

The Angelic Bears

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Special Project Needs You!

The work day for the Worthy Grand Matron's Special Project will be held on Monday, August 16 at the Auburn Masonic Hall at 1021 Turner Street in Auburn. Coffee and refreshments will commence at 9 a.m. with actual work starting at 10 a.m. This is a casual dress event and all are welcome to attend. Nancy Jacobs and Lynda Bell are the Co-Chairmen for this event with Jolene Farnsworth and Theo Heald as the refreshment committee.

Grand Family Reception

The *Angels Gather Here* Grand Family Reception will be held on August 21 commencing at 11 a.m. with a social hour and a noon luncheon at Jeff's Catering, 151 Littlefield Road in Brewer. Tickets are limited to the first 150 at a cost of \$18 each. Checks are to be made out to Teresa Potvin and mailed to her at 120 Augusta Road, Belmont, ME 04952. To register contact Sister Teresa at tpotvin2@gmail.com (930-0493) or Brother Michael Potvin at traldor@ymail.com (930-0492).

Schools of Instruction

Two Schools of Instruction will be held. Deering #59, Portland will host one at 573 Main Street in Westbrook on Saturday, August 28 from 9 a.m. through 3:30 p.m. Registration and coffee at 8 a.m. with a soup and sandwich lunch for \$7.

Irene #97, Ellsworth will host the second one on Saturday, September 11 at 21 Carriage Way with an 8:30 a.m. registration (coffee and juice available). The instruction will commence at 9:30 a.m. with a noon break for a bring your own picnic lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided for \$5 with check payable to Sister Jerri Holt (PO Box 389, Ellsworth, ME 04605-0389). Reservations are due by September 7.

Triennial Assembly

Instead of the in-person Triennial Assembly that was to be held in Salt Lake City, there will be a Virtual Assembly for two days and it will be held at the Belmont House in Washington D.C., the Eastern Star Headquarters.

The dates are Wednesday, November 3rd and Thursday, November 4th. The first day will be the Business Session and the second day will be the Installation of the 2021-2024 General Grand Chapter Officers.

Any member of the Order may attend virtually either or both of these two days with the deadline for registration being September 1. All registered and fee paid members (\$25) will receive by mail an attractive souvenir Welcome Bag and the specially designed 50th Triennial Assembly badge.

The registration form is available on the General Grand Chapter website: www.easternstar.org under the Triennial Assembly tab.

To learn more about the Triennial Assembly, please check out the General Grand Chapter website as updates will be shared there.

Quickie Questions (Answers on page three)

1. How many members serve on the Finance Committee?
2. How many members serve on the Examining Committee which involves the Test Oath?
3. Following the reading of a petition, how many members serve on the Investigating Committee?
4. How many members serve on the Grand Chapter Jurisprudence Committee?
5. How many officers have the word Associate as part of their names?

129th Grand Chapter Session
May 15, 16, 17, 18, 2022
Augusta Civic Center

Devotional Corner

Faith, Hope, and Charity

In Paul's first letter to the church in Corinth, chapter 13, he mentions faith, hope, and charity, with the greatest of these being charity. Many translations of the Bible put it as "faith, hope, and love." With this translation, many see fit to have it read at weddings.

But Paul was not talking about two people in union with each other, but rather a church that was coming apart at the seams. The church in Corinth can be used as an example for our country today - it seems like so many have taken a title of political affiliation over that of "American" or the title of a believer in their god. As a Freemason, I have had the pleasure to be part of the Order of Eastern Star, Scottish Rite, Shrine, DeMolay, and Blue Lodge. As a district officer and current Master of Oriental Star Lodge, I have been able to confer many degrees- all of which teach in some way or another about faith, hope, and charity.

Recently I asked my church what they would do if Jesus came back to Earth today. I then asked what would happen if Jesus came back to Earth today and they did not recognize him; if he came in the form of a beggar. Would we let him in? "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you."

We ask help of Jesus daily and it is given to us and sometimes God uses us to help others in need. I speak from the heart when I say thank you to Eastern Star, and especially to Sister Jerri Holt, for all of your help for my seminary.

Many blessings as we continue to do God's will, Forrest Genthner, ESTARL Recipient, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Livermore Falls and member of Pine Cone Chapter #26, Auburn

There's just something about a Teddy Bear that's impossible to explain. When you hold one in your arms, you get a feeling of love, comfort and security. It's almost supernatural.

Many a heart learns to love from its first teddy bear.

There are few sadder sights than a wet bear hanging from a clothesline by its ears. Its says a lot for them that they never complain.

Famous Bears

W I N N I E T H E P O O H A B
B P O O K Y O R U D R O C O E
C G A D S E F G H B A L O O R
Y U I D N M D E T G I B J S E
E M K L D E O M N T O A N R N
R M Y E O I B K R O Y R I A S
H Y D P I Q N E E R O N P E T
P S D T O Z P G L Y G E X B E
M U E S V U Z W T T I Y U E I
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| Aloysius | Fozzie | Rupert |
| Baloo | Gentle Ben | Ruxpin |
| Barney | Grizzly | Smokey |
| Berenstein | Gummy | Teddy |
| Big Ted | Humphrey | Three |
| BooBoo | Lotso | Winnie the Pooh |
| Care Bears | Paddington | Yogi |
| Corduroy | Pooky | |

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. Sister Kathy Williamson is the Web Administrator and her email is kackyw@gmail.com.

