

# The Dove Tales

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## 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 and crackers and cut vegetables with 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 will be the 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. Luncheon reservations should be sent to Paula Nicholas, PM, 167 Ferry Road, Chelsea, ME 04330. Deadline for reservations is September 24th. The Chairs are Mike and Paula Nicholas and Beverly Noonan.

## International Weekend

The International Weekend will be held October 28-30 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 801 Greenwich Avenue, Warwick, Rhode Island. All members are invited to attend and they are encouraged to bring guests with them.

Friday's registration begins at 1 p.m. and that evening there is a buffet dinner with entertainment. Saturday evening there is another dinner. It's suggested that you attend Saturday evening in costume and be ready to play games as well as to dance the night away.

Reservations are made direct with the hotel by September 28 and the dinner reservations are to be made by October 15. All Subordinate Chapter Secretaries have the complete information.

## Doneraile Court: The Story of the Lady Freemason

by Kathleen Aldworth Foster

Did the Masonic Order ever admit a female to its ranks? This book is based on a true story. A young woman faces death when she's caught spying on a dark and bloody secret initiation ritual.

It's 1712 in Ireland and seventeen-year-old Elizabeth St. Leger is accustomed to doing as she pleases, and apologizing later if necessary. It usually worked with her mother, it always worked with her father.

However, simply saying sorry did not work the night she was caught eavesdropping on gentlemen in the middle of a mysterious ceremony in her home, Doneraile Court.

Bound and blindfolded, she listened as the men debated unusual ways to kill her, until one suggested another option that would change the history of the world's oldest fraternity forever.

Doneraile Court takes readers back in time and behind closed doors to witness the night truth, relief, and brotherly love created The Lady Freemason.

## Quickie Questions (answers on inside)

1. Does the Warder give the "raps" when informing the Sentinel that the Chapter "is closed"?
2. What is the clue for the Warder as to when to make the raps?
3. When a chapter just has seven members present for a quorum, is the Warder station one of those required to be filled?
4. What two additional officers do you need as part of the installing team for a closed installation?
5. When there are two doors to be handled by the Warder, what door is the last one to be closed?

## Waiting Isn't Easy

Waiting is one of God's favorite tools to get our attention. In some ways, the Bible's title could be *The Great Wait*. The cast of characters could be the Great Waiters. (But that sounds a little like a dinner theater.)

Noah waited for the rain. Daniel waited through the night with a den full of lions. David waited in the cave. Abraham and Sarah waited 25 years for the arrival of their promised son, Isaac, after waiting an entire lifetime to even get the promise in the first place.

And on it goes. Joseph waited 13 years in prison for a crime he didn't commit. Moses waited 40 years to be called by God. Paul waited in prison. And even Jesus waited 30 years to begin His ministry, though He was well equipped long before. If God asked even Jesus to wait, why do we think He would speed up our process?

The Great Waiters of the Bible were flawed, with the exception of Jesus. They were people trying to please God but often falling short. Some of them got it. But most of them didn't. What did they do while they waited?

While Noah waited for the rain, he got busy with what he had: a lot of wood and some specific measurements. As Daniel waited, he remained faithful in prayer and firm in his convictions.

While Joseph waited in prison, he didn't waste his energy on the question, "Why?" Instead he focused his sights on answering, "What should I do now?" He did his best with each small task given to him, and he stayed close to God. As his situation began to turn around, he was ready for every opportunity because he had not wasted his time.

Likewise, Job, David, Paul, and even Jesus waited patiently and began the ministry God called each of them to do, caring for the people around them.

There is always work to be done while we're waiting.

Sometimes the work is hands-on and physical, and other times it's a solitary journey of soul-searching. Sometimes the work is a discipline of noticing, a practice of being alert and aware; sometimes it's about being patient, loving, and present. But when we choose to surrender to the moment, when we seek to believe this moment is part of a larger story, and when we embrace the ache of the longing, the wait is never wasted.

## The Dove

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Bird	Happiness	Peace
Breast	Harmony	Squawk
Coo	Hope	Strength
Diversity	Kindness	Throat
Dove	Leg	Unity
Feathers	Love	Warder
Foot	Nest	Wing
Freedom	Nesting	World

## 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.

## Quickie Answers

1. No – remember the Bible is not open at this time – Page 47.
2. When the Bible is open, the Warder makes the raps. When it is closed, no raps are needed.
3. Yes, the inner and outer door must be filled.
4. Installing Warder and Installing Sentinel as the doors must be guarded.
5. The one the Sentinel is guarding.

