

The Angelic Bears

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Grand Family At Ivy Chapter

The *Angels Gather Here* Grand Family will perform the degrees at Ivy Chapter #16, Warren on Saturday, November 6 at 1 p.m. Registration commences at 9 a.m. with coffee and goodies in the dining room. The address for the St. George Lodge is 105 Camden Road, Warren.

FEZtival of Trees at Anah/ Kora

The 2021 FEZtival of Trees at the Anah Shrine in Bangor at 1404 Broadway is scheduled to be held from November 18th through the 21st and from the 26th through the 28th. For 2021 it will be held in person and also be held virtually at anahshriners.org

On Fridays and Saturdays they will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday the 18th is a short time from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday the 21st it closes at 6 p.m. and the last day it closes at 4 p.m. The admission is \$2 with those under the age of 12 free.

The Kora Shrine will hold its FEZtival of Trees commencing on Saturday, November 23rd until Saturday, November 30th except for Thanksgiving Day. The address is 11 Sabattus Street, Lewiston. This is the sixteenth year that they have held this outstanding event with over 50 fully decorated trees.

Admission tickets are available online only at korashriners.org/feztival. They are \$6 per person with those under 12 being given free tickets. Raffle tickets will be available onsite and online. They open at 9 a.m. each day. On the Saturdays they close at 5 p.m. and the rest of the time are open until 8 p.m.

Is It Fall or Is It Autumn?

In England you are more likely to hear the season we are currently enjoying referred to as *autumn*. In the United States it is more likely to be referred to as *fall*. Autumn is actually the older of the two words. It first appeared in the English language in the 1300's and was derived from the Latin word *autumnus*. There doesn't seem to be any agreement among etymologists (those who study the origin and historical development of words) as to where this Latin word came from. When all is said and done autumn/fall is the only season in the English language with two names that are widely accepted.

- *Autumn leaves don't fall, they fly. They take their time and wander on this their only chance to soar.*
- *Autumn is a second spring where every leaf is a flower.*
- *A fallen leaf is nothing more than a summer's wave good-bye.*
- *Autumn shows us how beautiful it is to let things go.*

Quickie Questions (answers on page three)

1. During the meeting may the Worthy Matron leave the East to make a presentation?
2. How long do the members hold the reverent attitude during an In Memoriam?
3. If the Conductress is being presented along with others, who assists the Associate Conductress with the presentations?
4. When a distinguished guest is taken to the East do they bow to the Conductress before being introduced?
5. Is the Associate Patron standing when the Associate Conductress goes to invite the officers to enter the chapter room?.

Devotional Corner

It seems like such a simple thing, but hugs matter. Hugging shows someone how much we care. Hugs are good for us. A hug can make us feel so much better! We don't necessarily have to say anything. A hug says it all!

You have often heard the familiar story of the prodigal son. What a wonderful hug that must have been for both the father and the son!

So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him.
Luke 15:20

Hugs are one of the reasons God gave us arms. So, stretch out your arms to someone today. Reach out to those you love. It will warm the heart of the giver and give light to the soul of the recipient.

Sometimes, we just need a hug. Sometimes, it's all that we need to make us feel better, to feel loved. For now, hug the people in your social circle and hopefully we'll soon be back to giving hugs to everyone!

Hugging

Hugging is healthy: It helps our body's immune system, it keeps you healthier, it cures depression, it reduces stress, it induces sleep, it's invigorating, it's rejuvenating, it has no unpleasant side effects, and hugging is nothing less than a miracle drug.

Hugging is all natural. It is organic, naturally sweet, no pesticides, no preservatives, no artificial ingredients, and 100 per cent wholesome.

Hugging is practically perfect. There are no movable parts, no batteries to wear out, no periodic checkups, low energy consumption, high energy yield, inflation-proof, nonfattening, no monthly payments, no insurance requirements, theft-proof, nontaxable, nonpolluting and, of course, fully returnable.

A hug is recommended for ages one to one hundred and up!

Five Letter Words in the Ritual

G A V E L O Y A L A S E V I W
R R O N O H H L H T R A E H B
A F A T A L C T D E L B I B H
C A D N E M U A R F T T G A H
E I O I D O A R N O E R P H T
G T R A S W O R D A N R U I U
D H N H I H J K C L O A M S R
U N O C G P A Q R H S M G T T
J P O I N T U R E D R O I A V
H T I A S V O W E D E C A E P
R O L O C R O W N E E U Q W X
Y Z N E E R G R I E F A E H S

Adorn	Heart	Queen
Altar	Honor	Saith
Bible	Judge	Share
Chain	Loyal	Sheaf
Color	March	Signs
Crown	Naomi	South
Faith	North	Sword
Fatal	Order	Trust
Gavel	Orpah	Truth
Grace	Pagan	Vowed
Grand	Peace	White
Green	Point	Wives
Grief		

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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Star News

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The Treasures of Our Lives

A tribute to the twenty-five and fifty year members

Throughout our lives we collect treasures which remind us of the special moments in our lives. Moments which have shaped and molded our lives making us the people we are today.

