

Ewes Give A Hoot

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Grand Chapter of Maine, Order of the Eastern Star

Flora M. Stack, Worthy Grand Matron

Brett Jervis, Worthy Grand Patron

Merger

The merger of Evening Star Chapter #189, Hartland with Bethlehem Chapter #36, Pittsfield has been set by Brother Brett Jervis, Worthy Grand Patron for Saturday, March 9 at 1 p.m. There will be an 11 a.m. rehearsal for the Grand Officers and the members of Bethlehem Chapter. Registration commences at 10 a.m. and lunch will be at noon.

Announcement Luncheon

Sister Brenda L. Hall, Associate Grand Matron and Brother David M. Cole, Associate Grand Patron will be announcing their Appointive Grand Officers, District Deputy Grand Matrons, and Star Assistants for 2019-2020 on Saturday, March 16 at the Bangor Masonic Center, 294 Union Street in Bangor. Their theme is *Cup of Kindness*.

The social time begins at 11:30 a.m. with the luncheon at noon. The sharing of the appointments will follow. The menu will consist of sandwiches, salad, chowder, dessert, and beverage and the cost will be \$15 per person. Reservations need to be made by March 8th with the checks payable to Sister Debbie E. B. Cole, 123 Shepard Lane, Portland, ME 04103. Tickets will be picked up at the event.

Grand Family in Augusta

Abenaki Chapter #116 meeting in Readfield will sponsor the final Grand Family for the *Through the Eyes of a Child* on Saturday, May 11 at the Augusta Masonic Hall at 317 Water Street. The rehearsal commences at 10:30 a.m. with light morning refreshments and registration at 9 a.m. Information for luncheon reservations will be mailed to the Chapter Secretaries, on the Website, and shared through the *Star News*.

Pioneer Chapter Meeting Elsewhere

Pioneer Chapter #11, Lisbon Falls regularly meets in the Ancient York Lodge #155 Masonic Hall. This winter an upstairs faucet burst which led to thousands of gallons of water flooding the place making it all the way to the basement. There was about three quarters of an inch over the whole floor in the dining area and parts of the kitchen were saturated with water. The upstairs meeting room and the closet where Pioneer Chapter stores its paraphernalia were not damaged.

The Lodge has no insurance for the building to cover the cost of demolition and repair work.

According to Sister Debra Greim, Worthy Matron of Pioneer Chapter they will hold the annual meeting on March 21 at the Lisbon United Methodist Church, 14 School Street, Lisbon Falls; 6 p.m. supper with the meeting at 7 p.m. The Installation of Officers will be held Friday, March 22 at 7 p.m. at the United Lodge #8 Masonic Hall, 65 Baribeau Drive, Brunswick. This is where Hawthorne Chapter #104 always met. The hall is all one level and very easily accessible for all members.

They plan on holding the April, May, and June meetings at the Acacia Lodge #121 Masonic Hall in Durham at 663 Royalsborough Road; this will depend on how quickly repairs are done on the Ancient York Lodge Hall. Sister Debra said "Please pray for our beautiful Masonic Temple in Lisbon Falls and all the loving hands working to repair the damage; it is such a beautiful and historic old beauty and we all love it dearly!"

Ancient York Lodge has a facebook page with videos of their repair work and how one may assist. <https://www.facebook.com/AncientYorkLodge155/>

Grand Chapter Session
Through the Eyes of a Child
May 19-22, 2019
Augusta, Maine

Reach for the Stars

In the beginning, God created the Heaven and the Earth, and then hung the glorious Stars to light His Heavenly creation.

Look now toward Heaven and tell the stars, if you are able to number them. In all the universe of visible things there is nothing that has the power to calm the spirit and rest the mind as does a long look skyward on a starlit night.

Stars are so silent, they are so unflinching, so pure and white, so steeped in peace, that the restless soul of man is stilled by their serenity. There is a comfort in them to treasure in one's innermost being. God who guides the Heavenly bodies in their courses, guides us.

There is a special Star that guides us all in paths of peace and love.
Its rays reflect true beauty and blessings from above.
It has stood the test of time, sending forth unflinching light,
And we have but to follow its teachings to be led in paths of right.
Its lessons are taken from the Word of God and are given to you and me,
So that we will let our Order so shine for all the world to see.

