

The Angelic Bears

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Grand Chapter of Maine, Order of the Eastern Star

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Arthur C. Dunlap, Worthy Grand Patron

Angels Gather Here Grand Family

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Theme: Live by faith – All things are possible for those who believe

Colors: Purple and Sapphire Blue

Honor Stations: Adah and Esther

Flowers: African Violets, Red Geranium, Fuchsia and Baby's Breath

Emblems: WGM – Bible and Angel
WGP – Holy Altar and Teddy Bear with wings

Scriptures:
WGM – Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Proverbs 3:5-6
WGP – And ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free. John 8:32

Special Projects:

- Angel Pins and Scarves – Maine Honor Flight
- Angel Bear Pins – Good Shepherd Food Bank
- Baskets – Grand Chapter Charity Fund
- Craft Table – International Headquarters
- Fall Event – The Children's Dyslexia Centers
- Gown Sale – Newsletter
- Jewelry Table – ESTARL
- Spring Events – Rainbow and DeMolay
- Worthy Grand Matron's Special Project – 50% Grand Chapter Charity Fund and 50% ESTARL

Special Events:

August 21 – Grand Family Reception at Jeff's Catering in Brewer

August 28 – School of Instruction, Deering #59

September 11 – School of Instruction, Irene #97

October 23 – Grand Family, Bethlehem #36

October 30 – Maine Honoree Banquet

Angel of Friendship

One of the greatest blessings in life is to enjoy friendship, to feel the warmth of that special love that comes from an understanding heart, a forgiving nature and a quiet companionship. Friendship is a treasure in your life and in mine, and it is a quality that has enriched God's children everywhere down through the ages. Searching our Ritual, we can readily find that friendship influenced the lives of our heroines in a great measure.

Sister Adah – Like other young girls, Adah had friends who shared her dreams and hopes. As she went up into the mountains to prepare her mind for the difficult duty that faced her, she was followed by her friends who gave her strength and support. May you always be an angel of friendship.

Sister Ruth – Ruth left behind, in the land of Moab, her childhood acquaintances and chose a new life with Naomi. But she found friends among Naomi's people who were willing to protect and care for her, as friends should do. May you always be an angel of friendship.

Sister Esther – Though she was a queen, Esther remained loyal to her family and to her friends. Friendship was foremost in her mind. Her people were very important to her and they trusted Esther to save them. Her splendid courage spared them. May you always be an angel of friendship.

Sister Martha – Martha was a friend of Jesus and the disciples were friends as well. She and her sister, Mary and her brother, Lazarus, in their humble home, provided shelter, food and companionship, in the spirit of true friendship. May you always be an angel of friendship.

Sister Electa – As a lady of charity and hospitality, Electa worked with her friends to promote loving kindness all around her. She will be remembered for her friendship and unselfish service to the poor. May you always be an angel of friendship.

My Sisters, The impressive lessons that you share with your listeners, have the beauty of friendship woven through them. Let this joy of friendship be illustrated in your lives that it may be a blessing to others.

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R A M S E Y E N M U R Z A O
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Allen	Farnsworth	Merrill
Babb	Farrington	Potter
Barrows	Fenlason	Ramsey
Bennett	Fitts	Ritchie
Bibber	Frost	Rumney
Bickford	Greim	Stinson
Bockus	Grodan	Thompson
Cameron	Hayden	Vokey
Carter	Joy	Wakem
Cookson	Libby	Wood
Dunlap	Manning	Zimmerman
Ellis	Matthews	

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.

The Angelic Bears

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Star News

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Devotional Corner

After King Herod Agrippa killed John's brother James, he imprisoned Simon Peter and assigned sixteen soldiers to guard him. After the Passover, Herod was going to subject Peter to a public trial. Things were pretty grim for the members of the Jerusalem Church. The night before the trial, the faithful met together at John Mark's home for prayer.

God answered their prayers. The angel of the Lord broke Peter out of jail. Let's join the Biblical narrative in Acts -- Peter finally realized what had happened. "It's really true!" he said to himself. "The Lord has sent his angel and saved me from Herod and from what the Jews were hoping to do to me!" After a little thought, he went to the home of Mary, the mother of John Mark, where many were gathered for prayer. He knocked at the door in the gate, and a servant girl named Rhoda came to open it. When she recognized Peter's voice, she was so overjoyed that, instead of opening the door, she ran back inside and told everyone, "Peter is standing at the door!" "You're out of your mind," they said. When she insisted, they decided, "It must be his angel."

