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Grand Chapter of Maine, Order of the Eastern Star

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New Brunswick in Maine

Lunar Chapter #126, Presque Isle will be hosting the New Brunswick in Maine Grand Family on October 26 when the officers of New Brunswick will be performing the degrees of the Order. Registration commences at 9 a.m. with a 10 a.m. rehearsal and luncheon at 11:30 a.m. The actual meeting will commence at 1 p.m. The luncheon will be limited to the two Grand Families.

International Weekend

The International Weekend will be hosted by the Connecticut Grand Chapter and is being held at the Groton Inn and Suites in Groton, CT the weekend of November 1-3. Saturday morning there will be an exciting Membership Forum with topics regarding recruitment, retention, communication, marketing, and leadership. The Connecticut OES website has all the needed forms and information. www.ctoes.com

Grand Family in Augusta

Queen Esther Chapter #10, Hallowell will be hosting a Grand Family on November 16 at the Augusta Masonic Temple, 317 Water Street in Augusta. Registration begins at 9 a.m. with the rehearsal at 10 a.m. and a buffet luncheon with sandwiches, salads, and assorted deserts for 100 members at 11:30 a.m. Reservations of \$15 by November 2nd need to be sent to Jean S. McKenna, PO Box 323, Hallowell, ME 04347-0323. Checks are to be made out to Queen Esther Chapter #10.

Bus Trip to Washington D.C.

Reservations with a deposit of \$100 can still be made for the 2019-2020 *Cup of Kindness* Washington D. C. Bus Trip to be held December 12th–15th. All reservations and payments to be made directly through Cyr Northstar Tours 207-827-2010. Cost per person: Single – \$1,175, Double – \$815, Triple – \$695, Quad – \$635. Includes: Round-trip motor coach, three nights lodging, 6 meals (2 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 3 dinners) lodging taxes, meal gratuities, and taxes. Balance due by October 25.

CAN-AM 2020

Beneath the Pines of Maine will be the CAN-AM weekend at the Samoset Resort on the Ocean in Rockport, February 28, 29, and March 1 of 2020.

Reserve 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 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.

Complete information including the registration and meal’s form will soon be located on Maine’s OES website <http://www.maineoes.org>

Grand Family Exchange, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island
Saturday, November 9 at the Wakefield Masonic Building, 370 Salem Street, Wakefield, MA
Half roasted chicken luncheon at noon limited to 120 members for donation of \$15.
Paid reservations by October 30 with Mrs. Jean F. DeSisto, PGM, 169 Codfish Corner Road,
Portsmouth, NH 03801-2007 with checks made payable to Tontoquon Chapter #100.
Grand Officer Exchange with introductions and initiatory work will be held at 1:30 p.m.

Our Central Star

In our Chapter Room we have our central star. From each point of this star we are given lessons of light, beauty, and knowledge. These lessons teach us that Fidelity can require sacrifice; Constancy helps us in industry; Loyalty requires that we be proud of our heritage; Faith allows us to trust and that through Love we give hospitality to others. These are values that never change. The lessons of our Star Points give us a solid foundation upon which to build our lives.

In the Book of Judges, we learn about the heroic conduct of Jephthah's daughter. The Sword and Veil is appropriate to Adah's station. The emblem is symbolic of the sacrifice Jephthah's daughter made to preserve her father's honor. We are reminded of her obedience to her father and to the will of God. Let us remember to be faithful to our convictions of right and duty. May our song be *I Would Be True*.

In the Book of Ruth, we read about the love and labor of the humble gleaner as she worked in the fields of Boaz to provide for her aged and dependent mother-in-law. The Sheaf is appropriate to Ruth's station. The emblem is symbolic of the reward gleaned by patient industry. We are reminded of her determination to remain with Naomi and to assist in her maintenance. Let us remember that patient industry does not go unrewarded. May our song be *Bringing in the Sheaves*.

In the Book of Esther, we learn of the Jewish damsel chosen to be the Queen of Persia. The Crown and Scepter is appropriate to Esther's station. The emblem is symbolic of the pride and courage Queen Esther had for her Jewish heritage. We are reminded of the heroic Queen Esther as she risked her life to save her people from death. Let us remember to be loyal to kindred and friends. May our song be *Others*.

In the Book of John we read of Martha, Mary, and their brother Lazarus. The Broken Column is appropriate to Martha's station. The emblem is symbolic of the trust and faith the family had in God and His Love. We remember the uncertainty of human life. Let us be reminded that the deepest sorrow is relieved by a trustful faith in God. May our song be *My Faith Looks Up To Thee*.

