

Ewes Give A Hoot

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Schools of Instruction

Sister Flora M. Stack, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Brett Jervis, Worthy Grand Patron along with their *Through the Eyes of a Child Grand Family* and with you, the members, will hold three Schools of Instruction. You are welcome to attend one, two, or three of them as they will not be the exact same school because questions are often different along with teachable moments. Make certain you have your dues card and bring your ritual and your CR & R if you have them.

Saturday, May 19 the school will be hosted by Madonna Chapter #144, 159 Alfred Street, West Kennebunk. Gathering commences at 9 a.m. with the school starting at 10 a.m. Lunch will be available with sandwiches, salads, and dessert at \$8 which will be collected at the door. For further information contact Brother Marc Precourt, WP at 423-0627.

Saturday, June 2 the school will be hosted by Aldworth Chapter #39, at 5 Dusty Lane in Milo. Registration commences at 9 a.m. with the school starting at 10 a.m. Lunch of sandwich fixings, desserts, and drinks are available at \$7 with reservations sent payable to Aldworth Chapter #39, OES to Sister Charlene Cox, Secretary, 6 Pine Street, Milo, ME 04463.

Saturday, June 9 the school will be hosted by Mystic Chapter #69, Litchfield at 2422 Hallowell Road, Litchfield. Registration commences at 8:30 a.m. with the instruction starting at 9:30 a.m. Lunch will be soups, salad, and a variety of breads and dessert with gluten free options available. Please send your reservation of \$8 by June 4 to Paula Nicholas, Secretary, 167 Ferry Road, Chelsea, ME 04330-1072.

First Grand Family

Lakeside Chapter #60, Sabattus/Wales and Pine Cone Chapter #26, Auburn will be hosting the *Through the Eyes of a Child* first Grand Family on Saturday, June 23 at the Masonic Temple, 1021 Turner Street in Auburn. Registration commences at 9:30 a.m. with the rehearsal at 10:30 a.m. and the luncheon is at 11:30 a.m. The meeting will commence at 1 p.m. For the luncheon reservation, checks for \$10 made out to Lakeside Chapter #60, OES should be sent to Sister Jocelyne Jervis, 60 Androscoggin Way, Greene, ME 04236. Reservations need to be postmarked by June 15.

E Dollars

The E Dollars for ESTARL was extremely successful for the 2017-2018 year and will be continued for the 2018-2019 year. As you are given change for your large dollars, check to the left of the George Washington picture for the letter in the circle – can be from A to L. If it's an E hand it to your chapter secretary to go towards the ESTARL scholarships given each year.

New Members

Have you asked anyone to join the Order lately? Stephen King is famous for many critically acclaimed novels, most of which have been made into movies. However, Stephen King's first novel, *Carrie*, was rejected 30 times before it was published. Not only that, but King actually threw the manuscript into the garbage, only later to be retrieved by his wife who wildly believed in his dream of becoming a published author.

You may not be a fan of his books, but with his perseverance, one could probably have more members in your chapter. We need to encourage our relatives, friends, and future friends to become members.

Precious Emblems

We pause to pay tribute to the precious emblems of our Order, which have endured and strengthened our Order. The Bible, the writer of the book of Genesis weaves a beautiful description of God's creation of the sun and the moon, the sky and the seas, the stars, the earth and all living things therein. Since that day, God has enriched the lives of His children with light – not only in the beauty of the dawn and the beautiful colors of the sunset, but in the light of His Word. The beauty and depth of the Bible is at the center of our lives. Its teachings lead us in the way and the light, and the truth of His Word giving us courage and strength for each day. Within its pages we learn the stories of the Heroines of our Order...the lessons of fidelity, constancy, loyalty, faith, and love.

The sword and veil represent the blue ray of Adah. From her life we learn that there are always duties to be faced, promises to be kept, and vows to be honored. Adah's father made a vow unto the Lord, a vow from which he could not go back, a vow, which he kept. The blue ray of our Star teaches true obedience to a spoken vow, and that obligations assumed must always be met. Let us remember to let truth shine through our lives. Truth never changes, because truth and honesty are part of God's plan.

