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Grand Chapter of Maine, Order of the Eastern Star

Brenda L. Hall, Worthy Grand Matron

David M. Cole, Worthy Grand Patron

Announcement Luncheon

Sister Catherine J. Wood, Associate Grand Matron and Brother Arthur C. Dunlap, Associate Grand Patron will be announcing their Appointive Grand Officers, District Deputy Grand Matrons, and Star Assistants for 2020-2021 on Saturday, March 14 at the Auburn Masonic Hall, 2021 Turner Street, Auburn.

The social time begins at 11 a.m. with the luncheon at noon. The sharing of the appointments will follow. Reservations need to be made by March 4 with Sister Betty Perkins, 208 Broad Street, Auburn, ME 04210 with \$12 per ticket checks payable to Pine Cone Chapter #26. Tickets will be picked up at the event.

Spring Event

The annual Spring Event to raise funds for our youth organizations – Rainbow and DeMolay will be held on Saturday, April 4 at the Bangor Masonic Center when we share an afternoon of fellowship, food, and fun. Sister Charlene and Brother Gordon Buzza are the chairmen of this event and tickets may be obtained from your DDGM. Meet and greet commences at 11 a.m. with a noon luncheon.

Maine-Maritime Grand Family

The Maine-Maritime Grand Family Exchange will be held on April 25 at the Rodd Charlottetown Hotel, 75 Kent Street, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Canada. The last time this Exchange was held on Prince Edward Island was in 2006. Members of the three chapters on the Island are looking forward to having fellowship with you.

Members attending and requiring accommodations should book your room by contacting the Rodd Charlottetown Hotel directly at 1-800-565-7633. Please request the *Order of the Eastern Star* rate which will be \$124 a night plus 15% HST and 3% Tourism Accommodation Levy. Rates are based on single or double occupancy.

The meeting commences at 1 p.m. with a luncheon at 11:45 a.m. at \$20 (Canadian funds) payable in advance with the deadline to order tickets of April 10.

The ticket convener is

Sister Anna Carr, PM, 7 MacMillan Cres., Charlottetown, PEI, C1A 8G3, Canada with an email address of beehive3@hotmail.com.

A Cyr bus that will pick up in Bangor and pick up in Houlton is being planned if thirty-five people will sign up for it. The cost would be \$138 round trip and if more members sign up, the cost would be lowered. It will leave on Friday and return on Sunday. A \$50 deposit (check made out to Cyr Bus Lines) should be sent by March 16 to Sister Evelyn Cookson, 30 Sparkle Pond Road, Glenburn, ME 04401 The balance will need to be sent by April 10.

Grab Your Flashlight and Use It

The Order of the Eastern Star was greeted with opposition and suspicion in those early years, but the dedicated members persevered and the Order prospered in the state of Maine. In those early years life was not easy for the members, and yet after a strenuous workday, they had time for the Order of the Eastern Star. They worked diligently to keep our Order alive and preserved this treasured heritage for each of us.

We can be proud of the accomplishments of the members of the Order for we have not forgotten to be charitable, to be kind, and to be loving.

A man who had gotten himself into a precarious state of mind because of his conviction that one person, and himself in particular, was of little consequence in the world, took a trip by sea in the hope of ridding himself of his melancholy.

One dark evening at sea, shortly after he had gone to bed, he heard the cry “Man Overboard!” He was in his pajamas; he could not swim, or man a lifeboat. What could he do? He reached for his flashlight and directed its beam from the porthole upon the sea. The light fell upon the man in the water, to whom a life preserver was then thrown, and a life was saved.

We, you and I, must reach for our flashlight, and let our light shine as a beacon of hope for the future of our Order. We are faced with challenges just as great as the ones that faced our members over 100 years ago.

Eastern Star Embodies Friendship

The Order of the Eastern Star embodies friendship. A deep fraternal bond exists between its members bringing about the high principles exemplified in our lives that make us near and dear to each other. The personal welfare of its members is vital to all of those in the Eastern Star and it is considered a privilege to help another member whenever we can.

