

# The Piper

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## Grand Chapter of Maine, Order of the Eastern Star

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### Heart & Soul Year

Theme:	Put your heart in it and your soul will be satisfied
Colors:	Red, Black, Gray, and Silver
Honor Stations:	Electa and Secretary
Flowers:	Red Carnations, Daisy, and Morning Glory
Emblems:	Electa's Cup and Crossed Pens
Fun Emblems:	Cardinal, Birdhouse, and the Bagpipe
Scriptures:	
WGM:	<i>Grace be with you, mercy and peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, In Truth and Love. John 2:3</i>
WGP:	<i>His Lord said unto him, well done good and faithful servant: Thou has been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things, enter into the joy of thy Lord. St. Matthew 25:23</i>

### School of Instruction

There will be a School of Instruction on June 3 at Martha Washington Chapter #15, 250 County Road, Waterville. Attendees should bring their dues card, their ritual, and also the CR & R if they have one. The school will not be doing degree work, but will center on the opening and closing along with balloting. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. with the actual instruction commencing at 9 a.m. Checks for \$15 for the sandwich luncheon are due by May 27 made payable to Fireside Chapter #103 and mailed to Sister Sandra LeClair, 664 Bangor Road, Benton, ME 04901.

### Travel Badge Requirements

To earn a Heart & Soul Travel Badge, a member needs to earn 500 points and submit their form to the Grand Warder. Forms may be obtained from your DDGM.

<b>Attend</b>	
Chapter Meeting	10 Pts
Chapter Installation of Officers	10 Pts
DeMolay Meeting (Max 60 Pts)	20 Pts
Fall Event	10 Pts
Grand Chapter in other Jurisdictions	50 Pts
Grand Family	40 Pts
Grand Family Exchange	40 Pts
Grand Family Reception	50 Pts
Honor Night for the station you hold	20 Pts
Installation of Grand Officers 23-24	30 Pts
International Weekend or Can-Am	50 Pts
Masonic Event (Max 60 Pts)	20 Pts
Official Visitation	20 Pts
Rainbow Meeting (Max 60 Pts)	20 Pts
School of Instruction	50 Pts
Spring Event	20 Pts
Merger	20 Pts
Shrine Event (Max 60 Pts)	20 Pts
<b>Assist</b>	
WGM's Special Project	50 Pts
Masonic Suppers	10 Pts
<b>Visit</b>	
Prospective Member	10 Pts
Shut-in	20 Pts
<b>Serve</b>	
Installing Officer/Assist in East	50 Pts
Installing Chaplain, Marshal, Organist	40 Pts
Star Point Ceremony at Installation	30 Pts
Installed Chapter Officer	20 Pts
Protom Officer (not your own Chapter)	10 Pts
<b>Signer</b>	
1st Signer on a petition for degrees	50 Pts
2nd Signer on a petition for degrees	10 Pts
Drive more than 1.5 hours to get to any of the above	+10 Pts
Take someone with you to any of the above	+5 Pts per person

## First Grand Family

Millwee Chapter #198, Orrington cordially invites you to the first Grand Family of the Heart & Soul Grand Chapter year. It will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, July 1st at Ralph J. Pollard Lodge, 730 River Rd., Orrington. Parking will be at the lodge, with overflow parking available at the Post Office **after** it closes at noon. Registration commences at 9 a.m. with coffee and donuts. There will be a 10 a.m. rehearsal for the Grand Officers and the Officers of Millwee Chapter.

The 11:30 a.m. luncheon buffet will consist of stuffed chicken supreme, beef tips in gravy, parsley buttered new potatoes, green beans almondine, house salad with assorted dressings, fresh baked bread, apple crisp, lemonade, iced tea, coffee, decaf, and tea.