The sheaf of wheat represents the yellow ray of Ruth, center of one of the most beautiful stories in the Bible. Ruth was constant to her devotion to Naomi. She left behind, in the land of Moab, her childhood acquaintances and family and friends and chose a new life with Naomi. The sheaf of wheat at the yellow point of our Star reminds us to face with steadfast devotion whatever responsibilities we meet in life.

The crown and scepter united represents the white ray of Esther. Though she was Queen, Esther remained loyal to her family and friends, no matter the cost. With great courage and conviction, and in the midst of great danger, she faced the King and his court – and her perilous adventure was successful. The crown and scepter reminds us to be loyal to our convictions of right and duty, as they guide us in our daily lives.

The broken column represents the green ray of Martha. Martha and Mary's humble home in Bethany was well known as a peaceful haven, where faith was strong and all encompassing – a home where Jesus and his disciples often visited. Although in deep despair after her brother's death, Martha listened intently to the words of Jesus as He helped her reach a clearer understanding of real faith. The broken column reminds us that faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

The cup represents the red ray of Electa. It is a symbol of unselfish love and generosity. Love reaches out with many hands. It is courage to face life's trials, strength in the face of criticism, and clear vision to discover the needs of others. Love of humanity has always inspired mankind to deeds of loving kindness. The worth of a kind deed lies in the love that inspires it. The cup reminds us of the daily opportunities for service to others all around us - let us love one another.

STACK/JERVIS and Appointments

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Anderson	Ellsmore	Potter
Atwater	Farrington	Pottle
Bickford	Gray	Precourt
Bishop	Hayden	Robinson
Bisson	Jervis	Russell
Black	Kimball	Sprague
Brissette	Luce	Stack
Caldwell	Matthews	Stinson
Clark	Moody	Townsend
Dunlap	Noonan	Winslow
DurossOuellette	Perkins	

Quickie Questions (answers on page 4)

1. Where is the International Headquarters located?
2. For how long is the Obligation binding according to Landmark number six?
3. How often must a Worthy Grand Matron conduct an Official Visitation in a Subordinate Chapter?
4. Does a motion need to be made to approve the minutes?
5. The salutation sign should never be given to a closed Bible. True or False

Save the Date

The Worthy Grand Matron's Special Project will be held at the Auburn Masonic Hall on Monday, August 13 with work commencing at 9 a.m. Casual wear is appropriate. Fill your car with friends and come enjoy the social time along with working together.

Unusual Paragraph

How quickly can you find out what is so unusual about this paragraph? It looks so ordinary that you would think nothing was wrong with it at all and, in fact, nothing is. But it is unusual. Why? If you study it and think about it you may find out, but I am not going to assist you in any way ... you must do it without coaching. No doubt, if you work at it for long it will dawn on you ... who knows? Go to work now and try your skill. Par is about half an hour. The answer is on page four.

