

The Dove Tales

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Grand Chapter of Maine, Order of the Eastern Star

Evelyn B. Cookson, Worthy Grand Matron

Russell E. Babb, Worthy Grand Patron

New Brunswick/Maine Exchange

The New Brunswick in Maine Exchange will be held on Saturday, April 15 at the Presque Isle Masonic Hall at 230 State Street and will be hosted by Lunar Chapter #126.

Registration with your dues card will commence at 9 a.m. with the Grand Families and Lunar Chapter Officers rehearsing at 10 a.m.

Places to stay in Presque are:

Northeastland Hotel	207-768-5321
Hampton Inn	207-261-5364
Sure Stay Motel by Best Western	207-769-0111

Grand Family in Augusta

Lily of the Valley Chapter #157, Weeks Mills will sponsor the final *Blessings of Faith and Peace* Grand Family on Saturday, April 29 at the Augusta Masonic Lodge Hall at 317 Water Street. The rehearsal will be held at 11 a.m. with light morning refreshments and the registration at 10 a.m. Lunch is at noon with the meeting and degrees commencing at 1 p.m.

Reservations for the baked ham luncheon may be made by paying \$15 to Lily of the Valley Chapter #157 and mailing the check to Carol Thomas, Secretary, 154 Weeks Mills Road, South China, ME 04358 The reservation deadline is April 14. Please bring your 2023 dues card for the registration.

Quickie Questions (Correct Spelling) (answers on last page)

1. Marshal or Marshall
2. Chaplin or Chaplain
3. Landmarks and Obligations or Landmarks and Obligation Night
4. Mizpah or Mizpeh according to the ritual
5. ESTARL or Estarl

ESTARL Vesper Service - May 14

The Vesper Service for the *Blessings of Faith and Peace* Grand Chapter Session will be held on Sunday, May 14 at the Essex Street Baptist Church, 82 Essex Street, Bangor commencing at 4 p.m. The sermon will be delivered by a past recipient of ESTARL, Pastor Forrest Genthner. Please come and join us for the beginning of our Grand Chapter Session. The ESTARL Committee is looking forward to meeting and greeting you on the 14th.

Special Grand Chapter Session

There will be a Special Session of the Grand Chapter of Maine held at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 29 at the Augusta Masonic Temple located at 317 Water Street in Augusta.

All members of Maine (current dues cards) are welcome to attend to hear the report of the Dispensations and Charters Committee regarding Star Light Chapter #203 U.D., and to act upon any recommendations presented in the report.

This Special Session is open to members of all Subordinate Chapters except Star Light Chapter #203 U.D., as the Constitution, Rules and Regulations prohibit Chapters under dispensation from being represented at a Grand Chapter Session.

Peace Garden Pilgrimage

The International Peace Garden Committee of the General Grand Chapter has invited all members and guests to join other members for an Eastern Star Pilgrimage to the International Peace Gardens, August 12-13, 2023.

Since 1932, nestled in the Turtle Mountains of North Dakota and Manitoba, the International Peace Garden is one of the continent's most symbolic and scenic attractions. The garden
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Meet the Candidates

(Information taken from their letters of intent.)

Brother James A. Owens, PGP is a candidate for the office of Grand Secretary. Brother “Jim” joined Minerva #74, Madison in 1986. He is a plural member of Keystone #78, Solon and Mt. Zircon #142, Mexico. He has served Subordinate Chapters as Worthy Patron, Associate Patron, Chaplain, Organist, and Sentinel. He has served Grand Chapter as Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Representative of South Carolina, the Convener, the Charity Board, and the Finance Committee.

Sisler Lucille A. Nanos, PGM is a candidate for the office of Grand Treasurer. Sister “Luci” has been a member of the Order for fifty-three plus years. She is a member of Star Light #203, Westbrook. She has served Subordinate Chapters as Worthy Matron, Associate Matron, Conductress, Associate Conductress, Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain, Ruth, and Electa. She has served the Grand Chapter as Worthy Grand Matron. She worked for the Internal Revenue Service for 36 years.

Sister Rebecca E. St. Pierre, PGM is a candidate for the office of Grand Treasurer. Sister Rebecca joined the Order in 1976. She has served Subordinate Chapters as Worthy Matron, Associate Matron, Secretary, Conductress, Associate Conductress, Chaplain, and Esther. She served Grand Chapter as Worthy Grand Matron, Grand Ruth, and the Finance Committee. She currently is serving the General Grand Chapter as a Member of the General Grand Chapter Committee on Youth. She has retired from an accounting position with the State of Maine.

