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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

Maine Grand Chapter Session

In late February all members of the Maine Grand Jurisdiction received a letter from Sister Brenda L. Hall, Worthy Grand Matron concerning the *Cup of Kindness* Grand Chapter Session. It is a one day session by invitation only to be held on Saturday, May 22 at the Augusta Civic Center. As no ritual will be used, the entire session will be live streamed so that all the membership may view it. The times for the streaming are 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. when the business will be held. The installation of the 2021-2022 officers will be live streamed from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

<https://vimeo.com/event/747878>

The above address is to be used. The address will be distributed through *Star News* the morning of the Session and will be posted on the Grand Chapter of Maine's website, too.

The middle of April, an every member mailing was conducted by Sister Rheanne E. Frost, Grand Secretary so all members could vote on the budget, the Sisters for the Charity Board, the Finance Committee, and the motions concerning the 2021-2022 year.

The elective officers and the Brother who is a candidate for the Charity Board will all be elected by acclamation as there is only one candidate for these. The returned ballots must be postmarked no later than May 7, 2021.

The Grand East

On May 22 Sister Brenda L. Hall, Worthy Grand Matron will be presiding over the *Cup of Kindness* Grand Chapter Session along with her Worthy Grand Patron, David Cole. Can you match up the following Past Grand Matrons with the Brother that served with them in the Grand East? (answers on page four)

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| 1. Alice P. Webber | a. Bernald W. Tufts |
| 2. Beth A. Turner | b. Brett Jervis |
| 3. Corley Anne Byras | c. Brent H. Jones |
| 4. Flora M. Stack | d. Claude B. Brissette |
| 5. Geneva S. Allen | e. Dale E. Hanington |
| 6. Gloria J. Bowen | f. Donald B. Wiswell |
| 7. Jennifer R. Fogel | g. Edwin A. DeWitt |
| 8. Jerri A. Holt | h. F. Richard King |
| 9. Judith A. Wilkie | i. James A. Owens |
| 10. Julianne B. Irving | j. John H. Coombs |
| 11. Lucille A. Nanos | k. John L. Cousins |
| 12. Margaret L. Dyer | l. Larry W. Smith |
| 13. Marjorie E. Pfeiffer | m. Leighton S. Perkins |
| 14. Norma F. Crabtree | n. Phillip M. Hubbard |
| 15. Rebecca S. Bibber | o. Richard A. Farnsworth, III |
| 16. Rebecca D. Johnson | p. Robert M. L. Cone |
| 17. Rebecca E. St. Pierre | q. Ronald G. Forrest |
| 18. Stephanie J. Dupal | r. William H. Stretton |

Devotional Corner

Frequently, we hear it said that wealth is not everything, and there is not one among us who does not know how very true that statement is. On the other hand, each of us knows that things of value have a cost and that the price is very important to the purchaser.

The individual who wishes to make something, whether it is a dress, a coat, or an addition to the home, must go through a process of planning, selecting the materials, and finally, the individual must pay the cost of securing the materials themselves. And you may like to make sure that the materials you pay for are actually worth the amount of money you are spending.

When we shop for materials, we make sure that the article we are considering is genuinely as it is represented to be. No one wants to pay the price of one hundred per cent virgin wool and then discover that the material is really reprocessed wool and cotton. The expert shopper makes sure that he is buying good products and not some shoddy substitute for the real thing.

However, are we as careful and conscientious in the acquiring of the materials that we use in making the garment of our own life?

The things which each of us needs to make our own cloak of life are things of real value and yet, they may not be purchased at the counter nor can they be paid for with dollars and cents. However, this does not mean that they do not have a cost, for they surely do. Let us consider for a moment, what materials are essential to the well-rounded, worthwhile life.

First of all, there is friendship. We often talk about friendship but seldom if ever do we consider what living would be like if we never knew the comfort of friendship. It is almost impossible to imagine what life would be like without the companionship of another human being who also shared our ideas, our hopes and our discomforts. But, if the individual wishes to enjoy the satisfactions of a truly worthwhile friendship with another, he must first of all be willing to pay the price of friendship itself. First of all, you have to make the expenditure of time and effort to meet your friend more than half way down the street of life. To me, friendship has always seemed like the blanket or quilts one makes for his bed — it's the part that hangs over that keeps a person warm.

Sometimes we are puzzled that we do not seem to be able to acquire the kind of friendship that we really want. As the years pass, we gradually see the wisdom of our parents' homely advice, a "man's known by the company he keeps." Sometimes it is impossible to make friends with certain people. Perhaps the answer lies in the fact that friendship is a two-way affair.

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Landmarks

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

Act	Debate	No
Amenable	Degrees	Objection
Appeal	Due	Obligation
Ballot	Existence	Release
Being	Five	Right
Belief	Kept	Secret
Beneficent	Laws	Supreme
Brother	Masons	Three
Cubes	Moral	Unchangeable

You have to have two people who are both willing to give and to get. You can't be friends with anyone who cannot share his joys and sorrows with you. You can't have true friendship with anyone who cannot join with you in the sharing of your triumphs and your failures.

As with the selecting of any material, you select your own friends because they are genuinely worth the expenditure of your love, affection and assistance. It has often been said that if you would truly know any man, you must first know his friends.

Valuable as friendship with our fellow man is, still there is a friendship that surpasses this. Each of us needs to be friends with his Maker. Once again, this enviable state cannot be achieved without expenditures on our part. First of all, we have to take the time and make the effort to find out what God expects of us. We have to study His laws and the truths of our Holy Bible. We have to achieve a close relationship through humble and earnest prayer. And, we cannot make the garment of our life without double stitching the seams with the friendship of God and man.

