

Fair Winds and Following Seas

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Grand Chapter of Maine, Order of the Eastern Star

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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. There will be a prize for the Best Hillbilly Outfit. 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 Sister 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 has been extended to October 13. Sisters Patty Carter, PM, Ann Marie Leight, WM, and Beverly Noonan, PM are in charge of this event.

New Brunswick in Maine Exchange

The Maine in New Brunswick Exchange will be hosted by Tuscan Chapter #146, Bangor on November 15 at the Bangor Masonic Hall located at 294 Union Street with the meeting commencing at 1 pm. Registration commences at 9:30 where you will present your dues card and sign in.

The rehearsal for the Chapter Officers and the Grand Officers will be at 10:30. At 11:45 the lunch of soup and sandwiches with salads and desserts will be served for a \$20 reservation made by November 8 with the check made out to Tuscan Chapter #146 and mailed to Sister Patricia Bishop, Secretary, 18 Floyd Street, Brewer, ME 04412

We are like the mast of a ship -
supported by the stays of love and
hope, we are able to withstand the
gales life forces in our faces.

Forms for the following three events are on the sponsoring Jurisdiction's website, the Maine OES website or your Chapter Secretary has additional information. The Canadian mail strike has changed how things can be done.

International Weekend

The International Weekend hosted by the Grand Jurisdiction of Massachusetts will be held October 17-19 at Devens Common Center, Devens, Massachusetts. The Springhill Suites at 27 Andrews Parkway in Devens is \$169 per night and you make your own reservations with them. Friday night starts off with a "Little Italy" buffet and entertainment.

Saturday you have the morning and lunch on your own. At 1 pm there will be OES fun. Saturday evening there will be a 7 pm dinner with a social hour prior to it. You are welcome to take non Eastern Star members as your guests as there are no formal meetings.

Maine in New Brunswick Exchange

The Maine in New Brunswick Exchange hosted by Devon Chapter #37 of the Grand Jurisdiction of New Brunswick will be held on Saturday, October 25 at the Masonic Hall, 907 Prospect Street, Fredericton, New Brunswick. At 10 a.m. the rehearsal 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.

CAN-AM Weekend

Members of the New Brunswick Eastern Star Magazine have agreed to plan and host the Can-Am weekend being held in Fredericton, New Brunswick on February 20-22, 2026.

Friday evening is getting your groove on - a retro hippy party. Saturday evening will be the formal "Casino Royale" banquet. This will be followed by an evening of casino games and concluding with an auction. You are welcome to take non Eastern Star members as your guests as there are no formal meetings.

The Burning Hut

The only survivor of a shipwreck was washed up on a small, uninhabited island. He prayed feverishly for God to rescue him, and every day he scanned the horizon for help, but none seemed forth coming.

Exhausted, he eventually managed to build a little hut out of driftwood to protect him from the elements, and to store his few possessions. But, one day, after scavenging for food, he arrived home to find his little hut in flames, the smoke rolling up to the sky.

The worst had happened; everything was lost. He was stunned with grief and anger. "God, how could you do this to me!" he cried. Early the next day, however, he was awakened by the sound of a ship that was approaching the island. It had come to rescue him. "How did you know I was here?" asked the weary man of his rescuers. "We saw your smoke signal," they replied.

It is easy to get discouraged when things are going bad. But we shouldn't lose heart, because God is at work in our lives, even in the midst of pain and suffering. Remember, the next time your little hut is burning to the ground, it just may be a smoke signal that summons the grace of God. For all the negative things we have to say to ourselves, God has a positive answer for it.

- You say: "It's impossible" God says: *All things are possible* (Luke 18:27)
- You say: "I'm too tired" God says: *I will give you rest* (Matt. 11:28-30)
- You say: "Nobody really loves me" God says: *I love you* (John 3:16 & John 13:34)
- You say: "I can't go on" God says: *My grace is sufficient* (II Cor. 12:9 & Psalm 91:15)
- You say: "I can't figure things out" God says: *I will direct your steps* (Proverbs 3:5-6)
- You say: "I can't do it" God says: *You can do all things* (Phil. 4:13)
- You say: "It's not worth it" God says: *It will be worth it* (Romans 8:28)
- You say: "I can't forgive myself" God says: *I forgive you* (I John 1:9 & Romans 8:1)
- You say: "I'm afraid" God says: *I have not given you a spirit of fear* (II Tim. 1:7)
- You say: "I'm always worried and frustrated" God says: *Cast all your cares on Me* (I Peter 5:7)
- You say: "I don't have enough faith" God says: *I've given everyone a measure of faith* (Romans 12:3)
- You say: "I feel all alone" God says: *I will never leave you or forsake you* (Heb. 13:5)

I believe there are some weeks that we all feel like our huts are on fire.

