

# Chickadee Chatter

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Grand Chapter of Maine, Order of the Eastern Star

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## Maine in New Brunswick

Devon Chapter #37 of New Brunswick will be hosting the Maine in New Brunswick Exchange on September 21 at the Fredericton Motor Inn in Fredericton, New Brunswick. Reservations for the luncheon needs to be received by September 14th and your Chapter Secretary has the necessary information and the forms are easily found on the Maine OES Website's calendar.

## Costume Party

Saturday, October 5 at the T and B's Celebration Center in Skowhegan there's going to be a costume party with the proceeds going to the Children's Dyslexia Centers. The social time commences at 5 p.m. with a buffet dinner at 6 p.m. Reservations of \$25 per person need to be made by September 20th with Sister Beverly Noonan, 383 East River Road, Skowhegan, ME 04976.

## New Brunswick in Maine

Lunar Chapter # 126, Presque Isle will be hosting the New Brunswick in Maine Grand Family on October 26 when the officers of New Brunswick will be performing the degrees of the Order. 9 a.m. is registration with a 10 a.m. rehearsal and luncheon at 11:30 a.m. The actual meeting will commence at 1 p.m. The luncheon will be limited to the two Grand Families.

## International Weekend

The International Weekend will be hosted by the Connecticut Grand Chapter and is being held at the Groton Inn and Suites in Groton the weekend of November 1-3. Saturday morning there will be an exciting Membership Forum with topics regarding recruitment, retention, communication, marketing, and leadership. The Connecticut OES website has all the needed forms and information. [www.ctoes.com](http://www.ctoes.com)

## Bus Trip to Washington D.C.

Reservations with a deposit of \$100 can still be made 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.

## CAN-AM 2020

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

Reserve online at [www.samosetresort.com](http://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 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.

Complete information including the registration and meal's form will soon be located on Maine's OES website <http://www.maineoes.org>

## Did You Know?

- Q is the only letter in the alphabet that does not appear in the name of any of the United States.
- Forty is the only two digit number that has all of its letters in alphabetical order.

## Lessons From Our Star Points

Adah teaches us to be faithful to all of our obligations. We will probably never be called upon to sacrifice our very lives, but we do need to be faithful to all of our promises, our commitments, and our obligations. The sword and veil reminds us that if we make a promise, it should be sacred.

Ruth teaches us to be obedient. Would you be willing to give up all that you hold dear to travel to a far away state or country to care for another? The ties that bind us together are strong and wherever we may go or whatever we may do, the constancy of the teachings of our Order bind us together as exemplified by the sheaf of wheat.

We often forget that Esther was such a young girl and was thrust into such terrifying circumstances. It must have been a fearful time for her to speak up for her race, knowing that she might lose her own life if the King found out she was Jewish. It makes the issues we face today seem like nothing. The crown and scepter reminds us to be loyal to our family, to our friends, and to our God.

The lesson of Martha teaches us that through faith all things are possible. Jesus said "I am the resurrection and the life. He that believes in me shall not perish, but have everlasting life." No matter how overwhelming our problems may be, our faith in God will sustain us. Whenever we look up into the sky and see a rainbow, we are reminded that there is a power greater than any human, that there is a loving Father watching over us. May the beauty of God's creation and the broken column remind us that through faith all things are possible and that, most importantly, we have eternal life.

Electa teaches us that love conquers all. Without love we would face a sad and bitter world. Love has come down through the ages and touches us all. Through love we are stronger and better people. Electa and her love for her Savior provide a firm foundation upon which we can build our love for each other. The cup is a symbol of the love a fraternal family shows each other.

Have you asked anyone to  
join Star lately?

## Kindness

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S L N S U O R E N E G I J S

Affection	Grace	Nice
Care	Helpful	Service
Charitable	Humane	Sweet
Concern	Kind	Sympathetic
Considerate	Love	Tenderness
Generous	Loving	Thoughtfulness
Gentleness	Mercy	Unselfish
Good	Neighborly	Warmth

## Quickie Questions (answers on page four)

1. Does the Worthy Matron instruct the Conductress to present or escort visitors to the East?
2. When the presiding Worthy Matron is a Grand Officer of a DDGM, who directs the Conductress to present her?
3. In presentations when do the Conductresses bow?
4. When two or more members are returning to their seats, should they sit at the same time?
5. Do the Conductresses give Grand Honors?

## Cryptoquip P equals E (Solution on Page Four)

M P            D J P            E P N W U G

W U T P U G P            W T R H P W

D U L N Z.

## Devotional Corner

The people of Bethlehem pigeonholed people: Naomi was the bitter, Ruth was the foreigner – Rahab the prostitute, who became the mother-in-law of Ruth.

In the genealogy connecting Boaz and Ruth to King David, the parents of Boaz aren't mentioned. But Ruth must have learned the miraculous story of how God saved Rahab when Jericho was destroyed. The family that had welcomed a former prostitute, could easily welcome a woman who claimed her mother-in-law's faith as her own.

