

Chickadee Chatter

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Grand Chapter of Maine, Order of the Eastern Star

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Schools of Instruction

Two Schools of Instruction will be held for the *Cup of Kindness* Grand Family at which all members are encouraged and welcome to attend.

Saturday, June 1st will be the first one held at the Auburn Masonic Hall, 1021 Turner Street in Auburn. The lunch reservations in the amount of \$10 should be made with Betty Perkins, Secretary, 208 Broad Street, Auburn, ME 04210 and received by May 25. Checks should be made payable to Pine Cone Chapter #26, OES.

Saturday, June 15th will be the second one held at the Millwee Masonic Hall, 730 River Road, Orrington. The lunch reservations in the amount of \$10 should be made with Wilda Naugler, Secretary, 9 Cross Street, Brewer, ME 04412-1812 and received by June 8th. Checks should be made payable to Millwee Chapter #198 OES. (If you earlier paid \$12, \$2 will be returned to you as you check in for the luncheon that day.)

Each school will begin with registration at 9 a.m. with the instruction to begin promptly at 9:30 a.m. with no morning refreshments.

Please bring your signed dues card to these schools and if you have a ritual and/or a CR & R, they should be brought to the school, also. Dress code for the day would be street dress.

The morning will see the District Deputy Grand Matrons exemplifying the opening ceremony, presentations, balloting, and the closing of a chapter. In the afternoon the Grand Officers will exemplify the ceremony of initiation.

First Grand Family

Lunar Chapter #126 of Presque Isle will be hosting the first *Cup of Kindness* Grand Family at the Presque Isle Masonic Hall, 230 State Street

on Saturday, June 22nd. The rehearsal is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. with the luncheon at 11:45 a.m. and the meeting commencing at 1 p.m.

The luncheon will consist of assorted salads, rolled ham and turkey, rolls, and dessert. The cost is \$12 per person and reservations are due by June 13th. Checks should be made payable to Lunar Chapter #126 and sent to Phyllis Taylor, P.O. Box 174, Westfield, ME 04787. Tickets will be picked up at the registration table.

Facts About Chickadees

- There are seven chickadee species that breed in North America, all of which have the distinctive dark cap and bin with white cheeks.
- These small birds can live a relatively long life as long as twelve years.
- The Chickadee is the state bird of Maine and Massachusetts.
- Chickadees are named after their distinctive call.
- If you've ever listened to a chickadee's call very closely, you'll notice that sometimes there is only one dee at the end of the chick-a-dee and other times there are multiple ones at the end. There is actually a code to the number of dees. One dee indicates that there is no threat, but five dees at the end of the call could indicate that there's a Northern Pygmy Owl in the vicinity.
- Aside from their famous chick-a-dee call, they also let out a fee bee.
- Most chickadees are non-migratory, so you'll often see them at your feeder in winter. This is notable because they are said to need up to 10 times more food in the winter than in summer.
- Chickadees are known as hoarders, but in a good kind of way. They hide seeds and other items to eat for later. According to Cornell's *All About Birds*, they hide each food item in different spots and can remember thousands of hiding places.

Beauty Among the Branches

– by Marjorie M. Morgan, PGM of Ontario

Listen carefully to the happy and cheerful song of a small feathered friend outside our window. *Chick-a-dee-dee-dee*, it sings.

That wee chickadee on an obscure branch among thick evergreens calls to us over and over again. It draws us out of our complacency and begs us to focus on all the marvelous sights and sounds around us everywhere. It has a beautiful message for us and calls us to listen and to enjoy.

Sister Adah: From among the branches come notes of strong courage to face whatever life has to offer. Stand by your convictions and live up to the values in life that you believe in.

Sister Ruth: From among the branches to you come notes of determination to work hard even in humble places, and to have patience when you experience difficulties and detours.

Sister Esther: From among the branches listen to those notes of firm resolve to make the decisions in life that you face each day, the need to protect family and friends whom you hold dear. Let God be your guide.

Sister Martha: From among the branches you will hear notes of confidence and trust that will help you turn anxiety into peace, and grief into new hope. You will feel that unseen hand in yours.

Sister Electa: From among the branches come the lilting notes of loving kindness that will surround you and lift your soul to the joy that comes from truly helping someone who needs you.

My Sisters: Be alert! Tune your ear to the song of that cheerful chickadee among the branches. The chickadee's notes are a melody to enrich your day. The chickadee is one of God's creatures and has a beautiful message for each of you.

