

# Ewes Give A Hoot

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Grand Chapter of Maine, Order of the Eastern Star

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## CAN-AM Weekend

The New Hampshire Jurisdiction is hosting the 2019 CAN-AM at the Best Western Plus Portsmouth Hotel and Suites in Portsmouth on February 22-24 and all are invited to attend this gathering. The Best Western is located at 580 US Highway 1 Bypass.

It commences on Friday the 22nd with check in after 3 p.m. There will be an *Attitude Adjustment* from 5 to 6 p.m. followed by an informal buffet dinner from 6 to 8 p.m. with entertainment. The dress for the evening is casual with no jeans, please.

Saturday will start with a breakfast buffet from 8 to 9 a.m. Tours, shopping, and fellowship will follow with lunch on your own. A social hour will be held from 5 to 6 p.m. with a formal banquet at 6:30 p.m. which will include introductions, remarks, and entertainment.

Sunday there will be a breakfast buffet from 8 to 10 a.m.

The hospitality room will be available throughout the weekend. The Best Western has a hot tub and indoor pool available.

The Best Western is full for CAN-AM but the following hotels are nearby:

Holiday Inn, Portsmouth	603-431-8000
Anchorage Inn and Suites	603-431-8111
Howard Johnson by Wyndham	603-431-4400

Your Chapter Secretary has the form and information to make your needed reservation but lodging is made directly with the motels. There are no actual meetings making it a great time to bring family or friends with you for this time of socialization.

## Announcement Luncheon

Sister Brenda L. Hall, Associate Grand Matron and Brother David M. Cole, Associate Grand Patron will be announcing their Appointive Grand Officers, District Deputy Grand Matrons, and Star Assistants for 2019-2020 on Saturday, March 16 at the Spectacular Event Center, 395 Griffin Road in Bangor.

The social time begins at 11:30 a.m. with the luncheon at noon. The sharing of the appointments will follow. The menu will consist of sandwiches, salad, chowder, dessert and beverage and the cost will be \$20 per person. Reservations need to be made by March 1st with the checks payable to, Sister Debbie E. B. Cole, 123 Shepard Lane, Portland, ME 04103. Tickets will be picked up at the event.

## Maine Grand Chapter

Information for the Maine Grand Chapter will soon be coming out which means its time to make plans to be in Augusta May 19-22. Some of the ways you can be involved are:

- The GROMMETS Association will be hosting the Hospitality Room and will gladly accept donations of snacks.
- Sister Ruth P. Holden, PM is the Grand Choir Director and the opportunity to sing in the choir is open to all who enjoy singing ... a fringe benefit is a reserved seat!
- Sister Janet Steeves, PM is chair of the jewelry table and will gladly accept your donations of items you no longer need.
- Sister Betty Jean Bachman, PM is in charge of the craft table and is looking forward to donations of your handiwork.
- The chapters slated for charity baskets have been contacted and are working on those fantastic donations. You could pack your name labels in preparation for that event.

## Our Vows

The Bible is a storybook of the universe. Within its pages you will find everything from a dewdrop to a star. You will find life in all its manifestations. You will find more mysteries and more wonders in the Bible than in any other book. And it brings the stories of the heroines of our Order so that we might honor the daughter, widow, wife, sister, and mother through their fidelity, constancy, loyalty, faith, and love.

Who wears the blue above her heart  
Shall well fulfill the daughter's part  
And win a father's love.  
She, in its luster plain, can see,  
An emblem of fidelity.  
To home and God above  
And she shall gain eternal bliss.

Who wears the yellow on her breast  
Would well her constancy attest.  
No matter what befell,  
And though she fills a widow's part  
She still is guided by the heart  
And does her duty well:  
And she shall gain eternal bliss.

Who wears the white – the spotless white  
Though crown and scepter be in sight,  
Will answer duty's call.  
For in it as a wife she'll see  
An emblem of that purity  
That God demands of all.

Who wears the green in it can see  
A pledge of immortality –  
Of hope that never dies,  
And she can feel a sister's love  
For many who have gone above  
To homes beyond the skies  
And she shall gain eternal bliss.

Who wears the red can feel the fire  
That makes the mother's love inspire,  
Her heart to noble deeds  
Her children playing at her knees  
Can well attest the fervency  
With which stays their needs.  
And she shall gain eternal bliss.

Who wears the Star – the Eastern Star  
That wise men followed from afar,  
Shown by their noble deeds  
That in the East they saw its light,  
That still they kept it in their sight  
And followed where it leads.  
And they shall make their lives to shine  
O'er all the earth of this design.

