

# The Angelic Bears

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## Maine's OES Website

Many questions that members ask can be answered on the Grand Chapter of Maine's website which can be explored by anyone. Sister Kathy Williamson is the Web Administrator.

When you go to [maineoes.org](http://maineoes.org) it commences with a home page. If you scroll to the bottom of that page, you will find a button that says "FIND OUT MORE". Click on it and it automatically takes you to a page with words across the top: Home, About Us, Calendar, Newsletter, Maine Chapters, Our Grand Family, Contact Us and the last one is More. One can explore by clicking on one of those words. It takes you to information that is appropriate to that title. When you want to return to the former page, you simply click on the back arrow that is to the left of the https line.

Where can you find a listing of the current chapters in Maine? Select *Maine Chapters*

When you want to read the current newsletter or last year's newsletter, click on *Newsletter*

When you want to check out forms, find sign in sheets for a meeting or a chapter check sheet, click on *More*

## Quickie Questions (answers on page three)

1. Which hand does the Conductress hold her baton in when presenting Sisters?
2. Which hand does the Conductress hold her baton in when presenting Brothers?
3. When the Conductresses have their baton in their hand do they give Grand Honors?
4. When the Conductresses have their baton in their hand do they give a warm welcoming by clapping?
5. Grand Officer's badges are worn on the left or the right side of the officer.

## 2021-2024 General Grand Chapter Appointments

Sister Glenda Winchester, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron and Brother F. Lon Lowry, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron recently announced the appointment of the following Maine Sisters and Brothers for their *Worldwide the Family of God Marches Together* Triennium at the Orientation they held in Greenville, South Carolina:

- Brother Richard A. Farnsworth, III, PGP (2017-18) – Ambassador to Peru
- Sister Rebecca S. Bibber, PGM (2007-08) – ESTARL Committee
- Sister Rebecca D. Johnson, PGM (2014-15) – International Headquarters Committee
- Brother John H. Coombs, PGP (2005-06) – Necrology Committee
- Sister Marjorie E. Pfeiffer, PGM (1989-90) – Registration Committee
- Sister Rebecca E. St. Pierre, PGM (2013-14) – Youth Committee
- Sister Stephanie J. Dupal, PGM (2011-12) – Triennial Other Assembly Committee *Colorful Note*, Assistant to Worthy Grand Warder
- Sister Cynthia J. Lewis, PGM (2000-01) – Triennial Special Assembly Committee – *Faithful Note*

The 50th Triennial Assembly will be held at the International Headquarters in Washington DC on Wednesday, November 3rd with the business session and the Installation of the 2021-2024 General Grand Chapter Officers will be held on Thursday, November 4th. Registration for this is open to all members and is to be completed by September 1st. The registration form is available on the General Grand Chapter website.

The candidates for elective officers of General Grand Chapter can also be found on this same website.

## Schools of Instruction

Two Schools of Instruction will be held.

Deering #59, Portland will host one at 573 Main Street in Westbrook on Saturday, August 28 — 9 a.m. through 3:30 p.m. Registration and coffee at 8 a.m. with a \$7 soup and sandwich lunch.

Irene #97, Ellsworth will host the second one on Saturday, September 11 at 21 Carriage Way with a 8:30 a.m. registration (coffee and juice available). The instruction will commence at 9:30 a.m. with a noon break for a bring your own picnic lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided for \$5 with check payable to Sister Jerri Holt (PO Box 389, Ellsworth, ME 04605-0389). Reservations are due by September 7.

## Devotional Corner

Now that I have passed my “best by” date, I find that aging is a series of loses, but with many compensations. The loss of energy frustrates me, but I still get lots done, because I like to think I work smarter. Perhaps I’m more organized, rest now and then, and use a lot of power tools!

Since getting my hearing aids I still can hear the birds singing and chirping and definitely the geese that honk their way south. My eyes have so many floaters and flashers that it’s like looking at life through two bowls of goldfish, but I can still enjoy reading and viewing other things.

Sadly I have lost many of my dearest friends as well as Sisters and Brothers. But I have made some fantastic new friends.

My biggest loss is the loss of future. How many more years will I live? Some senior citizens panic when time is running out and they do foolish things. On the other hand, some seniors do their best work at the end.

Never did I dream that I would be this happy at my age. Every day I wake up is a kind of Christmas present.

I try to live my life by the advice of John the Apostle, to “strengthen the things that remain.” I keep in touch with my children and grandchildren. I sometimes exercise and sometimes eat right, and I have come to cherish little things, like eating my home made granola with a banana for breakfast, cherishing to be able to leisurely read the local newspaper, opening mail, a hot shower, and a wonderful bowl of popcorn while reading a fantastic book.

And praying myself to sleep at night. Thank you, Father for saving some of the best until last.

## Seven Letter Words in the Ritual

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

Benefit	Friends	Provide
Captive	History	Receive
Chapter	Kindred	Related
Charity	Lazarus	Scepter
Dearest	Lodgest	Service
Degrees	Loyalty	Sisters
Deliver	Mankind	Virtues
Eastern	Patient	Welcome
Entreat	Preside	Wending

## 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](mailto:kackyw@gmail.com).

## The Angelic Bears

*The Angelic Bears* is the newsletter that will be published during the 2021-22 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](mailto:corleybyras@gmail.com) or send it by snail mail to Sister Corley Anne Byras, 72 Smith Street, Unit 4, Augusta, ME 04330.

## Star News

Please email items for posting on *Star News* to [corleybyras@gmail.com](mailto:corleybyras@gmail.com) and to receive the *Star News* please send your email address to the same email.

