

THE BEACON

Newsletter for the 2024-2025 "Rooted in Faith" Grand Chapter Year

"Rooted in Faith" Year

Colors: All Shades of Autumn

Honor Stations: Chaplain & Martha

Flowers: Yellow Rose & Iris

Emblems: Tree of Life & Lighthouse

Fun Emblems: Cats & Hummingbirds

School of Instruction

A School of Instruction will be held on Saturday, June 15th at the Bangor Masonic Center, 294 Union St., Bangor, ME 04401.

Registration opens at 8 am, with instruction starting promptly at 9 am.

Reservations for lunch can be made by sending \$18 per person to Evelyn B. Cookson, PGM, 30 Sparkle Pond Rd., Glenburn, ME 04401.

Reservations must be received by June 12th.



Grand Family Installed

Sister Jolene D. Farnsworth and Brother Michael D. Nicholas, Sr., assumed the titles and responsibilities of Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron on Wednesday, May 22nd, 2024. Other Grand Officers installed include Sister Rebecca G. H. Thompson, Associate Grand Matron; Brother Jon R. Thompson, Associate Grand Patron; Brother James A. Owens, PGP, Grand Secretary; Sister Rebecca E. St. Pierre, GGCCM, Grand Treasurer; Sister Darcy R. Merrill, Grand Conductress, Sister Sandra M. LeClair, Associate Grand Conductress; Brother Troy Plummer, Grand Chaplain; Sister Eleanor P. West, Grand Marshal; Sister Debra L. Greim, Grand Organist; Sister Vicki L. Kelley, Grand Adah; Sister Pamela J. Precourt, Grand Ruth; Sister Jocelyne C. Jervis, Grand Esther; Sister Kim E. Pettengill, Grand Martha; Sister Barbara E. Robinson, Grand Electa; Sister Bonnie J. Lyons, Grand Warder; Brother Calvin F. Hall, Grand Sentinel.

Congratulations to all!



First Grand Family

The first Grand Family for the "Rooted in Faith" Grand Chapter year is being hosted by the WGM's Chapter, Rumery #46.

Where: Narraguagus High School
1611 Main St., Harrington, ME
04643

When: Saturday, June 22nd, 2024

9:30 am Registration

10:30 am Rehearsal

11:30 am Luncheon

1:00 pm Meeting

Reservations for the luncheon should be sent to:

Rebecca J. Atwater

707 Unionville Rd.

Steuben, ME 04680-2544

The luncheon is \$18 per person, and checks should be made payable to Rumery Chapter #46

Lynette E. Ramsey, WM

Bruce F. Look, WP

Appointment of District Deputy Grand Matrons & Star Assistants Made



The following Sisters were appointed as District Deputy Grand Matrons for the 2024-2025 year:

Sister Karen A. Stone, District One

Sister Janis L. McLaughlin, District Two

Sister Heather E. Stewart, District Three

Sister Kathy A. Williamson, District Four

Sister Jayne Wilcox, District Five

Sister Erin N. Fitts, District Six

Sister Linda E. Gray, District Seven

Sister Linden Potvin, District Eight

Sister Collette M. Lowe, District Nine

Sister Rebecca J. Atwater, District Ten

Sister Casey Getchell, District Eleven

Sister Allison G. Roy, District Twelve



Star Assistants for 2024-2025 are
Sister Sylvia L. Joy, PM and
Sister Paula M. Nicholas, PM

Pondicherry #192 Initiates New Member

On Tuesday, May 28th, approximately 35 Sister and Brothers gathered at Pondicherry Chapter #192 in Bridgton for a very special evening.

Sister Anita Craig-Carsley, Worthy Matron, Brother Stephen Dullinger, Worthy Patron, and their corps of officers initiated Sister Anita's husband, Brother Len Carsley into our Order.



Congratulations to Brother Len, Sister Anita, and Pondicherry Chapter!

Star News

If you do not currently subscribe to the *Star News* email distribution list, and wish to start receiving these emails, contact Sister Corley Anne Byras, PGM, GSE, at corleybyras@gmail.com to get signed up!

Items for posting through *Star News* can be sent to this same email address.

Grand Family Reception to be held in Augusta

A reception will be held for the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, and their "Rooted in Faith" Grand Family on Saturday, July 27th at the Calumet Club, 334 West River Rd., Augusta, ME 04330. Come and show your support for them as they serve our beautiful Order this year!

Official invitations with reservation information will be mailed to all subordinate chapters, as well as posted on the website, maineoes.org.

Sister Evelyn B. Cookson, PGM and Brother Richard A. Farnsworth, III, GGC Ambassador are co-chairs of this event.

ALL ABOARD for the Fall Event!

Sisters Patty Carter, PM, and Patricia J. "PJ" Keenan, PM are the co-chairs of the Fall Event, and they hope you will join them for this fun-filled family-oriented day on Saturday, October 12th, 2024.

Their plans include a 1 hr and 45 minute long train ride on the Downeast Scenic Railroad to view the gorgeous fall foliage. The train leaves the station at 10:30 am SHARP!

The fun continues with lunch (\$20 per person) at 12:30 pm at the Ellsworth Masonic Hall (21 Carriage Way, Ellsworth, ME 04605), raffles, a 50/50 drawing and more!

Train ticket prices are as follows:

Children ages 3-12 \$14.00 Seniors and Military \$23.00
Adults \$25.00

All checks should be made payable and mailed to:

Patty Carter, 110 Lakes Lane, Ellsworth, ME 04605

Reservation deadline is August 1st. Space is limited to 100 people.

All proceeds to be split equally between Maine Rainbow and DeMolay

Maine OES Website

Did you know Grand Chapter has a website? Sister Kathy Williamson, DDGM #4 is the administrator of maineoes.org. There, you will find much useful information, including a calendar of events, listings of subordinate chapters, forms, etc. If you haven't checked it out lately, be sure to take a look!

The Beacon

The Beacon is the newsletter that will be produced throughout the 2024-2025 Grand Chapter year. Its purpose is to highlight events at the Grand Chapter level, as well as accomplishments in our Subordinate Chapters.

The Editor of *The Beacon* is Brother Richard A. Farnsworth, III, GGC Ambassador to Peru.

If you have items you feel are worthy of inclusion, please email him at richard.farnsworth5885@gmail.com

2024-2025 Traveler's Club Information

Earn 300 points using the points guide below to earn your Travel Ribbon! You can obtain the complete form on the maineoes.org website, or ask your DDGM for one.

Attend your own Chapter	10 points
Attend another Chapter	20 points
Attend an Official Visitation	30 points
Attend the Fall Event or Spring Event	25 points
Attend ME Grand Chapter Installation	40 points
Attend a School of Instruction	50 points
Attend a Grand Family or Exchange Grand Family	50 points
Attend the Grand Family Reception	50 points
Attend the WGM's Special Project	20 points
Attend the Can-Am Weekend 2025	60 points
Attend Grand Chapter Session of another Jurisdiction	75 points
Attend General Grand Chapter Triennial Session	100 points
*add 5 points for each person you take with you to any of the above events	5 points

Note – an event can only be counted once.

For example, attending a Chapter meeting the night of their Official Visitation counts as either a Chapter meeting or an Official Visitation, not both.