20 – Felicity #195, Orland, 7 pm, Ribbon Ceremony with ESTARL Supper
- 21 – Lily of the Valley #157, Weeks Mills, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation with the GC, BBQ at 6:15 pm
- 27 – Beacon #202, Damariscotta, 7 pm, National MS Society
- 28 – Riverside #123, Orland, 7 pm, Honoring Veterans and 50 year members, 6 pm supper

August

- 1 – Mystic #69, Litchfield, 7 pm, BBQ for ESTARL at 6 pm, Music by Route 17, Ramblers
- 2 – Queen Esther #10, Hallowell, 7 pm, Our Builders, honoring Past Matrons and Past Patrons
- 3 – Messalunskit #170, New Sharon, 7:30 pm, The Language of Flowers, Official Visitation with the AGM, 6:30 pm potluck supper
- 4 – Keystone #78, Solon, 7:30 pm, Landmarks and Obligation Night
- 5 – Primrose #152, Belfast, 7:30 pm, Friendship Night, heart, potluck
- 9 – Lakeside #60, meeting in Wales, 7 pm, ESTARL Supper at 6 pm, \$5
- 9 – Tillikum #99, Ashland, 7 pm, County Week - Men's Cookout
- 10 – Minerva #74, Madison, 7 pm, Celebrating the Ocean Life, potluck dinner at 6 pm
- 10 – Josiah H. Drummond #91, Unity, 7:30 pm, Honoring Our Star Points, ESTARL supper at 6:30 pm
- 10 – Lunar #126, Presque Isle, 7 pm, County Week, cookout with salads and desserts, 6 pm
- 10 – Harbor View #136, Deer Isle, 7 pm, Official Visitation
- 11 – Martha Washington #15, Waterville, 7:30 pm, Stated Meeting
- 11 – Somerset #80, Stratton, 7:30 pm, National Spoil Your Dog Day, National Lazy Day, Bring pictures of your pup, blind vote for cutest – prize will be Smores ingredients. Bring items for school which will be announced at the meeting. Share how you relax and refuel to give ideas to each other ... permission to be lazy, 6:30 pm supper.
- 15 – Electa #2, Bowdoinham, 7 pm, Star Point Night with Pound Auction to benefit community charities

- 15 – Arbutus #19, Liberty, 7:30 pm, DDGM's Past and Present
- 16 – Golden Sheaf #114, New Gloucester, 7 pm, Stated Meeting
- 17 – Ivy #16, Warren, 7:30 pm, ESTARL assorted salads 6:30 pm supper \$5 and raffle drawing for the Warren Library
- 17 – Felicity #195, Orland, 7 pm, Past and Present Grand Representatives, school supplies
- 18 – Lily of the Valley #157, Weeks Mills, 7:30 pm, Back to School Trivia
- 21 – Fireside #103, Clinton, Summer Picnic
- 24 – Beacon #202, Damariscotta, 7 pm, Shooting Stars
- 25 – Riverside #123, Orland, 7 pm, Honoring Star Points, 6 pm supper

Not All In the Book

By Wayne Eicher, New Hampshire

We know well the Ritual,
 We are familiar with the book,
 We all know how Adah died
 And the kind of grain Ruth took.
 Many times we have seen the
 Conductress the labyrinth wind.
 With a new member on her arm
 And another following behind.
 But not everything is written down,
 Nowhere is it shown,
 There are many things each Sister
 Must learn on her own;
 The fashionable way to grasp a gown
 When traversing a stair.
 The proper way to compensate for
 The hardness of a chair;
 How to waken, unobtrusively a
 Leg that's gone to sleep,
 How to check, nonchalantly, when
 She feels something creep;
 The graceful way to scratch an itch
 Somewhere above the knee,
 How to sit to hide a run she is
 Positive everyone can see;
 How to turn into a smile what
 Had started as a yawn,
 When the words of a distinguished
 Guest go on and on and on;
 How to perspire invisibly when
 It's 90 degrees in the hall,
 How to make look impressive as a
 Stole a white knitted shawl;
 You may search the Ritual if you
 Wish, it won't hurt to look
 But you'll find many important
 Things aren't in the book.