

The Angelic Bears

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Grand Chapter of Maine, Order of the Eastern Star

Catherine J. Wood, Worthy Grand Matron

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Fifty-First Triennial Assembly

The title of the Fifty-First Triennial Assembly is *Worldwide the Family of God Marches Together* and will be held at the Sheraton Myrtle Beach Convention Center in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina from October 24 through November 1, 2024. Any member is entitled to attend the Triennial Assembly.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron is Sister Glenda G. Winchester who is Past Grand Matron of South Carolina, as well as being Right Worthy Grand Treasurer Emeritus. Her aim is to spread the scriptural lessons and moral teachings of the Order. The theme is *March In-Step on the Beat*. Her colors are shades of brown, coral, gold, and green. Her flowers are the fern, iris, rose, and sunflower. And her fun emblem is the Frog – *Fully Rely on God*. Her honor groups are the Band of Stars, Ohio Drum Corp, International Grand Secretaries, International Grand Treasurers, and the International Grand Representatives. Currently her official visit to Maine will be this year.

The Most Worthy Grand Patron is Brother F. Lon Lowry who is Past Grand Patron of Ohio. His honor group is the Band of Stars, Ohio Drum Corp. His colors are blue and white and his flowers are daffodils, dogwood, hyacinth, and impatiens. His fun emblem is the Corvette.

Their appointments in Maine are:
Richard A. Farnsworth, III, PGP - Ambassador to Peru
Rebecca S. Bibber, PGM - ESTARL
Rebecca D. Johnson, PGM - International Headquarters
John H. Coombs, PGP - Necrology

Marjorie E. Pfeiffer, PGM - Registration
Rebecca E. St. Pierre, PGM - Youth
Stephanie J. Dupal, PGM - Triennial Other Assembly Committee - "Colorful Note"
Assistant to Worthy Grand Warder
Cynthia J. Lewis, PGM - Triennial Special Assembly Committee - "Faithful Note"

Spring Event - 2022

The 2022 Spring Event will be held on Saturday, April 2 at Mystic Chapter #69, 2420 Hallowell Road, Litchfield. This is the annual fund raiser to benefit the Rainbow and DeMolay.

An OES Fashion Show will be the entertainment along with basket raffles and a 50/50 raffle.

The luncheon will be soup, sandwiches, and side salads with dessert and beverages. Reservations should be sent by March 2 with checks made out to Delora Farrington, 149 P Ridge Road, Readfield, ME 04355. The cost is \$15 for the meal and meeting. If only attending the meeting the cost is \$5.

Chairmen for this event are Flora M. Stack, PGM and Susan M. Hawes, PGM.

Quickie Questions (answers on inside)

1. What is used to authenticate all documents submitted by the Chapter?
2. What are the five degrees of the O.E.S. founded upon?
3. Who opens the door when the alarm is answered?
4. Describe how to obtain a demit.
5. What are the two kinds of meetings of the Chapter?

Devotional Corner

In 433 A.D., history tells us that St. Patrick was praying for God's divine protection in his work and ministry in Ireland while facing powerful enemies. He wrote this prayer called St. Patrick's Breastplate, which is still widely known and recited today.

Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me....

God soon opened the door for him to share Christ with the Irish King Laoghaire and his subjects, and allowed him to be a part of bringing them out of paganism's dark hold to the saving power of Jesus Christ. St. Patrick was a man who knew much about darkness, hardship, and enemy territory.

He had spent years in slavery after being kidnapped by pirates at age 16. And it was in those years that he later tells how he learned about the Mighty power of God's presence and prayer.

The life of St. Patrick is such an example to us still today, that even in the darkest of times, God's sovereignty shines over His people. He can't help but to come to our aid. He can't help but to bless us and let His favor surround our lives.

Because He's a good and loving God nothing escapes His notice. He watches over all, and we can trust that our lives and circumstances are held securely in His hands.

"As I arise today, may the strength of God pilot me, the power of God uphold me, the wisdom of God guide me."

Spring Is Coming

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

Birds	Grow	Raincoat
Blossom	Hatch	Robin
Bud	Insects	Showers
Bugs	Kite	Snail
Bunny	Ladybug	Spring
Butterfly	Lambs	Sprout
Calf	Melt	Sunshine
Caterpillar	Nature	Tulip
Chicks	Nest	Umbrella
Flower	Rain	Wind
Garden	Rainbow	

Grand Family – April 16

Mountain View Chapter #197, 5 High Street, Buckfield will be hosting an *Angels Gather Here* Grand Family on Saturday, April 16 commencing at 1 p.m.

Registration is at 10 a.m., rehearsal at 11 a.m. with the luncheon at noon. The luncheon will consist of beef and gravy, mashed potatoes, vegetable, salad, rolls, and desserts.

The price is \$15 payable to Mountain View and mailed to Darlene K. Hayden, 24 Mountain View Road, Mexico, ME 04257. The deadline for a luncheon reservation is April 8th and is limited to 100. Reservations without payment will not be accepted.