But it couldn't have been easy for them. Boaz knew both the challenges and blessings of marrying outside the twelve tribes. Unafraid of that he chose Ruth for her faith and beauty. But Ruth could hardly believe she had found favor in his sight. Through their line, the Messiah would be brought into this world.

Just as God brought Ruth into the life of Boaz who would accept her past, he will direct our paths to friends who understand us. Together we may grow stronger and reach out to others.

## September

- 16 – Electa #2, Bowdoinham 7 pm, Food Pantry night  
*Random Act of Kindness Challenge*: 6th is National Food Bank Day. Bring in a donation for the Bowdoin and Bowdoinham food pantries.
- 16 – Arbutus #19, Liberty, 7:30 pm, Honoring Warders and Sentinels
- 16 – Mountain View #197, Buckfield, 7 pm, Program by Carolyn, PM and Keith Bennett, PP, pot luck supper at 6 pm
- 17 – Deering #59, Portland, 7:30 pm, Star and Special Assistant Night, Past and Present
- 17 – Golden Sheaf #114, New Gloucester, 7 pm, Official Visitation with the AGC
- 17 – Madonna #144, West Kennebunk, 7 pm, Official Visitation with the AGM
- 17 – Almeda #149, Guilford, 7:30 pm, Past Matrons and Past Patrons, ESTARL Supper
- 17 – Pondicherry #192, Bridgton, 7:30 pm, DDGM-Past and Present
- 18 – Ivy #16, Warren, 7:30 pm, Honor Night
- 18 – Felicity #195, Bucksport meeting in Orland, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation with the AGM, 6:15 pm pot luck supper
- 19 – Pioneer #11, Lisbon Falls, 7 pm, ESTARL Supper, OES Trivia, 6 pm

- 19 – Bethlehem #36, Pittsfield, 7 pm, Honoring Secretaries and Treasurers
- 19 – Lily of the Valley #157, Weeks Mills, 7:30 pm, Landmarks and Obligation Night
- 21 – Maine in New Brunswick at the Fredericton Motor Inn
- 23 – Orion #45, Calais, 6:30 pm, Official Visitation with the AGM
- 23 – Lake View #179, Jefferson, 7:30 pm, Program about Barbara Hagan
- 24 – Mt. Zircon #142, Mexico, 7 pm, Official Visitation with the WGM
- 24 – Corner Stone #193, Portland, 7:30 pm, Honoring PM and PP, 6:15 pm ESTARL Supper-make your own Italians
- 24 – Millwee #198, Orrington 7 pm, ESTARL Supper at 6 pm and Honor Night
- 25 – Jefferson # 89, Bryant Pond, 7 pm, Teachers/Apple Night, 6 pm supper
- 25 – Beacon #202, Damariscotta, 7 pm, ALS Clinic
- 26 – Riverside #123, Orland, 7 pm, Memorial Service and Grand Charity Report, 6 pm supper

## October

- 1 – Queen Esther #10, Hallowell, 7 pm, Sideliners Night
- 1 – Deering #59, Portland, 7:30 pm, Stated Meeting with pot luck supper at 6:30 pm
- 1 – Tuscan #148, Bangor, 7:30 pm, Crazy Hat Night
- 1 – Sarah Orne Jewett #176, South Berwick, 7 pm, *Grease*, Halloween costume Party – Sock Hop
- 2 – Messalunskit #170, New Sharon, 7:30 pm, Honor the Secretary and Treasurer, International Headquarters Video with Rebecca Johnson, PGM
- 3 – Keystone #78, Solon, 7:30 pm, Honoring Grand Representatives
- 4 – Ruth #14, Springvale, 7: 30 pm, Official Visitation with the AGC
- 4 – Naomi #25, Tenants Harbor, 7:30 pm, ESTARL supper, pot luck
- 4 – Genesta #73, Bath, 7 pm, Honoring Warders and Sentinels, Halloween Dress
- 4 – Irene #97, Ellsworth, 7:30 pm, “The Sound of Music”—P.M., P.P. and 25 Year Member Night
- 5 – Fall Event to support the Children's Dyslexia Centers
- 4 – Primrose #152, Belfast, 7:30 pm, Friends Night, pot luck for cancer
- 7 – Mystic #69, Litchfield, 7 pm, *Love One Another*, honoring Past and present Electa's by Paula Nicholas, PM
- 8 – Lakeside #60, Wales, 7 pm, Landmarks and Obligations with the A. Conductress Lecture
- 8 – Machias #83, Machias, 7 pm, Official Visitation with the AGM
- 8 – Tillikum #99, Ashland, 7 pm, Pumpkin Contest
- 8 – Elm Vale #105, Harrison, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation with the GC, refreshments 6:30 pm
- 8 – Corner Stone #193, Portland, 7:30 pm, PAGO night

