

Fair Winds and Following Seas

Volume 24 No. 3

August 2, 2025

Grand Chapter of Maine, Order of the Eastern Star

· Rebecca G. H. Thompson, Worthy Grand Matron

Jon R. Thompson, Worthy Grand Patron

WGM's Special Project

The Warren Masonic Hall will be a new setting for the Worthy Grand Matron's Special Project to happen. It will be held on Monday, August 18 with coffee and light refreshments commencing at 9 a.m. and the actual work to peel labels and stuff envelopes will happen at 10 a.m. The dress code for this is informal.

This annual project has 50% of the income going to the Grand Chapter Charity Fund and the other 50% to ESTARL.

Sisters Ann Marie Leight and Judith Barstow are the Co-Chairmen with the following Sisters making certain there are refreshments: Teresa Potvin, Nancy Black, and Casey Getchell.

2025 Fall Event

Please join us on Saturday, November 8 for our Fall Event which will be held at the Morgan Hill Event Center, located at 82 Morgan Hill Lane, in Hermon. The event will be from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Have you ever had the fun of Square Dancing? Well, this year we are going to do just that. If you would like to dress the part, that is great too, but not required. Music will be provided by the Maine Fiddle Camp.

The menu includes appetizers of crackers and cheese, veggies and dip, and fresh fruit platter. Soup, salad, and sandwich combo with apple crisp for dessert will be served. Lunch will be \$30 per person sending your reservation to Patty Carter, 110 Lakes Lane, Ellsworth, ME 04605 with the check made out to her. Your tickets will be available at the door. The deadline for the tickets is October 1st.

The even number District Deputy Grand Matrons will be responsible for the baskets at this event.

We will be having a fun afternoon of dancing, games and more. More information will be distributed as we get closer to the date. Sisters Patty Carter, PM, Ann Marie Leight, WM, and Beverly Noonan, PM are in charge of this event.

Grand Family

Madonna Chapter #144, West Kennebunk will be hosting the second *The Rhythm of the Spirit* Grand Family on Saturday, October 4 at York Lodge #22, 159 Alfred Road, West Kennebunk.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. with a social hour from 11 a.m. until noon when the lunch will be served. The meeting commences at 1 p.m. The lunch is \$20 per person with checks made payable to Madonna Chapter #144 and sent to Sister Suellen Goodman, PO Box 115, Kennebunk, ME 04043. The deadline for the luncheon reservations is September 15.

Maine-Maritime Exchange

The Maine Maritime Exchange hosted by the St. Stephens Chapter #8 and Devon Chapter #37 of the Grand Jurisdiction of New Brunswick will be held on Saturday, September 13 at the Masonic Hall, 907 Prospect Street, Fredericton, New Brunswick.

At 10 a.m. the rehearsal for Chapter Officers and Grand Officers taking part will happen, followed by the luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Pictures will be taken at 12:45 p.m. with the 1 p.m. opening of the meeting.

Please have your dues card available to attend the meeting.

The soup and sandwich luncheon is \$25 Canadian and reservations are being taken by Sister Carol Sutherland, PGM, 1231 Route 127, Rollingdam, NB E5A 2W2. Sister Carol will accept a \$25 dollar check and then hold it until you arrive with the \$25 Canadian. The meal is limited to 100 members. Sister Carol's email address is henfruit2003@yahoo.com.

The hotel recommended to make a reservation at is the Fredericton Inn, 1315 Regent Street, Fredericton, New Brunswick. The telephone number for the Inn is 506-455-1430,

International Weekend

The International Weekend hosted by the Grand Jurisdiction of Massachusetts will be held October 17-19 in Devens, Massachusetts.

An Anchor For the Storms Of Life

Imagine yourself aboard a ship sailing over the vast and beautiful ocean. The waters are calm and soothing, and you find peace in the gentle sway of the boat. As you gaze out toward the horizon, storm clouds begin to gather in the distance, and the salty wind starts to howl. Slowly, the storm creeps closer. The once-calm waters now slap against the sides of the boat with increasing force. With every rise and fall, the waves grow in size and intensity.

And yet, amid the chaos, one thing holds firm—the anchor.

