

# The Dove Tales

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## Grand Chapter of Maine, Order of the Eastern Star

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### Grand Family at Keystone

The second Grand Family for the *Blessings of Faith and Peace* Grand Family will be hosted by Keystone Chapter #78 at the Solon Masonic Hall at 9 Falls Road in Solon at 1 p.m. on Saturday, August 13. Registration commences at 10 a.m. The rehearsal for the Grand Officers will begin at 11 a.m.

A luncheon will be served at noon. Reservations may be made by mailing a check for \$10 made out to Keystone Chapter #78 to Brother William Merrill, 23 Merrill Lane, Solon, ME 04979. The deadline for reservations is July 30th and limited to the first one hundred members.

### WGM Special Project

The annual Worthy Grand Matron's Special Project will be held on Monday, August 15 at the Bangor Masonic Center at 294 Union Street in Bangor. Fifty percent of it will be going to Grand Chapter Charity and fifty percent to ESTARL. Coffee and refreshments will commence at 9 a.m. with actual work starting at 10 a.m. This is a casual dress event and all are welcome to attend. Sisters Jolene Farnsworth and Theo Heald are the Co-Chairmen for this event with Sisters Jane Ritchie and Hazel Rumney as the refreshment committee.

### County Week

Aroostook County is the furthest Northern County in Maine and currently has three Eastern Star Chapters in it. These chapters meet the second Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday and they are all in the same week in August. County Week is always an exciting time for members as many travel to enjoy being with "The County" Sisters and Brothers. For many Maine travelers it's an annual tradition.

- Molunkus Valley #95, Sherman, meets on Church Street on Monday, August 8 at 7 p.m.
- Tillikum #99, Ashland meets at 32 Plum Street on Tuesday, August 9 with a 6 p.m. men's cookout and the meeting at 7 p.m.
- Lunar #126, Presque Isle meets at 230 State Street on Wednesday, August 10 and will be having a cookout with salads and desserts at 6 p.m. The meeting commences at 7 p.m.

### Mergers

Saturday, August 27 is the tentative scheduled date for the mergers of Naomi Chapter #25, Saint George and Grace Chapter #93, Thomaston to take place with Ivy Chapter #16, Warren at 1 p.m. The Ivy Chapter address is 105 Camden Road, Warren. Registration will commence at 10 a.m. with a rehearsal at 10:45 a.m. for the Ivy Officers and the Grand Chapter Officers.

Lunch will be at 11:30 a.m. and provided at no charge to the officers and members of Naomi, Grace, and Ivy Chapters. Lunch at the cost of \$8 will be available to the Grand Family and escorts as well as the Membership Awareness Committee. Reservations need to be made by August 24 with checks made out to Ivy Chapter #16 and mailed to Sister Patricia Ott, Secretary, 39 Patterson Mill Road, Warren, ME 04864

### Heeeeeee-Haw! It's the Fall Event!!

Put on your best "Country Duds" (yup, jeans are ok!) and join us at the Bangor Masonic Center, Saturday, October 8 for good eats, good company and hopefully lots of laughter!! "Vittles" provided by Jeff's Catering featuring: cheese/crackers and cut vegetables w/dip during the Social Hour at 11 a.m. A country buffet at noon featuring seasoned pulled pork, grilled boneless seasoned chicken (sauces on the side), baked beans, macaroni and cheese, small rolls to make sandwiches, cornbread and cole slaw. Fresh apple crisp with topping for dessert for \$25 per person. The program will begin at 1 p.m. Chapters are being asked to consider purchasing five ghost tickets at \$5 each to support the Children's Dyslexia Centers. Ghost tickets and/or luncheon reservations should be sent to: Paula Nicholas, PM, 167 Ferry Road, Chelsea, ME 04330. Deadline for reservations is September 24th. The Co-Chairs are Mike and Paula Nicholas and Beverly Noonan.

### Quickie Questions (answers on inside)

1. What is a five sided figure called?
2. How many words do we have in response to prayer?
3. How many degrees does the Order have?
4. How many officers wear the triangle as a badge?
5. What would the five triangles put together form?