## The New Year

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

Auld Lang Syne	Eve	Mask
Ball	Father Time	Merry
Balloons	Goals	Midnight
Bells	Happy New Year	Noise
Bubbly	Hat	Party
Calendar	Holiday	Past
Celebration	Horns	Resolutions
Cheers	Hourglass	Times Square
Clock	January	Toast
Confetti	Kiss	Winter

## Quickie Questions (answers on page four)

1. In the opening ritualistic ceremony may the Worthy Matron welcome everyone after the officers have been seated?
2. If members arrive during the opening ceremony, when may they be admitted to the Chapter Room?
3. What officers quote from the secret work in the opening ceremony?
4. What three officers stand at the left of their chairs?
5. What four officers stand at the right of their chairs?

## Cryptoquip

B equals O

(Solution on Page Four)

J U N G R I R E      L B H P N A

Q B    B E      Q E R N Z      L B H

P N A.    O R T V A    V G.

## January

- 1 – Deering #59, Portland, 7:30 pm, *Happy New Year - Come Celebrate With Us*
- 1 – Tuscan #148, Bangor, 7:30 pm, Landmarks and Obligation Night
- 3 – Keystone #78, Solon, 7:30 pm, Landmarks and Obligation Night
- 4 – Irene #97, Ellsworth, 7:30 pm, Landmarks and Obligation Night with Associate Conductress Lecture and Charity Information, ESTARL Supper 6:15 pm
- 6 – Irene #97, Ellsworth, Epiphany Sunday
- 8 – Corner Stone #193, Portland, 7:30 pm, Landmarks and Obligation Night
- 9 – Minerva #74, Madison, 7 pm, Landmarks and Obligation Night, pot luck supper at 6 pm
- 10 – Annette #184, Saco, 7:30 pm, Landmarks and Obligation, pot luck, 6:30 pm
- 11 – Pine Cone #26, Auburn, 7 pm with pot luck supper at 6 pm, Warder and Sentinel Night
- 14 – Fireside #103, Clinton, 7:30 pm, Landmarks and Obligation Night
- 14 – Pleasant River #159, West Buxton, 7:30 pm, *The holidays are over*
- 15 – Deering #59, Portland, 7:30 pm, *Let's Remember Our Heritage* - Landmarks and Obligation
- 15 – Madonna #144, West Kennebunk, 7 pm, 6 pm supper, International Headquarters presentation
- 15 – Evening Star #189, Hartland, 7 pm, Landmarks and Obligation Night
- 17 – Pioneer #11, Lisbon Falls, 7 pm, *With a Song and a Prayer*, honoring Organists and Chaplains
- 17 – Bethlehem #36, Pittsfield, 7 pm, Landmarks and Obligation Night
- 22 – Mt. Zircon #142, Mexico, 6 pm supper, 7 pm, *Who are these children?*
- 22 – Corner Stone #193, Portland, 7:30 pm, Stated Meeting

## February

- 1 – Ruth #14, Springvale, 7:30 pm, Honoring Secretaries
- 1 – Irene #97, Ellsworth, 7:30 pm, Past Matron and Past Patron Night
- 1 – Primrose #152, Belfast, 7:30 pm, Landmarks and Obligation Night, pot luck/Eye Templar at 6:15 pm
- 4 – Mystic #69, Litchfield, 7 pm, *Do you remember clapping games?*