The cost is \$20. Reservations are limited to 100 and must be made by June 17th. Please make checks out to Millwee Chapter and mail to Sister Wilda Naugler, PM, 9 Cross Street, Brewer, Maine 04412

## Devotional

The Cardinal, with its vibrant red feathers and beautiful song, is a symbol of love and charity. As Christians, we are called to love one another and show hospitality to those in need, just as the Cardinal does by feeding and caring for its mate and offspring.

Love is the foundation of our faith, and it is through love that we are able to show charity to others. This means giving to those who are less fortunate, helping those in need, and sharing our blessings with those around us.

Hospitality is also an important aspect of our faith, and it is something that the Cardinal exemplifies. By providing a safe and nurturing environment for its family, the Cardinal shows us the importance of opening our hearts and homes to others, welcoming them with kindness and warmth.

As we reflect on the example of the Cardinal, may we be inspired to live lives of love, charity, and hospitality. Let us love one another, give generously to those in need, and open our hearts and homes to those around us, just as the Cardinal does for its family.

## Quickie Questions

(answers on last page)

1. During the initiation what does a Brother receive at the station of Electa?
2. Is the station of Electa an elected or appointed officer?
3. Does Electa stand at the left or the right of her chair?
4. What is Electa's emblem?
5. How is Electa referred to in the Bible?

## Heart & Soul Grand Family

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 B C N A N O O N E L T T O P

Bryer	Kelley	Precourt
Buzza	LeClair	Ramsey
Carter	Leight	Ritchie
Ellis	Lyons	Robinson
Farnsworth	Manning	Stewart
Farrington	McLaughlin	Stinson
Fenlason	Nicholas	Thompson
Getchell	Noonan	VanNorman
Hanson	Pfeiffer	Wakem
Izzy	Pottle	White
Joy	Potvin	

## Star News

Please email items for posting on *Star News* to corleybyras@gmail.com and to receive the *Star News* please send your email address to the same email.

## Website

The Maine Order of the Eastern Star's website is 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.

## The Piper

*The Piper* is the newsletter that will be published during the 2023-24 year and distributed currently through *Star News* and when Grand Family events are held it is given to the DDGM's. If you'd like items printed in it, email it to corleybyras@gmail.com or send it by snail mail to Sister Corley Anne Byras, 72 Smith Street, Unit 4, Augusta, ME 04330

## Colored Birds Reflect Our Heroines

**Worthy Matron:** In the twelfth verse of the second chapter of the Song of Solomon, we read: “the flowers appear on the Earth; the time of the singing of birds is come” and in Ecclesiastics 10, verse 20, it states: “A bird of the air shall carry the voice.”

As early as the twentieth verse of the first chapter of Genesis, we learn that God in His infinite wisdom created birds that they might fly above the earth in the open firmament of Heaven.

From high above the mountaintops God sends His birds, His birds of multiple hue;  
And these birds bring a message to man on Earth  
A message of what man must do.

The many colored birds reflect  
Our heroines and who they are.  
And thus the colored birds reflect  
The message of our Star.

Out of the sacred pages of Scripture come the heroines of our Order. Each one brings a lesson, a direct admonition from the Word of God.

**Adah:** From the lessons of Adah, we hear of her faithfulness to convictions of right and duty.  
A sword and veil, a father’s vow.  
A decision tragic, so meaningful now.  
How could he know his vow could touch  
The life of one he loved so much?  
We too take vows in many things  
On this sojourn of life and often it brings  
A time of decision, “Just what should I do,  
Does it really matter, if my vow I hold true?”  
From the Book of Judges, a lesson we learn,  
That a vow is so sacred, we never should turn  
from that which we promise...No. We never shall  
fall. And our star is our reminder with Adah’s  
sword and veil. And of course Adah’s bird might  
be the Bluebird of happiness.

