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Grand Chapter of Maine, Order of the Eastern Star

Brenda L. Hall, Worthy Grand Matron

David M. Cole, Worthy Grand Patron

WGM'S Special Project

The Worthy Grand Matron's Special Project will be held Monday, August 19 at the Auburn Masonic Hall at 1021 Turner Street commencing with light refreshments at 9 a.m. with the actual work starting at 10 a.m. This is a fun day that all members are invited to attend and assist.

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.

The luncheon will consist of cold cuts, salads, and dessert. The cost is \$15 per person and reservations are due by August 9 and are limited to the first 100 members. Checks should be made payable to Machias Chapter #83 and sent to Sister Bobbie Foss, P.O. Box 332, East Machias, ME 04630. Tickets will be picked up at the registration table.

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 day 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.

Bus Trip to Washington D.C.

Reservations with a deposit of \$100 are due by June 28th 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.

District Twelve Yard Sale

There will be a huge District 12 yard sale on June 29 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. It will be on Route 3 in Liberty near the intersection with 220 in the parking lot of Maritime Energy near the 10-4 Diner.

Moxie Days — Dinner 5 to 6:30 pm

The evening of July 12 the members of Pioneer #11, Lisbon Falls will be serving a turkey dinner at the hall.

Naomi's Sunset Dessert Cruise

Naomi Chapter #25, St. George, has tickets available for this year's Sunset Dessert Cruise from the Monhegan Boat Line Dock in Port Clyde on Friday, July 26, from 6:15 to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15 per person and \$7.50 for children under the age of 12. Contact Carolyn Garret-Reed at 372-0510, cell phone is: 691-0864 or naomi#25oes@gmail.com

County Week August 12-14

It's always fun to visit three chapters three nights in a row in the county. It starts on Monday the 12 at Molunkus Valley #95, Sherman, 7 p.m., with skit, BBQ and blueberries at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday the 13 is Tillikum #99, Ashland, 7 p.m., 6 p.m. pot supper with entertainment by Sisters Hallie and Sheila. And on Wednesday the 14 is Lunar #126, Presque Isle, 7 p.m., BBQ at 5:45 p.m. with proceeds to go to ESTARL.

Patriotic Ceremony

The Holy Bible is a symbol of our faith in God and also the foundation of our American heritage. We are one nation, under God. The Bible is God's chart for us to steer by, to keep us from the bottom of the sea, and to show us where the harbor is, plus how to reach it without running aground on the rocks or bars.

The blue ray of Adah teaches us to respect fidelity in our assurance of right and duty. In our flag, blue symbolizes vigilance, perseverance, and justice. We should be faithful to our vows and obligations, not only to ourselves, our Sisters and Brothers, but also to our country and our God.

The yellow ray of Ruth symbolizes obedience and constancy to the requirement of justice and honor and that we have a necessary duty to provide for our Sisters and Brothers. It also shows the strength of our country with its amber waves of grain.

The white ray of Esther symbolizes purity and commitment. The white in our flag symbolizes purity and innocence. We should be faithful to ourselves, our friends, our country, and our God.

The green ray of Martha symbolizes truth and eternal life and that we should have Martha's trustful faith in order to relieve the burden of sorrow and show the voice of duty. Our country is rich with nature's life and beauty.

The red ray of Electa symbolizes fervency and heroic survival when persecuted as one is defending truth. Red in our flag symbolizes hardiness and valor, as well as the blood sacrificed by our fellow Americans to preserve our country.

The Central Star of our Chapter is likened to our flag and the United States with the hope that to our Order and country you will always be true.

School Bus Yellow

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Black Lettering	GPS	Step Entry
Cameras	Lights	Stops
Chassis	Mirrors	Strobe Light
Class A License	Octagonal	Transport
Class B Vehicles	Rear Door	Trips
Diesel	Red	Warning Lights
Doors	Rows of Seats	Wig Wag Effect
Driver	Schedules	

Quickie Questions (answers on page four)

1. Who presides during the proving of a chapter?
2. Who is the Master Builder of the Order?
3. Does the Chaplain assume the Reverent Attitude while marching from the Chaplain's station to the Altar?
4. Between what two stations does the Installing Marshal present the officers at the Altar for installation?
5. What direction do the members face when the Chaplain has finished the opening prayer and moved between Esther and Martha?

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.

