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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

No Session In 2020

It has been announced by Sister Brenda L. Hall, Worthy Grand Matron that the *Cup of Kindness* Grand Chapter Session will not be held in 2020 but the 128th Session will be held in its entirety in May of 2021.

Her letter goes on to say “The Grand Officers will remain in their respective stations until elections and installations are held at the Grand Chapter Session in May 2021. Also, the committees, appointed and elected, will remain the same with the finances of Grand Chapter handled by the Finance Committee. Any monies paid to the Convener by the members and visitors will be returned.”

The letter continues “I will call a Special Meeting sometime in November. The purpose of this meeting will be to vote on a budget and other matters such as per capita and Grand Chapter insurance coverage. Information will come out on a later date on this matter.”

Quickie Questions on Martha

(Answers on page two)

1. The heroine of this degree differs from the first three heroine's in what respect?
2. What was the name of the town where Martha lived?
3. What great misfortune struck in Martha's home?
4. The shortest verse in the Bible is found in this story. What is it?
5. Who spoke the words that make up the Pass of this degree?

Subordinate Guidelines

Sister Brenda L. Hall, Worthy Grand Matron shared Subordinate Chapter guidelines on May 10th as follows: “Beginning in June with gatherings allowed for up to 50 people, Chapters will be allowed to hold meetings as long as the State of Maine conditions are met. This will of course include social distancing and wearing masks. This will allow chapters to hold annual meetings, election of officers, and installations if they so choose. I strongly recommend and encourage you not to have refreshments and meals at these events to decrease the amount of time spent near each other. In keeping with my earlier words about our at-risk members I urge all Worthy Matrons to consider their membership when thinking about holding a meeting.”

“There will be no Official Visits for the 2020 year. The District Deputy Grand Matrons will be available to instruct and will confer with me regarding any questions you may have.”

Message From Rhode Island

I hope this finds you and your family well. It is a difficult time for all of us, and here in Rhode Island, we were so looking forward to celebrating our 125th Anniversary this upcoming August. However, with the Covid-19 pandemic, that is not in the best interest of our members and guests. Therefore, it has been decided to postpone our celebration until next year. We are planning to hold it July 19-20, 2021, and sincerely hope many of our Sisters and Brothers will be able to join us then.

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Grand Secretary of RI

Telling the Story

I love to tell the story of unseen things from above, of Jesus and His Glory, of Jesus and His love, yes, I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true, it satisfies my longing as nothing else can do.

The pages of our Holy Bible tell us the story of the birth of our precious Savior, Jesus Christ, whose Star we follow and whose emblem we wear.

This great Book of Life gives us the secrets by which men walk the pathways of fidelity, constancy, loyalty, faith, and love. From the sacred pages of our Holy Bible come the heroines of our Order. Each of these women, be she Queen, or of lowly estate, achieves in very different circumstances her own spiritual triumph.

The emblem of Adah is the sword and veil united. The story teaches fidelity. Adah was faithful to her obligations even unto death.

The emblem of Ruth is the sheaf. The story teaches constancy. The constancy of Ruth, whose devotion never failed.

The emblem of Esther is the crown and scepter united. This story teaches loyalty. The loyalty of Esther to her people is a lesson we should heed in our everyday living.

The emblem of Martha is the broken column. The story of Martha tells of a sister's faith in Jesus. The faith of Martha, from whom we learn that the answers to the great questions of life can only be found in faith.

The emblem of Electa is the cup. The story gives us the greatest love ever known, the love of Electa, who loved her neighbors as herself.

Our Fourth Star Point

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Ask	Faith	Martha
Believeth	Fern	Mary
Bethany	Grave	Resurrection
Broken	Green	Risen
Brother	Grief	Sister
Christ	Immortal	Sorrow
Column	Jesus	Triangle
Death	Joy	Trust
Duty	Life	Uncertainty
Eternal		

Quickie Answers

1. Martha is the first of the heroines to be taken from the New Testament.
2. Bethany
3. Her brother, Lazarus died
4. *Jesus wept.* (St. John 1:35)
5. Jesus

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.

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