- 5 – Deering #59, Portland, 7:30 pm, *Those Who Attend to the Doors*, Honoring the Warders and Sentinels
- 5 – Tuscan #148, Bangor, 7:30 pm, Electa Night
- 5 – Sarah Orne Jewett #176, South Berwick, 7:30 pm, *Everybody knows a dog's best friend is his human*, Best Friend program
- 7 – Pine Cone #26, Auburn, 7 pm with pot luck supper at 6 pm, Landmarks and Obligation
- 7 – Keystone #78, Solon, 7:30 pm, Past Matrons and Past Patrons Night
- 8 – Rumery #46, Addison 7:30 pm, Past and Present DDGM Night
- 8 – Abenaki #116, Readfield, 7:30 pm, *Loved ones* - Slipper Night
- 11 – Aldworth #39, Milo, 7:30 pm, *Love One Another* Landmarks and Obligation Night, Valentine's
- 11 – Fireside #103, Clinton, 7:30 pm, Valentine's Day
- 11 – Pleasant River #159, West Buxton, 7:30 pm, Valentine's Day
- 12 – Corner Stone #193, Portland, 7:30 pm, Friendship Meeting
- 13 – Minerva #74, Madison, 7 pm, Rainbow Girls with Mother's Degree, pot luck supper at 6 pm
- 14 – Martha Washington #15, Waterville, 7:30 pm, Rainbow Girls for 6:30 pm program
- 14 – Annette #184, Saco, 7:30 pm, Heart Auction
- 18 – Electa #2, Bowdoinham, 7 pm, Landmarks and Obligation Night
- 19 – Deering #59, Portland, 7:30 pm, *Who Knows What Might Happen This Night*
- 19 – Golden Sheaf #114, New Gloucester, 7 pm, *Shall We Dance?*
- 19 – Madonna #144, West Kennebunk, 7 pm, 6 pm supper, Honoring Chaplains and Marshals, Annual Charity Auction
- 19 – Evening Star #189, Hartland, 7 pm, Valentine's
- 21 – Pioneer #11, Lisbon Falls, 7 pm, *Hibernation Night*, Honoring our Masons
- 21 – Bethlehem #36, Pittsfield, 7 pm, Hawaiian Night
- 22 – 23 –Can-Am in New Hampshire
- 25 – Orion #45, Calais, 6:30 pm, Honoring Robert Morris
- 26 – Mt. Zircon #142, Mexico, 6 pm Supper, 7 pm, Mt. Zircon's History - *Infancy to today!*
- 26 – Corner Stone #193, Portland, 7:30 pm, Step-Up-Night
- 26 – Millwee #198, Orrington, 7:30 pm, Old-fashioned Valentine's Day Celebration

## Quickie Answers

1. No. Once ritual commences, it is not interrupted until finished.
2. After the Salute to the American Flag.
3. The five Star Points.
4. Martha, Electa, and the Marshal.
5. Adah, Ruth, Esther, and the Chaplain.

## Cryptoquip

Whatever you can do or dream, you can. Begin it.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## Did You Know?

- stewardesses is the longest word that is typed with only the left hand
- that you burn more calories eating celery than it contains (the more you eat the thinner you become)
- 11% of people are left-handed
- 8% of people have an extra rib
- the blood of a lobster is colorless but when exposed to oxygen it turns blue
- the most commonly used letter in the alphabet is E
- M&M's chocolate stands for the initials for its inventors Mars and Murrie
- there are 31,557,600 seconds in a year
- the safest car color is white
- grapes explode when you put them in the microwave (of course you'd need to turn it on for this to happen)

Grand Chapter Session  
Through the Eyes of a Child  
May 19-22, 2019  
Augusta, Maine

## Membership (by Corley Anne Byras)

Recently I attended a conference in Philadelphia where one of the sessions was on membership. For most organizations and groups, obtaining new members is a huge problem. And if you only get one small idea from my notes, it will be worth the sharing.

1. **Go for the goal – Set a defined goal to increase membership for the next year.** Keep the goal in forefront of members and regularly remind members of the goal. Graciously praise progress. Spotlight efforts of individual members and give them credit.
2. **Leverage members' personal relationships.** Encourage members to reach out to their friends and relatives.
3. **Incentivize your members to recruit.** Offer gift cards to individuals for each new member they bring in.
4. **Invite prospective members to join in a service event.** Show them how they will give back to their community with like-minded friends. Show fun and group pictures after and ask people to comment on what they enjoyed about the day.
5. **Create a membership campaign to focus efforts –All hands on deck.** Develop a brochure showing what your chapter does for its community, fun shots of members working together. And make certain the members have copies of it to share.
6. **Create a listing of potential members.** These could be invited to functions open to the public and then invite them to join. And follow up. Potential members do not always join right away, but are interested. Stay consistent and contact again.
7. **Make it clear to potential members - What's in it for me?** Opportunities you provide ... giving back to your community, being part of something greater than yourself, networking/socialization, learning new skills. *What's in it for me?* is probably what potential members most want to learn.
8. **Keep it positive/resist the naysayers!** Always ensure there is networking/social time. Get to know your members' interests and skills. Set a norm that everyone says *hello* and welcomes someone new. Have them invite the person to sit with them. Make it a goal to protect new and younger members from *drama* at least the first years. When negativity occurs, model with reframing using empowering language.
9. **Build name recognition.** Newsletter - have both a paper copy and e-newsletter. Brand your message. Focus on social media, facebook website, newspapers, posters. Do something, as we'll not succeed if we don't try.