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CAN-AM 2020

Beneath the Pines of Maine will be the CAN-AM weekend at the Samoset Resort on the Ocean in Rockport, February 28th, 29th, and March 1st of 2020.

Reserve online at www.samosetresort.com with Group Code “STAR” or call 1-800-341-1650 and state you are with the Order of the Eastern Star. All room reservations must be made by the 29th of January.

Friday afternoon has registration from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. with a 5 p.m. social hour and dinner at 6 p.m. with entertainment to follow. Saturday afternoon there will be a Multi-Jurisdictional Degree Team with introductions being handled in the morning. A special luncheon and dinner will be held with entertainment to follow.

International Grand Representative Association

The International Grand Representative Association was organized in 1964 with the purpose to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas beneficial to the Grand Representatives, to work for the good of the Order, bringing love, happiness, and enthusiasm to every Grand Jurisdiction of our Order. All present and past Grand Representatives are entitled to membership with the cost of \$5.00 per Triennium.

Sister Patricia Harwood, PGM and Grand Secretary Emeritus, lives in Nevada and is currently serving as the IGRA President. A newsletter is mailed to all members once each year of the Triennium.

A dues application which includes being able to order the Triennium pin, an IGRA pin and handbook as well as a brocade top for the Triennium is located at <http://www.easternstar.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/GrandReporderform.pdf>

FEZtival of Trees

During the holiday season of 2019, Kora Temple will hold its 14th Annual FEZtival of Trees. The committee for the Grand Chapter’s tree for this event is Sister Rheanne and Brother Bernard Frost, Sister Darlene Hayden and Sister Delora Farrington.

Be sure to come see the beautiful trees and decorations, take a chance in the Raffle Room, purchase your tree raffle tickets, visit the craft show, and top it off with a visit with Santa. Admission is \$2 and children under twelve are free. The dates are November 23rd through the 27th and the 29th and 30th with most days 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. except the 24th and the 30th which close at 5 p.m. It is closed on Thanksgiving Day.

The Nobles and Ladies of The Anah Shine welcome you to the Anah Shriners FEZtival of Trees which will be held at the Center located at 1404 Broadway in Bangor. The Anah Shriners FEZtival of Trees started eight years ago. The dates for it are November 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th and November 29th, 30th and the last day is December 1st. On the Fridays and Saturdays it is open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on the Sundays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. except the last Sunday it closes at 4 p.m. Admission to the showing of the trees is \$2 for adults and children are free. Raffle tickets will be available for sale so that the viewers may enter their tickets in the hopes of winning a beautiful tree. Each tree’s winner gets to take it home, fully decorated and all ready for the holidays. Sisters Lorena Fenlason and Jane Ritchie are making certain there is a tree for this event for the Grand Chapter.

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

Please email items to be posted on *Star News* to corleybyras@gmail.com and to receive the *Star News* please send your email address to the same email.

Celebrating our Heroines

“Celebrate your success and stand strong when adversity hits, for when the storm clouds come in, the eagles soar while the small birds take cover.” The heroines of our Order soared with the eagles. They were strong in adversity and sacrificed much to remain faithful, constant, and true. “A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.” (Proverbs 17:22). Celebrate life! – Let us remember the lessons taught by the heroines of our Order and the gifts we received from them.

Adah, in her life, demonstrated obedience to God’s word and loyalty to her father. She was willing to sacrifice her life to fulfill her father’s promise to God. Adah died in the light by the sword at her father’s hand. The sword and veil united celebrates the virtue of fidelity, faithfulness or loyalty to obligations.

Ruth was a great friend to Naomi. She sacrificed much to remain loyal to her mother-in-law. The sheaf represents the collection of many deeds of kindness done for the sake of another as Ruth showed deeds of kindness for Naomi. The sheaf celebrates the virtue of constancy which was demonstrated by Ruth throughout her life. Only by being constant and loyal to further the best interests of man do we merit the giving or gaining of friendship.

Esther, a Jewish damsel, was chosen to be Queen of Persia. Being loyal to her people she risked her life to save her people. The crown and scepter united symbolizes the force of power and authority used to achieve justice for all. The crown and scepter united celebrates the virtue of loyalty.

Martha was a devoted sister with great faith. She believed in eternal life and immortality of the soul. Even when her brother’s life was broken off by mortal death, like a broken column, Martha’s faith in God’s promise of eternal life remained constant. The broken column celebrates the virtue of faith. Martha’s faith in God reminds us to be true.

