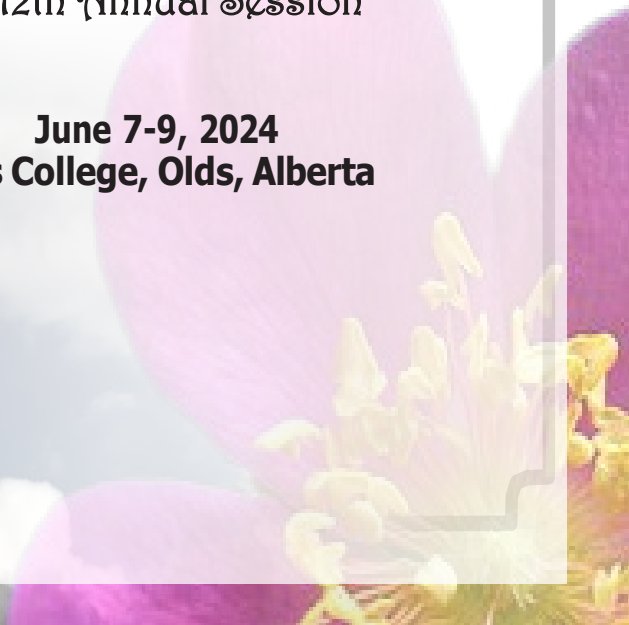




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Dedication

Worthy Grand Matron - This year was dedicated to my parents, Bill & Betty Cross, for without their encouragement to have me involved with Job's Daughters many years ago I may not have followed Mom's footsteps into this amazing Order. Dad, sister Julie and I were initiated together into Morning Light No. 44 with Mom as WM. A special thanks to the members of Zenith Chapter No. 85 for all your hard work in preparing for this year. You have always been a group of great supporters. Although we may be a small Chapter, we are mighty and can accept any challenge we are given.

Worthy Grand Patron – This year is dedicated to my best friend and wife Mildred plus to all past, current and future members of this Order. Special thanks are given to my two Chapters, Maple Leaf No. 7 in Lethbridge and Murray No. 58 in Medicine Hat for their participation as we commence this new adventure together.

Scriptures

Worthy Grand Matron – “Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in the darkness but will have the light of life.” John 8:12

Worthy Grand Patron – “Let all bitterness and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another as God in Christ forgave you. Ephesians 4:31-32

Motto

Worthy Grand Matron - I believe there are Angels among us.

Worthy Grand Patron – Be the change you wish to see in the world because you miss 100% of the shots you do not take.

Watchwords

Worthy Grand Matron – Be Patient Be Kind

Worthy Grand Patron – Goals, New, Empathy, Charity, Challenge, Truth, Determination, Laughter

Emblems

Worthy Grand Matron – Angels (love), Lanterns (light), Dragonflies (symbolism is associated with change and transformation)

Worthy Grand Patron – Rainbow (signifies new beginnings, hope and fulfilment of dreams)

Fun Emblems

Worthy Grand Matron – Unicorns

Worthy Grand Patron - Gnomes and Meadowlarks

Gnomes signify good luck, hard workers, mischievous and playful. Meadowlarks signify abundance and impending harvest when seen.

Flowers and Colours

Worthy Grand Matron – Pink Lily

Star Point Colours – blue, yellow, white, green & red

Worthy Grand Patron – Alberta Wild Rose

Dandelion – a misunderstood beautiful flower with hundreds of uses from cross pollination benefits to medicinal ... but is referred to as a weed.

Songs

Worthy Grand Matron – I Have a Dream (ABBA), Angels Among Us (Alabama), You Raise Me Up, The Prayer, My Special Angel, Stars are the Window of Heaven (Anne Murray), The Unicorn (The Irish Rovers)

Worthy Grand Patron – All God's Children have a Place in the Choir (Celtic Thunder), Try a Little Kindness (Glen Campbell), We Thank Thee (Jim Reeves)

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ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH ANNUAL SESSION
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Friday, June 7, 2024 – 7:00 PM

Musical Prelude
Maida Higa (85/7) Grand Organist
Flory Wilkins (37) Assistant Grand Organist

Call to Order
Mary Wescott, PGM
Roy Sonley, PGP

Bible and Emblem Ceremony
Eileen Palmieri, PGM BC/YT

Eileen Palmieri, PGM of B.C. and Yukon

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters, and Brothers.

Before we begin, I would like to thank our Worthy Grand Matron, Sis. Jacquie Charlton, and Worthy Grand Patron, Bro. Wayne Rinke for the honour of giving their Bible and Emblem Ceremony once again. I am also pleased to share this honour with our Grand Family Star Points.

As we are nearing the end of our "Light of Love" year and the beginning of the 112th Grand Chapter Session of 2024, each of us should have carefully considered the purpose which brings us together. Our Sisters and Brothers of past, present, and future live and act by the principles upon which the Order of the Eastern Star is based. We should again and continue to reflect on those principles in all that we do and say, for that is the truest and highest tribute we can give each other.

At our meetings, resting on the prepared Altar in the centre of our Chapter room is the Open Bible. There within its pages, tested and strengthened through time, we can receive wisdom, guidance, and counsel of the Holy Spirit in our life's journey and our service to others. The Holy Bible is placed on the altar by Bro. George Norton, PP.

Adah – Let us think of the ideal daughter Adah with the spirit of Fidelity as we recall her lesson of obedience and steadfastness – the remembrance of a vow taken before God. Keeping our promises, no matter the cost, is the lesson of her story. Faith and courage will enable us to keep our word and uphold our convictions of right and duty. The ultimate example of self-sacrifice will be Adah's legacy. Blue is ever the symbol of fidelity, loyalty, and intelligence. The Sword and Veil representing Right and Revelation, is placed on the pedestal by Sis Katherine Hall, accompanied by Sis. Corinne Skelton.

Ruth – With spirit of Constancy, as represented by yellow, we think of the ideal widow Ruth. With faith and love in her heart, she happily trod the path of obedience to the demands of honour and justice. The name Ruth means "friend" and her friendship with her mother-in-law Naomi was maintained only through Ruth's ability to sacrifice her needs for those of another. This allegiance has become one of the world's greatest examples of the true meaning of real friendship. The Sheaf symbolizing the collective greatness of accumulated small deeds or duties, is placed on her pedestal by Sis. Seona Scott.

Esther – With spirit of Loyalty, as represented by white, we think of the fact that Esther never forgot the humble background of her people, even though She became Queen with great power. It requires courage to accomplish the greatest acts of loyalty. Her choice to be true to her people could have cost her life, but her principles were ever strong and unwavering. Let us make our lives a symbol of light, purity, and joy. The Crown and Sceptre together symbolize the forces of power and authority welded together to ensure justice for all. This is Esther's emblem which Sis. Myra Lonsbury places on her pedestal.

Martha – With the spirit of Faith, as represented by green, we recall the ideal sister Martha in her lesson of having the fortitude to maintain her faith, even when her brother died, by abiding in the Word of God as instructed by Christ. We are all sustained, as Martha was, by faith in God – the unshakable faith that has the power to give, to take, to bless, to love and to protect. The Broken Column of Martha is the emblem of her sustaining power of faith in eternal life. Martha's emblem will be placed on the pedestal by Sis. Deanna Gillis.

Electa – With the spirit of Love we recall Electa, whose lesson embodies charity and hospitality, and reminds us that defending truth despite opposition, is the duty of us all. The greatest commandment ever given was to "love one another", which is exemplified in her story. To exemplify fraternal love, we must be charitable in thought, word, and deed. It is the manner of giving that counts. The Cup is the emblem of Electa. It represents hospitality throughout one's life's joys and sorrows. This emblem will now be placed on the pedestal by Sis.

Tanis Nichol.

So now we see before us the five guiding principles of our Order, the five precepts upon which we have all lived our lives in the past, the present, and will in the future. Fidelity or obedience, Constancy or firm devotion, Loyalty or devoted allegiance, Faith or strength of soul, belief, trust and honesty, and Love or affection, charity, forgiveness, and mercy. Love is the strongest word of the five.

Thus, my Sisters and Brothers, may the spirit or angels among us show the world that we can live in peace and harmony, if we follow the lessons taught by our Beloved Star.

As the Emblem Bearers retire, let us always reflect on our five heroines' lessons, especially during this "Light of Love" year and Grand Session.

Remember - "Believe that friends are quiet angels, who lift us to our feet when our wings have trouble remembering how to fly."

Mary Wescott, PGM

Good evening, Sisters, Brothers and Guests. It is my pleasure and distinct privilege, through the courtesy of our Worthy Grand Matron, to call this 112th "Light of Love" Grand Session of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, Order of the Eastern Star to order. This is the Informal Opening where we introduce and present our fraternal family and invited guests.

I would like to extend to each and everyone a warm and sincere welcome. We hope that you will enjoy your time with us and will take away some fond and lasting memories.

Thank you, Sister Jacquie WGM and Brother Wayne WGP for the honor to serve with Brother Roy and allowing us to call this Session to order. Sister Jacquie and Brother Wayne, you have had a successful year and may your "Light of Love" Session be all that you hoped for and more.

Brother Roy Sonley, PGP

Good evening, Sisters, Brothers and Guests, I am happy to be with my WGM Sister Mary Wescott, PGM to welcome everyone to this informal opening. Sister Jacquie and Brother Wayne, you have traveled well in our jurisdiction and to many functions also. You will have many memories, and I know the support of your Grand Family will be treasured by you.

Thank you to Sister Jacquie WGM and Brother Wayne WGP for the honor of being with Sister

Mary to open this informal evening, and I hope that you have a wonderful and harmonious session.

The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were escorted to the East and given Grand Honors.

The Grand Officers and Members of the Board of General Purposes assumed their stations.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

I would like to invite Sis. Mildred Rinke, PGM for the invocation.

Mildred Rinke, PGP

Let Us Pray.

Heavenly Father, fill us with your wisdom and compassion for others as you bless us with your never-ending love. We thank you for bringing us together in the spirit of truth and love, unity and peace. Help each of us to set aside all vain and selfish thoughts. Dispel whatever spirit of discord may here arise as we honor one another by keeping an open mind so we may voice our truth, helping us to unite in a productive outcome. May we continue to give of ourselves in love and forgiveness to build peace and harmony for all people.

We pray for all these things in Faith, Hope and Love.

Amen

Wayne Rinke, WGP

I would like to call upon Brother Howie Canning PGP to present the flag ceremony.

Howie Canning, PGP

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron Sister Jacquie Charlton for the honour of presenting the flag ceremony tonight. Please give our flags the honour and dignity they have earned.

The flags were piped in by Bro. Neil McMillan, PGP.

The Flag of Canada

Bro. Warren Wright of Mountain View Chapter No. 1 and St. Hilda No. 27 will present the flag of Canada. The flag was presented at the altar.

We now present our Flag, the symbol of unity and sovereignty. Between the bars of red on a white background, it blazons forth in all its autumn glory, the Canadian Maple Leaf, whose eleven points represent the ten provinces and Territories which compromise our great country. The red symbolizes the dauntless courage of our

forefathers, whom we emulate. The white symbolizes that blameless purity of live and conduct to which we aspire.

The points the eleven knightly virtues of which patriotism is the greatest and to which we are dedicated. The emblem forcefully reminds us that on these moral qualities our great Nation was founded, and on their preservation, its future greatness depends. Finally, it inspires in us reverence to Him to whom we ever fervently pray. God save our King and Heaven bless the Maple Leaf forever. Long may it wave.

O 'Canada was sung, and Grand Honors were given to the flag.

The Flag of the United States of America

Bro. Richard Lockey, WGP of Montana will present the flag of the United States of America.

We now present the Stars and Stripes of the United States of America. Its stripes represent the thirteen original States, its Stars, the thirteen original States and the additional thirty-seven States which have successfully be united within the great Republic. In its respect for the freedom of the nations throughout the world, the Stars and Stripes blazon forth as a sure pledge of Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity in the unity of that pledge.

Sisters, Brothers and Friends – The Pledge of Allegiance.

The Star-Spangled Banner was sung, and Grand Honors were given to the Flag of The United States of America.

The Flag of Alberta

Bro. Jim Hutton, PP of Maple Leaf Chapter No. 7, will present the flag of Alberta.

The Alberta Flag was approved by the Alberta Legislature Assembly on June 1, 1969. On a royal ultramarine, blue background depicting the color of rivers and lakes is centered the Alberta Coat of Arms. The cross of St. George at the top shows our British Heritage. The blue-sky, snow-covered mountains, the hills, prairies, and grain fields represent the landscape and natural resources of our great province.

The Flag of the Order of the Eastern Star

Bro. Martin Jones, PP of Zenith Chapter No. 85 will present the Eastern Star Flag. The uniqueness, simplicity, and purity of the Eastern Star Flag are well known and honored internationally. Centered on a field of white is a five-pointed star. In the center of the star rests the altar with the open Bible. On the points of the star are the colors and symbols representing Fidelity, Constancy, Loyalty, Faith and Love the teachings of our order.

Wayne Rinke, WGP

Bro. Howie – would you kindly pay the piper.

Jacque Charlton, WGM

Sis Mary PGM & Br. Roy PGP – On behalf of Br. Wayne and I – we thank you for the kind remarks. You truly are cherished members of this Grand Chapter, and we thank you for taking time from your busy schedules to open the Informal Opening portion of our Light of Love 112th Annual Grand Chapter Session.

Sis. Eileen, PGM British Columbia & Yukon - Br. Wayne and I thank you for flying back to Alberta after closing the British Columbia and Yukon's grand chapter to conduct the Bible & Emblem ceremony for us. You and I have become very close friends, and it means a lot to me for you to be here today. To those assisting members Bro. George Norton, for filling in for my daughter Sis. Michelle Burylo, Our Grand Star Points and to our Sister Corrine Skelton who assisted, you all know how much you mean to me, and I thank you. Sis. Mildred – thank you for giving the Invocation this evening. You have traveled with Br. Wayne over the past year, I have enjoyed your company. I'm sure our friendship will continue to grow and last forever.

Br. Howie, our flag bearers, and Piper Br. Neil McMillan - Br. Wayne and I agree you are a great group of brothers, and we thank you for participating in this ceremony. It was extremely well done as usual.

Presentation of Distinguished Guests

The Distinguished Guests were escorted to the West behind Esther's station

Jacque Charlton, WGM

On behalf of Br. Wayne and myself we welcome each of you and express our gratitude for your attendance at our 112th Light of Love Grand Chapter session this evening. We hope you enjoy our ceremonies and enlighten us about your part in the Masonic family.

The Distinguished Guests were escorted to the East and seated.

Wayne Rinke, WGP

I am honoured to introduce Most Worshipful Brother Kyle Scott – Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta to bring greetings.

Bro. Kyle Scott, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta

Bro. Kyle spoke eloquently and extemporarily with regards to his and the immediate past Grand Masters goals and shared building blocks. *There was no sound recording available as it was compromised for his full remarks.

Wayne Rinke, WGP

Thank you, Most Worshipful Bro. Kyle. Sis Jacquie and I thank you for taking time to come here tonight and participate in our 112th Session the Light of Love. Our order wishes you great success in increasing your membership by bringing good men into your organization.

Wayne Rinke, WGP

I am pleased to introduce Illustrious Bro. Allan Long, Thirty-third degree representing the Scottish Rite Freemason of Canada as a Deputy for Alberta and Northwest Territories. He also represents the Royal Order of Scotland.

Allan Long, Deputy for Alberta and Royal Order of Scotland

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters, Brethren and Guests.

It is my distinct pleasure to bring the sincerest and warmest greetings on behalf of our Sovereign Grand Commander: Ill. Bro. Dave Bennet and all the Scottish Rite Masons of Canada to this your 112th Grand Session. Thank you for the privilege to speak to your assembly.

Our body is national wide, and we have Valley's in each of the provinces with a membership that is slightly over 16,000. We require that our members are Master Masons residing in the jurisdiction and maintaining active membership. The work of our Rite continues with the lessons brought to us from the three craft degrees and adds twenty-nine degrees. We recognise the Authority of the Grand Lodges and acknowledges that there is no higher rank than Master Mason. We have loosely been called the College of Freemasonry.

Our Philanthropies: like some of yours involve puzzles of the mind. We fund research in universities looking into such areas as Alzheimer's, Parkinsons, and Dementia to the amount of over \$400,000 annually. We also run Learning Centres for Dyslectic Children in nine locations across Canada. Currently there are two in Alberta, Calgary and Edmonton. These local Centres are locally funded and rely on donations from sources like yourselves. We appreciate your help in the past and look forward to working with you in the future.

Of note this years marks the 150th anniversary of the formation of Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada and the Valley's are celebrating locally with events. Our Supreme Sessions will be held

in September in Ottawa to mark this special occasion and we will be receiving guests from several Supreme Councils from the world.

Again, I say thank you for receiving me with such warmth. God Bless you All.

Wayne Rinke, WGP

Sis. Jacquie and I thank you for bringing greetings and taking the time to come to our session. We wish your organization well and let us not forget to keep the lines of communication open between all involved so we may all move forward together.

I am please to introduce Most Excellent Companion Jamie Wong, Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

MEC Jamie Wong, Grand First Principal – Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta

Good evening, Worthy Grand Matron – Jacquie Charlton and Worthy Grand Patron - Wayne Rinke.

On behalf of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta, Officers, and Companions. I bring the warmest fraternal greeting to you and your membership and the best wishes for a fruitful and enjoyable Grand Session, and more particularly the best wishes and heartfelt congratulations to the incoming new slate of Officers of this honourable organization.

May you and the Order of the Eastern Star continue to flourish and grow for many years to come.

Wayne Rinke, WGP

Thank you, Most Excellent Companion Jamie. Both Sis. Jacquie and I thank you for taking the time to attend our session and bring us greetings. We all share the same values so let's all go forward and promote the Masonic family so each member in the respective concordant body can endeavor to achieve maximum fulfilment.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

Our youth organization is a very important part of our Masonic family and a future for our organizations. As a Past Honoured Queen and Majority member of Job's Daughters, I was looking forward to introducing Kieran Skov-Rackette, Junior Miss Alberta Job's Daughters, but unfortunately Kieran could not attend at the last minute. We wish Job's Daughters in Alberta the best in the future.

Wayne Rinke, WGP

I am pleased to introduce Grayson McAllister – Provincial Master Councillor – Alberta DeMolay Association.

Grayson McAllister – Provincial Master Councilor – Alberta DeMolay Association

Worthy Grand Patron, Worthy Grand Matron Honored guests and Friends, I bring warm fraternal greetings on behalf of the young men of DeMolay across Alberta. My name is Grayson McAllister, and I am the Provincial Master Councilor of Alberta DeMolay Association. I would like to start by thanking you for giving me the opportunity to address you today. Thank you for the invitation to your Grand Chapter. It is my honor to be amongst you.

DeMolay, as many of you know by now, is a Masonic youth organization for young men between the ages of 12-21. We are guided by three bulwarks, being the holy bible, the flag of our country, and the schoolbooks representative of our esteem for the public school system. Around the bulwarks of our order, we place seven burning candles that will stand as beacons of light and knowledge, each of them representative of different cardinal virtues that each and every DeMolay holds sacred. Firstly, is Filial love or love for parents, the second is Reverence for sacred things, third is Courtesy to all, fourth is Comradeship, fifth is Fidelity, sixth is Cleanliness, and the last candle stands for Patriotism. With all due reverence for our seven cardinal virtues, over and above those is a deep love and respect for motherhood and deference to all women that each DeMolay carries with him in his heart. Through these virtues and with these foundations, any young man has the potential to become a leader of tomorrow. And due to our organization being a part of the Masonic family, we have the opportunity as young men to refine our skills of public speaking, business planning, organization and leadership.

If anything I have said tonight has been of any interest to you, I urge you to reach out to your local chapter to get involved, if you don't have a chapter near you let's band together to get one started, and if you have any young man in your life from the ages of 12-21 please send them our way I guarantee you will not regret it.

Currently, we have four DeMolay Chapters in Alberta. Stampede Chapter (that's the Calgary boys), Central Chapter (the boys in Red Deer), Aurora Chapter in Cold Lake, and Edmonton Chapter.

Wayne Rinke, WGP

Sister Jacquie and I thank you for those words of greeting and wish your organization well in the future.

Presentation of a cheque was made to the Alberta DeMolay Association, with the cheque for Job's Daughters International to be forwarded in absence of their representative.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

Many of our Eastern Star members in Alberta are also members of the Daughters of the Nile and we have two guest speakers from that concordant body with us this evening. I welcome Past Queen Lana Jones of Sakkara Temple No. 115 to bring her remarks.

Lana Jones, PQ - Sakkara Temple No. 115 Daughters of the Nile Calgary

It is with great pleasure that I bring greetings from Sakkara Temple No. 115 Daughters of the Nile in Southern Alberta and our Queen Doris Burak.

The Daughters of the Nile have prospered as a social and charitable fraternal organization since 1913. Our membership is built by women, eighteen (18) years of age and older, who meet the membership requirements set up by our Supreme Temple.

The sole philanthropy of Daughters of the Nile is Shriners Hospitals for Children. Monies raised by the Canadian Temples stay in Canada and support the Shriners Hospital for Children Canada. We have many fundraising events through the year. One being an active sewing group that creates blankets, pillows, clothing and many other items that the Hospital requests to help the Children get through their hospital stays. No sewing experience is required.

As a fellow organization of this Fraternal Family, we are proud of our Masonic roots. We know the difficulty of membership recruitment and retention, but we believe in what we do. We must promote ourselves and strive to make a warm and comfortable surrounding to invite other to join us to help build and maintain our membership. Like most organizations, new members are a treasure to be found and embraced.

I personally am a two time Past Matron and will be a fifty (50) year member, come this fall, of the Order of the Eastern Star, and a forty-nine (49) year member and Past Queen of Daughters of the Nile. I am also a Past Honoured Queen of Job's Daughters and a past Chapter Mother of Stampede Chapter, Order of the DeMolay. I know the value of these wonderful organizations. I have no idea the path that my life would have taken without the support and friendships that I have found throughout the years.

Thank you for this opportunity to bring greetings. I wish you a wonderful weekend,

full of work, fun and friendship. Congratulations to the 2023 slate of officers and to the new 2024 leadership enjoy your time together.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

I now invite Princess Tirzah Lisbeth Booth from Al Amira Temple No. 157 in Edmonton for her remarks.

Lisbeth Booth, Princess Tirzah – Al Amira Temple No. 157 Edmonton

Good evening, Worthy Grand Matron Sister Jacquie Charlton, Worthy Grand Patron Brother Wayne Rinke, Distinguished East, Members and Visitors.

I am honoured to bring greetings on behalf of Queen Tes O'Connor and the Members of Al Amira Temple No. 157 in Edmonton. I would also like to acknowledge Past Supreme Queen Donna Kramer.

Queen Tes was very excited to be asked to bring greetings, however duty called her to attend Supreme Session in Boise, Idaho. She would like to wish the Grand Chapter of Alberta continued success, and hopes that your deliberations are productive and that the new Grand Family has a successful year ahead.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

Thank you ladies for attending this evening (not like either of you had any choice as you are both working members of the Session).

Presentation and Introduction for Donations

Jacquie Charlton WGM

I would now like to call on Sister Lorna Richmond, Past Grand Matron, Chair of the OES Foundation and Sister Pamela Jones, Casino President for the presentation to our charities.

Lorna Richmond, PGM – OES Foundation Chairperson

On behalf of the OES Foundation Committee, I would like to present you a cheque in the sum of \$10,786.23 to the Alzheimer Society of Alberta and Northwest Territories.

Pamela Jones, PM – Casino Committee President

On behalf of the Casino Committee, I would like to present you a cheque in the sum of \$5,542.00 to the Alzheimer Society of Alberta and Northwest Territories.

April Grindheim – Alzheimer Society of Alberta and Northwest Territories

Thank you!

The Alzheimer Society of Alberta and Northwest Territories is grateful for your incredible and ongoing support.

We are excited to recognize the Grand Chapter of Alberta, Order of the Eastern Star Foundation, this past November at the Association of Fundraising Professionals National Philanthropy Day luncheon in Edmonton.

The Order of the Eastern Star members have been instrumental in our success. Your dedication to philanthropy through service, community work, and fundraising is truly commendable.

In the past year, we have seen a thirty-three percent increase in clients accessing our services, and we know this demand will only continue increasing as the prevalence of dementia increases. Gifts like this help us meet our clients' need and provide educational, navigational, and emotional support.

Thanks in part to your support, we have launched helpfordementia.ca, a platform designed to support anyone affected by dementia. This resource, featuring practical tips, emotional support, and real-life stories, has already made a significant difference in the lives of many.

Helpfordementia.ca, a platform made possible by your support, is uniquely tailored to meet the diverse needs of those impacted by dementia. Whether someone is living with dementia, knows someone who is, is a healthcare provider seeking the latest information, or is a care partner needing guidance, this resource is here to support them.

Your generosity has unquestionably helped tens of thousands of people across the province and northwest territories. Last year alone, we provided guidance and support to almost 9,000 individuals from over 445 communities. Helpfordementia.ca will allow us to reach more people. Getting information and assistance to those who need it no matter where they call home.

Again, we are grateful for your support. Your contributions make a difference, offering help for today and hope for tomorrow for those affected by dementia. Thank you.

Lorna Richmond, PGM – OES Foundation Chairperson

On behalf of the OES Foundation Committee, I would like to present you a cheque in the sum of \$8,628.98 to Alberta Lung.

Pamela Jones, PM – Casino Committee President

On behalf of the Casino Committee, I would like to present you a cheque in the sum of \$5,542.00 to Alberta Lung.

Nina Snyder – Alberta Lung

Greeting from Alberta Lung to the Grand Chapter of Alberta, Order of the Eastern Star, and Congratulations on this you 112th Annual Grand Session – “Light of Love” On behalf of Alberta Lung thank you for your kind invitation and support. Like the order we have a long-standing presence in Alberta, this is our 85th year in Alberta providing support and services to the one in five Albertans that suffer from some form of lung disease.

Lung disease is one of the top three killers of Canadians and unfortunately is the only one that is on the Increase and soon will earn the dubious title of “number one”. Covid and other environmental factors like wildfires and other poor air quality contributors, affect our breathing and we like to say, “when you can’t breathe, nothing else matters”. However, lung disease is extremely underfunded and under Researched, this makes your support even more valuable.

We appreciate the long-standing relationship that we have with you and your support of juvenile Asthma research is so crucial to our mission, saving lungs to save lives. We continue to lose five Canadians a week to asthma attacks, and in fact I personally know of two children with asthma that passed away last year from asthma exacerbated by wildfires. Environmental factors are a huge contributor to hospitalizations and in fact, asthma attacks are one of the biggest reasons for preventable hospitalizations, both in Alberta and Canada.

We would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to the order, from the very bottom of our hearts, you truly change lives with your ongoing support and donations.

Lorna Richmond, PGM – OES Foundation Chairperson

On behalf of the OES Foundation Committee, I would like to present you a cheque in the sum of \$1500.00 to BC and Alberta Guide Dogs.

Nicole Langdon - BC and Alberta Guide Dogs

Hello Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Members of the Order, Honoured Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen.

I would like to start with an expression of appreciation.

Thank you for your long and valuable support of BC and Alberta Guide Dogs.

I have had the good fortune of hearing the amazing origin story of the partnership between the Order of the Eastern Star and BC and Alberta Guide Dogs.

A partnership first started through the very good work of BC’s Brother Steve Viscovee. We were but a start-up organization seeking assistance to complete our mission.

Today, with your help, we have placed:

143 OSI-PTSD Service Dogs with Veterans and First Responders.

145 Guide dogs for persons who are blind or have low vision.

73 Autism Service dogs for children with Autism for a grand total of 361 Teams.

We are currently providing support and aftercare to one hundred and eighty-six (186) teams across BC and Alberta.

We have over one hundred volunteers in Calgary, Vancouver, Edmonton and Victoria, who are supporting us in our puppy raising and adult dog boarder programs.

In Calgary, we have twenty puppies in our Puppy Raising program. The program is overseen by my colleague Drae Baker who is here with me tonight.

2024 we expect to graduate a further forty new working partnerships. Our future is bright. Our future is here, tonight I'm pleased to introduce Jax, a puppy named by the Order of the Eastern Star, Alberta Grand Chapter.

Jax is just a wee pup in terms of training, he has a while to go before he is ready to join a team but we all have the confidence in him. I encourage you to come and say hello before the evening concludes.

Thank you all for your wonderful support in helping us make a positive impact!

Caregivers Alberta and Courageous Companions were unable to attend.

Lorna Richmond, PGM Chair of the OES Foundation

On behalf of the OES Foundation Committee, I am pleased present a cheque in the sum of \$10,786.23 to Caregivers Alberta, which will be forwarded to them.

Pam Jones, PM – Casino Committee Chair

On behalf of the Casino Committee, I am pleased to present a cheque in the sum of \$5,542.00 to Caregivers Alberta, which will be forwarded to them.

Pam Jones, PM – Casino Committee Chair

Courageous Companions will receive cheque of \$5,542.00 from the Casino Committee.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

I would now like to call on Donna Richard, PGM Secretary of the ESTARL Committee to make a presentation.

Donna Richard, PGM – Secretary of the ESTARL Committee

Sis. Donna made some remarks on behalf of Sis. Irene Allan, who is hospitalized

and unable to attend Chapter. She advised that the ESTARL Committee had only received one application, that of Aaron B. Havens. Aaron Havens was unable to attend the Grand Chapter Session but will receive a scholarship in the sum of \$4,000.00 from the ESTARL Committee.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

On behalf of Bro. Wayne and I congratulate all of our committees for their fundraising efforts. I know each charity benefits greatly from the organization's efforts and encourages us to continue the hard work we do.

Sis. Lorna Richmond, PGM and Worthy Grand Matron's Personal Trustee made a presentation to the representative of the Autism Society in the amount of \$34,733.86 [\$41,660.71 final total] representing the monies being collected to this evening with further monies to be added.

Lorna Selig – Autism Society Alberta

Thank you on behalf of Autism Society of Alberta's staff, Board of Directors and our thousands of members in the Autism community in Alberta.

Autism Society Alberta is a grassroots organization within the autism community connecting to its provincial members through regional partners and networking with agencies and associations throughout the province and nationwide.

We are dedicated to increasing public awareness about autism and the day-to-day issues faced by autistic individuals, their families and the professionals with whom they interact.

Your generous contribution supports our programs to ensure autistic children and adults can look to lives full of opportunity.

Your donation will help us to continue to address various opportunities to improve experiences, services and care within and for the autism community in Alberta.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

To our guests, please stay if you wish or you may retire at this time.

The Distinguished Speakers and Guests were escorted off the stage.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

I would now like to invite Sister Sheila Gow, Worthy Matron of Zenith Chapter No. 85 to bring her welcome.

Sheila Gow, WM – Zenith Chapter No. 85

Good evening, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, esteemed guests,

members and visitors. Welcome to the "Light of Love" the 112th Grand Session of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, Order of the Eastern Star. Worthy Grand Matron, Jacquie Charlton's emblems for this Grand Session include the Lantern, for Light and Angels, for Love. As Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Jacquie has acted as a lantern held aloft by an angel so that others may "...have the light of life." Not only has she served as a dignitary, diplomat for the Order of the Eastern Star throughout Alberta and beyond in her extensive travels, but she has also focused on a group beyond our Order that requires more attention and support in order to live life to the fullest. I am referring, of course, to Our Worthy Grand Matron's Charity of Choice, "Autism Society Alberta – a program for adults on the spectrum... (designed to help autistic adults better) communicated, interact with and experience the world." Her watchwords, Patience and Kindness and her Motto, "I believe there are angels among us", were lived by Sister Jacquie throughout her year as our Worthy Grand Matron. Her home chapter, Zenith No. 85, Cochrane could not be more proud of her.

This weekend is an opportunity to focus not only on the business of the Grand Chapter, but also to refresh old friends and to begin new ones. As one of the host chapters of this Grand Session, I would be remiss if I didn't mention some local as well as more distant tourist attractions you might also enjoy, if you have the time. Here at Olds College itself, you could explore the Botanical Gardens and Constructed Wetland, the not-for-profit brewery operated by and for students, or the Alumni Museum. There are multiple sites to see and things to do in nearby Calgary, or Bragg Creek. Farther afield, there a world-renowned paleontology museum in Drumheller. If you love the mountains, take a trip to Kananaskis Country, Canmore, Banff or Lake Louise.

Regardless of how long you stay or where you go after Grand Session, travel safely. On behalf of Zenith Chapter No. 85, we hope you return home, reinvigorated in your love of the Order and enriched with good memories.

Thank you all for coming.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

I would now like to invite Sister Deanna Gillis, Worthy Matron of Maple Leaf Chapter No. 7 to bring her greetings

Deanna Gillis, WM – Maple Leaf Chapter No. 7

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters, Brothers and Guests. It is my honor as Worthy Matron of our Worthy Grand Patron Brother Wayne's home Chapter, Maple Leaf No.7, to bring greetings to this Grand Chapter session. I hope that acquaintances old and new are rekindled and made. On behalf of the Officers and members of Maple Leaf Chapter, we are very proud of the many miles Br. Wayne has travelled both in our province and beyond, and the successful work he has accomplished. You have extended the hand of friendship wherever you went. We wish you and sister Jacquie much success as you preside over this

Grand Chapter session "Light of Love" and it's our wish that this session will be all you have dreamed it would be. Enjoy your weekend and enjoy your well-deserved rest at the close of this session. Thank you for allowing me the privilege of extending this welcome on behalf of our chapter.

Val Ballance, WM – Murray Chapter No. 58

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, distinguished guests, members and visitors. It is my honor to welcome you to the 112th Grand Chapter Session "Light of Love" and bring greetings from Murray Chapter No. 58, of which Bro. Wayne Rinke is a member. We hope that you will enjoy the Grand Session, banquets and luncheons. We are happy to welcome each member and visitor and offer our hospitality and good cheer. There is nothing like seeing old friends and making new ones! Thank you for coming to the "Light of Love" Grand Session and have a safe trip home.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

This adventure does not happen alone, we need the support of our Chapters, and I sincerely thank all the members of these three chapters for their help, love, and support during the last few years.

Wayne Rinke, WGP

Thank you, Sheila, Deanna, and Val, for your kind words. Jacquie and I have been proud to represent all three Chapters during the past year and are forever grateful for your support be it a simple task or accompanying us as traveling companions on our respective travels. Very much appreciated.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

Grand Conductress – you will present the General Grand Chapter Committee Members at the Altar for introduction. Associate Grand Conductress you will assist.

Bro. Richard Ashby, Benevolence, Grand Parliamentarian Emeritus PGP of Alberta; Sis. Donna Richard, Credentials PGM of Alberta; Sis. Helen Bilou, Canada Co-Chair International Headquarters PGM of Alberta; Sis. Nancy Lane, International Headquarters PGM of Missouri; Sis. Thea Howe, International Headquarters, Grand Secretary PGM of Saskatchewan; Sis. Debbie Royce, Necrology PGM of Missouri; Sis. Llynne Lambert, Service Dogs, PGM of Saskatchewan; Sis. Donna-Lynn Guynup, Canadian Chair of Youth, PGM of Alberta and Eric Rann, Youth, PGP of Saskatchewan

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

A special welcome to all of you. As your terms as General Grand Chapter Committee Members come to a close later this year, I hope you have enjoyed your commissions and have had the chance to do lots of visiting throughout the last three years. I am sure each Jurisdiction you belong to, and your members are extremely proud of your endeavours as much as the Grand Chapter

of Alberta is proud of our members and their accomplishments as General Grand Chapter Committee Members. When you see a dragonfly in its winged beauty, it's an exquisite reminder that an Angel from heaven is visiting you.

Wayne Rinke, WGP

Thank you for being here today representing your Grand Chapters and Chapters. You make both so proud.

They were escorted to the East and give Grand Honors.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

Grand Conductress you will escort the Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Jurisdictions at the Altar for introduction. Associate Grand Conductress you will assist.

Sis. Bonnie Jean Foulds, WGM, BC and Yukon; Sis. Lynn Moffatt, WGM, Saskatchewan; Bro. Terry Foulds, WGP, BC and Yukon; Bro. Richard Lockey, WGP, Montana; and Bro. Ray Moffatt, WGP in Saskatchewan.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

I welcome you to the Grand Chapter of Alberta's 112th "Light of Love" Session. You have just begun your journey, and I sincerely hope that you each have an amazing year, just as Bro. Wayne and I have experienced, full of love and laughter. Angels live among us. Sometimes they hide their wings, but there is not disguising the peace and hope they bring.

Wayne Rinke, WGP

As our Worthy Grand Matron Jacquie said, welcome to the "Light of Love" Session and we appreciate you taking the time to attend our session. We hope we meet your expectations. One little housekeeping rule...please try not to step on those beautiful yellow flowers, around the facility since the Dandelion is probably soon going to be a protected, endangered species in Alberta.

They were escorted to the East and given Grand Honors.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

Grand Conductress, you will present the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Alberta at the Altar for introduction. Associate Grand Conductress you will assist.