Meanwhile, Peter continued knocking. When they finally went out and opened the door, they were amazed. He motioned for them to quiet down and told them what had happened and how the Lord had led him out of jail. "Tell James and the other brothers what happened," he said. And then he went to another place.

The adults in this story responded with reason. Peter, himself believed he was dreaming instead of understanding God was intervening.

The participants in the prayer meeting were upset with Rhoda for bothering them. They said she was crazy, but were prepared to believe that an angel was at the gate. The Bible says "they finally went out," apparently, the whole bunch of them crept to the front door to confront the mysterious being that awaited them on the other side.

The child, Rhoda, didn't have to see Peter to know the prayers were answered, she only had to hear his voice. Children can withstand the storms of disbelief and continue to believe.

ESTARL Awards

Jerri A. Holt, PGM, ESTARL Chairman in Maine
2020-2021 *Cup of Kindness* ESTARL Awards to Chapters—Congratulations!

Small Chapters:

First Place—Electa Chapter No. 2
Second Place—Annette Chapter No. 184
Third Place—Riverside Chapter No. 123

Large Chapters

First Place—Irene Chapter No. 97
Second Place—Bethlehem Chapter No. 36
Third Place—Pine Cone Chapter No. 26

Pythagorean Chapter No. 169 is in the process of merging and they donated \$5000 to Regular ESTARL, \$855 Permanent ESTARL and \$108 E-Dollars. The ESTARL Committee wishes you the very best with your new venture.

TOP Contributions to E-Dollars

1. Pine Cone Chapter No. 26
2. Bethlehem Chapter No. 36
3. Beacon Chapter No. 202

E-Dollars will continue for the year 2021-2022.

Quickie Questions on Angels

1. About how many times does the Bible mention angels?
a. 100 b. 200
c. 300 d. 400
2. This is the meaning of the word angel.
a. Messenger b. Epistle
c. Evangelist d. Traveler
3. This choir is the lowest and the closest to humans and the material world. This choir also delivers our prayers to God and delivers messages from God.
a. Principalities b. Angels
c. Cherubim d. Thrones
4. This type of angel is known as the chief or leading angel.
a. Archangel b. Dominions
c. Virtues d. Thrones
5. How many choirs of angels are there?
a. Four b. Three
c. Eight d. Nine

- Quickie Answers
1. c. 300
2. a. Messenger
3. b. Angels
4. a. Archangel
5. d. Nine

Bear Questions

1. Who broke into the bears' house and fell asleep? _____
2. What bear has a friend named Boo Boo? _____
3. What bear is adamant about preventing forest fires? _____
4. Who is Winnie-the-Pooh's best friend? _____
5. This bear's name starts with a *G*, has a hump on its shoulders, and has brown to gray hair. _____
6. What bears are soft and gooey and yummy to eat? _____
7. What popular book series has a family of bears that include Papa, Mama, Brother, and Sister Bear? _____
8. What is the name of the bear in *The Jungle Book* by Rudyard Kipling? _____
9. Name one of the bears from Sesame Street. _____
10. This bear's name starts with a *P*, is black and white and lives in China. _____
11. What park does Yogi Bear live in? _____
12. What United States president is associated with the Teddy Bear? _____
13. This bear's name starts with a *P* and lives in the Arctic. Although it looks white, it has clear-colored hair and black skin. _____
14. What bear wears a tattered hat and coat, carries an old suitcase, and likes marmalade sandwiches? _____
15. Garfield may be a very cynical cat, but he has a soft spot for his pet bear, who goes by the name of? _____
16. He's a 650-pound American black bear who wouldn't hurt a fly (good job really, his best friend is a young boy). _____
17. Stewie from *Family Guy* often gets angry when he talks to the teddy and gets no response. What's the silent critter's name? _____
18. Humpty, Hamble, Jemima and ... what was the name of *Play School's* bear? _____
19. Where can you create your very own Teddy Bear and other stuffed animals at many shopping malls? _____
20. What symbol is associated with the University of Maine at Orono? _____

- Bear Answers**
1. Goldilocks
 2. Yogi Bear
 3. Smokey the Bear
 4. Piglet
 5. Grizzly Bear
 6. Gummy Bears
 7. The Berenstain Bears
 8. Baloo
 9. Fozzie or Baby Bear
 10. Panda Bear
 11. Jellystone Park
 12. Teddy Roosevelt
 13. Polar Bear
 14. Paddington Bear
 15. Pooky
 16. Gentle Ben
 17. Rupert
 18. Big Ted
 19. Build-A-Bear Workshop!
 20. The Black Bear