May

- 17 – Pioneer #11, Lisbon Falls, 7 pm, Landmarks and Obligation Night
- 17 – Bethlehem #36, Pittsfield, 7 pm, Grand Chapter reports, Honoring Parents
- 17 – Lily of the Valley #157, Weeks Mills, 7:30 pm, Stated Meeting
- 19 – Madonna #144, West Kennebunk, School of Instruction, 9 am registration commences
- 21 – Electa #2, Bowdoinham, 7 pm, Trivia Night with Corley Anne Byras, PGM
- 21 – Fireside #103, Clinton, 7:30 pm, Mother's Day and Memorial
- 21 – Lake View #179, Jefferson, 7:30 pm, basket raffle to benefit Karl's Kids, 7 pm program on Karl's Kids - Mike Hall
- 22 – Mt. Zircon #142, Mexico, 6 pm supper, 7 pm, Official Visitation with the GC
- 22 – Madonna #144, West Kennebunk, 7 pm, 6 pm supper, Honoring Veterans and their families
- 22 – Evening Star #189, Hartland, 7:30 pm, Memorial Program
- 22 – Corner Stone #193, Portland, 7:30 pm, Stated Meeting and Bingo
- 22 – Millwee #198, Orrington, 7:30 pm, Landmarks and Obligation Night and Memorial Remembrance
- 23 – Ivy #16, Warren, 7:30 pm, 6:15 pm pot luck supper, Honoring Moms
- 23 – Jefferson #89, Bryant Pond, refreshments 6 pm, meeting 7 pm, Honoring Caregivers
- 23 – Felicity #195, Bucksport meeting in Orland, 6:15 pm supper, 7:30 pm meeting, Mother's Day and honoring PM and PP
- 23 – Beacon #202, Damariscotta, 7 pm, Honor scholarship students, observing Memorial Day, pot luck supper at 6 pm
- 24 – Riverside #123, Orland, 7 pm, 6 pm supper - Basket Auction after supper, Honoring Mothers
- 25 – Beacon #202, Damariscotta, 7 pm, Celebrating Memorial Day

- 25– 27 Grand Assembly University of New England - Biddeford Campus, 11 Hills Beach Road, Biddeford
- 28 – Orion #45, Calais, 6:30 pm, Mother's Day, pot luck prior to meeting

June

- 1 – Ruth #14, Springvale, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation, GC, pot luck supper at 6:30 pm
- 1 – Naomi #25, Tenants Harbor, 7:30 pm, *We Love Our Masons*
- 1 – Genesta #73, Bath, 7 pm, *Foundation in Faith*
- 1 – Irene #97, Ellsworth, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation, AGM
- 2 – Aldworth #39, Milo, School of Instruction, 9 am registration commences
- 4 – Mystic #69, Litchfield, 7 pm, Official Visitation
- 5 – Queen Esther #10, Hallowell, 7 pm, Official Visitation, WGM
- 5 – Deering #59, Portland, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation, GC
- 5 – Tuscan #148, Bangor, 7:30 pm, *Star Point Night*
- 5 – Sarah Orne Jewett #176, South Berwick, 7:30 pm, *A lid on every trash can and a fence around every tree*, Landmarks and Obligation Night
- 6 – Messalunskit #170, New Sharon, 7:30 pm, DeMolay Program at 7 pm
- 7 – Keystone #78, Solon, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation, AGM
- 7 – Pythagorean #169, Fryeburg, 7 pm, Official Visitation with the GC, 6 pm supper
- 8 – Rumery #46, Addison 7:30 pm, Father's Day and Grand Chapter Reports
- 8 – Abenaki #116, Readfield, 7:30 pm, Fathers - Worthy Patron and Associate Patron
- 9 – Mystic #69, Litchfield, School of Instruction, 8:30 am registration commences
- 11 – Aldworth #39, Milo, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation, AGC, Honoring Fathers
- 11 – Marion #63, Gardner/Litchfield, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation
- 11 – Molunkus Valley #95, Sherman, 7 pm, Official Visitation, WGM
- 11 – Fireside #103, Clinton, 7:30 pm, Father's Day and Flag Day
- 11 – Pleasant River #159, West Buxton, 7:30 pm, Honoring Father's Day
- 12 – Lakeside #60, Wales, 7 pm, Honoring Fathers, Flag Day
- 12 – Machias #83, Machias, 7 pm, *Honor Our Flag* (visit from Betsy Ross)

