

# Chickadee Chatter

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Grand Chapter of Maine, Order of the Eastern Star

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## Second Grand Family In Machias

Machias Chapter #83 of Machias will be hosting the second *Cup of Kindness* Grand Family at the Harwood Lodge Masonic Hall, 10 Center Street in Machias on Saturday, August 31. The rehearsal is scheduled for 10 a.m. with the luncheon at 11:30 a.m. and the meeting commencing at 1 p.m.

## Grand Family Reception

The *Cup of Kindness* Grand Family Reception will be held on September 14 at Jeff's Catering, 15 Littlefield Road, Brewer. Registration commences at 9 a.m. with the reception for the DDGM's and Star Assistants at 10 a.m. Social Time will be at 11:15 a.m. with a buffet lunch at noon. Reception for the Grand Officers will be at 1 p.m. with entertainment by the Molunkus Valley Players. The event will end with the reception for the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron. Sisters Gretchen M. Brissette, PGM and Lee Ann Vokey, WM are chairmen for this event. Reservations for the buffet luncheon are \$18 with checks payable to Lee Ann Vokey, 665 Saco Street, Lot 36, Westbrook, ME 04092.

## Merger of Harbor View

Brother David M. Cole, Worthy Grand Patron has scheduled the merger of Harbor View Chapter #136, Deer Isle with Felicity Chapter #195, Bucksport on Saturday, September 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Orland Masonic Hall at 87 Lower Falls Road in Orland.

## Bus Trip to Washington D.C.

Reservations with a deposit of \$100 are due by August 30th for the 2019-2020 *Cup of Kindness* Washington D. C. Bus Trip to be held December 12th–15th. All reservations and payments to be made directly through Cyr

Northstar Tours 207-827-2010. Cost per person: Single – \$1,175, Double – \$815, Triple – \$695, Quad – \$635. Includes: Round-trip motor coach, three nights lodging, 6 meals (2 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 3 dinners) lodging taxes, meal gratuities, and taxes. Balance due by October 25.

## Costume Party

Saturday, October 5 at the T and B's Celebration Center in Skowhegan there's going to be a costume party with the proceeds going to the Children's Dyslexia Centers. The social time commences at 5 p.m. with a buffet dinner at 6 p.m. Reservations of \$25 per person need to be made by September 20th with Sister Beverly Noonan, 383 East River Road, Skowhegan, ME 04976.

## International Weekend

The International Weekend will be hosted by the Connecticut Grand Chapter and is being held at the Groton Inn & Suites in Groton the weekend of November 1-3. Saturday morning there will be an exciting Membership Forum with topics regarding recruitment, retention, communication, marketing, and leadership. The Connecticut OES website has all the needed forms and information. [www.ctoes.com](http://www.ctoes.com)

## Maine in New Brunswick

Devon Chapter #37 of New Brunswick will be hosting the Maine in New Brunswick Exchange on September 21 at the Fredericton Motor Inn in Fredericton, New Brunswick. Reservations for the luncheon needs to be received by September 14th and your Chapter Secretary has the necessary information and the forms are easily found on the Maine OES Website's calendar.

Plan now to attend the *Cup of Kindness* Grand Chapter Session in Presque Isle  
May 17-20, 2020

## Take Time for Faith, Family and Friends

The Bible is God's holy word, a book of rules by which we should live. Our heroines are some of the greatest women in these sacred pages. If we live our lives by returning to its pages often, and practice in our daily lives the virtues of our heroines, in taking time to follow our faith by doing good to others, loving our families, and being a friend to all we meet, we shall surely be blessed. The Bible gives us hope and a promise of God's great Eternal love. Take time to read – it is the foundation of all wisdom.

The Sword and Veil united, is an emblem of fidelity and teaches us to be faithful to our convictions of right and duty. From the Bible we read, *My father; if thou hast opened thy mouth unto the Lord do to me according to that which hath proceeded out of thy mouth.* Take time to pray – it is the greatest power on earth.

