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Grand Chapter of Maine, Order of the Eastern Star

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New Brunswick – Maine Exchange

Tillikum Chapter #99 in Ashland will be hosting the New Brunswick in Maine Exchange on Saturday, October 13. The actual meeting will be at the Ashland Rec Center, 65 Exchange Street in Ashland commencing at 1 p.m. Registration (with your dues card) for the event will commence at the Ashland Masonic Hall at 9:30 a.m. The rehearsal will be at 10:30 a.m. at the Rec Center with the luncheon at noon at the Masonic Hall. This gives you an opportunity to view the New Brunswick Grand Officers perform the degrees. The foliage is changing rapidly and would be a great day to view it on your drive to Ashland.

Four Grand Family Exchange

The four jurisdictions of Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Maine will be together on Saturday, November 10 with representatives from each jurisdiction's Grand Officers forming the degree team. It is being hosted by Pythagorean Chapter #169 of Fryeburg at the Molly Ockett School, 25 Molly Ockett Drive in Fryeburg. (The school is located across from the Fryeburg Rescue and Police Department.) Registration commences at 9 a.m. with the rehearsal at 9:30 a.m., lunch at 11:30 a.m. and the meeting at 1 p.m. with all of this being held at the school.

The lunch reservations are due by October 20 or when 150 reservations have been made. Checks payable to Pythagorean Chapter #169 for \$10 are to be mailed to Wendy Eaton, 417 Memotomy Road, Fryeburg, ME 04037.

Through the Eyes of a Child

The 127th Maine Grand Chapter Session will be held May 14, 15, 16, and 17th at the Augusta Civic Center. Make certain you have placed the dates on your calendar. Currently we are leaf peaking and apple picking and enjoying the autumn season in Maine. All too soon many will be shoveling snow. (Except for those that have gone south to avoid it!) And while relaxing this winter prepare a few items for the craft or jewelry table that will be at the Session.

General Grand Chapter in Orlando

Sister Flora M. Stack, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Brett Jervis, Worthy Grand Patron will be leading the Maine Jurisdiction as they attend the 49th Triennial Assembly being held at the Orlando World Center Marriott in Orlando, Florida.

Presiding over the Assembly entitled *Precious Memories on the Wings of Love* will be Sister Helen J. Westmoreland, Most Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Robert C. Penoyer, Most Worthy Grand Patron. The Triennial Choir for the Assembly is called *Hummers In Harmony*.

Various events commence on October 25 with the first actual gathering being held on Sunday morning for a Worship and ESTARL service. The opening ceremonies are held on Monday with business commencing on Tuesday. The installation of the new officers is held on Thursday night with the next day being a school of instruction.

Election of officers who will preside over the next few years along with the Right Worthy Grand Trustees is an important portion of the Assembly.

Twenty-Six resolutions to make changes in the Ritual or the Constitution, By-laws, Rules and Regulations and Book of Instruction have been sent to registered voting members. Some of them are as long as four pages front and back of a standard sheet of paper. Three have either been withdrawn or were not in proper order. Many deal with who can vote at the Assembly and the eligibility and qualifications of who can join the Order of the Eastern Star.

Tuesday evening the members of the Maine Grand Jurisdiction will gather for a special banquet under the direction of Sister Margaret L. Dyer, PGM and Brother Ronald G. Forrest, PGP. They have designated the evening as a black and white night.

The Assembly is held only once in three years and brings Eastern Star members from all over the world together. It's exciting to view gowns from other jurisdictions as well as street wear and of course shopping at the various vendors is a fun time for members.

Five Star Rays

The sacred pages of our Bible hold and reflect the teachings of our Order. From these pages comes the history of the heroines of our beautiful Eastern Star.

When God first made the sky above and painted it with blue, the angels clipped it with their shears and stars came peeping through. Our Star Point angels, with their hearts full of love, look to the East and the Star up above. Because of the lessons each one portrays, our Star is composed of five beautiful rays.