## Who Am I?

By Sister Barbara Redburn, PM, Irene #97,  
Ellsworth

I am Adah, the only daughter of Jephthah. I am young, innocent and right now I am frightened and feel ill for what I have to do for my father. If I die, I will never be married and therefore, I cannot give him an heir, and since I'm his only child, why didn't he think that he would never be called grandfather, or father ever again? I'm thinking that he never thought about this when he made his vow unto the Lord. My mind is wandering here and there to large and small thoughts, and I know that I will not ever pick blue violets from the fields and smell their delicate fragrance again. But I will give up my life to save his honor. I wonder if the sky is always blue in heaven – hope so.

I am Ruth. My mother-in-law Naomi, who is now a grieving widow, wants to return to Moab where she was born. I feel so sorry for her situation, for I am a widow and understand her every pain and I want to go with her, but what would my life be without my friends and family, and to leave my life as I know it. I know that we would have no way to support ourselves, but I have faith that her God will look after us, so I will tell my friends and family goodbye. I will tell Naomi that we will leave when she is ready to go. Perhaps too, I am thinking that my own heart will not be so heavy with sorrow, if I am able to help her. Yes, I shall go forth with my dear Naomi.

I am Esther. I am fearful that I will be put to death if my heritage is found out. I am shivering in my queenly robe, and my legs are shaking, but I will approach my king, even if I have to crawl into his presence. I wonder if I should wear my crown – yes, I will wear it. I am thinking of my love for him will make him think about what I will ask him to do for my people. I am thinking that keeping my secret from him will make him very angry, and I can understand why. Maybe his love for me will count for something. I am ready to do what I have to do to save my beloved people from death, if I can.

I am Martha. I am feeling so very sad that my brother Lazarus has died after being taken ill. Jesus was away at the time of his death, but when he returned, he tried to comfort me and he said that I would see my brother again. My faith says I will, but do I really know that Jesus is right? I remember that he stayed with me, Sister Mary and Lazarus, and that we cared for him in our humble home, that we prayed and ate simple meals together. Jesus has said to me that my brother shall never die, so I am going to stop crying, take heart, and believe what he has told me.

I am Electa. I have just read the Second Epistle which John wrote. He cautioned me and my children against false teachers and false teachings that were finding their way into Christian churches, possibly my very own--surely not, but I am worried about it, nevertheless. I am a widow caring for my children and raising them as Christians. I also love and help people in need. I give them clothes and food and drink inside my home. Hark! There are soldiers at the door of my home. No! No! They are handing me a cross and demanding that I trample it under my feet! No, I will not let them! Do to me what they may! My heart is pounding, and I feel faint, but I will not waver in my belief and shall continue to love, even though the soldiers may persecute me and my children.

## Quickie Answers

All the answers are traditions in Maine.

1. Right
2. Left (Keep the Brothers close to your heart.)
3. Yes
4. No
5. Left

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

# Back To School

## Math What number goes in the blank?

- The \_\_\_\_\_ Commandments
- The \_\_\_\_\_ Musketeers
- The \_\_\_\_\_ Colonies
- \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ blackbirds
- It rained \_\_\_\_\_ days and \_\_\_\_\_ nights
- \_\_\_\_\_ buckle my shoe
- Methuselah lived \_\_\_\_\_ years.
- The Roman Numerals XC mean \_\_\_\_\_
- Solomon had \_\_\_\_\_ wives
- The Census is taken every \_\_\_\_\_ years
- There are \_\_\_\_\_ principle colors in a rainbow
- A half century equals \_\_\_\_\_ years
- \_\_\_\_\_ Wise Men
- The \_\_\_\_\_ Apostles
- A cat has \_\_\_\_\_ lives

## History Who said this?

- Give me liberty or give me death
- You can fool some of the people some of the time \_\_\_\_\_
- Whither thou goest I will go
- There's one born every minute
- Am I my brother's keeper?

## Science Fill in the blank.

- There are only three places from which plants can obtain their food....soil, air, and \_\_\_\_\_
- What insect is the best agent for scattering pollen? \_\_\_\_\_
- The approximate age of a tree can be determined by? \_\_\_\_\_
- The seeds of the apple point toward the stem, the blossom, or to the outside of the apple? \_\_\_\_\_
- Our oldest cultivated fruit is the apple, cherry, plum, or grape? \_\_\_\_\_
- The locusts mentioned in the Bible are \_\_\_\_\_

the same as our? \_\_\_\_\_

## Spelling Circle the correct spelling

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|---------------|-------------|
| 1. Accomodate | Accommodate |
| 2. Calendar   | Calender    |
| 3. Definitely | Definetely  |
| 4. Embarras   | Embarrass   |
| 5. Grammar    | Grammer     |
| 6. Jewellery  | Jewelry     |
| 7. Parliament | Parlament   |
| 8. Recommend  | Reccommend  |
| 9. Weird      | Wierd       |
| 10. Seperate  | Separate    |

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- History**
1. Patrick Henry
  2. Abraham Lincoln
  3. Ruth
  4. P. T. Barnum
  5. Cain
- Science**
1. Water
  2. Honeybee
  3. Counting the rings in the trunk
  4. The stem
  5. The grape
  6. Grasshoppers
- Math**
1. ten
  2. three
  3. thirteen
  4. four and twenty
  5. forty and forty
  6. one, two
  7. 969
  8. 90
  9. 700
  10. ten
  11. seven
  12. fifty
  13. three
  14. twelve
  15. nine