Brother Brian S. Farrington, Grand Warder is a candidate for the office of Grand Sentinel. Brother Brian joined the Order in 1997 at Abenaki #116, Readfield and is a dual member of Lily of the Valley #157, Weeks Mills. He has served Subordinate Chapters as Worthy Patron, Associate Patron, and Warder. He is currently serving Grand Chapter as Grand Warder and has served as Grand Representative of Nebraska.

Brother Jon R. Thompson, PP is a candidate for the office of Grand Sentinel. Brother Jon joined Grace #93, Thomaston in 2013. By a recent merger he is a member of Ivy #16, Warren and a dual member with Millwee #198, Orrington. He has served Subordinate Chapters as Worthy Patron, Associate Patron, Chaplain, and Warder. He has served the Grand Chapter as Grand Marshal, a Star Assistant, and Grand Representative of Arkansas.

Peace and Harmony

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Blessings	Freedom	Loyalty
Community	Friendship	Olive
Courtesy	Generosity	Patience
Diversity	Harmony	Peace
Dove	Honesty	Respect
Equality	Hope	Rights
Faith	Humanity	Tolerance
Forgiveness	Kind	Unity

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.

Website

The Maine Order of the Eastern Star’s website 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 Dove Tales

The Dove Tales is the newsletter that will be published during the 2022-23 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

Harmony, Love, Unity Bring Peace

Harmony, love, unity – three powerful words to live by. Life does begin each morning. Each morning a new door is opening to a new world – all past days are gone, beyond reviving.

This day is veiled in mystery. May we face this new day with love for one another, united in a spirit of harmony, to work for the betterment of our Order in this place. How wonderful it is, how pleasant when God's people live in harmony. For harmony is as precious as fragrant oil. Harmony is refreshing as the morning dew.

As we view our emblems may we think a moment about our heritage; let us remember how that heritage has shaped and protected all who served the conflicts in which our country has been engaged. For without their faith, constancy, hope, and fervent determination, we would not be here. Let us pray that we all have the same faith, constancy, hope, and fervent determination.

Adah's sword and veil remind us that we must keep faith with those that serve and will serve in the cause of peace, that their sacrifice is not in vain and that their memory is honored with dignity. Adah teaches that harmony results from honesty and moral responsibility to promises made.

Ruth's sheaf reminds us of the need to be constant in our respect and gratitude for the sacrifices made to preserve our way of life. Her lesson is one of duty, a lesson we learn from those who gave and continue to give so much in the cause of peace.

Esther symbolizes light, purity, and joy, and reminds us of sacrifices made for us to keep the world from darkness that we may continue to experience the joy of freedom and peace.

The broken column symbolizes hope and immortality, reminding us that sacrifices made by others in the past restored hope to a world threatened with evil. We are assured that those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in past conflicts and those who are now the innocent victims of evil, are assured immortality.

The fervency of Electa speaks to us of the determination and commitment of our service men and women to the cause of peace. Electa taught us to love one another, and that there is no greater love than to give one's life for another.

If we have harmony, believing in ourselves and in each other, we have a firm foundation ... a unity of purpose ... all of us working together in harmony

can accomplish our goals to make our Order grow and stand strong as a symbol of good throughout the world.

Peace Garden Pilgrimage Cont.

encompasses 2,300 acres of Nature's beauty; two pristine freshwater lakes, scenic hiking and driving trails, wildflowers, waterfalls, and a large variety of North American birds and animals.

Words cannot express the beauty, pride, and peace many experience as they gaze over this impressive garden of more than 80,000 flowers in displays tucked in the terraces and walkways of the garden. The therapeutic sounds of flowing waters can be heard throughout the garden.

The American and Canadian floral flag displays are the only two floral displays throughout the garden, which remain the same every year. The working 13 foot floral clock displays 2,000 to 2,500 flowers each year depending on the design.

Every fifteen minutes and on the hour, the lovely tones of the chimes can be heard from the Carillon Bell Tower. Peace Poles were presented by the Japanese Government, in which, "May Peace Prevail" is written in 28 different languages. The 9/11 Memorial Site, of twisted girders rescued from the World Trade Center devastation, is at rest, a symbol of peace and democracy. The International Peace Garden, "Like No Other Place on Earth", is a perfect and memorable retreat, where people and nature meet.