Past Grand Matrons of Alberta: Sis. Yvonne Roberts; Sis. Gwen Leighton, Grand Representative of the District of Columbia in Alberta; Sis. Mildred Rinke; Sis. Marj Neely; Sis. Maybeth Drozd; Sis. Pat Senetza; Sis. Lorraine Hough; Sis. Sandi Gibson; Sis. Janet Wilkinson; Sis. Marian Sinclair; Sis. Linda Groot; Sis. Beth Tripp; Sis. Deb Buxton, Grand Lecturer in BC and Yukon; Sis. Mary Wescott, Grand Representative of Indiana in Alberta; Sis. Susan MacArthur; Sis. Lorna Richmond Personal Trustee for the Worthy Grand Matron; Sis. Gail

Anderson; Bro. Howie Canning; Bro. David Johnson; Bro. Terry Skelton; Bro. Hal Welke; Bro. Roy Sonley; Bro. Hector van Vierssen Trip; Bro. Tim Cameron; Bro. Neil McMillan, Grand Representative of Wyoming in Alberta.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

Wow what a great group of ladies and gentlemen. This group of Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to our organization. We thank you for your dedication over the many years you have served and wish you the best in the future. Dragonflies are reminders that we are light. We can reflect the light in powerful ways if we choose to do so.

Wayne Rinke, WGP

Seriously, like Sister Jacquie said, these are a great group of Star Members and without their support and knowledge the past year would not have been nearly as enjoyable or productive. They are very forward-thinking in their actions. Thank you.

They were escorted to the East and given Grand Honors.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

Grand Conductress, you will present the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Jurisdictions at the Altar for introduction. Associate Grand Conductress you will assist.

Sis. Eileen Palmieri, BC and Yukon; Sis. Brenda Austin, Missouri, Sis. Diane Lockey, Montana; Sis. Barb Webb, Saskatchewan; Sis. Bev Otsuka, Saskatchewan; Sis. Idella Barr, Saskatchewan; Sis. Colleen Hozack, Saskatchewan; Sis. Cheryl Rann, Saskatchewan; Sis. Sheri Cowan, Saskatchewan; Bro. Wayne Butler, Montana; Bro. Bruce Lambert, Grand Trustee, Saskatchewan; Bro. George Frederick, Grand Trustee, Saskatchewan.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

This is amazing that you have come to join the Grand Chapter of Alberta at this 112th "Light of Love" Session. I hope you enjoy renewing friendships, making new acquaintances, and overall enjoying Alberta's hospitality. Music is the language spoken by Angels.

Wayne Rinke, WGP

We are please to have you here today. Your position in the Order and being guests to our Province gives you the opportunity to relax, enjoy good fellowship, and make new friends. Hopefully, we meet your expectations.

They were conducted to the East and given Grand Honors.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

Grand Conductress you will present the Grand Officers of Other Jurisdictions behind Esther's station for introduction. Associate Grand Conductress you will assist.

Sis. Cheryl Rikley, Associate Grand Matron, BC and Yukon, Sis. Flo Evans, Grand Conductress, BC and Yukon; Sis. Elaine Tucker, Associate Grand Matron, Montana, Sis. Sue Butz, Grand Conductress Grand Treasurer Emeritus, Saskatchewan; Sis. Mary Ann Couse, Associate Grand Conductress, Saskatchewan, Sis. Urla Tyler, Grand Adah, Saskatchewan; Sis. Robin Isabelle, Grand Ruth Grand Representative of Arizona, Saskatchewan; Sis. Lynn Maas, Grand Esther, Saskatchewan; Bro. Terry Porter, Associate Grand Patron, BC and Yukon; Bro. Robert Palmieri, Grand Trustee Chair, B.C. and Yukon.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

Welcome to all the Grand Officers of other Jurisdictions Elected and Appointed—for those of you who are completing your positions I hope you have enjoyed your year and that- it has been filled with friendship and lasting memories, and for those of you who are getting started congratulations, I wish you all the happiness and success during your year and travels. Dragonflies are kisses from Heaven.

Wayne Rinke, WGP

We are pleased that you took the time to visit our Session. In your travels outside of your Jurisdiction, you will always find that even though we have the same values, the same ritual, we often seem to have a different way of crossing the finishing line. It's good to see how others conduct business. Enjoy your visit.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

Grand Conductress you will present the following if present to the East: Br. Warren Wright, Sis. Sheila Johnson Sis. Amy Kucherawy
Even though the paperwork has not arrived for the following Commission I would like to present:

Bro. Warren Wright, Louisiana; Sis. Sheila Johnson, Mississippi, and Sis. Amy Kucherawy, Puerto Rico.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

Now please join the other Grand Representatives for introductions.

Grand Conductress you will present all Grand Representatives in the Labyrinth for introduction. Associate Grand Conductress you will assist.

Sis. Evie Jean Lazenby, Grand Representative of Alabama in Alberta; Sis. Kathy

Fowler, Grand Representative of Alberta in California; Sis. Gail Perry, Grand Representative of Alberta in Kentucky; Bro. Scott Cameron, Grand Representative of Alberta in Maryland; Sis. Bonita Lenger, Grand Representative of Alberta in Missouri; Sis. Susanne Krishna, Grand Representative of Alberta in Nebraska; Bro. Eric Holden, Grand Representative of Alberta in Pennsylvania. Sis. Tracy Nejad, Grand Representative of Alberta in Virginia Sis. Elaine Warnke, Grand Representative of Arkansas in Alberta; Sis. Helen Marshall, Grand Representative of Arizona in Alberta; Sis. Sheryl Dubois, Grand Representative of California in Alberta; Sis. Stephanie Spinelli, Grand Representative of Colorado in Alberta; Sis. Jean Otto, Grand Representative of Delaware in Alberta; Sis. Marie Giebelhaus, Grand Representative of Florida in Alberta; Sis. Sheryl McBride, Grand Representative of Georgia in Alberta; Sis. Lana Jones, Grand Representative of Idaho in Alberta; Bro. Terry Pearen, Grand Representative of Illinois in Alberta; Bro. Warren Wright, Grand Representative of Louisiana in Alberta; Sis. Barb Slade, Grand Representative of Manitoba in Alberta; Sis. Sheila Johnson, Grand Representative of Mississippi in Alberta; Sis. Jackie Cutting, Grand Representative of Nebraska in Alberta; Sis. Glenda Bailey, Member of the Board of General Purposes Grand Representative of Nevada in Alberta; Sis. Joanne Pompana, Grand Representative of New Hampshire in Alberta; Sis. Amy Sargeant, Grand Representative of New Jersey in Alberta; Sis. Sheryl Rombough, Grand Representative of New York in Alberta; Sis. Jeanie Daigle Lunney, Grand Representative of New Mexico in Saskatchewan; Sis. Pat Oberg, Grand Representative of Nova Scotia and PEI in Alberta; Sis. Laurinda Parkinson, Grand Representative of Oregon in Alberta; Sis. Amy Kucherawy, Grand Representative of Puerto Rico in Alberta; Sis. Kareene Butler, Grand Representative of Scotland in Montana; Sis. Angela Bothner, Grand Representative of Scotland in Saskatchewan Sis. Terry Russell, Grand Representative of Texas in Alberta; Bro. Bill Lowrie, Grand Representative of Tennessee in Alberta;; Sis. Helen John, Grand Representative of Vermont in Alberta; Sis. Dawn Drozd, Grand Representative of Washington in Alberta

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

You are our ambassadors within other Jurisdictions. One can only hope that you are enjoying corresponding with your counterpart, I see some have joined us this weekend from faraway places, and I wish them a hearty welcome from Alberta. Enjoy your stay with us, Alberta Grand Representatives, I hope some of you will be able to make the session of your state or province, it's an amazing experience that you will cherish. If you believe in Angels, you believe in Love.

Wayne Rinke, WGP

A Worthy Grand Patron, at a visit a few years ago, presented a Grand Representative commission and commented "it was a position he never had the

opportunity to hold". He went on to say that it looked like the best position within the Organization if you like fellowship, travel and learning about the Order in your own and other jurisdictions. I being a former Grand Representative, can vouch for that statement. Enjoy your time and be ambassadors for your respective Grand Chapters. BY THE WAY...I PRESENTED THIS NOW PGP A COMMISSION DURING THE PAST YEAR.

They were escorted to the East and given Grand Honors.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

Grand Conductress you will present the Grand Secretary Emeritus behind Esther's station for introduction.

Sis. Mary Lynn Smith, Grand Secretary Emeritus, was presented and she was given a hearty welcome.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

Sis. Mary Lynn, what a delight to have you with us this evening and throughout the weekend. I hope you enjoy your time now that you are relaxing from the job of Grand Secretary and thank you for all your help with some of my inquiries and the jobs, I asked you to do. Angels are watching over you when times are good or stressful. Their wings wrap gently around you, whispering that you are loved.

Grand Conductress you will present the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons who presided during our Official Visits for Introductions. Associate Grand Conductress you will assist.

Sis. Joan Ainsworth (1); Sis. Marie Giebelhaus (2); Sis. Phyllis Miller (4); Sis. Deanna Gillis (7); Sis. Shirley Hick (19); Sis. Leona McMillan (21); Sis. Darcy Wasylik (22); Sis. Kim Laybolt (25); Sis. Lorna Richmond (27); Sis. Nan Kilmarnock (38); Sis. Linda Johnson (54); Sis. Val Balance (58); Sis. Sheila Gow (85); Sis. Leanna Meers (113); Sis. Mary Lynn Smith (126); Sis. Cindy Kentfield (127); Sis. Sandra Critchley (135); Sis. Susan MacArthur (137); Sis. Fiona Fowler, (138). Bro. John Miller (4); Bro. David Johnson (21); Bro. Warren Wright (27); Bro. Rod Gow (85); Bro. Kent Meers (113); Bro. Richard Ashby (126); David Anderson (133); Bro. Kenn Culbertson (135); and Bro. Brad Edstrom (137).

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

Sisters & Brothers, you welcomed us into your chapters with open arms and wonderful hospitality. Each visit we made throughout this province holds a very special memory. Legend has it that dragonflies were given an extra set of wings so that Angels could catch a ride.

Wayne Rinke, WGP

You were excellent hosts and represented your chapters well.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

Grand Conductress you will present the Grand Pages, Assistant Grand Sentinels, Medical Team, Assistant Grand Secretary, and Assistant Grand Organist for introductions. Associate Grand Conductress you will assist.

Grand Pages

Sis. Diane Cooper-Ponte (25); Sis. Lorel Strachan (85); Sis. Irene Norton (On demit), Sis. Ami Oliver (7); Sis. Darcy Wasylik (22); Sis. Joanne Fisher (2/4); Sis. Joan Ainsworth (1); Sis. Carol Ann Critchley (135); Sis. Maureen Akitt (21), Sis. Nan Kilmarnock (38), Sis. Helen John (137); Sis. Stephanie Gross (37); Sis. Lana Jones (85); Sis. Stephanie Spinelli (126), Sis. Jessica Kopp (2); Sis. Gladys Dunwebber (4); Sis. Laura Deuchar (133); Sis. Maria Sosa, (7) Sis. Monica Ostapowich (38) Sis. Sheila Johnson, (21/137): Sis. Britany Flores (126), Sis. Vanessa Paltao (2), Eleanor Harper (127), Linda Spokes (27) and Corinne Skelton (37).

Assistant Grand Sentinels

Bro. Terry Pearen (113); Bro. Dave Carter (1); Bro. James Edward (1); Bro. Bob Nichol (19); Bro. John Marshall (37); Bro. Rod Gow (85); Bro. Andy Brown (135); Bro. George Norton (On demit), Bro. Jim Hutton (7) and Bro. Martin Jones (85).

Medical Team

Bro. Warren Wright (27); Sis. Karen Kroeker (On demit) and Sis. Mallory Chiachchia (On demit).

Assistant Grand Secretary and Grand Organist

Sis. Laurinda Parkinson (2); Sis. Flory Wilkins (37).

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

Here are the working members of this Grand Chapter. I appreciate your willingness to accept these positions and hope you will enjoy participating in this Session. Dragonflies symbolize our ability to overcome times of hardship. They remind us to take time to reconnect with our strength, courage, and happiness.

Wayne Rinke, WGP

So much of what we all take for granted that we see occur around us is due to the willingness of these sisters and brothers to step up when asked to assist. Their cooperation to assist was phenomenal. Thank you.

They were given a hearty welcome!

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

2024 Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons will be introduced on Saturday afternoon.

Grand Secretary, are there any announcements?

Lisbeth Booth, Grand Secretary

Anyone attending General Grand Chapter that has not received their credentials would you please come to my station and sign for them. Lost and found items, were announced.

Jacquie Charlon, WGM

Grand Conductress you will attend at the Altar informally.

Grand Marshal you, will proclaim this session from labor to repose to reconvene on Saturday, June 8, 2024 at 9:00 AM sharp.

Wayne Rinke, WGP

Please remain seated while the Grand Officers retire.

**FORMAL OPENING
of the
ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH ANNUAL SESSION
of the
Grand Chapter of Alberta
Order of the Eastern Star**

Saturday, June 8, 2024 – 9:00 AM

Musical Prelude

Maida Higa (85/7) Grand Organist
Flory Wilkins (37) Assistant Grand Organist

**Call to Order
Marjorie Neely, PGM
Howie Canning, PGP**

Marjorie Neely, PGM

Good morning, Sisters and Brothers. It is my privilege to welcome you to the Formal Opening of the “Light of Love” Session. It is my pleasure to share the Grand East with my own Worthy Grand Patron, Howie Canning and Call to Order the 112th Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Alberta. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for this honor. We are pleased to welcome our Sisters and Brothers from other jurisdictions. We sincerely hope that you will enjoy our Alberta hospitality. Welcome to our own members. We trust you will find the session informative and enjoyable. Please take time to renew old friendships and make our visitors as well as our new members feel truly welcome.

Howie Canning, PGP

Thank you, Sister Marj, and when I was Worthy Grand Patron with Sister Marj, she always told me to keep it short, so I am really short on the reading parts. Again, it is my honor and privilege to join you Sister Marj for the formal opening of the 112th “Light of Love” Grand Session of the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

Sister Associate Grand Conductress you will invite the Worthy Grand Matron, the Worthy Grand Patron, and the Grand Officers to enter the Grand Chapter Room.

Marjorie Neely, PGM

Grand Conductress you will escort the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron to the Altar. Associate Grand Conductress you will assist.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Jacquie, when you were initiated into our Order your mother was Worthy Matron and your own special Angel. Little did she know that one day you would be our Worthy Grand Matron and that her gavel would accompany you on your journey. How very proud she would have been. You had a dream, and accomplished what you set out to do, fulfilling your duty with stars in the window of heaven watching over you. We congratulate you on a job well done.

Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Wayne when you were initiated into our Order you were unaware that one day you would be standing here as our Worthy Grand Patron. You met the challenge head on with trust, determination and laughter. You tried a little kindness with the members of this jurisdiction and showed us all that all God's children have a place in the choir. Going forward, whenever you see a rainbow, we hope it will signify to you the fulfillment of all your achievements.

Howie Canning, PGP

Sister Jacquie and Brother Wayne, you must be very satisfied and proud of your year, you had a great year. Thank you for allowing me to again share the East with my Worthy Grand Matron Sister Marj.

Marjorie Neely, PGM

Grand Conductress you will escort our Worthy Grand Matron and our Worthy Grand Patron to the East. Associate Grand Conductress, you will assist.

They were escorted to the East and given Grand Honors.

Marjorie Neely, PGM

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron congratulations to you both for successfully performing your duties as leaders of our jurisdiction. May you have many happy memories of a busy and very dedicated year of service to our Order. Sister Jacquie, thank you for affording me the honor of calling to Order the Formal Opening of the "Light of Love" Session.

It is with pleasure I present you with your gavel, an emblem of your authority. I know that you will use it wisely.

The Grand Officers and Members of the Board of General Purposes assumed their stations.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

Sister Marj and Brother Howie – Thank you for your kind words of welcome at the Altar. I was thrilled when you both agreed to open this Saturday morning session. I am grateful for your guidance, wisdom, and support which I have received over the past year, and I hold you both in high regard and admire you greatly.

Wayne Rinke, WGP

Sister Marj thank you for being available to answer questions when posed to you over the past couple of years, it was very much appreciated. I am proud to belong to the same chapter as you today even though the journey getting there was a little weird. To Howie, I would like to commend Brother Howie for working with Marj, and I got that little comment you made about talking and I compliment you for how well you made her a polished Past Grand Matron.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

Grand Secretary, is there a constitutional number of subordinate chapters represented.

Lisbeth Booth, Grand Secretary

Yes, Worthy Grand Matron there is.

Formal Opening of Grand Chapter**Bible Opening**

The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar Informally.

Opening Ode – “My Special Angel”**Presentation of the Flag**

The Grand Marshal proclaimed the Grand Chapter from rest to labor.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

Grand Conductress are there visitors that have not been introduced?

Sis. Donna Rederburg, PGM of Saskatchewan was presented at the Altar for introduction.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

Welcome Sister Donna on behalf of Brother Wayne and myself, we thank you for being able to join us. I wish you a great weekend filled with love and friendship. To love for the sake of being loved is human, but to love for the sake of loving is angelic.

She was escorted to the East and given Grand Honors.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

Grand Conductress you will present the Grand Officers of other Jurisdictions for introduction.

Sister Jenny Guest, Associate Grand Matron of Saskatchewan was introduced.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

Welcome Sister Jenny, I am glad that you were able to make it a little late last night, but we appreciate your coming. Brother Wayne and I are happy that you can join us at our "Light of Love" Session here at Olds. You are welcomed by friends and truly hope that you enjoy your stay. The dragonfly exists because it exists and for no other reason.

She was given a hearty welcome.

Grand Secretary, you will move the adoption of the 2022 minutes that were held over from the 2023 session.

Lisbeth Booth, Grand Secretary

I move the adoption of the 2022 proceedings held over from the previous year.

Jacquie Charlton, Worthy Grand Matron

Thank you and you will also make a motion to hold the proceedings 2023 until the 2025 Session.

Lisbeth Booth, Grand Secretary

I move to hold the proceedings of the 2023 year until the session of 2025 and seconded.

The motion was carried.

Remarks of the Grand Parliamentarian

Richard Ashby, General Grand Chapter Committee Member – Benevolence and Grand Parliamentarian

Good morning, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron thank you for allowing me to become Parliamentarian again this year. I have been up here many times that everybody knows myself by now. I was asked a number of questions this year regarding abstentions. I always like to give some different information every year and dispel some myths.

According to Robert's Rules of Order: "The chair should not call for abstentions in taking a vote, since the number of members who respond to such a call is meaningless. To "abstain" means not to vote at all." The Chair should call "Those voting for the motion ..." Those opposed ..." Then announce the result. That's all. When you are the Chair - Do Not call for abstentions as they are meaningless and have zero effect.

There are limited cases where it is either prudent or required for individuals not to participate in a show of hands or a roll call vote. **One** is the Chair: The Chair has an obligation to maintain neutrality at all times, and participation in a vote does demonstrate a partiality. **Two:** A member should not vote on a question in which they have a direct personal interest or financial advantage not common to other members of the organization. And finally, **Three:** The Parliamentarian. As Parliamentarian, for more than 25 years now I have voluntarily given up my right to participate in any show of hands vote, because, I must and do maintain absolute impartiality. Like the Chair, I do, however, participate in the ballot vote process for officers as that vote is a secret ballot, and neutrality due to that secret ballot is never in question.

Members DO have the right to abstain from voting, but it is important that they know the impact of that abstention. **Basically, nothing. No effect at all.** Abstaining from voting has no impact whatsoever. However, that is different for the Chair. The Chair does have the right to vote to make or to break a tie vote. The Chair must consider very carefully in such circumstances if the significance of the motion is of such importance that the duty of impartiality of the office should be violated. The consequences can be monumental.

As far as members are concerned, for them to abstain is absolutely meaningless in the determination of the vote. To take this to the extreme as a legitimate example, if there are 100 members present, and the Chair calls for the vote on a motion; 3 people vote for the motion, and 1 person votes against the motion, with 96 members abstaining, the motion still passes. Since the rule is that a majority of the members present, and voting is required for adoption.

3 voted for the motion, 1 against the motion for a total of 4 votes cast. The motion

is adopted by a majority of those who voted - 3 people.

Just as a note: aside from a conflict of interest, the rule on abstaining from voting on a question of direct personal interest does not mean that a member should not vote for himself for an office. If the member does not want to hold an office, they would never have volunteered or accepted the nomination. In another situation, when other members are included with that member in a motion, for example, voting for members of a committee, there is no need for a member to abstain. If a member never voted on a question affecting herself or himself, it would be impossible for society to vote to hold a banquet as such action affects every member.

Please members: Remember that abstentions are meaningless. They are NOT a protest against the motion, they are NOT expressing disapproval, they mean ABSOLUTELY NOTHING other than you have wasted your time, and perhaps have reneged on your obligation as a member.

As a chair think back to this talk and just call for those for and those against and call it quits. Thanks.

Jacque Charlton, WGM

Thank you, Brother Richard, you are always full of so much information, and we all really appreciate the time that you put into looking up all of this for us. Believe you me for all of those line officers, when you ask Richard a question it's amazing what he gives you in answers and it's very helpful so use him because he is there for you, and we hope that he is going to still stay on.

Brother Roy Sonley isn't in the room yet, as he still has registration open, we will wait on that.

Sister Donna Richard, would you come to the East and give your report on the scrutineers.

Donna Richard, General Grand Chapter Committee Member – Credentials and Chair of the Scrutineers Committee

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers good morning. Report on the Scrutineers, I don't know what I can tell you to augment the scrutineers. We need two members from Alexandra No. 4, and they have been in touch with me, so I know who they are. We need two from Maple Leaf Chapter No. 7. I have not been contacted by anybody about those, and two from Edmonton Chapter No. 19. Maybeth got the names, but she didn't give them to me. It will be Sis. Shirley Hick and Margaret Blue. We will be balloting on a Grand Sentinel which is the yellow form and two Members of the

Board of General Purposes, two for a three-year term and one for a one-year term, and that is on the lilac ballots. Is that all you need, Thank you.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

As it isn't ten o'clock it is just ten to ten, I am going to start with our reports. I am going to ask the following members to come to the East, just to be prepared because we are going to be doing something a little different with our General Grand Chapter Committee Members this year. I just want you here so when I call you to give your presentation before the General Grand Chapter Committee Members give theirs that you are ready. Sister Marianne Ashby, Sister Mary Lynn Smith, Brother Jim Hutton, Sister Joan Ainsworth, and Sister Laurinda Parkinson, could you please join us in the second row in the East.

Grand Conductress would you escort the General Grand Chapter Committee Members to the East also so that they are with us. Sister Bonnie, would you conduct the General Grand Chapter Committee Members to the East so that they are up here for their reports. Thank you. If a page could help also that would be great. Are they all here?

Thank you, Sister Bonnie.

I am going to call on Sister Marianne Ashby to give a little bit of a story about Richard. This might be kind of fun.

Marianne Ashby, PM

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers, I hope that you are hoping for a lot of secrets. It is my honor to introduce someone whom I have known for over fifty years. I am eternally grateful to him for his membership in the Masonic Order, because that it so that I could be a part of this amazing Order. We do such good work; we are such a strong community of Sisters and Brothers. Brother Richard likes to be busy; he has been Parliamentarian for a number of years but mostly because he has a speech impediment. You might not know this, but he has a very hard time saying no. I try not to take advantage of that too often, but when he is asked, please Brother Richard will you. He tries nnnno, okay I will. I am so proud of Brother Richard, and I am going to stop talking now because I might just start tearing up. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for allowing me to do this.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

Thank you, Sister Marianne. I am going to now ask for Richard to give his report as General Grand Chapter Committee of Benevolence Committee.

Richard Ashby, GGCCM

This is much shorter than when I was up here a few minutes ago. Under the Benevolence Committee of course as everyone in Eastern Star knows, the purpose of the Benevolence Committee is to provide funds or disburse funds to those in need. The General Grand Chapter Benevolence Committee, I have nothing to report at this time. There will be a complete report at General Grand Chapter. I am not sure how many of us are going from Alberta, but I will be there. I hope to see as many of you as possible. Right now, that's it, I promised a shorter speech that was it.

Jacque Charlton, WGM

Thank you Brother Richard and I see that Brother Roy Sonley, our Registration Chair, has entered the room, so I will now ask him for his preliminary report on registration.

Roy Sonley, PGP

Good morning, everyone. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers, I am happy to report:

Voting Delegates registered:	193
Visitors:	59
Total:	<u>252</u>

That is my preliminary report.

Jacque Charlton, WGM

Thank you, Brother Roy. Keep up the good work out there, this is awesome. Okay, maybe everyone wants to stand and stretch. We have a one-minute mark till ten o'clock. I cannot start the voting before that, so just stand and have a little rest and then we will get to the nominations and elections.

Where is she running to?

Donna Richard, PGM

I already reported, I am "outta" here!

Jacque Charlton, WGM

No, you can't go, you have to run the elections m'dear.

Grand Warder don't let her out of the room.

Donna Richard, PGM

I need to go get my paper; I thought I could skip out a little early, but I guess not. I have not even looked this up, so if I do it wrong don't bother correcting me, it is not going to change.

Do we have any nominations for Grand Sentinel?

Shirley Weigelt, PM

Past Grand Matron, Shirley Weigelt from Maple Leaf Chapter No. 7, I would be pleased to nominate Bro. Jim Hutton, Past Patron of Maple Leaf Chapter No. 7 for Grand Sentinel. The nomination was seconded.

Donna Richard, PGM

Thank you, ladies.

Are there any further nominations? Are there any further nominations. Nominations for the office of Grand Sentinel are closed.

Donna Richard, PGM

Do you accept?

Jim Hutton, PP

I do!

Donna Richard, PGM

Thank you. Now I will move forward, We need two names for a three-year term on the Elected Board of General Purposes, any Nominations. Don't everybody put their hands up at once. Brother Hector.

Hector van Vierssen Trip, PGP

Hector van Vierssen, Edith Cavell No. 25, I nominate Dianne Cooper-Ponte of Edith Cavell. The nomination was seconded.

Donna Richard, PGM

Now one of you two would be kind enough to spell her last name.

Hector van Vierssen Trip

Supplied the requested information by spelling the name for Sis. Donna.

Donna Richard, PGM

Thank you. This is not a good position to read either of the two screens.

Hector van Vierssen Trip, PGP

Confirmed with Sis. Dianne, that her name, was spelt with two n's.

Donna Richard, PGM

Do you accept the position.

Dianne Cooper-Ponte, PM

I do.

Donna Richard, PGM

Thank you. One more.

Pam Jones, PM

I nominate Sister Betsy, oh sorry my name is Pam Jones, Majestic Chapter No. 126, I place in nomination Sister Betsy Hamid for a three year term on the Board of General Purposes. She is from Majestic Chapter No. 126. The nomination was seconded.

Donna Richard, PGM

Sister Betsy, do you accept that nomination? Can't hear you, but you are nodding your head yes. I know you are saying yes.

Are there any further nominations? Don't everybody get up at once. Are there any further nominations? So, by acclamation, we have Dianne Cooper-Ponte and Betsy Hamid, elected to the Board of General Purposes for three-year terms.

Okay, three-year terms are filled. We need one name for a one-year term, because Brother Gordon moved back to Ontario. It is not a hard job, but in my day, it's a while ago when. So, this would be a one-year term, so you just basically keep your mouth shut and learn.

Gail Ancelet, Associate Grand Conductress

Sister Donna, Gail Ancelet of Chapter No. 21 and Chapter No. 7. I would like to nominate Joanne Fisher for a one-year term as Member of the Board of General Purposes. The nomination was seconded

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

The constitution has been amended and the nomination must come from the members respective chapter.

Donna Richard, PGM

Anybody here from Venus Chapter, I know there are besides Joanne and I that can nominate her. She has to be nominated by our Chapter or Alexandra No. 4, Marie.

Marie Giebelhaus, WM and Grand Representative of Florida in Alberta

I nominate Sister Joanne Fisher for the one-year term. The nomination was seconded.

Donna Richard, PGM

Sister Joanne, are you willing to accept this nomination?

Joanne Fisher, PM

I will accept it, with tears and just I did not think of this at all, so I will be quiet now and...

Donna Richard, PGM

Are there any further nominations, any further nominations? Nominations ceased.

Congratulations Joanne.

Seems to me that you have been on the Board before, so you know that you don't need to keep your mouth shut, set to go.

Joanne Fisher, PM

I have.

Donna Richard, PGM

Well by the look of things, the scrutineers don't need to leave. We don't have multiple nominations for any office or position, so is that right Worthy Grand Matron.

Lisbeth Booth – Grand Secretary

Past Grand Matron Donna can you or Worthy Grand Matron Sister Jacquie please have the nominees, and the nominators come to my desk to sign the appropriate forms at the close of this session.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

Did you all hear that, those that nominated and seconded plus the nominees please report to the Grand Secretaries Office at the lunch break, that's for everyone that was just nominated.

Donna Richard, PGM

The final report of the Scrutineers Committee.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

Okay it is with my pleasure that I announce the following that have been elected to the Grand Chapter of Alberta for the 2024 year.

Elected Grand Officers

Worthy Grand Matron	Kim McMinis (22)
Worthy Grand Patron	Peter Devlin (58)
Associate Grand Matron	Bonnie Nelson (25/1)
Associate Grand Patron	David Anderson (133/1)
Grand Conductress	Donna Kramer (135/133)
Associate Grand Conductress	Gail Ancelet (21/7)
Grand Secretary	Lisbeth Booth (126)
Grand Treasurer	Pat Oberg (38/19)
Grand Sentinel	Jim Hutton (7)

Board of General Purposes for three years

Dianne Cooper-Ponte (25)
Betsy Hamid (126)
Seona Scott (85)

Board of General Purposes for two years

Glenda Bailey (58)
Cathy Sutter (58)
Dave Valan (19)

Board of General Purposes for one year

Tanya Chisholm (1/25)
Joanne Fisher (2/4)
Rhea McMane (27/37)

These are your elected officers for the 2024 term.

Thank you, Sister Donna.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

Okay, so let's continue with our General Grand Chapter Committee Members. I am going to invite Sister Mary Lynn Smith to come forward to share a little bit about her sister, Sister Helen.

Mary Lynn Smith, WM and Grand Secretary Emeritus

In 1967 Helen Smith, or as we know her today Helen Bilou joined Leta Chapter No. 117 in Frank, Alberta a little over fifty years ago. She went to university, got married and then she joined different chapters around Alberta as her husband was transferred as he was in the RCMP. In 2021 she was given a well a deserved appointment as the General Grand Chapter Committee Member, Canadian Co- chair International Headquarters for the 2021- 2024 term. She's going to Myrtle Beach in South Carolina in October and I am sure that we all wish her the very best. I know that our Chapter Majestic Chapter and the Grand Chapter of Alberta are very proud of Sister Helen. You know that as her sister Sister, I am too. She is very dedicated to the Order of the Eastern Star and works very hard at the Chapter, Grand Chapter and General Grand Chapter levels of our Order, thank you for all that you do. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for the opportunity to introduce her.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

Thank you, Sister Mary Lynn. Sister Helen, would you to give your report now.

Helen Bilou, General Grand Chapter Committee Member – Canadian Co-Chair International Headquarters.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers, good morning.

The purpose of the International Headquarters Committee is to “inform the members of the Order regarding the value and significance of the facilities and services provided through the International Eastern Star Headquarters and to solicit adequate support for the maintenance of the Headquarters of the Order.” That’s from the Red Book page fifty, not my words. The loose interpretation of this is we are to help provide support mostly financial to support Belmont House. This has been the focus of my term to help raise funds to support our house. For many of us being so far from Washington, D.C. it is difficult to for us to even imagine Belmont House, what our house is actually like. Videos and photos help us to see the beauty and splendor housed there. That being said we need to remember it is an older mansion and requires consistent maintenance. Money raised from our committee has been used to put new solar film on the windows and to replace defunct air conditioning units. We have had some of the floors refinished with material that does not require as much maintenance so costs of labour and materials for cleaning is reduced. We have just received an e-mail this past week asking for approval for the refinishing of some chairs in the house at the request of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Glenda Winchester. Photos were included with this request and believe me those chairs

were really awful. I'm so glad that we were able to help with their refinishing. Twenty-eight windows have rotting frames and we're paying to have them replaced.

Initially, each member of the General Grand Chapter was asked to provide one dollar per year of the Triennium towards the support of the house. Letters were sent out to all chapters and money was sent in to the General Grand Chapter Committee Member in their area and then it was to be forwarded positively. I can only hope the rest of Canada have forwarded their funds to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary. Our funds will be sent June 30th. 2024.

Now Saskatchewan has sent in a total of \$1177.00 and had one hundred percent involvement from the members of the Saskatchewan Grand Chapter. Thank you so much for your support of this project and thank you to Sister Thea Howe, General Grand Chapter Committee Member – International Headquarters for her dedication to this project. British Columbia and Yukon did not have a General Grand Chapter Committee Member – so it was my responsibility to collect for them. They have donated \$874.00 and my sincere thanks to all the chapters who have sent support to this project.

Alberta has shown great support and has sent \$2828.00 for the project with about seventy-five percent of our chapters participating. Thank you one and all.

A grand total of \$5438.00 has been raised by our three jurisdiction and this will be forwarded to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary. I collected two hundred dollars by selling candy bags and pins so it will be \$5,600. If you or your chapter has not had a chance to support this project you have until June 30 to do so. There are pins and candy bags available at the back table. The pins were designed for our project and the candy bags, and the poppy pins are a small way of helping to offset the exchange that we're going to be facing at the end of June.

It's the wish of the Most Worthy Grand Matron that each jurisdiction be assigned one of three colours and at General Grand Chapter in Myrtle Beach, they will be made into a chain-link which will be hung and show which area has donated the greatest amount. The three western provinces all represent red.

It's been a distinct honour to have been appointed the Canadian Co-Chair for the International Headquarters Committee and to be able to represent Canada, and especially my chapter Majestic Chapter and the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

Thank you to everyone for their support and thank you Sister Jacquie and Brother Wayne for allowing me to speak about my committee.

Jacque Charlton, WGM

Thank you, Sister Helen. I am going to just mix things up a little bit here. We will get back to the rest of you here in a couple of minutes.

I am going to go on to the Worthy Grand Matron's report which is printed on Page 2 of the Officers reports, and I will continue with my Supplementary report.

REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON**Sister Jacque Charlton**

When I started this journey a few years ago I had a dream and a song to sing – today all my dreams have been reached and my heart is full of music. I thank the members of this Grand Jurisdiction for all their trust and confidence in me to hold this high office and the encouragement for me to fulfill this dream. Your love and support have truly been felt this year. I hope that I have not let you down.

Part of my vision during this year in this office was to encourage our membership to communicate with other concordant bodies. I have been able to see this become somewhat of a reality. There is still work to be done, but the steps have been taken.

DEDICATION

This year was dedicated to my parents Bill & Betty Cross, for without their encouragement to have me involved in Job's Daughter I may not have followed Mom's footsteps into this amazing Order. My Dad, sister Julie, and I were initiated together into Morning Light No.44 with Mom as WM. A special thanks to the members of Zenith Chapter No.85 for all your hard work in preparing for this year. You have always been a group of great supporters. Although we may be a small Chapter, we are mighty and can accept any challenge we are given.

IN MEMORIAM

We were deeply saddened by the loss of Br. Harold Gulliver, PGP. Brother Harold served this Grand Chapter with Sister Irene McDougall, PGM in 1973. He will be dearly missed by his family and friends and by all the members of this Grand Chapter. Many of our Chapters have lost members and we extend our heartfelt sympathy to each one.

*On Angel's wings, you were taken
away. But in our hearts, you will always
stay.*

OFFICIAL ACTS

I had a special honor this year in appointing our Grand Family and I thank each one for accepting their positions:

Grand Chaplain - Darlene Edstrom (137/127)
Grand Marshal – Kent Meers (113)
Grand Organist – Maida Higa (85/7)
Grand Adah – Katherine Hall (25)
Grand Ruth – Seona Scott (85)
Grand Esther – Myra Lonsbury (135)
Grand Martha – Deanna Gillis (7)
Grand Electa – Tanice Nichol (19/127)
Grand Warder – Susan Ferguson (4/2)

So many of you have made some long journeys this year to join us at the Official Visits. Also, I was unaware that I had appointed two sisters-in-law until the practice in April 2023, what a special memory for both.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

What a privilege to recommend 32 members of this jurisdiction for a Grand Representative Commission of other jurisdictions. Congratulations to each of you, and I hope you enjoy your appointments.

It was also a privilege for me to approve 19 commissions to serve as Grand Representatives of Alberta on recommendations of Worthy Grand Matrons in other jurisdictions.