In the ancient world, the anchor was a symbol of hope. The recipients of the letter to the Hebrews would have instantly understood the power of that metaphor. Hope, like an anchor, is what keeps us steady and safe in life's storms—those times of trial, danger, hardship, anxiety, and uncertainty.

But an anchor is only as strong as what it clings to. The anchor of our hope is not buried in shifting sand or caught on a rock that could be torn loose. The believer's hope in Christ is steadfast because it is fixed in the very presence of the Almighty.

Just as a ship's anchor holds it securely in place, our hope in God keeps us steady through the storm. When fear howls like the wind, when suffering pours down like rain, when trials crash into us like waves, and uncertainty rocks us to and fro—our hope in God holds fast.

A ship's anchor reaches down to the ocean floor. But a Christian's hope reaches up—into the heavenly sanctuary—and clings to the heart of God.

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.

Fair Winds and Following Seas

Fair Winds and Following Seas is the newsletter that will be published during the 2025-2026 year and distributed by the Deputies shortly after Grand Families or statewide events about seven times a year. If you'd like items printed in it, email it to corleybyras@gmail.com or send it by snail mail to Sister Corley Anne

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.

Ship Terms

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

Ahoy	Centerboard	Orientation
Anchor	Crew	Sail
Ark	Dinghy	Sailor
Autopilot	Fender	Sea
Below	Halyard	Sheet
Boom	Heeling	Starboard
Bow	Jibe	Tack
Buoy	Leeward	Trim
Cabins	Mainsail	Unfurl
Capsize	Mast	Wind
Captain	Mooring	Windward

Quickie Questions (answers on page three)

1. How many members constitute a quorum for an Eastern Star Meeting?
2. What stations must be filled to open an Eastern Star meeting?
3. If two Sisters and five Brothers are present for a Subordinate Chapter meeting, can it be opened?
4. What stations may only be filled by Sisters?
5. May a Sister or Brother fill two of the following stations for a meeting – Worthy Matron, Associate Matron, Secretary, Conductress, Chaplain, Warder, and Sentinel?

Anchor Reinforces Our Lessons

Each time we enter a chapter room, our attention is instinctively drawn to the Labyrinth, where the pedestals of the Star Points stand, bearing the emblems of the Heroines of our Order. These symbols continually remind us of the beautiful lessons we have heard, time and again, at their stations. Each of our Heroines was anchored by her faith in God and strengthened by her devotion. Though the anchor is not one of the emblems directly associated with a specific Star Point, its broader symbolism — hope, stability, and perseverance — resonates deeply with the teachings of the Order of the Eastern Star.

At the first point of the Star shines the blue ray of Adah. The sword and veil united represent honor and

duty, and a daughter's sacrifice that her father's vow might not be broken. May our faith be anchored, like Adah's, to remain ever true to our convictions of right and duty.

At the second point of the Star, we see the yellow ray of Ruth. The golden sheaf represents constancy and devotion in times of need, as Ruth humbly gleaned in the fields of grain. May our faith be anchored like Ruth's unwavering devotion to Naomi. May our anchor hold us steadfast in the face of life's trials, faithful to the demands of honor and justice, and accepting of life's conditions with grace.

At the third point, the white ray of Esther shines forth. The crown and scepter united teaches us to emulate the virtues of the heroic Queen Esther, who used her power to save her people in their hour of greatest need. Let us be anchored by a love for all humanity—of every race, creed, and color—just as Esther's courage and compassion illuminated her actions.

The fourth point glows with the green ray of Martha. The broken column reminds us of the uncertainty of earthly life. Like Martha, may we be anchored in faith, trusting in the eternal promise of God and in the hope of immortal life.

At the fifth point of our Star shines the red ray of Electa, symbolizing light, knowledge, and beauty. The cup of charity and hospitality teaches us to carry love in our hearts, to be understanding, and to offer forgiveness freely. May we be anchored by Electa's love for the poor and her devotion to Christ, loving one another with that same selfless spirit.

Together, these five emblems represent the enduring teachings of our Order. They are the anchor that binds us one to another.

As the wise men of old were led by the Star in the East, may the lives of all our members continue to be anchored and inspired by the sacred lessons found at the five points of our Star.