Biblical Occupations

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D L T E A C H E R E T F A G I
R V A H P J N E B I R C S N C
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Astrologer	King	Scribe
Blacksmith	Laborer	Shepherd
Brewer	Maid	Silversmith
Brickmaker	Mason	Soldiers
Coppersmith	Merchant	Taxcollector
Farmer	Nurse	Teacher
Fisherman	Physician	Tentmaker
Herdsman	Potter	

Quickie Questions (answers on page three)

1. How many black cubes must be in a ballot box?
2. If two black cubes appear on a ballot, is it clear?
3. Are the doors closed during balloting?
4. Petitions may be received, Investigating Committee may report, and Ballot may only be taken at what kind of meeting?
5. What does the Worthy Matron do before she destroys the ballot?

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.

Emblematic Lessons

Adah would have to be a loving daughter to so willingly offer to keep her father's vow. Jephthah must have thought a household animal would come through the door; we can hardly imagine the horror he felt when it was his daughter in her excitement that ran to meet him. So it is that we learn of fidelity and have the sword and veil in her honor.

Can you imagine the devotion of a young woman who would be willing to travel to a land where she knew no one, in order to see to the care of her mother-in-law? Ruth did just that and worked long and hard hours, gleaning in the fields so that they might eat. The sheaf not only reminds us that Ruth was a gleaner but also that if we work and save for our infirm years, we will reap as we have sewn.

Esther was an obedient Jewish girl who was chosen to be the new queen when the king divorced his wife. She must have been a beautiful woman and was surely courageous. Few among us would risk losing favor and most likely our life to save the lives of others. The crown and scepter reminds us of the story of Esther.

Martha, Mary and Lazarus were siblings living in Bethany and known to be friends of Jesus. Such faith Martha displayed when her brother died and she asked Jesus to raise him from the dead. Although dead for four days, Lazarus was brought back from the dead because of Martha's trustful faith. We use a broken column to remind us of the uncertainty of human life.

Who can be absolutely certain that we would embrace a cross rather than trample it under foot, knowing that the penalty for doing so was death? We can pray for the strength and certainty of our faith to do just as Electa did. May we also practice charity and hospitality, as represented by the cup.

None of these stories would have meaning for us if it were not for our faith in God and the teaching of His word, which we find in the Holy Bible. We consider our altar to be sacred – we took our obligation there, we lay flowers there to remember loved ones gone before us, and it is central in our meeting rooms. We join 'round it at the close of our meetings to say farewell to each other, and ask God's blessing upon us until we meet again.

Quickie Answers

1. Seven
2. Yes Ritual Page 15
3. Yes
4. Regular stated meeting, Page 46 (2), Ritual page 13
5. She strikes one blow of the gavel, Ritual Page 15

Thank You from ESTARL Recipient

Thank you so much for this huge scholarship being awarded to me. This money is going directly to my tuition balance from last year as well as covering it for this semester. If it weren't for this gift, I would need to wait a year to continue classes at BCS. Through you, our GOD is showing His Grace, Providence and Love to me. I will honor this award and work diligently in my classes. Thank you very much.

In Christ,

Evan Moitozo, Lewiston Maine

(His award was for \$4,474 which you as Sisters and Brothers contributed to his education.)

