

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

General Grand Chapter

There were close to 3,000 Eastern Star members from all over the world registered at the 49th Triennial Assembly *Precious Memories on the Wings of Love* held at the Marriott Orlando World Center in Florida with Sister Helen J. Westmoreland, MWGM and Brother Robert C. Penoyer, MWGP presiding. At least 55 Maine members were in attendance. Sister Margaret L. Dyer, PGM and Brother Ronald G. Forrest, PGP organized and presided over the traditional Maine banquet on Tuesday night ... that was a black and white night.

The General Grand Chapter Appointments in attendance for 2015-2018 – Sister Norma F. Crabtree, PGM, Brother Edwin A. DeWitt, PGP and Brother Newell H. Farrington and for 2018-2021 – Sister Cynthia J. Lewis, PGM, Sister Corley Anne Byras, PGM, Brother Bernald W. Tufts, PGP, and Sister Josie Dupal, PM were honored.

GGC Elected Officers

MWGM	Marianne R. Shenefelt	Wyoming
MWGP	Henry S. Martin	Texas
RWAGM	Glenda G. Winchester	South Carolina
RWAGP	F. Lon Lowry	Ohio
RWGS	Alma Lynn Bane	Texas
RWGT	Linn D. McNary	Louisiana
RWGC	Billie Bradfield	Arizona
RWAGC	Deborah J. Dhayer	West Virginia
RWGT-Chair	Dennis Jordan	California
RWGT	Jo L. Cullifer	Georgia
RWGT	Helen Delaney	Ontario
RWGS	Michael E. Berry	Kentucky

2018-2021 Triennium

The 2018-2021 Triennium will be the *Golden Jubilee* as it's the 50th Triennial Assembly, *Circle of Friendship and Service Around the World*. It will be held October 28 through November 5, 2021 in Salt Lake City, Utah. The Watchwords are Friendship, Service and Loving-Kindness. The scripture is from First Corinthians 16:14 *Let all that you do be done in love*. The Emblem is the clasped hands of friendship. The Motto is *Let's do our best for OES*. And the program will be the OES Service Dogs Program. Projects will be Membership and International Headquarters.

GGC Resolutions Adopted

Many resolutions were voted upon at the General Grand Chapter Assembly. Often it required a two-thirds vote for passage. The following items are in condensed form and all of these were adopted...they are listed in the order they came before the floor of the General Grand Chapter instead of numerically. There were forty-seven pages printed for the twenty-six proposed resolutions. Some were quite lengthy showing where all changes would need to be made. (The Red Book is similar to our CR & R.)

- #5 – If there are three or more candidates for office and no candidate receives a majority vote, the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes shall be dropped.
- #8 – Gives the Trustees the authority to sell or dispose of property that is obsolete, damaged or not working etc.
- #26 – Deals with Investments that the Trustees oversee
- #18 – Establishes the procedure for progressive chairmanship of the Service Dog Committee.
- #19 – Added to the Book of Instruction regarding the reception of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, etc.
- #4 – Clarifies and simplifies the qualification and eligibility requirements for the degrees. Instead of listing out all the females that are related to a Mason, *any female relatives who are related by birth, marriage, or adoption*.
- #10 – To allow Prince Hall Masons and their female relatives to join a Subordinate Chapter if the Prince Hall Lodge is recognized by the Grand Lodge in which the Subordinate Chapter is located.
- #7 – Clarification of an Official Dues Receipt (card) in the Order. (This is issued to you by your chapter secretary who obtains them from the Right Worthy Grand Secretary.)
- #11 – Statement of purpose for the Order to be added to the Red Book and to the Ritual.
- #12 – To add to the Red Book the explanation and definition of the governing structure of the Order.
- #9 – Hats during a chapter meeting already had for medical reasons ... or religious reasons has been added.
- #2 – In the Worthy Matron's speech during initiation remove the following *however, the order is no part of that Ancient Institution*.
- #20 – Changed the Associate Patron's lecture from completely optional to partially required ... the first two paragraphs and the last paragraph.

The Spirit of Christmas

Let not the *Spirit of Christmas* be confined to a day or a season, but let it be a condition of the heart and mind. It is at home every day and fits into every facet of life. It is a feeling from our childhood memories, but always new.

We need that friendly warmth in the wintertime, that blanket of hope for the spring and the spirit of joy for all seasons.