The Peace Garden is open all year. The garden is beautiful in all seasons, although the peak time for the flowers is the end of July and all of August. The 6,000 cactus and succulents are a sight to see any time of the year.

Pilgrimage Weekend Outline

Saturday August 12

- 10 a.m. – Registration – Masonic Auditorium
- 12 noon – Soup and Sandwich lunch with our Masonic Brothers
- 1:30 p.m. – Masonic Installation (open to all) in the Burdick Center
- The afternoon is at leisure after the installation. There is a wide variety of things to see while at the Peace Gardens

and we invite you to spend the afternoon taking in all the sights. Walking or bus tours are available.

- 5:30 p.m. – Banquet in the Masonic Auditorium (Chicken Cordon bleu)
- 7:30 p.m. – Entertainment

Sunday August 13, 2023

- 10 a.m. – Church service in the Peace Garden Chapel
- 11:30 a.m. – Soup and Sandwich lunch in the Masonic Auditorium

Chapter Secretaries have further information as well as the General Grand Chapter website.

April

- 10 – Aldworth #39, Milo, 7:30 pm, Installation of Officers, 6:15 potluck
- 10 – Fireside #103, Clinton, 7 pm, District Night
- 11 – Lakeside #60, Wales, 7 pm, Installation of Officers
- 12 – Lunar #126, Presque Isle, 7 pm, Stated Meeting
- 13 – Martha Washington #15, Waterville, 7:30 pm, short meeting with open Installation following and light refreshments
- 13 – Pine Cone #26, Auburn, 7 pm, Honoring Our DDGM
- 14 – Bethlehem #36, Pittsfield, 7 pm, Installation of Officers, meeting at Meridian Splendor in Newport
- 15 – Lunar #126, Presque Isle, New Brunswick in Maine Exchange Grand Family, 1 pm
- 15 – Golden Sheaf #1164, New Gloucester, 2 pm, Installation of Officers
- 17 – Electa #2, Bowdoinham, 7 pm, Honoring Chaplains and ESTARL, Pie Auction for ESTARL, Installation of officers
- 18 – Madonna #144, West Kennebunk, 7 pm, Honoring Conductresses
- 18 – Star Light #203, Westbrook, 7:30, New and Returning Member Night
- 19 – Ivy #16, Warren, 7:30 pm, Meeting with Installation to follow
- 19 – Felicity #195, Bucksport, 7 pm, Installation of Officers, 6 pm supper
- 20 – Pioneer #11, Lisbon Falls, 7 pm, Easter Meeting
- 20 – Lily of the Valley #157, Weeks Mills, 7:30 pm, Honor Night for Brother Brian Farrington, Grand Warder
- 22 – Lunar #126, Presque Isle, 1 pm, open Installation of Officers
- 23 – Irene #97, Ellsworth, \$5 Gown Sale 1-5 pm, everybody welcome
- 26 – Beacon #201, Damariscotta, 7 pm, Installation

of Officers

- 27 – Riverside Chapter #123 Orland, 7 pm, Installation of Officers, refreshments served before the meeting at 6 pm
- 29 – Grand Family in Augusta, hosted by Lily of the Valley Chapter #157, Weeks Mills
- 29 – Queen Esther #10, Hallowell meeting in Augusta, 7 pm, Installation of Officers

May

- 1 – Mystic #69, Litchfield, 7 pm, Once Upon a Time...
- 2 – Star Light #203, Westbrook, 7:30, Stated meeting, 6:30 potluck
- 4 – Keystone #78, Solon, 7 pm, Music Night, Basket Auction to benefit the Scholarship Fund
- 5 – Irene #97, Ellsworth, 7:30 pm, Celebrating Mother's Day
- 8 – Electa #2, Bowdoinham, 7 pm, Honoring Past and Present Grand Representatives, Wear something blue and white in honor of ALS awareness month.
- 8 – Fireside #103, Clinton, 7 pm, Brother's Night
- 11 – Martha Washington #15, Waterville, 7:30 pm, Honoring Mothers
- 11 – Pine Cone #26, Auburn, 7 pm, Honoring PGMs, PGP's, and GGCCMs

*Blessings of Faith
and Peace
Grand Chapter
Session
May 14-17*

Quickie Answers

1. Marshal
2. Chaplain
3. Landmarks and Obligation Night
4. Mizpeh is on page 61 in the Ritual
5. ESTARL is an acronym and should be in all capital letters