Quickie Answers

1. Seven
2. Worthy Matron, Associate Matron, Secretary, Conductress, Chaplain, Warder, and Sentinel
3. No, because it takes a minimum of three Sisters as the Worthy Matron, Associate Matron, and Conductress stations must be filled by Sisters.
4. Worthy Matron, Associate Matron, Conductress, Associate Conductress and the five Star Points
5. No as those stations must be filled by a member in order to have a meeting.

August

- 4 – Mystic #69, Litchfield, 7 pm, Being in Touch, Honoring Past and Present Grand Representatives, "salad" ESTARL supper at 6 pm
- 5 – Queen Esther #10, Augusta, 7 pm, ESTARL Picnic Supper, 5:45 pm. Outside door locked at 6:50. Call Kim at (207-907-8205) if you are going to be late.
- 6 – Pleasant River #159, Buxton, 6 pm Dinner at 390 Maine Street Restaurant, Gorham
- 6 – Messalunskit #170, New Sharon, 7:30 pm, Stated Meeting
- 7 – Keystone #78, Solon, 7 pm, Music Night
- 11 – Aldworth #39, Milo, 7 pm, Past Matrons/Past Patrons, Potluck Supper 6 pm
- 11 – Molunkus Valley #95, Sherman, 7 pm, County Week, Supper 5:30 pm
- 12 – Lunar #126, Mars Hill, 7 pm, County Week, Supper 5:30 pm limited to 50 people. Contact Barbara Perkins at 207-764-5648 if attending. Change in meeting day is for "County Week" only.
- 12 – Lakeside #60, Wales, 7 pm, ESTARL Night, ESTARL Supper 6 pm, honoring our sideliners
- 12 – Elm Vale #105, Harrison, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation with the WGM, Supper 6:30 pm
- 13 – Ivy #6, Warren, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation with the WGM, "Surprise Night" program.
- 13 – Minerva #74, Madison, 7 pm, Fun Degree, Potluck Supper 6 pm
- 13 – Harbor View #136, Deer Isle, 7 pm, Official Visitation with the GC
- 14 – Martha Washington #15, Waterville, 7:30 pm, ESTARL BBQ
- 18 – Electa #2, Bowdoinham, 7 pm, Sharing love for Bath Assembly #6, Wear the colors of the Rainbow, Refreshments before meeting with the Girls and program by the Bath Assembly #6
- 18 – Arbutus #19, Liberty, 7 pm, Game Night, Supper 6 pm
- 18 – Mountain View #197, 7 pm, Back to School honoring the DDGM, Supper 6 pm
- 19 – Almeda #149, Guilford, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation with the WGM, BBQ, 6 pm
- 19 – Pondicherry #192, Bridgton, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation with the GC, Dinner 6:30 pm
- 20 – Felicity Chapter #195, Orland, Surprise Night, School Supplies BCC, Supper 6 pm
- 21 – Lily of the Valley #157, Weeks Mills, 7:30 pm, School Days
- 27 – Beacon #202, Damariscotta, 7 pm, Official Visitation with the AGM
- 28 – Riverside #123, Orland, 7 pm, Official Visitation with the WGM, Supper 6 pm

September

- 2 – Queen Esther #10, Augusta, 7 pm, Honoring Grand Representatives, Supper 5:45 pm. Outside door locked at 6:50. Call Kim (207-907-8205) if you are going to be late.
- 2 – Star Light #203, Westbrook, 7:30 pm, Official

