

Ewes Give A Hoot

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Grand Chapter of Maine, Order of the Eastern Star

Flora M. Stack, Worthy Grand Matron

Brett Jervis, Worthy Grand Patron

Grand Family in Waterville

Martha Washington Chapter #15, Waterville, will be hosting the *Through the Eyes of a Child* second Grand Family on Saturday, August 25. 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 Fireside Chapter #103 should be sent by August 17 to Sister Judy Ashe, 158 Bangor Road, Benton, ME 04901.

Maine–New Brunswick Exchange

Miramichi Chapter #44 will be hosting the annual Maine in New Brunswick Grand Family Exchange on Saturday, September 22 at the United Church Centre at 556 King George Highway, Miramichi, NB. (all events to be there) Registration commences at 9 a.m. with practice for the Grand Officers at 10 a.m. A complimentary light lunch will be provided beginning at 11:30 a.m. The meeting commences at 1:30 p.m. (Remember that's at 12:30 pm, Maine time.)

A roast beef dinner will be served at 6 p.m. Reservations of \$20 in Canadian Funds must be reserved by September 15 by contacting Sister Debbie Hill, PGM, 101 Hilltop Drive, Fredericton, NB E3A 2J3. Her email is debbiehill101@gmail.com

Fall Event for Dyslexia

The Fall Event will be held at T & B Celebration Center, 414 Madison Avenue, Skowhegan (moved from Waterville), September 29th. Reservations need to be in by September 14 to Sister Rosemary Ballard, 517 Palmyra Road, St. Albans, ME 04971. The DDGM's have tickets for this event.

The cost is \$25 which will include cheese and crackers, salad bar, and two hot entrees on the buffet with fixings and dessert. The social hour commences at 5 p.m. with dinner at 6 p.m. followed by a dance. There will be baskets raffled, a quilt auction, 50/50 raffle as well as a silent auction. All proceeds will go to Maine's two dyslexia centers. Sisters Rosemary and Irene Robinson are the co-chairs for this event.

Grand Family in Mexico

Mt. Zircon Chapter #142, meeting in Mexico, will be hosting the *Through the Eyes of a Child* third Grand Family on Saturday, October 6. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. with the rehearsal at 10:30 a.m. and the luncheon is at 11:30 a.m. The meeting being held at King Hiram Lodge, 795 River Road in Mexico will commence at 1 p.m. For the luncheon reservation, checks for \$10 made out to Mt. Zircon Chapter #142 should be sent by September 26 to Sister Rheanne Frost, 28 Lacroix Road, Peru, ME 04290.

Life Members Celebration

Does your chapter have an ongoing or one-time project dedicated to your Life Members? Send details to Sister Kathy Williamson, W.M., to be included in an article for the *Eastern Star Journal*. Include photos, stories and comments from honorees if you have them. Email kackyw@gmail.com or mail to Kathy Williamson, 239 7th St., Auburn 04210.

Volunteers Are Everywhere

Each and every day, our Star members do good deeds. It may be as simple as smiling as you hold a door open for another or taking someone to get groceries when you shop for your own. Does it take a lot of effort or time? Will we even recall it when we return home? Probably, not. Yet, to someone, we have brightened their day.

Chatting with our membership we can discover much about our members. The ones who work at their churches, help their neighbors, assist with community projects (Meals on Wheels, Soup Kitchen, Homeless Shelters) pet care, baking, clearing walks and driveways from snow, volunteer at hospitals, schools, blood donor clinics. The list could go on for hours. Do they receive any remuneration for these deeds? No, most do not even want to be recognized for their kindness for it is simply a way of life for most.

Matthew 5:16 is an often recited verse *Let your light so shine among men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven.*

The Rays of Our Star

While we are very much aware that Adah, Jephthah's daughter, voluntarily sacrificed her life to preserve her father's honor, which teaches us the lesson of great fidelity, we also realize her great faith and courage that she would be received into the hands of our Lord and be a great inspiration to all mankind. The story of the heroine of the blue ray of our Star is found in the eleventh chapter of Judges.