A light brunch will be available to those arriving early for the rehearsal.

129th Grand Chapter Session

May 15, 16, 17, 18, 2022

Augusta Civic Center

Forms for Session are
located at maineoes.org

St. Patrick's Day. Ceremony

For presenting monetary gift to Worthy Patron or Past Patron.

We couldn't let St. Patrick's Day
Pass by without a glance
Altho' in halls of Masonry
It doesn't have a chance.

But green is one of our colors
And we like it for that reason
And tho' March 17th's for the Irish
It's the start of a new Spring Season.

Brother _____, we gathered some
emblems
Symbolic of St. Patrick's Day
To which, of course, are some strings attached
To swing them a wee bit our way.

Here the Conductress escorts the Brother to Adah's station and from there around to other points. All emblems have dollar bills fastened on with green strings.

Adah: (hands him a small harp)
There's a harp to play sweet music
Till the clouds unveil the skies.

Ruth: (hands him a stone with candy kisses)
And a blarney stone which gathers no moss
Just kisses - what a prize.

Esther: (hands him a thick stick)
Here's a real old Irish Shillelagh
To help keep your girls in line
So they all become expert in their work
And make your record fine.

Martha: (hands him a shamrock)
Then, of course, here is a shamrock
To wear in your lapel.

Electa: (hands him a small pipe)
And a clay pipe for dreaming a pipe dream
It's no pipe dream - we think you're swell.

(The Conductress escorts the Brother back to the East)

Tune: *When Irish eyes are smiling*
When our Matron's eyes are smiling
Sure they smile on men like you
For there's not a Patron grander
In our state or nation, too,
You make us proud and happy
That we chose you from the rest
And our Matron's eyes are smiling
On the one we like the best..

Leprechauns

- Leprechauns are a type of fairy.
- Leprechauns are very sneaky.
- The word leprechaun means small body.
- Legend has it that they dance the Irish jig so much they wear out their shoes.
- They hide their gold at the end of the rainbow.
- There are leprechaun sightings back to the 13th century.
- They are the bankers and shoemakers of the fairy world.
- They originally wore all red.
- There are no girl leprechauns.
- If you catch a leprechaun they grant you three wishes in exchange for their freedom.

Irish Blessings

May the dreams you hold dearest be those
which come true –
And the kindness you spread keep returning to
you.

May the road rise up to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
The rains fall soft upon your fields,
And until we meet again, may God hold you in
the palm of his hand.

Quickie Answers

1. The Seal with the name, number, and location of the Chapter
2. Holy Scriptures
3. Warder
4. Any member in good standing may request a demit by writing to the Chapter with it read at a regular meeting. If all dues has been paid currently; the demit shall be granted with regrets.
5. Stated and Special

Love or Mistrust?

As our Installation Ceremony closes with the Mizpah Benediction, perhaps you've wondered where it originated. This article was written in 2002 by Sister Martha Hendrickson from Montana.

Jacob had fallen in love with Rachel and asked for her in marriage. Laban, Rachel's father, required Jacob to work for him for seven years to earn her as his wife. When the wedding day came, Laban cheated Jacob by substituting Rachel's older sister, Leah, as the bride, her face hidden by the veil she wore. It wasn't until after the marriage ceremony that Jacob learned he'd been lied to. He was again required to work seven more years to acquire Rachel, the love of his life. At last, he fulfilled this obligation and Rachel became his wife.

As he worked through the years Jacob was told by Laban that he could build his own flocks, but only from the spotted or striped animals that were born. The Lord blessed Jacob and provided many spotted or striped animals, so his flocks grew. After 20 years, Jacob was very wealthy.

Laban had a reputation of reclaiming all the wealth he'd helped his friends and family acquire. Jacob noticed that Laban was growing increasingly more unfriendly. Jacob feared Laban was planning to reclaim all of the wealth he had earned. Thinking Laban would not allow him to depart with his wives (Laban's only daughters) and his possessions, Jacob and his family stole away in secret.

When Laban learned of Jacob's departure, he was very angry. Assembling his family, he pursued Jacob for a week before catching him. Laban accused Jacob of thievery and received an angry response in return. Not wanting to lose contact with his daughters, Laban offered to make a covenant.

They set a stone pillar with a heap of stones at the base and declared it a witness to their covenant: *The Lord watch between me and thee, when we are absent one from another.* Laban instructed Jacob not to mistreat his

daughters nor to take any more wives, for if no man were there to witness it, God would be the witness. Laban referred to the heap of stones between them and said that he would not cross over them to harm Jacob, nor was Jacob to cross over them to harm Laban.

The Lord watch between me and thee, when we are absent one from another ... these words are often repeated at the close of an Eastern Star meeting. They are intended as words of love, asking God to watch over us and protect us while we are away from the watchful care and protection of one another. They were not words of love but were more of a peace treaty following a period of strife and mistrust. This story is found in Genesis 31. The Covenant is in verse 49.

(In our Ritual Adah's lecture Mizpeh is spelled with an e instead of an a.)

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

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