Adah represents the first point of our Star – our ray of blue. She was true to her own convictions of that which was right. Much can be learned about her in the Bible for this young daughter had such sublime reverence for God that she laid down her life for a promise made to Him. Despite this seeming tragedy, she lives on as the embodiment of a courageous young woman who was both meek in spirit and patient in suffering. We should try to emulate this heroine so that we too, may rest in the knowledge that we shall never walk alone.

The second point is that of Ruth – our ray of yellow. With love in her heart and a constant devotion to duty, honor, and justice, this faithful widow proved that love does not go unrewarded. Love sheds its rays as sunlight and brings the reward of growth on all it touches. If we have love and constancy, together with patient industry, we, like Ruth, will reap the golden grains of life's harvest.

Esther portrays the third point of our Star – our white ray. Esther, an orphan Jewess, was chosen to be Queen of Persia. She became a Queen with amazing power because she thought not of herself, but of others, and governed her people with justice and unselfish loyalty. May we emulate in our lives purity and peace with loyalty to God, to our families, and to our country.

Martha represents our fourth point – our ray of green. Her sisterly grief did not dim her belief in God, her faith and hope of immortal life remained steadfast and true. It was to Martha that Jesus gave the reassuring words *I am the resurrection and the life, he that believeth in me, though he were dead yet shall he live, and whosoever believeth in me shall never die.* Martha's expression of faith to God should be a guide in our daily lives.

The fifth point is represented by Electa – our red ray. She represents a mother who would die for the right to follow the faith she had chosen. She is a representative of the love, charity, and hospitality we should give to those in poverty and distress. *So faith, hope, and love abide, these three, but the greatest of these is love.* With truth to guide us, we will neither falter nor fail as we walk forward in His love.

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One Word Songs

U D A B N O I T A N I G A M I
 N N N M E M O R I E S E T F S
 D Y F A M E R I C A M R C H E
 E L J O L I G I G I A D E D V
 C E E Y R Y R C T E E N S O E
 I R A S D G O R H H A E S M E
 D E N I F G E T C N T M I I L
 E C N A H M A T D I I I E N S
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| Amen | Greensleeves | Sincerely |
| America | He | Smiles |
| Amor | Heart | Summertime |
| Because | Heartaches | Tammy |
| Bewitched | If | Till |
| Cry | Imagination | Today |
| Daisy | Jeannie | Tomorrow |
| Dominique | Memories | Toyland |
| Edelweiss | Misty | Undecided |
| Gigi | Shenandoah | Unforgettable |

How many can you hum or know the words?

Quickie Questions (answers on page four)

1. During the Installation Ceremony, may the Installing Marshal use some wording in inviting the Officers-Elect to enter the Chapter Room?
2. Does the Worthy Patron assume the Reverent Attitude when giving the obligation during Initiation?
3. May Officers wear badges at an OES Funeral Service?
4. As Worthy Matron, I am honoring the Star Point Officers. May I request the Worthy Patron to preside and leave the East to present them gifts at their stations?
5. On page 91 at the end of the Initiation, it states that the Conductress (es) and member (s) make a circuit of the room. How do we know what a circuit is?

The five rays of our emblematic star, exemplified by the heroines of our Order, will cast its beams throughout the universe spreading fidelity, constancy, loyalty, faith, and love. May God continue to bless the teachings of these heroines. May each of us always remember it is God's wisdom and strength that guides us.

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(Solution on Page Four)

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H O R S B W Y Y Z B

O I H C O X B Q T Q T C T

H Y Y L T H F I I Z Q X O K

Z F I K T O H L T Z F T.