The Book of Ruth is the eighth book in the Old Testament and tells of Ruth's constancy in her dedication to Naomi. She sacrificed everything in total devotion to a family member in need and points out, that a constant devotion to a noble purpose will result in a secure future. The golden ray of this station encourages us to be constant and true.

Esther, the wife, whose story is found in the seventeenth book of the Old Testament, tells of her outstanding loyalty in the face of risking great fame and fortune in order to save her people from extermination. Its ray of pure white, also displays the quality of great character developed in a loving marriage that allowed reason to prevail over long established traditions.

Martha's story is written in the eleventh chapter of John and reveals the great power of sisterly love and faith that allowed Jesus to raise her brother, Lazarus from the grave. Its ray of green brings us a sign of renewal through immortality.

You will find Electa's story recorded in the first chapter of the Second Epistle of John. Her faith and the importance of its continuance was so strong that she would rather face death or serious injury than to deny her beliefs. Her message is of fervent love for her fellow man and it's symbolized by the ray of red.

The stories of our Heroines, who faced different challenges and then met them with the character qualities of fidelity, constancy, loyalty, faith, and love are revered by us. While different on the surface, their actions were motivated by the same emotion. They decided that the welfare of others was far more important than any personal consideration. They risked or completely surrendered any thought of self. They completely forgot about *me* and would go to any lengths to address the concerns of *we*.

If we all dedicate ourselves to work together with no consideration for self, no matter what the adversity we face, we will set a standard that will make us the envy of the world.

We are reminded that the design of our Order by our founder, Dr. Rob Morris that the lessons of our Heroines inspire us to raise the bar in our daily conduct.

Children's Toys

B A R R E L O F M O N K E Y S
A A B K I T E S T E P P U P T
D E L L A W A G O N U B I I U
M P C L O S C O O T E R S C F
I O S Y O C D Y E S O E A K F
N R E O E D K L F G L G C U E
T P T Y G N Z S R B N B I P D
O M A O I Z L A R I I A N S A
N U K L U E P A W K H T O T N
S J S P D H M S E U L C M I I
K L I N C O L N L O G S R C M
C I E P O C S O D I E L A K A
A K L A H C R A Y O N S H S L
J J T I D D L E D Y W I N K S
S Y O T R E K N I T R A I N S

Badminton	Jump Rope	Sled
Ball	Kaleidoscope	Slinky
Barrel of Monkeys	Kite	Spirograph
Bat	Legos	Stuffed Animals
Bike	Lincoln Logs	Swing
Blocks	Marbles	Tiddly Winks
Chalk	Pickup Sticks	Tinker toys
Clue	Puppets	Trains
Crayons	Puzzle	Uno
Doll	Scooter	Wagon
Harmonica	Skates	Yoyo
Jacks		

Quickie Questions (answers on page 4)

1. May a chapter conduct a graveside service for a member?
2. What constitutes *proof of membership*?
3. Is the reverent attitude held when the Bible is opened or closed informally such as during Installation or a recess?
4. If a Past Grand Matron is introduced from her station and therefore does not go the East, is she given the Grand Honors?
5. Is it permissible for visiting members of another Chapter to perform the Opening and or the Closing of the ritualistic work?

August

- 13 – Aldworth #39, Milo, 7:30 pm, Welcome Back-Pack and Honor our Own Night, ESTARL Supper at 6:15 pm
- 13 – Marion #63, Gardiner/Litchfield, 7:30 pm, Back to School Trivia, Bring School Supplies
- 14 – Lakeside #60, Wales, 7 pm, Honor Sideliners - ESTARL Supper
- 14 – Machias #83, Machias, 7 pm, Official Visit, AGC
- 14 – Tillikum #99, Ashland, 7 pm, Men's Cookout at 6 pm
- 14 – Elm Vale #105, Harrison, 7:30 pm, refreshments 6:30 pm, Official Visitation, AGM