The *Spirit of Christmas* can uplift us every day, and it is as meaningful all year round as in that long-ago night when shepherds followed the light of the Star to the manger at Bethlehem.

Sister Adah,
May you find the *Spirit of Christmas* in the beauty that surrounds you, the glory of the heavens at dawn, the blending of colors at sunset, the majesty of mountains and tall forests. Appreciate the beauty and share it with others.

Sister Ruth,
Keep the *Spirit of Christmas* by sowing seeds of happiness all around you. Nurture them and they will blossom into something beautiful. With tender care watch them grow strong and tall reaching out to shelter those who need loving protection.

Sister Esther,
The *Spirit of Christmas* will be yours as you stretch out your arms to enfold your loved ones, keeping them safe and secure, finding countless places where your helping hands can be the miracle they search for.

Sister Martha,
May you sense the *Spirit of Christmas* in your soul as you seek inspiration in times of quietness and prayer. Search for the deep meanings of life and find how doubt and uncertainty will disappear as faith grows stronger.

Sister Electa,
Keep the *Spirit of Christmas* alive by identifying yourself with the hopes and dreams, fears and doubts of others, so that you may understand them and help them. Christmas was born of love.

My Sisters and my Brothers, Let us not pack up the *Spirit of Christmas* with all the decorations and the tree. Let it flow from heart to heart the whole year round. Christmas memories will be multiplied as the *Spirit of Christmas* flourishes in your heart and mine.

Sister Marjorie M. Morgan PGM (lifted from the November 2017 issue of the *New Brunswick Eastern Star Magazine*).

Thanksgiving Is Coming

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C O R N U C O P I A I J A K F
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Blessing	Gratitude	Puritans
Corn	Harvest	Squash
Cornucopia	Holiday	Stuffing
Cranberries	Maize	Thankful
Drumstick	Mayflower	Thanksgiving
Fall	Nuts	Traditions
Feast	Pies	Turkey
Food	Pilgrims	Yam
Gobble	Pumpkin	

Quickie Questions (answers on page four)

1. Is it permissible to hold the Reverent Attitude during open Installations; that is, during the Prayer and Obligation?
2. Is the Sentinel permitted to enter the Chapter Room, without raps, and remain during the time the Chapter is conducting the business or when an Initiation is in progress?
3. Is it necessary that a Chapter be sponsored by a Masonic Lodge?
4. May a funeral home print portions of our Ritual and use our Emblem on memorial folders?
5. A Sister and Brother were suspended from a Chapter for nonpayment of dues. The Brother was also suspended from the Masonic Lodge. The Sister applies for reinstatement. Is she eligible?

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(Solution on Page Four)

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W V F V E I V G B G J R A P O V.

November

- 12 – Marion #63, Gardiner/Litchfield, 7:30 pm, Hobby Night, *Bring Toys for Tots*
- 12 – Molunkus Valley #95, Sherman. 7 pm with 6 pm supper hosted by Jarice and Rose. Past Matrons/Past Patrons night, and recognizing Veteran's Day. Officers in Street Dress.
- 12 – Fireside #103, Clinton, 7:30 pm, Thanksgiving and Veterans Day
- 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, 25 and 50 year members Night
- 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, No meeting as none of the top four officers will be present
- 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 at 6:30 pm
- 19 – Electa #2, Bowdoinham, 7 pm, ESTARL Night with supper at 6 pm, Jerri A. Holt, PGM, ESTARL Chairman
- 19 – Arbutus #19, Liberty, 7:30 pm, Thanksgiving, Honor Veterans and Masons. Bring unwrapped children's gift for Post Office
- 19 – Mountain View #197, Buckfield, 7 pm, Thanks to first responders, Honor Warder and Sentinel
- 20 – Deering #59, Portland, 7:30 pm, *Happy Thanksgiving*
- 20 – Golden Sheaf #114, New Gloucester, 7 pm, After the meeting our annual Playlette: *Getting to Know Rob Morris, A Comedy*, Pie Auction
- 20 – Madonna #144, West Kennebunk, 7 pm, 6 pm supper, Honoring Sideliners, Landmarks and Obligation
- 20 – Almeda #149, Guilford, 7:30 pm, Thanksgiving, Landmarks and Obligation
- 20 – Evening Star #189, Hartland, 7 pm, Sideliners Night