## Circle of Light

And it came to pass that there were shepherds in the fields tending their sheep and behold a Star appeared in the East and its light shone all around and they were sore afraid. But an Angel of the Lord appeared and said unto them *Be not afraid for I bring glad tidings of great joy which shall be to all people.*

So it is with us. You see before you our Star, the brilliant star of OES whose bright and shining light radiates with different colors from each beautiful ray; blue, yellow, white, green, and red. And like the early shepherds, let us not be afraid for each of our heroines brings us glad tidings of great joy which shall be for all people. Let our hearts rejoice at their heroic acts.

Jephthah said, *I have given a promise unto the Lord and I cannot go back.* By these words, Adah was sentenced to die to save her father's honor. However, by her trust and faith in God, she was able to accept her fate and died in the light. Her courage has won her a place for all time in our Order.

The blue ray is the shining sky that highlights the sword and veil from above,  
And represents our heroine, Adah who gave of herself with love.

And Ruth saith unto Naomi, *Where then thou goest, I will go and where thou dwellest, I will dwell. Thy people shall be my people and thy God my God.* By her words Ruth condemned herself to years of poverty, destitution, and hard labor. But her dedication to duty and honor, and her consideration of others before consideration for herself have forever earned her a place in our hearts and in our Order.

The yellow ray is the golden sheaf that shows wheat Ruth received,  
In return for thoughtfulness, consideration and love, those principles in which she believed.

Queen Esther risked wealth, position, and life itself by entering unbidden into the king's presence. By her heroic act, she received not only his pardon for herself, but secured his promise to spare the chosen people. Her loyalty and regard for others is a lesson that shall be remembered for all time and has earned her an eternal spot among the *fairest among thousands altogether lovely.*

The white ray is regard for others without the thought of reward.  
Her giving of herself for her people has earned Esther our high regard.

For the undying faith in Jesus and her unhesitating belief in the truth of his promises, Martha has given us the faith and inspiration we need in our daily life and truly deserves the honor of being one of the heroines of our Order.  
The green ray is belief in immortality a reward that is promised to each,  
That the broken column is only temporary if we have strength in our faith and belief.

Charity or love is the binding force which caused Electa to seize the proffered cross, blessed emblem of our Saviour's death, and instead of trampling it underfoot, clutched it to her bosom in homage of her love and obedience to her Lord, thereby displaying her courage under the wrongs of persecution. For her charity, her hospitality, and her unflagging courage, Electa has been chosen to join the other four heroines who will always remain the impressive guideposts of our Order.  
The red ray represents charity, an outpouring of love, hospitality, and care,  
A golden cup that runneth over with blessings we all may share.

The five points of our Star are now complete. Their individual colors are joined together to form a circle of light composed of thoughtfulness, love, and consideration bound together with the joy we find in giving of ourselves with love. The circle formed by the strength of our heroines' acts cannot be broken.

## September

- 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, ESTARL potluck supper
- 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

## October

- 3 – Mystic #69, Litchfield, 7 pm, Musicale
- 4 – Queen Esther #10, Hallowell, 7 pm, Halloween, Ghost, and Goblins
- 4 – Sarah Orne Jewett #176, South Berwick, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation with the AGC
- 5 – Messalunskit #170, New Sharon, 7:30 pm, A Look At Yesteryear, 6:30 pm potluck supper
- 6 – Keystone #78, Solon, 7 pm, Program by the Grand Star Points
- 7 – Genesta #73, Bath meeting in Brunswick, 7 pm, Official Visitation
- 7 – Irene #97, Ellsworth, 7:30 pm, 25 and 50 Year Member Night, 6:15 ESTARL Supper, and Plant or Vegetable Exchange
- 7 – Primrose #152, Belfast, 7:30 pm, Present and Past Secretary/Treasurer's Night, 6:15 pm ESTARL supper
- 10 – Fireside #103, Clinton, 7 pm, Honoring Seniors
- 11 – Tillikum #99, Ashland, 7 pm, Halloween, potluck snacks and desserts at 6:30 pm (wear something Hallowe'en-y)
- 11 – Elm Vale #105, Harrison, 7:30 pm, honoring the Star Points with donations to the WGM's Special Project
- 12 – Minerva #74, Madison, 7 pm, A Spooktacular Night, Halloween Costumes, potluck dinner at 6 pm
- 12 – Josiah H. Drummond #91, Unity, 7:30 pm, We will have Star Point Honor Night, with Grand Star Points invited.
- 12 – Lunar #126, Presque Isle, 7 pm, Landmarks and Obligation Night
- 12 – Harbor View #136, Deer Isle, 7 pm, Halloween
- 13 – Martha Washington #15, Waterville, 7:30 pm, Halloween
- 13 – Pine Cone #26, Auburn, 7 pm, Landmarks and Obligation
- 13 – Somerset #80, Stratton, 7:30 pm, National Pulled Pork Day ... guess what's for supper! Emergency Nurse Day, honor our nurses, Bring item for the school to be announced, 6:30 pm supper
- 14 – Rumery #46, Jonesport meeting in Addison, Stated Meeting
- 14 – Abenaki #116, Readfield, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation with the AGC
- 15 – Ivy #16, Warren, Craft Fair;
- 17 – Electa #2, Bowdoinham, 7 pm, Happy Halloween
- 17 – Arbutus #19, Liberty, 7:30 pm, Star Point Night, ESTARL
- 17 – Tuscan #148, Bangor, 7 pm, ESTARL Honor Night
- 18 – Golden Sheaf #114, New Gloucester, 7 pm, Happy Halloween
- 19 – Ivy #16, Warren, 7:30 pm, Honor Night
- 19 – Felicity #195, Orland, 7 pm, Happy 90th Birthday, Charity Supper and Food Supplies for BCC
- 20 – Pioneer #11, Lisbon Falls, 7 pm, Stated Meeting
- 20 – Bethlehem #36, Pittsfield, 7 pm, ESTARL potluck supper
- 20 – Lily of the Valley #157, Weeks Mills, 7:30 pm, Halloween Trivia
- 25 – Mt. Zircon #142, Mexico, 7 pm, Honor Esther
- 26 – Beacon #202, Damariscotta, 7 pm, Halloween Party
- 27 – Riverside #123, Orland, 7 pm, Stated Meeting, ESTARL supper 6 pm. Bring toys & food for BCC

