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Grand Chapter of Maine, Order of the Eastern Star

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CAN-AM 2020

Beneath the Pines of Maine will be the CAN-AM weekend at the Samoset Resort on the Ocean in Rockport, February 28th, 29th, and March 1st of 2020. Brother Richard A. Farnsworth, III, PGP (Grand Organist) is the Chairman for this event.

Reserve your room reservation online at www.samosetresort.com with Group Code “STAR” or call 1-800-341-1650 and state you are with the Order of the Eastern Star. All room reservations must be made by the 29th of January.

Friday afternoon has registration from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. with a 5 p.m. social hour and dinner at 6 p.m. with entertainment to follow. Saturday afternoon there will be a Multi-Jurisdictional Degree Team with introductions being handled in the morning. A special luncheon and dinner will be held with entertainment to follow.

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.

Information on Web Site

Forms of information for all the events on the first page of the *Chickadee Chatter* are available at <https://maineoes.org>

Spring Event

The annual Spring Event to raise funds for our youth organizations – Rainbow and DeMolay will be held on 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..

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 your presence.

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.

General Grand Chapter

If you would like to be apprised of events that are being held or of the restoration and conservation work taking place at the Perry Belmont House please feel free to go to the following link to subscribe to future notices.

<https://easternstar.us18.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=efd7ef388bef8344a4771a943&id=eb1a0217b9>

Tidings of Great Joy

The angels on high brought good tidings of great joy. As Star Points, you, too, have brought a message of hope, faith, and love. We would like to honor you for your many years of service as you have shared the lessons of our five heroines with those who came seeking *tidings of great joy*.

The stories of our five heroines are often told, but each time brings a new thought or new insight into the motives which prompted them to be the *fairest among thousands*.

Adah's happiness at the return of her father was quickly cast down. She was determined to be faithful to her father's vow and died with honor, her eyes upraised to the noonday sun. Weep not for Adah, but envision an innocent daughter who perished in the light with glory in her soul.

The crises in Ruth's life came when she was faced with a difficult parting of the ways. She chose to follow Naomi into poverty because she loved her and her God. Ruth sought refuge with the followers of Jehovah and was rewarded for her faith and humility.

Esther, noble queen, loved life, loved her king, and loved her people. When she was told of the cruel edict which would mean the end of the chosen people, she prepared to humble herself before the king. Her courage and tact in the face of peril are a memorable lesson.

Martha believed that Jesus had power beyond the grave. The Babe of Bethlehem had become a symbol of life eternal. Martha's story has taught us to raise our hands in faith. We must let the Lord of life become the greatest power in our lives.

One of the gifts which the Babe in the manger received was a casket of Myrrh. It foretold coming trials and death. These were the fate of the lady we call Electa. Charity, hospitality, and benevolence were her inspiration, but death and submission to the wrongs of persecution were her fate.

God sent his only begotten Son into our lives to give us a message of life eternal. We were not promised a path free of stones and pitfalls, but we have been given a glimpse of a greater glory to come.

As a Star Point, each time you have told the story of one of our heroines, you have helped each of us to renew our vow to follow the Star to that ultimate glory.

Happy New Year

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Ball	Holiday	Midnight
Calendar	Hope	Noisemaker
Celebration	Horns	Parade
Champagne	Hourglass	Resolution
Cheers	January	Syne
Clock	Joy	Time
Confetti	Kiss	Year
Countdown		

Quickie Questions (Answers on page four)

1. Is a motion necessary when granting a demit?
2. Must dues be paid when requesting a demit?
3. Are plural members responsible for paying dues to all the chapters to which they belong?
4. What is the purpose of the signet?
5. When the Worthy Matron closes the chapter, does she rap the gavel?

Cryptoquip U equals O (Solution on Page Four)

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L E P N T. – C. W. LEWIS

Devotional Corner – 4th Wise Man

Stories simply written can teach many lessons. "The Story of the Other Wise Man" by Henry Van Dyke proves this point clearly. A well educated astronomer and physician by the name of Artaban has planned to join his colleagues, the three wise men, to go in search of Jesus Christ, the new born king of the Jews.

Artaban starts off to meet Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. He brings with him three gifts: a sapphire, a ruby, and a pearl. His colleagues are bringing the Christ Child gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Artaban fails to meet the three wise men and Christ because along the way he is delayed. Why didn't he meet the wise men at the appointed time? He met a man along the way who was sick and dying. Artaban ministered to him, took care of him, and restored him to life. But in doing so he missed the three wise men who had to leave without him. And so the search for the person of Christ was something Artaban had to do on his own. He gives the sapphire to a small caravan to help them go across the desert. He takes counsel from a scholarly Jewish Rabbi who tells him that the new born king is not to be found in a palace, nor among the rich and powerful. Artaban followed the counsel of the Rabbi and though, as Van Dyke says, he found more to worship, he found many to help. He fed the hungry, he clothed the naked and healed the sick and comforted the captive. His ruby was given to a soldier to protect a small child from being slaughtered. His last gift, the pearl, was given to prevent a young woman from being taken into slavery.

The quest for Christ continues for some 33 years. One day, at Passover, people were talking about a crucifixion that was taking place. The earth started to quake. The sky darkened. Artaban and the young woman he had given the pearl to sought shelter. A heavy tile struck Artaban on the head. He was badly injured. Then Artaban, with blood all over his face, seemed to be whispering and saying, "not so, My Lord, for when did I see you hungry, or thirsty and gave thee to drink? When did I see a stranger and take thee in? For 33 years I have looked for you and never saw your face." And the voice that prompted all the words of Artaban became more clear and strong and said, "as often as you did it to one of these, my brethren, you did it to me."