The sapphire blue of Adah is a symbol of universal benevolence and means fidelity. It is a color of God's Heaven. The sword symbolizes our duty to defend all that is right. The veil is a sign that prying eyes shall be concealed.

Ruth's yellow ray is an emblem of constancy. It is the color of God's sun – a happy sign. The sheaf reminds us of Ruth's faithfulness to Naomi and causes us to be humble and remember deeds of kindness and love to others.

Esther's pure and sparkling white signifies loyalty. This queen offered her life to save God's chosen people. The crown and scepter together symbolize power and authority to achieve justice for all.

Martha's emerald green is a symbol of eternal life for all through our Savior, Jesus Christ, and teaches that faith opens the door of eternity. The broken column is an emblem of that love which sustains us to hold fast to our belief in eternal life.

Electa's brilliant red represents love. This heroine's love of God caused her to sacrifice her life for Christ and acknowledge that nothing can harm us when we follow our Lord's direction. The cup is an emblem of her steadfast love of our Heavenly Father and symbolizes *Joy to the World*.

As we look at the Heavenly stars for comfort, let us pause a moment to count our blessings and reverently give thanks to the Giver of all good and perfect gifts and ask for His guidance each day.

Installation Words

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

Admit	Filial	Perfect
Agree	Gavel	Promise
Aid	Guidance	Prosperity
Authority	Honesty	Rays
Badge	Honor	Responsibilities
Bless	Installed	Reverence
Blessing	Invest	Roll
Board	Kind	Secret
Consecrate	Labors	Selection
Duties	Obey	Watchful
Elect	Office	Welfare
Eye	Order	

Quickie Questions (answers on page four)

1. Should the prompter have the ritual open prepared to prompt during balloting?
2. Do the Chaplain and Conductress assume the reverent attitude while marching from their station to the Altar?
3. What is the final shape around the jewels of the Grand Chapter Officers?
4. What is the final shape around the jewels of the General Grand Chapter Officers?
5. When does the Installing Officer finally give the Worthy Matron her gavel?

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(Solution on Page Four)

Z E E L S M A O B L P C M O
J A G O P U C M P, V E X
L E B ' U C J T C V P P O O
U Y O N, F X U V E X G B E T
U Y O V ' M O C J T C V P
U Y O M O.

March

- 4 – Aldworth #39, Milo, 7:30 pm, Annual Meeting with pot luck supper at 6:15 pm
- 4 – Mystic #69, Litchfield, 7 pm, Annual Meeting with Landmarks and Obligation
- 5 – Queen Esther #10, Hallowell, 7 pm, Annual meeting with pot luck at 5:30 pm
- 5 – Deering #59, Portland, 7:30 pm, Annual Meeting, *The Year in Review*, pot luck supper 6:30 pm
- 5 – Tuscan #148, Bangor, 7:30 pm, Annual Meeting
- 5 – Sarah Orne Jewett #176, South Berwick, 7:30 pm, *Wag and the world wags with you. Howl...and they put you outside*, Annual Meeting
- 6 – Messalunskit #170, New Sharon, 7:30 pm, Annual Meeting
- 6 – Beacon #202, Damariscotta, 7 pm, special for degrees
- 7 – Keystone #78, Solon, 7:30 pm, Annual Meeting, pot luck supper
- 7 – Pythagorean #169, Fryeburg, 7 pm, Annual Meeting
- 8 – Rumery #46, Addison 7:30 pm, Annual Meeting with 6:15 pot luck supper
- 8 – Abenaki #116, Readfield, 7:30 pm, Annual Meeting - Aunts and Uncles
- 11 – Marion #63, Gardiner/Litchfield, 7:30 pm, Annual Meeting with Landmarks and Obligation
- 11 – Fireside #103, Clinton, 7:30 pm, Annual Meeting
- 11 – Pleasant River #159, West Buxton, 7:30 pm, Annual Meeting
- 12 – Lakeside #60, Wales, 7 pm, pot luck supper at 6 pm - Annual Meeting and Election of Officers
- 12 – Machias #83, Machias, 7 pm, Annual Meeting
- 12 – Tillikum #99, Ashland, 7 pm, Annual Meeting
- 12 – Elm Vale #105, Harrison, 7:30 pm, refreshments 6:30 pm, Annual Meeting
- 12 – Corner Stone #193, Portland, 7:30 pm, Annual Meeting
- 13 – Minerva #74, Madison, 7 pm, Annual meeting with pot luck supper at 6 pm
- 13 – Josiah H. Drummond #91 of Thorndike, 7:30 pm, Annual Meeting
- 13 – Grace #93, Rockland, 7:30 pm, 6:30 pm pot luck supper, Annual Meeting
- 13 – Lunar #126, Presque Isle, 7 pm, Welcome back - Annual Meeting
- 13 – Harbor View #136, Deer Isle, 7 pm, Annual Meeting, 6 pm supper
- 14 – Martha Washington #15, Waterville, 7:30 pm, Annual Meeting with pot luck supper at 6:30 pm
- 14 – Pine Cone #26, Auburn, 7 pm with pizza at 6 pm, Annual Meeting
- 14 – Somerset #80, Stratton, 7:30 pm, 6:30 pm *Upside Down Night* (Breakfast for Dinner) Annual Meeting
- 14 – Annette #184, Saco, 7:30 pm, Annual Meeting, Election of Officers, pot luck, 6:30 pm