**Ruth:** From the lesson of Ruth we hear her constancy, ever teaching faithful obedience to the demands of honor and justice.  
The beauty of a golden sheaf  
Tells of a harvest when toil is done.  
And that with patient industry blessings we reap,  
With the setting of the sun.  
A gleaner fair, amid those fields  
As recorded in the Book of Ruth.  
Was touched by God for a plan divine  
A reward for her constancy and truth.  
Our golden sheaf will remind us,  
Of Ruth’s constancy from the bright golden glow  
And the love inspired with her promise “Whither  
thou goest, I’ll go.”  
Ruth’s bird would be the American Goldfinch.

**Esther:** From the lesson of Esther we hear of her pure and upright life.

A crown and scepter united  
A symbol of royalty and power.  
Brought to us from the sacred role of Esther,  
A reminder of that heroine’s finest hour.  
That crown represents worldly treasures  
Which so often we seek all in vain.  
For without loyalty to kindred and brethren  
There is so little else we could gain.  
For what good are riches and power  
When there is no one to love and to share?  
Esther teaches the lesson of loyalty  
And the purity which defeats all despair.  
Esther’s bird would be the White Dove.

**Martha:** From the lesson of Martha we hear of hope and immortality.

How often our lives are shattered  
By the loss of one we hold dear;  
And we find the deepest of sorrows  
As our days are clouded by tears.  
And then from the Star Point of Martha  
Come those words upon which we rely –  
“Whosoever liveth and believeth in Me, shall  
never, never die.”  
Oh, beautiful broken column,  
You mind us as this pathway we trod  
An all green bird is hard to find, but one could be  
the Green Catbird.

**Electa:** That our pain, through deepest of sorrows  
Is relieved by a trustful faith in God.  
From the lesson of Electa we hear of charity and hospitality.

To gaze upon a silver cup  
Is a reminder of the adoring respect  
For which Electa felt for her Saviour’s cross  
The cross she could not reject.  
It’s a reminder too of the charity  
And the love she showed to others.  
Of the Master’s words: “As I have first loved you,  
You ought surely to Love One Another.”  
This silver cup denotes all this  
And Masonic traditions too.  
It speaks of love for Country  
And of courage, tried and true.  
Yes, Electa’s cup means many things  
When the sea of life seems tempest tossed.  
That we can be sheltered by His power  
When we walk in the shadow of his Cross.  
Naturally the bird for Electa would be the  
Cardinal with its vivid shade of red.

## May

- 18 – Pioneer #11, Lisbon Falls, 7 pm, Welcome Flowers
- 18 – Bethlehem #36, Pittsfield, 7 pm, Grand Chapter Reports, Meetings will continue to be held at Meridian Splendor Lodge until further notice.
- 18 – Lily of the Valley #157, Weeks Mills, 7:30 pm, Mothers' Day
- 22 – Orion #45, Calais, 6:30 pm, Stated Meeting
- 23 – Mt. Zircon #142, Mexico, 7 pm, Talk About Your Mothers
- 23 – Madonna #144, West Kennebunk, 7 pm, Memorial Day, Flag Presentation
- 23 – Pondicherry #192, Bridgton, 7:30 pm, Degrees and Installation
- 23 – Millwee #198, Orrington, 7 pm, Grand Chapter Reports/basket auction
- 24 – Felicity #195, Orland, 7 pm, Honoring Our Parents, 6 pm supper
- 24 – Beacon #201, Damariscotta, 7 pm, Remembrance Month
- 25 – Riverside #123, Orland, 7 pm, Honor Mothers, 6 pm supper

