

# THE BEACON

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

## Worthy Grand Matron's Special Project

Mark your calendars to assist in the Worthy Grand Matron's Special Project mailing!

**When: Monday, August 19th**

9 am coffee and refreshments

10 am work begins

**Where: Bangor Masonic Center**

294 Union Street, Bangor

**Proceeds from the project will be split as follows:**

40% *Grand Chapter Charity*

35% *Honor Flight Maine*

25% *ESTARL*



## Grand Family Reception Held at Le Club Calumet

Over 100 Sisters, Brothers, and friends gathered on Saturday, July 27th to celebrate the 2024-2025 Rooted in Faith Grand Family.

The venue was awash in fall colors, to match the theme and color scheme of our WGM and WGP. The event started with a social hour, followed by a welcome from Sister Evelyn B. Cookson, PGM, Chairperson. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, led by Brother Richard A. Farnsworth, III, GGCA, Co-Chair, and the Invocation given by Brother Troy Plummer, Grand Chaplain.

All enjoyed a hot buffet-style luncheon, after which all Distinguished Guests present were introduced.

Sister Evelyn presented a special program and gift tailored to each individual Grand Officer, District Deputy Grand Matron, and Star Assistant.



## Multi-State Exchange to be held in Portland

Star Light Chapter #203 of Westbrook will be hosting a Multi-State Exchange Grand Family.

**Where:** Portland Masonic Temple  
415 Congress Street, Portland  
*parking available in Elm St. garage*

**When:** Saturday, September 21, 2024

9:00 am Registration

10:00 am Rehearsal

11:30 am Luncheon

1:00 pm Meeting

Reservations for the luncheon should be sent by **September 14th** to:

**Rebecca S. Bibber, GGCCM**

**2 Independence Drive**

**Westbrook, ME 04092**

The luncheon is \$22 per person, and checks should be made payable to Star Light Chapter #203



## Maine in Massachusetts Grand Family Exchange

Acacia Chapter #80 of Tewksbury, MA cordially invites you to attend an Exchange Grand Family on October 5, 2024, at the Masonic Hall, 70 Victor Drive, Tewksbury, MA.

Schedule for the day is as follows:

10:00 am Registration & Coffee, Tea, Light Snacks

10:30 am Rehearsal

12:00 noon Luncheon

1:00 pm Meeting

Luncheon reservations in the amount of \$12 per person should be made payable to Acacia Chapter and sent to

**Mrs. Cynthia Kersting**

**24 Bisson Street**

**Beverly, MA 01915-4607**

## Fall Event Reminder

**Saturday, October 12, 2024**

For those going on the Fall Foliage Train Ride, the train leaves the station at 10:30 am SHARP, so plan to be at the station by 10 am. The station address is 8 Railroad Siding, Hancock, ME 04640

The fun continues at the Ellsworth Masonic Hall (21 Carriage Way, Ellsworth, ME 04605) at 12:30 pm.

## Maine in New Brunswick Exchange

Reserve the date of Saturday, **October 19th, 2024** for the Maine in New Brunswick Grand Family Exchange.

More information will be forthcoming when it is received from the host chapter in New Brunswick.

## 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](mailto:corleybyras@gmail.com) to get signed up!

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

## Mr. Ambassador goes to Peru

*Brother Richard A. Farnsworth, III, GGC Ambassador to Peru, accompanied Sister Glenda G. Winchester, Most Worthy Grand Matron on her Official Visit to Peru from June 30th through July 3rd.*



About the trip, Brother Richard says “It was a wonderful experience. We were warmly welcomed, and treated like royalty for the duration of our stay. The Chapter is small, with only about twenty members, but they are not discouraged. They know what they need to do to grow and are actively working on that. They truly care about one another, and about their community. Several of them are planning to attend the Triennial Session in Myrtle Beach, and have two videos that will be shown highlighting their community projects.”

If any Chapter desires to have a presentation about Brother Richard’s trip made at their meeting, please contact him.



## ***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](mailto:richard.farnsworth5885@gmail.com)

## **51st Triennial Assembly**

### **Myrtle Beach, SC**

**October 24 - November 1, 2024**

Make plans to be "By the Shore in '24" as Sister Glenda G. Winchester, MWGM and Brother F. Lon Lowry, MWGP preside over the 51st Triennial Assembly.

Remember there is a "Maine Banquet" on Tuesday, October 29th to honor the outgoing and incoming GGC Appointments. If you are interested in attending this banquet, please contact Sister Lorena M. Fenlason, PGM.

## ***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](http://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.