

# Chickadee Chatter

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Grand Chapter of Maine, Order of the Eastern Star

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## 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 Gretchen and Brother Claude Brissette and Sister Barbara and Brother Leighton Perkins 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 and entertainment to follow.

## 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.

## Final Cup of Kindness Grand Family

Deering Chapter #59, Portland, home of Brother David M. Cole, Worthy Grand Patron will be hosting the final Grand Family for the *Cup of Kindness* year on Saturday, May 9 at 1 pm. at the Deering Masonic Hall, 102 Bishop Street, Portland.

Registration commences at 9:30 a.m. with rehearsal at 10:30 a.m. A salad and sandwich lunch will be held at the hall at 11:45 a.m. Reservations at \$10 may be made with Rebecca S. Bibber, PGM, 2 Independence Drive, Westbrook, ME 04092. (checks made out to her)

## Service Dog Committee

Our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Marianne R. Shenefelt has announced that the Chairman of the General Grand Chapter's Service Dogs Committee has resigned and that Sister Minyon Shepherd, Past Grand Matron of South Carolina, has accepted the position of General Chairman. She is to be presented as The General. Chairman, General Grand Chapter Service Dogs Committee and welcomed accordingly.

In Maine Brother Bernald W. Tufts is serving as the General Grand Chapter Committee Member for the Service Dog Program. The following Sisters are listed in the directory as assisting him: Sister Deborah Bachus, PM, Sister Nancy Eldredge, PM and Sister K. Hayden, PM.

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

## Life Members Honored

### Worthy Matron:

You have followed the Star,  
And carry its teachings, wherever you are.  
Our Chapter remembers now with pride,  
Your years of labor, side by side.

### Adah:

When life's storms come, and they always do,  
May you feel safe, beneath the color of blue.  
It reflects the color of our sky, true,  
And stands for fidelity, lived by you.

### Ruth:

Yellow is my color, from the glowing sun,  
Warming and lighting the paths of every one.  
May it shine on you throughout each year,  
Making you glad as the gold color shines  
through.

### Esther:

My color is white, as drifting snow,  
Worn by royalty, as you know.  
So when you remember it with pride and grace;  
You're as loyal as she, who saved her race.

### Martha:

Green is my color, eternal, true,  
It brings hope to me, and to you.  
We rejoice in faith, felt but unseen,  
As we have belief in God the Supreme.

### Electa:

My color is red, like a glowing rose,  
Rich and fervent, as each of you know.  
Wearing this color, meet Sister or Brother,  
Secure in the unending love we have for each  
other.

### Chaplain:

Bless, O Lord, our chapter dear  
With Thy love, as it casts out fear;  
Dispel discord, and sins cast out,  
Grant us peace, within and without.  
Keep these true ones close to Thee,  
Walking in deep humility.  
Lead us, dear Master, be Thou our Guide  
Through the Eastern Star labyrinth in this world  
so wide. Amen.

### Worthy Matron:

Thank you for being members of our Star,  
For without you we wouldn't have gone far.  
The years and years you have been a member  
Will always be part of what we remember.

## St. Patrick's Day

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R D D H C R A M E T O P F S

Blarney	Ireland	Pot
Celtic	Irish	Rainbow
Clover	Leaf	Saint
Dublin	Leprechaun	Seventeenth
Emerald	Lucky	Shamrock
Four	March	Stone
Gold	Parade	
Green	Patrick	

## Quickie Questions (Answers on page four)

1. What age must a lady be to petition the O.E.S.?
2. May a person NOT a USA citizen petition for membership?
3. Were you alone on your journey through the labyrinth?
4. Is the hollow square formed at an Open Installation of Officers?
5. In the O.E.S. Ritual is it Mizpeh or Mizpah?

## Cryptoquip D equals T (Solution on Page Four)

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D U F R O S Z U X E

K E R P G L W, M X D

G U D D U

F R P O P W.

## Devotional Corner – St. Pat’s Day

Pinches if you aren’t wearing green., Corned beef and cabbage., Three-leaf clovers.

We recognize the Irish-themed decorations every March, but what is St. Patrick’s Day really about? Most St. Patrick’s Day traditions are less about the person and more about celebrations of Irish-American immigrants in the late 1700s.

St. Patrick was a real man who lived around AD 400, but the folklore we hear doesn’t tell the whole story. His life wasn’t about green beer or driving snakes from Ireland, but radical love and faith. Moving past the modern traditions, we can see what really happened in St. Patrick’s life and why it matters to us today.

Four lessons from the real St. Patrick –

1. *We can make it through hard times.* When St. Patrick was 16, he was kidnapped by pirates and became a slave to Druids, a violent tribal cult in Ireland. Rather than fighting back, he learned to pray and his faith grew, even while tending sheep in the rugged cold. Records of St. Patrick’s life show that he chose to trust God every day instead of seeking revenge against his captors.

2. *God invites us to do risky, uncomfortable things.* One day, after six years of captivity in Ireland, God told St. Patrick about a way off the island. St. Patrick boarded a ship and returned home. Years later, after learning more about the Bible and becoming a leader in the church, St. Patrick heard God tell him to return to Ireland and tell people about Jesus.

3. *Grace changes enemies into opportunities for radical love.* St. Patrick escaped the oppressive slavery of the Druids, but he chose to return to Ireland to share the message of Jesus with them.

4. *God can use anyone.* St. Patrick wasn’t born a Christian super hero who rose to fame and changed his country. He wasn’t even Irish. He grew up in a wealthy British family and had no interest in Christianity until he was older. No matter where you’re from or what you have or haven’t done, God can work through you to do something amazing. God changes unlikely people into unexpected leaders.

