

The Dove Tales

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Grand Chapter of Maine, Order of the Eastern Star

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School of Instruction

Sister Evelyn B. Cookson, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Russell E. Babb along with their Grand Family are inviting you to attend a School of Instruction on Saturday, June 11 at the Bangor Masonic Center at 294 Union Street.

All Eastern Star members are invited to attend. Come see demonstrated the opening, closing, and portions of the degree work. You will be able to ask those questions you've always wanted answered. (It might be well to bring your 2022 dues card with you!)

The special school will commence at 10 a.m. with a free lunch at noon. Instruction will continue at 1 p.m. It would be well to contact Sister Pat Bishop by phone at 989-5650 or through email pbishop586@yahoo.com if you plan on attending for them to have a general idea of how many to prepare for the luncheon.

First Grand Family

The first Grand Family for the *Blessings of Faith and Peace* Grand Family will be hosted by Tuscan Chapter #148 at the Bangor Masonic Center at 294 Union Street at 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 25. Registration commences at 8:30 a.m. The rehearsal for the new Grand Officers will begin at 10 a.m.

A smothered beef luncheon with mashed potatoes, vegetables, and dessert will be served at 11:30 a.m. Reservations may be made by mailing a check for \$20 made out to Tuscan Chapter to Sister Patricia Bishop, 18 Floyd Street, Brewer, ME 04412. The deadline for reservations is June 18th.

Come enjoy viewing the Grand Officers perform the degrees for the first time for you and have a fantastic time with your Sisters and Brothers.

Travel Ribbon Requirements

Chapter meeting	10 points
Chapter meeting with an OV	30 points
Chapter Installation of Officers	20 points
DeMolay/Rainbow meeting	20 points
Fall Event	50 points
Grand Family	40 points
Grand Family Reception	50 points
Spring Event	50 points
Assist WGM's Special Project	50 points
Star Point Ceremony at Installation	30 points
Installed Chapter Officer	20 points
Pro-tem Officer (at another Chapter)	10 points
School of Instruction June 11th	30 points
1st signer on petition for degrees	50 points
2nd signer on petition for degrees	25 points
Drive more than 1.5 hours	25 points
Take someone with you	10 points

Blessing of Faith and Peace – 2022-23

Theme:	Faith makes all things possible
Colors:	Fuschia and Teal
Emblems:	Broken Column and Doves
Flowers:	Sweetpeas, Pansies, Daisies
Bible verse:	<i>With God all things are possible</i>
Honor Stations:	Martha and Warder
Watchwords:	Faith over Fear
Songs:	<i>One Day At a Time, Old Rugged Cross, How Great Thou Art</i>
Fun Emblems:	WGM Butterflies and WGP Doves

Quickie Questions (answers on inside)

1. Which is the correct way to write it -- ESTARL or Estarl?
2. What does ESTARL stand for?
3. For a \$100 chapter contribution, how many stars do you receive?
4. Do you need to be a member of the Order of the Eastern Star to receive an ESTARL Scholarship?
5. Are E dollars being collected in 2022-2023?

A Special Plan For All

A trip to the seashore, a butterfly in flight, the refreshing smell of a daytime shower, and the many simple pleasures we encounter each day are a constant reminder of God's awesome wonder and power. We know that God has a special plan for each of us, and we need to be ready and willing to accept each challenge. Each day is a new beginning – a glorious gift from God – and His Holy Word gives us new and exciting joy and a renewal of faith.

The blue ray of Adah reminds us of moral and virtuous principles, and we remember Adah's strength and sweetness of character. The sword and veil remind us that our word must be as strong and inflexible as the sword and our will as yielding to God as the softness of the veil.

The yellow ray of Ruth reminds us of her obedience to the call of duty and enriched her heart. The lesson taught to us by Ruth is constancy. The sheaf of wheat is a symbol of patient industry.

The white ray of Esther reminds us that loyalty and purity call us to be loyal to all. The crown and scepter united is a symbol of loyalty to kindred and friends and to our God.

The green ray of Martha reminds us that our faith is real. *We walk by faith, not by sight.* The broken column is a symbol of hope and immortality.

The red ray of Electa reminds us that we need to love one another and be kind and generous to all. The cup is a symbol of charity and hospitality, symbolizing love for others.