- 15 – Ivy #16, Warren, 7:30 pm, ESTARL Supper at 6:15
- 15 – Felicity #195, Orland, 7:30 pm, Star Point Night, 6:15 pm supper
- 16 – Lily of the Valley #157, Weeks Mills, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation, WGM
- 18 – Machias #83, Machias, Blueberry Festival
- 20 – Electa #2, Bowdoinham, 7 pm, Star Point Night with pound auction to benefit *Books for Bikes*
- 20 – Arbutus #19, Liberty, 7:30 pm, Past Matrons and Past Patrons night, ice cream social
- 20 – Mountain View #197, Buckfield, 7 pm, ESTARL Supper, Honor Star Points
- 21 – Golden Sheaf #114, New Gloucester, 7 pm, *It's a Puzzlement!*
- 21 – Almeda #149, Guilford, 7:30 pm, OES Baseball, supper 6:15 pm
- 21 – Oppalunskit #125, Phillips, 7:30 pm, Stated Meeting
- 21 – Pondicherry #192, Bridgton, 7:30 pm, Honoring Star Points, supper 6:30 pm
- 22 – Jefferson #89, Bryant Pond, refreshments 6 pm, meeting 7 pm, Honor Cancer Patients
- 22 – Beacon #202, Damariscotta, 7 pm, ESTARL Supper at 6 pm, *Star Trivia Night*
- 23 – Riverside #123, Orland, 7 pm, 6 pm Supper—Music Night—come and sing your favorite hymn or song. We will read a few stories about why the author wrote the song – quite interesting!
- 25 – Grand Family, Martha Washington #15, Waterville
- 27 – Orion #45, Calais, 6:30 pm, Official Visitation, AGM
- 27 – Lake View #179, Jefferson, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation with GC
- 29 – Beacon #202, Damariscotta, 7 pm, Special for degrees
- 7 – Primrose #152, Belfast, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation, WGM
- 8 – Josiah H. Drummond #91 of Thorndike, Chicken Barbecue/Yard Sale Fundraiser
- 10 – Aldworth #39, Milo, 7:30 pm, *Crowning a New Queen* - Blueberry Festival Supper at 6:15 pm
- 10 – Marion #63, Gardiner/Litchfield, 7:30 pm, Star Point Ceremony
- 10 – Fireside #103, Clinton, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation, AGC
- 10 – Pleasant River #159, West Buxton, 7:30 pm, Landmarks and Obligation
- 11 – Lakeside #60, Wales, 7 pm, Honor Past Matrons and Past Patrons of Lakeside
- 11 – Machias #83, Machias, 7 pm, Land Marks and Obligation
- 11 – Tillikum #99, Ashland, 7 pm, *Back to School*
- 11 – Elm Vale #105, Harrison, 7:30 pm, refreshments 6:30 pm, Program by Crystal McKay - Our Obligation
- 12 – Minerva #74, Madison, Official Visitation, AGC, pot luck at 6 pm
- 12 – Josiah H. Drummond #91 of Thorndike, 7:30 pm, Happy 115th Birthday
- 12 – Grace #93, Rockland, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation, GC
- 12 – Lunar #126, Presque Isle, 7 pm, Honoring Past Matrons and Patrons
- 12 – Harbor View #136, Deer Isle, 7 pm, Stated Meeting, 6 pm supper
- 13 – Martha Washington #15, Waterville, 7:30 pm, Landmarks and Obligation Night
- 13 – Pine Cone #26, Auburn, 7 pm with ESTARL supper at 6 pm,
- 13 – Somerset #80, Stratton, 7:30 pm, 6:30 pm ESTARL Night, Discussion on the Five Heroines and how to keep their lessons in everyday life
- 13 – Annette #184, Saco, 7:30 pm, Star Point Night
- 14 – Rumery #46, Addison 7:30 pm, Official Visitation, WGM
- 14 – Abenaki #116, Readfield, 7:30 pm, labors of Love, Secretary and Treasurer
- 15 – Electa #2, Bowdoinham, 130th Anniversary Celebration
- 17 – Electa #2, Bowdoinham, 7 pm, Back to School - bring school items for Bowdoinham Community School
- 17 – Arbutus #19, Liberty, 7:30 pm, Landmarks and Obligation Night, silent auction for Hospice
- 17 – Mountain View #197, Buckfield, 7 pm, Honor Secretary and Treasurer, Draw Raffle Basket
- 18 – Deering #59, Portland, 7:30 pm, *Around the World With Our Grand Representatives*
- 18 – Golden Sheaf #114, New Gloucester, 7 pm, ESTARL Supper at 6 pm, Landmarks and Obligation Night
- 18 – Almeda #149, Guilford, 7:30 pm, ESTARL Supper at 6:15 pm, Honor Night-Past and Present Warders
- 18 – Madonna #144, West Kennebunk, 7 pm, Official Visitation, AGM
- 18 – Evening Star #189, Hartland, 7 pm, Guest Officer Night
- 18 – Pondicherry #192, Bridgton, 7:30 pm, School (bring mittens and scarfs) honoring Marshal, Warder and Sentinels, supper 6:30 pm
- 19 – Ivy #16, Warren, 7:30 pm, Honor Night, Surprise!
- 19 – Felicity #195, Orland, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation, AGM, bring school supplies, 6:15 pm supper
- 20 – Pioneer #11, Lisbon Falls, 7 pm, ESTARL Supper at 6 pm, honoring 25 and 50 year members