Cup of Kindness Grand Family

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Cole
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Dunlap
Duross-Ouelette

Ellis
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Flowers
Frost
Gray
Greim
Grodan
Hall
Kimball
LeVasseur
Luce

Luce
Merrill
Perkins
Potter
Ramsey
Rumney
Stinson
Thompson
Townsend
Waken
Wood

Quickie Questions (answers on page four)

1. In the opening ritualistic ceremony may the Worthy Matron welcome everyone after the officers have been seated?
2. If members arrive during the opening ceremony, when may they be admitted to the Chapter Room?
3. What officers quote from the secret work in the opening ceremony?
4. What three officers stand at the left of their chairs?
5. What four officers stand at the right of their chairs?

Devotional Corner

Each bird has its own unique sound but in the morning they perform as an orchestra with the high-pitched whistle of the little chickadees coming through loud and clear. Just like the birds, we each have our own voices with which we can praise God. Some of us silently pray, some pray out loud, and some mutter a simple prayer. But together we share a magnificent melody of God's praise for all the world to hear. There are many reasons to praise God.

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(Solution on Page Four)

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E N G S P L D J P

O J R O S N L P P

M P O N X W P U K R D W

R G L U T R D N M H P

W F R E R D --Tom Brown, Jr.

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Star News

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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.

May

- 23 – Riverside #123, Orland, 7 pm, Honoring Mothers, 6 pm supper
- 27 – Arbutus #19, Liberty, Memorial Day Dinner
- 27 – Orion #45, Calais, 6:30 pm, Stated Meeting
- 28 – Mt. Zircon #142, Mexico, 7 pm, Landmarks and Obligation, Honor Warders and Sentinels
- 28 – Madonna #144, West Kennebunk, 7 pm, Honoring Mothers
- 28 – Lake View #179, Jefferson (4th Tuesday), 7:30 pm, Landmarks and Obligation.

- 28 – Pondicherry #192, Bridgton, 7:30 pm, Daughters, Widows, Wives, Sisters and Mothers
- 28 – Corner Stone #193, Portland, 7:30 pm, Memorial Day
- 28 – Millwee #198, Orrington 7:30 pm, Grand Chapter Reports and In Memorial
- 29 – Beacon #202, Damariscotta, 7 pm, honor scholarship students, observing Memorial Day, 6 pm pot luck supper

June

- 1 – Pine Cone #26, Auburn, hosting School of Instruction
- 3 – Mystic #69, Litchfield, 7 pm, Official Visitation with the GC
- 4 – Queen Esther #10, Hallowell, 7 pm, Honoring our Officers
- 4 – Deering #59, Portland, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation with the WGM
- 4 – Tuscan #148, Bangor, 7:30 pm, Father's Day Program
- 4 – Sarah Orne Jewett #176, South Berwick, 7 pm, *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers*, "Bless Yure Beautiful Hide" – PM and PP Night
- 5 – Messalunskit #170, New Sharon, 7:30 pm, Honor Fathers and Flag Day
- 6 – Keystone #78, Solon, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation with the AGC
- 6 – Pythagorean #169, Fryeburg, 7 pm, Honoring a very special member
- 7 – Ruth #14, Springvale, 7: 30 pm, Stated Meeting
- 7 – Naomi #25, Tenants Harbor, 7:30 pm, St. George Comm. Corp
- 7 – Genesta #73, Bath, 7 pm, Honoring All Members of Genesta Chapter (this includes honorary members)
- 7 – Irene #97, Ellsworth, 7:30 pm, "My Fair Ladies" Night Honoring—Patty M. Carter, Sylvia L. Joy, and Aletha W. Pung. Present Representatives
- 7 – Primrose #152, Belfast, 7:30 pm, ESTARL, pot luck for ESTARL
- 8 – Arbutus #19, Liberty, Yard Sale??
- 10 – Aldworth #39, Milo, 7:30 pm, Honoring Fathers and Past Patrons, 6:15 pm supper
- 10 – Marion #63, Gardiner meeting in Litchfield, 7:30 pm, Service Dog Presentation
- 10 – Molunkus Valley #95, Sherman, 7 pm, Landmarks and Obligation, Mystery Lunch at 6 pm
- 10 – Fireside #103, Clinton, 7:30 pm, No Quorum expected