DISPENSATIONS

I have granted 19 dispensations this year:

Change stated meeting to concur with Official Visit – 5.
Change the location of the meeting due to road construction – 3.
Change the stated meeting date due to inclement weather – 3.
Use emergent night for regular meeting night – 2.
Move Regalia to alternate location – 1.
Change the meeting date so members can attend an Official Visit in another community – 1.
Hold Zoom meeting as members had been exposed to COVID – 1.
Change meeting date due to illness with the chapter members – 1

Hold Zoom meeting to complete necessary business items for Consolidation – 1
Change meeting day to accommodate an Initiation for 2 new members - 1

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAW APPROVED

Murray Chapter No.58 approved the decision to adopt the Generic Bylaws.
Innisfail Chapter No. 37 approved the decision to change the time of stated meetings.

OFFICIAL VISITS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

So much fun and great socializing.

June 21: Forestburg, AB. Official Visit of Forestburg No.54, Afternoon tea, shut-in visit, School of Instruction, followed by Forestburg's famous potluck supper.

June 22: headed to the Vermillion, AB area and spent a couple of days with the Associate Grand Matron Sis. Kim McMinis on her farm, so enjoyable, and what a beautiful and peaceful environment.

June 23: Vermillion, AB. Official Visit Queen Esther No.22 Shut-in visits, afternoon tea, School of Instruction with the Official visit held that evening.

June 24: Lloydminster, Saskatchewan. Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan hosted the AB/SASK exchange with an Official Visit in Lloydminster Chapter No.76 by Worthy Grand Matron Sis. Donna Rederburg followed by evening supper and entertainment.

July 13, 14 & 15: Billings MT. Grand Chapter of Montana "Harmony with TLC Tolerance, Love, Compassion" Session and Installation of Officers for the Starlight over the Waters Session.

I was honored to give a tribute to the Canadian Flag as our Associate Grand Patron Br. Peter Devlin presented the flag at the altar with Past Grand Matron Sis. Lorna Richmond escorting. We were able to take a small break to unwind a bit after the Installation of Officers on June 4, 2023.

Friday, June 9: I was honored to attend and bring greetings from the Grand Chapter of Alberta to the Annual Conference of the Alberta Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M.

It was a pleasure as my Official duty to travel around this beautiful province to make twenty-three Official Visits to our subordinate chapters accompanied by Brother Wayne Rinke WGP and his wife Sister Mildred Rinke PGM. Many of these visits also included my Personal Trustee Sister Lorna Richmond PGM and many Grand Officers. The hospitality I received was so heartwarming from all the members throughout Alberta and I thank everyone for making this journey such an incredible experience. We belong to a beautiful order, and it showed at each visit we made how sincere and dedicated our membership is to make this world a happier and more loving place.

One of the definite highlights of these visits was being able to visit those who were unable to attend our chapter meetings anymore. These Sisters and Brothers are truly an interesting group with so much wisdom, stories, and experiences, this was a gratifying part of the year. I was very fortunate to visit 48 members.

I was also privileged to present several service awards throughout the year including 70, 65, 60, 50, and 25-year pins. This is a true honor for the Worthy Grand Matron to be able to acknowledge these deserving and long-time members.

Our journey began in the northeastern part of Alberta:

June 15: Cold Lake, AB Official Visit Primrose Chapter No.127. The afternoon started with a visit to a 100-year-young shut-in, followed by a School of Instruction for Primrose Chapter No.127 members, and the Official Visit was that evening.

June 16: Ft. McMurray, AB. This Official Visit of Ft McMurray Chapter No.137 was a social and BBQ at the home of Sis. Darlene (Grand Chaplain) and Br. Brad Edstrom (Grand Representative Alabama). Br. Wayne WGP and I were presented the 6th degree of the Order of the Eastern Star in a hilarious skit. It was so much fun and great socializing.

July 17: Olds, AB. Mountain View No.1 Initiation of a new member

July 20: Oyen, AB. Official Visit of Serenity No.113. Shut-in visits, afternoon School of Instruction followed by supper before the Official Visit that evening. Serenaded by Serenity Male Choir accompanied by Sis. Marvel Jorgensen PM.

July 30: Didsbury, AB. Enjoyed BBQ with members from St. Hilda No.27, Zenith No.85, Chinook No.133

August 10, 11,12, and 13. Boarded the bus to travel to attend the Most Worthy Grand Matron's Pilgrimage to the International Peace Gardens, Belcourt ND with 34 Alberta members and guests and two members from Saskatchewan. We stayed at Sky Dancer Hotel & Casino and enjoyed a full day at the IPG on Saturday, Aug 12, returning home on the 13 & 14. I was privileged to have been asked to give the welcome from the WGM's in attendance.

August 21: Olds, AB. Official Visit of Mountain View No.1.

August 27: Calgary AB. Joint BBQ with Eastern Star and Daughters of the Nile members. A great meal and fun were had by all. Over 100 attended this event.

August 28: Grande Prairie, AB. Joint Consolidation meeting with Sunset No.95 and Aurora No.46 to finalize Consolidation of these two chapters.

August 29: Wembley, AB. Joint Official Visit of Sunset Chapter No.95, and Aurora Chapter No.46 at which time these two chapters were Consolidated into Sunset Chapter No.95.

September 4: Lethbridge, AB. A surprise visit to Laurel Chapter No.43 with Grand Organist Sis. Maida Higa and Grand Ruth Sis. Seona Scott.

September 6: Calgary, AB. Official Visit of Bow Valley No.5

September 7: Innisfail AB. Official Visit of Innisfail No.37 School of Instruction followed by a cold plate supper.

September 9: Edson, AB. Official Visit of Elizabeth Trapp No.138 School of Instruction, followed by a lovely lunch and supper hosted by the Febrey's following the Official Visit.

September 10: St. Albert, AB. School of Instruction Pioneer Chapter No.135, shut- in visits.

September 11: Calgary, AB. School of Instruction Edith Cavell No.25.

September 12: Cochrane, AB. attended Zenith Chapter No.85 regular meeting.

September 16: St Albert, AB. Official Visit of Pioneer Chapter No.135

September 17: Edmonton, AB. School of Instruction Edmonton Chapter No.19

September 18: Calgary AB. Official Visit of Chinook Chapter No.133
September 19: Cowley, AB. Official Visit of Castlview Chapter No.21
September 20: Edmonton, AB. Official Visit of Edmonton No.19, potluck supper before the Official Visit
September 23: Calgary, AB. Official Visit of Edith Cavell No.25. Presented a 25-year pin and presented a Grand Representative commission to Sis. Jackie Cutting PM of Nevada in Alberta on behalf of Sis. Gail Anderson PGM
September 24: Edmonton, AB. School of Instruction Allenby Chapter No.38
September 25: Edmonton, AB. Official Visit Allenby Chapter No.38 Service pins were presented to Eileen Broberg PM, 70 years; Georgina Hodgson PGM Manitoba, 60 years, Pat Mitchell PM, 60 years, Helen Nicoll PM, 50 years.
September 29: Didsbury, AB. Official Visit St. Hilda Chapter No.27 with guests from the Grand Chapter of Montana including the Worthy Grand Patron Br. Richard Lockey.
September 30: Calgary, AB. Alberta/Montana Exchange Visit and 1920's themed Murder Mystery Fund Raising Event at Heritage Park.

October 10: Lacombe, AB. Official Visit of Alexandra Chapter No.4
October 11: Red Deer, AB. Official Visit of Venus Chapter No.2 Shut-in Visits
October 13: Medicine Hat, AB. School of Instruction Murray Chapter No.58, shut- in visits
October 14: Medicine Hat, AB. Official Visit Murray Chapter No.58
October 21: Calgary, AB. Calgary Fund Raising event at Marda Loop Community Centre
October 22: Red Deer, AB. Board of General Purposes Board meeting
October 27: Lethbridge, AB. School of Instruction Maple Leaf No.7
October 28: Lethbridge AB. Official Visit Maple Leaf No.7, Consolidation Ceremony to join Laurel Chapter No.43 Maple Leaf Chapter No.7, 60-year service jewel presented to Sis. Beverly Hayes.

November 1: Calgary, AB. Bow Valley No.5 Regular Meeting and voted to close their chapter.
November 4: Cochrane, AB. Official Visit Zenith No.85 where the Chapter performed the rendition of a 1912 Initiation.
November 15: Edmonton, AB. National Philanthropy Day Luncheon to receive Grand Chapter of Alberta nomination award.
November 15: Ft. Saskatchewan, AB. Official Visit Majestic Chapter No.126 Past Grand Patron Jewel and 25-year service pin presented to Br. Neil McMillan PGP
November 20: Calgary, AB. attended Chinook Chapter No.133 regular meeting and presented to Sis. Gail Anderson PGM with her Past Grand Matron Jewel
November 21: Calgary, AB. attended Edith Cavell No.25 Initiation meeting.
November 23: Calgary AB. Edith Cavell No.25 shut-in visits Enjoyed a nice tea with Sis. Irene Allen PGM and Br. Fred Allen PP as well as a great visit with other members of Edith Cavell.

December 2: Didsbury, AB. St Hilda Chapter No.27 Performed the Installation Ceremony for 2024 Officers.
December 5: Calgary, AB. Edith Cavell No.25 Installation of 2024 Officers
December 6: Calgary, AB. Worked with Bow Valley Chapter members to dispose of remaining properties.
December 12: Cochrane, AB. Attended Zenith Chapter No.85 Regular Meeting and filled

in as Conductress.

December 15: Calgary, AB. Zenith Chapter No.85 Shut-in visits.

December 18: Olds, AB. Mountain View No.1 Regular Meeting, and Installation of 2024 Officers

December 18: Calgary, AB Chinook Chapter No.133 Installation of 2024 Officers

2024

January 6: Innisfail, AB. Innisfail Chapter No.37 Installation of 2024 Officers

January 9: Cochrane, AB. Zenith Chapter No.85 Installation of 2024 Officers – performed the Installing Grand Marshal duties.

January 16: Didsbury, AB. St Hilda No.27 regular meeting and finished installing their officers.

January 21: Ft Saskatchewan, AB. Majestic No.126 Attended the Installation of Officers and was thrilled to present a Grand Representative commission of Wyoming in Alberta to Br. Neil McMillan PGP.

January 23: Zoom. Attended the finance committee meeting.

February 20: Calgary, AB. Edith Cavell No.25 attended their special meeting and witnessed four new Initiates receive the Degrees of the Order and three Affiliates join this Chapter.

February 26: Zoom. Steering Committee meeting.

March 3: Zoom. Membership meeting.

March 4: Lethbridge, AB. Maple Leaf No.7 attended their regular meeting and witnessed one Initiate receive the Degrees of the Order and Br. Wayne & I presented the Grand Representative of Oklahoma in Alberta commission to Br. Dan Guylai PGP.

March 11: Red Deer, AB. Venus No.2 regular meeting and presented the Grand Representative of Rhode Island in Alberta commission to Br. Ernie Richard PP.

March 12: Cochrane, AB. Zenith No.85 regular meeting and presented the Grand Representative of Idaho in Alberta commission to Sis. Lana Jones PM.

March 18: Calgary, AB. Chinook No.133 regular meeting

March 23: Calgary, AB. Attended Sakkara Temple No.115 Daughters of the Nile Installation of Officers and brought greetings from the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

March 24: ZOOM. Board of General-Purpose meeting

March 26: Didsbury, AB. St Hilda No.27 regular meeting and presented the Grand Representative of Texas in Alberta commission to Sis. Terry Russell PM effective April 1, 2024.

CLOSURES & CONSOLIDATIONS:

July 25, 2023 - I received a letter from Bow Valley Chapter No.5 putting forward a question to their membership about the future of their Chapter. I contacted the Chair of Appeals, Grievances, Charters, and Dispensations to investigate this information to see if there was any help the Grand Chapter could supply them with.

August 23, 2024 – I traveled to Lethbridge to meet with members from Laurel Chapter No.43 and Maple Leaf Chapter No.7 to finalize the Consolidation process. The

Grand Secretary accompanied me, and the completion process was finished. We scheduled the Consolidation Ceremony to take place on October 28, 2024, during Maple Leaf's No.7 Official Visit.

August 28, 2024 – I traveled to Grande Prairie to meet with members from Aurora Chapter No.46 and Sunset Chapter No.95 to finalize the Consolidation process.

Grand Secretary was also present. After all the chapter members' hard work, this process was complete, and their Consolidation ceremony took place the next day at the joint Official Visit.

November 1, 2023 – I attended Bow Valley Chapter No.5 regular meeting where the motion was then brought forward to close the chapter. Sister Beth Tripp PGM, Brother Wayne Rinke WGP, and I acted as scrutineers for vote. The vote being positive, the Chapter was then closed. This was the most heartbreaking duty I have had to perform this year.

REGRETS

December 17: Edmonton Preceptory 46 Knights Templar Christmas Observance

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

It was an honor to receive an Honorary Membership from Murray Chapter No.58 and Maple Leaf Chapter No.7. I will cherish each of these forever and I thank both chapters for such a compliment.

MY BIBLE, BIBLE BOX, AND MY GAVEL

The Bible I used this year traveled around our province once before with Sis. Isabel McPherson PGM and her husband Br. Jim and her family graciously allowed me to travel with this again. The beautiful bible box that the Bible was carried in belongs to Sis. Mildred Rinke PGM and made by Br. Paul Thielgard PP of Chinook Chapter and had been a gift from her Worthy Grand Patron Br. Andy Lockhart, then was donated to Maple Leaf Chapter No.7. Both precious items will be used at the Light of Love session in Olds.

The beautiful bible marker was created by Sis. Lorna Richmond PGM and my personal trustee.

The gavel belonged to my mom & dad. Our family presented this to them in 1985 when they served together as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of Morning Light Chapter No.44 in Hanna, AB.

PERSONAL PROJECT

I chose Autism Society Alberta as my special project this year as we have raised a son on the spectrum and understand the struggles that these people have in their daily lives. Once a diagnosis has been made, the person operates on the spectrum. On one side you have a person who is severely affected in one or more areas like cognitive functioning, motor skills, socialization, speech, or behavior. On the other side, you have people who are extremely intelligent like Einstein, Bill Gates, and

Steve Jobs. Trying to cure people with ASD is not needed, nor is it likely possible; people with Autism see things differently, and being different is good. Different is simply different. An autistic mind simply works differently.

Autistic people can find communicating and engaging with others almost impossible in some instances. But with some hope and new programs always developing, we can see a transition of people severely affected with ASD to high- functioning individuals. A typical autistic person does not exist, and autistic traits may be in all of us. With understanding, acceptance, and support, everybody can contribute...

PERSONAL TRUSTEE

I wish to thank Sis. Lorna Richmond PGM, my Personal Trustee and Sis. Arlene Sallenbach, Sis. Mary Ann Kosinski, Lantern Keepers for all their hard work raising money for my personal charity: Autism Society Alberta.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. **Q:** What is the procedure to reinstate a member who has been suspended for non-payment of dues?

A: As per the Constitution (pg. 28) "A member who was suspended for non- payment of dues may be restored to membership on written application and by paying the indebtedness according to the bylaws of the Chapter. Once a request has been made in writing, the chapter shall decide by a motion what indebtedness is due.

2. **Q:** A question in regard to eligibility for a proposed petitioner with a lengthy Masonic background, but no paperwork could be located. With hard work Chapter members, confirmation was received.

A: Potential candidate was eligible for membership (Ritual page 163)

3. **Q:** A question was raised by a committee under the OES foundation regarding the distribution of funds after their fundraiser. The committee was interested in donating the proceeds to worthwhile charities within the communities where the Chapters were instead of donating to the OES Foundation.

A: This committee was advised that according to the Constitution (pg. 17), they are a sub-committee of the OES Foundation, and they are to allocate a specific amount of proceeds to the foundation, It was also recommended that this committee create a Notice of Motion to make changes at the next Grand Chapter. If this notice of Motion is not approved, then this committee will have to follow the membership's decision and the current Constitution.

4. **Q:** A member who has a Grand Representative commission is placed on demit due to chapter closing is the commission still valid?

A: After much consideration and investigation, our Grand Secretary referred this to the MWGS and Br. Charles Chandler indicated there is no reason why the Commission cannot be completed as long as it expires before the end of the Demit.

IRREGULARITIES

Rituals copied.

More than one ritual open in the chapter room.

Flag ceremony – the Conductress and Associate Conductress have switched positions behind the flag.

UNUSUAL

A unique song presented for the Opening Ode

Introduced by the AGM (AB) in both Alberta & Saskatchewan

Conductress was WM in a BC chapter.

WGM & WGP were invited to follow the flag in the closing march.

Installed RCMP member in full uniform.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. A List of procedures for closing a chapter be created and given to each Chapter. The Constitution is unclear and does not give a descriptive list of what is expected from the Chapter and what the responsibilities of the Grand Chapter are. This itemized list may help with making the members understand exactly what is going to happen at the closure, so there are no surprises. Chair of Appeals, Grievance, Charters, and Dispensation attend the discussion meeting as an advisor. All discussions should be done at a regular meeting of the Chapter (this may be closed to outside visitors) so that all members are aware of what is being discussed and have a fair opportunity to express their feelings.
2. Encourage Chapters to appoint a mentor to new Initiates to help them learn signs & passes, and to understand the protocol and conduct during a chapter meeting. I also recommend that, if possible, the mentors meet with the new members outside the chapter meetings and create friendships with them.

Supplementary Report

So, April and May have continued to be busy months. I have enjoyed visiting several chapters, presenting Grand Representative commissions, and attending Honour Nights for some of our appointed Grand Officers while sending regrets to others.

April 6; Innisfail, AB - Innisfail Chapter No. 37 regular meeting and presented Grand Representative commission to Sis. Helen Marshall of Arizona in Alberta.

April 9; Cochrane, AB - Zenith Chapter No. 85 and presented the Grand

Representative Commission to Sis. Jacqueline Armstrong of Montana in Alberta

April 11; Zoom board meeting

April 15; Calgary AB - attended Chinook Chapter No. 133 regular meeting.

April 20; High River AB - Br. Wayne Rinke WGP and my joint homecoming. Approximately 100 people were in attendance and great fun and fellowship were enjoyed by all.

April 22; Zoom OES Foundation meeting

April 25-27; Saskatoon, Sask. – I attended the Saskatchewan Grand Chapter and delivered the response to the Distinguished guests. 10 members from Alberta attended. Sis. Lorna Richmond PGM presented the Christian flag.

May 4; Hands Across the Border in Post Falls, Idaho with 12 members from the Grand Chapter of Alberta. I was excited to visit Pam Wadish WGM, Montana, Judy Turchin WGM Washington, Daveta Ulrich WGM Oregon. Alberta's members and some adopted Sisters & Brothers performed the 6th Degree of the Order of Eastern Star with Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron Billie Bradfield as our candidate.

The General Grand Chapter committee announcements for the 2024 – 2027 triennial were announced by Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron Billie Bradfield for all six jurisdictions in attendance. Alberta was honored with the following appointments: Sis. Lorna Richmond, Community Service, Br. Tim Cameron, Registration, Sis. Deb Buxton, Alzheimer's, Br. Hal Welke, Service Dogs.

May 6; Lethbridge, AB. - Maple Leaf No. 7 as the chapter honoured Sis. Deanna Gillis, Grand Martha, and Sis. Arlene Sallenbach, Lantern Keeper. I was privileged to present a 50-year jewel to Br. John Parkinson PGP.

May 7; Calgary, AB Edith Cavell Chapter No. 25 - attended Sis. Katherine Hall, Grand Adah's honour night, presented the Grand Representative commission to Sis. Betty Ann Adams of North Carolina in Alberta.

May 10; Red Deer, AB - attended the Royal Arch Masons annual conference and brought greetings from the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

May 14; Cochrane, AB –Zenith 85 for the honor night for Sis. Maida Higa, Grand Organist, Sis. Seona Scott, Grand Ruth at Zenith Chapter No. 85. Sis. Sheila Gow, Worthy Matron gave her report as the Grand Representative of Louisiana in Alberta as her commission is now completed.

May 20; Calgary, AB - Chinook Chapter No.133 presented a Grand Representative commission to Sis. Millie Hartley of Kentucky in Alberta.

May 21; Didsbury, AB – St Hilda Chapter No. 27

May 23; Didsbury, AB - Enjoyed a delightful tea at the Didsbury Museum with members from Mountain View No. 1; St. Hilda No. 27, Innisfail No. 37, and Zenith No. 85. Guest Speaker was world-renowned author Marianne Richards.

May 24; Calgary, AB – Memorial Service for Br. Mac Sinclair, I was honored to be asked to participate in the Eastern Star funeral ceremony for Br. Mac.
May 24 – Zoom meeting for those attending the General Grand Chapter.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

I approved one more request for a Grand Representative of Alberta in West Virginia.

REGRETS

May 8: St. Alberta, AB – unable to attend Honour night for Sis. Myra Lonsbury, Grand Esther, and Sis Mary Ann Kosinski, Lantern Keeper. Sis. Donna Kramer Associate Grand Conductress presented my message on my behalf.

MEETING CANCELLATION

I granted a cancellation for Ft McMurray Chapter No. 137 to cancel their May14 meeting as the town was on evacuation alert due to a forest fire.

UNUSUALS

The Worthy Grand Matron welcomed the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons at the Altar.

I move my supplementary report accepted as presented, Jacquie Charlton, Worthy Grand Matron

Wayne Rinke, WGP

On behalf of the Grand Chapter, accepted.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

Thank you. Okay let's continue with our General Grand Chapter Committee Members. I am now going to ask Brother Jim Hutton to give us a little bit of Brother Dan Gyulai's history. Unfortunately, Dan was unable to make it this year for Grand Chapter, but we will ask Sister Llynne Lambert to speak on behalf of the Service Dog Committee, after Brother Jim gives his talk.

Jim Hutton, PP

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, I have been asked to say a few words on Brother Gyulai. Now this all started when my phone displayed a name of Jacquie Charlton. I am getting suspicious of that number.

Dan and I have been friends for over thirty years. Dan came into Masonry in January of 1992, and someplace along the way around there, I met him. In February 1994, he

joined Eastern Star, Maple Leaf Chapter No. 7. He subsequently became Worthy Patron in 1998, 2001, 2005, 2011, 2013 and is the present Worthy Patron of Maple Leaf No.7 . I might add this year for Dan it is special honour because Deanna is sitting there at Martha's chair, and she is his daughter.

Dan has also served as District Deputy Grand Master in Chinook Arch District. In 1994, he joined the Scottish Rite and received his thirty-third degree in 2009. He was a member of the Royal Order of Scotland and of course a Shriner. Dan and I have known each other for some thirty years and I think most of you know Dan. From the day I met him he has been just as opposed to haircuts as he is now. We spent some time in Mexico, on our first trip down there Dan explained to me some of the rules of being in Mexico. He told me that you could not have your first libation of the day until the sun was over the yardarm and then he explained to me that in Mexico sun was always over the yardarm.

Dan has been a very dedicated member of Maple Leaf, as he is of all of the other organizations he has belonged to. It is situation where life has interfered that he can not be here today, but in spirit he is here today.

Jacque Charlton, WGM

Thank you, Brother Jim. Sister Llynn, would you like to say a few words on behalf of the Service Dog Committee.

Llynn Lambert, General Grand Chapter Committee Member – Chair Service Dogs

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, I've got a little puddle over there, I just, water always follows me around. I just wanted just to take a moment to look around, this is my third time speaking in Alberta and my last on Service Dogs. It means a lot to me today to see our Saskatchewan delegation here to support Alberta. My Alberta Chapter celebrating forty years since we started as a charter member, my B.C. family and friends, my way older brother that has never seen me speak. I am a little nervous and you know how you practice what you're going to say in the mirror. I learned years ago when I had my speech on cards, and you 'gotta' do some actions. I am an action person, flipped my cards into the toilet, then I had to blow dry them, so I then went to papers and I never clued in that I should number the papers and as I watched the others come up, I am thinking heaven forbid that I have my notes on the phone or computer, you know what I do with that, I would probably loose them in the toilet. Anyway, I am here to talk a little bit about Service Dogs. When I talk about the dogs, they mean so much too me so I really don't need notes, but rather than go on an on I thought I would try to keep it. I am sorry you're wet over there; we spilt water.

As the Order of the Eastern Star, we advocate for qualified Service Dog Programmes and provide financial assistance to such organizations aiding their efforts to serve mankind and allow individuals to achieve independence.

Now the need is great, and the wait lists can be very long for these service dogs, but we can with your support bring service dogs into the lives of those that need them the most. I just wanted to take a moment today to talk about some of the dogs that Eastern Star has provided to those that need them. Now with the Autism Society that was a wonderful donation that your Chapter has made to autism, but autism with service dogs is dedicated to the need of the children.

Autism as you know is a condition related to the brain development that impacts how a person perceives and socializes with others. Some children with autism might bolt. They just run out, so with a service dog they are usually a larger dog like a lab, so that dog will lay down instantly, it's tethered around the child so that stops the child from running into the water, into the traffic. Families with autism children find it hard to take them out into public places because they are terrified to go into the mall or into public washrooms so with a dog that makes it easier for the whole family to go out. It is hard for autistic children to sometimes make friends, they really want to belong, but it is difficult for them so with a dog the other children want to know the dog's name, where you are going, and it just opens that door for those children. They provide a calming relief for the children in the schools, so when there is too much going on the dog will sit down/lay down in the assembly, ride on the school buses and they don't get that anxious moment. These dogs, autism assistants, they have the ability to listen not only to the child but to the parent as well, so they listen to two masters.

Now hearing service dogs, they can alert to the doorbells of course, the telephone but most importantly to an emergency like a fire alarm, they can wake that person up. They have also been trained to respond to sign language so if a person with hearing problems can communicate that way with their dogs.

Service dogs are the ones that help people in a wheelchair, they help pick up things, they open doors, and they basically do everything that a human can do but they never argue not once. You can imagine the fear, there was a girl she had a service dog, and she was in a wheelchair and she got stuck on the ice, you know how hard it is to move in a car on ice and she was in a wheel chair, so she could direct her dog to call 911 or go get a neighbour to help her. That was wonderful.

For sight and vision there is a service dog, that was the original programme with guide dogs, and it is still very much in demand.

Medic alert service dogs are for people that are insulin dependent with hypoglycemic unawareness. They don't realize that their sugar is dropping these dogs can retrieve the diabetic kit and food and stay with that person until help comes. Sometimes those dogs are smaller dogs, like a poodle they have the hypoallergenic dogs.

Seizure response dogs are similar to the diabetic, they can react to the onset of a seizure, and they can signal for help. If you see a service dog on its own with its coat and no one around, then it is usually someone is in trouble and that dog is looking for help.

A newer dog we have is the facilities support dog. These are used by agencies for individuals in traumatic situations like first responders are on a scene, they need a

dog there to support the most vulnerable. They are also used in a court cases, those dogs will walk on either side of the person, so if a child was going into an interview or someone going into the witness box, that dog would come between them and maybe somebody they are afraid or nervous of, so it could be on either side. They are now putting dogs with professional agencies in cancer clinics, so if they are going to undergo treatment and it's very traumatic for them, they have a dog that can work in that situation.

Emotional support dogs PTSD and you know that with the BC/Alberta Guide Dog Foundation that is very important to you, to have those dogs for comfort because they can provide support for an invisible disability someone else might not visually see that there is a problem.

Alberta has the distinct honour of being a charter partner of the BC/Alberta Guide Dogs for over twenty years, and we heard from them yesterday how well they are doing, how many dogs they have placed.

I would like to sincerely thank your Alberta Service Dog Committee, Sister Susan MacArthur and her committee, I have worked with her for several years, and also Brother Dan. Thank you, Deanna, for working with us as well, it has been a very meaningful and wonderful relationship that I have had. Well done Alberta on your donations over the years.

Our heroines and thought how similar our mission of Service Dogs also represents our teachings.

Truth – know that which is true and believe in it, see and hear the results of our work with Service Dogs.

Constancy – little by little we will provide one Service Dog at a time.

Loyalty – to our cause and what is our cause to be a better person.

Faith – faith that what we strive to do we will do, to our best and to trust in God to do the rest.

And Love – let us be like our Service Dog a best friend offering unconditional love to one and other and to our fellow men.

Thank you, Sisters and Brothers, for your continued support of our charity and helping Canadians with disability receive a life changing dog. It's truly remarkable and I thank you Sisters and Brothers, it has been an honor to speak on Service Dogs. It is an easy job because you love it some much and to see the results.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for the honor of speaking.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

Thank you, Sister Llynne, for that very informative speech and I am just going to put a little info-commercial here, remember the baskets draw on the far side, all proceeds are for the service dogs Susan is waving her hand back there, so make sure you get your tickets and help support our Alberta Committee. Tonight, we will be auctioning that

beautiful quilt that is over on the wall, it has been donated by Gordon and Phyllis McEwen, they have made it, it is absolutely gorgeous. Brother Wayne will be auctioning that tonight, so get your cheque books out and the proceeds of that will also be going to service dogs.

Brother Wayne, I am going to ask you for your report and your supplementary report, please.

Wayne Rinke, WGP

Sorry about that, pages eight to eleven I believe it is, is my initial report and I will follow that up now with the supplemental.

Report of the Worthy Grand Patron Wayne Rinke, WGP

OPENING REMARKS

I thank you all for attending and joining in the celebration of our 112th Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Alberta in beautiful Olds, Alberta. I am grateful to all of the members from this jurisdiction, for the opportunity and the honor of being able to join our Worthy Grand Matron Jacquie in welcoming you to this Light of Love session.

During my three year journey to get here today I have many memories that will be with me for the rest of my life and for this I thank you.

My journeys in getting here started out with a bit of apprehension since I and other members of the Grand Chapter were installed via Zoom in 2021 due to COVID restrictions. At that time there was a huge question mark as to our future as an organization and when we reminisce about that time let's be thankful and not take for granted the opportunities we are again afforded to meet in person, which for the vast majority of us is why we became members. Thankfully the last two years have again allowed us to meet as we had in the past and how we should in the future.

Fortunately, life does not stand still, and our Order will soon embark down a new road and I hope we can all continue working together as we all create new memories in our lives before us. Let's all embrace the future and continue to have fun as we adventure down the Star trail and enthusiastically deal with the challenges before us.

OFFICIAL VISITS

All 23 Chapter visits were undertaken in a journey that commenced with our first visit to Cold Lake on June 15th and finished with our last visit at Fort Saskatchewan on November 15th.

What a beautiful journey it was as we traveled this Province from the far south to the north and from the beautiful Rockies in the west to the open crop lands in the east.

.... "A FRIEND IN WHOM YOU TRUSTED WALKED BESIDE YOU...." is a sentence from the ... lecture given from the west by the Associate Patron and to me it is the essence of what ... our Order is about.

This was evident in every Chapter we visited in that the members were prepared and organized; the sidelines had visitors and Jacquie, and I were most pleased. Our heartfelt thanks go out to those members, visitors, and the Grand Officers and Past Grands who regularly joined us since many had great distances and incurred costs to be there. I feel comfortable that everyone in the Chapter room felt they had friends beside them.

The format of our visits was to bring three elements forward. We wanted to give a more in-depth look at the lessons portrayed in the various degrees beyond what was in the ritual. Sister Jacquie for each star point provided additional knowledge that sort of gave us the "rest of the story".

Secondly, we wanted to bring to light a bit more of our history on how we got to where we are today and some of the issues that had to be overcome by our predecessors.

Lastly, we wanted to encourage all the Chapters and members to think "membership" and do what they have to do to make their Chapter ready to provide a good place to have new members enjoy our Order. There is enough leeway within our protocols to observe the ritual and at the same time have a fun time at our meeting and at outside Star activities.

MEMORIES

".... are defined as the process of taking in information from the world around us, processing it, storing it and later recalling that information, sometimes many years later."

As the year is moving along and my tenure as your Worthy Grand Patron is coming to a close, I am recalling many of those memories and often have a private giggle recalling the events. These memories are one of the greatest gifts I could ever receive, and I thank each and every one of you for being part of them. Thank you.

SOCIAL AND OTHER EVENTS

A well-rounded year occurred taking in nearly every possible facet of Eastern Star duties and activities.....except for constituting a new Chapter.

I accompanied PGM 's Mildred Rinke and Marj Neely and Sister Shirley Wiegelt on two of their 3 visits to the three local masonic lodges in Lethbridge where they gave a presentation to the masons on our Order. The local Chapter is thrilled with the results from their efforts since 8 new members have been initiated and currently there is 1 candidate whom we must schedule a suitable date for initiation. These people utilized a template prepared by the Membership Committee which I encourage all Chapters to look at and decide for themselves if it could work.

An enjoyable pilgrimage to the International Peace Gardens was very well attended by the Alberta membership and a good time had by all. I took a brief vacation on this trip and before returning home dropped in and attended a Chapter meeting in Brandon, Man. I encourage all if you have a chance to visit, especially outside of our jurisdiction since although we all believe in the same things, use the same ritual...yet conduct our meetings often in very different ways.

The Hands across the Border exchange with Saskatchewan was held in Lloydminster, Saskatchewan and was well attended from both sides. It culminated a good Official Visit weekend that started in Vermillion on Friday night.

The year involved two consolidations of Chapters. First was Aurora Chapter No. 46 of Grande Prairie and Sunset Chapter No. 95 of Wembley. The second consolidation was between Laurel No. 43 and Maple Leaf No. 7 both of Lethbridge.

On a sad note, Bow Valley Chapter No. 5 in Calgary relinquished their Charter and shut down.

A unique event occurred at Heritage Park in Calgary, where a fundraiser was established on the weekend of the Montana and Alberta Hands across the border exchange. Following the Official Visit with our southern sisters and brothers from Montana at Didsbury on the Friday night the event carried over to Heritage Park in Calgary on Saturday where a 1920's themed Murder Mystery took place at a gala supper and fundraiser. Was very successful with proceeds going to the WGM's project. What was unique about this is that this interaction between the two Star jurisdictions included the public. Something to think about in the future.

A couple of the District Teas and functions were attended and a good time enjoyed by all.

I assisted in the Installations of Castlevue, Oyen and Maple Leaf Chapters and very much enjoyed the occasions.

A number of hours were put in with our Star Members in Lethbridge who work alongside the Masons manning the Salvation Army Christmas Kettles for the 6 weeks leading up to

Christmas...meeting all the criteria of our order in that we had good fellowship, helped those in need and interacted with the Community.

I had the honor along with our WGM and 4 PGM/PGP's to represent our Order when we were nominated by the Alberta and NWT Alzheimer's Society for our past donations to them. We received this recognition and award at the 2023 National Philanthropy Association's banquet in November 2023 held in Edmonton.

RECOGNITION OF MEMBERSHIP WITHIN THE ORDER

I had the honor on four occasions to present the following:

- a Grand Representative Commission to a sister for Kansas (Lethbridge)
- a Grand Representative Commission to a brother for Oklahoma (Lethbridge)
- a Grand Representative Commission to a brother for Illinois (Oyen)
- a 60-year jewel to honor a sister's years of dedication to our order (Lethbridge)

PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS

Their support when information was required, and their moral support via their attendance at the various visits and activities throughout the province was invaluable and extremely comforting. Collectively they have an abundance of knowledge and ideas, and we should capitalize upon this wherever possible. Members and Committees should reach out to them whenever necessary.

I would be remiss here if I did not mention that on each and every visit, I was accompanied by my lifelong friend and wife, Mildred who ranks in there as "one" of my favorite Past Grand Matrons. Thank you for the input and companionship.

MY CHAPTER (S)

Thank you to my home Chapter, Maple Leaf No.7 and to my hometown Chapter, Murray No.58, for all your support during the journey undertaken. Your presence in the travels undertaken and your taking the time to be a "sounding board" was invaluable and very much appreciated. Your moral support has been very comforting. The extra work this has caused you during this journey has been very much appreciated and will always be remembered. Thank you.

A special thank you to the members of Zenith Chapter No.85 for their honorary membership ...it both humbles me and makes me extremely proud. Thank you.

Supplementary Report

This report consists of the activities from April 01 to May 31, 2024.

April 9 – Surprise visit to Zenith Chapter No. 85 at Cochrane. It was the first real opportunity had to thank them for the honorary membership that they presented to me. I just basked in the privileges that night of the honorary membership. I just sat there and watched.

April 13 – Was the occasion of the South Alberta Tea and again an excellent attendance from both within Lethbridge and from outside of Lethbridge, filled the hall. This was there second annual promotion of a tea and art walk. In talking to the Star members and the artists, it sounds like the third annual is already to go for next year. I enjoyed assisting the brothers dressed in their tuxedos, as we served tea to the guests.

April 20 – Was the occasion of the joint homecoming of Sister Jacquie and myself held at the High River Masonic Hall and it appears that the hundred guests enjoyed themselves of the fellowship and the entertainment and singing of our Grand Marshal. The entertainment was provided both in house it was very good and externally. Quite a good afternoon

April 25-27 – Accorded the opportunity to attend the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan held in Saskatoon. A good time was had, and the honorary membership will be cherished.

May 24 – Had a really, really interesting May planned, however all plans were for certain reasons set aside due to circumstances, which made it difficult to travel. These plans included various Chapter visits, Honor Nights attendance and the one was taking my trailer down to Manitoba for the summer camping. We cancelled out of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba, but all cancelations were made with regrets and hopefully everybody understands.