Eastern Star strives to take good people and through uplifting and elevating associations of love and service build an Order that is truly dedicated to charity, truth, and loving kindness.

Sister Adah – The sword and veil united, an emblem of heroic conduct, teaches the lesson of fidelity at the blue ray. The moral obligations of courage, faith, and integrity are as real today as in the time of Jephthah’s daughter.

Sister Ruth – The sheaf represents constancy at the yellow ray and teaches that valuable lesson that plenty is the reward of humble, patient, honest, hard work as illustrated by the gleaner Ruth.

Sister Esther – At the point of the white ray is placed the crown and scepter united. Queen Esther exemplified in her life that the dignity of every human being is to be respected.

Sister Martha – At the green ray of Martha is the broken column, an emblem of our faith in God and His plan for our lives.

Sister Electa – Love overflows from the red ray of Electa, who devoted her life in kindness, charity, and hospitality towards others. The cup also symbolizes that a life serving will afford us rich blessings.

The lessons of these emblems make profound and lasting impressions in our lives. As we find our way in the light of the Star, the friends we meet will remember us for our fidelity, constancy, loyalty, faith, and love.

Cup of Kindness
Grand Chapter Session
Northern Maine Community
College
33 Edgement Drive
Presque Isle
May 17-20, 2020

Names and Places

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

Adah	Esther	Moab
Ammon	Israel	Naomi
Bethany	Jephthah	Orpah
Bethlehem	Lazarus	Persia
Boaz	Martha	Ruth
Electa	Mary	StJohn
Elimelech	Mizpeh	Vashti

Quickie Questions (Answers on page four)

1. Where in the chapter room is the signet placed?
2. After the closing of the Bible what direction should all members face?
3. How many Landmarks are there?
4. What Officer has the duty of seeing that the officers are proficient in their work?
5. In the opening when the Conductress goes to the Worthy Matron to escort her to the East she bows to the Worthy Matron. Does the Worthy Matron return that bow?

Cryptoquip U equals O (Solution on Page Four)

R G T Z W P N E O J
 K U E E N R G M U Y W
 P G L, R K U X G L
 G U D Q U H L M X D
 Z U X T Z
 K E R P G L. – Unknown

Devotional Corner – Friendship

A sweet friendship refreshes the soul. Proverbs 27:9

It was Thomas Aquinas a long time ago who said *There is nothing on earth to be prized more than true friendship.* Everyone needs special people to laugh, share secrets, and celebrate life with, but friendships aren't just about enjoying good times together. Maintaining true friendships is important for physical, emotional, and spiritual well being – we all need a good friend who will journey through the ups and downs of life. It's easy to be friends when life is easy, but a real friend never allows someone they care about to go through difficulties alone. Whatever hardships the world has in store, true friends stick together and get through them together.

Many of us have friends – but do we have close friends? There is a difference. Great friendships must share deeply. For some this sharing is emotional and for others it is primarily mental. Friendship listens, speaks, understands, and accepts because there is a bond. When you look for a friend, look for that bond of commonality. A truly great friend is not easy to find.

Being a friend doesn't mean we always agree with what they say or even like everything they like. We are all unique with different likes and dislikes, different interests, and different views. Instead of it being a conflict in our friendships, maybe we should think of it as complementing our friendships. Even though there are these differences, our friendships can still flourish if we learn to accept our friends for who they are and have respect for them. We shouldn't try to change them to be more like ourselves

The people you choose to spend your time with have an enormous impact on your identity, values, goals, and growth.