- 10 – Pleasant River #159, West Buxton, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation with the GC, pot luck supper
- 11 – Lakeside #60, Wales, 7 pm, Fathers Day Honoring 50+ members
- 11 – Machias #83, Machias, 7 pm, Star Point Night
- 11 – Tillikum #99, Ashland, 7 pm, Stated Meeting
- 11 – Corner Stone #193, Portland, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation with the WGM
- 12 – Minerva #74, Madison, 7 pm, Honor Masons and Father's Day
- 12 – Josiah H. Drummond #91, Thorndike, 7:30 pm, Honoring Flags, pot luck supper for heart
- 12 – Grace #93, Rockland, 7:30 pm, Grand Chapter report by our DDGM
- 12 – Lunar #126, Presque Isle, 7 pm, History of Chapters in Aroostook County
- 12 – Harbor View #136, Deer Isle, Stated Meeting
- 13 – Martha Washington #15, Waterville, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation with the AGC, ESTARL Supper 6 pm
- 13 – Pine Cone #26, Auburn, 7 pm, Father's Day and Masons
- 13 – Somerset #80, Stratton, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation with the AGM
- 13 – Annette #184 Saco, 7:30 pm, Honoring Fathers, pot luck supper at 6:30 pm. All are welcome
- 14 – Rumery #46, Addison, 7:30 pm, Flag Day
- 14 – Abenaki #116, Readfield, 7:30 pm, Stated Meeting
- 15 – Millwee #198, Orrington hosting School of Instruction
- 17 – Electa #2, Bowdoinham, 7 pm, Honey Bee night with Kindness Bingo
Random Act of Kindness Challenge: In honor of National Pollinators Month, plant some wildflowers.
- 17 – Arbutus #19, Liberty, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation with the AGM, 6:15 pm ESTARL Supper
- 17 – Mountain View #197, Buckfield, 7 pm, Landmarks and Obligation, ESTARL Supper, 6 pm
- 18 – Deering #59, Portland, 7:30 pm, Prompter's Night
- 18 – Golden Sheaf #114, New Gloucester, 7 pm, *Pearls Under the Sea*, ESTARL Supper at 6 pm
- 18 – Almeda #149, Guilford, 7:30 pm, Patriotism, Red, White, and Blue
- 18 – Pondicherry #192, Bridgton, 7:30 pm, Landmarks and Obligation, Fathers, Brothers, Masons
- 19 – Ivy #16, Warren, 7:30 pm, Father's Night
- 19 – Madonna #144, West Kennebunk, 7 pm, Honoring Fathers and Master Masons
- 19 – Felicity #195, Bucksport meeting in Orland, 7:30 pm, Landmarks and Obligation Night, 6:15 pot luck supper
- 20 – Pioneer #11, Lisbon Falls, 7 pm, Official Visitation with the WGM (Probably being held in Durham at 663 Royalsborough Road.)
- 20 – Bethlehem #36, Pittsfield, 7 pm, Official Visitation with AGC
- 20 – Lily of the Valley #157, Weeks Mills, 7:30 pm, ESTARL Program with pot luck supper at 6:15 pm
- 22 – Lunar #126, Presque Isle, Grand Family
- 24 – Orion #45, Calais, 6:30 pm, Stated Meeting
- 24 – Lake View #179, Jefferson, 7:30 pm, Program about Carol Weatherhead, PM and Bird House Auction
- 25 – Mt. Zircon #142, Mexico, 7 pm, *How many friendship songs do you know?* Honoring Organists
- 25 – Corner Stone #193, Portland, 7:30 pm, Father's Day and Master Mason night
- 25 – Millwee #198, Orrington, 7:30 pm, Mock Star Meeting
- 26 – Jefferson Chapter # 89, Bryant Pond, 7 pm, Family Cookout at 6 pm
- 26 – Beacon #202, Damariscotta, 7 pm, ESTARL supper, 6 pm
- 27 – Riverside #123, Orland, 7 pm, Honoring Father's Day as well as Chaplains, Marshals, and Organists, 6 pm supper

Quickie Answers

1. No. Once ritual commences, it is not interrupted until finished.
2. After the Salute to the American Flag.
3. The five Star Points.
4. Martha, Electa, and the Marshal.
5. Adah, Ruth, Esther, and the Chaplain.

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But above all ranked the chickadee because of its indomitable spirit. – Tom Brown, Jr.

Save this date!

Cup of Kindness Grand Chapter Session
May 17, 18, 19, 20, 2020 Presque Isle