October

- 6 – Mystic #69, Litchfield, 7 pm, Dog's Day (Bill and Addy)
- 7 – Queen Esther #10, Augusta, 7 pm, Star Point Ceremony with the Grand Star Points, (Come get the Turner Traveling Gavel) Suppers begin at 5:45. Our outside door will be locked at 6:50. Please call Kim's cell (207-907-8205) if you will be late.
- 7 – Star Light #203, Westbrook, 7:30 pm, It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World!,
- 8 – Ivy #6, Warren, 7:30 pm, Honor Night, ESTARL Supper
- 8 – Minerva #74, Madison, 7 pm, Fall Fun, Potluck Supper 6 pm
- 8 – Lunar #126, Mars Hill, 7 pm, Landmarks and Obligation Night
- 8 – Harbor View #136, Deer Isle, 7 pm, ESTARL Lobster Dinner (\$10) Call the Worthy Matron to reserve lobster(s) Sister Jerri Holt, PGM-Guest Officer
- 9 – Martha Washington #15, Waterville, 7:30 pm, Honoring Warders and Sentinels
- 9 – Pine Cone #26, Auburn, 7 pm, Official Visitation with the WGM, Potluck Supper 5:45
- 9 – Somerset #80, Stratton, 7:30, Stated Meeting
- 10 – Rumery #46, Addison, 7:30 pm, Friend's Night with Official Visitation with the GC
- 10 – Abenaki #116, Readfield, 7:30 pm, Honor Chapter Star Points and Grand Star Points, Supper 6 pm
- 13 – Aldworth #39, Milo, 7 pm, Honor Our Star Points, Potluck Supper 6 pm
- 13 – Molunkus Valley #95, Sherman, 7 pm, Stated Meeting
- 13 – Fireside, #103, Clinton, 7 pm, Halloween
- 13 – Pleasant River #159, Buxton, 7 pm, Star Point Ceremony, Pot Luck Supper 6 pm
- 14 – Lakeside #60, Wales, 7 pm, Landmarks and Obligation Night with AC Lecture, Potluck Supper 6 pm
- 14 – Elm Vale #105, Harrison, 7:30 pm, Honor Flight Speaker, Supper 6:30 pm
- 15 – Felicity Chapter #195, Orland, Charity Supper 6 pm, Non-Perishable Food BCC
- 16 – Bethlehem #36, Pittsfield, 7 pm, Honoring Star Points, ESTARL Supper with Fireside #103