In the Second Epistle of John we read about the Elect Lady and her children. The Cup is appropriate to Electa's station. The emblem is symbolic of Electa's unselfish motives that prompted her to extend generous hospitality to the poor. We are reminded of her charity to others. Let us remember her heroic endurance of the wrongs of persecution. May our song be *Love Divine*.

As we study the sublime virtues exemplified in the lives of the heroines of our Order, we find the principles that are to shine through our lives and make the Order of the Eastern Star an example of Charity, Truth, and Loving Kindness.

Titles In the Order

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 T I M J T I A T C M H U K E T
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 A R D O E R E R U S A E R T N

Adah	Esther	RightWorthy
Assistant	General	Ruth
AssociateMatron	Grand	Secretary
AssociatePatron	Marshal	Sentinel
Chaplain	Martha	Sub
Conductress	Organist	Treasurer
DDGM	Page	Warder
Electa	Past	WorthyMatron
Escort	Prompter	WorthyPatron

Quickie Questions (answers on page four)

1. When a GGCCM is presented or introduced is the following phrase used? "Grand Chapter of Maine, Order of the Eastern Star"
2. Does the Worthy Matron present or introduce in the East?
3. What communications should be read first by the secretary?
4. What age must a lady be to petition the O.E.S.?
5. Where can a member locate the Cabalistic Motto?

Cryptoquip P equals E (Solution on Page Four)

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 S R G L G P W W M X D
 L U G U D P B F P O D
 Q E N D R D X L P.

Devotional Corner

When Martha's brother, Lazarus lay dying, Martha sent for Jesus as she counted on Him to save her brother. But Jesus arrived too late or so it seemed when he arrived four days later.

There were guests at her home to comfort her and her sister. Now remember Martha once wanted Jesus to correct her sister, Mary for not being willing to properly host guests in their home ... and she leaves to go meet Jesus who was on His way. Had she changed her priorities to faith instead of looking after the comfort of her guests?

In Martha's lecture we hear her declare her faith to Jesus. And we know that Lazarus walked out of his tomb

Life offers us many opportunities for us to choose between doubt and faith. We can have the assurance if we choose faith that God will come through for us.