There is no doubt that the other wise men found the king. But Artaban also found him in his own way. There is no doubt in reading this Christmas story that the author was telling us that there are so many Christ-like people in our own life that have to be ministered to.

The journey of Artaban to see Christ is a reminder that Christ, in the person of the homeless or the forgotten elderly, is in our midst. Van Dyke has told us that the most beautiful words that we can hear are the words "as long as you did it to them, you did it for me."

January

- 13 – Fireside #103, Clinton, 7:30 pm, Landmarks and Obligation
- 13 – Pleasant River #159, West Buxton, 7:30 pm, *What does Star mean to you?* - pot luck supper
- 14 – Corner Stone #193, Portland, 7:30 pm, Landmarks and Obligation - white gowns
- 15 – Madonna #144, West Kennebunk, 7 pm, Landmarks and Obligation
- 16 – Pioneer #11, Lisbon Falls, 7 pm, *Happy 200th Birthday Maine*
- 16 – Bethlehem #36, Pittsfield, 7 pm, Landmarks and Obligation
- 21 – Deering #59, Portland, 7:30 pm, Worthy Grand Patron Special Night
- 28 – Mt. Zircon #142, Mexico, 7 pm, Trivia Night, *Do you know that State?*
- 28 – Corner Stone #193, Portland, 7:30 pm, Stated meeting

February

- 3 – Mystic #69, Litchfield, 7 pm, *The Route 17 Ramblers* perform. The meeting commences at 7 pm and after the ritualistic opening they will recess for refreshments and entertainment and then resume the meeting afterwards.
- 4 – Deering #59, Portland, 7:30 pm, Master Mason Night
- 4 – Tuscan #148, Bangor, 7:30 pm, Landmarks and Obligation
- 4 – Sarah Orne Jewett #176, South Berwick, 7 pm, *Oscar Night, Red Carpet Party* with pot luck at 6 pm
- 6 – Keystone #78, Solon, 7:30 pm, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons Night with degrees, Pie Auction
- 7 – Ruth #14, Springvale, 7: 30 pm, Honoring Substitutes
- 7 – Irene #97, Ellsworth, 7:30 pm, *My Funny Valentine*
- 7 – Primrose #152, Belfast, 7:30 pm, Landmarks and Obligation, pot luck for heart
- 10 – Aldworth #39, Milo, 7:30 pm, *Happy Valentine's Day*, 6:15 pm supper
- 10 – Fireside #103, Clinton, 7:30 pm, *Valentine's Day*
- 10 – Pleasant River #159, West Buxton, 7:30 pm, Valentine - Rainbow Connection
- 11 – Corner Stone #193, Portland, 7:30 pm, Valentine's Day and 25, 50, and Life members honored
- 12 – Minerva #74, Madison, 7 pm, *Love Thy Neighbor Celebration*, pot luck supper at 6 pm

- 12 – Josiah H. Drummond #91, Thorndike, 7:30 pm, Landmarks and Obligation, pot luck supper for Autism
- 13 – Martha Washington #15, Waterville, 7:30 pm, *Share the Love* with the Rainbow Girls, ESTARL Supper at 6 pm
- 13 – Pine Cone #26, Auburn, 7 pm, *Love is in the air*, Star Point Night
- 13 – Annette #184 Saco, 7:30 pm, Grand Chapter Charities Auction – Decorate in Red
- 14 – Rumery #46, Addison, 7:30 pm, Honoring our Grand Chapter Appointments
- 14 – Abenaki #116, Readfield, 7:30 pm, Slipper Night
- 17 – Electa #2, Bowdoinham 7 pm, National random acts of kindness week celebration with a waffle bar
- 18 – Deering #59, Portland, 7:30 pm, DDGM Night, past and present
- 18 – Golden Sheaf #114, New Gloucester, 7 pm, *A Sapphire Snowflake Special*
- 19 – Madonna #144, West Kennebunk, 7 pm, Honoring Past Matrons and Past Patrons, Annual Charity Auction
- 20 – Pioneer #11, Lisbon Falls, 7 pm, Honoring Teachers
- 20 – Bethlehem #36, Pittsfield, 7 pm, *Hawaiian Night*
- 24 – Orion #45, Calais, 6:30 pm, Stated Meeting
- 25 – Mt. Zircon #142, Mexico, 7 pm, *Mt. Zircon's History, Facts you may not have known*
- 25 – Corner Stone #193, Portland, 7:30 pm, Stated meeting
- 25 – Millwee #198, Orrington 7 pm, Reading of Charities - turn in items from Scavenger Hunt List
- 28-March 1 – CAN-AM - Article on first page

Quickie Answers

1. No – the Worthy Matron checks to see if the Sister/Brother is clear on the books and orders *the demit be granted with regrets*.
2. Yes – otherwise the Worthy Matron announces that *when this Sister/Brother is clear on the books the demit will be granted with regrets*. (That way it doesn't come before the chapter again if the member pays the dues ... if the dues aren't paid, eventually the secretary will bring the member up for suspension.)
3. Yes - need to support each chapter to which you belong.
4. The Signet assists the members memory.

Ritual, Page 83
5. Yes - Ritual, Page 47.

Cryptoquip

“You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.” — C.S. Lewis

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

The membership of the Maine Grand Chapter was 23,609 and there were 176 Chapters. The Grand Chapter Session was held at the Masonic Lodge Room of the Portland Masonic Temple. Sister Belva L. Wardwell, Grandmother of the late Brother John Wardwell, PGP served as Worthy Grand Matron.

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