- 18 – Electa #2, Bowdoinham, 7 pm, Annual Meeting with Pizza Party at 6 pm
- 18 – Arbutus #19, Liberty, 7:30 pm, Annual Meeting
- 18 – Mountain View #197, Buckfield, 7 pm, Annual Meeting
- 19 – Deering #59, Portland, 7:30 pm, *Honoring Our Past Matrons and Past Patrons* - supper 6:30 pm
- 19 – Golden Sheaf #114, New Gloucester, 7 pm, Annual Meeting
- 19 – Madonna #144, West Kennebunk, 7 pm, 6 pm pot luck supper, Annual Meeting
- 19 – Almeda #149, Guilford, 7:30 pm, *The Year in Review*, Annual Meeting, pot luck supper 6:15 pm
- 19 – Pondicherry #192, Bridgton, 7:30 pm, Annual Meeting, supper 6:30 pm
- 20 – Ivy #16, Warren, 7:30 pm, Annual meeting with pot luck supper at 6:15 pm
- 20 – Felicity #195, Orland, 7:30 pm, Annual Meeting with 6:15 pm pot luck supper
- 21 – Pioneer #11, Lisbon Falls, 7 pm, Annual Meeting with pot luck supper at 6 pm at the Lisbon Falls United Methodist Church
- 21 – Bethlehem #36, Pittsfield, 7 pm, Annual Meeting with pot luck supper
- 21 – Lily of the Valley #157, Weeks Mills, 7:30 pm, Annual Meeting with pot luck supper at 6:15
- 25 – Orion #45, Calais, 6:30 pm, Annual Meeting with pot luck supper
- 25 – Lake View #179, Jefferson, 7:30 pm, Annual Meeting
- 26 – Mt. Zircon #142, Mexico, 6 pm supper, 7 pm, Annual Meeting
- 26 – Corner Stone #193, Portland, 7:30 pm, *Farewell to Officers*
- 26 – Millwee #198, Orrington, 7:30 pm, Annual Meeting
- 27 – Jefferson #89, Bryant Pond, refreshments 6 pm, 7 pm Annual Meeting
- 27 – Beacon #202, Damariscotta, 7 pm, Annual Meeting with Landmarks and Obligation Night, pot luck supper at 6 pm

April

- 2 – Deering #59, Portland, 7:30 pm, *As We Say Good Bye We Also Say Thank-you!*
- 5 – Genesta #73, Bath, 7 pm, Honoring Chaplain's
- 11 – Somerset #80, Stratton, 7:30 pm, Maine Dish Casserole Night at 6:30 pm

Installations – March

- 8 – Genesta #73, Bath, Installation, 7 pm
- 9 – Mystic #69, Litchfield, Installation, 7 pm
- 11 – Tuscan #148, Bangor, Installation, 7:30 pm (open)
- 16 – Queen Esther #10, Hallowell, Installation, 7 pm
- 22 – Pioneer #11, Lisbon Falls, Installation, 7 pm
- 22 – Keystone #78, Solon, Installation, 7:30 pm
- 23 – Irene #97, Ellsworth, Installation, 7:30 pm
- 23 – Golden Sheaf #114, New Gloucester, Installation, 10 am
- 23 – Abenaki #116, Readfield, Installation, 11 am