(Written by an unknown OES member)

Honoring Mothers

Worthy Matron: Sisters and Brothers,
The dictionary defines the word mother
As one who gives protective care!
And so we honor our mothers
As our pride and our love we share

Mothers come in many sizes –
From a tiny nine to a large fifty-two
Large or small - it makes no difference,
They watch over us in all we do.

We read about the mothers of the days of long
age
With their gentle, wrinkled faces, and their hair
as white as snow
They were middle aged at forty, and at fifty
donned lace caps
At sixty they clung to shoulder shawls, and
loved their little naps.

But I love the modern mother, who can share in
all our joys,
Who understands the problems of her growing
girls and boys.
She may boast that she is sixty-two but her heart
is twenty-three
Our glorious, bright-eyed mothers, who are
keeping young you see.

*(Conductress presents Mothers back of Esther's
chair facing East.)*

Adah: My Sisters,
I represent the daughter's point
Which is the lovely color of blue.
Adah's lesson teaches that through our lives
We should strive to be faithful and true.
You've been guided by the open Bible
And have been true to honor and right,
So we are pleased to greet you
With our love — and flowers sweet and bright.

Electa: My Sisters,
I represent the mother's point
Which is the vibrant color of red.
Electa's lesson teaches us loving kindness
As the pathway of life we tread.
We are proud to honor all of our mothers
For the kindness you've shown every day;
And it is now our special joy
To present to you our love's bouquet.
Sister conductress, please present our mothers
with a token of our love (*Silk or real rose*).

Worthy Matron: My Sisters,
Mothers have a special place
That no one else can fill,
They gave us life, and our ideals,
And, now and then, a pill.

So let's give thanks for our mothers
And their love through all the years,
To sons, daughters, and grandchildren, too,
We love you mothers, and think you are dears.

Some folks love us when we're good
Others when were bad;
Some folks love us when we're smiling,
Others when we're sad.

It takes some special quality
To win the worlds applause,
But mothers are the only ones
Who love us just "because".

Quickie Quiz (answers on page four)

1. Where are the Landmarks found?
2. For how long is the Obligation binding according to Landmark number six?
3. Which Landmark is considered the cornerstone of our Order?
4. The third Landmark lists three things that are unchangeable. What are they?
5. Landmark eleven states who decides who shall be admitted to membership and that is?

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, the newsletters, various forms, and a listing of the
meetings in Maine etc. Sister Kathy Williamson is the
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Chickadee Chatter

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Mother's Day Trivia

1. On what day is Mother's Day celebrated in the United States, Australia and Canada?
 - a. First Sunday of May
 - b. Fourth Sunday of May
 - c. Third Sunday of May
 - d. Second Sunday of May
2. In the Roman Catholic Church, the holiday is strongly associated with admiration for whom?
 - a. Delilah
 - b. Virgin Mary
 - c. Eve
 - d. Mary Magdalene
3. In 1914 what President made Mother's Day an official national holiday in the United States?
 - a. George Washington
 - b. Woodrow Wilson
 - c. John F. Kennedy
 - d. Abraham Lincoln
4. Valentine's Day is the busiest day for florists. Mother's Day is the biggest holiday in the United States for?
 - a. Greeting Card Sales
 - b. Flower Sales
 - c. Chocolate Sales
 - d. Long-distance Telephone Calls
5. According to recent polls, Mother's Day ranks where in terms of most popular holidays?
 - a. Fourth
 - b. Third
 - c. Second
 - d. First
6. As of 2010, most births occurred in what month in the United States?
 - a. June
 - b. September
 - c. July
 - d. May
7. On average, how many diaper changes will a mother perform by a baby's second birthday?
 - a. 5,300
 - b. 7,300
 - c. 4,300
 - d. 6,300
8. What percent of babies are born on their due date?
 - a. Five percent
 - b. Ten Percent
 - c. Fifteen Percent
 - d. Twenty Percent
9. In the Bible, who is credited with being "Mother of All the Living"?
 - a. Mary Magdalene
 - b. Eve
 - c. Delilah
 - d. Virgin Mary
10. What is the traditional Mother's Day flower in Australia?
 - a. Rose
 - b. Chrysanthemum
 - c. Daisy
 - d. Carnation
11. What is the highest documented number of children born to one mother?
 - a. 59
 - b. 39
 - c. 69
 - d. 49

Quickie Answers

1. Towards the back of the Ritual on pages 164-165
2. Perpetual, Page 165 of Ritual
3. Landmark Number One as without it there would be no others as it's most important.
4. Name, Names of its degrees, and modes of recognition
5. The members in each chapter.

When you are looking at your mother, you are looking at the purest love you will ever know. —Charley Benetto

Mother is the heartbeat in the home; and without her, there seems to be no heartthrob. —Leroy Brownlow

Mothers are like glue. Even when you can't see them, they're still holding the family together. —Susan Gale

Answers to Past Grands Matching: 1-n, 2-d, 3-e, 4-b, 5-h, 6-r, 7-p, 8-f, 9-g, 10-i, 11-o, 12-q, 13-m, 14-j, 15-c, 16, 1, 17-a, 19-k
Answers to Mother Trivia: 1-d, 2-b, 3-b, 4-d, 5-b, 6-b, 7-b, 8-a, 9-b, 10-b, 11-c