## June

- 1 – Keystone #78, Solon, 7 pm, honoring 50 year members
- 2 – Genesta #73, meeting in Brunswick, 7 pm, Ribbon Ceremony, ESTARL Supper 6 pm
- 2 – Irene #97, Ellsworth, 7:30 pm, Honoring Our Flag
- 5 – Mystic #69, Litchfield, 7 pm, Ribbon Ceremony
- 6 – Queen Esther #10, meeting in Augusta, 7 pm, Official Visitation by the AGC
- 6 – Star Light #203, Westbrook, 7:30, Stated meeting, Election of Officers
- 7 – Messalunskit #170, New Sharon, 7:30 pm, Honor Flag and Country, 6:30 pm pot luck
- 8 – Somerset #80, Stratton, 7:30 pm, Grand Chapter Report, Dinner is breakfast for dinner, 6:30
- 8 – Martha Washington #15, Waterville, 7:30 pm, Grand Star Point Ceremony
- 8 – Pine Cone #26, Auburn, 7 pm, Honoring our Fathers and Mothers, Too
- 8 – Annette #184, Saco, 7:30 pm, Honoring Masons
- 9 – Rumery #46, Addison, 7:30 pm, Father's Day and Flag Day
- 12 – Aldworth #39, Milo, 7:30 pm, Skipping Again! And honoring Dads, 6:15 pot luck supper
- 12 – Molunkus Valley #95, Sherman 7 pm, Father's Day/Flag Day
- 12 – Fireside #103, Clinton, 7 pm, Flag Program
- 12 – Pleasant River #159, West Buxton, 7:30 pm, Honoring Fathers, pot luck supper 6:30 pm
- 13 – Lakeside #60, Sabattus, 7 pm, Honor Father's, and Honor the station of Ruth
- 13 – Elm Vale #105, Harrison, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation with the AGC,
- 14 – Minerva #74, Madison, 7 pm, Official Visitation, 6 pm pot luck supper

- 14 – Josiah H. Drummond #91, Unity, 7:30 pm, Flag Day (Trivia)
- 14 – Lunar #126, Presque Isle, 7 pm, Official Visitation with AGM, Father's Day
- 14 – Harbor View #136, Deer Isle, 7 pm, Flag Day and Degree, 6 pm supper
- 15 – Pioneer #11, Lisbon Falls, 7 pm, Official Visitation and Flag appreciation
- 15 – Bethlehem #36, Pittsfield, 7 pm, Honor Night - Chaplains, Meetings will continue to be held at Meridian Splendor Lodge until further notice.
- 15 – Lily of the Valley #157, Weeks Mills, 7:30 pm, Grand Star Points and Ice Cream Social
- 17 – Queen Esther #10, meeting in Augusta, 7 pm, Masonic Degrees, Special invitation to our Masonic Brothers and their Ladies with 5:45 pm supper
- 17 – Star Light #203, Westbrook, 7:30, Installation of Officers
- 19 – Electa #2, Bowdoinham, 7 pm, Official Visitation, Wear something Lavender in honor of Cancer Survivors.
- 19 – Arbutus #19, Liberty, pm, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation with AGM
- 19 – Tuscan #148, Bangor, 7 pm, Worthy Patron and Associate Patron presentations and instruction
- 19 – Mountain View #197, Buckfield, 7 pm, Flag Day, 6 pm supper
- 20 – Golden Sheaf #114, New Gloucester, 7 pm, Official Visitation
- 20 – Madonna #144, West Kennebunk, 7 pm, Official Visitation with the GC
- 20 – Almeda #149, Guilford, 7:30 pm, Celebrating Fathers and PP's
- 20 – Pondicherry #192, Bridgton, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation
- 21 – Ivy #16, Warren, 7:30 pm, Father's Day
- 21 – Felicity #195, Orland, 7 pm, Official Visitation with AGM, 6 pm supper
- 22 – Riverside #123, Orland, 7 pm, Official Visitation with the GC, 6 pm supper
- 26 – Orion #45, Calais, 6:30 pm, Stated Meeting
- 27 – Mt. Zircon #142, Mexico, 7 pm, Talk About Your Fathers
- 27 – Millwee #198, Orrington, 7 pm, Honoring the Faithful
- 28 – Beacon #201, Damariscotta, 7 pm, Official Visitation

## Quickie Answers

1. Electa pins a boutonniere on him at her station. Tradition in Maine
2. Appointed
3. The left
4. The Cup
5. The Elect Lady in St. John