

THE BEACON

Newsletter for the 2024-2025 "Rooted in Faith" Grand Chapter Year

Spring Event

Make plans to attend the annual Spring Event to benefit the Bangor & Portland Children's Dyslexia Centers

When: Saturday, March 1st

11 am - Social Hour
12 noon - Ham Dinner
1 pm - Program

Where: Brunswick Masonic Hall

**65 Baribeau Drive,
Brunswick**

Tickets are \$20 per person, and should be sent by February 21st to:

Rheanne Frost
28 Lacroix Road
Peru, ME 04290

Can-Am Weekend

The Grand Chapter of New Hampshire cordially invites you to attend the 2025 Can-Am Weekend to be held at the Sheraton in Nashua, NH on February 21st and 22nd.

For more information, go to www.nheasterstar.org and click on "events".



Maine's General Grand Chapter Appointments

Maine honored with a GGC Floor Officer for the first time since the 1997-2000 Triennium

Nearly 70 members from Maine traveled to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina for the 51st Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Chapter.

The week-long event culminated with the installation of new General Grand Chapter Officers, including our own Brother Richard A. Farnsworth, III, who was installed as Worthy Grand Organist. Maine's last GGC Officer was Sister Evelyn C. Frye, PGM & GTE, who served as Worthy Grand Marshal from 1997-2000.

Congratulations also go to our new GGC Committee Members and Special Appointment: Sister Lucille A. Nanos, PGM - Cancer, Sister Brenda L. Hall, PGM - ESTARL, Brother Brett Jervis, PGP - Heart, and Sister Stephanie J. Dupal, PGM - Star Chaser.



Fall Event Fun!

Ellsworth was the place to be on Saturday, October 12th.

The day began with a "Fall Foliage" train ride on the Downeast Scenic Railroad, which took passengers across the Union River.

Afterward, folks gathered at the Masonic Hall in Ellsworth for a soup and sandwich lunch, followed by games and other entertainment.

The chairman, Sister Patty Carter of Irene Chapter #97 worked tirelessly to make the day as fun as possible, as well as a financial success.

At the end of the event, the total profit (to be divided between Rainbow and DeMolay) was \$4,915.55, with more ghost ticket money still coming in.



Grand Families & Exchange Grand Families

Grand Families and Exchanges have been held at the following:

Almeda Chapter #149 on August 3rd; Multi-State Exchange hosted by Star Light #203 at Portland Masonic Temple on September 21st; ME in MA Exchange at Acacia Chapter #80 in Tewksbury, MA; ME in NB Exchange held in Fredericton, NB; NB in ME Exchange held at Orion Chapter #45 and co-hosted by Rumery Chapter #46 on November 16th; and Queen Esther Chapter #10 on January 11th.



Almeda Chapter #149, Guilford



Star Light Chapter #203, Portland Masonic Temple

2025 Announcement Luncheon

When: Saturday, March 22nd

11 am - Social Hour

12 noon - Luncheon of assorted soups, sandwiches & salads

Announcements to follow lunch

**Where: Auburn Masonic Hall
1021 Turner St., Auburn**

Lunch tickets are \$20/pp

Make checks payable to

Pine Cone Chapter #26 and

send to:

Mary Ann Perkins

16 Taft Ave.

Auburn, ME 04210

Reservation deadline is March 15th.

2025 "Rooted in Faith" Grand Chapter Session

**MWGM &
MWGP to be in
attendance**

The dates for the 132nd Annual "Rooted in Faith" Grand Chapter Session are May 18th - May 21st.

The event will once again be held at the Cross Insurance Center in Bangor.

All necessary forms and information will be available on our website maineoes.org or through your Chapter Secretary.



Acacia Chapter #80, Tewksbury, MA



Orion Chapter #45, Calais



Queen Esther Chapter #10, Augusta

Candidates for Grand Chapter Offices

Grand Secretary

Sister Kim E. Pettengill, Grand Martha

Queen Esther #10, Augusta

Associate Grand Conductress

Sister Linda E. Gray, DDGM #7

Electa Chapter #2 and Lakeside #60

Grand Sentinel

Brian S. Farrington, PP

Abenaki #116 and Lily of the Valley #157

Troy Plummer, Grand Chaplain

Pleasant River #159 and Star Light #203

The Beacon



The Beacon is the newsletter that will be produced throughout the 2024-2025 Grand Chapter year. Its purpose is to highlight events at the Grand Chapter level, as well as accomplishments in our Subordinate Chapters.

The Editor of The Beacon is Brother Richard A. Farnsworth, III, Worthy Grand Organist.

If you have items you feel are worthy of inclusion, please email him at richard.farnsworth5885@gmail.com

2024-2025 Traveler's Club

Earn 300 points using the points guide below to earn your Travel Ribbon! You can obtain the complete form on the maineoes.org website, or ask your DDGM for one.

Attend your own Chapter	10 points
Attend another Chapter	20 points
Attend an Official Visitation	30 points
Attend the Fall Event or Spring Event	25 points
Attend ME Grand Chapter Installation	40 points
Attend a School of Instruction	50 points
Attend a Grand Family or Exchange Grand Family	50 points
Attend the Grand Family Reception	50 points
Attend the WGM's Special Project	20 points
Attend the Can-Am Weekend 2025	60 points
Attend Grand Chapter Session of another Jurisdiction	75 points
Attend General Grand Chapter Triennial Session	100 points
*add 5 points for each person you take with you to any of the above events	5 points

Note – an event can only be counted once.

For example, attending a Chapter meeting the night of their Official Visitation counts as either a Chapter meeting or an Official Visitation, not both.