The Sheaf of Ruth reminds each of us of the need for constant devotion and humility to face everyday responsibilities with patience and calm acceptance. In the book of Ruth in the Bible, we read *Wither thou goest, I shall go and where thou lodgest I shall lodge; thy people shall be my people and thy God my God.* Take time to be loved – it is a God given privilege.

The Crown and Scepter united, speaks of loyalty to us. Esther, while wearing her crown of royalty, remembered that her duty was to her people. From the Bible we read, *What wilt thou Queen Esther and what is thy request? It shall be even given thee to half of the kingdom.* Take time to think – it is the source of power.

The Broken Column of Martha, with its uneven face, provides each of us with quiet inspiration, that gift of peace and serenity that came to Martha from her Lord's promise of eternal life. In the Bible we read, *I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.* Take time to be quiet – it is the opportunity to seek God.

The Cup of Electa is our constant reminder of hospitality and loving kindness; of charity and caring for those in need, a well spring of courage especially in difficult times. From the Bible we read, *Let us love one another; for love is of God, and everyone that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.* Take time to do charity – it is the key to heaven.

Let us remember these lessons of fidelity, constancy, loyalty, faith, and love as we live our daily lives. May they inspire us to *do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God* as we remember that *In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto Me.* Take time to be aware – it is the opportunity to help others.

## The Chickadee

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## Quickie Questions On the Closing

(answers on page four)

1. In the closing of the chapter does the Associate Matron say *Worthy Matron* before or after her other words?
2. Is the closing of the chapter referred to as a ceremony?
3. Is the chapter still open or is it closed when the Chaplain and Conductress return to their stations?
4. On what word, does the Worthy Matron strike the gavel to close the chapter?
5. Who gives the absolute final speech in closing the chapter?

## Devotional Corner

A boy gave his lunch – all that he had – five small loaves of bread and two fish. And Jesus fed the crowd. One school of thought suggests that the boy's generosity simply moved others present to share their lunches. But the story appears in all four gospels and is meant for us to view a miracle.

What are we expected to learn from this? Around us Sisters, Brothers, family, friends, and others are in varying degrees of need. Should we send them away to those that are more capable than we are? Certainly, some people's needs exceed our ability to assist them, but not always. Whatever you have – a hug, a kind word, a listening ear, a brief prayer, or some wisdom you've gathered, give it to Jesus and see what He can do.

## Cryptoquip R equals I (Solution on Page Four)

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## August

- 19 – Electa #2, Bowdoinham 7 pm, Official Visitation with the AGM with root beer floats, in honor of National Root Beer Float Day *Random Act of Kindness Challenge*: Bring in some school supplies for the kids at Bowdoin Central and Bowdoinham Community Schools.
- 19 – Arbutus #19, Liberty, 7:30 pm, *The Book of Friendship*
- 19 – Mountain View #197, Buckfield, 7 pm, Honor Past and Present Worthy Matrons and Patrons, program by Christopher Dufour, PP, pot luck supper at 6 pm
- 20 – Golden Sheaf #114, New Gloucester, 7 pm, *Peridot in Paradise*, wear your best Hawaiian attire
- 20 – Almeda #149, Guilford, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation with the GC
- 20 – Pondicherry #192, Bridgton, 7:30 pm, ESTARL with Jerri A. Holt, PGM, supper prior to meeting
- 21 – Ivy #16, Warren, 7:30 pm, salad supper 6:15 pm
- 21 – Felicity #195, Bucksport meeting in Orland, 7:30 pm, Past Matron and Past Patron Night with 6:15 pm ESTARL Supper
- 22 – Riverside #123, Orland, 7 pm, Official Visitation with the AGC, 6 pm supper
- 26 – Orion #45, Calais, 6:30 pm, Stated Meeting
- 26 – Lake View #179, Jefferson, 7:30 pm, Program about Frances Williamson, PM, summer salad

supper 6:15

- 28 – Jefferson Chapter # 89, Bryant Pond, 7 pm, Stated Meeting, 6 pm supper
- 28 – Beacon #202, Damariscotta, 7 pm, Bernald Tufts, GCCCM for Service Dogs
- 31 – Machias #83, Machias, *Cup of Kindness* Grand Family

