

The Piper

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Worthy Grand Matron's Special Project

One of the best kept secrets in Maine's Eastern Star is how much fun working together at the Worthy Grand Matron's Special Project can be.

It's a time when member's throughout the state journey to be together, dressed casually with only the thought of working together and enjoying being in the company of Sisters and Brothers, many of whom they may only see each other at either a Grand Family or the annual Grand Chapter Session held in May. Plus absolutely no reservations are needed.

Simply ask two or three members to travel with you to the Bangor Masonic Hall at 294 Union Street in Bangor. Arrive about 9 a.m. for coffee and light refreshments and by 10 a.m. be ready to peel labels and stuff envelopes.

Sisters Hazel Rumney and Jane Ritchie are co-chairs of this event and Sisters Bonnie Lyons and Lynette Ramsey will make certain you have fantastic refreshments.

Quickie Questions

(answers on last page)

1. Does the Chaplain hold the *Reverent Attitude* when entering or retiring from the Altar?
2. In the opening ceremony which two officers in answering the Worthy Matron as to where the next officer's station is do not end their answer by adding the words *Worthy Matron*?
3. When the Worthy Matron "closes" the Chapter, does she sound the gavel?
4. Does the Associate Patron and Associate Conductress take their seats upon entering the chapter room for the opening?
5. What's the difference between a merger and a consolidation?

The 2023 Fall Event

Set aside Saturday, October 7 for the annual Fall Event for Charity hosted by Genesta Chapter #73 at the United Masonic Hall, 65 Baribeau Drive, Brunswick.

There will be a dinner at noon along with entertainment, basket drawings, fifty-fifty drawing, and much fellowship and fun.

Reservations at \$25 are due by September 15 to either Sisters Ruth P. Holden, 227 Waldoboro Road, Jefferson, ME 04348 or Martha P. Ellis, 20 Reynolds Lane, Burnham, ME 04922.

Exchange Grand Family

The New Brunswick-Maine Exchange Grand Family will be hosted by Irene Chapter #97 in Ellsworth on Saturday, October 21 at 1 p.m. The luncheon is limited to 100 members. Checks should be made payable to Irene Chapter and reservations need to be made by October 9 by sending \$15 to Sister Jerri A. Holt, PO Box 389, Ellsworth, ME 04605.

Signs of a Healthy Chapter

- High percentage of attendance at meetings and social events.
- Strong continuous efforts to include others into the group.
- Pride in the past and a positive attitude for the future.
- Pride and generosity in charitable contributions.
- Pride and positive expectations in the Ritual work.
- Respect and care for each other, sharing joyous occasions.
- Strong support for the officers and for the chapter projects.
- Dues are paid on time with no suspensions.
- Problems are attacked before they become a crisis.
- Laughter is common occurrence, especially out loud.

Guided by the Star Points

The open Bible on our Altar is symbolic of our faith that the words of God are always available to us. We find words of comfort, strength, hope, peace, love and inspiration on every page. The teachings of the heroines of our Order are found in our Bible and show that prayer, faith, and love will guide us in all of our endeavors.

Prayer is our lifeline to the Lord and is probably the easiest and cheapest thing we can do during our lifetime. We do not have to purchase a telephone to pray, a computer to pray, or a television or radio to see or hear prayer. It costs us nothing to fold our hands, bow our heads, and pray. The sense of peace we receive from prayer is not something we can purchase. That peace is only given to us by our Lord and can only be received by us through our belief in God.

The lessons we learn from the heroines of our Order are all based on faith, prayer, and the existence of that Supreme Being.

Adah went to the mountain to pray and prepare herself for the loss of her life to preserve her father's honor. Her inner strength and peace could only be attained by prayer.

Ruth went to a land of famine and desolation to care for her aged mother-in-law Naomi. She had to have immeasurable faith and love in the Lord to subject herself to poverty for the sake of Naomi.

Esther's faith in the Lord was evidenced by her strong conviction to save her people from death. She used her faith in God to give her the strength to carry out her mission.

Faith in God and the belief of life after death are shining examples of the traits Martha exhibited during her meeting with Jesus after the death of her brother Lazarus. Martha's faith carried her through to the assurance that her beloved brother would rise again on the third day.

Electa showed her love of God by holding fast to the cross, a precious emblem of our Lord. Her faith and trust in God to keep her safe was glowingly evident. She emulated the great law of our Lord that we "Love One Another".

Let us pray: Our Father, we ask for your presence in our lives and thank you for your great love and devotion. We thank you for the many ways you show us how to live our lives and prepare ourselves for our eternal home. We pray that we

are worthy of your love and that you will ever keep your angel's wings around us. In Thy name we pray. Amen.