September

- 1 – Corner Stone #193, Portland, 7:30 pm, Stated Meeting, Stone Soup ESTARL Supper
- 3 – Mystic #69, Litchfield, 7 pm, *Are You the Old Maid?*
- 4 – Queen Esther #10, Hallowell, 7 pm, Honoring District #7 Members
- 4 – Deering #59, Portland, 7:30 pm, *Time to Get Started* with Pot Luck Supper 6:30 pm
- 4 – Tuscan #148, Bangor, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation.GC
- 4 – Sarah Orne Jewett #176, South Berwick, 7:30 pm, *Two Spaghetti Specials - heavy on the meats-a-balle* Charity spaghetti dinner at 6:30 pm
- 5 – Messalunskit #170, New Sharon, 7:30 pm, Landmarks and Obligation Night
- 6 – Keystone #78, Solon, 7:30 pm, Music Night honoring the organists
- 6 – Pythagorean #169, Fryeburg, 7 pm, Honoring Sideliners
- 7 – Ruth #14, Springvale, 7:30 pm, Welcome Back, celebrating 125 years, pot luck supper at 6:30 pm
- 7 – Naomi #25, Tenants Harbor, 7:30 pm, ESTARL Supper, Honor Night
- 7 – Genesta #73, Bath, 7 pm, Obligation, Landmarks, and Associate Conductress Lecture, Bingo and refreshments following
- 7 – Irene #97, Ellsworth, 7:30 pm, Special Honor Night ... Come and see who is being honored.

- 20 – Bethlehem #36, Pittsfield, 7 pm, Honoring Star Points
- 20 – Lily of the Valley #157, Weeks Mills, 7:30 pm, *Spreading God's Word*, Honoring Chaplains
- 22 – Maine in New Brunswick Grand Family
- 24 – Orion #45, Calais, 6:30 pm, PM and PP Night with supper for ESTARL
- 24 – Lake View #179, Jefferson, 7:30 pm, 7 pm Honor Flight with Ralph Bond/Julie Stegna, Pie auction to benefit Honor Flight
- 25 – Mt. Zircon #142, Mexico, 6 pm supper, 7 pm, Rob Morris Skit with Edleen and party, Honor Rob Morris Jewel Recipients
- 25 – Millwee #198, Orrington, 7:30 pm, ESTARL Supper
- 25 – Corner Stone #193, Portland, 7:30 pm, Honoring Marshal and Electa
- 26 – Jefferson #89, Bryant Pond, refreshments 6 pm, meeting 7 pm,
- 26 – Beacon #202, Damariscotta, 7 pm, Guest Officer Night
- 27 – Riverside #123, Orland, 7 pm, 6 pm Supper—Memorial Service/Landmarks and Obligation/AC Lecture/Official Visit with AGM
- 29 – Fall Event at T and B's in Skowhegan