To keep our treasures safe, we may lovingly place them in a bureau drawer, in a hope chest or perhaps we pack them in a cardboard box and tuck them away in the attic. No matter where we place them, they are there to remind us of who we are and to share with those who follow us.

Our heroines, like us, have treasures which shaped their lives and made them the women we admire today. They stored their treasures in their hearts and displayed them when faced with trials in their lives. Let us look into their hearts and admire the treasures they have safely stored away.

Sister Adah: Inside your heart are stored the treasures of fidelity and a conviction to right and duty. Your determination to uphold your Father's word is a treasure we all admire. Stay true to your heart for this is who you are.

Sister Ruth: Inside your heart are stored the treasures of constancy and a devotion to your aged mother-in-law. Your obedience to the demands placed upon you is a treasure we all admire. Stay true to your heart for this is who you are.

Sister Esther: Inside your heart are stored the treasures of loyalty and a determination to save your race. Your courage to face possible death so that others may live is a treasure we all admire. Stay true to your heart for this is who you are.

Sister Martha: Inside your heart are stored the treasures of faith and a hope of immortal life. Your faith in God and a belief that life is eternal are treasures we all admire. Stay true to your heart for this is who you are.

Sister Electa: Inside your heart are stored the treasures of love and hospitality. The charity you displayed and the love you shared with all mankind are treasures we all admire. Stay true to your heart for this is who you are.

Inside your heart are the virtues of these heroines – the treasures of fidelity, constancy, loyalty, faith, and love. These virtues together with the treasures that have shaped your life will guide you through the years. Stay true to your heart for this is who you are.

Quickie Answers

1. Yes, as long as the Worthy Patron remains in the East
 2. Until the Charter is draped and the Worthy Matron raps the gavel to be seated
 3. The Marshal regardless if the member serving is a Sister or Brother
 4. No, the bow is given when the Conductress begins to escort them, and when they are either left in the East or returned to their seat.
 5. No. The Associate Conductress stands when the Worthy Patron addresses her.
- A hug is like a boomerang - you get it back right away.
 - Everybody needs a hug. It changes your metabolism.
 - Laughing together is as close as you can get to a hug without touching.
 - A hug is the perfect gift; one size fits all, and nobody minds if you exchange it.
 - They invented hugs to let people know you love them without saying anything.
 - This is my favorite place – inside your hug.
 - A hug is a smile with arms, a laugh with a stronger grip.
 - However long a hug lasts, it doesn't last long enough.
 - Where I live if someone gives you a hug it's from the heart.
 - Hugs are God's way of reminding us how much we are loved.

129th Grand Chapter Session
May 15, 16, 17, 18, 2022
Augusta Civic Center

Halloween Quiz

For many people in the United States and Canada, Halloween ranks right up there with Christmas, Hanukkah and New Year's. Kids (and adults) begin devising their costumes months before the big night, and stores are ready with the treats even sooner. You may be a veteran trick-or-treater, but how much do you really know about this sugar-filled fright festival? Test your knowledge here, if you can handle it.

1. Every year Linus van Pelt waits for the Great Pumpkin to arrive. Who waits with him?
2. What spice could you use to protect your home from spirits entering?
3. On Halloween it is traditional to "bob" for what kind of fruit?
4. How much of a pumpkin is actually water?
5. Which symbol is associated with witchcraft? Starburst, Pentagram, or Crescent
6. What is the proper term for a man who is a witch?
7. Christmas is ranked as the most commercial holiday. Where is Halloween on this list?

8. Which animal is it lucky to see on Halloween?
9. How much is spent annually in the USA on candy for Halloween?
10. What is a pumpkin?
11. Which is the most popular chocolate bar on Halloween?
12. What is the correct term for a fear of Halloween?
13. Which of these famous individuals was born on October 31st? Michael Landon, Harry Houdini, or Bela Lugosi?
14. What kind of bug is it lucky to see on Halloween?
15. Which animal is associated with a witch?
16. There were no pumpkins in Europe when Jack O Lanterns were first carved. What did they use instead?

- ANSWERS
1. Sally, Charlie Brown's Sister
 2. Salt
 3. Apples
 4. 90%
 5. Pentagram
 6. Warlock
 7. #2
 8. Black Cat
 9. 2 billion in 2010
 10. Fruit - grows on a vine
 11. Snickers
 12. Samhainophobia
 13. Michael Landon
 14. Spider
 15. Cat
 16. Turnips or potatoes