Finally, to all of you, my heartfelt thanks for all the courtesies received from the Chapters and you the members of the Order.

I move my initial report, I believe on pages eight to eleven in the booklet and my supplementary be accepted and filed, thank you.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

Worthy Grand Patron, on behalf of the Grand Chapter we accept your report.

I am now going to call on the Grand Secretary for your report.

Lisbeth Booth, Grand Secretary

I regret that when pulled chart across to put into the Officers and Committee Reports somehow the cells containing Mountain View through Maple Leaf were missed. In the proceedings of the Grand Chapter for this year the full chart will appear and if you want to see what the data is you are certainly welcome to come to my station and look. The total numbers are correct in that report though, we have currently one thousand and ninety-two members in this Grand Jurisdiction.

Grand Secretaries Report 2023-2024

Another Grand Chapter year is drawing to a close and this will be my second report to the membership of the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

Last year, I said that "it had been a ride" and it continued to be a ride for the 2023-2024 year. I have lived and learned some new lessons, including learning not to be dependent on technology as it can and will fail us at the most inauspicious moments. Case in point is the proceedings for the "Wheels of Time" Session, as one of the recordings failed and I then had to reconstruct what had happened to reflect it accurately in the Proceedings document.

I again want to thank the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and Sister and Brother Secretaries for their patience and understanding.

I attended the votes on the proposed consolidations of Maple Leaf Chapter No. 7 and Laurel Chapter No. 43, and that of Sunset Chapter No. 95 and Aurora No. 46. I was present with Sister Jacquie at their consolidation meetings and recorded the necessary minutes and subsequently the consolidations themselves. Sadly, I was also in attendance at the meeting where Bow Valley Chapter No. 5, surrendered their Charter.

My office issued on behalf of Sister Jacquie some nineteen dispensations. I attended seven Official Visits and the Homecoming and one Honor Night. It has been a challenging and yet at the same time a happy year, and I am looking forward to continuing the adventure with the next Grand Family.

Membership

Membership last report 2022		1213
Affiliated	71	
Initiated	21	
Re-instated	03	
	+95	1308
Demitted	144	
Suspended	23	
Died	49	
	-216	
		1092

Recapitulation as of December 31, 2023

Chapter	No	31/12/22	Int	Aff	ReIn	Dmt	Sus	Died	31/12/23	PI
Mountain View	1	52	1	0	0	2	4	3	44	12
Venus	2	69	1	0	0	1	1	3	65	6
Alexandra	4	52	0	0	0	1	0	3	48	4
Bow Valley	5	40	0	0	0	40*	0	0	0	0
Maple Leaf**	7	57	7	49	0	8	1	6	93	9
Edmonton	19	72	0	1	0	4	2	4	63	0
Castlevew	21	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	10
Queen Esther	22	32	0	0	0	2	0	0	30	6
Edith Cavell	25	116	1	0	2	1	2	2	114	22
St. Hilda	27	40	1	1	1	1	3	2	37	5
Innisfail	37	23	0	4	0	0	0	0	27	6
Allenby	38	101	6	0	0	1	0	3	103	5
Laurel	43	47	0	0	0	47	0	0	0	0
Aurora	46	22	0	0	0	22	0	0	0	0
Forestburg	54	53	0	0	0	2	0	2	49	1
Murray	58	34	0	0	0	1	0	1	32	3
Zenith	85	46	0	0	0	1	0	1	44	1
Sunset	95	17	1	20	0	0	2	4	32	4
Serenity	113	39	0	0	0	2	0	3	34	0
Majestic	126	38	1	0	0	0	0	2	37	1
Primrose	127	25	1	0	0	0	0	1	25	0
Chinook	133	63	1	1	0	2	3	2	58	11
Pioneer	135	75	0	0	0	2	0	3	70	10
Fort McMurray	137	24	0	0	0	2	0	0	22	1
Elizabeth Trapp	138	45	0	0	0	2	0	1	42	0
Total		1213	211	711	3	14	23	49	1092	105

I move my report as printed in the Officers and Committees Report Book with that exception.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

Thank you, Grand Secretary, we accept your report.

Brother Tim before you get comfortable are you presenting the finance report or is Brother Hector?

Tim Cameron, PGP

We will do it together.

Jacque Charlton, WGM

So, I would like to call on Brother Tim Cameron the Chair of Finance Committee and Brother Hector van Vierssen Trip to come forward for your Finance Committee Report.

Tim Cameron, PGP

Morning Sisters and Brothers. We'll just get Brother Hector up here, because quite honestly, he is really the genius behind all of the Committee. I am sure that he has some supplementals that he wants to add, everything is printed in the books starting at 13, 14A and B, plus a bunch more.

Hector van Vierssen Trip, PGP

"Excuse the voice." I am getting over a cold but for the finance report it's printed in the Officer and Committee Reports which you all received in your registration packets, rather than bore you with reading the whole report. I would like to just highlight a few items in it. The expenditures and income are close to balanced in the General Account, in large part due to the excellent work of the Expense Review Committee, with a little help on the income side from increases in interest and dividend rates. There will be no need to increase the per capita fee of ten dollars per member. Our market value in equities at the end of 2023 was \$119,00.00 more than the original investments. Total assets held in cash and GIC's were 53% at the end of 2023, which is comfortably above the minimum 50% mandated in our Constitution. The OES Foundation spent almost forty-three thousand dollars on donations in 2023, plus \$34,500.00 from the Casino Account. Chapter, Vesper and district tea donations totalled over \$12,000.00, and this was augmented by over \$30,000.00 from the investment account. A final comment, eleven of the fifteen equities in our portfolio increased their dividend payouts in 2023 and most have done this consistently over the past ten years. In 2012 the general account investment income was \$9,300.00 and in 2023 it exceeded \$17,000.00. As long our investment continues to increase annually, we will remain solvent regardless of the market value fluctuations in particular year and we should be able to leave the Grand Chapter annual per capita charge unchanged at ten dollars per year.

Finance Report for Yearend 2023

Hector van Vierssen Trip

Financial Statements as of December 31, 2023

There are two tables which supplement this report, which show the status of investments as of yearend 2023 for the General Account and Foundation Account. Also attached are the Profit and Loss statements, the Balance Sheets and the auditor's report.

General Account

Cash on hand was \$6,536 as of Dec 31, 2023.

A \$16,495 GIC bearing 1.00% interest matured during the summer, was topped up to \$16,869 and reinvested at 5.05% interest.

Investment income was \$17,115. This includes \$2,370 which is shown as an increase in capital (+\$1,996 in BNS Inv Svgs + \$374 from the above-mentioned GIC reinvestment) rather than as investment income on the Profit and Loss statement.

Investment income is expected to be \$17,800 in 2023, due to interest and dividend rate increases.

There was a loss of \$3,641 on Grand Session; expenses of \$32,918 versus income of \$29,276, including \$2,300 from Second Hand Rose and Vendors.

Net operating income for the year was a loss of \$798 (after adjusting for the \$2,370 return of capital), so if Grand Session had broken even, we would have shown a slight profit of +\$2,800.

OES Foundation Account

Cash on hand was \$31,993 as of Dec 31, 2023.

A \$40,073 GIC bearing 3.07% interest matured in April 2023; \$10,000 was returned to cash and the remaining \$30,073 was reinvested at 4.47% interest.

Investment income was \$37,634 in 2023 (including \$3,383 in a compound interest GIC which is shown as an increase in capital rather than interest income on the Profit and Loss statement.)

Investment income is expected to be \$38,200 in 2023 due to dividend rate increases.

The Foundation received \$11,700 in donations in 2023 vs \$14,314 in donations in 2022 and over \$20,000 in 2019, the last pre-COVID year.

Net investment income (interest and dividends less management fees and audit expenses) was \$27,126. The OES Foundation spent \$42,900 on donations in 2023 (plus \$34,500 from the casino account), resulting in a net operating loss of \$4,132. In 2022 it was decided to implement a COVID top-up totalling \$20,000 to keep the Foundation's charitable donations in line with prior (pre-COVID) years. It is recommended that the top-up be \$8,000 in both 2023 and 2024 to keep donations in line with the pre-COVID years.

A final comment: Eleven of the fifteen equities in our portfolio increased their dividend payouts in 2023 and most have done this consistently over the past 10 years. In 2012, the General Account investment income was \$9,300 and in 2023 it exceeded \$17,000. As long as our investment income continues to increase annually, we will remain solvent regardless of the market value fluctuations in any particular year. And we should be able to leave the Grand Chapter annual per capita charge unchanged at \$10 per member.

The OES Foundation spent almost \$43,000.00 on donations in 2023 (plus \$34,500 from the casino account).

Sorry are there any questions about this report? Well, no news is good news so, thank you very much.

I move that the Finance Report be adopted as printed and read.

Grand Chapter of Alberta OES

Profit and Loss

January - December 2023

	TOTAL
INCOME	
4000 Dividend Income	11,209.23
4002 Interest - Bow Valley Insurance	266.94
4011 Interest Income	4,838.57
4012 OES Fdn Mgmt Fee	7,200.00
4013 Supply Sales	710.00
4014 Other Investment Income	1,148.02
4050 Other Income	40.00
4100 Per Capita Revenue	12,645.00
General Grand Chapter Revenues	
4301 GGC International Headquarters	195.00
Total General Grand Chapter Revenues	195.00
Grand Session	
4506 Registration	7,230.00
4507 Vendors	600.00
4508 Second Hand Rose	1,700.60
4510 Ticket Sales	19,746.00
Total Grand Session	29,276.60
Total Income	\$67,529.36
GROSS PROFIT	\$67,529.36
EXPENSES	
5000 Bank Charges	119.94
5005 Advertising/Promotions	476.44
5008 Rent - Red Deer Masonic Lodge	450.00
5035 Honorarium Grand Secretary	7,000.00
5036 Honorarium Grand Treasurer	3,500.00
5039 Honorarium W.G.M.	2,875.00
5040 Honorarium W.G.P.	1,725.00
5041 Insurance/Bonding	2,906.00
5045 Office Rent & Property Storage	1,200.00
5046 Office Supplies	2,517.13
5047 Postage & Couriers	1,163.42
5048 Printing - Newsletter, etc	1,523.61
5049 Proceedings	900.75
5051 Professional Fee	3,583.13
5057 WGM Travel Expense	600.00
5089 Constitution	145.00
Chapter Supplies	
5201 Pins	977.00
5205 Past Grand Jewels	1,286.25
5206 Framing Consolidation Certificates	247.80
Total Chapter Supplies	2,511.05

Grand Chapter of Alberta OES

Profit and Loss

January - December 2023

	TOTAL
Committee Expense	
5307 Membership Committee	376.95
5308 Museum Committee	1,000.00
Total Committee Expense	1,376.95
General Grand Chapter Expenses	
6512 GGC Per Capita Dues Expense	3,495.37
6513 GGC Office Supplies	1,243.50
6515 MWGM/MWGP Gift	180.00
6516 MWGM/MWGP Expense	584.63
Total General Grand Chapter Expenses	5,503.50
Grand Session Expense	
7015 50 & 50+ Members	480.00
7016 Decorations	500.00
7017 Delegate Banquet	11,868.99
7018 Distinguished Guests Expense	578.75
7019 Facility	4,002.70
7020 Photographer	1,575.00
7021 Get Acquainted Luncheon	1,445.60
7023 Grand Representatives Luncheon	3,702.30
7024 Meal Tickets	1,682.95
7026 Musical Instrument/Entertainment	174.35
7027 Grand Officers Breakfast	569.45
7028 Pages Breakfast	592.22
7029 PAGO Luncheon	1,898.05
7030 Supplies	322.99
7031 Printing	1,481.08
7034 Secretary/Treasurer Luncheon	626.10
7054 Memorial	150.00
7076 Grand Chapter Paid Hotel Room	1,267.59
Total Grand Session Expense	32,918.12
Total Expenses	\$72,995.04
OTHER EXPENSES	
5080 Unrealized Gains (Losses)	8,214.03
Total Other Expenses	\$8,214.03
PROFIT	\$ -13,679.71

OES Foundation, Grand Chapter of Alberta

Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2023

	TOTAL
Assets	
Current Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalent	
1000 CIBC 3901114	30,758.07
1002 Scotia Mcleod Investments	1,235.90
1003 Casino Account	42,907.85
Total Cash and Cash Equivalent	\$74,901.82
1006 Accrued Interest Receivable	8,744.00
1110 Term Deposit	68,448.00
2100 Deferred Revenue	-42,907.85
Total Current Assets	\$109,185.97
Non-current Assets	
1100 Marketable Securities	361,913.43
2110 Term Deposit - Long Term Investments	344,840.00
	0.00
1050 Market Adjustment on Securities	89,417.57
Total Investments	89,417.57
Total Non Current Assets	\$796,171.00
Total Assets	\$905,356.97
Liabilities and Equity	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable (A/P)	
2000 Accounts Payable	3,500.00
Total Accounts Payable (A/P)	\$3,500.00
Total Current Liabilities	\$3,500.00
Total Liabilities	\$3,500.00
Equity	
3000 Opening Bal Equity	914,529.24
Retained Earnings	0.00
Profit for the year	-12,672.27
Total Equity	\$901,856.97
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$905,356.97

OES Foundation, Grand Chapter of Alberta

Profit and Loss

January - December 2023

	TOTAL
INCOME	
4000 District Teas	2,276.45
4001 Dividend Income	25,278.06
4002 Donations - Chapters	7,850.00
4003 Donations - Other	1,041.95
4004 Donations - ESTARL	150.00
4006 Interest Income - Casino	60.78
4007 Vesper Service	924.10
4100 Casino	36,356.83
4111 Other Investment Income	11,756.65
Total Income	\$85,694.82
GROSS PROFIT	\$85,694.82
EXPENSES	
5000 Bank Charges	56.00
5005 Casino Expense	782.25
5009 Management Fee	7,200.00
5010 Professional Fees	3,583.12
5100 Admin Equipment - Casino purchase	995.37
5305 Office Supplies	83.99
Donations	
5001 Alberta DeMolay Association	500.00
5002 Alzheimer Society	10,912.38
5004 Job's Daughters	500.00
5007 ESTARL Fund	9,903.90
5013 Alberta Caregivers	10,912.38
5016 BC & Alberta Guide Dogs	1,500.00
5019 Alberta Lung Association	8,729.20
Total Donations	42,957.86
Donations - Casino	
5102 Alzheimer Society - Casino	7,625.00
5113 Alberta Caregivers - Casino	7,625.00
5117 Courageous Companions - Casino	7,625.00
5119 Alberta Lung Association - Casino	7,625.00
5123 Food Banks Alberta - Casino	4,000.00
Total Donations - Casino	34,500.00
Total Expenses	\$90,158.99
OTHER INCOME	
5300 Unrealized Gains (Losses)	-8,208.50
Total Other Income	\$ -8,208.50
PROFIT	\$ -12,672.27

2023 OES Foundation net investment income for donations in 2024:				
gross investment income 2023	\$37,034.00			
plus top-up	\$8,000.00			
less audit report	-\$3,307.50			
less IOJD, DeMolay, dogs, WGM project	-\$2,550.00			
less 2020 mgmt fee	-\$7,200.00			
Net investment income:	\$31,976.50			
plus donations (teas + chapters + other)	\$11,168.40			
ESTARL donations (chapters + vesper)	\$1,074.10			
Total for donations	\$43,144.90			
Distribution:				
25%	Alzheimers	\$10,786.23		
25%	Caregivers	\$10,786.23		
20%	Juv Asthma Res	\$8,628.98	Alberta Lung Association	
20%	ESTARL	\$9,703.08	includes \$1,074 vesper and chapter donations	
10%	Re-invest \$	\$4,314.49		

THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ALBERTA, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

Financial Statements

December 31, 2023



INDEPENDENT PRACTITIONER'S REVIEW ENGAGEMENT REPORT

To the Members of The Grand Chapter of Alberta, Order of the Eastern Star

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of The Grand Chapter of Alberta, Order of the Eastern Star (the Organization) that comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2023, and the statements of revenues and expenditures, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations (ASNPO), and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Practitioner's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the accompanying financial statements based on our review. We conducted our review in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements, which require us to comply with relevant ethical requirements.

A review of financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements is a limited assurance engagement. The practitioner performs procedures, primarily consisting of making inquiries of management and others within the entity, as appropriate, and applying analytical procedures, and evaluates the evidence obtained.

The procedures performed in a review are substantially less in extent than, and vary in nature from, those performed in an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

Basis for Qualified Conclusion

In common with many not-for-profit organizations, the Organization derives revenue from fundraising activities, the completeness of which is not susceptible to us obtaining evidence we considered necessary for the purpose of the review. Accordingly, the evidence obtained of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the Organization. Therefore, we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to fundraising revenue, excess of revenues over expenditures, and cash flows from operations for the year ended December 31, 2023, current assets and net assets as at December 31, 2023. Our review conclusion on the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2022 was modified accordingly because of the possible effects of this limitation of scope.

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Independent Practitioner's Review Engagement Report to the Members of The Grand Chapter of Alberta, Order of the Eastern Star *(continued)*

Qualified Conclusion

Based on our review, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the *Basis for Qualified Conclusion* paragraph, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial statements do not present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Grand Chapter of Alberta, Order of the Eastern Star as at December 31, 2023, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations (ASNPO).

Calgary, Alberta
March 21, 2024

LNS Chartered Professional Accountants

THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ALBERTA, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
Statement of Financial Position
December 31, 2023

	2023	2022
ASSETS		
Current		
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 3)	\$ 83,436	\$ 85,599
Term deposits (Note 4)	78,448	56,568
Marketable securities (Note 5)	667,569	684,219
Accounts receivable	486	546
Inventory	11,825	13,151
Interest receivable (Note 6)	10,197	7,188
Prepaid expenses	3,051	3,600
	855,012	850,871
Restricted cash (Note 7)	42,908	79,265
Term deposits (Note 4)	403,709	435,354
	\$ 1,301,629	\$ 1,365,490
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 7,000	\$ 8,152
Deferred income (Note 8)	42,908	79,265
	49,908	87,417
Net assets		
General Fund	349,865	363,544
Foundation Fund	901,856	914,529
	1,251,721	1,278,073
	\$ 1,301,629	\$ 1,365,490

On behalf of the Board

Grand Secretary

Chairman of Finance Committee

See notes to financial statements

THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ALBERTA, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
Year Ended December 31, 2023

	2023	2022
Revenues		
Foundation Fund <i>(Schedule 1)</i>	\$ 77,486	\$ 33,794
General Fund <i>(Schedule 2)</i>	59,049	40,530
	<u>136,535</u>	<u>74,324</u>
Expenses		
Foundation Fund <i>(Schedule 1)</i>	90,159	83,504
General Fund <i>(Schedule 2)</i>	72,728	70,824
	<u>162,887</u>	<u>154,328</u>
Deficiency of revenues over expenditures	<u>\$ (26,352)</u>	<u>\$ (80,004)</u>

See notes to financial statements

THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ALBERTA, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
Statement of Changes in Net Assets
Year Ended December 31, 2023

	General Fund	Foundation Fund	2023	2022
Net assets - beginning of year	\$ 363,544	\$ 914,529	\$ 1,278,073	\$ 1,358,077
Deficiency of revenues over expenditures (Note 12)	(13,679)	(12,673)	(26,352)	(80,004)
Net assets - end of year	\$ 349,865	\$ 901,856	\$ 1,251,721	\$ 1,278,073

See notes to financial statements

THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ALBERTA, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

Statement of Cash Flows

Year Ended December 31, 2023

	2023	2022
Operating activities		
Cash receipts from members and donors	\$ 59,360	\$ 63,842
Cash paid for General and Foundation expenses	(162,162)	(153,150)
Interest and other income received	17,804	10,729
Casino income	-	79,127
Dividend income	36,487	35,415
	<u>(48,511)</u>	<u>35,963</u>
Cash flow from (used by) operating activities		
Investing activity		
Net sale of term deposits and marketable securities	9,991	51,791
Net change in cash and cash equivalents during the year	(38,520)	87,754
Cash and cash equivalents - beginning of year	164,864	77,110
Cash and cash equivalents - end of year	\$ 126,344	\$ 164,864
Cash and cash equivalents consist of:		
Cash and cash equivalents <i>(Note 3)</i>	\$ 83,436	\$ 85,599
Restricted cash <i>(Note 7)</i>	42,908	79,265
	<u>\$ 126,344</u>	<u>\$ 164,864</u>

See notes to financial statements

THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ALBERTA, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR**Notes to Financial Statements****Year Ended December 31, 2023**

1. NATURE OF OPERATIONS

The Grand Chapter of Alberta, Order of the Eastern Star (the "Organization") is a non-profit organization incorporated under the Alberta legislation (Chapter 99) on May 10, 1973. Its purpose is to grant financial support to charitable organizations. The Organization is exempt from income tax under 149(1)(l) of the Income Tax Act.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIESBasis of presentation

The financial statements were prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations. The financial statements have, in managements opinion, been properly prepared within reasonable limits of materiality and within the framework of the significant accounting policies summarized below:

Revenue recognition

The Grand Chapter of Alberta, Order of the Eastern Star follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions.

Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured. Endowment contributions are recognized as a direct increase in net assets.

Restricted investment income is recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted investment income is recognized as revenue when earned.

Fees and dues are recognized as revenue when the corresponding event is held.

Casino funds are recognized as deferred revenue when received as the amounts are not easily measured and the timing of collection is uncertain. The funds are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred.

Fund accounting**(i) General Fund**

The purpose of the general fund is to record the ongoing administrative and operating expenses of the Organization.

(ii) Foundation Fund

The purpose of the foundation fund is to record the donations to various charitable causes which the Organization wishes to support, and the corresponding administrative costs associated with carrying on this activity.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)Cash and cash equivalents

Cash consists of cash on hand and bank deposits. Highly liquid investments with maturities of one year or less at date of purchase are considered to be cash equivalents. Because of the short-term maturity of these investments, their carrying amount approximates their fair value.

Bank balances that the Organization can not use for operating purposes as they are externally restricted in use are excluded from cash and cash equivalents.

Donated services and materials

The operations of the Organization depend on both the contribution of time by volunteers and donated materials from various sources. The fair value of donated materials and services cannot be reasonably determined and are therefore not reflected in these financial statements.

Financial instruments

Measurement of financial instruments - The entity initially measures its financial assets and liabilities at fair value, except for certain non-arm's length transactions. The entity subsequently measures all its financial assets and financial liabilities at amortized cost, except for investments in equity instruments that are quoted in an active market, which are measured in fair value. Changes in fair value are recognized in net income. Financial assets measured at amortized cost include cash, accounts receivable and term deposits. Financial liabilities measured at amortized cost include accounts payable and accrued liabilities and deferred income.

Impairment - Financial assets measured at cost are tested for impairment only when there are events or indicators of impairment. The amount of the write-down is recognized in net income. Any previously recognized impairment loss may be reversed to the extent of the improvement, provided it is no greater than the original impairment provision. The amount of the reversal is recognized in net income.

Transaction costs - The entity recognizes its transaction costs on the acquisition, sale or issue of financial instruments in net income in the period incurred. However, financial instruments that will not be subsequently measured at fair value are adjusted by the transaction costs that are directly attributable to their origin.

Investments and other non-cash assets

Investments consist of marketable securities and term deposits with original maturities of over one year.

Marketable securities consist of publicly traded securities. Investments for which there are quoted prices in an active market are carried at fair value. Unrealized gains or losses are reported as part of net income. Investments for which there is not an active market are carried at amortized cost except when it is established that their value is impaired. Impairment losses, or reversal of previously recognized impairment losses, are reported as part of net income.

Term deposits consist of Guaranteed Income Certificates (GIC's) and are valued at cost plus accrued interest.

All gains and losses from the sale, collection, or other disposition of investments and other non-cash assets are accounted for in the fund that owned the assets.

Ordinary income from investments, receivables, and similar assets is accounted for in the fund owing the assets, with the exception of income derived from investment of endowment funds. Unrestricted endowment fund investments are accounted for as revenue of the operation fund, or, if they are restricted, as deferred amounts until the terms of the restriction have been met.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Measurement uncertainty

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the period. Such estimates include accounts payable accruals, interest receivable and the valuation of contributed goods and services. Estimates are periodically reviewed and any adjustments necessary are reported in earnings in the period in which they become known. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

Inventory

Inventory is valued at the lower of cost and estimated net realizable value with the cost being determined on a specific identification basis. Net realizable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business less the estimated costs necessary to make the sale.

3. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2023	2022
Foundation Fund	\$ 31,994	\$ 29,433
General Fund	51,442	56,166
	<u>\$ 83,436</u>	<u>\$ 85,599</u>

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4. TERM DEPOSITS

Short-term investments consist of various GIC's maturing in 2024 and bearing interest at 2.52% to 4.5% per annum (2022 - bearing interest at 1.00% to 3.07% per annum).

Long-term GIC's with a maturity date of over one year from the year-end date were reclassified to a separate account for presentation purposes.

	2023	2022
<u>Term deposits - short-term</u>		
Foundation Fund	\$ 68,448	\$ 40,073
General Fund	10,000	16,495
	<u>78,448</u>	<u>56,568</u>
Long-term investments consist of various GIC's maturing from 2025 to 2028 and bearing interest at 1.50% to 4.71% per annum.		
<u>Term deposits - long-term</u>		
Foundation Fund	344,840	383,354
General Fund	58,869	52,000
	<u>403,709</u>	<u>435,354</u>
Grand total	<u>\$ 482,157</u>	<u>\$ 491,922</u>

5. MARKETABLE SECURITIES

	2023	2022
<u>Foundation Fund</u>		
Marketable securities - cost	\$ 361,913	\$ 361,519
Unrealized gain	89,418	97,626
	<u>451,331</u>	<u>459,145</u>
<u>General Fund</u>		
Marketable securities - cost	186,102	186,350
Unrealized gain	30,136	38,724
	<u>216,238</u>	<u>225,074</u>
	<u>\$ 667,569</u>	<u>\$ 684,219</u>

6. INTEREST RECEIVABLE

	2023	2022
Foundation Fund	\$ 8,744	\$ 6,024
General Fund	1,453	1,164
	<u>\$ 10,197</u>	<u>\$ 7,188</u>

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7. RESTRICTED CASH

This amount represents funds that are externally regulated by Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis (AGLC) and cannot be used for general operating purposes of the Organization.

8. DEFERRED INCOME

Deferred income relates to contributions for specific purposes as described. As such, these are treated as deferred income, with the revenue being recognized when the applicable expenses are incurred.

	2023	2022
Casino - externally restricted by AGLC	\$ 42,908	\$ 79,265

9. DONATION REVENUE - FOUNDATION FUND

	2023	2022
Chapter donations	\$ 7,850	\$ 11,340
District Teas	2,276	1,800
Other	1,043	-
Vesper Service	924	500
ESTARL donations	150	674
	\$ 12,243	\$ 14,314

10. DONATIONS - GENERAL FUND

	2023	2022
Other	\$ -	\$ 550

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11. DONATIONS - FOUNDATION FUND

	2023	2022
Alberta Caregivers	\$ 10,912	\$ 11,281
Alzheimer Society	10,912	11,281
ESTARL Fund	9,905	10,800
Alberta Lung Association	8,729	-
Alzheimer Society - Casino	7,625	5,000
Alberta Caregivers - Casino	7,625	5,000
Courageous Companions - Casino	7,625	3,900
Alberta Lung Association - Casino	7,625	-
Food Banks Alberta - Casino	4,000	-
BC & Alberta Guide Dogs	1,500	1,500
Job's Daughters	500	500
Alberta DeMolay Association	500	500
Juvenile Diabetes - Casino	-	5,000
CASS - Casino	-	1,091
Courageous Companions	-	49
Juvenile Diabetes	-	9,025
We Can Help Program	-	3,911
BC & Alberta Guide Dogs - Casino	-	3,900
	<u>\$ 77,458</u>	<u>\$ 72,738</u>

12. STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

During the year, the Board approved a transfer of \$7,200 (2022 - \$7,200) from the Foundation Fund to the General Fund. The balance is included as office management revenue in the General Fund and management fee expense in the Foundation Fund.

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13. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the year, \$15,100 (2022 - \$16,320) in honorariums was paid to various Grand Chapter Officers as described.

	2023	2022
Grand Secretary	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,780
Worthy Grand Matron	2,875	3,125
Grand Treasurer	3,500	3,540
Worthy Grand Patron	1,725	1,875
	<u>\$ 15,100</u>	<u>\$ 16,320</u>

During the year, \$nil (2022 - \$1,800) of office rental expense was paid to a Grand Chapter Officer.

During the year, \$1,200 (2022 - \$1,200) of storage rental expense was paid to Triple A Developments Ltd, an organization with a board member that is a Grand Chapter Officer.

These transactions are in the normal course of operations and are measured at the exchange amount, which is the amount of consideration established and agreed to by the related parties.

14. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Organization is exposed to various risks through its financial instruments and has a comprehensive risk management framework to monitor, evaluate and manage these risks. The following analysis provides information about the Organization's risk exposure and concentration as of December 31, 2023.

(a) Credit risk

Credit risk arises from the potential that a counter party will fail to perform its obligations. The Organization is exposed to credit risk with respect to it's accounts receivable. The accounts receivable are due from reputable members and are subject to normal credit risk. The Organization has a significant number of members which minimizes concentration of credit risk, and therefore the Organization is not exposed to significant credit risk.

(b) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that an entity will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities. The Organization is exposed to this risk mainly in respect of its accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

(c) Currency risk

Currency risk is the risk to the Organization's earnings that arise from fluctuations of foreign exchange rates and the degree of volatility of these rates. The Organization is not exposed to significant foreign currency risk from these financial instruments.

(d) Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument might be adversely affected by a change in the interest rates. The Organization is not exposed to significant interest rate risk.

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14. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS *(continued)****(e) Other price risk***

Other price risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk), whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual financial instrument or its issuer, or factors affecting all similar financial instruments traded in the market. The Organization is exposed to other price risk through its investment in quoted shares.

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Foundation Fund

(Schedule 1)

Year Ended December 31, 2023

	2023	2022
Revenues		
Casino	\$ 36,357	\$ 27,840
Dividend Income	25,278	23,105
Donations (Note 9)	12,243	14,314
Interest income	11,817	9,425
Realized gain on disposal of marketable securities	-	311
Unrealized loss on marketable securities	(8,209)	(41,201)
	<u>77,486</u>	<u>33,794</u>
Expenses		
Donations (Note 11)	77,458	72,738
Management fees (Note 12)	7,200	7,200
Professional fees	3,583	3,500
Office	1,862	-
Bank charges	56	66
	<u>90,159</u>	<u>83,504</u>
Deficiency of revenues over expenditures	<u>\$ (12,673)</u>	<u>\$ (49,710)</u>

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General Fund

(Schedule 2)

Year Ended December 31, 2023

	2023	2022
Revenues		
Realized gain on disposal of marketable securities	\$ -	\$ 26,928
Grand session	29,512	24,715
Per capita dues	12,645	13,240
Dividends	11,209	12,310
Office management (<i>Note 12</i>)	7,200	7,200
Hands Across the Border	-	6,496
Interest income	5,987	1,304
Supplies and miscellaneous	710	-
Unrealized loss on marketable securities	(8,214)	(51,663)
	<u>59,049</u>	<u>40,530</u>
Expenses		
Grand session	32,918	21,318
Honoraria (<i>Note 13</i>)	15,100	16,320
Supplies	9,104	3,933
General grand chapter, per capita dues	4,260	3,727
Professional fees	3,583	3,500
Insurance and bonding	2,639	2,742
Committee expense, rent and maintenance (<i>Note 13</i>)	1,450	600
Office storage and rent (<i>Note 13</i>)	1,200	3,000
Proceedings	901	1,675
WGM travel	600	600
Casino expenses	476	-
Committee expense, other	377	366
Interest and bank charges	120	299
Donations (<i>Note 10</i>)	-	550
Hands Across the Border	-	12,194
	<u>72,728</u>	<u>70,824</u>
Deficiency of revenues over expenditures	<u>\$ (13,679)</u>	<u>\$ (30,294)</u>

See notes to financial statements

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

Thank you, Brother Tim and Brother Hector. This committee works really, really hard to keep our finances in check and believe you me they keep it in check as they ask lots of questions. We accept your report as printed.

I am now going to ask Sister Joan Ainsworth to come forward and share with us some stories about Sister Donna-Lynn Guynup with us.

Joan Ainsworth, PM

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, I would like to tell you a little about Sister Donna-Lynn Guynup. She is noted for having trivia games in our meetings, and anyone who was at the Grand Representative Luncheon yesterday knows that. She usually has a butterfly on her shoulder and the more glitz the better. As soon as she walks into the room everybody looks to see what shoes she has on, not as much anymore but she did. At an official visit when Sister Donna-Lynn was visiting the chapter, she was asked to fill in as the Conductress at the last minute and with the shoes that she had on there was no way she could do the labyrinth. She had very high heels and so traded shoes with the Worthy Grand Matron and carried on. She is always willing to fill in anywhere and do whatever is asked of her. Thank you.

Donna-Lynn Guynup, General Grand Chapter Committee Co-Chair - Youth

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers good morning.

As the Canadian Chairman of Youth, of course our direction is to try and get our youth involved with us. I am definitely encouraged at looking around and seeing some newly younger members serving and attending this Grand Chapter. However, we still outnumber them, so we need to do a little bit better, and I think that we have an obligation to this Order to try and continue to this Order.

Now, I am going to ask you a question, and Brother Kent the Grand Marshall can't answer it! Who won the Stanley Cup five years ago?

Wow okay, well somebody knew the answer. Raise your hand if you can remember the name of a teacher who helped you, that person who was an influencer, and we need to be better influencers! Whether you are going to a school or a youth center or you are attending your grandson or granddaughters' hockey game or ballet recital. We need to be better influencers so that they remember who you are and maybe we can get them involved with us, it really doesn't matter what you do, whether it's teaching them cross-stitch, crochet, or how to change your oil or how to defend yourself. They will remember you and in turn they will help us become a better and stronger organization. When they have a positive influence in their lives, they show/we show them that we have value and make our communities stronger and our organization stronger and maybe we can get them as members one day. I have always been a proud proud member of Mountain View No. 1, a hundred and eighteen years young, oldest chapter in Canada, and although we struggle at times, we always try to do things. Trying to rebuild our bond with our Masons. Our youth is the future of our organization, and we must continue encouragement with them. This should be our focus.

It has been an honor to serve this Grand Jurisdiction, this Grand Chapter and my Chapter. I travelled to New York, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, B.C. and the Yukon and next month Montana. It has been an absolute pleasure, thank you very much.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

Thank you, Sister Donna-Lynn.

Now, I would like to request Sister Laurinda Parkinson to come forward and give us a little bit of history on Sister Donna Richard.

Sister Laurinda Parkinson, PM

I first met Donna when I came to Red Deer, looking for a job and I found one at a hearing aid office. Donna had just left that position and I took it, and I didn't know that I was going to be her Sister eventually.

Sister Donna Richard was initiated into Harmony Chapter No. 25 in Stellarton, Nova Scotia, on November 12, 1970, one month before her nineteenth birthday, at their Official Visit. Her Father was then Worthy Patron and her Mother was Adah. Both her Mother and Father held the offices of Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron respectively in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. She affiliated with Venus Chapter No. 2 in Red Deer on February 13, 1984, and held dual membership until May 2018 when Harmony Chapter surrendered their charter.

Sister Donna has held many Star Point positions as well as the position of Secretary in Venus Chapter No. 2. She became Worthy Matron in 1990 with Brother Mal Hough, and in 1994 with Brother P.A. (Bud) Lund.

From 1996 to 1997 Sister Donna was Grand Representative of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in Alberta and was able to attend both their Grand Sessions. In 2000 Sister Donna again assumed the position of Worthy Matron with Worthy Patron Terry Skelton and in 2009 with Worthy Patron Brother Josef Stalter.

In 2010 Sister Donna was elected to the Board of General Purposes for a three-year term. She served only one though, as she became Associate Grand Conductress in 2011, Grand Conductress in 2012 and Associate Grand Matron in 2013. In 2014 Sister Donna was installed as Worthy Grand Matron and presided over the 103rd Grand Session in 2015 – “Sharing a Moment in Time” in the Grand Chapter with Brother Paul Febrey. Sister Donna's Past Grand Matrons pin was created using a combination of her Mothers and Fathers Past Grand Matron and Patron Pins.

On November 11, 2021, Sister Donna was installed, via Zoom, to the position of General Grand Chapter Committee Member – Credentials. A position she has held for the last three years.

I am really pleased to know that she is my Sister.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

Thank you, Sister Laurinda.

Sister Donna, do you have a report at this time.