Electa represents the ideal mother. She sacrificed everything to establish a Christian heritage for her children and she accepted full responsibility for the spiritual welfare of her children. The cup represents one’s allotted portion of life’s joys or sorrows. The cup celebrates the virtue of love. May your cup be filled to overflowing with joys.

Maritime Towns

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Amherst	Halifax	Shelburne
Bathurst	Kensington	Souris
Canso	Liverpool	Sydney
Charlottetown	Minto	Tignish
Chester	Moncton	Truro
Dartmouth	Oxford	Windsor
Digby	Portage	Woodstock
Fredericton	SaintJohn	Yarmouth
Freeport		

Quickie Questions (Answers on page four)

1. Should a Worthy Matron invite a Grand Star Point to sit in the East when honoring that Star Point Station?
2. How many words are in each pass?
3. What badges are within a triangle?
4. What badges are within a star?
5. How long have signs and symbols been used?

Cryptoquip N equals A (Solution on Page Four)

S R G L G P W W R W
 D J P H N G Q X N Q P
 Y J R O J D J P L P N K
 O N G J P N E N G L
 D J P M H R G L O N G
 W P P.

Devotional Corner

Queen Vashti was married to King Xerxes, a King prone to impulsive behavior. He was holding a banquet for his nobles and officials along with other honored guests. After several days of feasting and celebrating, he sent for Queen Vashti to come and appear before him as he wanted to show his beautiful wife off to his guests.

We'll never know why Queen Vashti said "No" to the King's request. Perhaps she was agitated with the King and wanted to shame him in front of his guests. Maybe it was humility that prompted her response. She knew they had been drinking and perhaps didn't want to put herself in the position of being looked at by people who had had too much to drink. Whatever her reasons, her choice cost her the Queen's title and the chance to ever come before the King again.

Decisions do that ... they come with consequences. The choices we make in our daily living will cause us to face the results of our decisions. Therefore, we need to take the time to pray and seek God's guidance before deciding what we're going to do.

November

- 18 – Electa #2, Bowdoinham ,7 pm, World Kindness Day celebration,
- 18 – Arbutus #19, Liberty, 7:30 pm, Thanksgiving, pot luck at 6:15 pm
- 18 – Mountain View #197, Buckfield, 7 pm, Thanksgiving Program by Nancy Jacobs PM, pot luck supper at 6 pm
- 19 – Deering #59, Portland, 7:30 pm, Stated Meeting
- 19 – Golden Sheaf #114, New Gloucester, 7 pm, *Tempting Topaz*, Thanksgiving, pie auction
- 19 – Madonna #144, West Kennebunk, 7 pm, *Honoring Veterans*
- 19 – Almeda #149, Guilford, 7:30 pm, Thanksgiving with pound auction
- 19 – Pondicherry #192, Bridgton, 7:30 pm, Honor 25 and 50 year members, refreshments prior to the meeting
- 20 – Ivy #16, Warren, 7:30 pm, Christmas Party, pot luck refreshments
- 20 – Jefferson Chapter # 89, Bryant Pond, 7 pm, *Give Thanks*, 6 pm supper
- 20 – Felicity #195, Bucksport meeting in Orland, 7:30 pm, Being thankful, toys and dollars for BCC, 6:15 pm pot luck supper
- 20 – Beacon #202, Damariscotta, 7 pm, Veterans – Wreaths Across America
- 21 – Pioneer #11, Lisbon Falls, 7 pm, *Let's Build a Campfire!* Honoring Sister Josie Dupal, Campfire Friend of MWGM
- 21 – Bethlehem #36, Pittsfield, 7 pm, Honoring Veterans
- 21 – Lily of the Valley #157, Weeks Mills, 7:30 pm, *Giving Thanks*, harvest supper at 6:15 pm
- 21 – Riverside #123, Orland, 7 pm, Let us be thankful

for all God has given us and thank all our officers for all they do for us in this beautiful Order, 6 pm supper, honoring Past and Present Appointive Grand Officers