## November

- 1 – Queen Esther #10, Hallowell, 7 pm, Slipper and Robes
- 2 – Messalunskit #170, New Sharon, 7:30 pm, Honoring Our Veterans, 6:30 pm potluck supper
- 3 – Keystone #78, Solon, 7 pm, ESTARL Supper at 6:30 pm
- 4 – Irene #97, Ellsworth, 7:30 pm, Salute to our Veterans
- 4 – Primrose #152, Belfast, 7:30 pm, Thanksgiving Celebration/ Cancer, 6:15 pm turkey dinner
- 7 – Mystic #69, Litchfield, 7 pm, A Look Back at Our Time Together
- 8 – Lakeside #60, meeting in Wales, 7 pm, Honoring our Veterans, Bring \$\$\$ donations
- 8 – Tillikum #99, Ashland, 7 pm, Thanksgiving, What are you thankful for? (Bring a non-perishable good item for the pantry) potluck snacks and desserts at 6:30 pm
- 8 – Elm Vale #105, Harrison, 7:30 pm, Veterans Day, Donation to Dyslexia
- 9 – Minerva #74, Madison, 7 pm, Celebrating our Forest and Animals
- 9 – Josiah H. Drummond #91, Unity, 7:30 pm, Honoring Veterans and Celebrating "Thanks", potluck supper at 6:30 pm
- 9 – Lunar #126, Presque Isle, 7 pm, Give thanks, honor Veterans
- 9 – Harbor View #136, Deer Isle, 7 pm, ESTARL, Thanksgiving Holiday Dinner, raffle for food pantry
- 10 – Martha Washington #15, Waterville, 7:30 pm, Be Thankful
- 10 – Pine Cone #26, Auburn, 7 pm, We Are Thankful, ESTARL Supper, Honoring Chaplains
- 10 – Somerset #80, Stratton, 7:30 pm, Marine Corps Birthday, Honor our military service people, past and present. Share your and your family member's service history, 6:30 pm supper
- 11 – Rumery #46, Jonesport meeting in Addison, Veterans Day
- 11 – Abenaki #116, Readfield, 7:30 pm, Warder and Sentinel Night
- 14 – Fireside #103, Clinton, 7 pm, Honoring Veterans
- 15 – Golden Sheaf #114, New Gloucester, 7 pm, Happy Thanksgiving pie auction
- 15 – Mt. Zircon #142, Mexico, 7 pm, Honor Martha
- 16 – Ivy #16, Warren, 7:30 pm, Star Point Night
- 16 – Felicity #195, Orland, 7 pm, Landmarks and Obligation Night, Toys for BCC
- 16 – Beacon #202, Damariscotta, 7 pm, Celebrating Veterans
- 17 – Pioneer #11, Lisbon Falls, 7 pm, Giving Thanks
- 17 – Bethlehem #36, Pittsfield, 7 pm, Stated Meeting
- 17 – Riverside #123, Orland, 7 pm, Stated Meeting, Giving Thanks, 6 pm Charity Supper (Ham)
- 17 – Lily of the Valley #157, Weeks Mills, 7:30 pm, Veteran's, Thanksgiving with ESTARL Supper at 6:15 pm
- 21 – Electa #2, Bowdoinham, 7 pm, Happy Fall, Bring hats and mittens to donate to the Bowdoinham Community School
- 21 – Arbutus #19, Liberty, 7:30 pm, Honor Veterans and those who serve, turkey dinner
- 21 – Tuscan #148, Bangor, 7 pm, Give Thanks