- 20 – Pondicherry #192, Bridgton, 7:30 pm, Honoring Sideliners and Veterans, supper 6:30 pm
- 21 – Ivy #16, Warren, 7:30 pm, Stated Meeting
- 21 – Jefferson #89, Bryant Pond, refreshments 6 pm, meeting 7 pm, *Time to be Thankful*
- 26 – Orion #45, Calais, 6:30 pm, *Christmas Celebration*, Pound Auction, bring a gift for a child
- 26 – Lake View #179, Jefferson, 7:30 pm, Landmarks and Obligation Night, Grand Chapter Charity program with Julieanne B. Irving, PGM, Pound Auction
- 27 – Mt. Zircon #142, Mexico, 6 pm Supper, 7 pm, favorite children games from the past
- 27 – Corner Stone #193, Portland, 7:30 pm, *Merry Christmas*
- 27 – Millwee #198, Orrington, 7:30 pm, Honoring Veterans
- 28 – Felicity #195, Orland, 7:30 pm, Giving Thanks/Landmarks and Obligation, bring toys for BCC, 6:15 pm supper (4th Wednesday)
- 28 – Beacon #202, Damariscotta, 7 pm, *Sing Along with Rebecca*

December

- 3 – Mystic #69, Litchfield, 7 pm, Christmas Carol Sing and Scotch Auction
- 4 – Queen Esther #10, Hallowell, 7 pm, Christmas at the Humane Shelter for *Pawstively Precious Pets*
- 4 – Deering #59, Portland, 7:30 pm, *What Have Our Past Matrons Planned This Evening?*
- 4 – Tuscan #148, Bangor, 7:30 pm, Celebration of the Season
- 4 – Sarah Orne Jewett #176, South Berwick, 7:30 pm, *Aww come on kid, start building some memories* Christmas program with Yankee swap
- 5 – Messalunskit #170, New Sharon, 7:30 pm, Christmas Exchange \$5 gift
- 6 – Keystone #78, Solon, 7:30 pm, Christmas Ornament Exchange, pot luck supper
- 6 – Pythagorean #169, Fryeburg, 7 pm, *Christmas Quiz*, Bring a pencil
- 7 – Ruth #14, Springvale, 7:30 pm, *Christmasing with you*, wear red and green
- 7 – Naomi #25, Tenants Harbor, 7:30 pm, Christmas - *Christmas Bakery Shoppe*
- 7 – Genesta #73, Bath, 7 pm, Celebrating Christmas
- 7 – Irene #97, Ellsworth, 7:30 pm, Christmas Meeting—Christmas Gift Exchange and fill Shut-in Baskets
- 10 – Aldworth #39, Milo, 7:30 pm, *It's Christmas - Goodies by all*
- 10 – Marion #63, Gardiner/Litchfield, 7:30 pm, *Christmas Bells*
- 10 – Fireside #103, Clinton, 7:30 pm, *Christmas Bingo*
- 10 – Pleasant River #159, West Buxton, 7:30 pm, Christmas Party with Yankee Swap
- 11 – Lakeside #60, Wales, 7 pm, Christmas Pot Luck Supper and Sharing Christmas Traditions
- 11 – Machias #83, Machias, 7 pm, Christmas Party, Yankee Swap, pot luck at 5:30 pm
- 11 – Tillikum #99, Ashland, 7 pm, Christmas Party, pot luck desserts
- 11 – Elm Vale #105, Harrison, 7:30 pm, refreshments 6:30 pm, Christmas Exchange (Pass the gift)
- 11 – Corner Stone #193, Portland, 7:30 pm, Stated

