

The Angelic Bears

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Grand Chapter of Maine, Order of the Eastern Star

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Spring Event - 2022

The 2022 Spring Event will be held on Saturday, April 2 at Mystic Chapter #69, 2420 Hallowell Road, Litchfield. This is the annual fund raiser to benefit the Rainbow and DeMolay.

An OES Fashion Show will be the entertainment along with basket raffles and a 50/50 raffle.

The luncheon will be soup, sandwiches, and side salads with dessert and beverages. Reservations should be sent by March 2. with checks made out to Delora Farrington, 149 P Ridge Road, Readfield, ME 04355. The cost is \$15 for the meal and meeting. If only attending the meeting the cost is \$5.

Chairmen for this event are Flora M. Stack, PGM and Susan M. Hawes, PGM.

Deering Degrees

The *Cup of Kindness* Grand Family will be exemplifying the degrees at a special meeting of Deering Chapter #59, Portland at the Saccarappa Masonic Hall, 573 Main Street in Westbrook on Saturday, February 5 at 1 p.m. with a snow date of February 12.

Quickie Questions (answers on back page)

1. In proving the Chapter when do the Conductress and Associate Conductress return to their stations?
2. Does the Warder respond to an alarm while the secretary is reading the minutes?
3. Are square corners observed in the opening and closing?
4. During Initiation and the singing of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" where is the Chaplain standing?
5. Is the Associate Patron on the left or the right of the Associate Matron?

Not All In the Book

By Wayne Eicher

We know well the Ritual,
We are familiar with the book,
We all know how Adah died
And the kind of grain Ruth took.
Many times we have seen the
Conductress the labyrinth wind.
With a new member on her arm
And another following behind.
But not everything is written down,
Nowhere is it shown,
There are many things each Sister
Must learn on her own;
The fashionable way to grasp a gown
When traversing a stair.
The proper way to compensate for
The hardness of a chair;
How to waken, unobtrusively a
Leg that's gone to sleep,
How to check, nonchalantly, when
She feels something creep;
The graceful way to scratch an itch
Somewhere above the knee,
How to sit to hide a run she is
Positive everyone can see;
How to turn into a smile what
Had started as a yawn,
When the words of a distinguished
Guest go on and on and on;
How to perspire invisibly when
It's 90 degrees in the hall,
How to make look impressive as a
Stole a white knitted shawl;
You may search the Ritual if you
Wish, it won't hurt to look
But you'll find many important
Things aren't in the book.
(Lifted from New Hampshire)

Our Emblems

The sword and veil of Adah's station is an emblem that is symbolic of the fidelity of this heroine, whose story is familiar to us through the Book of Judges. It reminds us of the importance of spending some quiet time with God everyday in order to prepare ourselves to cope with our daily needs.

The sheaf is symbolic of Ruth's beautiful and touching life, reminding us that constancy is necessary to all demands of honor and justice and the compliment of all other human virtues.

The crown and scepter, the emblem of Esther's station reminds us to be ever loyal to our kindred and friends to our country and to our God. By loyalty we mean the greatest love, the greatest usefulness, and the noblest sufferings.

The broken column represents the uncertainty of human life and brings to mind the trustful faith of Martha and the hope of immortal life. In life there are many sorrows and disappointments; however, in Martha's meeting with Jesus, we learn that with a trustful and strong faith and belief in God, we will overcome all sorrows and heartaches.

The cup is the emblem of charity and hospitality. Not only did Electa demonstrate her love for her children, but also love for her Christian faith. Then, finally, the sublime virtue she exemplified through her life, *that we love one another*.

Romeo and Juliet

Romeo and Juliet are found dead on the floor in a bedroom. When they were discovered, there were pieces of glass and some water on the floor. A shelf and a bed are the only furniture in the room. The house is in a remote location, away from everything except for the nearby railway tracks. What caused the deaths of Romeo and Juliet?

Romeo and Juliet are fish. The rumble of the train knocked the tank off the shelf.

Some United States Presidents

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Arthur	Hoover	Reagan
Biden	Kennedy	Roosevelt
Bush	Lincoln	Taft
Carter	Madison	Truman
Cleveland	Monroe	Trump
Clinton	Nixon	Tyler
Ford	Obama	Washington
Grant	Polk	Wilson
Hayes		

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Quickie Answers

1. After the Associate Matron has reported to the Worthy Matron, and the Worthy Matron says, "It is well."
2. No ... and not during the opening, closing, balloting, or when anyone is addressing the presiding officer.
3. Yes.
4. West of the Altar.
5. Her left.