The Angelic Bears

The Angelic Bears is the newsletter that will be published during the 2021-22 year and distributed currently through *Star News* and when Grand Family events are held it is given to the DDGM's. If you'd like items printed in it, email it to corleybyras@gmail.com or send it by snail mail to Sister Corley Anne Byras, 72 Smith Street, Unit 4, Augusta, ME 04330.

Star News

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

Bible Angels

By Sister Barbara Redburn, PM, Irene #97, Ellsworth

Sister Star Points, Our Bible, that great White Light, is the sacred source for your inspiring stories. It also contains passages from the Scriptures that mention angels, which are described as Messengers of God.

Sister Adah, Your Biblical Reference is found in the 11th Chapter of Judges. The ideals of Adah are self sacrifice, integrity and obedience. You are the Angel of Strength, and as we know, the Open Bible is a symbol of your deeper meaning. St. Luke, Chapter 22, Verse 43, contains this passage about an angel: *And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him.* This blue flower is the color of heavenly skies, and represents the strength of Adah's convictions to her father.

Sister Ruth, The Book of Ruth is your Biblical Reference. You are the Angel of Friendship. The name Ruth means friend, and her care to Naomi has become an endless tribute of her devotion. A portion of the 11th Chapter of St. Matthew, Verse 39 contains this passage concerning angels: *the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.* This yellow flower is the color of the sun, exalted in the heavens.

Sister Esther, The Book of Esther from the great White Light is your Biblical Reference. Esther means star in Persian. You are the Angel of Brightness, because you are upright and pure, and like a shining star of light to your enslaved people. The 11th Chapter of II Corinthians, Verse 14 mentions these words about an angel: *And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.* This pure white flower represents the purity of purpose of Esther's actions.

Sister Martha, Your history is found in the Biblical Reference of St. John, the 11th Chapter. Martha means fortitude, abiding and instructed by Christ. Martha had the fortitude to maintain her faith, even when her brother died. Therefore, you are the Angel of

Immortality. In Chapter 21, Verse 36, from St. Luke, is found these words: *Neither can they die anymore: for they are equal unto the angels.* The green flower is the symbol of the new life which is eternal for all mankind through Christ the Savior.

Sister Electa, Your Biblical Reference is the Second Epistle of John. Electa loved her family, her fellow man, Christ and God. She is the Angel of Fervency, which you represent. These words are from Hebrews-Chapter 13, Verse 2: *Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.* This red flower reminds us of charity, hospitality and love of Christ and God with all of the mind and heart.

My Sisters, When our Holy Bible, that great White Light, which is the source of your inspiring stories of strength, friendship, brightness, immortality and fervency, is open upon the altar, it symbolizes the Spirit of God in the human heart.

Quickie Answers

All five questions are answered with the number three.



Bear Questions

- Who broke into the bears' house and fell asleep?

- What bear has a friend named Boo Boo?

- What bear is adamant about preventing forest fires? _____
- Who is Winnie-the-Pooh's best friend?

- This bear's name starts with a *G*, has a hump on its shoulders, and has brown to gray hair.

- What bears are soft and gooey and yummy to eat?

- What popular book series has a family of bears that include Papa, Mama, Brother, and Sister Bear?

- What is the name of the bear in *The Jungle Book* by Rudyard Kipling? _____
- Name one of the bears from Sesame Street.

- This bear's name starts with a *P*, is black and white and lives in China. _____
- What park does Yogi Bear live in?

- What United States president is associated with the Teddy Bear? _____
- This bear's name starts with a *P* and lives in the freezing Arctic. Although it looks white, it has clear-colored hair and black skin.

- What bear wears a tattered hat and coat, carries an old suitcase, and likes marmalade sandwiches?

- Garfield may be a very cynical cat, but he has a soft spot for his pet bear, who goes by the name of?

- He's a 650-pound American black bear who wouldn't hurt a fly (good job really, his best friend is a young boy). _____
- Stewie from *Family Guy* often gets angry when he talks to the teddy and gets no response. What's the silent critter's name? _____
- Humpty, Hamble, Jemima and...what was the name of *Play School's* bear?

- Where can you create your very own Teddy Bear and other stuffed animals at many shopping malls?

- What symbol is associated with the University of Maine at Orono? _____

Bear Answers

- Goldilocks
- Yogi Bear
- Smokey the Bear
- Piglet
- Grizzly Bear
- Gummy Bears
- The Berenstain Bears
- Baloo
- Fozzie or Baby Bear
- Panda Bear
- Jellystone Park 1
- Teddy Roosevelt
- Polar Bear
- Paddington Bear
- Pooky
- Gentle Ben
- Rupert
- Big Ted
- Build-A-Bear Workshop!
- The Black Bear