- 16 – Pioneer #11, Brunswick, 7 pm, Service Dog Presentation with Brother Bill Mitchell and Addie, ESTARL Supper 6 pm
- 16 – Lily of the Valley #157, Weeks Mills, 7:30 pm, Signing the Lord's Prayer
- 20 – Electa #2, Bowdoinham, 7 pm, Sharing love for those close to our heart
- 20 – Arbutus #19, Liberty, 7 pm, Honor Night, Grand's, ESTARL Supper 6 pm, Rebecca Johnson, PGM with program on International Headquarters
- 20 – Tuscan #148, Bangor, 7 pm, Happy Fall, Potluck Supper 6 pm
- 20 – Mountain View #197, 7 pm, Fall, Supper 6 pm
- 21 – Madonna #144, West Kennebunk, 7 pm, Sideliner's Night
- 21 – Almeda #149, Guilford, 7 pm, Annual Apple Festival when a new Apple Queen is chosen, Supper 6 pm
- 21 – Pondicherry #192, Bridgton, 7:30 pm, Honor DDGM's Past and Present, Cancer, Dinner 6:30
- 21 – Star Light #203, Westbrook, 7:30 pm, honoring past and present Grand Ruth's of District 2
- 22 – Beacon #202, Damariscotta, 7 pm, Feed the Hungry
- 23 – Riverside #123, Orland, 7 pm, ESTARL Supper 6 pm
- 28 – Mt. Zircon #142, Mexico, 7 pm, Signing of the Lord's Prayer, Supper 6 pm
- 28 – Millwee #198, Orrington, 7 pm, Mask Contest, Supper 6 pm
- 10 – Pleasant River #159, Buxton, 7 pm, Honor Veterans, Pot Luck Supper 6 pm
- 11 – Lakeside #60, Wales, 7 pm, Honoring Our Veterans (Bring \$\$\$ Donations), Potluck Supper 6 pm
- 11 – Elm Vale #105, Harrison, 7:30 pm, Veterans Day Program, Supper 6:30 pm
- 12 – Ivy #6, Warren, 7:30 pm, Landmarks and Obligation Night
- 12 – Minerva #74, Madison, 7 pm, Landmarks and Obligation Night, Potluck Supper 6 pm
- 12 – Lunar #126, Mars Hill, 7 pm, Stated Meeting
- 12 – Harbor View #136, Deer Isle, 7 pm, Happy Thanksgiving, Turkey with all the fixings
- 13 – Martha Washington #15, Waterville, 7:30 pm, Rainbow Girls
- 13 – Pine Cone #26, Auburn, 7 pm, We Are Thankful, ESTARL Potluck Supper, Honoring Veterans
- 13 – Annette #184, Saco, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation with the AGC
- 14 – Rumery #46, Addison, 7:30 pm, Veteran's and Thanksgiving
- 14 – Abenaki #116, Readfield, 7:30 pm, Giving Thanks, Star Points, Supper 6 pm
- 15 – Tuscan #148, Bangor, Hosting New Brunswick in Maine Grand Family Exchange.
- 17 – Tuscan #148, Bangor, 7 pm, Giving Thanks, Potluck Supper 6 pm
- 17 – Electa #2, Bowdoinham, 7 pm, Sharing love for our community with food pantry and Festival of Trees donations and a pie auction for ESTARL
- 17 – Arbutus #19, Liberty, 7 pm, Thanksgiving Celebration, Supper 6 pm
- 17 – Mountain View #197, 7 pm, Thanksgiving, Supper 6 pm
- 18 – Mt. Zircon #142, Mexico, 7 pm, Thanksgiving, Supper 6 pm
- 18 – Madonna #144, West Kennebunk, 7 pm, Let's Give Thanks
- 18 – Almeda #149, Guilford, 7 pm, A visit from the Singing Sisters, Potluck Supper 6 pm
- 18 – Pondicherry #192, Bridgton, 7:30 pm, "Loony" Tunes Music Night, Honor Grand Organists, Past and Present, Grand Chapter Charities, Dinner 6:30
- 18 – Star Light #203, Westbrook, 7:30 pm, Honoring Warder and Sentinel
- 19 – Felicity Chapter #195, Orland, Giving Thanks, Honoring Veterans, Toys for BCC, Supper 6 pm
- 19 – Beacon #202, Damariscotta, 7 pm, ALS
- 20 – Bethlehem #36, Pittsfield, 7 pm, Stuffed animal donations for Community Christmas Projects
- 20 – Pioneer #11, Brunswick, 7 pm, Honoring Past and Present DDGM's, Official Visitation with AGM
- 20 – Riverside #123, Orland, 7 pm, Giving Thanks, Charity Supper 6 pm, Toys and Food for BCC
- 20 – Lily of the Valley #157, Weeks Mills, 7:30 pm, Honoring Veterans
- 25 – Millwee #198, Orrington, 7 pm, Stated Meeting, Supper 6 pm

November

- 3 – Mystic #69, Litchfield, 7 pm, Fields of Service (Honoring Veterans)
- 4 – Queen Esther #10, Augusta, 7 pm, Landmarks & Obligation; Honoring Our Veterans, Suppers begin at 5:45 pm. Our outside door will be locked at 6:50. Please call Kim's cell (207-907-8205) if you will be late.
- 4 – Star Light #203, Westbrook, 7:30 pm, Stated Meeting
- 5 – Messalunskit #170, New Sharon, 7:30 pm, Thanksgiving
- 6 – Keystone #78, Solon, 7 pm, Honoring Past and Present Grand Representatives, ESTARL Supper 6 pm
- 7 – Ruth #14, Sanford, 7:30 pm, ESTARL Potluck 6:30
- 7 – Irene #97, Ellsworth, 7:30 pm, Charity (Food Drive)—ESTARL Supper at 6:15, Official Visitation with the AGC
- 7 – Primrose #152, Belfast, 7:30, Martha Night/GC. Charity, Turkey Dinner 6:30 pm
- 10 – Aldworth #39, Milo, 7 pm, Landmarks and Obligation Night, Potluck Supper 6 pm
- 10 – Molunkus Valley #95, Sherman, 7 pm, Honoring our Veterans
- 10 – Fireside, #103, Clinton, 7 pm, Veterans