March

- 2 – Aldworth #39, Milo, 7:30 pm, Annual Meeting, 6:15 pm pot luck supper
- 2 – Mystic #69, Litchfield, 7 pm, Annual Meeting with Landmarks and Obligation, pot luck supper
- 3 – Queen Esther #10, Hallowell, 7 pm, Annual Meeting with pot luck supper at 5:45 pm
- 3 – Tuscan #148, Bangor, 7:30 pm, Annual Meeting
- 3 – Sarah Orne Jewett #176, South Berwick, 7 pm, *Wizard of OZ*, “We're off to see the Wizard” - Annual Meeting
- 3 – Tuscan #148, Bangor, 7:30 pm, Annual Meeting

- 4 – Messalunskit #170, New Sharon, 7:30 pm, Annual Meeting
- 5 – Keystone #78, Solon, 7:30 pm, Annual Meeting, pot luck supper
- 5 – Pythagorean #169, Fryeburg, 7 pm, Annual Meeting
- 6 – Ruth #14, Springvale, 7: 30 pm, Annual Meeting, pot luck supper at 6:30 pm
- 6 – Naomi #25, Tenants Harbor, 7:30 pm, Annual Meeting, pot luck supper
- 6 – Genesta #73, Bath, 7 pm, Annual Meeting
- 6 – Irene #97, Ellsworth, 7:30 pm, The Finale—Annual Meeting
- 6 – Primrose #152, Belfast, 7:30 pm, Annual Meeting
- 7 – Tuscan #148, Bangor, 1 pm, Installation of Officers
- 7 – Mystic #69, Litchfield, 7 pm, Installation of Officers
- 9 – Marion #63, Gardiner, 7:30 pm, Annual Meeting with Landmarks and Obligation, refreshments before the meeting
- 9 – Molunkus Valley #95, Sherman, 7 pm, Annual Meeting
- 9 – Fireside #103, Clinton, 7:30 pm, Annual Meeting with pizza at 6:30 pm
- 9 – Pleasant River #159, West Buxton, 7:30 pm, Annual Meeting – pot luck supper
- 10 – Lakeside #60, Wales, 7 pm, Annual Meeting, pot luck supper
- 10 – Machias #83, Machias, 7 pm, Annual Meeting, pot luck supper
- 10 – Tillikum #99, Ashland, 7 pm, Annual Meeting, 6 pm pot luck
- 10 – Elm Vale #105, Harrison, 7:30 pm, refreshments 6:30 pm, Annual Meeting
- 10 – Corner Stone #193, Portland, 7:30 pm, Annual Meeting
- 11 – Minerva #74, Madison, 7 pm, Annual Meeting, pot luck dinner at 6 pm
- 11 – Josiah H. Drummond #91, Thorndike, 7:30 pm, Annual Meeting, pot luck supper
- 11 – Grace #93, Rockland, 7:30 pm, Annual meeting, pot luck supper at 6:30 pm
- 11 – Lunar #126, Presque Isle, 7 pm, Annual Meeting
- 12 – Martha Washington #15, Waterville, 7:30 pm, Annual Meeting, *Believest Thou This?* Honoring Martha
- 12 – Pine Cone #26, Auburn, 7 pm, Annual Meeting, pizza party
- 12 – Somerset #80, Stratton, 7:30 pm, Annual Meeting
- 12 – Annette #184 Saco, 7:30 pm, Annual Meeting, pot luck supper at 6:30 pm
- 13 – Rumery #46, Addison, 7:30 pm, Annual Meeting, 6:30 pm pizza party
- 13 – Fireside #103, Clinton, 7:30 pm Installation of Officers
- 13 – Abenaki #116, Readfield, 7:30 pm, Annual Meeting, pot luck supper
- 14 – Abenaki #116, Readfield, 7:30 pm, Installation of Officers