May the five virtues taught to us by our Star Points, fidelity, constancy, loyalty, faith, and love surround us as we go through life.

Quickie Answers

1. ESTARL
2. Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership
3. One Star
4. No
5. Yes

Grand Family

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Babb	Fenlason	Ouellette
Barker	Hanson	Pooler
Bennett	Holden	Potter
Bickford	Izzy	Pottle
Bishop	Joy	Potvin
Bisson	Kelley	Ramsey
Bryer	Kimball	Rumney
Cookson	Libby	Sprague
Duross	Lowe	Stinson
Ellis	McLaughlin	Thompson
Farnsworth	Merrill	Wakem
Farrington	Nicholas	Watson

Web Site

The Maine Order of the Eastern Star's web site 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.

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.

Devotional Corner (Memorial Service)

Once upon a time, not so very long ago, there was a small but very hungry caterpillar. She was born one fine sunny day, hatched from a caterpillar egg. She wiggled out into the bright sunshine, dried off her sticky little body, stretched a little, and wiggled along her way. During her short life, many important things happened to her. Learning to walk wasn't very hard at all, because she had many pairs of legs and a low center of gravity. She also learned to talk, caterpillar talk, of course, which is invisible and silent to humans like us, unless you happen to have your ears right next to two caterpillars talking and that is pretty unlikely since caterpillars don't trust humans and humans generally don't get their ears between two caterpillars.

Eating was something that came very naturally to our small friend. So easily, in fact, that it didn't take her very long to grow into a larger, taller caterpillar. As she grew, the caterpillar did what all young caterpillars do. She went to caterpillar school to learn all the important things that caterpillars need to know. She also attended caterpillar church where she heard some amazing stories, many of which she couldn't believe.

As she matured, she began to hear her friends talking about a group called the Order of the Eastern Star. During her initiation into the Order, she heard some of those same stories that she had heard in caterpillar church. With all of this activity, because they say there is a meeting every single night somewhere it is easy to see that a caterpillar might get tired, and she did. Most nights she curled up on a tree branch or on a very large leaf. She preferred the latter because breakfast was ready in the morning.

Her busy life went on this way for many years, caterpillar years, that is, which is very different from our human years until finally one night she was more tired than usual and when she laid down, instead of just curling up on a leaf or a twig, she spun a very special shroud all around herself. Many layers of a silken web, which dried into a hard cocoon and when morning came, she didn't wake up

like she usually did and she didn't wake up the next day either.

Some of her friends began to miss her and they went looking on the third day, hunting for her in all the places that they thought she might be. Finally, one friend found an empty shell, hard and brown, but broken and crumbled. It was sort of the shape of a caterpillar but there was no sign of her anywhere. That friend brought back the news to the other caterpillars and they all cried because they missed their friend.

In the meantime the little caterpillar had indeed disappeared from that hard brown, broken shell and what had emerged was a beautiful, gloriously beautiful transformed butterfly. And as she flew over and around where her friends were weeping for her, she wanted to tell them not to cry because she was very beautiful now and very happy and, at last she understood some of those amazing stories she had heard at caterpillar church.

Don't think of them as gone away; their journey has just begun. Life holds so many facets, this earth is only one. Just think of them as flying from the sorrows and the tears to a place of warmth and comfort where there are no days or years. Think how they must be wishing that we could know, today, how nothing but our sadness can really pass away and think of them as living on in the hearts of those they have touched. For nothing loved is ever lost and they were loved so much.

Calendar of Events for 2022-2023

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| June 11 | School of Instruction Tuscan #148 |
| June 25 | <i>Blessing of Faith and Peace</i>
Grand Family, Tuscan #148,
Bangor |
| July 30 | <i>Blessing of Faith and Peace</i>
Grand Family Reception, Jeff's
Catering |
| August 8, 9, 10 | County Week |
| August 15 | Worthy Grand Matron's Special
Project, Auburn |
| August 27 | <i>Blessing of Faith and Peace</i>
Grand Family, Keystone #78,
Solon |
| October 6 | Honor Night Grand Star Points,
Keystone #78, Solon |
| October 8 | Fall Event to be announced |

