

The Angelic Bears

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Grand Chapter of Maine, Order of the Eastern Star

Catherine J. Wood, Worthy Grand Matron

Arthur C. Dunlap, Worthy Grand Patron

Grand Family – May 7th

Pine Cone Chapter #26, 1021 Turner Street, Auburn will be hosting the final *Angels Gather Here* Grand Family on Saturday, May 7 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 chicken BBQ, potatoes, peas/carrots, and dessert.

The price is \$15 payable to Pine Cone and mailed to Sister Betty Perkins, 208 Broad Street, Auburn, ME 04210. The deadline for a luncheon reservation is May 2 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.

Quickie Questions (answers on inside)

All the following questions come from the current programs being distributed at the installations.

1. The station in front and to the left of the Worthy Patron is spelled Marshal or Marshall?
2. The station in front and to the right of the Worthy Matron is spelled Chaplin or Chaplain?
3. Is it Landmarks and Obligations or Landmarks and Obligation?
4. Is it Mizpeh or Mizpah in the ritual?
5. When a Past Grand Matron is in charge of the the installation is she addressed as Past Grand Matron, Past Worthy Grand Matron or Installing Past Grand Matron?

Meet the Candidates

Sister Rebecca G. H. Thompson, DDGM #11 is an announced candidate for the office of Associate Grand Conductress. She has been a member of Eastern Star for 27 years and served as Associate Conductress, Conductress, Associate Matron, and Worthy Matron.

She was a District Deputy Grand Matron for Sister Rebecca D. Johnson and Brother Larry W. Smith, Sr. in 2014 - 2015, Grand Adah for Sister Corley Anne Byras and Brother Dale E. Hanington in 2015 – 2016, the Grand Representative of Missouri from 2017 – 2019, and a District Deputy Grand Matron for Sister Brenda L. Hall and Brother David M. Cole from 2019 – 2021, as well as a District Deputy Grand Matron this year for Sister Catherine J. Wood and Brother Arthur C. Dunlap.

Brother James Wakem, Grand Chaplain is an announced candidate for the office of Grand Sentinel. He has been a member of Eastern Star for 34 years and has held all the offices that can be held by a Brother including Worthy Patron 12 plus times.

He has been Grand Representative of Vermont and of Wisconsin. He served as a Star Assistant for Sister Brenda L. Hall and Brother David M. Cole from 2019 – 2021 and this year as Grand Chaplain for Sister Catherine J. Wood and Brother Arthur C. Dunlap.

Voting for these two offices as well as the rest of the Grand Chapter Officers will take place at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, May 17 at the Augusta Civic Center.

Devotional Corner

A group of alumni, who were very successful in their careers, decided to get together to visit their old university professor. After they all reunited, the conversation of the alumni soon turned into complaints about work, relationships, and life.

Offering his guests coffee, the professor went to the kitchen and returned with a large pot of coffee and an assortment of cups – porcelain, plastic, glass, crystal, some plain looking, some expensive, some exquisite – telling them to help themselves to the coffee.

When all of his old students had a cup of coffee in hand, they sat down together and the professor said: *If you noticed, all the nice looking expensive cups have been taken up, leaving behind the plain and cheap ones. While it is, of course normal for you to want only the best for yourselves, that can also be the source of much of your dissatisfaction, problems and stress.*

It's important to know that the cup itself adds no real quality to the coffee. In most cases it is just chosen because it's perceived to be more special or expensive.

What all of you really wanted was the experience of the coffee, not the cup, but you unconsciously went for the best cups. Some of you tried to get the best cup first or began eyeing each other's cups to see if yours was nice enough.

Now consider this: Life is a bit like the cup of coffee; the jobs, money possessions, and position in society are the cups. They are just tools and structures that contain or hold together the current story of your life, and the type of cup we have does not define, nor change the quality of life we live.

Sometimes, by concentrating only on the cup, we fail to enjoy the coffee. Here is my advice to you – Savor the coffee, not the cups! What you really want is to be happy and the happiest people don't have the best of everything. They just make the best of everything.

So live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly....and your life will be fully lived.

Women of the Bible

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

Abigail	Gomer	Orpah
Anna	Hagar	Phoebe
Bathsheba	Hannah	Priscilla
Bithiah	Jezebel	Rachel
Chloe	Jochebed	Rahab
Claudi	Leah	Rebekah
Deborah	Lydia	Ruth
Delilah	Martha	Sarah
Dorcas	Mary	Tabitha
Elisabeth	Michal	Vashti
Esther	Miriam	Zipporah
Eve	Naomi	

Quickie Answers

1. Marshal
2. Chaplain
3. Landmarks and Obligation
4. Mizpeh
5. Past Grand Matron

129th Grand Chapter Session

May 15, 16, 17, 18, 2022

Augusta Civic Center

Bring your address labels for the Charity Basket Raffle

Forms for the Session
are located at maineoes.org

An Easter Legend

There is an old legend which tells that all the alleys through which Jesus carried His cross to Calvary were soon covered with flowers which sprang up between the cobblestones, and filled the air with their sweet fragrance. Even so today when the teachings Jesus passes through our hearts, however dark or stormy they may be, the blossoms of love and faith burst forth.