- 23 – Naomi #25, St. George, Installation, 1 pm
- 29 – Minerva #74, Madison, Installation, 7 pm
- 29 – Millwee #198, Orrington, Installation, 7:30 pm
- 30 – Pine Cone #26, Auburn, Installation, 7 pm
- 30 – Grace #93, Rockland, Installation, 2 pm
- 30 – Mt. Zircon #142, Mexico, Installation, 1 pm with 11:30 am meal (RSVP if attending to Sister Darlene Hayden at darlenehayden7@gmail.com)
- 30 – Pondicherry #192, Bridgton, Installation, 1 pm

Installations – April

- 4 – Pythagorean #169, Fryeburg, Installation, ESTARL supper at 6 pm
- 5 – Bethlehem #36, Pittsfield, Installation, 7 pm
- 6 – Lunar #126, Presque Isle, Installation, 10 am
- 6 – Electa #2, Bowdoinham, Installation, 1 pm with noon luncheon
- 6 – Ivy #16, Warren, Installation, 1 pm
- 6 – Tillikum #99, Ashland, Installation, 2 pm
- 6 – Corner Stone #193, Portland, Installation, 2 pm
- 6 – Lily of the Valley #157, Weeks Mills, Installation, 7:30 pm
- 8 – Marion #68, Gardiner meeting in Litchfield, Installation at stated meeting
- 9 – Lakeside #60, Wales, Installation, 7 pm
- 12 – Fireside #103, Clinton, Installation, 7:30 pm
- 13 – Felicity #195, Bucksport meeting in Orland, Installation, 1 pm
- 13 – Deering #59, Portland, Installation, 7:30 pm
- 13 – Beacon #202, Damariscotta, Installation, 1 pm, noon lunch
- 15 – Mountain View #197, Buckfield, Installation, 7 pm with pot luck supper at 6 pm
- 25 – Riverside #123, Orland, Installation with a 6 pm supper

Quickie Answers (all from the ritual)

1. Yes, to pages 14 and 15.
2. No, last paragraph on page 16.
3. Pentagon, page 19.
4. Circle, page 19.
5. After the proclamation, page 126.

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Good friends are like stars, you don't always see them, but you know they're always there.

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.

Travel Badge

With spring weather, extra meetings for installations, and simply attending regular meetings, you still have time to earn your *Through the Eyes of a Child* travel badge. The District Deputy Grand Matrons have copies of the Travel Form. Then after earning the 500 points you submit the form with a stamped addressed envelope to Brother Marc Precourt, Grand Warder, 48 Pleasant Street, North Berwick, ME 03906.

Three and Five Times

The gavel is used only three times during balloting:

- When the ballot is declared open
- When the ballot is declared closed
- After the third stroke, the ballot is destroyed

There are five times when both hands should be empty:

- Making the Salutation Sign
- Holding the Reverent Attitude and Attitude of Prayer
- Balloting
- Giving the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, while saluting the Flag or while singing the National Anthem
- Giving the Signs and Passes

Ewes Give a Hoot

The Ewes Give a Hoot is the newsletter that will be published during the 2018-2019 year and distributed by the Deputies shortly after Grand Families or statewide events about seven times a year. If you'd like items printed in it, email it to corleybyras@gmail.com or send it by snail mail to Sister Corley Anne.

Star News

Please email items to be posted on *Star News* to corleybyras@gmail.com and to receive the *Star News* please send your email address to the same email.

Did You Know?

- even though Fruit Loops are different colors they all have the same taste.
- the television was invented only two years after sliced bread went on the market.
- the collars on men's dress shirts were detachable at one time. This was to save on laundry as the collar was the part that needed cleaning frequently.
- if you sneeze while going 60 miles an hour, your eyes are closed for an average of 50 feet.
- Mr. Potato Head was the first toy to be advertised on television.
- ten percent of the world's population is left-handed.
- a United States dollar bill can be folded approximately 4,000 times in the same place before it will tear.
- honey never spoils.

Forms for the Grand Chapter Session may be obtained from your Chapter Secretary or from the Maine OES Website - <http://www.maineoes.org>