- 9 – Minerva #74, Madison, 7 pm, Official Visitation with the AGC
- 9 – Josiah H. Drummond #91, Thorndike, 7:30 pm, Honor Night, ESTARL
- 9 – Grace #93, Rockland, 7:30 pm, Landmarks and Obligation
- 9 – Lunar #126, Presque Isle, 7 pm, Landmarks, Obligation and Memorial, Pound Auction- Proceeds to Grace Interfaith Food Table (Food Cupboard)
- 9 – Harbor View #136, Deer Isle, 7 pm
- 10 – Martha Washington #15, Waterville, 7:30 pm, Landmarks and Obligation Night
- 10 – Pine Cone #26, Auburn, 7 pm, ESTARL Supper with Pioneer #11 and Lakeside #60, Halloween with the OES Witches
- 10 – Somerset #80, Stratton, 7:30 pm, ESTARL dinner and Grand Representative Night
- 10 – Pythagorean #169, Fryeburg, 7 pm, Guest Officers with 6 pm ESTARL supper
- 10 – Annette #184 Saco, 7:30 pm, Guest Officers Night
- 11 – Rumery #46, Addison, 7:30 pm, *Friendship is the Key* - Star Point Night
- 11 – Abenaki #116, Readfield, 7:30 pm, Honoring Star Points, 6:15 pm ESTARL Supper
- 14 – Aldworth #39, Milo, 7:30 pm, Trick-or-Treat, 6:15 pm supper
- 14 – Molunkus Valley #95, Sherman, 7 pm, Past Matron and Past Patron Nite, fall dinner at 6 pm
- 14 – Fireside #103, Clinton, 7:30 pm, Halloween
- 14 – Pleasant River #159, West Buxton, 7:30 pm, Rainbow Girls
- 15 – Deering #59, Portland, 7:30 pm, District 2 Information Night
- 15 – Golden Sheaf #114, New Gloucester, 7 pm, *Diamonds in the Rough*, Star Point Honor Night
- 15 – Madonna #144, West Kennebunk, 7 pm, Honoring Life Members, Halloween
- 15 – Almeda #149, Guilford, 7:30 pm, Apple Festival
- 15 – Pondicherry #192, Bridgton, 7:30 pm, *Order of the Eating Sisters* with supper prior to the meeting
- 16 – Felicity #195, Bucksport meeting in Orland, 7:30 pm, Past and Present DDGM Night, Charity Supper 6:15 pm
- 16 – Ivy #16, Warren, 7:30 pm, Past Matrons and Past Patrons, ESTARL Supper 6:15 pm
- 17 – Pioneer #11, Lisbon Falls, 7 pm, special program by Rainbow and DeMolay
- 17 – Bethlehem #36, Pittsfield, 7 pm, Honoring District #9 Members, ESTARL potluck supper
- 17 – Lily of the Valley #157, Weeks Mills, 7:30 pm, Halloween Surprise
- 21 – Electa #2, Bowdoinham 7 pm, Honor night for Grand Warder with ESTARL Harvest Supper *Random Act of Kindness Challenge*: In honor of Adopt a Shelter Dog Month, bring in an item to donate to the Midcoast Humane Society.
- 21 – Arbutus #19, Liberty, 7:30 pm, *I Pledge...Sacred Vow*
- 21 – Marion #63, Gardiner meeting in Litchfield, 7:30 pm, Official Visitation with the AGC
- 21 – Mountain View #197, Buckfield, Honor Grand Representatives, program by Charlene Pelletier PM, pot luck supper at 6 pm
- 22 – Mt. Zircon #142, Mexico, 7 pm, Honor Star Points, Grand Star Points invited, ESTARL supper with Jerri Holt, PGM
- 22 – Corner Stone #193, Portland, 7:30 pm, Stated Meeting and pound auction for ESTARL
- 22 – Millwee #198, Orrington 7 pm, Halloween, bring something to Trick-a-Treat
- 23 – Jefferson # 89, Bryant Pond, 7 pm, 6 pm Soup and Bread Night
- 23 – Beacon #202, Damariscotta, 7 pm, History Night
- 24 – Riverside #123, Orland, 7 pm, Honoring all teachers, ESTARL supper 6 pm
- 28 – Orion #45, Calais, 6:30 pm, Stated Meeting
- 28 – Lake View #179, Jefferson, 7:30 pm, ESTARL With a Twist. ESTARL supper 6:15 pm

## Quickie Answers

1. Escorts
2. The Worthy Patron
3. When they first go to escort them and when they take them to the seat they will be sitting in
4. Yes, as it is a courtesy
5. Yes, but they do not give a hearty welcome

## Cryptoquip

Be the reason someone smiles today.

## 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](mailto:kackyw@gmail.com).

## Star News

Please email items to be posted on *Star News* to [corleybyras@gmail.com](mailto:corleybyras@gmail.com) and to receive the *Star News* please send your email address to the same email.

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