The Pipers

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Bagpipe	Inflated	Scotland
Blowstick	Instrument	Sheepskin
Body	Kilt	Sockets
Bonnet	Mouth	Tartan
Clan	Piper	Vibration
Cloth	Pipes	Wind

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 Piper

The Piper is the newsletter that will be published during the 2023-24 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

Living By The Golden Rule

On a quiet mountainside in Galilee, Jesus called his disciples to him and spoke words that we know as the Sermon on the Mount. As he talked to all who would listen, he gave teaching after teaching by which they were to guide their lives as followers of Christ.

The standards he set for them that day were so high and so perfect that they have become the ideals for the whole Christian world. One of these teachings that we have come to call the Golden Rule, is quoted in our beautiful installation ceremony, "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets". In support of this wonderful precept we are taught to be charitable and forgiving toward the faults of others, and to be helpful and loyal at all times.

In our sacred Obligation, we pledge ourselves to be fair and just in all our dealings with each other and to make kindness the rule of our lives, just as we would have others do for us.

Sometimes we are tempted to think that it is impossible to carry out these teachings in a society that is so imperfect with hate and jealousy, with selfishness and unfair competition. But the fact remains that when the Golden Rule has been applied and given a chance to work, even under unfavorable circumstances, the results have been amazing! For instance, in the field of labor and management it has helped to settle many bitter disputes. It has led employers to adopt a more considerate view of the needs of the workers, and has guided workers in making their demands more reasonable.

Where it has been used in the business and political worlds, we do not find the unethical practices of price-fixing, unfair monopolies, bribery, false promises, and misuse of authority. Instead, we find a sincere effort to do what is right for all concerned.

How badly we need the Golden Rule in our international relationships, to promote the harmony and goodwill that are so necessary for peace! If all nations would have the welfare of each other at heart, confidence and trust would soon replace suspicion and ill will.

In every area of our modern and complex lives the Golden Rule challenges us to live at our best,

to be honest, sincere, and above reproach in all our attitudes. As we allow it to operate in our hearts, we become better citizens, we bring more happiness to those around us; and, in turn, we have more happiness in our own lives. Let us rededicate ourselves, as members of the Order of the Eastern Star, to a more complete obedience to the divine admonition, "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets".

August

- 1 – Queen Esther #10, meeting in Augusta, 7 pm, ESTARL picnic supper
- 1 – Sarah Orne Jewett #176, South Berwick, 7:30 pm, Honoring Chaplain and Marshal
- 2 – Messalunskit #170, New Sharon, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation, 6:30 pm pot luck
- 3 – Keystone #78, Solon, 7 pm, Guest Officers Night
- 7 – Mystic #69, Litchfield, 7 pm, Official Visitation
- 8 – Lakeside #60, Sabattus, 7 pm, Official Visitation with the AGC
- 8 – Elm Vale #105, Harrison, 7:30 pm, *Promises and Light*
- 9 – Minerva #74, Madison, 7 pm, *All About Dads*, 6 pm pot luck supper
- 9 – Josiah H. Drummond #91, Unity, 7:30 pm, Star Point Night
- 9 – Lunar #126, Presque Isle, 7 pm, Stated meeting
- 9 – Harbor View #136, Deer Isle, 7 pm, Official Visitation by WGM, 6 pm supper
- 10 – Martha Washington #15, Waterville, 7:30 pm, Summer Social Ice Cream Bar
- 10 – Somerset #80, Stratton, 7:30 pm, Grand Star Points, dinner is sandwiches and s'mores, 6:30, Dog food for shelter
- 14 – Aldworth #39, Milo, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation with the AGC, 6:00 ESTARL supper
- 14 – Molunkus Valley #95, Sherman, 7 pm, *Back to School*, street dress
- 15 – Almeda #149, Guilford, 7:30 pm, BBQ and ice cream sundaes, 6:15 pm pot luck salads
- 15 – Pondicherry #192, Bridgton, 7:30 pm, Honor Past and Present AP and DDGM, Star Point Ceremony
- 16 – Ivy #16, Warren, 7:30 pm, Music Night, salad supper at 6:15
- 16 – Felicity #195, Orland, 7 pm, Honoring Warders and Sentinels, 6 pm supper (collecting school supplies)
- 17 – Lily of the Valley #157, Weeks Mills, 7:30 pm, Old Family Treasures
- 21 – Electa #2, Bowdoinham, 7 pm, Honor night for the 2011-2012 Grand Family, wear blue, dragonflies or black labs!
- 21 – Arbutus #19, Liberty, 7:30 pm, Landmarks and Obligation Night
- 21 – Mountain View #197, Buckfield, 7 pm, Official Visitation with the GC, 6 pm supper

- 23 – Beacon #202, Damariscotta, 7 pm, Landmarks and Obligation Night
- 24 – Riverside #123, Orland, 7 pm, Honoring Star Point-Ruth, 6 pm supper

