

# The Dove Tales

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Grand Chapter of Maine, Order of the Eastern Star

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## Announcement Luncheon

Lorena M. Fenlason, Associate Grand Matron and Peter A. Stinson, Associate Grand Patron cordially invite you to join them for the announcement of the Appointive Grand Officers, District Deputy Grand Matrons, and Star Assistants for the Heart & Soul Grand Family on Saturday, March 11 at the Martha Washington Chapter #15, 250 County Road, Waterville.

The social time begins at 11 a.m. with the luncheon at noon, and announcement of appointments to follow. The menu will consist of sandwich, soup, dessert, and beverage. The cost for the event will be \$15 per person with reservations by March 4. Checks are payable to Fireside Chapter #103 and sent to Sister Sandra LeClair, 664 Bangor Road, Benton, ME 04901.

## 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!

## 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

## Quickie Questions

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1. How many Landmarks are there?
2. What officer uses the word cabalistic?
3. When there will be balloting at a meeting, where is the ballot box placed before the meeting is opened?
4. If the Conductresses have pedestals, on which side should they leave their station?
5. Is the Reverent Attitude a secret sign?

*Blessings of Faith and Peace*  
*Grand Chapter Session*  
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Admirer	February	Marriage
Candy	Flowers	Passion
Cards	Fourteenth	Proposal
Chocolates	Heart	Red
Couples	Honey	Romance
Cupid	Hug	Romeo
Date	Juliet	Rose
Dear	Kisses	Sweetheart
Diamond	Love	XOXO
Doves	Lovebirds	

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Candy	Flowers	Passion
Cards	Fourteenth	Proposal
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