## March

- 14 – Abenaki #116, Readifield, 7:30 pm, Installation of Officers
- 16 – Electa #2, Bowdoinham, 7 pm, Annual meeting with Landmarks and Obligation  
*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 and also Past and Present District Deputy Grand Matron’s, dinner 6:30 pm
- 17 – Golden Sheaf #114, New Gloucester, 7 pm, Annual Meeting with pot luck at 6 pm
- 17 – Madonna #144, West Kennebunk, 7 pm, Annual Meeting/Election, pot luck
- 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 with 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 with pot luck supper at 6:15 pm
- 20 – Keystone #78, Solon, 7:30 pm, Installation of Officers
- 21 – Queen Esther #10, Hallowell, 2 pm, Installation of Officers with light lunch at 12:30 pm
- 21 – Rumery #46, Addison, 2 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/ Closed Installation
- 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 – Bethlehem #36, Pittsfield, 7 pm, Installation of Officers
- 27 – Millwee #198, Orrington 7 pm, Installation of Officers
- 28 – Pine Cone #26, Auburn, 10 am, Installation of Officers
- 28 – Josiah H. Drummond #91, 7:30 pm, Installation of Officers
- 28 – Grace #93, Rockand, 3 pm, Installation of Officers
- 28 – Arbutus #19, Liberty, 4 pm, Installation of

- Officers, open  
 28 – Beacon #202, Damariscotta, 7 pm, Installation of Officers with 6 pm dinner  
 28 – Irene #97, Ellsworth, 7:30 pm, Installation of Officers 2020-2021

## April

- 1 – Messalunskit #170, New Sharon, 7:30 pm, Installation of Officers with Stated Meeting with pot luck at 6:30 pm  
 2 – Pythagorean #169, Fryeburg, 7 pm, Installation of Officers with Stated Meeting  
 3 – Pioneer #11, Lisbon Falls, 7 pm, Installation of Officers  
 3 – Minerva #74, Madison, 7 pm, Installation of Officers  
 3 – Irene #97, Ellsworth, 7:30 pm, Fool's Meeting  
 4 – Electa #2, Bowdoinham, 7 pm, Installation of Officers  
 4 – Aldworth #39, Milo, 7:30 pm, Installation of Officers  
 6 – Mystic #69, Litchfield, 7 pm, Thank you Cindy!  
 7 – Deering #59, Portland, 7:30 pm, Saying Goodbye  
 8 – Harbor View #136, Deer Isle, 7 pm, Stated Meeting  
 9 – Martha Washington #15, Waterville, 7:30 pm, Installation of Officers  
 11 – Ivy #16, Warren, 2 pm, Installation of Officers  
 11 – Felicity #195, Bucksport at Orland Masonic Hall, 2 pm, Open Installation of Officers  
 11 – Deering #59, Portland, 7:30 pm, Installation of Officers for 2020-2021  
 11 – Mt. Zircon #142, Mexico, 1 pm, Installation of Officers with light lunch prior to it  
 11 – Sarah Orne Jewett #176, South Berwick, 2 pm, Installation of Officers  
 13 – Aldworth #39, Milo, 7:30 pm, Honor Night for our DDGM, Nancy Black, Grand Electa, Darcy Merrill, and two Grand Representatives, Elbie Nutter and Casey Getchell. 6:15 p.m. Refreshments before the Stated Meeting.  
 14 – Lakeside #60, Wales, 7 pm, Installation of Officers at Stated Meeting  
 15 – Felicity #195, Bucksport meeting in Orland 6:15 pm supper and 7:30 pm Stated Meeting  
 18 – Naomi #25, St. George, 1 pm, Installation of Officers at Eureka Masonic Hall in Tenants Harbor  
 18 – Harbor View #136, Deer Isle 1 pm, Installation of Officers, open  
 20 – Tuscan #148, Bangor 7 pm, Thank You to Chapter Officers  
 21 – Pondicherry #192, 7 pm Stated Meeting with Installation of Officers  
 23 – Riverside #123, Orland, 7 pm, Stated Meeting with Installation of Officers, 6 pm supper  
 24 – Genesta #73, Bath, 7 pm. Installation of Officers

## Cryptoquip

It's smart to pick your friends, but not to pieces.

## Quickie Answers

1. The petition can not be read in a chapter until she is actually 18. CR and R Page 35
2. Yes, requirement is to live in Maine 90 days. CR and R Page 36
3. No, I had a friend who led me. Ritual page 86
4. No, Ritual, Page 97
5. Mizpeh, Ritual, Page 61

## 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](mailto:kackyw@gmail.com).

## 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.

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## One Hundred Years Ago – 1920

There were 175 active chapters with 22,117 members to commence the year. They initiated 2,096 new members, 111 affiliated, and 59 were reinstated during the year. Members passing away were 298, demitted 291 and 185 were suspended. A new chapter was being formed with 30 members so the total at the end of the year was 23,639 which was a net gain of 1,522. (Wow! Can you imagine a net gain of over 1,500 members today?)

Tillicum Chapter #99, Ashland, presented a written request, signed by thirty-four of its members, that they be granted the privilege of changing the letter "c" to "k" in spelling the name of their Chapter. The Committee on Dispensations and Charters, to whom the request was referred recommended the request be granted. Thus they became Tillikum Chapter.

A ritual cost \$1. The Secretary's and Treasurer's Receipt Books were fifty cents.