## The Past, the Present, the Future

The following phrases are words that have been applicable in the past, are appropriate for the present, and are essential for the future. Let us listen to our five Star Points as they share their important messages with us.

**Adah:** The sword and the veil united is the emblem of Adah. The color blue is appropriate to this station and the lesson taught is one of fidelity. It reminds us to be happy, to enjoy the beautiful, to believe the best, and to be faithful to all moral obligations.

**Ruth:** The emblem of Ruth is the golden sheaf. Its golden hue symbolizes constancy and reminds us to be faithful to the demands of honor and justice that we might enjoy a constant flow of lasting friendship, loyalty, truth, and kindness.

**Esther:** Esther's crown and scepter causes us to remember the color white, symbol of light, purity, and joy. It reminds us to be reverent so we may never have to live in loneliness or darkness.

**Martha:** Martha's emblem is the broken column. The color appropriate to her station is green and symbolizes our faith and belief in Eternal Life. It admonishes us to have abounded faith in each other and in all we do.

**Electa:** The cup is the emblem of Electa. We are taught here to extend charity and hospitality to those in distress. Her color is red and symbolizes the love of friends, of family, of country, and of God.

## Quickie Answers

1. Pentagon
2. Five
3. The five Star Points
4. The five Star Points.
5. A Star

*The symbolic number five comes from the human side of life. Each human being has one head, two hands and two feet, five in all. Upon each hand are five fingers, upon each foot, five toes. Thus the five degrees of our Order*

## Found in the New Testament

N H O J A M E S A L O M E A B  
A I C D Y H T O M I T A S T B  
H P C C A I P H A S E R U A E  
T A E O O H E R O D X K R B Z  
E L H T D R F G P I H T I I A  
K E J T E E N N L I H I A T L  
U I O J R R M E E O L K J H E  
L R S O M A F U L H L A M A I  
Y B E N T A M O S I P O T P A  
D A P T N A M A Q R U E S E L  
I G H N R E U J U D A S T T U  
A E A Y W L U V T H O M A S A  
W W E R D N A L L I C S I R P

Amos	Jairus	Nicodemus
Andrew	James	Paul
Anna	John	Peter
Bartholomew	Joseph	Pilate
Bezaleial	Judas	Priscilla
Caiaphas	Luke	Salome
Cornelius	Lydia	Saul
Ethan	Mark	Stephen
Felix	Martha	Tabitha
Gabriel	Mary	Thomas
Herod	Matthew	Timothy

## Web Site

The Maine Order of the Eastern Star's web site is [maineoes.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:corleybyras@gmail.com) or send it by snail mail to Sister Corley Anne Byras, 72 Smith Street, Unit 4, Augusta, ME 04330.

## Star News

Please email items for posting on *Star News* to [corleybyras@gmail.com](mailto:corleybyras@gmail.com) and to receive the *Star News* please send your email address to the same email.

## Devotional Corner

Years ago there was an article in an issue of *Guideposts* called *ASAP*. It started by asking the question Do you put things off? Sure, everyone does at one time or another. The article said that procrastinators are not lazy. They expend a tremendous amount of energy. It can be downright exhausting to put things off.

Do procrastinators lack ambition? Not on your life! They have goals. They think of them in vague ways but have no step-by-step plan to get the task done. *I'll do it later* but later does not come unless a time element is included in the statement.

The author listed four types of people who have a tendency to be procrastinators.

The first was Perfectionist. This person has the thought that everything done has to be perfect. Remind yourself that nothing you do will ever be perfect so there is no sense in holding yourself to impossible standards. The Psalmist said, *I will praise thee for I am fearfully and wonderfully made ... Thine eyes did see my substance yet being imperfect.*

The second is the Nonstarter. For some it is not a matter of doing it right: it is a matter of getting themselves into action. Most often people don't dread the time and work involved. They dread the mere thought of starting. They know what they need to do, but they just cannot get started.

Getting started means making a plan. A lack of planning is another way of disrespecting God. As Jeremiah wrote, *For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.* God has something definite in mind. Why don't you?