- 25 – Orion #45, Calais, 6:30 pm, Stated Meeting
- 25 – Lake View #179, Jefferson, 7:30 pm, program about Don and Laura Pierce, pie auction
- 26 – Mt. Zircon #142, Mexico, 7 pm, Honor the Conductresses, *Do you lead or do you follow?*
- 26 – Corner Stone #193, Portland, 7:30 pm, Stated meeting and pie auction for cancer
- 26 – Millwee #198, Orrington 7 pm, Thanksgiving and brown bag auction to benefit our Christmas project

December

- 2 – Mystic #69, Litchfield, 7 pm, Route 17 Ramblers entertainment
- 2 – Felicity #195, Bucksport meeting in Orland, 7:30 pm, Christmas with family and friends, pot luck refreshments and cookie swap
- 3 – Queen Esther #10, Hallowell, 7 pm, *Merry Christmas!*
- 3 – Deering #59, Portland, 7:30 pm, the Past Matrons entertain
- 3 – Tuscan #148, Bangor, 7:30 pm, *Celebration of the Season*
- 3 – Sarah Orne Jewett #176, South Berwick, 7 pm, *Sound of Music*, "My Favorite Things" – Christmas Party with gift exchange (favorite things)
- 4 – Messalunskit #170, New Sharon, 7:30 pm, Christmas Program
- 5 – Keystone #78, Solon, 7:30 pm, *Christmas Music*, pot luck supper, bring donations for the food cupboard
- 5 – Pythagorean #169, Fryeburg, 7 pm, *Christmas Quiz*--Bring a pencil
- 6 – Ruth #14, Springvale, 7: 30 pm, *It's Christmas* honoring the Star Points
- 6 – Naomi #25, Tenants Harbor, 7:30 pm, Christmas - *Christmas Bakery Shoppe*
- 6 – Genesta #73, Bath, 7 pm, *The Magic in Christmas*, Holiday Dress
- 6 – Irene #97, Ellsworth, 7:30 pm, "It's A Wonderful Life" – Christmas Meeting – Christmas Gift Exchange and fill shut-in baskets
- 9 – Aldworth #39, Milo, 7:30 pm, *Merry Christmas*, 6 pm Treat and Yankee Swap
- 9 – Marion #63, Gardiner meeting in Litchfield, 7:30 pm, Christmas with Linda Libby, Favorite Christmas Treat
- 9 – Molunkus Valley #95, Sherman, 7 pm, Christmas Party
- 9 – Fireside #103, Clinton, 7:30 pm, *Christmas Bingo*
- 9 – Pleasant River #159, West Buxton, 7:30 pm, Christmas Party Yankee Swap - red and green
- 10 – Lakeside #60, Wales, 7 pm, Christmas Celebration pot luck supper, Bring donations for the food bank
- 10 – Machias #83, Machias, 7 pm, Christmas Party, pot luck supper and gift exchange
- 10 – Tillikum #99, Ashland, 7 pm, Christmas Party with