Devotional Corner

The story is told of a farmer who told a friend that he had decided he no longer needed to work. *God will do it for me*, the man said.

Oh really, the friend said. *What makes you think that?*

Well, the farmer said, *do you remember that old shed that I used to have? I'd been meaning to tear it down for years but lightning struck it last month and burned it to the ground and then the wind came up and blew away all the ashes.*

And on that basis you are going to let God do all your work? the friend asked.

Oh no, the farmer continued. *Last weekend my wife asked me to wash our car, but a big rainstorm blew in before I got to it and the rain washed my car clean.*

The friend shook his head in dismay and before he could say anything further, the farmer asked, *Do you know what I'm doing out here on the porch right now?*

The friend said, *No, what?*

The farmer replied, *I'm waiting for an earthquake to shake my crop of potatoes out of the ground.*

Don't expect God to do what He has empowered and enabled you to do.

June

- 24 – Orion #45, Calais, 6:30 pm, Stated Meeting
- 24 – Lake View #179, Jefferson, 7:30 pm, Program about Carol Weatherhead, PM and Bird House Auction
- 25 – Mt. Zircon #142, Mexico, 7 pm, *How many friendship songs do you know?* Honoring Organists
- 25 – Corner Stone #193, Portland, 7:30 pm, Father's Day and Master Mason night
- 25 – Millwee #198, Orrington, 7:30 pm, Mock Star Meeting
- 26 – Jefferson Chapter # 89, Bryant Pond, 7 pm, Family Cookout at 6 pm
- 26 – Beacon #202, Damariscotta, 7 pm, ESTARL supper, 6 pm
- 27 – Riverside #123, Orland, 7 pm, Honoring Father's Day as well as Chaplains, Marshals, and Organists, 6 pm supper

July

- 2 – Queen Esther #10, Hallowell, 7 pm, Warders and Sentinels Night
- 3 – Messalunskit #170, New Sharon, 7:30 pm, Landmarks and Obligations

Cryptoquip N equals A (Solution on Page Four)

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P C P E

- 4 – Pythagorean #169, Fryeburg, 7 pm, Probably No Quorum
- 5 – Naomi #25, Tenants Harbor, 7:30 pm, Patriotic
- 5 – Primrose #152, Belfast, 7:30 pm, 4th of July Celebration, BBQ for Cancer
- 8 – Marion #63, Gardiner meeting in Litchfield, 7:30 pm, Summer Trivia
- 8 – Molunkus Valley #95, Sherman, 7 pm, Official Visitation with the GC, pot luck at 6 pm
- 9 – Lakeside #60, Wales, 7 pm, Independence Day, Official Visitation with the WGM
- 9 – Machias #83, Machias, 7 pm, Fun Night
- 9 – Tillikum #99, Ashland, 7 pm, Official Visitation with GC, 6 pm pot luck supper
- 9 – Elm Vale #105, Harrison, 7:30 pm, cook out 6:30 pm, ESTARL Program
- 10 – Josiah H. Drummond #91, Thorndike, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation with the WGM, ice cream social
- 10 – Grace #93, Rockland, 7:30 pm, Honoring Military Personnel with Flag Ceremony
- 10 – Lunar #126, Presque Isle, 7 pm, Stated Meeting
- 10 – Harbor View #136, Deer Isle, Stated Meeting
- 11 – Somerset #80 Stratton, 7:30 pm, Flag Folding Ceremony
- 12 – Rumery #46, Addison, 7:30 pm, *Celebrating Our Independence*
- 12 – Abenaki #116, Readfield, 7:30 pm, Honoring Chaplain, Marshal, and Organist with 6:15 pm ESTARL Supper
- 12 – Genesta #73, Bath, 7 pm, Honoring Substitute's
- 15 – Arbutus #19, Liberty, 7:30 pm, Happy Birthday Everyone!
- 15 – Mountain View #197, Buckfield, 7 pm, Official Visitation, pot luck supper at 6 pm
- 16 – Golden Sheaf #114, New Gloucester, 7 pm, Red Hot Ruby Summer picnic supper at 6 pm, wear red, white, and blue
- 16 – Almeda #149, Guilford, 7:30 pm, Friendship Night/Fun Night, ice cream social
- 16 – Pondicherry #192, Bridgton, 7:30 pm, Landmarks and Obligation, Fathers, Brothers, Masons