The third is the Swamp Rat. This procrastinator gets trapped in the muck of everyday life. They do not tackle a task because it seems too big. Chopping the job up into smaller pieces helps. This procrastinator gets exhausted just thinking about all that has to be done. So think small. Break it down into manageable bits.

The fourth is the Rebel. This last one feels that a person in authority is telling him/her what they want and expects it to be done. Someone is trying to exert control. By putting things off, the mind tells us we are wrestling back some of the power the authority figure has taken away. This person is failing to admit that there are people counting on him/her.

If you put off until tomorrow what you can do today, you could very well be putting off fulfilling your dreams. Perhaps you've been putting off some actions such as making that telephone call, telling someone you love them, remembering a birthday. Have you told anyone that you appreciate the time and effort put into a program or meeting? What about the Worthy Matron and officers of your chapter? Have you congratulated someone for a job well done? The possibilities are endless. We just need to look for them and then do something about it.

Remember the article was entitled *ASAP – As Soon As Possible*.

## Trip to Lancaster, Pennsylvania

A fun trip to Lancaster, Pennsylvania planned for August 25 through the 28 has been canceled.

## Butterfly Quotes

- Butterflies are self propelled flowers.
- Butterflies count not months but moments and still have time enough.
- Happiness is a butterfly, which when pursued is just beyond your grasp...but if you will sit down quietly, may alight upon you.
- Happiness is like a butterfly, the more you chase it, the more it will elude you. But if you turn your attention to other things, it comes and softly sits on your shoulder.
- Love is like a butterfly, it goes where it pleases and it pleases wherever it goes.

## August

- 1 – Mystic #69, Litchfield, 7 pm, BBQ for ESTARL at 6 pm, Music by Route 17, Ramblers
- 2 – Queen Esther #10, Hallowell, 7 pm, Our Builders, honoring Past Matrons and Past Patrons
- 3 – Messalunskit #170, New Sharon, 7:30 pm, The Language of Flowers, Official Visitation with the Associate Grand Matron, 6:30 pm potluck supper

- 4 – Keystone #78, Solon, 7:30 pm, Landmarks and Obligation Night
- 5 – Genesta #73, Bath meeting in Brunswick, 7 pm, Stated Meeting
- 5 – Primrose #152, Belfast, 7:30 pm, Friendship Night, heart, potluck
- 9 – Lakeside #60, meeting in Wales, 7 pm, ESTARL Supper at 6 pm, \$5
- 9 – Tillikum #99, Ashland, 7 pm, County Week - Men's Cookout
- 9 – Elm Vale #105, Harrison, 7:30 pm, Landmarks and Obligation Night, Donation for Cancer Fund
- 10 – Minerva #74, Madison, 7 pm, Celebrating the Ocean Life, potluck dinner at 6 pm
- 10 – Josiah H. Drummond #91, Unity, 7:30 pm, Honoring Our Star Points, ESTARL supper at 6:30 pm
- 10 – Lunar #126, Presque Isle, 7 pm, County Week, Cookout with salads and desserts, 6 pm
- 10 – Harbor View #136, Deer Isle, 7 pm, Official Visitation
- 11 – Martha Washington #15, Waterville, 7:30 pm, Stated Meeting
- 11 – Somerset #80, Stratton, 7:30 pm, National Spoil Your Dog Day, National Lazy Day, Bring pictures of your pup, blind vote for cutest prize will be Smores ingredients. Bring items for school which will be announced at the July meeting. Share how you relax and refuel to give ideas to each other ... permission to be lazy, 6:30 pm supper.
- 15 – Electa #2, Bowdoinham, 7 pm, Star Point Night with Pound Auction to benefit community charities
- 15 – Arbutus #19, Liberty, 7:30 pm, DDGM's Past and Present
- 16 – Golden Sheaf #114, New Gloucester, 7 pm, Stated Meeting
- 17 – Ivy #16, Warren, 7:30 pm, ESTARL Supper and raffle drawing for the Warren Library. have an ESTARL. The 6:30 supper will feature assorted salads and will cost \$5 per person.
- 17 – Felicity #195, Orland, 7 pm, Past and Present Grand Representatives, School Supplies
- 18 – Lily of the Valley #157, Weeks Mills, 7:30 pm, Back to School Trivia
- 24 – Beacon #202, Damariscotta, 7 pm, Shooting Stars
- 25 – Riverside #123, Orland, 7 pm, Honoring Star Points, 6 pm supper