October

- 7 – Mystic #69, Litchfield, 7 pm, *Love One Another*, honoring Past and present Electa's by Paula Nicholas, PM
- 8 – Lakeside #60, Wales, 7 pm, Landmarks and Obligation with the A. Conductress Lecture
- 8 – Machias #83, Machias, 7 pm, Official Visitation with the AGM
- 8 – Tillikum #99, Ashland, 7 pm, Pumpkin Contest
- 8 – Elm Vale #105, Harrison, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation with the GC, refreshments 6:30 pm
- 8 – Corner Stone #193, Portland, 7:30 pm, PAGO night
- 9 – Minerva #74, Madison, 7 pm, Official Visitation with the AGC
- 9 – Josiah H. Drummond #91, Thorndike, 7:30 pm, Honor Night, ESTARL
- 9 – Grace #93, Rockland, 7:30 pm, Landmarks and Obligation
- 9 – Lunar #126, Presque Isle, 7 pm, Landmarks, Obligation and Memorial, pound auction-proceeds to Grace Interfaith Food Table (food cupboard)
- 9 – Harbor View #136, Deer Isle, 7 pm, Past Matrons and Past Patrons
- 10 – Martha Washington #15, Waterville, 7:30 pm, Landmarks and Obligation Night with degrees
- 10 – Pine Cone #26, Auburn, 7 pm, Pastor Forrest Genthner to speak on ESTARL, ESTARL Supper with Pioneer #11 and Lakeside #60, The Initiation of the Order of the Eating Sisters.
- 10 – Somerset #80, Stratton, 7:30 pm, ESTARL dinner and Grand Representative Night
- 10 – Pythagorean #169, Fryeburg, 7 pm, Guest Officers with 6 pm ESTARL supper
- 10 – Annette #184 Saco, 7:30 pm, Guest Officers Night for degrees
- 11 – Rumery #46, Addison, 7:30 pm, Thankful for our Veterans
- 11 – Abenaki #116, Readfield, 7:30 pm, Honoring Star Points, 6:15 pm ESTARL Supper
- 14 – Aldworth #39, Milo, 7:30 pm, Trick-or-Treat, 6:15 pm supper
- 14 – Molunkus Valley #95, Sherman, 7 pm, Past Matron and Past Patron Nite, fall dinner at 6 pm
- 14 – Fireside #103, Clinton, 7:30 pm, Halloween
- 14 – Pleasant River #159, West Buxton, 7:30 pm, Rainbow Girls
- 15 – Deering #59, Portland, 7:30 pm, District 2 Information Night
- 15 – Golden Sheaf #114, New Gloucester, 7 pm, *Diamonds in the Rough*, Star Point Honor Night
- 15 – Madonna #144, West Kennebunk, 7 pm, Honoring Life Members, Halloween
- 15 – Almeda #149, Guilford, 7:30 pm, Apple Festival
- 15 – Pondicherry #192, Bridgton, 7:30 pm, *Order of the Eating Sisters* with supper prior to the meeting
- 16 – Felicity #195, Bucksport meeting in Orland, 7:30 pm, Past and Present DDGM Night, Charity Supper 6:15 pm
- 16 – Ivy #16, Warren, 7:30 pm, Past Matrons and Past Patrons, ESTARL Supper 6:15 pm
- 17 – Pioneer #11, Lisbon Falls, 7 pm, special program by Rainbow and DeMolay
- 17 – Bethlehem #36, Pittsfield, 7 pm, Honoring District #9 Members, ESTARL potluck supper
- 17 – Lily of the Valley #157, Weeks Mills, 7:30 pm, Halloween Surprise
- 21 – Electa #2, Bowdoinham 7 pm, Honor night for Grand Warder with 6 pm ESTARL Harvest Supper *Random Act of Kindness Challenge*: In honor of Adopt a Shelter Dog Month, bring in an item to donate to the Midcoast Humane Society.
- 21 – Arbutus #19, Liberty, 7:30 pm, *I Pledge...Sacred Vow*
- 21 – Marion #63, Gardiner meeting in Litchfield, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation with the AGC
- 21 – Mountain View #197, Buckfield, Honor Grand Representatives, program by Charlene Pelletier PM, pot luck supper at 6 pm
- 22 – Mt. Zircon #142, Mexico, 7 pm, Honor Star Points, Grand Star Points invited, ESTARL supper with Jerri Holt, PGM
- 22 – Corner Stone #193, Portland, 7:30 pm, Stated Meeting and pound auction for ESTARL
- 22 – Millwee #198, Orrington 7 pm, Halloween, bring something to Trick-a-Treat
- 23 – Jefferson # 89, Bryant Pond, 7 pm, 6 pm Soup and Bread Night
- 23 – Beacon #202, Damariscotta, 7 pm, History Night
- 24 – Riverside #123, Orland, 7 pm, honoring all teachers, ESTARL supper 6 pm
- 28 – Orion #45, Calais, 6:30 pm, Stated Meeting
- 28 – Lake View #179, Jefferson, 7:30 pm, ESTARL With a Twist. ESTARL supper 6:15 pm