## September

- 3 – Queen Esther #10, Hallowell, 7 pm, Honoring PM and PP
- 3 – Deering #59, Portland, 7:30 pm, *Welcome Back*
- 3 – Tuscan #148, Bangor, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation with the WGM
- 3 – Sarah Orne Jewett #176, South Berwick, 7 pm, *Annie*, “Tomorrow” – Live Happy Program
- 4 – Mystic #69, Litchfield, 7 pm, *School Days* by Debra Healy, PM
- 4 – Messalunskit #170, New Sharon, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation with the AGM
- 5 – Keystone #78, Solon, 7:30 pm, Music Night: Honoring Organists
- 5 – Pythagorean #169, Fryeburg, 7 pm, Honoring a special member
- 6 – Ruth #14, Springvale, 7:30 pm, Honoring Chaplains and Marshals
- 6 – Naomi #25, Tenants Harbor, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation with the AGC
- 6 – Genesta #73, Bath, 7 pm, Obligation, Landmarks and AC Lecture
- 6 – Irene #97, Ellsworth, 7:30 pm, *If I Only Had a Brain* – Official Visitation with the AGM
- 6 – Primrose #152, Belfast, 7:30 pm, Martha Night, pot luck for Shriners
- 9 – Aldworth #39, Milo, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation with the WGM
- 9 – Marion #63, Gardiner meeting in Litchfield, 7:30 pm, Honoring Sideliners
- 9 – Molunkus Valley #95, Sherman, 7 pm, Honoring Life Members, Italian Nite at 6 pm, Ice Cream Sundae's
- 9 – Fireside #103, Clinton, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation with the AGC
- 9 – Pleasant River #159, West Buxton, 7:30 pm, Landmarks and Obligation Night
- 10 – Lakeside #60, Wales, 7 pm, Honoring Grand Officers 2019-2020, Marc and Debbie
- 10 – Machias #83, Machias, 7 pm, Master Mason Night
- 10 – Tillikum #99, Ashland, 7 pm, Pound Auction
- 10 – Elm Vale #105, Harrison, 7:30 pm, refreshments 6:30 pm, Star Points
- 10 – Corner Stone #193, Portland, 7:30 pm, Stated Meeting
- 11 – Minerva #74, Madison, 7 pm, Guest Officers, pot luck dinner at 6 pm
- 11 – Josiah H. Drummond #91, Thorndike, 7:30 pm, Anniversary, refreshments
- 11 – Grace #93, Rockland, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation with the WGM