- Meeting
- 12 – Minerva #74, Madison, 7 pm, Christmas Celebration
 - 12 – Josiah H. Drummond #91 of Thorndike, 7:30 pm, Honoring 25 and 50 year members with Ham Dinner to benefit Alzheimer Foundation
 - 12 – Grace #93, Rockland, 7:30 pm, 6:30 pm pot luck supper, *A Candlelight Christmas*, Christmas attire encouraged!
 - 12 – Lunar #126, Presque Isle, 7 pm, Merry Christmas
 - 12 – Harbor View #136, Deer Isle, 7 pm, Christmas Celebration, 6 pm supper
 - 13 – Martha Washington #15, Waterville, 7:30 pm, Christmas Celebration
 - 13 – Pine Cone #26, Auburn, 7 pm with pot luck supper at 6 pm, Associate Matron and Associate Patron Night, honoring Arthur Dunlap - Star Assistant, Bring filled Christmas stockings.
 - 13 – Somerset #80, Stratton, 7:30 pm, 6:30 pm Heart Appetizers and Elegant Desserts, Finish all business
 - 13 – Annette #184, Saco, 7:30 pm, Merry Christmas with Yankee Swap, Honoring Masons of Saco Lodge #9 at 7:15 pm
 - 14 – Rumery #46, Addison 7:30 pm, *A Kaleidoscope Christmas*, Honoring Grand and Past Grand Star Points, 6:15 pm ESTARL supper
 - 14 – Abenaki #116, Readfield, 7:30 pm, Sons, Christmas
 - 17 – Electa #2, Bowdoinham, 7 pm, Christmas Bingo and Comfy Slipper Night
 - 17 – Arbutus #19, Liberty, 7:30 pm, Christmas Program, Ornament Auction and gift exchange
 - 17 – Lake View #179, Jefferson, 7:30 pm, Christmas, Monetary donations to Blessings in a Backpack in lieu of gifts
 - 17 – Mountain View #197, Buckfield, 7 pm, Stuff a Stocking, Honor Chaplain and Marshal
 - 18 – Deering #59, Portland, 7:30 pm, *Merry Christmas* with Ornament Exchange for our Tree
 - 18 – Golden Sheaf #114, New Gloucester, 7 pm, *Mystery Revealed - Bring your Keys!*, *The King and I*, Cookie Exchange with recipes
 - 18 – Madonna #144, West Kennebunk, 7 pm, 6 pm supper, – Merry Christmas, Yankee Swap (less than \$10)
 - 18 – Almeda #149, Guilford, 7:30 pm, Merry Christmas, Sponsor the children and regift swap
 - 18 – Evening Star #189, Hartland, 7 pm, Christmas
 - 18 – Pondicherry #192, Bridgton, 7:30 pm, Merry Christmas, honoring Secretary, Treasurer, Organist, and Chaplain, supper 6:30 pm
 - 18 – Millwee #198, Orrington, 7:30 pm, pot luck supper, Yankee Swap
 - 19 – Ivy #16, Warren, 7:30 pm, Christmas Party
 - 19 – Jefferson #89, Bryant Pond, refreshments 6 pm, meeting 7 pm, Merry Christmas, tasting party
 - 19 – Felicity #195, Orland, 7:30 pm, Celebrate Christmas/cookie sale, 6:15 pm supper
 - 19 – Beacon #202, Damariscotta, 7 pm, Stew and Chowder supper at 6 pm (3rd Wednesday is correct this month)
 - 20 – Pioneer #11, Lisbon Falls, 7 pm, Christmas Celebration with pot luck supper at 6 pm
 - 20 – Bethlehem #36, Pittsfield, 7 pm, Christmas Party

- (Dinner at Anglers in Newport)
- 20 – Riverside #123, Orland, 7 pm, Christmas Delight/Carols and Stories/Ornament and Basket Auction downstairs/No gift swap—we will be taking a collection for charity. No supper—refreshments will follow the meeting.
- 20 – Lily of the Valley #157, Weeks Mills, 7:30 pm, *The Reason for the Season*, Merry Christmas fun with an ornament exchange

Quickie Answers

1. Yes. The Reverent Attitude and Attitude of Prayer, as described on page 16 of our Ritual, are assumed to show special reverence. These are not secret signs and may be assumed at the time of the Obligation, the opening and closing of the Bible, and during the Installation
2. No. Page 28 of our Ritual indicates that the station of the Sentinel is *outside the closed door*. Other fine print instructions in our Ritual (pages 13, 14, 16, and 167) also bear out the fact that the position of the Sentinel is without the Chapter Room.
3. No. But it is helpful to have the support of a Masonic Lodge.
4. No. This is a violation of the copyright law.
5. Yes. But he must be reinstated in the Lodge before he can be reinstated in the Order.

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We are all of us stars and we deserve to twinkle.

Can You Read This?

Aoccdnrg to rscheearch at Cmabrigde Uinervtisy, it deosn't mtttaer in waht oredr the lttteers in a wrod are, the olny iprmoatnt tihng is that the frist and lsat lttteer be in the rghit pclae.

The rset can be a taotl mses and you can sitll raed it wouthit a porbelm. Tihs is bcuseae the huamn mnid deos not raed ervey lteter by istlef, but the wrod as a wlohe.

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

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