Donna Richard, General Grand Chapter Committee Member – Credentials

Sure, I am back hopefully for the last time. Actually, I do not have a report at this time. A couple of comments, I have to make though, number one sorry that I neglected to thank the members that were going to supplement the Scrutineers Committee for their hard work! I am the only Canadian on the Credentials Committee and I am hoping very much

that I am able to get to General Grand Chapter. At this point I am not sure if I can or not, but I say some prayers that I can get there, thank you. The Chairman has asked the Committee Members, but so far as I know there are about twenty Alberta members going to General Grand Chapter. If any of them have some time and I can forward their names to the Chairman of the Committee because there are only like six of us on the Committee and that's not going to be enough. So, if you are going and can spare some time for the Credential Committee that would be wonderful, the flip side one year I forgot my credentials at home and I think that it was Sister Pat Senetza that vouched for me as she was on the desk at the time. As you know, I have nothing to report because we have not done any work yet. I will give a report after General Grand Chapter, if I am able to attend. Thank you.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

Thank you, Sister Donna.

I just want to point out that if anyone that is deciding to go to General Grand Chapter and needs credentials. Please see our Grand Secretary as she has them with her, you can pick them up, but do not lose them and be sure to take them to General Grand.

As this is the last Grand Chapter that these five wonderful Alberta members will be serving as General Grand Chapter Committee Members. I have the honor of presenting them with a little token of appreciation from the Grand Chapter of Alberta. So, one at a time I would like to present these, Sister Helen Bilou, Sister Donna Richard, Sister Donna-Lynn Guynup, Brother Richard Ashby. I also have one for Brother Dan and I will make sure that Sister Deanna gets it, to take it home. These are just a little token that I hope you will enjoy, to commemorate your three-year commitment to our General Grand Chapter and a little donation that you can make to a charity of your choice. The Grand Treasurer asks, that you let her know, when you have cashed those cheques. Again, thank you very much and we are going to continue on with the rest of our reports.

Sister Lorna, can I have you approach the East to give the supplementary and the OES Foundation Report.

Lorna Richmond, PGM

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. My initial report is in the book, and I move that it be accepted as printed.

OES FOUNDATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Lorna Richmond PGM

The Foundation Committee has been busy this year finding out how the membership feels about how our monies are given to the various charities.

The committee sent out a questionnaire to all the Chapters and the result of the questionnaire's received back was that the membership is happy with how and what charities receive the donations.

In November Worthy Grand Matron Jacquie Charlton, Worthy Grand Patron Wayne Rinke, Tim Cameron PGP, Maybeth Drozd PGM, Mildred Rinke, PGM and myself were delighted to attend the National Philanthropic Day in Edmonton to receive A Philanthropic Health award on behalf of the Alberta Order of the Eastern Star. We were nominated by Alzheimer's Society of Alberta and the Northwest Territories.

It was at this award ceremony that we discovered that Calgary area was not part of the Alberta and Northwest Territories.

With this knowledge the committee had a discussion, and it was decided that the following recommendation be made:

That the 25% that is donated to Alzheimer's research should be split, 1/3 going to the Calgary area and 2/3 going to Northwest Territories.

The rationale for this is that we have a lot of members in the Calgary area, and it has about 1/3 of the population.

The committee would like to thank the members for your donations and the Finance Committee for their hard work making sure we can make generous donations.

Alzheimer's	\$10,786.23
Caregivers	\$10,786.23
Juvenile Asthma Research	\$ 8,628.98
ESTARL	\$ 9,703.08

This is my last report as chairperson for the Foundation and I would like to thank the members of the committee for their hard work.

We do have a supplementary report because the Foundation and the Finance Committee have had a meeting.

Both the Finance and the OES Foundation Committee had a joint meeting to discuss the best ways to move forward with the Foundation monies.

Our reports have to be in the Grand Chapter at the beginning of March and as we didn't have our joint meeting until the beginning of April, we thought we should report on our discussions.

The Foundation heard clearly from the membership that they were happy with where the donations are going and what we are doing and how we are investing the money. However there are a few members who think that we should be doing things differently, but the majority rules and that is the way we have to go.

After thorough discussion it was decided that we should put forth to the membership the following recommendations.

1. That all Chapter donations be exempt from the reinvestment and that only ten (10) percent of the Investments be reinvested.
2. That we move away from using the term OES Foundation Teas and instead use the term OES Foundation FUNraiser.
3. Chapters can decide how they would like to donate to the Foundation as many make donations to the Worthy Grand Patron when he is at the Official Visits of the Chapters.

That is our supplementary report, are there any questions?

Okay, we're good.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

The Grand Chapter of Alberta accepts the supplementary and printed report.

Appeals and Grievances, Sister Beth Tripp do you have any more to report?

APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES – CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

We had a fairly quiet year. I did talk to members of Bow Valley No. 5 to see if there was anything anyone could do to help them stay open. I then attended their final meeting and collected their charter which will be going into properties. The secret work was given to the Grand Secretary.

Beth Tripp, PGM

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

That is accepted as printed in your Officers and Committees Report Book.

Casino Committee – Sister Mary Lynn Smith.

Casino Committee

President - Pam Kwasnycia, Casino Chairperson - Lisbeth Booth,
Raffle Chairperson - Helen Bilou, Secretary/Treasurer: Mary Lynn Smith

Our last Casino Report to the Board of General Purposes was in March 2023. This report will bring us up to September 30, 2023.

Just a reminder to all that requests for expenditures from the Casino Account should come to the Casino Committee.

Respectfully Submitted.

Mary Lynn Smith

Secretary/Treasurer - Casino Committee

Balance in Bank February 28, 2023: \$79,272.70

Next Casino Expenses: \$ 3,000.00
\$76,272.70

Divide in Half: \$38,136.35

20% Admin: \$ 7,627.27 (6,627.27) *

* (set aside \$1,000.00 from Admin fees for Friday night session what isn't used will be put back into Admin)

Cheques that were written since last report:

Donations:

Alzheimer's: \$ 7,625.00

Caregivers:	\$ 7,625.00
Juvenile Asthma Research	\$ 7,625.00
Courageous Companions:	\$ 7,625.00
Alberta Food Bank	\$ 4,000.00 for those displaced by forest fires in Alberta.
Total Donations:	\$34,500.00

Deposit: \$644.00
BC&Alberta Guide Dogs \$644.00 from a Raffle at Grand Chapter was deposited and paid out.

\$44,772.70

Admin

Grand Secretary \$995.37 two monitors and a new printer

\$43,777.33

Interest \$36.82 March 1, to September 30, 2023

\$43,814.15

Service Charge \$36.00 March 1, to September 30, 2023

\$43,778.15 Bank Balance as of September 29, 2023

This leaves:

\$3,000.00 for next Casino expenses

\$40,778.15

5631.90 for Admin minus \$1000.00 For Friday night session **\$4,631.90**

\$35,146.25 for donations

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

We accept that as printed in the Officers and Committee Book, there is no further information.

Constitution – Sister Janet Wilkinson, is she in the room?

Unidentified speaker

I think that she is out.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

Okay we will come back later to her then.

ESTARL report, Sister Donna Richard.

ESTARL COMMITTEE

No written report was received.

Donna Richard, PGM

Nothing, just what I said last night.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

We accept the report.

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

Sisters Bonnie Nelson, GC and Donna Kramer AGC

Jurisdiction	Dates	Session Title	Location
Alabama	TBA		
Arizona	Aug 3-5		Scottsdale, AZ.
Arkansas	Dec 4-6	2024 Annual Session	Wyndham Riverfront Hotel, Little Rock, AK.
Australia		2024 19th Biennial Session	Queensland
Bolivia	TBA		
BC & Yukon	June 3-5	True, Patriot, Love	Oliver BC
California	Oct 16-19	2024 Annual Session	Visalia Convention Center, Visalia, CA.
Colorado	Sept 19-21	2024 Annual Session	TBA
Connecticut	Apr 25-27	Leave a Legacy of Kindness	Southbury, Connecticut
Delaware	May 12-14	2024 Annual Session	Rehoboth Beach, CA
District of Columbia	May 2-4	2024 Annual Session	Fairview Park Marriot, Falls Church VA.
Florida	April 9-11	A Song in Your Heart	St Augustine, FL
Georgia	June 13-16	Come Fly with Us	Columbus Trade Centre, Columbus, OH
Idaho	June 8-11	Journey with the Angels	Best Western Plus, Burley, ID.
Illinois	Sept28-Oct 2	Soaring of Angels	Wyndham Springfield City Centre, Springfield IL.
Indiana	June 7-9	Faith Moves Mountains	Springfield, Illinois
Iowa	Nov 7-10	Life is a Journey	Des Moines, Idaho
Italy	TBA		

Kansas	April 25-27	In God we Trust	Topeka, Kansas
Kentucky	Sept 5-8	Count your Blessings	Louisville, Kentucky
Louisiana	March 25-27	Love, Loyalty, Friendship	Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Maine	May 15-19	2024 Annual Session	Banger, Maine
Manitoba	May 26-29	Rainbow Dream and Dragonfly Wishes	Winnipeg, Manitoba
Maryland	April 28-May1	Session of Happiness	Ocean City, MD
Massachusetts	May 16-18	Wings of Blessings	Boxborough Regency, Boxborough, MA.
Michigan	Oct. 1/24	2024 Annual Session	TBA
Minnesota	May 2-4	Roses of Love and Friendship	St Cloud, MN
Mississippi	April 13-17	Highways to Friendship	Hattiesburg, Mississippi
Missouri	TBA	2024 Annual Session	
Montana	July 17-20	Starlight over the Waters	Butte, Montana
Nebraska	May 1/25	TBA	TBA
Nevada	Oct 5-9	Live in Harmony, We are all Family	Las Vegas, Nevada
New Brunswick	July 11-13	Living in the Light	Fredericton Inn, Fredericton NB.
New Hampshire	Aug 16-17	Navigating the Magic of Eastern Star	Concord, NH
New Mexico	Oct 16-19	Reflections of Life	Las Cruces, NM
North Carolina	June 8-12	What a Wonderful World	Durham, NC
North Dakota	June 5-8	Adventure Awaits	Fargo, ND
Nova Scotia & PEI	July 8-10	Legacy of Kindness	Turo, NS

Ohio	Sept 26-29	Strike a Chord	Cincinnati, OH
Oklahoma	Oct. 1/24	TBA	TBA
Ontario	Aug, 2024	TBA	TBA
Oregon	June 16-19	Getting Back to our Roots	Pendleton, OR
Pennsylvania	June 24-26	Strength for Today, Bright Hope for Tomorrow	Erie, PA
Puerto Rico	under General Grand - no grand Chapter Session		
Rhode Island	Oct, 2024	TBA	TBA
Soa Paulo			
Saskatchewan	April 25-27	2024 Annual Session	Saskatoon, Sask
South Carolina	June 17-19	Circle of Love, Friendship and Unity	Greenville, SC
South Dakota	Oct 3-5	The Wonder of God's Hand	Pierre, SD
Tennessee	Apr, 2025	TBA	TBA
Texas	Aug 6-9	2024 Annual Session	Waco, Texas
Utah	Oct 10-12	Guiding Star Celebration	Salt Lake Masonic Temple, Salt Lake, UT.
Vermont	June 5-7	Live, Laugh, Love	Essex, Vermont
Virginia	May, 2024	2024 Annual Session	TBA
Washington	June 24-28	Wild and Wonderful	Wenatchee, WA.
	Oct 3-5	Bridges of Blessings	TBA
West Virginia			
Wisconsin	May 9-22, 2025	Trust in the Lord	Stevens Point, WI
Wyoming	Aug 7-10	All Things Bright and Beautiful	Casper, WY

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

Nothing more than what is printed. We will accept the report as printed.

Hands Across the Border – Sister Donna Kramer do you have a report?

Donna Kramer, AGC

Worthy Grand Matron, thank you, I wasn't aware that I should have had a written report for the book. I will say as you did that, we had twelve people in Idaho, it was hosted by Montana. Next year it will be in British Columbia, probably in southern BC they tell me. We all had a great time, it is a long way to go for dinner, but they drag you to Hobby Lobby and you know, places like that, Joanne's Fabrics. It was a really good time, and I would encourage you all especially as it is in B.C. next year and in Canadian dollars to go.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

Thank you, Sister Donna.

Historians Report – Sister Yvonne Roberts. Is she here right now?

Instruction – Sister Donna-Lynn Guynup.

Instruction Committee**Donna-Lynn Guynup, GGCCM**

The reports have to be done before we had our instruction, but we did have our instruction meeting with the Worthy Grand Matron, the Associate Grand Matron, the Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress. The meeting was very fruitful and very informative, so they have all been instructed.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

Thank you, Sister Donna Lynn, we accept the report.

Supplementary Jurisprudence Report – Sister Mary Westcott.

Jurisprudence Committee**Mary Wescott, PGM**

The purpose of the Jurisprudence Committee is to deal with all questions and legal aspects in the operation of the Grand Chapter of Alberta that are referred to by the Worthy Grand Matron.

The function of the Jurisprudence Committee will be to: Assist the Worthy Grand Matron, when necessary and at her request, with questions pertaining to the Ritual, Constitution, Rules and Regulations and any related matters. Be aware that all questions are to be directed to the Worthy Grand Matron who in turn will refer them to the Jurisprudence Committee if, as or when necessary. The Jurisprudence Committee may draw on the expertise's of others/committees before answering or making recommendations to the Worthy Grand Matron. Under no circumstances should questions or requests for advice on these matters be directed to another member prior to referring to the Worthy Grand Matron, who will then refer to the Jurisprudence Committee.

Question: When the AM proves the chapter with members on demit present - does she vouch for one member (as long as all members on demit are from the same closed chapter) and then that member would vouch for the rest of the demitted members?

Answer: Yes, The AM may vouch for one who can vouch for the others.

Question: Once a chapter has voted to accept the generic/standard; do they need the approval of the Worthy Grand Matron?

Answer: Review and approval is only required for changes to non- generic bylaws. Constitution Page 35 Section Bylaws: *"a) Every Chapter has the inherent right to make its own bylaws, providing they do not conflict with the Constitution, Rules, and Regulations of the Grand Chapter. All such bylaws must have the approval of the Worthy Grand Matron."*

Question: Pertaining to whether we should be giving **Grand Honors** to those (Past Grands) who remain on the sidelines during introductions.

Answer:

Our Constitution says: *"Introductions are performed as usual. Grand Honors may be given to those entitled to receive them. (Ritual, page 97)"*

→ *Ritual Page 97: "Grand Honors may be given to those entitled to receive them".*
Red Book refers to ritual Page 17

Grand Honors are given to all those who are entitled to be escorted through the Labyrinth to the East. There are times when we do not bring Past Grands to the Altar, through the Labyrinth, to the East- especially if she or he has mobility problems. Just because they are introduced from the sidelines does not cancel their entitlement to be in the East and therefore they should still receive Grand Honors. We hope that we would not discriminate against our Sisters & Brothers that have serviced us and are entitled to receive Grand Honors; just because of their health and/or mobility issues. However, whenever possible; those 'who are able' and/or taking offices should still be escorted through the labyrinth, escorted to the East and given Grand Honors.

Mary Wescott PGM (Chair), Marjorie Neely PGM (Vice-Chair), Gwen Leighton PGM, Beth Tripp PGM, Mildred Rinke PGM

Mary Wescott, PGM

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

My report is on pages 18 and 19 in the book and it is a very short supplementary report. Our Committee met and reviewed the supplementary report of our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. I would like to take a moment to acknowledge the lovely ladies that have served on this Committee, that would be Sister Marj Neely, PGM as Vice Chair, Sister Gwen Leighton, PGM, Sister Beth Trip, PGM and Sister Mildred Rinke, PGM. I considered myself very blessed and very grateful to have these lovely Sisters serve on this Committee. They were engaged, their expertise and their support was much appreciated. I would also like to thank the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron for their cooperation. I know that many times we seemed to have been picking on you and I hope that you won't hold that against us. Thank you so very much. Thank you that is my report.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

We accept the supplementary report as presented and the printed report.

Membership and Promotion, Sister Gail Ancelet, is there anything further?

Membership and Promotion

Gail Ancelet MBGP/ Chairwoman

Did you know the first meeting of the committee was held in February 2023? We had a much smaller Committee at that time. Kim forwarded material she had received from Deb Buxton PGM to each of us. It was such an overwhelming amount; it took us two meetings to decide where to start. We initially decided to rewrite a new membership booklet, and the financial committee was good enough to give us a \$1000 budget.

Upon further discussion, we decided that presentations to the Masonic Lodges might be the boost we need. With the assistance of Bro. Eric Weigelt and Worthy Grand Patron Wayne Rinke, a suitable speech was developed, which demonstrated the likenesses between our two fraternities. A simple English speech was also written, and Lethbridge and Cowley visited their Masons. This proved to be a fruitful endeavor.

As the visits to Masonic Lodges were happening, the committee was very busy putting together a package of materials for each chapter. This package included both presentations, a template for additional assistance, a paper brochure for a new member, a talk on criticism, a copy of what would later be our new brochure and a petition for membership. Each chapter I visited received an envelope with the membership materials. If I did not get a chance to visit, I emailed each chapter secretary a set.

We professionally printed the new brochures, and it is our hope each chapter has some to hand out at fund-raisers, dinners, etc.

During the last year, Lisbeth has forwarded at least 15 requests for membership, all of whom I replied to. Many of these women have since become members and hopefully this trend will continue. The committee has pushed the need for positive mentorship within their chapters. Having just been initiated, new members need guidance and a feeling of belonging. We have also been stressing to have more fun

in our meetings. As an add-on, I have been sending each chapter a question of the month. The committee would hope that our sisters and brothers discuss what some possible answers could be.

The membership committee has had a very busy year. Our members worked very hard for the good of our order. I thank them all from the bottom of my heart. There is still work to be done but if every member can tell someone, they belong to the Order of the Eastern Star, who knows what could occur?

Gail Ancelet, MBGP

I had mentioned in my report, which is on page 19 about getting referrals for membership from Sister Lisbeth, since the time that I wrote the report I have had a few more, maybe about five more. So, I send all the information to the potential candidate and then I sort of let them make the decision. I have had a couple I hope that have followed through with the petitions and what not. I would like to thank our Committee they did a wonderful job this year. Thank you for putting up with me, sometimes I would write the minutes out in fancy hard to read writing and sometimes just usual writing. I relinquish my position now to Sister Beth Trip and it's been a blast, and I hope that everybody got all the new brochures that we have put out. We should have had more probably here than were put out, but I forgot some at home! Whatever you do, the biggest thing we have been trying to do is push-over, make our meetings fun, make them worth coming to remember that all of the members of our Chapters come out to spend a few hours maybe more. Please make them fun of them and I also want to say thank you for the feedback on the question of the month that I have been doing. The white dress one, I got a lot of responses from and I am not sure that there is a really a correct answer for it, about why we wear white. Everybody that did respond to me, you know what I found that there was truth in all of them. I do not recall if my Grand Mother or my Mother ever telling me why we wear white, it is just 'cause'. The three famous Masons without Googling first, that really got a big response too, and I am glad about that. In the long run I think that we really need to make sure that we get out by word of mouth who we are, because there are a lot of people. I don't want to take too much time; I went to a Christmas Market at Delview School where I work and I was standing at the door and I was saying, "do you have Masonic relationships with almost everybody that walked through the door. I was supposed to be working for my school, but I wasn't working for them. Do you have Masonic relationships in your family? What is that. Do you have anybody in your family that is a Mason. Who are they? I think that the Masons have to get their name out too. I was feeling a little weird afterwards, and I am hoping that something would be clicked with them too, as I am having a terrible time in my community. Thank you so much again, I think that it has been a pretty fruitful year considering we didn't know where we were going to start right at the beginning. I also want to thank Sister Deb Buxton for sending me lots of stuff from the Shriners that I have listened to and passed on. We still have a lot of work to do.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

Thank you, Sister Gail, and we accept your report.

Just a note Sister Gail, that I did leave some brochures on one of the back tables. They have them over there, they are indicating to me, so I do need to take a few home though 'cause' I need some for this summer but thank you.

Museum – Sister Rhea McMane, MBGP

Museum

Rhea McMane, MBGP

On December 05, 2023, Sister Joan Ainsworth PM of Mountainview No. 1 and myself, Sister Rhea McMane MBGP, travelled to tour the OES of Alberta Museum. Sister Joan was given a beautiful framed cross stitch picture to enter into the Museum. The cross-stitch picture was one of a beautiful pixie, spreading pixie dust. It was handmade to celebrate Past Grand Matron Sister Debbie Matvichuk's year.

We were met at the Museum by a volunteer who offered to open it for us and answer any questions that we had. There were so many pictures on display which evoked many memories of my journey in Eastern Star. As a fairly new person in Star, I was unaware of the very early history of our Star in Alberta. This Museum brings you up to speed, we were allowed to take our time and stop and view many beautiful objects and artifacts. Sister Joan Ainsworth PM was able to add personal notes to many of the pictures.

We then toured the Bowden Museum and were amazed. We spent about two hours in total there. Sister Joan and I were in awe at the number of artifacts that they had on display based on the town of Bowden. The artifacts were very well organized and easy to view.

I would encourage any Member of Alberta Eastern Star to take the time to view your history. See where you came from and where you are headed.

Respectfully submitted,

Sister Rhea McMane, MBGP

Rhea McMane, MBGP

I have nothing to add at this time.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

Thank you, we accept your report as printed in the Officers Booklet.

Properties – Sister Bonnie Nelson

Properties Committee

Bonnie Nelson, GC

The PROPERTIES COMMITTEE has taken a complete inventory of all the properties that are stored in Red Deer, belonging to Grand Chapter.

Some items are obsolete and no longer used by Grand Chapter, so with the permission of the Board, we would like to offer them to any member who may have use for them. If this is approved, I will make a list of these items and take pictures to have at Grand Chapter. I do not think that there would need to be a charge for these items, as they are just taking up room and are of no real value to us.

A complete list of the Inventory will be sent to the Grand Secretary for her records, and a list and binder kept by the Properties Committee.

New keys have been cut so that members of the Committee will have a key to better facilitate access to the building when needed.

Respectfully submitted.

Bonnie Nelson, GC, Tanya Chisholm, MBGP and Laurinda Parkinson, PM.

Bonnie Nelson, GC

Nothing further to report.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

We accept your report as printed.

Service Dogs – Sister Susan MacArthur

Service Dogs

No report.

Susan MacArthur, PGM

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

I was travelling this year when the reports had to be put in, that is no excuse. I also couldn't travel to many of the Official Visits this year, so one way I am good, and one way I am bad.

We had a fantastic response to the service baskets this year and I want to thank all the Chapters for their generous donations and thank you to all those who are buying all the tickets. We have kept your name this year, because we had two baskets last year that nobody could find their tickets for! We will draw the names, we will look up who won it, but I want to see how many of you still have that silly blue tag in some place. We have an author in our midst, everyone knows about the book back here. Mary Anne Richards does anyone know Mary Anne Richards, that is her nom de plume I think they call it. Anyway she, they, her and Richard, stand up for a minute Mary Anne thank you. You guys have chosen to donate five dollars from each of the books, the books are less here than on Amazon or at Indigo, so it is a good buy. She will autograph it to you personally and give you a bookmark with her picture on it! I think that it is a good deal, thank you very much Mary Anne and Richard. Just a finishing note, Jax, the dog that was here last night, the black dog now I am going to cry, he's named for my cat. He came to visit all of your official visits in the motor home. I raised enough money, that I named a whole litter, so Jax was one of them, so thank you very much for your support.

Jaquie Charlton, WGM

Just a quick question Sister Susan, when are you cutting the raffle off today?

Susan MacArthur, PGM

It depends on what time your session ends, we will stay for a few minutes after that and some more. It will be drawn at whatever time you decide this evening in the proceedings to draw the names. They will be drawn tonight, so if you won't be here tonight have a trusted friend who can pick it up and I mean trusted friend!

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

I hear that there is a battle for one of those baskets or two of those baskets.

Susan MacArthur, PGM

There are a few battles going on over here, so if you have trusted....

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

Keep it up you guys, cause 'remember that it all goes to Service Dogs!

Susan MacArthur, PGM

So, thank you very much!

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

Thank you, Sister Susan.

We accept your report, please make sure that Sister Grand Secretary gets a copy of that.

Website – Sister Deb Buxton

Social Media and Website**Deb Buxton PGM, Lisbeth Booth Grand Secretary, Jessie Wasilyk.**

I'm glad to see the committee has expanded to include 2 additional members. I hope the other members are more proficient with Social Media than I am.

Social Media – nothing to report, to my knowledge

Website – Deb Buxton

- 2024 Grand Chapter information was updated with the 2024 forms (meals, registration, program, etc)
- Home page continues to be updated with relevant information. Always looking for pictures to add to Home page.
- Calendar has been updated with Chapter events, consolidations, meeting cancellations, etc
- Chapters tab has been updated to reflect new meeting times, remove closed chapters, etc

- Right side bar has been updated with adding posters for various Chapter events and removing the posters after the events
- Grand Chapter newsletters are added to the website as soon as they are received
- Website pages will continue to undergo improvements
- Please ensure you are sending your Chapter notices, special event posters, etc to me so the website can be as complete and up-to-date as possible.
- Notification was sent to Chapters to review the 2024 calendar entries and notify me of any changes. I received a couple of updates which were promptly done. Please let me know of anything you would like listed, as well as special meetings for Installations, etc.
- Sister Lisbeth, Grand Secretary updates the Grand Representative page and she can also make changes to the Calendar, if I'm not available.
- Adding posters and other documents requires programming changes and these are done by myself or my husband.

It was nice to see our website mentioned in the BC/Yukon Grand Chapter newsletter (Oct 2023), with special mention to our Mission statement and having it visible on the Home page.

Easternstar-ab.ca

I was recently asked about the change from easternstar.**ab**.ca to easternstar-**ab**.ca and why we made this change.

This is a recap of the information I provided in Mar 2022 and at Grand Chapter 2022.

The change to **-ab.ca** has saved Grand Chapter hundreds of dollars. There are two components to the what we think of as the website: the Domain (owning/using the easternstar-**ab**.ca name) and the Hosting (a place to keep our website).

In 2022, the Domain renewal was going to be \$40 plus tax through our original service provider. We switched service providers and were able to get the Domain renewal for easternstar.**ab**.ca for \$15 plus tax, and the easternstar-**ab**.ca Domain for free.

The significant savings came with the Hosting. The Hosting was going to be approximately \$225 thru the old service provider. There are very few service providers who will support sub-domains (**.ab.ca** is a sub-domain). By switching to easternstar-**ab**.ca, we were able to get the Hosting for \$12 for the first year and \$96/year after that (plus tax). The switch to **-ab.ca** also allows us more flexibility in the future and the ability to shop around and find the best prices.

To ensure you are always viewing the latest information, hold down the Ctrl key and click the Refresh button (circular arrow to the left of URL). This will download a new copy of the page rather than using the cached version. This works with all website pages.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Deb Buxton, PGM

deb@buxton.com

webmaster@easternstar-ab.ca

Deb Buxton, PGM

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

My report is on page 25 and 26 of the Officers Book.

I just like to add a little bit to that, the Grand Chapter of British Columbia and Yukon our website was quoted, there are sections taken out of it and reported so that is quite a compliment. A reminder to please send me your Chapter notices, any events, posters, etc. and I will make sure that they are on the website. We have added the webmaster e-mail address to the newsletter, and I would like permission to print the reports on the website, Worthy Grand Matron.

Jaquie Charlton, WGM

Updated reports as in what type, sorry Deb.

Deb Buxton, PGM

I just thought if I could get them in PDF form or whatever, same with Notices of Motion, the Grand Chapter stuff.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

What is the feeling of the Grand Chapter in this on this request?

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

If there are none, then I approve your request.

I would just like to thank all of the Committees that have worked so hard this year and to all of those who accepted the appointments that I requested last June. It really makes my life a lot easier when I have good committees underneath me, and I would just like to thank everyone for all their hard work. At this point we have four committee reports that we will take into consideration after the notices of motion this afternoon, but again thank you all for everything you have done.

Sorry Cathy! Somebody will get you a microphone.

Cathy Sutter, MBGP

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

I have a question for the Casino account, it didn't get brought up that we could have a question on that. Am I allowed to bring that forward?

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

Yes.

Cathy Sutter, MBGP

Okay, the Casino Report. It's Cathy Sutter, I am from Murray Chapter No. 58 in Medicine Hat and on page 15 of the Casino report. A great report, I just have a couple of little questions, one of them is that we do set aside 20% for administration of \$7,627.27, and I just wanted to know if that is kept in a separate column where it is a carry forward or if we don't use it, it's ended up being donated the following year.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

We will let Sister Mary Lynn Smith, the Secretary-Treasurer of the Casino Committee answer your question, Cathy.

Mary Lynn Smith – Secretary-Treasurer Casino Committee

We have to use it within three years of the date of the Casino, which will be November this fall, and we can request it to move over but it would have to be accepted by AGLC that we can. We are working on expending it and the Grand Secretary has some expenditures to make and she is doing up a budget as to how we can utilize these funds to offset funds being spent by Grand Chapter.

Cathy Sutter, MBGP

Thank you for that was another of my questions, are we allowed to use this administration for things not just at Grand Session, for hall rental.

Mary Lynn Smith, WM

We always pay for the Friday Night Session to rent the room, because they allow that because we are giving our donations from the Casino Fund that night. We can also use it for telephone, we can use it for um ... Lisbeth has probably got a better idea of what she is anticipating.

Cathy Sutter, MBGP

Thank you, Sister Mary Lynn.

Lisbeth Booth, Grand Secretary

Okay, expenses that can come from that source will include things like software programs, the telephone, some printing depending on how it is used, it has to be for public use not for internal use. We are unable and Sister Mary Lynn can confirm this for me, that we are unable to pay for instance for the rental of the facilities for Saturday and Sunday because it is basically a closed meeting, we don't have members of the public. Sister Cathy, I can

send you the use of proceeds that was approved and you can have that for your information.

Cathy Sutter, MBGP

Aren't we allowed to go back to the Alberta Gaming Association and request more usage?

Mary Lynn Smith, WM

Yes, and they will either approve or not approve. Actually, we can send a copy of the use of proceeds to each chapter if you would like and show you what we are approved for, at this point we would be happy to do that.

Cathy Sutter, MBGP

I think that would be a wonderful thing to do, and back to my original question and the previous question as well. Was there a carry forward, 'cause' you said that you have to use the funds up within three years. What has happened to the funds from the last three years, what is the total sitting in that column?

Mary Lynn Smith, WM

Well, we have paid for Lisbeth to have a new printer, and a new computer docking station, a few things like that. When I was Grand Secretary, I had a different printer which kind of gave up the ghost and the toners for it were a hundred dollars each and I spent every cent of the admin fees every year that I was allotted on those toners for the printer.

Cathy Sutter, MBGP

So, the previous monies have been used up.

Mary Lynn Smith, WM

Yes.

Cathy Sutter, MBGP

Okay thank you for your remarks and Sister Lisbeth, thank you.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

So, if there is nothing further, are there any announcements?

Grand Secretary, are there any announcements?

Lisbeth Booth, Grand Secretary

Sorry Worthy Grand Matron, I don't trust the little lapel mic. I have an item that was found in the Mix and Mingle on Thursday Night, it is a bag with crocheting in it so if it is yours, you can come and claim it. Sister Donna-Lynn Guynup lost a gold pendent, with a peridot or a citrine. It will be an oval shaped stone in a gold frame, if you find it would you please give it to Sister Donna-Lynn. That is all I have, Worthy Grand Matron.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

Thank you, Grand Secretary.

Grand Conductress you will attend at the Altar.

Grand Marshall you will proclaim the 112th Annual Grand Chapter of Alberta from labor to refreshment to reconvene at 1:30 pm sharp.

Kent Meers, Grand Marshal

By the direction of the Worthy Grand Matron, I proclaim the 112th Annual Grand Chapter of Alberta from labor to refreshment to reconvene at 1:30 pm sharp.

Wayne Rinke, WGP

Please remain seated until the Officers have retired.

The Grand Officers will retire.

Saturday, June 8, 2024 – 1:30 PM

Musical Prelude

Maida Higa (85/7) Grand Organist

Flory Wilkins (37) Assistant Grand Organist

Call to Order

Gwen Leighton, PGM

Marian Sinclair, PGM

Gwen Leighton, PGM and Marian Sinclair, PGM

Good afternoon, Sisters and Brothers.

Welcome back to the afternoon session. Sister Jacquie, thank you for asking Sister Gwen and myself to open this session.

Marian Sinclair, PGM

Sister Jacquie, you have lived your dream this past year and we hope it is all that you wished for.

Brother Wayne, you have walked beside Sister Jacquie this past year and I know she has appreciated your support.

Gwen Leighton, PGM

Sister Associate Grand Conductress you will invite the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and Grand Officers into the Chapter room.

Grand Conductress you will present the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East, Associate Grand Conductress you will assist.

Worthy Grand Matron behold your Sisters and Brothers, Sisters and Brothers behold your Worthy Grand Matron and salute her with the Grand Honors.

Marian Sinclair, PGM

Worthy Grand Patron behold your Sisters and Brothers, Sisters and Brother behold your Worthy Grand Patron and salute him with the Grand Honors.

It is my pleasure to present you with your gavel.

The Grand Marshal was wearing an Oilers Jersey

Jacque Charlton, WGM

Grand Marshal did you forget that this was a formal opening, or did you lose a bet?

Kent Meers, Grand Marshal

Worthy Grand Matron, would you say that I have worn a hockey jersey in Grand Chapter.

Jacque Charlton, WGM

I am sorry. I will say that you have worn an Edmonton Oilers hockey jersey in Grand Chapter.

Kent Meers, Grand Marshal

I was dared with a fifty dollar bill attached to it to do this. I think that the Worthy Grand Patron owes me fifty dollars.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

Okay, the story behind this is that Kent wore his jersey to our practice in April. I think Darlene, our Grand Chaplain, gave him a little bit of a joke that her husband wasn't going to believe McDavid had been installed.

Kent Meers, Grand Marshal

I would like to donate that fifty dollars to your charity.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

Thank you very, so go get changed!

Wayne Rinke, WGP

Brother McDavid, I will accept that challenge.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

So, we are just going to give him a couple of minutes, we just wanted to have a little fun this afternoon. As we all know, the Oilers are playing their first game in the finals tonight, so go Oilers go. Sorry your banquet is going to interfere with this, but I am sure that there will be enough cell phones in the room to keep track of who is winning.

(Brief Intermission)

Sister Gwen and Sister Marian, you Sisters have always been two great supporters. Sister Gwen, you have always encouraged me in this Order, and I thank you for being such a wonderful friend. Sister Marian, you were my Worthy Grand Matron the first time I was Worthy Matron in Zenith. I also thank you for lending me the dragonfly chair covers for this Grand Chapter Session; they look absolutely beautiful. Thank you both for agreeing to open this Saturday afternoon session.

Wayne Rinke, WGP

Thank you, Gwen and Marian, for opening this afternoons, and hopefully we meet all your expectations.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

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Grand Marshal you will proclaim the 112th Grand Chapter of Alberta from refreshment to labor.

Kent Meers, Grand Marshal

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Jacquie Charlton, WGM

Are there any visitors in the room that have not yet been introduced? Alright then we will carry on.

Notices of Motion. Brother Wayne, I invite you to preside.

Wayne Rinke, WGP

Thank you, Sister Jacquie, we are now going to go into the unscripted part of the meeting.

**NOTICE OF MOTION (2024) [1]
Grand Chapter of Alberta, Order of the Eastern Star**

At the next Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, I will move or cause to be moved that the Constitution:

ARTICLE XIV

Consolidation of Two or More Chapters

WHICH NOW READS:10) If the vote is favorable for consolidation, the Worthy Grand Matron will arrange a meeting of at least six (6) members from each Chapter (to be elected by their respective Chapters and the following shall be decided:

- a) The name of the consolidated Chapter, which of the former numbers will be retained, the date and place of the meetings, fees, dues, and all other requirements.
- b) Election of Officers and arrangements for Installation, such Officers to serve until the next annual election.

1. () BE DELETED: 2.() ADD NEW TO READ:3.(X) BE AMENDED TO READ:

UNDERLINE ALL CHANGES as amended.

Renumber 10 to 9 and all subsequent sections thereafter be renumbered accordingly.

9a) Prior to the consolidation vote, informal discussions shall be held by the respective Chapters to establish the criteria in 9(b-d) respectively, including but not limited to the name of the Consolidated Chapter, By-laws and etc., and any required amendments to Standing Rules and Orders.

9b) If the vote is favorable for consolidation, the Worthy Grand Matron will arrange a meeting of at least six (6) members from each Chapter (to be elected by their respective Chapters and the following shall be decided)

9c) The name of the consolidated Chapter, ...

9d) Election of Officers....

RATIONALE:

The consolidation process should be a harmonious process, with both Chapters keeping their respective memberships apprised of matters of governance, including but not limited to all fees and dues, the name and number and place of meeting and any standing rules being retained, or amended as required.

Submitted by Lisbeth J. Booth,
Grand Secretary
Seconded by Ami Oliver, PM

DEFEATED**NOTICE OF MOTION (2024) [2]****Grand Chapter of Alberta, Order of the Eastern Star**

At the next Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, I will move or cause to be moved that the Constitution Article XII Section Duties of Committees Page 17.