- 11 – Lunar #126, Presque Isle, 7 pm, Official Visitation with the AGM
- 12 – Martha Washington #15, Waterville, 7:30 pm, *Alas, My Daughter!*, honoring Adah
- 12 – Pine Cone #26, Auburn, 7 pm, *Back to our Labors*, Official Visitation with the GC
- 12 – Somerset #80, Stratton, 7:30 pm, Stated Meeting
- 12 – Annette #184 Saco, 7:30 pm, Visitation with the AGM, pot luck supper at 6:30 pm. All are welcome
- 13 – Rumery #46, Addison, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation with the GC
- 13 – Abenaki #116, Readfield, 7:30 pm, honoring Secretaries and Treasurers
- 14 – Grand family Reception at Jeff's Catering, 15 Littlefield Road, Brewer with registration commencing at 9 am
- 14 – Merger of Harbor View #136, Deer Isle with Felicity #195, Bucksport at 6:30 pm. at the Orland Masonic Hall
- 16 – Electa #2, Bowdoinham 7 pm, Food Pantry night *Random Act of Kindness Challenge*: 6th is National Food Bank Day. Bring in a donation for the Bowdoin and Bowdoinham food pantries.
- 16 – Arbutus #19, Liberty, 7:30 pm, Honoring Warders and Sentinels
- 16 – Mountain View #197, Buckfield, 7 pm, Program by Carolyn, PM and Keith Bennett, PP, pot luck supper at 6 pm
- 17 – Deering #59, Portland, 7:30 pm, Star and Special Assistant Night, Past and Present
- 17 – Golden Sheaf #114, New Gloucester, 7 pm, Official Visitation with the AGC
- 17 – Madonna #144, West Kennebunk, 7 pm, Official Visitation with the AGM
- 17 – Almeda #149, Guilford, 7:30 pm, Past Matrons and Past Patrons, ESTARL Supper
- 17 – Pondicherry #192, Bridgton, 7:30 pm, DDGM-Past and Present
- 18 – Ivy #16, Warren, 7:30 pm, Honor Night
- 18 – Felicity #195, Bucksport meeting in Orland, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation with the AGM, 6:15 pm pot luck supper
- 19 – Pioneer #11, Lisbon Falls, 7 pm, ESTARL Supper, OES Trivia, 6 pm
- 19 – Bethlehem #36, Pittsfield, 7 pm, Honoring Secretaries and Treasurers
- 19 – Lily of the Valley #157, Weeks Mills, 7:30 pm, Landmarks and Obligation Night
- 21 – Maine in New Brunswick at the Fredericton Motor Inn
- 23 – Orion #45, Calais, 6:30 pm, Official Visitation with the AGM
- 23 – Lake View #179, Jefferson, 7:30 pm, Program about Barbara Hagan
- 24 – Mt. Zircon #142, Mexico, 7 pm, Official Visitation with the WGM
- 24 – Corner Stone #193, Portland, 7:30 pm, Honoring PM and PP, 6:15 pm ESTARL Supper-make your own Italians

- 24 – Millwee #198, Orrington 7 pm, ESTARL Supper at 6 pm and Honor Night
- 25 – Jefferson Chapter # 89, Bryant Pond, 7 pm, Teachers/Apple Night, 6 pm supper
- 25 – Beacon #202, Damariscotta, 7 pm, ALS Clinic
- 26 – Riverside #123, Orland, 7 pm, Memorial Service and Grand Charity Report, 6 pm supper

## October

- 1 – Queen Esther #10, Hallowell, 7 pm, Sideliners Night
- 1 – Deering #59, Portland, 7:30 pm, Stated Meeting with pot luck supper at 6:30 pm
- 1 – Tuscan #148, Bangor, 7:30 pm, *Crazy Hat Night*
- 1 – Sarah Orne Jewett #176, South Berwick, 7 pm, *Grease*, Halloween costume party – Sock Hop
- 2 – Messalunskit #170, New Sharon, 7:30 pm, Honor the secretary and treasurer, International Headquarters Video with Rebecca Johnson, PGM
- 3 – Keystone #78, Solon, 7:30 pm, Grand Representatives
- 4 – Ruth #14, Springvale, 7: 30 pm, Official Visitation with the AGC
- 4 – Naomi #25, Tenants Harbor, 7:30 pm, ESTARL Supper, pot luck
- 4 – Genesta #73, Bath, 7 pm, Honoring Warders and Sentinels, Halloween Dress
- 4 – Irene #97, Ellsworth, 7:30 pm, *The Sound of Music*—P.M., P.P. and 25 Year Member Night
- 5 – Fall Event to support the Children's Dyslexia Centers

## Quickie Answers

1. Before, Ritual Page 45.
2. Actually a trick question with a no and yes as the answer. Never in the memorization. But the header in the printed ritual says *Closing Ceremony*.
3. Closed, Ritual Page 46.
4. Closed, Ritual Page 101.
5. The Warder, Ritual Pages 47.

## Cryptoquip

Being kind is classy

## 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.

## Star News

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