When Spring trips across the land, it brings the beautiful and oft repeated message that *Spring shall never fail*. All about us, we see the resurrection and rebirth of things which just a short while before seemed evidently dead. The flowers that are symbolic of the heroines own special Easter message for us, — the Violet, the Jasmine, Lily, Fern, and Rose will remind us of the attributes of Him, who was crucified, of Him, who rose.

Adah rises and says:

If I had been permitted to bloom on that day
I'd have shared my fragrance on the air,
Lord.

Ruth rises and says:

His priceless gifts of patience and
understanding I'd proclaim
As I blossomed on the pathway over which
my Saviour came.

Esther rises and says:

I'd stand up straight and slender and to the
world I'd tell that my Master bore with
kingly mien, the evil that befell.

Martha rises and says:

Though ye die, if ye believe, yet shall ye live,
That is the message of nature's green.
I'd wave my palms in the path He trod
'Til all the truth was seen of our Order with
the faith of my color green.

Electa rises and says:

The blood from His wounds has colored my
heart, for all the world to see. No greater
love has anyone than He who died for me.

Worthy Matron: Let us pray.

Chaplain:

Help us, O Father, to bear our cross,
This blessed Easter day;
Teach us that spring will always come
That clouds will roll away.
May we forget each trial,
Each hurt, each hate, each loss,
And find the faith to conquer all
In the shadow of His cross. Amen.

Worthy Patron rises and says:

May we have faith like flowers,
Deep rooted, fragrant, and strong.
Let us trust and wait for Springtime,
After the winter that seems so long.
Oh, may we follow after the pathway that
He trod; like the flowers in the legend
Let us bloom for the Son of God.

Proverbs

The following proverbs originate from the 16th century, and most, if not all, are in use today. Fill in the blanks to complete the proverbs.

1. Haste makes _____.
2. Look before you _____.
3. Two _____ are better than one.
4. Don't look a _____ horse in the mouth.
5. Robbing Peter to pay _____.
6. A new _____ sweeps clean.
7. Make _____ while the sun shines.
8. One good _____ deserves another.
9. Hitting the _____ on the head.
10. Many _____ make light work.
11. Strike while the iron is _____.

Answers: Waste, Leap, Heads, Gift,
Paul, Broom, Hay, Turn, Nail, Hands,
Hot

PAGO's By-laws

At the annual meeting of the PAGO's the members will be voting on proposed amendments. The current By-laws with proposals in red are located on the Maine Eastern Star Web Site—maineoes.org. Just click the button for Grand Chapter Session Forms. Then scroll down to locate them.

Web Site

The Maine Order of the Eastern Star's web site is 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.

April

- 18 – Golden Sheaf #114, New Gloucester, 7 pm, open Installation of Officers.
- 18 – Electa #2, Bowdoinham, 7 pm, Mismatched gown and crazy tie night
- 18 – Arbutus #19, Liberty, 7:30, Stated Meeting with Service Dog program at 5 pm, Refreshments following the dog presentation.
- 18 - Tuscan #148, Bangor, 7 pm, Installation of Officers at their Stated Meeting
- 19 – Deering #59, meeting in Westbrook, 7:30 pm, honor all the District Deputy Grand Matrons, past and present.

- 19 – Pondicherry #192, 7:30 pm, Installation at Stated Meeting with Brother Richard Farnsworth, III installing.
- 20 – Felicity #195, meeting in Orland at 7:00 pm with supper at 6 pm. Installation at their Stated Meeting
- 21 – Pioneer #11, Lisbon Falls, 7 pm, Stated Meeting with refreshments
- 26 – Mt. Zircon #142, Mexico, 7 pm, Honor Chaplain and Conductresses
- 27 – Beacon #22, Damariscotta, 7 pm, 27 Trivia
- 28 – Riverside #123, Orland at 7 pm with refreshments at 6 pm. Installation at their Stated Meeting

May

- 2 – Mystic #69, Litchfield, 7 pm, Honor a Special Person, 5:30 pm dinner for Charity of Special Person
- 5 – Keystone #78, Solon, 7:30 pm, Stated Meeting, Basket Auction to benefit Scholarship Fund
- 6 – Genesta #73, Bath, 7 pm, Stated Meeting
- 6 – Irene #97, Ellsworth, 7:30 pm, Special Program
- 9 – Electa #2, Bowdoinham, 7 pm, Happy Spring with Landmarks and Obligation Night. Clean out those closets and bring donations for Wildlife Miracles Sanctuary
- 9 – Fireside #103, Clinton, 7 pm, District Eight and Nine Working Together
- 11 – Minerva #74, Madison, 7 pm, Honor Night for Grand Representatives and Mothers, pot luck dinner at 6 pm
- 13 – Rumery #46, Jonesport meeting in Addison, Memorial Program
- 19 – Pioneer #11, Lisbon Falls, 7 pm, Landmarks and Obligation Night, No Refreshments
- 24 – Mt. Zircon #142, Mexico, 7 pm, Honor Adah
- 25 – Beacon #22, Damariscotta, 7 pm, Celebrate Memorial Day, Kittens and Puppies

The most wasted of all days is one
without laughter. e.e.cummings