WHICH NOW READS:

The O.E.S. Foundation Fund Committee consists of the Grand Secretary and two members from the Board of General Purposes of Grand Chapter, who shall be the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Foundation Fund Committee. (6/10)

The Foundation Tea Committee shall function under the O.E.S. Foundation Fund Committee and shall consist of members from the Northern, Central, Southern and Red Deer tea districts. (6/10)

Each district elects a Co-convener for a two-year term. Upon completion of the two-year term, the Co-convener becomes the Convener. The districts will then elect a new Co-convener.

Each District will hold a fundraiser of their choice during the Grand Chapter fiscal year January 1 to December 31 (06/17) time frame. Any Chapter choosing not to participate in the district fundraiser will hold their own fundraiser. The profits from the fundraisers will be turned over to the Grand Secretary within 30 days of the event and no later than the business day prior to December 31. (06/17)

1. (X) BE DELETED: 2. (X) ADD NEW TO READ: 3. (X) BE AMENDED TO READ:
UNDERLINE ALL CHANGES as amended

The Foundation Tea Committee shall function under the O.E.S. Foundation Fund Committee and shall consist of members from the Northern, Central, Southern and Red Deer tea districts. (6/10)_DELETE.

There will be four district Committees, known as Northern, Central, Southern and Red Deer. NEW

Each district elects a Co-convenor for a two-year term. Upon completion of the two-year term, the Co-convenor becomes the Convenor. The districts will then elect a new Co-convenor. **DELETE**

Each District Committee shall consist of members from all Chapters in the District. NEW.

Each Chapter shall provide two (2) or more members to the District Committee NEW
Each District Committee shall determine the percentage of funds raised to be donated to the O.E.S. Foundation Fund and shall determine annually the charity recipient of the balance of the funds. NEW

The percentage of funds raised to be donated to the O.E.S. Foundation Fund to be turned over to the Grand Secretary no later than the business day prior to December 31. AMENDED

RATIONALE:

We have simplified the roles of the several District Committees as "The Foundation Tea Committee" has not been in operation since prior to 2014. We also wish to remove the "Tea" from our name to encourage a diverse range of fundraisers. Our change is to state that there are District Committees from Northern, Central, Southern and Red Deer Districts.

"Each District Committee ..." has been added to clarify who is on the District Committees.

We are deleting the election of a co-convenor as this practice has not been followed since prior to 2014. Due to the reduced number of Chapters in our District we are not able to have such elections.

"Each Chapter shall provide ..." this helps to spread the workload and allow all Chapters to have a fair say. If there is travel needed to hold a meeting we know that we have great on-line meeting options - like zoom - which will eliminate that need for travel.

"Each District Committee shall determine the percentage ..." this has been added to allow a donation to the OES Foundation as well as making a local donation possible. We hope to promote more local donations to drive more local exposure and ultimately new members.

The Committees work to achieve the principles and commitments of our Order. It is important to allow the members to work together to achieve our objectives.

Submitted by Jackie Cutting, Chair Central District Committee, Edith Cavell #25

Seconded by Dianne Cooper-Ponte, PM, Edith Cavell #25

DEFEATED

NOTICE OF MOTION (2024) [3] Grand Chapter of Alberta, Order of the Eastern Star

At the next Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, I will move or cause to be moved that the Instructions to Subordinate Chapters Paragraph 7 Page 41

WHICH NOW READS:

The dress code for Alberta to be:

- 1. Sister Officers to wear preferably white dresses.**
- 2. Members attending chapter on the sideline to wear appropriate dress, dress pants with jacket.**
- 3. Jeans, sweatpants, yoga pants or casual beach wear is not to be worn to meetings.**

BE DELETED AND ADD NEW TO READ:

Subordinate chapters define the dress code for their chapter in their or bylaws or standing orders. The Worthy Grand Matron to define the dress code for Official Visits and Grand Chapter.

RATIONALE:

It is time to update the dress code for the Order of the Eastern Star.

Allowing the Chapters to decide on their dress code allows them the flexibility in determining the dress code that meets the needs of their Chapter.

It could also allow for some fun in the Chapter by having different attire for the meetings – red for Valentines Day – Green for St. Patrick's – gowns for formal day – Christmas attire etc.

We are constantly lamenting that we need more members, we need more younger members and that we need to change. This could be a positive change for the future. We need to cherish and celebrate our diverse individuals, not focus on what they are wearing.

Submitted by:

Barbara Thompson, PM

Edmonton #19, Allenby #38

Seconded:

Dorothy Munro, PM Edmonton #19, Allenby #38

DEFEATED

Wayne Rinke, WGP

Sister Jacquie.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

Thank you, Brother Wayne, and thank you everyone for your discussions. I think we always come out thinking a little bit more about some of our Constitution items after we have had our Grand Chapter. I think that everybody just needs to think a little bit more about the motions that were defeated and bring them next year with a little bit of different wording and we can see if we can move forward on some of these items.

I have a few Committee Reports that we didn't get finished this morning. I am going to ask Janet Wilkinson, is she back in the room. The Constitution Committee, do you have any further amendment or supplementary report.

Constitution Committee

Janet Wilkinson, PGM

We have had a wonderful year working together as a committee. We have met via Zoom, which is very helpful when you are all scattered around the province.

We meet to review the notice of motions and had input from Mary Wescott, chair of the Jurisprudence Committee. One notice was removed from the line up as it did not comply with the constitution.

Jaquie Charlton, WGM

We will accept your report as printed in the Officers Reports.

Historian – Is Yvonne Roberts in the room. Did she submit something this year?

Historian

No report.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

Again Sister Janet, the Srigley Trust Fund.

Pearl Srigley Fund

Janet Wilkinson, PGM

Our committee has met through zoom on numerous occasions. We have had great discussions, and I feel so very fortunate to work with sisters and brothers who bring opinions and great discussion points to the table.

Through these discussions we have a clearly set up criterion for the committee to ensure continuity.

We have discussed items that do qualify and those that don't. Some of the medical claims we discussed and felt they should be funded by our public health care system. Our great discussions really make us look at all aspects of this fund.

Thank you to the applicants. It is our pleasure to accept your paperwork for this grant. I think Pearl Srigley would be pleased with this dispersion of her legacy fund.

These are the grants since January.

Applications received	11
Applications Approved	10
Applications Denied	1 (medical Appliance, Fall Alert)
1st Applications	8
2nd Applications	2 (1 denied as above, and 1 that was more than 10 years since first application)
3rd Applications	1 Being held until end of year (\$500.00)

Value of Grants issued \$5233.73.

Janet Wilkinson, PGM

The report is currently up to date. Thanks to Terry Skelton our Secretary.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

We will adopt that report as presented.

Sister Lorna Richmond – the Steering Committee

Lorna Richmond, PGM

There is nothing to add.

Steering Committee

Lorna Richmond, PGM

Most of the work done by the steering committee is not seen but you can be assured that the committee has been busy.

The committee has been busy building on the foundations that have been laid over the last few years, and this is helping move the Order forward in a positive and thoughtful way.

The members of the committee are encouraged with the way the other committees are interacting with each other and the general membership, and being proactive in looking to the future and trying to get the members engaged in the process.

The line officers are feeling the benefit of having open discussions, building on the foundations of previous WGM and WGP, and being able to talk about how they can make their year in the East a positive and beneficial one for themselves as well as for all members.

It is only with the continued support of all the members that we as a committee can continue to build for the future and be relevant to our members and future members.

Jacque Charlton, WGM

We will approve that report as printed in the Officers report.

I think it's time, if I can get Brother Tim to bring up the songs "I Have a Dream". Let's just take a couple of minutes and do some relaxing and enjoying singing my theme song this year, is by ABBA "I Have a Dream".

We just lost sound on the keyboard. Everybody can stand if they would and let's hear some good strong voices out there.

The Grand Chapter participated in singing.

Jacque Charlton, WGM

Thank you everybody, that was beautiful.

Grand Secretary, are there any communications?

Lisbeth Booth, Grand Secretary

Yes, Worthy Grand Matron there is actually one from the General Grand Chapter. The letter is as follows:

6/6/2024

Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers;

On May 20, 2024, at the close of the business session of the Grand Chapter of Virginia, held in Richmond, the Most Worthy Grand Matron convened a short session of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star for the purpose of installation of an officer.

The passing of our dear sister, Marlene Wilds, Worthy Grand Electa and Past Grand Matron of South Carolina was noted. She will be remembered by the membership and missed by her family. Yet, as Paul in 2 Corinthians 6:10 said, we were sorrowful, but always rejoicing, in that we were able to install our dear sister Evete Ruso, Past Grand Matron of Sao Paulo, Brazil as Worthy Grand Electa.

Please join us in a warm welcome to Sister Evete. She was the first Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Sao Paulo. She has supported the Order of the Eastern Star for over twenty-eight years.

Her address is:

Evete Ruso Leite
303 Pewter Circle
Simpsonville SC 29680

eveteruso@gmail.com

Electa represents love for one another, and we are sure you will find Sister Ivette spreading the lesson of Electa in her travels.

Marching together!

Signed respectfully by: Glenda Winchester, Most Worthy Grand Matron;
F. Lon Lowry, Most Worthy Grand Patron, and
Charles Chandler, Right Worthy Grand Secretary

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

Thank you, is there any unfinished business?

Grand Secretary, is there any unfinished business:

Lisbeth Booth, Grand Secretary

None, Worthy Grand Matron.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

Thank you.

I would now like to present the Grand Chapter Committee for introduction.

Grand Conductress, you will present the Grand Chapter Committee for introduction.

This includes everyone my session chair, housing, medical team, assistant Grand Organist, Distinguished Guests which I am not sure there's anybody here on that committee this afternoon, banquet tickets, decorating flowers, your hospitality room was the Grand Representative Association. I again thank them this year for hosting that, and also to Sister Marion Campbell and Sister Carol Chisholm for hosting our Mix and Mingle on Thursday night. I think that this is going to turn into an annual event because there was over a hundred that went through that Mix and Mingle guest room the other night, so thank you again wherever you two are! IT, sound, baskets for service dogs, vendors, Second Hand Rose which I think they are still busy, registration, and scrutineers. If you would please kindly line up at the back of the room so our Grand Conductress can bring you forward.

(Musical interlude)

Bonnie Nelson, Grand Conductress

Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to introduce all the people that helped to make your session possible and with your permission I would ask them to introduce themselves and what exactly they did.

Donna Lynn Guynup, PGM

I am the session chair and the one that everyone comes to when something goes wrong, or right. I like to hear compliments too.

Susan Whiting

I helped with several other people decorate the last couple of days.

Ami Oliver, PM

I was on the Housing Committee.

Joan Ainsworth, PM

I was on the flowers.

Dawn Drozd, GR of Washington in Alberta

I was the Meal Ticket Convener.

Karen Kroeker, PM; Mallory Chiachchia, and Warren Wright, Grand Representative of Louisiana In Alberta

Medical Team.

Roy Sonley, PGP

Registration Committee.

Marion Campbell, PM

The home chapter of the Worthy Grand Matron and the Mix 'N Mingle on Thursday evening.

Carol Chisholm, PM

The Mix 'N Mingle on Thursday evening.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

There is one more, one more!

Bonnie Nelson, Grand Conductress

I am sorry, I didn't see you.

Flory Wilkins, PM

That's okay, I am not real sure why I am here. I guess I am the assistant to Sister Maida but maybe more so, we brought all the musical equipment with us, and we will be taking it back.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

Brother Wayne and I would like to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude for all the hard work and dedication this committee has put into making this Session run so smoothly. Your commitment and effort are truly appreciated. Please join with me in giving this Grand Chapter Committee a hearty welcome. There a few more that I didn't see stand up!

Grand Conductress, you will escort our Grand Chapter Committee back to their seats.

Sister Gail and Sister Lorna, could you come to the East please.

(Musical Interlude)

Grand Secretary, do you have the plaques and certificates?

We are going to try to be out of here by three, so I am going to start rushing a little bit but not too much. The last couple of years and during Covid we weren't able to give out a couple of our awards for our Chapters work in membership and in donations. This year I have brought it back; we will be recognizing those that had achieved awards for 2022 and for 2023. I am going to turn this over to the Chair of our Membership and Promotion Committee, Sister Gail Ancelet.

Gail Ancelet, MBGP

Thank you, Sister Worthy Grand Matron. All so right it is my great pleasure, honor, you can tell I am so into this really right now. The Graham Astle Award is intended to reward Chapters that helped grow the overall membership in Alberta. It came into existence in 1988, with the first presentation being made to the Elizabeth Trapp Chapter No. 138, there are probably still some people around from that chapter, No. 138 at the "Gleaner" Grand Chapter Session in Lethbridge. Sister Muriel A. Graham, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Gordon Astle, Worthy Grand Patron created this award. It's criteria has been modified several times over the years, and the trophy is now awarded based on the highest number of new initiates that a Chapter brings in during the calendar year preceding Grand Chapter. The recipient of this award for 2022 was Edith Cavell Chapter No. 25 for the largest chapter growth in 2022. Come on up here Kim.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

We are going to award Edith Cavell with a certificate this year, but your name has been engraved on the trophy, but the trophy will go to the 2023 recipient. I am sorry, but we wanted to recognize you for all your hard work. Congratulations Edith Cavell!

Gail Ancelet, MBGP

So, Edith Cavell worked very hard during that year. The recipient of the 2023 year. Sister Lisbeth, we may need your assistance. Our second-place winner was Allenby Chapter No. 38 with six new members; however, winner was Maple Leaf Chapter No. 7, with seven new members. Somebody, a representative from Allenby perhaps and Worthy Matron from Maple Leaf. Deanna, did you want to come up.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

To Maple Leaf, I have the honor to present this to our Worthy Matron from Maple Leaf - Deanna Gillis. Congratulations and keep up the good work, you are going to have do a lot of catching up to this Chapter. I believe by the end of December they may have initiated nine new members.

Our Chapter growth award is going to Allenby Chapter with six new members. I think that they are fighting for the other one, keep up the good work Chapters. This just proves that what we're doing is working, so congratulations.

Next...

Gail Ancelet, MBGP

I must mention that the growth of Maple Leaf has come mainly through the efforts of Sister Marj, Sister Mildred and Sister Shirley if you wouldn't mind standing, please because they were I don't know if they volunteered, elected, pushed, whatever into visiting the Masonic Lodges. That has done an awful lot, and Maple Leaf is just an example of what can happen when you go out and visit the Masonic Lodges and present the little package that all the secretaries got. I fully thank you from the bottom of my heart for that and we have also had people come through from our tea. I think three just from the tea.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

Thank you, Sister Gail.

Congratulations to Edith Cavell No. 25 for receiving this for 2022, Maple Leaf Chapter No. 7 and Allenby Chapter No. 38 for the 2023 on receiving the Graham Astle awards for your increase in membership. Like I said, this shows that our Membership and Promotion Committee, along with the Chapter members is working, and I thank everyone for helping make this happen. Your hard work shows and let's put out a challenge for all chapters to strive to increase their membership over the next few years. I am hoping that everyone has a copy of the presentation that we have been giving to the Masonic Lodges. It is opening the doors of communication and that was one of my goals this year and I can see that it is working. Brother Wayne.

Wayne Rinke, WGP

Congratulations to all the winners of this award and the key, just a little bit of a back track there it was sort of an experiment in Lethbridge, we sort of took that pie in the sky idea that sounded so out of right field but was so simple. Simply ask your Masons in the chapter to get you into local lodges and they did it. We turned the ladies loose, well and in fairness those I have mentioned it a couple of times in some various reports. The Membership and Promotion Committee there was about eight or nine, Jacquie was included. Everybody put in ideas, we redid it and redid it and all it was a simple little three page piece of paper that if you were asked or you could get into the lodge you didn't have to spend a month or two months trying to write something it was sort of here, got a better idea let us know or let the membership know which enhances it something of comfort but it was from the ladies perspective, so they got to go into these lodges didn't have any baggage didn't care who the guys were. They made a from-the-heart presentation; I think it is very good actually if you haven't seen it, your secretaries have it and if they don't let me know and I will e-mail you a copy! Congratulations everybody, keep up the good work because I think we are on a breakthrough, and we can move up!

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

I am now going to call Sister Lorna Richmond, Past Grand Matron and Chair of the OES Foundation to give out the OES Foundation Awards for 2022 and 2023.

Lorna Richmond, PGM

We'll start with the highest individual donations for 2022, and the Chapter that got that was Chinook Chapter No. 133 with three thousand one hundred (\$3,100.00) dollars. Would somebody from your chapter like to come up? Yeah, you don't get the trophy, but you do get the bragging rights.

The next award is for 2022 the highest per capita donation and it goes to Pioneer Chapter No. 135, and they had twenty-three dollars and seven cents (\$23.07) per member, awesome.

Second place with the highest per capita donation for 2022, goes to Maple Leaf Chapter No. 7, and they had twenty-two dollars, and I think it is meant to be eighty cents per member (\$22.80).

You must remember that some of those donations were with us still coming out of Covid, so they did really, really well.

The highest individual donation for 2023 and that goes to Edith Cavell Chapter No. 25 for two thousand (\$2,000.00) dollars.

The highest per-capita donation award for membership for 2023 is Fort McMurray Chapter No. 137 and they had eight dollars and point seven nine-nine per member (\$8.799) , it is very precise. Sister Jacquie, Worthy Grand Matron Jacquie, I will get it right said it was that close they had to go with point seven nine nine.

The second highest per capita donation goes to Majestic Chapter No. 126 with five dollars and thirty-four cents (\$5.37) per member. Sister Britany was called to accept the certificate.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

Brother Wayne and I congratulate each Chapter for their hard work and accomplishments in fundraising to achieve these donations.

I am now going to ask Brother Scott Cameron from Maryland. He has a presentation he would like to make to the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

Scott Cameron, Grand Representative of Alberta in Maryland

I am sorry to say I have to take the tartan home, or my wife Dana will kill me. Some of you may have heard that I am kind of an artist and a musician, but my art if I start, I can't stop because once it is started, I will ruin the book.

So, inside here is a piece of work that I created one of a kind for the Grand Chapter of Alberta. There are three thousand, eight hundred fifty-six cuts and folds in the book. I base all my art on the book that matches what it is supposed to be, for instance this being a Masonic Family the book I used is called "The Craft". Worthy Grand Matron, will you read what it says.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

Sometimes, I hate being short. Grand Chapter of Alberta, Canada from Grand Representative Scott Cameron, Past Patron Frederick No. 79, the Grand Chapter of Maryland, U.S.A.

Turn it around to the public, it is absolutely beautiful. We will get Scott to hold it up.

Scott Cameron, Grand Representative of Alberta in Maryland

As I said it is one of a kind, I have been doing book art for a few years and this one I am not happy with the way the lettering turned out so I had to get creative. When I was talking to my Mum, and I said I am going to enhance it "She said are you going to color it?" This is the first time I have added color to it so.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

Thank you very very much and thank you Scott and his wife who have drove from Maryland this week to be with us at this session and we really appreciate it.

New Business, Sister Kim McMinis Grand Chapter 2025 location. Would you like to make a motion please?

Kim McMinis, Associate Grand Matron

I would like to move that the 2025 Grand Session "Open Doors and Western Skies" be held at Olds College, June 6-8, 2025.

Peter Devlin, Associate Grand Patron

I will second that Worthy Grand Matron.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

Grand Secretary, are there any announcements?

Lisbeth Booth, Grand Secretary

Yes, Worthy Grand Matron I have one. Sister Gail Anderson, Past Grand Matron, if you are in the room would you please go and see Past Grand Matron Susan in the back corner of the room. Thank you.

There is nothing lost today. I still have some General Grand Chapter Credentials here, so if you haven't picked up your General Grand Chapter Credentials up, these are Past Grands. Would you please come and see me at some point, thank you.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

Okay, and I have an announcement to after we close the Grand Chapter this afternoon, we do need to take the labyrinth down so the College can get ready and set table and chairs up for our Banquet and entertainment tonight. We are asking anybody that can help to please stay and help. The lanterns that are behind the Star Point chairs are extremely delicate with the crystal balls in them so if you're handling them please, please handle them with care because I am hoping that at the end of close tomorrow morning that our Star Points will be able to take those home if they wish. Also, the decorating committee that is going to get the banquet tables ready for tonight is also looking for some help. Susan Whiting is in charge so if you can give her a hand at all, once the tables and chairs are set up, she would love to get some help. Many hands me light work.

Grand Chaplain, you will lead us in prayer.

Grand Conductress, you will attend at the Altar.

Grand Marshall, you will proclaim this 112th Grand Chapter of Alberta from labor to refreshment to reconvene Sunday, June 9, 9:00 AM sharp.

Kent Meers, Grand Marshal

By direction of the Worthy Grand Matron, I proclaim the 112th Grand Chapter of Alberta from labor to refreshment to reconvene Sunday, June 9, 2024, at 9:00 AM sharp.

Wayne Rinke, WGP

The Officers may be seated or the side liners may be seated while the Officers retire, before doing so, however I have the fifty dollars for our Grand Marshall. Go Oilers Go.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

So, you 'gotta" change back into your Oilers jersey, Kent!

Seona Scott, Grand Ruth

We'll wait for you.

Wayne Rinke, WGP

Everybody close their eyes for a second.

Wayne Rinke, WGP

The Officers will retire as soon as our Marshal is dressed!

SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2024**Musical Prelude**

Maida Higa (85/7) Grand Organist
Flory Wilkins (37), Assistant Grand Organist

Call to Order

Lorna Richmond, PGM
Tim Cameron, PGP

Lorna Richmond, PGM

Good morning, everyone and thank you for attending the final session of the "Light of Love" grand session.

I am joined in the East by my Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Tim. Grand Conductress, you need to be in the back, where is our Associate Grand Conductress? Okay our fill in is in the room.

Tim Cameron, PGP

It is with profound gratitude that I stand in the East alongside my Worthy Grand Matron Sister Lorna, to open this morning Sunday session for Sister Jacquie and Brother Wayne.

Lorna Richmond, PGM

This morning is one of gratefulness, celebration and remembrance, remembrance of those dearly departed members in our memorial service, celebrating those long serving members for their years of service and being grateful for all the contributions we have all made to our organization.

Associate Grand Conductress, you will invite the Worthy Grand Matron, the Worthy Grand Patron and other Officers to enter the Chapter room.

Grand Conductress you will escort the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron to the Altar. Sister Associate Grand Conductress you will assist.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Jacquie it has been my joy and pleasure to be your personal trustee and to have many adventures with you this year, some planned and some pleasant diversions. You have shared your "Light of Love" wherever you have gone.

Tim Cameron, PGP

Sister Jacquie, it is my absolute joy to welcome you to your final session today. Your leadership has been a guiding light, and we look forward to celebrating your remarkable journey.

Lorna Richmond, PGM

Worthy Grand Patron Brother Wayne are your gnomes still here. You have got two missing gnomes; did they go wandering? Brother Wayne, it has been a delight to get to know you better over the past couple of years and I hope that your year in the Grand East has lived up to your expectations.

Tim Cameron, PGP

Worthy Grand Patron Brother Wayne it is a true pleasure to welcome you to your final session. Your dedication and humor has left a lasting impact, and we're excited to honor your contributions.

Lorna Richmond, PGM

Worthy Grand Patron, a little advice from your gnomes, spend time in the garden, make every day magical and celebrate the little things!

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, your year is coming to an end, and we all hope that you have had a year filled with love, laughter and great memories and much satisfaction in a job well done. Wherever you may wander, wherever you may roam may your angel journey with you and always bring you home.

They were escorted to the East and given Grand Honors.

Lorna Richmond, PGM

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron Jacquie, for the privilege of opening this Sunday morning "Light of Love" session.

I now give you your gavel.

The Grand Officers and Members of the Board of General Purposes took their stations.

The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar informally.

Kent Meers, Grand Marshall

By the direction of the Worthy Grand Matron, I proclaim the 112th Grand Chapter of Alberta from rest to labor.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

Sister Lorna Past Grand Matron and Brother Tim Past Grand Patron as you two started Brother Wayne and I on this journey last year it was only appropriate that I ask you to open the final morning of the "Light of Love" session. Your friendships mean so much to me and all your encouragement and advice along the way have been very much appreciated. I love you both and thank you for opening this morning's session.

Wayne Rinke, WGP

Thank you, Lorna, thank you Tim and I agree it is only appropriate that you are here today since I became Grand Sentinel during your year. Lorna thank you I learned how to understand Scottish this year, thank you. Brother Tim, I thank you for your bailing me out it may seem like a nothing thing but when you are known as Mr. Anti Zoom and we were having a Board Meeting in Red Deer and we got nailed with an un-expected storm out of the blue and I think Tim was just out of the hospital and he agreed to set up the Zoom up and it was great. Thank you, Tim, I will always remember that. Thank you and I hope we meet your expectations.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

Are there any visitors that have not been introduced this weekend?

Alright, I have a couple of housekeeping things that need to be corrected from yesterday. There were a couple of errors made and my apologies with the membership trophies it was announced that Allenby had received the second in the membership growth for 2023 and I mistakenly gave them the Chapter growth award, which is the per capita growth award. Allenby you will be receiving a certificate for this to acknowledge this and again my apologies. The winner of the growth award for 2023 is going to Sunset Chapter No. 95. Sister Karen Scribner are you in the room, would you please come up and accept this on behalf of your Chapter. My apologies for this yesterday, I wasn't familiar with the trophies, and I think that's what got me mixed up. Congratulations and their percentage was five point eight-eight members for initiation for 2023. For 2022, the growth award, the Rising Star Award for membership gain was to go to Murray Chapter No. 58, so is the Worthy Matron from Murray here, yes, she is. There she is, again because we did the two years together Murray your name is on the plaque, but for recognition we will give you this certificate. Okay, then I had the pleasure last summer to consolidate Sunset and Aurora Chapter, and I have their consolidation certificate here and framed for you to take back to.

Sister Pam, would you please join us. Sister Pam was the Worthy Matron of Aurora and Sister Karen was the Worthy Matron of Sunset. These two ladies, along with their membership, worked extremely hard to get this together and of course because we live at the other end of the province there is a lot of phone calls and meetings and stuff that way. I do appreciate all the hard work that went into this, when I got to Grande Prairie it was like an hour meeting and it was all done. We were able to consolidate them the next morning, and I do appreciate this.

Congratulations and here is your certificate of consolidation.

One more quick thank you, to those of you who were at the banquet last night I hope that you got your cookies. I want to thank our Grand Electa for baking and decorating those twenty dozens for me. They were beautiful and thank you very much Sister Tanice Nichol.

Grand Conductress, Associate Grand Conductress and Grand Chaplain, you will drape the Altar in memory of our dear departed members.

Grand Marshal, you will place the roses on the Altar.

I would now like to invite Sister Linda Groot, PGM, to present the Tribute to Brother Harold Gulliver, PGP. This has been composed by Sister Winona Rouleau, PGM but was unable to attend, so we will have Sister Linda present the tribute.

Linda Groot, PGM

It is my pleasure on behalf of Winona to present this memorial tribute. I had known Brother Harold for over fifty-five years, it is an honor.

Harold Gulliver, PGP

"To everything there is a season; a time to be born and a time to die; a time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance." Ecclesiastes 3: 1, 2, and 4.

We mourn the passing of our senior Past Grand Patron (fifty years) Harold Douglas Gulliver, on June 21, 2023, at the age of one hundred and four years.

Harold was born on May 20, 1919, in Stettler, Alberta area. As a farm boy he liked animals and had a special affection for dogs. His mother gave piano lessons to many students, but Harold only played at the piano. He excelled in the trumpet and was part of the local band, including playing at many musical gatherings, and in the Calgary Stampede Parade. He preferred to walk or ride a bicycle, than driving a car.

His career as a Banker began in 1937 with his first job at the Royal Bank in Didsbury, ending with his retirement in Strathmore in 1977, after serving as a Royal Bank Manager in several branches throughout Alberta. There was a break in his tenure while he served in the Royal Canadian Air Force during World War II. During that time, he met his future wife, Edna; they married after discharge in 1946.

Harold enjoyed people and his associations with them. He and Edna loved to dance, travelling many miles – even out of province – to go square-dancing; their daughter Linda often accompanied them.

In 1955 Harold joined the Masonic Lodge in Big Valley, Alberta; he was also a member of the Scottish Rite. In December 1961 he and Edna were initiated into Electa Chapter No. 10, Alix Order of the Eastern Star. Harold enjoyed sixty-two years of dedicated service to the Order, maintaining an active interest throughout that time. With his usual proficiency, he last served in 2012 and 2013 as Worthy Patron of St. Hilda Chapter No. 27 (Didsbury) at the age of ninety-four, alongside his daughter Linda as Worthy Matron.

At the Grand Chapter level in 1970 Harold was elected as Grand Sentinel; in 1971 as Associate Grand Patron and in 1972 as Worthy Grand Patron. He was also a Member of the Board of General Purposes for fifty-three years.

The 62nd Annual “Our Heritage” Session of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, was held at Medicine Hat College on June 5-7, 1973, with Sister Irene McDougall of Bow Valley No. 5 as Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Harold Gulliver of Alix No. 10 as Worthy Grand Patron. Nine hundred and ninety-four (994) delegates were in attendance at the session. That year there were 8,881 members in 107 Alberta Chapters; there were five Charter Surrenders; the Per Capita Tax was one (\$1.00) dollar; a new form of balloting was introduced – it is still in use today. As well that year on May 10, the Alberta Government passed Bill No. PR7 to incorporate the “Grand Chapter of Alberta Order of the Eastern Star and Star Homes Society”. Harold was present for eighty-one (81) Official Visits of the Worthy Grand Matron, attending eleven (11) other personal visits – for a total of ninety-two (92) – during that year. His wife, Sister Edna, was his dedicated chauffeur doing the driving.

Further honors continued in 1982-1985 with Harold’s appointment as General Grand Chapter Committee Member on Public Relations. As an out-going, kind and gentle man he was, who lived his Obligation, a more fitting person could not have filled that role, not been a better Ambassador for Alberta. In this capacity Harold along with Edna, and sometimes Linda, visited all eight Canadian Grand Chapter Sessions and twenty-five U.S. Sessions as well as the 38th Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Chapter in Anaheim, California, and the 39th in Seattle, Washington.

In recent times only age and failing health curtailed Harold’s joy of visitations and meeting his multitude of friends on both sides of the Canadian – U.S. border.

Harold is survived by his daughter Linda Spokes (Terry) and his son Daryl-Gully Gulliver (Gerry), two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. A family graveside service was held at Mountain View Memorial Gardens, Calgary.

*"We shall meet again in a brighter land,
Where farewell is never spoken;
We shall clasp each other hand in hand
And the clasp shall not be broken."*

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

Thank you, Sister Linda.

I would now invite Sister Linda Spokes to place an Angel in memory of her father.

Musical interlude.

Memorial Service

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

We will now have the report from the Grand Chaplain.

Darlene Edstrom, Grand Chaplain

Worthy Grand Matron Sister Jacquie, Worthy Grand Patron Brother Wayne, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers, good morning.

I would like to thank Sister Jacquie, Worthy Grand Matron, for allowing me to take on this position, she had originally asked that I do a different position, which I declined, and she graciously let me be Chaplain.

I am sad to report that on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Alberta I extended our sympathies on the loss of thirty-seven (37) Sisters and Brothers from the Eastern Star Family. We lost one (1) Past Worthy Grand Patron, and the General Grand Chapters Worthy Grand Electa, nine (9) Past Grand Matrons, twenty-three (23) Past Grand Patrons. Of those three (3) were Canadian, all were Past Grand Patrons and one (1) was from our own jurisdiction, Brother Harold Gulliver. There was also the loss of two (2) Grand Representatives and one (1) Worthy District Deputy.

I have held the position of Martha many times and the words "He that liveth and believeth in me shall never die" came to my mind many times as I read the memorials sent to me. I extend my sympathies and those of the Grand Chapter of Alberta to all of the Chapters and Family members who have suffered a loss or illness over the past year. In Matthew 5, verse 4, Jesus says "Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted."

Thank you for your attention.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

Thank you, Sister Darlene.

I am now going to ask Sister Sheila Gow and Sister Maida Higa for a song. At that time,

I would ask the Worthy Matrons that are taking part in the Memorial Service, line up behind the Associate Grand Matron and Patrons chairs and we will get you ready for the ceremony.

Sister Sheila sings "You Raise Me Up" accompanied by Sister Maida.

Thank you, that was absolutely beautiful.

As the Grand Secretary reads the Memorial List, each Worthy Matron will place an angel on the large angel with a slight stop at the Altar.

Mountain View #1

Brother Malcolm Sinclair

Venus #2

Sister Stella Murray

Alexandra #4

Sister Rosamond Duke, Sister Myrtle Johnson

Sister Verlea Mack

Bow Valley #5

Charter surrendered Nov. 1, 2023

No losses

Maple Leaf #7

Sister Lois McKillop, Sister Eleanor Shaver

Brother Jim Penny, Sister Mary Yvonne Hohm

Edmonton #19

Brother Elmer Bly, Sister Lorraine Spalding,

Sister Dora Christensen, Sister Peggy Campbell

Castleview #21

Sister Rhonda Collins

Queen Esther #22

Sister Kay Hart, Sister Judith Pedersen

Edith Cavell #25

Sister Marjorie Stoley, Brother Fred Allan,

Brother Malcolm Sinclair, Sister Millicent "Joan" Capella

St. Hilda #27

Brother Harold Gulliver, PGP, Brother Wilson Regwell

Sister Birgit Due, Brother Jack Edwards

Innisfail #37

No losses

Allenby #38

Sister Anna Burch, Sister Heather McDonald,
Sister Marg Scott, Brother Doug Trook,
Brother Joe Bernsten

Forestburg #54

Sister Clarisse Jury, Brother James Jury

Murray #58

Sister Valerie Brower, Sister Milta Tribble

Zenith #85

Sister Helen Shaddick, Sister Olive Hillman
Sister Donna Fobert

Sunset #95

Brother Roy Hystrom, Sister Esme Hystrom
Sister Gloria Umbach

Serenity #113

Brother Mervin Meers, Brother Dennis Letkeman

Majestic #126

Sister Amy Norbury, Sister Dorothy Brunelle
Sister Gladys Ritchie

Primrose #127

Brother Don Dygert, Sister Lillian Sweeney

Chinook #133

Brother Rod Duncan, Brother Rolf Falkenberg
Sister Wendy Duncan

Pioneer #135

Sister Mari Magill, Sister Janice Burrough
Sister Ellen Newell

Fort McMurray #137

No losses

Elizabeth Trapp #138

Brother William (Bill) Fowler

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

Grand Marshall, you will place the Memorial Scroll on the Altar.

Grand Chaplain, you will lead us in prayer.

Once again, I will invite Sister Sheila Gow and Sister Maida Higa for a song.

Sister Sheila sings "Candle in the Wind".

I don't think there is a tear left in this room; I think everyone's eyes are full.

"On Angel's Wings"

On Angel's Wings, you were taken away,

But in my heart, you will stay.

I will hear you whisper in the tallest trees,

Feel your love in the gentle breeze.

And when I find I miss you the most,

Inside our beautiful memories

I will hold you close.

You are an Angel watching over me,

With the comfort and blessings, you bring,

You embrace my heart and hold it close,

Forever on Angel's Wings.

Forever with the Angels, always in our Hearts.

I invite Worthy Matron's at the close of this morning's session if they would like their angel to help yourself.

Worship Service**Jacquie Charlton, WGM**

I now call on Brother Wayne to Call to Worship.

Wayne Rinke, WGP

Thank you, Jacquie, in the little booklet I believe.

L: God said, "Let there be light."

A: And there was light.

L: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

A: And the light shone in the darkness.

L: Jesus said, "You are the light of the World."

A: And the light shall not be quenched.

Let your light shine!

Let your hearts be glad!

God is faithful to us, and God rules in Love.

Then let us Worship in God.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

I would like to join in our hymn which is "Shine Jesus Shine."

Sister Pam is going to help with the music this time and the words should be up on the screen, or they are in the little booklet. Please rise and join us for "Shine Jesus Shine."

Pam Berry, PM

When we are doing the song, when it comes to Shine on Me, you clap twice Shine on Me clap and when it Shine Jesus Shine you clap twice, and I will help you on that.

The song was sung by the body of the Grand Chapter.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

Grand Chaplain, you will lead us in prayer.

Darlene Edstrom, Grand Chaplain

God said, "Let light shine in the darkness!" Lord, shine your light into our lives. We see the glory of God in the face of Christ. The light of Christ is with us day by day. Let us follow the light of Christ together and never walk in darkness. AMEN

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

I now invite Sister Mildred Rinke, PGM, for the scriptures.

Mildred Rinke, PGM

The following are the scriptures. The following are the scripture readings from the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

The Worthy Grand Patron's scripture is from Ephesians Chapter 4, Verses 25-32.

Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.

Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

Let all bitterness and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another as God in Christ forgave you.

The Worthy Grand Matron's scripture is from John Chapter 1, Verses 1-9 and Chapter 8, Verse 12.

In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him, nothing was made that has been made.

In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.

The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God whose name was John.

He came as a witness to testify concerning that light so that through him all might believe.

He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said "I am the light of the world."

Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.