- 16 – Electa #2, Bowdoinham 7 pm, Annual meeting with Landmarks and Obligation, 6 pm pizza
Random Acts of Kindness Challenge: In honor of Read Across America Day and Dr. Seuss' Birthday, read to a child.
- 16 – Arbutus #19, Liberty, 7:30 pm, Annual Meeting/Thank you, pot luck 6:15 pm
- 16 – Mountain View #197, Buckfield, 7 pm, Annual Meeting, pot luck supper at 6 pm
- 17 – Deering #59, Portland, 7:30 pm, Past Matron and Past Patron's Night, dinner 6:30 pm
- 17 – Golden Sheaf #114, New Gloucester, 7 pm, Annual Meeting, pot luck at 6 pm
- 17 – Madonna #144, West Kennebunk, 7 pm, Annual Meeting, pot luck supper
- 17 – Almeda #149, Guilford, 7:30 pm, Annual Meeting
- 17 – Pondicherry #192, Bridgton, 7:30 pm, Annual Meeting, pizza night
- 18 – Felicity #195, Bucksport meeting in Orland, 7:30 pm, Annual Meeting, 6:15 pot luck supper
- 18 – Ivy #16, Warren, 7:30 pm, Annual Meeting, pot luck supper 6:15 pm
- 19 – Pioneer #11, Lisbon Falls, 7 pm, Annual Meeting, pot luck supper at 6 pm
- 19 – Bethlehem #36, Pittsfield, 7 pm, Annual Meeting, pot luck supper
- 19 – Lily of the Valley #157, Weeks Mills, 7:30 pm, Annual Meeting, pot luck supper at 6:15 pm
- 20 – Keystone #78, Solon, 7:30 pm, Installation of Officers
- 21 – Rumery #46, Addison, 2 pm, Installation of Officers
- 21 – Golden Sheaf #114, New Gloucester, 7 pm, Installation of Officers
- 23 – Lake View #179, Jefferson, 7:30 pm, Annual Meeting
- 24 – Mt. Zircon #142, Mexico, 7 pm, Annual Meeting
- 24 – Corner Stone #193, Portland, 7:30 pm, Farewell to Officers and Installation of Officers (closed)
- 24 – Millwee #198, Orrington 7 pm, Annual Meeting
- 25 – Orion #45, Calais, 6:30 pm, Annual Meeting
- 25 – Jefferson Chapter # 89, Bryant Pond, 7 pm, Annual Meeting, 6 pm supper
- 25 – Beacon #202, Damariscotta, 7 pm, Annual Meeting, pot luck supper, 6 pm
- 27 – Millwee #198, Orrington 7 pm, Installation of Officers
- 28 – Pine Cone #26, Auburn, 10 am, Installation of Officers
- 28 – Grace #93, Rockland, 3 pm, Installation of Officers
- 28 – Arbutus #19, Liberty, 4 pm, Installation of Officers, open
- 28 – Josiah H. Drummond #91, Thorndike, 7:30 pm, Installation of Officers
- 28 – Irene #97, Ellsworth, 7:30 pm, Installation of Officers 2020-2021

Please email Installation dates and meeting dates to corleybyras@gmail.com

Quickie Answers

1. Northeast Corner, Ritual, Page 168
2. East, Ritual, Page 47
3. Twelve, Ritual, Pages 164-165
4. Worthy Patron, Ritual, Pages 40 and 108
5. No, Ritual Page 24

Cryptoquip

In my search for rainbows end, I found not gold,
but you my friend. – Unknown

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. Sister Kathy Williamson is the Web Administrator and her email is kackyw@gmail.com.

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.

Chickadee Chatter

Chickadee Chatter is the newsletter that will be published during the 2019-2020 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.

One Hundred Years Ago – 1920

At this time, the Grand Sentinel was an appointment instead of being elected. The Worthy Grand Patron, Brother L. Elwood Jones recommended that “one of the qualifications of a Brother elected as Associate Grand Patron, was a term of service as Master of a Lodge of Masons.”

The Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Belva L. Wardwell recommended that “a more strict adherence to the Ritual, in order that the work may be uniform in all our Chapters.”

Sister Annette H. Hooper, Grand Secretary was unable to attend the Session and it was voted that “a telegram of sympathy and a bouquet of roses be sent in behalf of Grand Chapter.”