October

- 8 – Aldworth #39, Milo, 7:30 pm, *Honoring Our Electa*
- 8 – Molunkus Valley #95, Sherman 7 pm, with soup and sandwiches at 5:30 pm. It is a costume party evening. Officers in street dress.
- 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
- 9 – Lakeside #60, Wales, 7 pm, Official Visitation, AGC
- 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, 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, 6 pm ESTARL 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
- 15 – Electa #2, Bowdoinham, 7 pm, Halloween, *Visit from the OES Witches*
- 15 – Arbutus #19, Liberty, 7:30 pm, Honoring past and present Star Points
- 15 – Marion #63, Gardiner/Litchfield, 7:30 pm, ESTARL supper 6:15 pm, soups and chowder, Teacup Auction
- 15 – Mountain View #197, Buckfield, 7 pm, Honor 25 and 50 year Members, Past Matrons and Patrons
- 16 – Deering #59, Portland, 7:30 pm, *Honoring the Central Star of Our Chapter*
- 16 – Golden Sheaf #114, New Gloucester, 7 pm, *You Will Have a House I've Got a Mansion*
- 16 – Almeda #149, Guilford, 7:30 pm, Annual Apple Festival, honoring PM and PP, 6:15 pm supper by the WM
- 16 – Madonna #144, West Kennebunk, 7 pm, 6 pm supper, Star Point Night
- 16 – Evening Star #189, Hartland, 7 pm, ESTARL Supper with Bethlehem Chapter
- 16 – Pondicherry #192, Bridgton, 7:30 pm, Honoring Conductress and Associate Conductress, supper at 6:30 pm
- 17 – Ivy #16, Warren, 7:30 pm, *Wreaths Across America*
- 17 – Felicity #195, Orland, 7:30 pm, Honor Masons/bring non-perishable foods for local food bank, 6:15 pm supper
- 18 – Pioneer #11, Lisbon Falls, 7 pm, *Visit from the OES Witches*
- 18 – Bethlehem #36, Pittsfield, 7 pm, Guest Officers Night
- 18 – Lily of the Valley #157, Weeks Mills, 7:30 pm, *Star Trivia*
- 23 – Mt. Zircon #142, Mexico, 6 pm ESTARL Supper, 7 pm, Honor Nite for Special Folks
- 22 – Orion #45, Calais, 6:30 pm, Friendship Night
- 22 – Lake View #179, Jefferson, 7:30 pm, 6:15 pm Soup, Chowder, Stew Supper, 7 pm *Service Dog Program* with Mary Moran
- 23 – Corner Stone #193, Portland, 7:30 pm, *A funny fashion show*
- 23 – Millwee #198, Orrington, 7:30 pm, MASKarade Parade
- 24 – Jefferson #89, Bryant Pond, refreshments 6 pm, meeting 7 pm, Special Entertainment
- 24 – Beacon #202, Damariscotta, 7 pm, Honor Sideliners, Silver collection to ESTARL in honor of the visiting chapter with the most members present
- 25 – Riverside #123, Orland, 7 pm, 6 pm — ESTARL Supper (Smothered Beef) — Honoring all present and past Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons

November

- 1 – Keystone #78, Solon, 7:30 pm, Honoring Masons and Veterans, Pie Auction
- 1 – Pythagorean #169, Fryeburg, 7 pm, *Deck of Cards*
- 2 – Ruth #14, Springvale, 7:30 pm, ESTARL Supper at 6:30 pm, Honoring Veterans and Masons
- 2 – Naomi #25, Tenants Harbor, 7:30 pm, Landmarks and Obligation Night