Thanks be to God.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

I would now like to invite Sister Mary Wescott, PGM, for the message.

Mary Wescott, PGM

Let's pray.....

Gracious God may the words of my mouth and the meditations of our each of our hearts, may they be acceptable in your sight Oh lord our strength and redeemer.

Amen

Sermon: The Mystery of Light

How many of you love a good mystery?

What mystery would you like to see solved in your lifetime?

→ Who was Jack the Ripper?

→ Who built Stonehenge and why?

→ What happens to all those socks that disappear from the washer and dryer?

→ Will we EVER know who let the dogs out?

Well, these may all be unsolvable mysteries.....But what about those solvable mysteries-

How many of you read Nancy Drew or Hardy Boys books when you were growing up?

And how many of you are still reading books full of adventure, magic and mystery?

Those mysteries by Gillian Flynn, John Grisham or J.K Rowling, and many more. For mystery lovers, there's nothing better than the feeling of discovering.

On our altar is another mystery book. In this book ... the Bible ... There is a lot of mystery. In fact, the word "mystery" or "mysteries" is used 27 times in the New Testament, and each time it is translated from the Greek word *Mysterion*, which has the idea of something hidden, or secret, or something that is not immediately obvious to the understanding. Generally, it refers to something that has been concealed but is now, or will be, revealed.

Now- you must be wondering what all this talk about mystery has to do with this Morning's Gospel reading. Or has any of this- to do with "light" Scientists are baffled by the mystery of light. They can study it - but still don't understand what light is. Light older than anything else in the universe. God created it first, and even to this day, light remains a mystery.

Light is —

1. Revealing: Every morning it removes the dark veil from the face of nature and enables us to go wherever our duty calls us.
2. Light is felicitous: Who loves the darkness?
Truly the light is sweet; in its presence, flowers open themselves, landscapes smile, and birds sing.
3. Light is mysterious: In the morning it appears to come from the east, it travels at the rate of 90,000,000 miles in eight minutes; and in the evening seems to retire in the west.

For thousands of years it has each day visited our planet; why does it continue as fresh as on the day of its creation? For more than 2,000 years, great thinkers have struggled to understand what light is. It is a mystery.

But there is another light that is also a mystery to the human race.

God is light according to the Bible and he is as mysterious as light in the natural sense, but like scientists, we can study God and understand what light does in our lives.

Light reveals the world to us. Body and soul crave it. Light sets our biological clocks. It triggers in our brains the sensations of color.

Light feeds us, supplying energy for plants to grow. It inspires us with special effects like rainbows and sunsets. Light gives us life.

Scientists don't fully understand what light is or what it can do. They just know that it illuminates our future. Scientists tell us that light reveals the world to us. Perhaps the true God himself, reveals the real world to us!

We never see the real world until God illuminates it to us through the lenses of his word and his presence.

Psalm 119:130

The unfolding of your words gives light it imparts understanding to the simple.

Light- a mystery to the human race. In John's gospel- Jesus made it clear that He is light. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world." This statement was profound, prophetic, fulfilling, angering and comforting, and divine.

To help us wrap our minds around this, we must understand what is taking place.

The Feast of Tabernacles or Booths is about to come to an end. This was one of three national feasts the Jews celebrated. It refers to the last and greatest day of the feast.

What happened on this last day of the feast and the others was that in the temple the two golden menorahs were lit, the candelabra with seven lamps and candles.

The court of the women were lit, the city would be illuminated, and from the surrounding hills the temple could be seen lit up.

The, once the candles are blown out, then darkness hung over the city.

It is in this context that Jesus says, 'I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have Light of life'

Jesus Is the Light of the World—And so Are We

It's been said by many fathers to their kids that nothing good happens after midnight.

The dark is when people get in trouble; it's when we lose our inhibitions and caution. That's because we, as humans, were made to live in the light.

If you've ever worked the night shift, you know how difficult it is to adjust your internal clock; you have to learn how to live and even when you do, everything seems opposite of what it should be.

Jesus told His followers, "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12), and of course, He was. But why did He choose the light to compare Himself to?

A lot of reasons, but maybe the most important involves the purpose of light.

In that day and time, light wasn't meant to decorate a house; no one had a lamp sitting around just because it looked pretty.

Light was about utility and work; it existed in a limited supply, and it was important that a person make the most of the time they had while the light was still shining.

That's because in the light, we can truly see and can know the true nature of what's before us.

When a lamp is lit in a darkened room, there is immediately clarity there.

Without the light, there is mystery, apprehension, and fear; you can't truly identify where or what anything is.

But with light comes revelation—the light reveals the true nature of what is and what is not.

It shows you that a chair is not a bed and the monster knocking on the window is just the rain.

Light reveals. It shows us the truth about what otherwise exists in darkness. That's exactly what Jesus did.

He exposed a lot of things that had been in the dark for a long time.

He shined the light on the hypocrisy of the religious leaders of the day.

He refused to accept half-hearted devotion to becoming a true follower of God. He called sin "sin" and He extended love and truth with His whole self.

But Jesus not only called Himself the light of the world; He passed the responsibility of lighting the world to His followers:

You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden.

No one, after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.(Matt. 5:14-16).

Like Him, His followers are meant to light the world and to light it brightly.

The light that brings the truth, but the truth is not always easy.

That's the difficult part about being the light of the world; it means that we must stand for truth even when we are pressured not to.

But our light is not meant to be muted; it's meant to be put on a stand or a hill and displayed.

No matter how far from the light we might be, we can still see it in the distance.

Just as He is the light of the world, so also may the light shine out in the increasingly darkened world of our day.

Martha on her darkest days, suffering with grief over the loss of her beloved brother- still looks to Jesus. She hurries to him, foregoing a greeting, she says— rather bluntly and perhaps a bit accusingly—“Lord, if you had been here, my brother might not have died” Jesus in his own grief over the loss of his friends softens his heart with love and compassion towards Martha and he honors her with the statement “I am the resurrection and the life,” and then he challenges her, “Do you believe this?”

Without hesitation, Martha answers: “Yes, Lord. I believe

Sisters and Brothers, this is nothing new to us.

We are all familiar with the stories and lessons of our five heroines.

From them emanates a light, reminding us that, regardless of how dark and turbulent our emotional seas may become, we need only to focus on the Spiritual Light within us.

The golden beams from the star, when rightly understood, should so shine in our everyday lives that all the outside world may know the wonderful loyalty and friendships the members feel and express for each other.

When my son was fifteen (15) years of age- he was into reading *The Belgariad*, a series of a book fantasy epic written by David Eddings.

As a parent - it was important to me to know what my son was reading and how that might influence him. So, I began to read the books along with him.

The series tells the story of the recovery of the Orb of Aldur and the coming of age of Garion, an orphaned farm boy. Garion is accompanied by his aunt Pol and her father Belgarath as they try to fulfill an ancient prophecy that will decide the fate of the universe. Along the way, “instruments”, or helpers, of the prophecy join their quest.

Garion gradually begins to learn that his Aunt Pol, the cook in the farm’s kitchen, is much more than she seems — and that Garion himself is the heir to an ancient power.

Pursued by enemies of his family, he embarks on a quest across new lands as glimmers of his birthright begin to appear.

Along the way, he encounters strange adversaries, colorful fellow travelers, and the deepening realization that his destiny is both noble and terrifying.

We spent quiet times together reading the books and then we would stop and have long conversations over the meaning of each book. Even though these were only books of fantasy it made me think of this morning’s gospel reading.

A reminder that we all have a quest- to follow the light of the world and only there will we know what and who we were meant to be.

Like Garion- we are not alone. We travel with each other; we encounter others along the way.

The light shows us the way. Our Eastern Star story also reminds us of our quest.

Before we enter the doors, we are reminded “that we are a seeker of Light” and like the Three Wise Men “we are being led by that light”.

Words of the Hymn

I am the Light of the World

You people come and follow me.
If you follow and love,
You'll learn the mystery
Of what you were meant to do and be.

Sisters & brothers- This is our quest.

The Light of the world may be something that is not immediately obvious to our understanding- but is waiting to be discovered.

Don't you just love a good mystery!

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

We would like to do a collection for ESTARL at this time, so if the Assistant Grand Sentinels can get the collection baskets. Everything collected here will be going to our ESTARL Committee.

(Musical Interlude, while the collection was being made.)

Sister Mary, will you come forward and give us a prayer for the collection.

Mary Wescott, PGM

Let us pray.

Gracious and loving God. We thank you for the way you hold your light before us. Shining ways to darkness so that we don't stumble and can find our way together. We ask that the work that we do and the effort that we make will always be blessed with your presence, shining the way forward for ourselves and others. Bless these gifts we bring so that we may spread that hope in the world you live. In the name of your greatest gift Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen

May the Lord bless you and keep you;
May the Lord be kind and gracious to you.
May the Lord look upon you with favour and give you peace.
Amen

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

Thank you, Sister Mary.

Janet Dryburgh, PM

Worthy Grand Matron, may I approach the East?

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

You sure may Sister Janet.

I hope that you all found lots of treasures in our Second-Hand Rose this year, unfortunately I didn't get a chance to do much shopping next year.

Janet Dryburgh, PM

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters, Brother, Visitors and everybody who has come and helped and supported Second Hand Rose, I would just like to present to the Worthy Grand Matron. This is Friday and Saturday only, no cash from today, one thousand six hundred and nineteen dollars and sixty cents (\$1619.60). Everything today is half price, come in and see the cashier she will give you a deal. Thank you, very much.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

I would just like to say thank you to Janet and her committee and all the hard work that they do and everyone for the donations that make to this. This is outstanding and thank you very much.

Janet Dryburgh, PM

I forgot to thank Sheila, Dee and the other ladies and gentlemen who came and helped and dropped stuff off but do come again there a super deals.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

I would like to start on the presentation of our service jewels. I am going to give you a couple of minutes here so would our new since last year, since June of last year the new seventy-, sixty- and fifty-year members, just gather behind the Associate Grand Matron and Patrons chairs. This is in Alberta since 2023.

Grand Secretary, are you ready.

Lisbeth Booth, Grand Secretary

As ready as we will ever be!

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

Grand Conductress you will present and introduce the new fifty-, sixty- and seventy-year members who have attained this milestone since 2023 Grand Chapter within the labyrinth. Associate Grand Conductress, you will assist.

Bonnie Nelson, Grand Conductress

Worthy Grand Matron it is my honor to present the new fifty year, sixty year and seventy year members, and I would ask that they would introduce themselves.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

And their year please.

The following were introduced at the Altar.

Helen Bilou, GGCCM (126) [50]; Mavis Hamilton (7) [50]; Marie Giebelhaus (2) [60]; Sharlene Bethell (133) [60]; Marjorie Purdy (7) [60]; Leona McMillan (21) [60] and Gladys Dunnwebber (4) [70]. Total years of service --- 410.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

My Sisters, congratulations on achieving this milestone. Your dedication and commitment are an inspiration to all of us. I am sure each of you have some very special memories to cherish from the past several years.

Grand Conductress, you will escort our fifty, sixty- and seventy-year members to the East. The new fifty, sixty- and seventy-year-old members were saluted with Grand Honors and given a very hearty welcome.

Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will conduct our special members back to their seats.

Now if you would like to go back to where Joanne is standing, she has a little gift for you.

While they are getting their gifts, I am going to ask the fifty plus members to start lining up behind the Associate Grand Matron and Patrons chairs.

Grand Conductress, you will present and introduce the fifty plus years members in the West. Sister Associate Grand Conductress you will assist.

Bonnie Nelson, Grand Conductress

Worthy Grand Matron, it is my honor to present your fifty and fifty plus members of the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

Recognized in the West were:

Linda Spokes, PM (27) [56]; Neva Quinn, (133/27) [56]; Helen Marshall (37) [62]; Margaret Burlingham (38) [68]; Pam Berry, PM (95) [51]; Margaret Erickson, PM (1) [68]; Marion Campbell, PM (85) [54]; Glenda Bailey, MBGP (58) [53]; Milly Hartley, PM (133) [59]; Marilyn Zulkoskey (126) [51]; Maida Higa (85/7) [59]; Maxine Armet, PM (2) [68]; Monica Ostapowich, PM (38) [59]; Evie Jean Lazenby, PM, (135/137) [58]; Maybeth Drozd, PGM (19) [56]; Gwen Leighton, PGM (38) [54]; Donna Richard, PGM (2) [53]; Marj Neely, PGM (7) [52]; Linda Groot, PGM (27/133) [63]; Pat Senteza, PGM (133) [52]; Wendy McWilliam, PM (127) [52]; Maureen Akitt, PM (21) [62]; Grace Hill (76, SK) [65] and Bev Otsuka, PGM Saskatchewan [55]. Total years – 1386.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

Wow what an amazing group of Sisters. You all need to be congratulated on your achievements. Long service to this organization is truly a record of your commitment and love for the Order.

We would like each one of you to introduce yourself and your years of service, but please speak very clearly so our Grand Secretary can tally the numbers.

How are we doing Grand Secretary? I will give you a second or two.

Lisbeth Booth, Grand Secretary

I am going to have to re-add. Thanks.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

I am sure that some of you were just babies when you joined right, even though the age is eighteen. It is wonderful to see you all. I am glad that you were all able to come and make it today. This is always a special morning, and the best part is to recognize all of our long service members. I, thank you for joining us today.

Lisbeth Booth, Grand Secretary

Worthy Grand Matron, thanks to my able assistant yet again, we have 1796 year's total service.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

Absolutely wonderful!

Grand Conductress you escort our fifty plus members back out that way, as I believe that the Pages have some gifts for them. Thank you again for joining us this year.

I would now like to call on Brother Roy Sonley, PGP, to give us the final registration numbers

Roy Sonley, PGP

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brother, good morning.

First of all, I would to thank all those who pre-registered. We had one hundred and ninety-four (194) members pre-register and fifty-five (55) guests. It sure makes my job a lot easier when you do that, and I would also like to thank all the volunteers who helped at the registration desk on Friday and Saturday. We couldn't do it without you. Thank you also to my Co-chair Brother David Johnson, who will be taking over from me for next year. I would like to ask you to turn in your badge holders and your lanyards, it makes it easier to put them together.

Now for the numbers, we had all of our chapters represented by as little as two members or as many as nineteen.

The final figures are:

Members registered including one fifty-year member – 193;

Visitors- 59

Total Registration – 252

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

Thank you Brother Roy and we accept that report.

Would the 2024 Worthy Matrons, and Worthy Patrons, please line up behind the Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron chairs for introduction.

Grand Conductress, you will present the 2024 Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons for introduction. Associate Grand Conductress you will assist.

You may have to make a second line on the Worthy Matrons side thank you.

Bonnie Nelson, Grand Conductress

Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to introduce the 2024 Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of Alberta. With your permission I will have them introduce themselves.

Joan Ainsworth, Mountain View (1); Marie Giebelhaus, Venus (2); Phyllis Miller, Alexandra (4); Deanna Gillis, Maple Leaf (7), Shirley Hick, Edmonton (19), Leona McMillan, Castleview (21), Darcy Wasylik, Queen Esther (22); Kim Laybolt, Edith Cavell (25); Lorna Richmond, PGM St. Hilda (27); Corrine Skelton, Innisfail (37); Nan Kilmarnock, Allenby (38); Linda Johnson, Forestburg (54); Val Ballance, Murray (58); Sheila Gow, Zenith (85); Leanna Meers, Serenity (113); Mary Lynn Smith, Majestic (126); Cindy Kentfield, Primrose (127); Tammy Lynn Carbol, Chinook (133); Susan MacArthur, PGM Fort McMurray (137); John Miller, Alexandra (4), Garry Schultz, Edmonton (19); David Johnson, PGP Castleview (21); Warren Wright, St. Hilda (27), Rod Gow, Zenith (85); Kent Meers, Serenity (113); Richard Ashby, PGP Majestic (126); David Anderson, Chinook (133), Kenn Culbertson, Pioneer (135) and, Brad Edstrom, Fort McMurray (137).

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

Welcome to all of you. You will be the presiding officers when Sister Kim and Brother Peter visit this year. I can only wish you all the love, joy and friendship during those visits.

Sisters and Brothers join with me in giving the 2024 Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons a very hearty welcome.

Grand Conductress you will escort our Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons back to their seats. Associate Grand Conductress you will assist.

I would now like to take the opportunity to thank the retiring Members of the Board of General Purposes. They are not here today, but I do want this in the proceedings, these three have done a ton of work and I just wanted them to be recognized.

Brother Gordon McEwen, Sister Maureen McClean and Sister Ferrol Welke – this Grand Chapter thanks you for dedicated time, knowledge, and service you have provided us over the past many years. We wish you well in your future endeavors and I am sure we will see you along the Eastern Star Trail.

Would everybody join me in giving them a hearty thank you.

I am now going to call on Brother Wayne to give his farewell address.

Wayne Rinke, WGP

Sisters and Brothers...the ending of one chapter in a good book...simply leads you enthusiastically into another chapter and that is how I feel today. I look forward to visiting and working with all of you in the future.

My thanks go out to the Chapters for the courtesies extended and to my chapters, Maple Leaf No. 7, and to Murray No. 58 for their support.

To my wife and favorite Past Grand Matron, Sister Mildred for being at my side in virtually all the travelling done during the journey. I never could get those damned suspenders and bow tie to cooperate properly when getting dressed. Your support made every kilometer a pleasure to drive.

Last, but certainly not least, I have to thank Worthy Grand Matron Jacquie for going above and beyond in sharing a very enjoyable, fun, educational journey. She continually inspired me with her commitment to the order, her knowledge of the order, and her wry sense of humor.

Considering that we did not know each other three years ago, we had a good run.

To Worthy Grand Matron Elect Sister Kim and Worthy Grand Patron Elect Brother Peter, and all your officers, I wish you all the best and good luck in the future.

Thank you.

Jacquie Charlton, WGM

My Sisters and my brothers – one year ago you gave me the honor of being installed as the Worthy Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter. This has been an amazing journey, one that has gone beyond my expectations, with many lasting memories. The warmth and love I have received from all the members across this province has been felt and appreciated. As the Light of Love Session comes to a close, it is time to say thank you and farewell.

To our Grand Family – no words can describe how proud I am of having each of you serving this Grand Chapter. Your attendance and support at Official Visits were always welcomed and appreciated. At times you were asked to fill in and you each performed these duties with honor. One of our Grand Officers mentioned to a group of members that when we refer to the Grand Family, it is truly a family. I feel the same way and treasure each of you as my sisters and brothers and as a family, again thank you for accepting your positions and I hope you have enjoyed your year.

Sister Lorna, Sister Arlene and Sister Mary Ann – I can't believe you three and what you done this year. You have worked so hard raising money for my Personal Charity, Autism Society Alberta, I thank each of you. Sis Lorna has also been my traveling companion for most of this year, you truly are my Sisters and my friends and I love you all!

To Zenith Chapter No. 85 would you please stand those few that are here. I thank you for your support and encouragement. This group means the world to me and thanks to those who could attend this Session and those that had to stay home due to personal reasons. I thank each of you for all your hard work. This doesn't happen by myself, and I just thank each and every one of you for everything. Many more members of this Grand Jurisdiction has helped make this year the success it has been and for all the fond memories I have. I will not try to name you as I would probably miss someone. You know who you are, and I thank you for such an incredible year.

To our Grand Secretary – I thank you for your hard work and listening to my continual nattering. I hope you continue to grow in your position and wish you all the best in the future.

Worthy Grand Matron Elect Sister Kim and Worthy Grand Patron Elect Peter - I wish you all the best in the coming year and safe travels. You will enjoy the friendships

you make along your journey and the memories you will find will be overwhelming. Good luck!

Brother Wayne, I believe you and I have had a tremendous year together. I could not have asked for a better partner on this journey. Your understanding, humor, friendship and at times pulling me off the ceiling made this year amazing. We were so unified in many decisions we had to make, our philosophy as to where to take this Grand Chapter was the same.

Our conversations were always effortless and for this I thank you. Your dedication and hard work have been instrumental in our success. Our friendship has grown for all three of us and Sister Mildred, I thank you for lending Brother Wayne to me this year. Your understanding and patience with our extended telephone conversations has much been appreciated. So, as I ended every one of my speeches this year, I will end this speech the same.

Wherever you may wander,
Wherever you may roam
May an Angel journey with you
And safely bring you home.

Thank you, Grand Chapter of Alberta this has been an amazing adventure.

Donna-Lynn Guynup, PGM

Worthy Grand Matron, I have a confession. I was the anonymous person.

Jacque Charlton, WGM

Finally! I will just fill you on that. At the back there are twenty-one dragonflies in the blue frame and four on blue piece of fabric. At every official visit I was given an envelope or an envelope just appeared somewhere. On the front of the envelope, it said if found please give to the Worthy Grand Matron. Within that envelope was a dragonfly pin and a thank you card, it was signed by various signatures. It said thank you for what you do for Star. I have to admit that at first it was a little freaky, and then I started to kind of embellish it and enjoy and it was just absolutely amazing. I really wondered. I knew one of them did come from Donna-Lynn, because if anybody has seen Donna-Lynn's signature or writing, you just know it is hers.

Donna-Lynn Guynup, PGM

Would all my helpers, please stand. They were recognized and given a round of applause.

Jacque Charlton, WGM

We are now going to join in our closing ode, and it is in your little booklet. It is called "Go Light Your World."

This is a closing ode that Zenith has just started using, it is all about light, it's all about candles and it's all about love.

So please rise, join with us.

Maida Higa, Grand Organist

Worthy Grand Matron, I am going to play the first line, so you have got the idea of the melody.

The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar informally,

Jacque Charlton, WGM

Grand Marshal – you will proclaim the 112th Grand Chapter of Alberta from labor to rest to reconvene this afternoon at 2:00 pm sharp.

Kent Meers, Grand Marshal

By the direction of the Worthy Grand Matron, I proclaim the 112th Grand Chapter of Alberta from labor to refreshment to reconvene at 2:00 pm sharp.

Jacque Charlton, WGM

Sister Kim, do you have an announcement to make?

Kim McMinis, Worthy Grand Matron – Elect

Yes, I would love if the Pages, if possible, could stay in their stations and help us with the Installation this afternoon.

Jacque Charlton, WGM

Do you need the Assistant Grand Sentinels as well for chairs?

Kim McMinis, Worthy Grand Matron – Elect

Oh yes, we do, we need the “penguin march,” if they could help with the chairs for Installation.

Jacque Charlton, WGM

I am looking for three members, and I am not sure if they are in the crowd right. I have Sister Jenny Guest, if you are here maybe, you could just raise your hand. I will send a page also Sister Cheryl Rann and Brother Eric Rann if they are here, or someone is here from Saskatchewan is here we will get them to you after we close. I am also going to ask that the memorial bouquet, scroll and cloth be removed from the Altar for the badge ceremony, please Brother Kent. We will need it before we do the badge ceremony, so you can do it right now. Sister Joanne, oh look she is here!

I would now like to invite Sister Joanne Fisher to do the Badge Retirement.

Lisbeth Booth, Grand Secretary

Sister Jacque, can I just make a few announcements. I have a number of photographs for Sister Gail Ancelet, Sister Maureen Akitt, Sister Maria Sosa and Sister Sheryl Rombough.

I would like to remind Sister Bonnie Nelson and Sister Gail Anderson to come and sign for their General Grand Chapter Credentials. I have from last night a cigarette holder, and a pair of gloves. I have one pendent that looks like a piece of onyx. I also remind the Grand Officers to come and sign for returning their badges after the badge retirement ceremony and the close of the morning. That is all I have and thank you Worthy Grand Matron.

Badge Retirement Ceremony

Joanne Fisher, PM

The sun's bright glow is waning as Grand Chapter's year now ends.
Our grand Family returns their jewels to the Altar, they attend.
It's been their joy to serve you and to wear their badges true.
And a privilege for them to walk the bright Star path with you.
Here they lay their Jewels that are always shining fair.
Leaving them with reverence and with a final prayer.

Our nine Board Members less a few of General Purposes, who assist on Committees and serve this Grand Chapter, will now place their badges on the Altar.

Three-year terms served by: Sister Glenda, Sister Cathy, Brother Dave.
Two-year terms served by: Sister Tanya.
One year term served by: Sister Gail.

Sister Lorna Richmond, PGM Personal Trustee of our Worthy Grand Matron – with organization and grace you have assisted her in fundraising and promoting her charity, the Autism Society Alberta. Thank you.

You may now circle please.

Grand Officers, the Jewels that you have proudly worn this year were received from this Altar one year ago. To this same Altar they will now be returned.

Brother David, Grand Sentinel – with the jewel of crossed swords, you have, at this Grand Chapter, given us protection and safety.

Dear Sister Suzy, Grand Warder – as you guarded the inner door, your jewel with the dove brought us peace and harmony.

Sister Tanice, Grand Electa – you have exemplified love, charity and hospitality with the cup within the triangle.

Sister Deanna, Grand Martha – the broken column you have worn, has guided us with the faith we all needed this year.

Sister Myra, Grand Esther – has proudly worn the crown and sceptre, always shining brightly with her loyalty.

Sister Seona, Grand Ruth – her jewel displays the sheaf, reminding us that the sunshine will surely follow the pain that we sometime bear.

Sister Katherine, Grand Adah – this jewel, with the sword and veil of blue, reminds us that spoken vows should remain sacred.

Sister Maida, Grand Organist – your jewel with the lyre has given us a timely beat during the Grand Chapter Session, uniting music with harmony.

Brother Kent, Grand Marshal – direction came from you with crossed batons on your jewel sharp!

Sister Darlene, Grand Chaplain – your jewel is adorned with the Holy Bible, always reminding us to seek counsel from the Holy Book.

Sister Gail, Associate Grand Conductress Pro-tem – with her jewel of the baton, receiving and preparing candidates for the ceremony of initiation.

Sister Bonnie, Grand Conductress – with her jewel displaying the scroll and baton; you have traversed the chapter room ably while presenting and introducing our distinguished guests.

Sister Pat, Grand Treasurer – crossed keys on the jewel of our treasurer, assured our funds are paid our bills in good measure.

Sister Lisbeth, Grand Secretary – with her jewel of crossed pen, managing the numerous duties of her office-that good deeds of our companions may not go unrecorded.

Brother Peter, Associate Grand Patron – has worn the jewel of a star within a star and has proven to us that he is competent in assuming his duties while reminding us to trust the Lord's design.

Sister Kim, Associate Grand Matron – places her jewel on the Altar. There is an air about her that denotes the effulgent sun which is about to burst and arise in the East.

Brother Wayne, Worthy Grand Patron – his jewel, the square and compasses. Our Worthy Grand Patron, he served us with pride, and he did spend this year by our dear Jacquie's side. Thank you.

Sister Jacquie, Worthy Grand Matron – her jewel, the gavel within the star. The friends, she made many, the memories were grand. She completed her journey with the help of God's hand. This year of the "Light of Love" Session has come to an end.

INSTALLATION

Sister Kim McMinis, Worthy Grand Matron
Brother Peter Devlin, Worthy Grand Patron

Sunday, June 9, 2024 – 2:00 PM

Musical Prelude

Maida Higa (85/7), Grand Organist
Flory Wilkins (37), Assistant Grand Organist

Call to Order

Beth Tripp, PGM
Eric Rann, GGCCM

Beth Tripp, PGM

Good afternoon, Sisters and Brothers, I am honoured to have been asked to open the final session of our Grand Chapter and to welcome you to the Installation of the 2024-2025 Grand Officers. Welcome to our members and guests.

Sister Jacquie and Brother Wayne, I know that you and your Grand Family have had a very busy year. I know that you have spent lots of hours getting ready for this session and you both have had a productive year and a great session. Take some time now for yourselves and rest a bit.

Sister Kim and Brother Peter, I know that you have been busy making plans for the upcoming year, and you will find many doors open as you and your Grand Family travel our beautiful province. Take time to enjoy our western skies and spread faith, hope and love with you wherever you go.

I am honoured to share the East with Brother Eric Rann, GGCCM for Youth, Saskatchewan.

Eric Rann, GGCCM of Youth

Good afternoon Distinguished East, Sisters, Brothers and Guests.

Worthy Grand Matron Sister Jacquie and Worthy Grand Patron Brother Wayne, your "Light of Love," Session has been a wonderful success, and your Alberta Autism Charity has informed and helped so many close to our hearts. Our family gives you a big thank you as does our youngest grandson Kason who is autistic. May your coming days bring your good health and happiness and great memories of your "Light of Love" year and great stories for other Past Grands.

I told my daughter about my role here today and how it was important to me to be able to describe Sister Kim's abilities. Her kindness towards others and patience with everyone from youngsters to seniors alike combined with an energy that has everyone

busy, happy and ready to pitch in to help because they know Sister Kim probably has a project lined up and is about to start work keeping our Star at the forefront. My daughter said, "I think you just did Dad."

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron Elect, Sister Kim for the privilege of accompanying Past Grand Matron, Sister Beth to open your installation session. Worthy Grand Patron Elect, Brother Peter may you and your loving wife Kandie find enjoyment, satisfaction, pleasant surprises, and many new friends in your approaching year assisting the new Worthy Grand Matron. Sister Kim and Brother Peter, your strength of character and experience and your well prepared and dedicated Grand Officers assures us that you will have a fun, adventurous and productive year with Open Doors admiring the Western Skies.

Beth Tripp, PGM

Again, I want to thank Sister Kim for the honour of bringing to order this session of the Grand Chapter of Alberta. I now declare this session open for the Installation of Grand Officers.

Bible and Emblem Ceremony

Maybeth Drozd, PGM

Women of the bible form the central star of our order and are endowed with beauty of character and spirit. Colors and flowers are very significant and add to the beauty of our ceremonies. Each of the five-star points has a color which is deep with meaning and a flower which is symbolic.

The blue of a cloudless sky shines from the first star point of "Adah".

The veil reminds us that nothing is hidden from God ... and the sword teaches that the principles of man are divided from the laws of God.

The lesson we learn from Adah is that everyone must be true to his obligation. Jephthah kept faith with God even under the stress of great personal anguish, and Adah came forth willingly and unafraid to keep the faith.

As the sword and veil are placed on the pedestal by Sister Susan Whiting of Zenith Chapter No. 85, Cochrane, we are reminded of the value of meeting our life situation by keeping faith with God, ourselves and our fellowman.

From "Ruth", the second point of our Star, shines a beautiful yellow hue, which reminds us of golden sheaves of wheat waving in the sun.

The sheaf is made up of bits of love and spiritual nourishment which one collects by doing little acts of kindness and thoughtfulness. As these things are accomplished, they are reflected back to us, and multiplied many times, for sheer devotion to God, duty and fellowman is achieved through unwavering love and faith, no woman ever attained greater heights or was a greater source of inspiration was our Ruth.

As Sister Grace Hill of Lloydminster Chapter No. 76, Lloydminster, Saskatchewan places the sheaf, we are reminded that the demands of honor and justice are to be met with dignity and constancy.

The purest white as snow the third station "Esther". Reflects purity of thoughts and noble qualities of mind and heart. Before appearing to the King, Queen Esther fasted and prayed that she might be successful in saving her people while securing pardon for herself. Because of her sincerity and zeal, she accomplished her mission and saved her people from death.

As Sister Linda Sonley, of Murray Chapter No. 58, Medicine Hat, places the crown and scepter on the pedestal we are reminded that he who holds power in his hand, however, briefly is bound to exercise that power with justice and wisdom.

The beautiful green of the newborn leaf, the first blade of green grass signifying life and beauty, is important to the fourth station – that of "Martha". As Lazarus rose from the dead on the call of Jesus, we know that we have been given proof of eternal life, as Lazarus was given an opportunity for renewal of his life. The beautiful broken column is an impressive emblem of the station of Martha and teaches us that the uncertainty of life. This makes us aware of the greatest of all gifts – the gift of life.

The emblem is placed on the pedestal by Sister Marie Giebelhaus of Venus Chapter No. 2, Red Deer.

The fifth point of our Star is the vivid and strong color red known as the symbol of love. It reflects the character and warmth of our heroine "Electa" with fervency, Electa loved the people of the world, and she lived a life of love so much that no sacrifice on her part was too great if it helped to teach the love of God.

Each individual meets his own greatness in the crises of his life, just as Electa met hers. She put into practice a very important virtue – that "we love one another". The symbol of generosity of spirit and character is the cup....

Now placed on the pedestal by Sister Jessie Wasylik of Queen Esther Chapter No. 22, Vermilion, we are reminded to be generous and give of our love and of ourselves.

The Bible:

The greatest of all gifts, the emblem of the word of God, is the book upon which our order is based and from its pages have come the histories of the five women whom we honor. The Bible is one book in our lives which never changes and never becomes obsolete. The beauty of its words never fade. Its power endures forever. Within its pages are found the lessons of fidelity, constancy, loyalty, faith and love. Let each of us now silently renew our obligation, and pledge ourselves in the gift of service to one another,

As Sister Betsy Hamid of Majestic Chapter No. 126, Fort Saskatchewan, places the bible upon the altar.

It is the focal point from which all good things emanate, and from which all of us receive our strength and wisdom.

The Officers will now retire.

A hymn was sung.

Introduction of the 2024-2025 Grand Family

Susan MacArthur, PGM
Hector van Vierssen Trip, PGP

Susan MacArthur, PGM

Welcome to the Introductions of our Grand Family this afternoon for the 2024 to 2025 "Open Doors and Western Skies" Grand Family. Sister Kim is off on a grand adventure all around Alberta this year and has asked her Grand Family this year for pictures of their favorite places to share with you about our beautiful province.

Our first one-year Member of the Board of General Purposes is Sister Rhea McMane a member of St. Hilda Chapter No. 27 and Innisfail Chapter No. 37, and she is being escorted this afternoon by Brother Warren Wright.

The picture is a place where she has walked daily for about seventeen years and the scenery changes from minute to minute and season to season. I have learned that the scenery is just as important as the walk. Alberta has many beautiful vistas; we just need to stop for a moment and enjoy them.

Hector van Vierssen Trip, PGP

Our next officer is Member of the Board of General Purposes for one year, Sister Tanya Chisholm from Mountain View Chapter No. 1 and Edith Cavell Chapter No. 25 and she lives in Airdrie. Her escort and arm candy is Sister Kimberley Lewis of Edith Cavell Chapter No. 25.

Susan MacArthur, PGM

Next, we have a one-year Member of the Board of General Purposes Sister Joanne Fisher, who is a member of Venus Chapter No. 2 in Red Deer and Alexandra Chapter No. 4 in Lacombe. She is escorted by Sister Maxine Armet who was Worthy Matron along with her husband Jim, when Joanne was initiated in Rocky in 1979.

Hector van Vierssen Trip, PGP

Next is two-year Member of the Board of General Purposes Sister Cathy Sutter of Murray Chapter No. 58 of Medicine Hat and she is escorted by Brother Roy Sonley, PGP.

Her picture is: my favorite place in Alberta, Sunshine Ski Resort. My passion is skiing, and I love being in the mountains. It is my spiritual place where I go to get rejuvenate. Also as I look out at the mighty mountains, I marvel at the fact that man can't destroy this.

Susan MacArthur, PGM

Thank you. Next, we have two-year Member of the Board of General Purposes, Sister Glenda Bailey of Murray Chapter No. 58, in Medicine Hat and she is escorted today by her friend Sister Linda Sonley.

Hector van Vierssen Trip, PGP

Next is three-year Member of the Board of General Purposes, Sister Diane Cooper-Ponte. She is a member of Edith Cavell Chapter No. 25, and she is escorted by Sister Kim Laybolt, Worthy Matron of Edith Cavell Chapter No. 25

Susan MacArthur, PGM

Sorry, there was a bit of a glitch in the air.

Hector van Vierssen Trip, PGP

Next is two-year Member of the Board of General Purposes Brother Dave Valan of Allenby Chapter No. 38 in Edmonton and he is escorted by Sister Monica Ostapowich.

His caption for his picture is "I love the mountains" and it is very peaceful.

Susan MacArthur, PGM

Seona Scott should be next.

Seona Scott is a three-year Member of the Board of General Purposes, and her home Chapter is Zenith Chapter No. 85 in Cochrane, and her escort is Sister Gail Perry, Grand Representative of Alberta in Kentucky.

Her favorite photo is one that she took on Highway 16, west of Lloydminster on June 30, 2023, at 9:40 p.m. She grew up on a farm in Saskatchewan two hours past Lloydminster and watched many sunsets like this. I am driving and I took the photo of the sunset in my side mirror as I didn't want to stop as I wanted to get to Lloydminster for the night, but I do love a red sunset or sunrise. I had left Calgary earlier that day and drove through two hailstorms, so the sunset was a nice calm way to end the day.

Next is newly elected three-year Member of the Board of General Purposes, Betsy Hamid. She is escorted by her friend Brother Nestor Kwasnycia. She is a member of Majestic Chapter No. 126 in Fort Saskatchewan.

Hector van Vierssen Trip, PGP

Come on down, Brother Jim.

Next is Brother Jim Hutton, Grand Sentinel of Maple Leaf Chapter No. 7 and he is accompanied by his longtime friend Sister Shirley Weigelt.