- 12 – Tillikum #99, Ashland, 7 pm, Official Visitation
- 12 – Elm Vale #105, Harrison, 7:30 pm, refreshments 6:30 pm, *Sing Along* with Barbara Dalgaard
- 12 – Corner Stone #193, Portland, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation, GC
- 13 – Minerva #74, Madison, 7 pm, Honor Masons and Father's Day
- 13 – Josiah H. Drummond #91 of Thorndike, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation, GC
- 13 – Grace #93, Rockland, 7:30 pm, *Grand Chapter Quiz Game*
- 13 – Lunar #126, Presque Isle, Official Visitation, AGM, Honor Fathers
- 13 – Harbor View #136, Deer Isle, 7 pm, Landmarks, Obligation and Memorials, 6 pm supper
- 14 – Martha Washington #15, Waterville, 7:30 pm, Father's Day Program
- 14 – Pine Cone #26, Auburn, 7 pm with pot luck supper at 6 pm, Official Visitation, WGM
- 14 – Alcyone #71, Milbridge, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation, GC
- 14 – Somerset #80, Stratton, 7:30 pm, 6:30 pm Picnic Night, Honoring Fathers and Past Patrons
- 14 – Annette #184, Saco, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation AGM, pot luck 6:30 pm
- 18 – Electa #2, Bowdoinham, 7 pm, Official Visitation, WGM
- 18 – Arbutus #19, Liberty, 7:30 pm, Father's Day, Honoring Masons
- 18 – Mountain View #197, Buckfield, 7 pm, Landmarks and Obligation,
- 19 – Deering #59, Portland, 7:30 pm, *Let's Get Ready for Summer*
- 19 – Golden Sheaf #114, New Gloucester, 7 pm, Honor Night For Our Grand Adah
- 19 – Almeda #149, Guilford, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation, AGM
- 19 – Oppalunskit #125, Phillips, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation, GC
- 19 – Madonna #144, West Kennebunk, 7 pm, 6 pm supper, Honoring Life and 25 Year Members
- 19 – Evening Star #189, Hartland, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation, WGM
- 20 – Ivy #16, Warren, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation, AGM, Honor Dads
- 20 – Felicity #195, Orland, 7:30 pm, Honor Past and Present Chaplains, 6:15 pm supper
- 21 – Pioneer #11, Lisbon Falls, 7 pm, Official Visitation, GC
- 21 – Lily of the Valley #157, Weeks Mills, 7:30 pm, Stated Meeting
- 21 – Bethlehem #36, Pittsfield, 7 pm, Official Visitation, AGC
- 23 – Grand Family in Auburn, 1 pm
- 25 – Orion #45, Calais, 6:30 pm, Father's Day Auction
- 25 – Lake View #179, Jefferson, 7:30 pm, 6:15 pm ESTARL Supper with program during meeting with Jerri Holt, PGM
- 26 – Mt. Zircon #142, Mexico, 6 pm supper, 7 pm, Landmarks and Obligation Night. *What does it mean to you?*
- 26 – Corner Stone #193, Portland, 7:30 pm, Father's Day, honoring Past Patrons and Master Masons
- 26 – Millwee #198, Orrington, 7:30 pm, Grand Chapter Reports and Redo – *Let's Play Golf!!!*
- 27 – Jefferson #89, Bryant Pond, refreshments 6 pm, meeting 7 pm, Official Visitation, WGM
- 27 – Beacon #202, Damariscotta, 7 pm, Official Visitation, GC
- 28 – Riverside #123, Orland, 7 pm, 6 pm Charity Supper—Honoring Fathers, Grand Chapter Reports
- 29 – Ivy #16, Warren, 7:30 pm, Special for Degrees

Quickie Answers

1. 1618 New Hampshire Avenue, NW, Washington DC,
2. Perpetual Page 13 of Ritual
3. Every Four Years, CR and R page 7 (g)
4. No
5. The Ritual page 41 says open Bible

Paragraph Answer

There are no e's in the paragraph.

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The Ewes Give a Hoot is the newsletter that will be published during the 2018-2019 year and distributed by the Deputies shortly after Grand Families or statewide events about seven times a year. If you'd like items printed in it, email it to corleybyras@gmail.com or send it by snail mail to Sister Corley Anne.

Star News

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

Web Site

The Maine Order of the Eastern Star's web site is: <http://www.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.