November

- 1 – Ruth #14, Springvale, 7:30 pm, ESTARL Supper at 6:30 pm, Honoring Grand Representatives
- 1 – Naomi #25, Tenants Harbor, 7:30 pm, Landmarks and Obligation
- 1 – Genesta #73, Bath, 7 pm, Organ Donor – Guest Speaker, Brother E. William Rohr, PGP
- 1 – Irene #97, Ellsworth, 7:30 pm, “Oliver”--Stated Meeting with ESTARL Supper at 6:15 pm. Bring canned or non-Perishable Foods for local food pantry
- 1 – Primrose #152, Belfast, 7:30 pm, Thanksgiving Celebration, turkey dinner for Grand Chapter Charity
- 4 – Mystic #69, Litchfield, 7 pm, Honoring Veterans by Steve and Sally Costello
- 5 – Queen Esther #10, Hallowell, 7 pm, Honoring Veterans, Masons and Kennebec Lodge
- 5 – Deering #59, Portland, 7:30 pm, Past and Present Grand Officers Night
- 5 – Tuscan #148, Bangor, 7:30 pm, Veteran’s Day
- 5 – Sarah Orne Jewett #176, South Berwick, 7 pm, *Mary Poppins*, “Step in Time” – Landmarks and Obligation Night
- 6 – Messalunskit #170, New Sharon, 7:30 pm, Honor Veterans
- 7 – Keystone #78, Solon, 7:30 pm, Honoring Masons and Veterans, ESTARL Supper with Minerva Chapter #74
- 7 – Pythagorean #169, Fryeburg, 7 pm, Landmarks and Obligation Night
- 8 – Rumery #46, Addison, 7:30 pm, Friendship is the Key - Star Point Night
- 8 – Abenaki #116, Readfield, 7:30 pm, Honoring Warders and Sentinels
- 11 – Aldworth #39, Milo, 7:30 pm, Red, White, and Blue-berry Festival, 6:15 pm pot luck supper
- 11 – Marion #63, Gardiner meeting in Litchfield, 7:30 pm, ESTARL pot luck at 6:15 pm, teacup auction
- 11 – Molunkus Valley #95, Sherman, 7 pm, auction with pot luck at 7 pm.
- 11 – Fireside #103, Clinton, 7:30 pm, ESTARL Supper at 6:30 pm
- 11 – Pleasant River #159, West Buxton, 7:30 pm, Honor Masons- pot luck supper
- 12 – Lakeside #60, Wales, 7 pm, Honoring Our Veterans Bring \$\$\$\$ Donations
- 12 – Machias #83, Machias, 7 pm, Honoring Veteran's and their Children
- 12 – Tillikum #99, Ashland, 7 pm, Landmarks and Obligation, honoring 25 and 50 year members
- 12 – Elm Vale #105, Harrison, 7:30 pm, refreshments 6:30 pm, Looking Back with Gail Butterfield
- 12 – Corner Stone #193, Portland, 7:30 pm, Veteran's Day
- 13 – Minerva #74, Madison, 7 pm, Queen Esther Honor Night, supper at 6 pm
- 13 – Josiah H. Drummond #91, Thorndike, 7:30 pm, Veteran’s Night with turkey dinner for the WGM Special Project
- 13 – Grace #93, Rockland, 7:30 pm, Stated meeting with a Thanksgiving dinner at 6:15 pm
- 13 – Lunar #126, Presque Isle, 7 pm, Honoring Our Troops and Veterans
- 13 – Harbor View #136, Deer Isle, 7 pm, Thanksgiving Dinner 6 pm, ESTARL
- 14 – Martha Washington #15, Waterville, 7:30 pm, *What Wilt Thou?* and Veterans Among Us, Honoring Esther and Veterans, Fill a Pack for VA
- 14 – Pine Cone #26, Auburn, 7 pm, Thanksgiving, pie auction, Grand Representative Night
- 14 – Somerset #80, Stratton, 7:30 pm, Thanksgiving dinner with family invited
- 14 – Annette #184 Saco, 7:30 pm, Honoring PAGOs and Present Appointed Grand Officers
- 18 – Electa #2, Bowdoinham 7 pm, World Kindness Day celebration *Random Act of Kindness Challenge*: Your choice, get creative and have fun!
- 18 – Arbutus #19, Liberty, 7:30 pm, Thanksgiving, pot luck at 6:15 pm
- 18 – Mountain View #197, Buckfield, 7 pm, Thanksgiving, program by Nancy Jacobs PM, pot luck supper at 6 pm
- 19 – Deering #59, Portland, 7:30 pm, Stated Meeting
- 19 – Golden Sheaf #114, New Gloucester, 7 pm, *Tempting Topaz*, Thanksgiving, pie auction
- 19 – Madonna #144, West Kennebunk, 7 pm, Honoring Veterans
- 19 – Almeda #149, Guilford, 7:30 pm, Thanksgiving with pound auction
- 19 – Pondicherry #192, Bridgton, 7:30 pm, Honor 25 and 50 year members, refreshments prior to the meeting
- 20 – Ivy #16, Warren, 7:30 pm, Christmas Party, pot luck refreshments
- 20 – Jefferson Chapter #89, Bryant Pond, 7 pm, *Give Thanks*, 6 pm supper
- 20 – Felicity #195, Bucksport meeting in Orland, 7:30 pm, *Being Thankful*, Toys and Dollars for BCC, 6:15 pot luck supper
- 20 – Beacon #202, Damariscotta, 7 pm, Veterans and Wreaths Across America

Quickie Answers

1. No, these are General Grand Chapter appointments and not Maine ones.
2. The Conductress presents and the Worthy Matron introduces.
3. Correspondence from Grand Chapter should be read first and if from the Worthy Grand Matron an/or Worthy Grand Patron they are actually the very first ones.
4. The petition can not be read in a chapter until she is actually 18.
5. In the Secret Work.

Cryptoquip

Act with kindness but do not expect gratitude.