- pot luck desserts
- 10 – Elm Vale #105, Harrison, 7:30 pm, refreshments 6:30 pm, Christmas Exchange
 - 10 – Corner Stone #193, Portland, 7:30 pm, pot luck supper 6:15 and Christmas gift swap
 - 11 – Minerva #74, Madison, 7 pm, Christmas Celebration
 - 11 – Grace #93, Rockland, 7:30 pm, Christmas program with 6:30 pm supper
 - 11 – Lunar #126, Presque Isle, 7 pm, Christmas time
 - 11 – Harbor View #136, Deer Isle, 7 pm, Holiday Chinese Auction, 6 pm Supper
 - 12 – Martha Washington #15, Waterville, 7:30 pm, *We Come to the East*, Star Point Night, Gifts for Women's Shelter, ESTARL Supper 6 pm
 - 12 – Pine Cone #26, Auburn, 7 pm, Merry Christmas and PM and PP Night, Christmas Stockings
 - 12 – Somerset #80, Stratton, 7:30 pm, End of Year Business
 - 12 – Annette #184 Saco, 7:30 pm, Merry Christmas with Yankee Swap
 - 13 – Rumery #46, Addison, 7:30 pm, *Memories of Christmas Past*
 - 13 – Abenaki #116, Readfield, 7:30 pm, Honoring Star Family
 - 16 – Electa #2, Bowdoinham, 7 pm, National Cookie Day celebration .
 - 16 – Arbutus #19, Liberty, 7:30 pm, *These Gifts We Bring*, pot luck 6:15 pm
 - 16 – Mountain View #197, Buckfield, 7 pm, Holiday program by Rheanne Frost P M, Grand Secretary, pot luck supper at 6 pm
 - 17 – Deering #59, Portland, 7:30 pm, Christmas Social
 - 17 – Golden Sheaf #114, New Gloucester, 7 pm, *A Citrine Confection Christmas*, Cookie Swap, Bring your favorite Christmas Cookie and share the recipe
 - 17 – Mt. Zircon #142, Mexico, 7 pm, *A Night in Mexico*
 - 17 – Almeda #149, Guilford, 7:30 pm, Christmas pot luck supper with gift exchange
 - 17 – Madonna #144, West Kennebunk, 7 pm, *Merry Christmas*, Yankee Swap
 - 17 – Pondicherry #192, Bridgton, 7:30 pm, *Merry Christmas*, refreshments prior to the meeting
 - 17 – Millwee #198, Orrington, 7 pm, Christmas-Yankee Swap and fill the Christmas Stockings (get list for scavenger hunt)
 - 18 – Ivy #16, Warren, 7:30 pm, Landmarks and Obligation Night
 - 18 – Jefferson Chapter # 89, Bryant Pond, 7 pm, *Rightie - Leftie*, 6 pm supper
 - 18 – Beacon #202, Damariscotta, 7 pm, 6 pm stew and chowder supper - Merry Christmas
 - 19 – Pioneer #11, Lisbon Falls, 7 pm, *What's your Favorite Christmas Carol?* pot luck supper at 6
 - 19 – Bethlehem #36, Pittsfield, 7 pm, Christmas Party, Dinner at Anglers in Newport
 - 19 – Lily of the Valley #157, Weeks Mills, 7:30 pm, *Christmas Music Night* with Lynn Izzi, WM,

- Soloist
- 19 – Riverside #123, Orland, 7 pm, Celebrating Christmas with stories of Christmas and Carols. Refreshments following the meeting with a Christmas Auction, collection for Charity, no gift exchange
- 23 – Lake View #179, Jefferson, 7:30 pm, Program about Kinsey Symonds, PM, Christmas attire

January

- 2 – Keystone #78, Solon, 7:30 pm, Landmarks and Obligation Night, New Year's Celebration
- 3 – Ruth #14, Springvale, 7: 30 pm, Landmarks and Obligation Night
- 3 – Irene #97, Ellsworth, 7:30 pm, "Hamilton"--- Landmarks and Obligation Night
- 5 – Irene #97, Ellsworth – Epiphany Sunday
- 7 – Deering #59, Portland, 7:30 pm, Landmarks and Obligation Night
- 7 – Tuscan #148, Bangor, 7:30 pm, Honor Station Celebration - Treasurer
- 8 – Minerva #74, Madison, 7 pm, Landmarks and Obligation Night, pot luck at 6 pm
- 9 – Pine Cone #26, Auburn, 7 pm, *Happy New Year*, Landmarks and Obligation Night
- 9 – Annette #184 Saco, 7:30 pm, Landmarks and Obligation – Honoring Sideliners, pot luck supper at 6:30 pm
- 13 – Fireside #103, Clinton, 7:30 pm, Landmarks and Obligation
- 13 – Pleasant River #159, West Buxton, 7:30 pm, *What does Star mean to you?* - pot luck supper
- 14 – Corner Stone #193, Portland, 7:30 pm, Landmarks and Obligations - white gowns
- 15 – Madonna #144, West Kennebunk, 7 pm, Landmarks and Obligation
- 16 – Pioneer #11, Lisbon Falls, 7 pm, Happy 200th Birthday Maine
- 16 – Bethlehem #36, Pittsfield, 7 pm, Landmarks and Obligation
- 21 – Deering #59, Portland, 7:30 pm, Worthy Grand Patron Special Night
- 28 – Mt. Zircon #142, Mexico, 7 pm, Trivia Night, *Do you know that State?*
- 28 – Corner Stone #193, Portland, 7:30 pm, Stated meeting

Quickie Answers

1. Yes. It is the choice of the Worthy Matron who sits in the East with her and on an honor night it is appropriate to have either a member being honored or someone who holds that station to sit to the Worthy Matron's right.
2. Three (Check the secret work)
3. The Star Points (Opening Ceremony)
4. All but the Star Points (Opening Ceremony)
5. Since the time God set His rainbow in the sky.

Cryptoquip

Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see. Mark Twain