September

- 1 – Irene #97, Ellsworth, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation with AGM
- 5 – Queen Esther #10, meeting in Augusta, 7 pm, Ribbon Ceremony
- 5 – Sarah Orne Jewett #176, South Berwick, 7:30 pm, Honoring Warders and Sentinels
- 5 – Star Light #203, Westbrook, 7:30 pm, *Welcome Back*
- 6 – Mystic #69, Litchfield, 7 pm, Service Dogs
- 6 – Messalunskit #170, New Sharon, 7:30 pm, Landmarks and Obligation Night, 6:30 pm pot luck
- 7 – Keystone #78, Solon, 7 pm, Official Visitation
- 8 – Rumery #46, Addison, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation with the WGM
- 8 – Abenaki #116, Readfield, 7:30 pm, Obligation and Landmarks (white gowns)
- 11 – Aldworth #39, Milo, 7:30 pm, Annual Blueberry Festival, 6:15 pot luck supper
- 11 – Molunkus Valley #95, Sherman, 7 pm, Official Visitation, 6 pm supper
- 11 – Fireside #103, Clinton, 7 pm, Official Visitation with the AGM
- 11 – Pleasant River #159, West Buxton, 7:30 pm, Flag Trivia, pot luck supper 6:30
- 12 – Lakeside #60, Sabattus, 7 pm, Landmarks and Obligation, AC Lecture, Pie Auction
- 12 – Elm Vale #105, Harrison, 7:30 pm, Landmarks and Obligation
- 13 – Minerva #74, Madison, 7 pm, ESTARL, 6 pm pot luck supper
- 13 – Josiah H. Drummond #91, Unity, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation with the AGC
- 13 – Lunar #126, Presque Isle, 7 pm, Stated Meeting
- 13 – Harbor View #136, Deer Isle, 7 pm, Honoring Grand Star Points, 6 pm supper, program by Sister Judith Hanson
- 14 – Martha Washington #15, Waterville, 7:30 pm, Landmarks and Obligation Night
- 14 – Pine Cone #26, Auburn, 7 pm, Official Visitation with GC
- 14 – Somerset #80, Stratton, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation with AGM, dinner is salads, 6:30
- 18 – Electa #2, Bowdoinham, 7 pm, Honoring past and present Rainbow Girls, 6:15 pm Refreshments (waffle bar) before meeting to meet the girls of Bath Assembly #6, Wear a rainbow
- 18 – Arbutus #19, Liberty, 7:30 pm, Honor Night with ESTARL supper
- 18 – Tuscan #148, Bangor, 7 pm, Official Visitation with the AGC
- 18 – Mountain View #197, Buckfield, 7 pm, *School Days* honoring the DDGM, 6 pm supper

- 19 – Golden Sheaf #114, New Gloucester, 7 pm, *Time of Reflection*
- 19 – Madonna #144, West Kennebunk, 7 pm, Grand Star Point Ceremony
- 19 – Almeda #149, Guilford, 7:30 pm, Electa Honor Night, 6:15 ESTARL supper
- 19 – Pondicherry #192, Bridgton, 7:30 pm, *Schools In*, bring school supplies, Pizza Party
- 19 – Star Light #203, Westbrook, 7:30 pm, Honoring Star Points and Sister Janis McLaughlin, Grand Esther
- 20 – Ivy #16, Warren, 7:30 pm, Past Matrons and Past Patrons Night
- 20 – Felicity #195, Orland, 7 pm, *Back to School*, 6 pm supper (collecting school supplies)
- 21 – Pioneer #11, Lisbon Falls, 7 pm, ESTARL dinner 6 pm
- 21 – Bethlehem #36, Pittsfield, 7 pm, Official Visitation, Meetings will continue to be held at Meridian Splendor Lodge until further notice.
- 21 – Lily of the Valley #157, Weeks Mills, 7:30 pm, Landmarks and Obligation Night
- 26 – Mt. Zircon #142, Mexico, 7 pm, Official Visitation with the AGC
- 26 – Millwee #198, Orrington, 7 pm, Honoring Our Star Points
- 27 – Beacon #202, Damariscotta, 7 pm, ESTARL supper
- 28 – Riverside #, 123, Orland, 7 pm, Landmarks, Obligation, Memorial, bring school supplies, Honoring Star Point-Ruth, 6 pm supper

Quickie Answers

1. No. In fact no one holds the Reverent Attitude when the feet are moving.
2. The Warder and the Chaplain
3. Yes on the word closed - Page 47
4. When they go to their stations, they sit at the same time. Remember for a very short time, the Worthy Patron is presiding so he stands.
5. A merger has one chapter giving up its name and number and going into another chapter. A consolidation, both chapters give up the name and number and form a new chapter with a new name and number.

Heart and Soul
Grand Chapter Session
May 19-22, 2024