- Visitation with the AGM
- 3 – Mystic #69, Litchfield, 7 pm, School Days, Official Visitation with the AGM
- 3 – Messalunskit #170, New Sharon, 7:30 pm, Stated Meeting
- 4 – Keystone #78, Solon, 7 pm, Collect items for Solon Elementary School
- 5 – Irene #97, Ellsworth, 7:30 pm, Followers, Rainbow Girls
- 5 – Primrose #152, Belfast, 7:30 pm, Esther Night/Service Dogs, Potluck 6:30 pm
- 8 – Aldworth #39, Milo, 7 pm, Blueberry Festival, Potluck Supper 6 pm
- 8 – Molunkus Valley #95, Sherman, 7 pm, Official Visitation with GC, Supper 5:30 pm
- 8 – Fireside #103, Clinton, 7 pm, Official Visitation with the WGM
- 8 – Pleasant River #159, Buxton, 7 pm, Landmarks and Obligation Night, School Supplies for H B Emery School, Potluck Supper 6 pm
- 9 – Lakeside #60, Wales, 7 pm, Stated Meeting, Potluck Supper 6 pm
- 10 – Ivy #6, Warren, 7:30 pm, Honor Night with a pie auction
- 10 – Minerva #74, Madison, 7 pm, Official Visitation with the WGM, Potluck Supper 6 pm
- 10 – Harbor View #136, Deer Isle, 7 pm, Honor Night for the Grand Organist, Sister Fran Hewins
- 11 – Martha Washington #15, Waterville, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation, with the WGM, Invite a friend
- 11 – Pine Cone #26, Auburn, 7 pm, We Will Never Forget, Social Hour 5:30 – 6:30
- 11 – Annette #184, Saco, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation with the GC
- 12 – Rumery #46, Addison, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation with the GC
- 12 – Abenaki #116, Readfield, 7:30 pm, Bus Drivers night/ Landmarks and Obligation Night, Supper 6 pm
- 13 – Maine-Maritime Exchange, Fredericton, New Brunswick
- 15 – Electa #2, Bowdoinham, 7 pm, Sharing love for Service Dogs
- 15 – Arbutus #19, Liberty, 7 pm, Landmarks and Obligation Night, Supper 6 pm
- 15 – Tuscan #148, Bangor, 7 pm, Official Visitation with the AGM, Potluck Supper 6 pm
- 15 – Mountain View #197, 7 pm, Landmarks and Obligation Night, Supper 6 pm
- 16 – Golden Sheaf #114, New Gloucester, 7 pm, Stated Meeting
- 16 – Madonna #144, West Kennebunk, 7 pm, Past Matron and Past Patron Night. Official Visitation with the WGM
- 16 – Almeda #149, Guilford, 7 pm, Honoring Star Points with a Grand Star Point Ceremony, ESTARL Supper 6 pm
- 16 – Pondicherry #192, Bridgton, 7:30 pm, Honor

- Flight with Brother William Stretton, PGP, PAWS for Veterans
- 16 – Star Light #203, Westbrook, 7:30 pm, Honoring PM and PP, Potluck Supper
- 17 – Felicity Chapter #195, Orland, Landmarks and Obligation, School Supplies BCC, Supper 6 pm
- 18 – Bethlehem #36, Pittsfield, 7 pm, Bird and Wildlife Trivia Night!
- 18 – Pioneer #11, Brunswick, 7 pm, Official Visitation with the AGM, ESTARL Supper
- 18 – Lily of the Valley #157, Weeks Mills, 7:30 pm, Our Labors
- 23 – Millwee #198, Orrington, 7 pm, Stated Meeting, Supper 6 pm
- 23 – Mt. Zircon #142, Mexico, 7 pm, Official Visitation with the AGM, Supper 6 pm
- 24 – Beacon #202, Damariscotta, 7 pm, ESTARL Supper
- 25 – Riverside #123, Orland, 7 pm, Landmarks and Obligation, Supper 6 pm, bring school supplies

Gossip Town

Have you ever heard of Gossip Town,
On the shore of Falsehood Bay,
Where old Dame Rumor, with rustling gown,
Is going the livelong day?

It isn't far to Gossip Town
For people who want to go;
The Idleness Train will take you down
In just an hour or so.

The Thoughtless Road is a popular route,
And most folks start that way;
But its steep down grade — if you don't look out
Will land you in Falsehood Bay.

You glide through the valley of Vicious Talk,
And into the tunnel of Hate;
Then, crossing the Add-to— Bridge, you walk
Right into the city gate.

The principle street is called They Say, and
I've heard is the public wall,
And breeze that blows from Falsehood Bay
Are laden with —Don't You Tell.

In the midst of the town is Telltale Park,
You're never quite safe while you are there,
For its owner is Madam Suspicious Remark,
Who lives on the street of Don't Care.

Just back of the park is Slander's Row,
"Twas there that Good Name died,
Pierced by a shaft from Jealousy's bow
In the hands of envious Pride.

From Gossip Town peace long since fled,
But trouble and grief and woe
And sorrow and care you'll find instead
If ever you chance to go. (Author Unknown)