- November 4, 5 International Weekend,
Rhode Island
- November 12 *Blessing of Faith and Peace*
Grand Family, (Portland)
Westbrook
- March 11 Fenlason/Stinson Announcement
Luncheon
- April 8 Spring Event to be announced
- May 6 *Blessing of Faith and Peace*
Grand Family, Lily of the Valley,
Weeks Mills
- May 14-17 Grand Chapter

May

- 19 – Pioneer #11, Lisbon Falls, 7 pm,
Landmarks and Obligation Night, no
refreshments
- 19 – Bethlehem #36, Pittsfield, 7 pm, Grand
Chapter Reports
- 19 – Lily of the Valley #157, Weeks Mills,
7:30 pm, The M's of May
- 24 – Mt. Zircon #142, Mexico, 7 pm, Honor
Adah
- 25 – Ivy #16, Warren, 7:30 pm, Grand
Chapter Reports
- 25 – Pondicherry is bringing in two more
members, 7:30, deserts before the
meeting
- 25 – Felicity #195 (meeting in Orland) 7 pm,
Happy New Year, 6 pm supper.
- 25 – Beacon #202, Damariscotta, 7 pm,
Celebrate Memorial Day, kittens and
puppies
- 26 – Riverside #123, Orland, 7 pm, Honoring
Mothers and Debra Freeman, Grand
Representative of South Carolina, 6 pm
supper

June

- 1 – Messalunskit #170, New Sharon,
7:30 pm, Honoring Our Fathers, 6:30
pm pot luck supper
- 2 – Keystone #78, Solon, 7:30 pm, Degrees
with Past Grands performing them
- 3 – Irene #97, Ellsworth, 7:30 pm, Honor
Night
- 6 – Mystic #69, Litchfield, 7 pm, Official
Visitation
- 7 – Queen Esther #10, Hallowell, 7 pm,
School Days, Official Visitation with the
GC

- 8 – Minerva #74, Madison, 7 pm, Honor
Masons and Fathers, pot luck dinner at
6 pm
- 8 – Lunar #126, Presque Isle, 7 pm, Celebrate
Upseydaisy Day.
- 8 – Harbor View #136, Deer Isle, 7 pm, Flag
Day
- 9 – Pine Cone #26, Auburn, 7 pm, Honoring
Those Who Came Before
- 9 – Somerset #80, Stratton, 7:30 pm,
National Strawberry Rhubarb Pie Day,
National Donald Duck Day, Official
Visitation. 6:30 pm supper with
strawberry rhubarb pie for dessert. Bring
crafting items which will be made into
bags for the summer program by Sisters
Stephanie and Christin
- 10 – Rumery #46, Jonesport meeting in
Addison, ESTARL, Landmarks and
Obligation Night
- 10 – Abenaki #116, Readfield, 7:30 pm, Star
Point Night
- 13 – Aldworth #39, Milo, 7:30 pm, Stated
Meeting (Official Visitation rescheduled)
6:15 pm, pot luck supper
- 13 – Fireside #103, Clinton, 7 pm, Our
Children Matters
- 14 – Lakeside #60, meeting in Wales, 7 pm,
Official Visitation with the GC
- 15 – Ivy #16, Warren, 7:30 pm, Landmarks
and Obligation
- 15 – Felicity #195, Orland, 7 pm, Official
Visitation with the WGM, 6 pm supper
- 16 – Pioneer #11, Lisbon Falls, 7 pm, Official
Visitation
- 16 – Bethlehem #36, Pittsfield, 7 pm, Honor
Night
- 16 – Lily of the Valley #157, Weeks Mills,
7:30 pm, Flag/Father's Day
- 17 – Naomi Chapter #25, St. George, 7:30 pm,
Honoring several members
- 20 – Electa #2, Bowdoinham, 7 pm, Official
Visitation with the AGC
- 20 – Tuscan #148, Bangor, 7 pm, Official
Visitation with the GC
- 22 – Beacon #202, Damariscotta, 7 pm, Official
Visitation with the Grand Conductress
- 23 – Riverside #123, Orland, 7 pm, Official
Visitation with AGC, 6 pm supper
- 28 – Mt. Zircon #142, Mexico, 7 pm, Official
Visitation with the GC