(Wednesday is correct)

- 7 – Messalunskit #170, New Sharon, 7:30 pm, Humorous Stories and Puns, 6:30 pm potluck supper
- 8 – Martha Washington #15, Waterville, 7:30 pm, Electa's Love
- 8 – Pine Cone #26, Auburn, 7 pm, Official Visitation, Lorena M. Fenlason, AGM
- 8 – Somerset #80, Stratton, 7:30 pm, Grandma Moses Day, Buy a Book Day, National Acorn Squash Day, Bring a book to donate to the school library, 6:30 pm supper
- 9 – Rumery #46, Jonesport meeting in Addison, Official Visitation with the AGC
- 9 – Abenaki #116, Readfield, 7:30 pm, Teachers and Bus Drivers
- 12 – Fireside #103, Clinton, 7 pm, Official Visitation with the AGM
- 13 – Lakeside #60, meeting in Wales, 7 pm, Landmarks and Obligation Night with the AC lecture
- 13 – Tillikum #99, Ashland, 7 pm, Landmarks and Obligation Night, potluck snacks and desserts at 6:30 pm
- 13 – Elm Vale #105, Harrison, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation with the AGM, Donation to Grand Chapter Charity
- 14 – Minerva #74, Madison, 7 pm, Official Visitation, potluck dinner at 6 pm
- 14 – Josiah H. Drummond #91, Unity, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation with the GC
- 14 – Lunar #126, Presque Isle, 7 pm, Honor Night for 25 and 50 year members
- 14 – Harbor View #136, Deer Isle, 7 pm, Landmarks and Obligation Night
- 15 – Pioneer #11, Lisbon Falls, 7 pm, ESTARL Supper at 6 pm
- 15 – Bethlehem #36, Pittsfield, 7 pm, Official Visitation
- 15 – Lily of the Valley #157, Weeks Mills, 7:30 pm, Stated Meeting
- 19 – Electa #2, Bowdoinham, 7 pm, ESTARL Night with special silver collection for ESTARL, Bring donations of school supplies for the Bowdoinham Community School
- 19 – Arbutus #19, Liberty, 7:30 pm, WM and WP Night, past and present
- 19 – Tuscan #148, Bangor, 7 pm, Ribbon Ceremony with ESTARL supper prior to meeting,
- 20 – Golden Sheaf #114, New Gloucester, 7 pm, Stated Meeting
- 20 – Madonna #144 West Kennebunk, 7 pm, honoring the East and the West
- 21 – Ivy #16, Warren, 7:30 pm, Master Mason Night, salad supper
- 21 – Felicity #195, Orland, 7 pm, DDGM Night, School Supplies for BCC
- 22 – Riverside #123, Orland, 7 pm, Landmarks/Obligation/Memorial, 6 pm supper. Bring school supplies
- 27 – Mt. Zircon #142, Mexico, 7 pm, Honor Ruth
- 28 – Beacon #202, Damariscotta, 7 pm, Back to School

## September

- 1 – Keystone #78, Solon, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation
- 2 – Genesta #73, Bath meeting in Brunswick, 7 pm, Stated Meeting
- 2 – Irene #97, Ellsworth, 7:30 pm, Official Visit with the Worthy Grand Matron
- 2 – Primrose #152, Belfast, 7:30 pm, Worthy Matron Surprise, Heart, potluck
- 6 – Queen Esther #10, Hallowell, 7 pm, Renew our Obligation and Tribute to our Eastern Star Flag
- 7 – Mystic #69, Litchfield, 7 pm, OES Skit.