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Grand Chapter of Maine, Order of the Eastern Star

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Tentative Date for Grand Chapter Session

A tentative date of July 19, 20, 21, and 22 has been set for Maine's Grand Chapter. All events, meals, and housing arrangements will be held at the same locations as previously planned. At this point everything is simply on hold awaiting further information.

Candidates

Letters have been shared from two candidates for Grand Chapter Offices – Sister Jolene Farnsworth for Associate Grand Conductress and Brother Peter Stinson for Grand Sentinel.

Sister Jolene was initiated into Wescogus Chapter #101 of Addison in 1980 and served as Worthy Matron three times before it merged with Alcyone Chapter #71, Milbridge. In 2006 she became a dual member of Rumery Chapter #46, Jonesport which is now her primary chapter. Altogether she has served as Worthy Matron nine times and in several other offices. She has been appointed twice as a Grand Representative and four times as the District Deputy for District 14. She has served as President of the District Deputy Grand Matron's Association, as Grand Martha, and as a Star Assistant. She has also served on various committees.

Brother Peter was initiated into Fireside Chapter #103, Clinton in 2007 and is a dual member of Martha Washington Chapter #15, Waterville. He served as Grand Marshal in 2018-2019 and is currently serving as a Grand Representative. He has served often as Worthy Patron of both his chapters as well as in other offices.

One Hundred Years Ago – 1919-20

There were 15 District Deputy Grand Matrons and six Special District Deputies who performed Inspections. There was one school of instruction and that was for Deputies only. The WGM attended the 16th Triennium held in July in Seattle, Washington. One afternoon the entertainment was a beautiful floral parade. It consisted of one hundred flower - decorated floats, representing many things pertaining to the Order.

At this Triennium by resolution, all German Rituals, as well as the plates for the same, were ordered destroyed, that no more Rituals could be printed in the language.

Eleven pages of the proceedings was dedicated to an Honor Roll listing those members serving in the Military at this time.

Quickie Questions (Answers on page two)

1. Why does the Worthy Matron sit in the East?
2. What are the central points of the Star made up of?
3. Name the Heroine of the Mother's Degree.
4. What is the inspiration of the O.E.S.?
5. How many chapters are there in the book of Esther?

Life is easier than you think.
All you have to do is accept the impossible.
Do without the indispensable.
And bear the intolerable.
And be able to smile at anything!

The Greatest Gift

The Bible is the greatest gift. It's an emblem of the word of God; the Book upon which our Order is based. The open Bible is a symbol of direction, reminding us it is to remain in the center of our walk through life. It is the one book in our lives which never changes. Its power and the beauty of its words shall never fade.

Each star point gives us a message of love and beauty and each lecture projects a vivid picture of that heroine and all that she stood for.

The lessons of our heroines come from Judges the 11th chapter, the Book of Ruth, the Book of Esther, St. John the 11th Chapter, and the 2nd Epistle of John.

Adah's emblem, the sword and veil, represents that nothing can be hidden from God and our principles are divided from the laws of God. We must be obedient to the word of God and true to our obligations.

Ruth's emblem, the sheaf of wheat, is made up of bits of love and spiritual nourishment, which are collected by acts of kindness and thoughtfulness. It represents unwavering love and faith by true constancy and dignity.

Esther's emblem, the crown and scepter united, represents purity of thoughts and noble qualities of the mind and heart. We are reminded that power is to be bound with justice, loyalty, and wisdom.

Martha's emblem, the broken column, represents the sustaining power of faith and trust, in a future life beyond the grave. We are reminded to live and love each day as though it were our last.

Electa's emblem, the cup, represents the generosity of spirit, warmth and character. We are reminded to be generous and giving of our thoughts, our love, and ourselves.

The Word of God is everlasting and given to us even until the ends of the earth.

Rob Morris

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C F D D E L O V E C O F G C
H N R R A I J K O H B L M H
B O O E O H S P P A M C R O
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Adah	Grandmaster	Ode
Boston	Instructor	OES
Builder	Kentucky	Order
Chapter	LaGrange	Poet
Charter	Lecturer	Redbrick
Eastern	Light	Robmorris
Educator	Love	Ruth
Electa	Martha	Schoolhouse
Esther	Masonic	Star
Freemason		

Quickie Answers

1. The East has long been deemed the source of all light or wisdom.
2. Triangles
3. Electa
4. The Star of Bethlehem
5. Ten

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.

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