October

- 1 – Mystic #69, Litchfield, 7 pm, *Pick Up Sticks*
- 2 – Queen Esther #10, Hallowell, 7 pm, Landmarks and Obligation Night
- 2 – Deering #59, Portland, 7:30 pm, Guest Officers
- 2 – Tuscan #148, Bangor, 7:30 pm, Cake Walk with proceeds to ESTARL
- 2 – Sarah Orne Jewett #176, South Berwick, 7:30 pm, *Ever Chase Chickens?* Halloween costume Party with pot luck at 6 pm
- 3 – Messalunskit #170, New Sharon, 7:30 pm, To be announced
- 5 – Ruth #14, Springvale, 7:30 pm, Halloween Party, wear orange and black
- 5 – Naomi #25, Tenants Harbor, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation, WGM
- 5 – Genesta #73, Bath, 7 pm, Grand Representative Night—Honoring Diane Curtis, Grand Representative of Tennessee in Maine
- 5 – Irene #97, Ellsworth, 7:30 pm, 25 & 50 Year Member Night
- 5 – Primrose #152, Belfast, 7:30 pm, Fall Harvest/PM and PP, Pot Luck/Charity Fund at 6:15 pm
- 6 – Mt. Zircon #142, Mexico, Grand Family
- 8 – Aldworth #39, Milo, 7:30 pm, *Honoring Our Electa*
- 8 – Fireside #103, Clinton, 7:30 pm, Halloween
- 8 – Pleasant River #159, West Buxton, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation, WGM, pot luck supper at 6:30 pm
- 9 – Lakeside #60, Wales, 7 pm, Official Visitation, GC
- 9 – Machias #83, Machias, 7 pm, Star Point Night
- 9 – Tillikum #99, Ashland, 7 pm, Halloween
- 9 – Elm Vale #105, Harrison, 7:30 pm, refreshments 6:30 pm, Landmarks and Obligation Night
- 9 – Corner Stone #193, Portland, 7:30 pm, History and Mystery presented by Sister Julianna B. Libby
- 10 – Minerva #74, Madison, 7 pm, Guest Officer Night

- 10 – Josiah H. Drummond #91 of Thorndike, 7:30 pm, *Friendship Night*, Shepherd's Pie supper to benefit the Cancer Fund
- 10 – Grace #93, Rockland, 7:30 pm, Landmarks and Obligation Night
- 10 – Lunar #126, Presque Isle, 7 pm, Landmarks and Obligation Night
- 10 – Harbor View #136, Deer Isle, 7 pm, ESTARL, 6 pm supper
- 11 – Martha Washington #15, Waterville, 7:30 pm, International Headquarters Presentation, ESTARL Supper 6:15 pm
- 11 – Pine Cone #26, Auburn, 7 pm with pot luck supper at 6 pm, Star Point Night honoring Cynthia Matthews, Grand Adah
- 11 – Somerset #80, Stratton, 7:30 pm, 6:30 pm Hearty Soups, DDGM Honor Night
- 11 – Pythagorean #169, Fryeburg, 7 pm, *The O.E.S. Witches*, ESTARL Supper 6 pm
- 11 – Annette #184, Saco, 7:30 pm, Honoring Past Matrons and Past Patrons, pot luck 6:30 pm
- 12 – Rumery #46, Addison 7:30 pm, Grand Representative Night, 6:15 pm ESTARL Supper
- 12 – Abenaki #116, Readfield, 7:30 pm, *Remembering Loved Ones* - Star Points
- 13 – New Brunswick in Maine Grand Family Exchange hosted by Tillikum #99, Ashland

Quickie Answers

1. Yes, see the Ritual, Page 153 under Funeral Ceremony, 3rd and 4th lines.
2. A demit or up-to-date dues card
3. Yes, see the Ritual, page 17, top of page sentence
4. Yes, see Ritual, page 17
5. No. Chapters must open and close their own meetings... must have a quorum and could use substitutes to assist.

Ewes Give a Hoot

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.

Through the Eyes of a Child
127th Grand Chapter Session
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Augusta Civic Center