- 17 – Ivy #16, Warren, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation with the AGC
- 17 – Felicity #195, Bucksport meeting in Orland, 7:30 pm, Past and Present Grand Representatives, 6:15 pm pot luck supper
- 18 – Lily of the Valley #157, Weeks Mills, 7:30 pm, Star Point Night with Grand Star Points
- 22 – Orion #45, Calais, 6:30 pm, Stated Meeting
- 22 – Lake View #179, Jefferson, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation with the AGC
- 23 – Millwee #198, Orrington, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation with the AGM
- 24 – Jefferson #89, Bryant Pond, 7 pm, Official Visitation with the GC, 6 pm supper
- 24 – Beacon #202, Damariscotta, 7 pm, Official Visitation with the WGM, 6 pm dinner
- 25 – Riverside #123, Orland, 7 pm, Charity Supper at 6 pm honoring our country and flag
- 26 – Naomi #25, Tenants Harbor, Dessert Cruise

August

- 1 – Pythagorean #169, Fryeburg, 7 pm, Official Visitation with the AGC
- 2 – Naomi #25, Tenants Harbor, 7:30 pm, Movie Night
- 2 – Genesta #73, Bath, 7 pm, Official Visitation with the WGM
- 2 – Primrose #152, Belfast, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation with the GC, pot luck for Eye Templar
- 5 – Mystic #69, Litchfield, 7 pm, Service Dogs by William Mitchell, PP, ESTARL Supper
- 6 – Queen Esther #10, Hallowell, 7 pm, Official Visitation with the WGM, pot luck supper at 5:30 pm
- 6 – Sarah Orne Jewett #176, South Berwick, 7 pm, *Guys and Dolls*, “Luck Be a Lady” - Official Visitation with the AGM
- 7 – Messalunskit #170, New Sharon, 7:30 pm, Landmarks and Obligation
- 8 – Martha Washington #15, Waterville, 7:30 pm, *Who Is This?* honoring Ruth
- 8 – Somerset #80, Stratton, 7:30 pm, District Deputy Night
- 9 – Abenaki #116, Readfield, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation with the AGM, honoring Conductress and Associate Conductress
- 12 – Aldworth #39, Milo, 7:30 pm, Landmarks and Obligation, Back-to-School, 6:15 pm pot luck supper
- 12 – Marion #63, Gardiner meeting in Litchfield, 7:30 pm, Honoring Star Points
- 12 – Molunkus Valley #95, Sherman, 7 pm, County Week with skit, Bar B Que and blueberries at 5:30 pm
- 13 – Lakeside #60, Wales, 7 pm, Honoring Electa with ESTARL Supper 6 pm, \$5
- 13 – Machias #83, Machias, 7 pm, Landmarks and

Obligation

- 13 – Tillikum #99, Ashland, 7 pm, County Week, 6 pm pot luck supper with entertainment by Hallie and Sheila
- 13 – Elm Vale #105, Harrison, 7:30 pm, refreshments 6:30 pm, Landmarks and Obligation
- 14 – Josiah H. Drummond #91, Thorndike, 7:30 pm, Summer Fun, BBQ for Eye Templar
- 14 – Grace #93, Rockland, 7:30 pm, *Friendship Golden Chain* and Awards night, pot luck supper 6:30 pm
- 14 – Lunar #126, Presque Isle, 7 pm, County Week, BBQ at 5:45 PM at the hall Proceeds to go to ESTARL
- 14 – Harbor View #136, Deer Isle, Stated Meeting
- 15 – Lily of the Valley #157, Weeks Mills, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation with the WGM, BBQ Supper at 6:15 pm
- 19 – Electa #2, Bowdoinham 7 pm, Official Visitation with the AGM with root beer floats, in honor of National Root Beer Float Day
- 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, PM and PP Night with 6:15 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 pm
- 28 – Jefferson Chapter # 89, Bryant Pond, 7 pm, Stated Meeting, 6 pm supper
- 28 – Beacon #202, Damariscotta, 7 pm, Ben Tufts representing the service dogs

Quickie Answers

1. The Associate Matron, Ritual Page 26.
2. Dr. Rob Morris, Ritual Page 7.
3. No. Ritual Page 42.
4. Between Adah and Ruth, Ritual Page 101.
5. The East, Ritual Pages 42 and 43.

Cryptoquip

Driving a thirty foot yellow brick with wheels is so easy! Said no bus driver ever.

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