- 2 – Genesta #73, Bath, 7 pm, *Let's Talk Turkey- Thanksgiving Trivia*, Please bring donations for the local food pantry
- 2 – Irene #97, Ellsworth, 7:30 pm, *Thanksgiving* Bring canned or nonperishable foods for food pantry
- 2 – Primrose #152, Belfast, 7:30 pm, ESTARL/Honor Night, Pot Luck/Charity Fund at 6:15 pm
- 5 – Mystic #69, Litchfield, 7 pm, *Coloring Therapy*
- 6 – Queen Esther #10, Hallowell, 7 pm, Honoring Masons, Veterans and Kennebec Lodge #5
- 6 – Deering #59, Portland, 7:30 pm, Stated Meeting
- 6 – Tuscan #148, Bangor, 7:30 pm, Marshal Night and Pound Auction
- 6 – Sarah Orne Jewett #176, South Berwick, 7:30 pm, *This is the night, it's a beautiful night, and we call it Bella Notte*
- 7 – Messalunskit #170, New Sharon, 7:30 pm, Veterans and Honor Masons
- 8 – Martha Washington #15, Waterville, 7:30 pm, Thanksgiving/Veterans
- 8 – Pine Cone #26, Auburn 7 pm with pot luck supper at 6 pm, Conductress and Associate Conductress Night
- 8 – Somerset #80, Stratton, 7:30 pm, 6:30 pm Thanksgiving Dinner, Family is welcome to share dinner with our Star Family
- 8 – Annette #184, Saco, 7:30 pm, *History of Thanksgiving*, pot luck 6:30 pm
- 9 – Rumery #46, Addison 7:30 pm, *Wreaths Across America* Presentation, 6:15 pm Supper to Benefit W.A.A.
- 9 – Abenaki #116, Readfield, 7:30 pm, *Giving Thanks*, Veterans, Warder and Sentinel
- 10 – Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont in Maine hosted by Pythagorean #169, Fryeburg
- 12 – Marion #63, Gardiner/Litchfield, 7:30 pm, Hobby Night, *Bring Toys for Tots*
- 12 – Fireside #103, Clinton, 7:30 pm, Honoring the Grand Marshal, ESTARL Supper
- 12 – Pleasant River #159, West Buxton, 7:30 pm, Honoring Star Points, Collection for food pantry
- 13 – Lakeside #60, Wales, 7 pm, Honoring Veterans - Togus Veterans Collection
- 13 – Machias #83, Machias, 7 pm, *Veteran's Day*
- 13 – Tillikum #99, Ashland, 7 pm, Landmarks and Obligation Night honoring 25 and 50 year members
- 13 – Elm Vale #105, Harrison, 7:30 pm, refreshments 6:30 pm, Program by Janet Gardiner - *Finnish Music*
- 13 – Corner Stone #193, Portland, 7:30 pm, Stated Meeting with pie auction
- 14 – Minerva #74, Madison, 7 pm, Past Matron and Patron Night, ESTARL Supper, 6 pm
- 14 – Josiah H. Drummond #91, Thorndike, 7:30 pm, Thanksgiving/Veterans with turkey dinner to benefit *The House in the Woods*
- 14 – Grace #93, Rockland, 7:30 pm, Stated Meeting and Pie Auction
- 14 – Lunar #126, Presque Isle, 7 pm, *Happy Thanksgiving*
- 14 – Harbor View #136, Deer Isle, 7 pm, Thanksgiving, 6 pm holiday dinner

- 15 – Pioneer #11, Lisbon Falls, 7 pm, *From the Hand, From the Heart* with representatives from Grand Chapter Charity and LACO
- 15 – Bethlehem #36, Pittsfield, 7 pm, *Honoring Veterans*
- 15 – Riverside #123, Orland, 7 pm, 6 pm Supper, *Giving thanks to our God for our many blessings*. Bring items for the BCC Food Pantry (money or canned goods). Bring a memory about a prior Thanksgiving in your home or elsewhere.
- 15 – Lily of the Valley #157, Weeks Mills, 7:30 pm, Harvest Supper

Quickie Answers

1. No, ritual ceremonies may not be changed by addition or omission. The Marshal would simply nod to the officers indicating *follow me*.
2. Yes, according to the ritual, page 16, Altar Services, first paragraph
3. Yes, see the ritual, page 153, 7th line
4. Yes, it is his duty to preside at your request.
5. Ritual, page 54, states unless otherwise directed, square corners will be made.

Cryptoquip

There wouldn't be a sky full of stars if we were all meant to wish on the same one.

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.

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Grand Chapter Session
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