His picture is of his second favorite hockey team, the Edmonton Oilers.

Susan MacArthur, PGM

Thank you. Our new Grand Warder is Sister Natalie Falkenberg, and she is a member of Chinook Chapter No. 133 and lives in Water Valley. She is escorted by Sister Tammy Lyn Carbol.

The picture of the sun on the Rocky Mountains was taken on a brisk morning in March from my home office window. Every day it makes my heart glad to see this view of the river, meadow and mountains.

Hector van Vierssen Trip, PGP

Next up is Sister Val Ballance, who is our Grand Electa this year and is a member of Murray Chapter No. 58 and lives in Medicine Hat. She is escorted by Sister Sherryl McBride.

Her caption is ... I had the pleasure of travelling to Cold Lake, Alberta on an Official Visit in 2023. What a beautiful city in the east central part of Alberta. Cold Lake has a population of about thirteen thousand and it is situated on the shore of Cold Lake. Canadian Forces Base Cold Lake is situated within the city's outer limits. It is known for its boating, year-round fishing, snowmobiling and I ventured down to the dock before the OES Meeting and in the morning after the visit at Primrose No. 127 before journeying on to Vermilion for their Official Visit. This was where I was able capture this scene, the blue sky and water had a calming, relaxing and yet energizing effect on my mind. The sound of water created a soothing noise, it is called pink noise. The beauty of the sunset evoked feelings of awe, wonder and appreciation for the natural world. The next day there was beautiful sunrise, the sun and blue sky were an instant mood elevator. Sunset reminds us of the passage of time and the impermanence of light, the sunrise puts light into perspective.

Susan MacArthur, PGM

Sister Linda Johnson has been appointed Grand Martha. She is a member of Forestburg Chapter No. 54, lives in Hardisty and is escorted today by Brother Roger Johnson.

Her picture represents country life at its finest. We get to witness such vivid sunsets and sunrises. This picture was taken three miles from our home and home is where the heart is.

Hector van Vierssen Trip, PGP

Next up, Grand Esther Cindy Kentfield is a member of Primrose Chapter No. 127, and she lives in Cold Lake. She is escorted today by Sister Wendy McWilliam.

It may not be the ocean but I am so blessed to live by the big beautiful Cold Lake where so many family members also enjoy its beauty. The sunsets, sunrises and fabulous Northern Lights over the lake add to its beauty.

Susan MacArthur, PGM

Grand Ruth, Sister Joanne Pompana is a member of Allenby Chapter No. 38, and she resides in Edmonton. Her escort today is friend Sister Nan Kilmarnock, Worthy Matron.

This is near Nordegg on the David Thompson Highway #11, there are many reasons I love this area, it feels like my birthplace. It is what I first connected to my indigene in 1975. The earth speaks to me there, I feel so blessed every time I go there as if I am returning home. I feel that same way in parts of the Highlands of Scotland, the Black Hills of South Dakota and Yellowstone's Grand Teton Mountains and I am a herbologist among other things, hence I am holding an herb. My longtime sister friend has taken the picture.

Hector van Vierssen Trip, PGP

Sister Karen Scribner is Grand Adah and is a member of Sunset Chapter No. 95, and lives in Grande Prairie. She is escorted today by Brother Richard Ashby.

This was a beautiful late summers day near Wembley in the County of Grande Prairie. Farmers were moving their machinery along a gravel road with Lake Saskatoon behind them and the ripened fields on the horizon. The only thing missing was the sound of Trumpeter Swans testing their wings, this is home.

Susan MacArthur, PGM

Sister Lou Niven, Grand Organist, is from Castlerview Chapter No. 21 and is escorted today by Norman Walker.

Lou's favorite picture is of Lundbreck Falls which is on the Crowsnest River. The falls are very close to her home.

Hector van Vierssen Trip, PGP

Brother Jesse Carr, our Grand Marshal is a member of Queen Esther Chapter No. 22 and lives in Cold Lake. Jessie's escort is Sister Carol Fulton, a very dear friend.

This is a picture of his back yard located at 1727- 6 Street Cold Lake, Alberta. This is very special to him as reminder of the very many family and friend gatherings that occurred in his garden over the past fifty years, furthermore many hours were spent with my wife June walking through the grounds, enjoying the beauty that nature has to offer. We both felt it to be very peaceful and relaxing.

Susan MacArthur, PGM

Sister Darcy Wasylik is our new Grand Chaplain and is a member of Queen Esther No. 22, and lives in Cochrane. She is escorted this afternoon by Mike Wasylik.

This is a picture of our family farm's laneway, regardless of where lives journey takes us, we always know that home is waiting for us to return.

Hector van Vierssen Trip, PGP

Sister Gail Ancelet is our Associate Grand Conductress. Sister Gail is a dual member of Castlevue Chapter No. 21 and Maple Leaf Chapter No. 7, and she lives in Hill Crest Mines. Sister Gail's escort today is her son Brent Ancelet.

This is the Frank Slide; I have seen it nearly every day of my life it is still known as the largest slide in Canada resulting in seventy-three deaths. She lives below the mountains east side.

Susan MacArthur, PGM

Sister Donna Kramer, has been elected our Grand Conductress she is a dual member of Chinook Chapter No. 133 and of Pioneer Chapter No. 135, and lives in Spruce Grove,

She is only here with us in spirit this afternoon as she had to go to Boise, Idaho, but she is here with us, and it will be looked after later.

Her picture says ... I remember growing up in a much smaller, gentler Calgary and standing out in the backyard looking up to see the Northern Lights.

Hector van Vierssen Trip, PGP

Sister Pat Oberg, our Grand Treasurer, is a member of Allenby Chapter No. 38 and she lives in Edmonton. She is escorted by Sister Marj Neely.

This is the Church that we attended while we were growing up, the best was Bible School in the summers because it was a country church there were kids that attended school in different towns, so we got to know more people. It is now a historical site.

Susan MacArthur, PGM

Sister Lisbeth Booth is our Grand Secretary. She is a member of Majestic Chapter No. 126 and lives in Westlock. Her escort this afternoon is Sister Barb Prochnau.

Two pictures of my passions in the great and enjoyable countryside of Alberta. One taken near Edson and the other just outside of High River. Now she has two versions and we're going to give you this one. One is of myself and my horse Breezy waiting to start a little introductory endurance ride of fifteen miles and the second shows my old dog Eli pulling his cart on a lovely fall day when he obtained his draft dog title. While I am not pictured, I just love his expression and that of the little girl who turned her head to watch him!

Hector Van Vierssen Trip, PGP

Brother David Anderson, our Associate Grand Patron, is a dual member of Mountain View Chapter No. 1 and Chinook Chapter No. 133 and he resides in Hanna. He is being escorted by Sister Pat Senetza.

His picture caption say ... My favorite place in Alberta, the family ranch and farm.

Susan MacArthur, PGM

Next is Sister Bonnie Nelson, our new Associate Grand Matron, who is a dual member of Mountain View Chapter No. 1 and Edith Cavell Chapter No. 25 and lives in Carstairs and is escorted by her son Brent.

Hector Van Vierssen Trip, PGP

Brother Peter Devlin is our Worthy Grand Patron for 2024-2025. A member of Murray Chapter No. 58 and he lives in Redcliff, Alberta. He is escorted this afternoon by his wife, Sister Kandie Devlin.

Susan MacArthur, PGM

Now last, but not least we have saved the best for last! Sister Kim McMinis, our new Worthy Grand Matron - elect for a few more minutes. A dual member of Queen Esther Chapter No. 22 and Lloydminster Chapter No. 76, she lives in Vermilion and her escort today is Gordon Bothner.

The picture was taken at a reclamation site in Fort McMurray, I love the colors, and I love the sun coming through the trees. It was a beautiful walk in a part of our province that I had not visited, so much to see and so much to learn. Life is for good friends and adventures.

These Ladies and Gentlemen is your Grand Family for 2024 and 2025.

If the two end lines there can lead out, then we can then get lined up for our installation.

Thank you very much Sister Kim for, for letting us do this today.

Gail Anderson, PGM

Good afternoon, Sisters and Brothers and visitors.

Brother Marshal, are we ready to go?

Kent Meers, Grand Marshal

Past Grand Matron.

Gail Anderson, PGM

Where is your Oilers jersey?

Kent Meers, Grand Marshal

I thought that I had pushed it far enough.

Gail Anderson, PGM

I would like to introduce our Installing Officers for this afternoon.

I am Gail Anderson, PGM and with me is Neil McMillan, PGP.

Assisting as the Associate Grand Matron is Sister Linda Groot, PGM.

Associate Grand Patron – Brother David Johnson, PGP.

Grand Secretary – Sister Gwen Leighton, PGM.

Grand Treasurer - Sister Marian Sinclair, PGM.

Grand Conductress – Sister Deb Buxton, PGM.

Associate Grand Conductress – Sister Yvonne Roberts, PGM.

Grand Chaplain – Sister Darlene Edstrom, PM.

Grand Marshal – Brother Kent Meers. PP.

Grand Organist – Sister Maida Higa, PM.

Grand Warder – Brother Terry Skelton, PGP and

Grand Sentinel – Brother Hal Welke, PGP.

Grand Conductress would you attend at the Altar informally.

Could we have the March of the Penguins!

Installing Grand Marshal

Kent Meers, Grand Marshal

Past Grand Matron.

Gail Anderson, PGM

Installing Grand Marshal, you will invite the Grand Officers to be installed to enter the Chapter Room.

Installing Grand Conductress, you will attend at the Altar informally.

Installing Grand Marshal, you will call the roll of officers to be installed.

GRAND OFFICERS 2024 – 2025

Worthy Grand Matron

Sis. Kim McMinis (22/SK 76)

Worthy Grand Patron

Bro. Peter Devlin (58)

Associate Grand Matron

Sis. Bonnie Nelson (1/25)

Associate Grand Patron

Bro. David Anderson (1/133)

Grand Secretary

Sis. Lisbeth Booth (126)

Grand Treasurer

Sis. Pat Oberg (38)

Grand Conductress

Sis. Donna Kramer (135/133)

Associate Grand Conductress

Sis. Gail Ancelet (21/7)

Grand Chaplain

Sis. Darcy Wasylik, (22)

Grand Marshal

Bro. Jesse Carr (22)

Grand Organist

Sis. Lou Niven (21/7)

Grand Adah

Sis. Karen Scribner (95)

Grand Ruth
Grand Esther
Grand Martha
Grand Electa
Grand Warder
Grand Sentinel

Sis. Joanne Pompana (38)
Sis. Cindy Kentfield (127)
Sis. Linda Johnson (54)
Sis. Val Ballance (58)
Sis. Natalie Falkenberg (133)
Bro. Jim Hutton (7)

Gail Anderson, PGM

Installing Grand Sentinel would you remove the chairs.

Installing Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will invest the badges of office to the Members of the Board of General Purposes.

Members of the Board of General Purposes

Three Years

Sis. Diane Cooper-Ponte (25)
Sis. Betsy Hamid (126)
Sis. Seona Scott (85)

Two Years

Sis. Glenda Bailey (58)
Sis. Cathy Sutter (58)
Bro. Dave Valan (38)

One Year

Sis. Tanya Chisholm (1/25)
Sis. Joanne Fisher (2/4)
Sis. Rhea McMane (27/37)

All Officers were duly installed, with the exception of Grand Conductress.

Gail Anderson, PGM

I am honored to present you with your gavel.

Kim McMinis, WGM

I am finding my words. I want to, I think we will first start off with our Saskatchewan friends. I think that we named you the Stars of the East., or from the East.

While they are going over there, I am so amazed at the Sisters and Brothers of Saskatchewan, they wanted to do something for the Installation. I said you can sing a song, so I am going to be quiet and listen.

The Saskatchewan group sang "What a Wonderful World".

Kim McMinis, WGM

Thank you so much and it still amazes me the number that have come across the border, so thank you, thank you!

Darcy Wasylik, Grand Chaplain

Worthy Grand Matron... sub vocal

Kim McMinis, WGM

I didn't realize that they had snuck up there!

These two did not get my gene for singing, so they are much better than I. I think that it came from their dad.

Darcy Wasylik, Grand Chaplain

Sorry to throw a knot into the programme, you are probably wondering what we are doing up here, and honestly after having seen all your faces I am kind of wondering what I am doing up here as well. We have picked one of your songs, so we hope that it is okay.

Jenna Wasylik

My name is Jenna Wasylik of Chapter No. 22, and I am Kim's great niece.

They then sang "Let it Be." The audience joined in singing the chorus.

Thanks guys!

Kim McMinis, WGM

Well, that's my family, you never know what's going to happen.

Any other surprises? Maybe later,

Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters, Brothers, friends and family. The door of time swings open and we stand on the threshold of a new year. Welcome to the Installation Session of the Grand Officers.

I would like to thank all the members for staying for our Installation. I know it has been busy and you are ready to be on your way home, but before you leave today there will be information booklets out front and also some water/juice and snacks to take with you. Please take them with you, because I don't want to take them home.

Thank you to family and friends for being here and helping today, it has just been crazy and busy, and I just thank you from the bottom of my heart!

I would like to welcome the Members of the Board of General Purposes. I want to congratulate you, and I look forward to working with you. The Members of the Board are

an important part of the direction of this Grand Chapter, and we have the responsibility of representing the members who have voted for you. Welcome and I look forward to the year.

Jewel Presentation

Kim McMinis, WGM

Sister Jacquie.

Jacquie Charlton, PGM

Sister Kim, congratulations Worthy Grand Matron. I just want to congratulate you on your beautiful ceremony this afternoon and wish you all the best for this year coming up.

I know that you will do a fantastic job. Kim and I really got to know each other as we moved up the line together and you are a very, very special lady Kim. I congratulate you and wish you well, and this is her travelling jewel that she will wear this year to represent this Grand Chapter.

Kim McMinis, WGM

I have a few words for you, just a few. Thank-you Jacquie, it has been wonderful travelling with you and getting to know you. I feel blessed to have you go before me and to have you as a mentor. Thank you very much, you have helped me so much.

Sister Lorna, would you like to come forward.

Lorna Richmond, PGM

Sister Jacquie, a year ago I got the honor to install you and now it's my turn to say Past Grand Matron Sister Jacquie, it's my pleasure to present you with your pin on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Alberta. Now the work begins, just so you know.

Jacquie Charlton, PGM

Thank you, Sister Lorna. I wish to thank Sister Lorna for presenting this pin this afternoon and to the Grand Chapter of Alberta for the privilege of wearing it.

Kim McMinis, WGM

Brother Wayne.

Wayne Rinke, PGP

Worthy Grand Patron Brother Peter, it is my honor to present you with this travelling pin and it's done hundreds of thousand kilometers and feel free to wear any time you wish if you're out in picnics or whatever, so congratulations.

Peter Devlin, WGP

Brother Wayne, first thank you for everything, no doubt we will be speaking a few times. I will speak on a couple of other things when I do my address. I appreciate all your candor,

your friendship and also the times when you just go “No Peter that’s not a good thing”. Thank you my Brother and congratulations.

Peter Devlin, WGP

Sister Mildred.

Mildred Rinke, PGM

You will have to hold me up, I need to be the right side up for this! This is the biggest pleasure of my life; I am so honored to present him with his Past Grand Patrons jewel.

Wayne Rinke, PGP

Thank you, Mildred, it is very much appreciated receiving it from you and like I mentioned in one of my talks or installation something that nowhere in the forty years that I have been a member and leading up to this did she ever, ever push me, suggest it, she just said “Are you sure?” Thank you.

Kim McMinis, WGM

I think we are on to the Worthy Grand Patron’s Installation Address.

Peter Devlin, WGP

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. I have to get used to saying that.

Worthy Grand Matron, Distinguished Guests, my friends, Sisters and Brothers, before I get to my documentation, a couple of things. One this is Bruce; this is Bruce the moose and he is going to travel with me. I did not name him my loving wife Sister Kandie did. You will also notice today, in front of the East, that there are Santas. There are these beautiful moose racks, which by the way I do not own, they were lent very kindly by Brother David Anderson. He tells me that one of them, he had to register one of these with the province because of its size, and one has a bullet hole in it. He didn’t tell me the story, but yes I think it was very definitely a fight and also you will see outside a picture of bear and of a moose. They usually sit in my living room. I also brought a sign, and I know Sister Kandie is going to kill me when I do this. This sits in my dining room and has for several years. When I was thinking about Christmas and things like that I went I should bring this with me, “Don’t get your Tinsel in a Tangle.” It is actually a statement for my Grand Family, but we can all use it. Don’t get excited, everything will come out as it should, don’t get panicky, just relax and enjoy the ride. Now I will give you my documentation, I wrote it so I might as well give it.

First, I am both honored and humbled to be installed as your Worthy Grand Patron. In 1985 I became a member of this beautiful order in New Brunswick. Little did I know that several decades later I would have the opportunity to stand here in Alberta holding this Grand Office. I would like to thank Sister Gail and Brother Neil and their installation team, it was beautiful. I don’t usually work with a text, but just put things down and away I go. A big thank you to the officers who were installed today, I hope you enjoy the year. Thank you to Sister Jacquie and to Brother Wayne for showing me the way, I hope I can emulate your example. To our Grand Secretary thank you in advance for all of your assistance, I know we will be speaking many times. I want to especially thank my loving wife Sister

Kandie, for all your patience and understanding as I continue to serve this Grand Chapter. Love you dear.

I have dedicated my year to my parents, Frank and Edith Devlin. My dad made me a Mason and my mother brought me into the Eastern Star, which goes without saying "Never underestimate the power of your mother." When I called her to tell her that I was going to become Worthy Grand Patron, she went "Oh that's nice dear." She is eighty-four years, God love her, I lost my Dad in '08 and wow. Okay many of you have heard the story of how I became a member, no doubt on one of the visits I will tell the story and perhaps more than once. My parents set an example for me, I was serving at teas, installation dinners and fund raisers long before I became a member of the order. Yes, the joys in being second generation and in fact I have a son who is now a Mason. I am trying very hard to bring him into the Order, but he has, presented me with three grandsons, so he is a little busy right now.

This year I am very privileged and honored to be able to share the Grand East with Sister Kim. It is an interesting combination because Kim's a rancher from the West and I am a guy who grew up by the sea in the east. I realize that it is going to be very busy and I am looking forward to our travels, beginning with our first visit and that is to Forestburg for their hundred anniversary and that's on the fifteenth of June. I am told that there are still tickets for their 100th Anniversary Dinner. I will just do a little plug for you. I am looking forward to actually being there.

I would now ask the members of Murray Chapter No. 58 to please rise. My Sisters and Brothers, I want to thank you as the members and our chapter for all the support you have given me. Thank you very much.

You can see the symbols that I have chosen some familiar and perhaps not so familiar symbols, Brother Wayne I did listen to you.

This year I would like to ask all the Chapters, if you have an event, please take pictures of it. If you can include a write-up, that would be even better. This allows us to share our joy for Eastern Star and it will be a great way to show the public and the community what we are and what we do.

I am going to take a quote a US Naval Commander, her name is Stacey O'Neill from the great state of Texas. I believe that she is actually a recruiter, and she has a page on Facebook, and it comes up every so often. She starts the video with the day of the week and a statement. It begins, good afternoon, Sunday and you know what that means, "It's time to get up and get after it!"

Eastern Star has much to teach if you listen, I hope we as members can share that with others. Remember we are a blended family. We all come from various backgrounds, we are all different people working for a common goal, the success of Eastern Star.

I am going to leave you with a statement from a Pastor, his name Brian Trent of the Lighthouse Church located in Tennessee. He uses this statement at the end of his biblical

presentations. I thought it was appropriate for Eastern Star, and it goes this way: Love you All!" Thank you, Sisters and Brothers.

Kim McMinis, WGM

I guess now it's my turn. I don't know if I have been putting off this moment, but here it is first I was counting down the years, then the months, then the hours and now it is here.

Right now, I have so many thoughts running through my mind, and I hope that it will make sense.

When this journey started, and I was approached to run the Associate Grand Conductress, I was very humbled and in a state of shock that the members thought that I had the qualities to hold this position.

It took a couple of days before I said yes, and my reason for accepting the nomination was to give back to an organization that has given me so much, not only direction, and friendship but also a purpose.

They say, in life – to be happy you need faith, family, and a purpose. Well, I have one.

My plan in the beginning was to give back to Eastern Star, but I am still receiving more than I am giving to this organization.

Congratulations Peter, I look forward to travelling this province with you and visiting with the members.

To our Grand Family, I want to thank you for accepting your office, and so willingly accepting the duties of the various stations. I hope that you look forward to this year and to making some great memories to look back on.

To the Sisters and Brothers that have helped to make this installation a success.

Sister Beth Tripp and Brother Eric Rann thank you for opening this afternoon session. It is so fitting to have both of you, Sister Beth from Alberta and Brother Eric from Saskatchewan.

This theme of both provinces have played a key role in my life. My father was from Saskatchewan and my mother was from Alberta, and this has continued throughout my life, and in Eastern Star, beginning with my affiliation with Lloydminster Chapter. I have on a necklace on today that was a gift from the Sisters and it is a silver heart and a gold heart joined together, I see it as a symbol of my Eastern Star Jurisdictions and Chapters. Each one is close to my heart. Thank you.

To Sister Maybeth for the Bible and Emblem Ceremony and the sisters who took part. I am so glad you could be here on this special day and saying yes when I asked you. I know

several have travelled and you are a special part of my life. Thank you for taking the time to be here.

To Sister Susan and Brother Hector for the introductions, when I approached you to do the introductions, I would hope that you put own flare on the ceremony, and I was not disappointed. Thank you so much for doing it and being patient. I want to thank the Grand Officers for sharing those pictures with us. I look forward to visiting all those wonderful sites.

Speaking of the pictures, I would like to thank Brother Tim for all your work, Sister Darcy for your work and Sister Jessie for all your work with the technology end of Eastern Star, because I am pretty useless at that!

To the Installing Officers, Sister Gail, Brother Neil Installing Marshal, Installing Chaplain and Installing Organist you did not have a choice, but I thank you from the bottom of my heart and you did a wonderful job! Thank you to the other Installing Officers for saying yes when I phoned. Thank you.

To my sisters "What a Wonderful World" from Saskatchewan, thank you it just makes my heart full every time I see you. You are just a great bunch, and I love you all. I had better say thank you Sister Jenna too because you surprised me, and you fill my heart too.

I would like to mention this unfortunately Brother Daryl Calder could not be here. I would like to thank Brother Daryl Calder and his family for allowing me to use Sister Karolyn Calder's Past Grand Matrons Bible, to travel the province once again. Whenever I see it resting on the Altar, I will know that I have a special angel in heaven to help me.

My gavel, thank you Brother Peter and Sister Kandie for the gavel, I was going to use my mother's gavel that Brother Art Boggs made for her in 1976, when she was Worthy Matron. I am not too sure what happened to it, but the shaft of the gavel had been super glued. So, I am not sure how much authority it had left in it. To my mom's defense, it might have been used as a prop for a Christmas concert play that my mother was famous for putting on.

My Bible Marker was designed by Sister Gwen Kibblewhite from Queen Esther Chapter and was finished by Sister Robin Isabelle, Grand Ruth of Saskatchewan and Grand Representative of Arizona in Saskatchewan. Thank you, Sister Robin, for finishing it.

Sewing is not my thing either.

My Sisters and Brothers from Queen Esther Chapter and Lloydminster Chapter. Could you stand. Without the support of these members, I am not sure where I would be. You have gone far beyond my expectations. Thank you so much.

My family, I would like to introduce it, it is very small and that's probably a good thing! Sister Darcy and her family, and you have met part of them. Her husband Mike and her two daughters Jessie and Jenna who are both Eastern Star members. We are missing

Tyson, but I think he is at work. My niece Tracy, thank you for being here. Kory couldn't make it because of a family illness and Gordon you might as well belong to the family too. This is my family, and I love them dearly. Thank you.

Right now, I would like to take a moment to read my dedication. I would like to dedicate this year to my parents, my father, for being a Mason and giving me the opportunity and my mother, Sister Jessie Strome, with her quiet determination and gentle (persistent) guidance gave me love and understanding of this order. At times, a mother-daughter relationship is not the easiest and Eastern Star give us a chance to connect with each other, which I will be forever grateful.

My family, who are always there to lend an ear or helping hand.

My Sisters and Brothers of Queen Esther Chapter and Lloydminster Chapter, thank you for your continual love and encouragement.

Now for my session name – the name of our session is “Open Doors and Western Skies.” For a person that has a hard time ordering off a menu, this was hard choice for me. I tried to look back through my life and thinking what images or feelings were important to me.

So, I am going to explain it in reverse. First the Western Skies.

That should be an obvious choice for an Alberta girl who likes the outdoors better than being inside. But there is a deeper meaning for me. It was a time in my life that I had one of those moments where you finally say, “I get it.”

I had moved out to the farm; my mom had been gone for little over a year. It was a September afternoon; my energy was running a little bit low, and I was probably feeling sorry for myself too. So, it was time to get outside, I saddled up my horse and went for a ride with the old farm dog Carmel.

As I was riding north, I turned my horse west. The sun was low in the sky, but it was shining through the clouds giving me a warmth and an energy, and that was that moment when I said that ... “I knew that I wasn't alone.” Everyone once in a while I still turn to the west, and I enjoy that warmth on my face.

To explain The Door; When I was travelling with Sister Colleen we were at the Old Town of Albuquerque and came across a heavy wooden blue door with a cross carved in it. I had to stop and take a picture of it. That door has always intrigued me, and I loved the image of that simple door, and it has always stayed with me.

The reason I chose the Open Door, one time I was attending a meeting in Sierra Vista in Arizona, and usually I drove to the meetings, but this was the first time that Gordon dropped me off and left soon after. So, there I was standing in the parking lot wearing a sparkly dress hoping that I was at the right Masonic Hall. I was just standing there looking at the door, but I went to the door and opened it. I was greeted by a friendly face

and shown where to sign the register and where I could sit in the Chapter room. It is a great feeling to be welcomed, and I hope we will be able to extend that same hospitality.

This year of "Open Doors and Western Skies" my wish is that the members will join us with travelling throughout our Province and visiting our Chapters, enjoying friendship, discovering the interesting sites of our jurisdiction and making memories.

But of course, while we are having fun, we also have a little work to do and that brings me to the charity that I chose, which is the B.C. and Alberta Guide Dogs. This charity is not new to us, we are a founding member of the Autism Support Dogs and a yearly contributor to their programs.

So with your help we have the Going to the Dogs an All-star Cookbook. I just want to thank all the members that had sent in recipes and I when I am travelling about I know which place to go for the deserts. Along with raffle tickets and some great items made with love by our talented members. The raffle tickets are on a quilt made by Sister Caryl Lamothe, a table runner that Sister Gail Anderson, PGM made and donated by Sister Gail and Sister Pat Senetza, and two gift cards donated by Sister Val Balance, Grand Electa. All the proceeds are going to the dogs!

If my two trustees could either wave or stand up. Sister Kandie Devlin and Sister Colleen Hozack, thank you Sister Kandie and Sister Colleen I know that you will have a busy year promoting our charity. Thank you also for taking on this important position, I could not think of two members that can keep Brother Peter, and I organized.

Today as we go through that open door, let us remember that our chapters do not have to be open in due form, it only requires our hearts to be open in true form.

Thank you to the members of the Grand Chapter for allowing me to serve you.

Have Faith, Gather Hope and Share Love!

Oh no! More surprises!

Subvocal response from the audience.

Unknown Speaker

Sister Kim, this has been so lovely, we almost hate to do this to you! We have another little Saskatchewan song for you.

The Pirates of Saskatchewan sung, by Sister Cheryl Rann, PGM.

Kim McMinis, WGM

(Received a treasure chest) Oh my goodness, I have coins and shells. On my thank you so much.

Cheryl Rann, PGM

Continuing with the pirate theme, this box will be back there, and all these people must put in a Loonie or Toonie in it before they leave for the dogs. If you want to put a five or a ten in for the dogs, go ahead and do that!

Sister Kim, this is from Saskatchewan, Lloydminster. It is hard being Lloydminster on the border and everything. Our Chapter is on the Saskatchewan side, but we feel more like we are Alberta because there is only four of us that live in Saskatchewan, the rest live in Alberta. We come help her and her Chapter in Vermilion, when then can and they come and help up us too and they help us a lot. We wanted to present this to you, because we are proud of you as being one of ours and there is a little something in here for you. This is not for the dogs; this is for you to use on your travels. We are so proud of you Kim, we really are. Congratulations Worthy Grand Matron.

Kim McMinis, WGM

This pirate was Sister Cheryl Rann, PGM of Saskatchewan.

Thank you so much for the tote bag, I can put more things in here so I can't lose them!

Grand Secretary, are there any announcements?

Lisbeth Booth, Grand Secretary

I have a couple of announcements.

I would still like Sister Gail Anderson, PGM, to visit me, so she can sign for her General Grand Chapter Credentials. I would also like to ask Sister Jacquie to stop at my desk before she leaves the building. Would the Grand Officers come and sign for your badges and return your lanyards to me. I hope Brother Kent that you still have my box.

Other than that, Sisters and Brothers, the Grand Secretary is going to take a week's hiatus, and just try to get her head together, so I won't be answering e-mails or telephone calls next week. That is all I have got.

Closing Ode – All Things Bright and Beautiful.

The Mizpah Benediction was recited.

The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar informally.

Kim McMinis, WGM

Grand Marshal, you will proclaim that the 112th Annual Grand Session closed, to reconvene on June 6th, 2025, in Olds, Alberta for the "Open Doors and Western Skies" Grand Session.

Jesse Carr, Grand Marshal

By the direction of the Worthy Grand Matron, I declare this 112th Annual Grand Session closed and to be reconvened on June 6, 2025, at the Olds College, Olds, Alberta for the "Open Doors and Western Skies" Grand Session.

Peter Devlin, WGP

Asks that members and visitors remain seated while the Grand Officers retire.

The Grand Officers and the Members of the Board of General Purposes retired.

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<u>JURISDICTION</u>		<u>EXPIRES</u>
ALABAMA	Darlana Goguen (27)	Dec 31, 2025
ARIZONA	Helen Marshall (37)	Mar 31, 2026
ARKANSAS	Elaine Warnke (126/19)	Feb 28, 2025
AUSTRALIA	Nicole Chorny (1/27)	Mar 31, 2025
B.C. & YUKON	Rachel Bryck (27)	Dec 31, 2024
CALIFORNIA	Sheryl Dubois (138)	Dec 31, 2025
COLORADO	Stephanie Spinelli (126)	Feb 01, 2026
CONNECTICUT	Kathy Ansorger (138)	Dec 31, 2025
DELAWARE	Jean Otto (4)	Dec 31, 2025
DIST. of COLUMBIA	Gwen Leighton (38)	Dec 31, 2024
FLORIDA	Marie Giebelhaus (2)	Dec 31, 2025
GEORGIA	Sherryl McBride (1)	Mar 1, 2025
IDAHO	Lana Jones (85)	Dec 31, 2025

ILLINOIS	Terry Pearen (113)	Apr 1, 2026
INDIANA	Mary Wescott (133)	Dec 31, 2024
IOWA	June Daw (95)	Mar 31, 2026
KANSAS	Karen Dunsmore (7)	Jan 1, 2025
KENTUCKY	Milly Hartley (133)	Mar 1, 2025
LOUISIANA	Warren Wright (27)	May 1, 2026
MAINE	Susan MacArthur (137)	Mar. 1, 2026
MANITOBA	Barbara Slade (19)	Mar 1, 2025
MARYLAND	Ronon Wagar (19)	Dec 31, 2024
MASSACHUSETTS	Jessica Barich (133)	Dec 31, 2024
MICHIGAN	Dale Rokosh (38)	Jan 1, 2025
MINNESOTA	David Carter (1)	Dec 31, 2024
MISSISSIPPI	Sheila Johnson (21/137)	Dec 31, 2025
MISSOURI	Mary Lynn Smith	Dec. 31, 2025
MONTANA	Jacqueline Armstrong (85)	Mar 1, 2026
NEBRASKA	Jackie Cutting (25)	Nov 1, 2024
NEVADA	Glenda Bailey (58)	Dec 31, 2025
NEW BRUNSWICK	Wendy McKenzie (135)	Dec 31, 2025
NEW HAMPSHIRE	Joanne Pompana (38)	Jan 01 2025
NEW JERSEY	Ameila Sargeant (2)	Mar. 01, 2025
NEW MEXICO	Lynn Saw (127)	Dec. 31, 2025
NEW YORK	Sheryl Rombough (54)	Dec. 31, 2025
NORTH CAROLINA	Betty Ann Adams (25)	Mar. 31, 2026
NORTH DAKOTA	Carol Lamothe (22)	Dec. 31, 2024

NOVA SCOTIA & P.E.I.	Pat Oberg (38)	Dec. 31, 2024
OHIO	Eva Fossen (54)	Oct. 31, 2025
OKLAHOMA	Dan Gyuai (7)	Dec 31, 2025
EGON	Laurinda Parkinson (2)	Jan 1, 2025
PENNSYLVANIA	Kristi Downs (58)	Dec. 31, 2025
PHILLIPPINES	Vacant	
PUERTO RICO	Amy Kucherawy (135)	Mar. 31, 2026
RHODE ISLAND	Ernie Richard (2)	Mar. 01, 2026
SASKATCHEWAN	Mona Bareham (133)	Dec. 31, 2024
SCOTLAND	Gordon McEwen (21/43)	Dec 31, 2024
SOUTH CAROLINA	Issac Brower-Berkhoven	Sep 30, 2024
SOUTH DAKOTA	Ken Mick (113)	Mar 31, 2025
TENNESSEE	Bill Lowrie (135)	Sep 30, 2024
TEXAS	Terry Russell (27)	Mar 31, 2026
UTAH	Levy Wohlwend (7)	Mar 31, 2025
VERMONT	Helen John (137)	Feb 1, 2026
VIRGINIA	Shirley Flynn (4)	Dec 31, 2024
WASHINGTON	Dawn Drozd (19)	Dec 31, 2024
WEST VIRGINIA	Flory Wilkins (37)	Mar. 01, 2026
WISCONSIN	JoAnn Pimlott (25)	Dec 31, 2024
WYOMING	Neil McMillan (126)	Dec. 31, 2025

Grand Representatives of Alberta in Other Jurisdictions

JURISDICTION		EXPIRES
ALABAMA	Peggy Cox (3530)	Dec. 31, 2025
ARIZONA	Amanda Cherry (16)	Jul. 1, 2025
ARKANSAS	Renee Newman (495)	Feb. 28, 2025
AUSTRALIA	Norah Mitchell (59)	Dec. 31, 2026
B.C. & YUKON	Christine Todd (91)	Dec. 31, 2027
BOLIVIA	Vacant	July 31, 2025
CALIFORNIA	Kathy Fowler	Dec. 31, 2020
COLORADO	William (Bill) Heintzman	Dec. 31, 2025
CONNECTICUT	Delores Burr (116)	Dec. 31, 2026
DELAWARE	Diane Boyer	Dec. 31, 2026
DISTRICT of COLUMBIA	Louis Numkin (3)	Mar. 15, 2026
FLORIDA	Cathy Edison (241)	Mar. 20, 2026
GEORGIA	Tim Kirkland (367)	Dec. 31, 2026
IDAHO	Elisa Nordin (33)	Dec. 31, 2025
ILLINOIS	Cheryl Bolland (365)	Dec. 31, 2026
INDIANA	James Baker (407)	Dec. 31, 2026
IOWA	Alwx Strong (32)	Dec. 31, 2020
KANSAS	Dale Smith (493)	Dec. 31, 2025
KENTUCKY	Stella Pogue (526)	Sep. 1, 2026
LOUISIANA	Rebecca Hare (148)	Sep. 1, 2023
MAINE	Sandra Taylor (149)	Dec. 31, 2026
MANITOBA	Brooke McLean (24)	Dec. 31, 2025
MARYLAND	Scott Cameron	Mar. 01, 2025
MASSACHUSETTS	Sharon Rogers (58)	Dec. 31, 2025
MICHIGAN	Karen Kashner (392)	Dec. 31, 2024
MINNESOTA	Doug Brase (307)	Dec. 31, 2026
MISSISSIPPI	Shirley Hansen (356)	Mar. 31, 2021
MISSOURI	Robert Martin (105)	Sep. 30, 2026
MONTANA	Eve Tucker (10)	Jun. 1, 2027
NEBRASKA	Tiffany Westerholt (271)	Dec. 31, 2026
NEVADA	Jenn Smiley (4)	Dec. 31, 2025
NEW BRUNSWICK	Jodi Corey (1)	Dec. 31, 2021
NEW HAMPSHIRE	Abigail Smith (42)	Jan. 01, 2027
NEW JERSEY	Norman Sloan (183)	Dec. 31, 2026
NEW MEXICO	Maryann Castagno	Dec. 31, 2026
NEW YORK	Sharon Smith (151)	Jun. 30, 2026
NORTH CAROLINA	Ruth Jennings (321)	Dec. 31, 2021
NORTH DAKOTA	Nancy Hagglund-Morgan (5)	Oct. 31, 2025
NOVA SCOTIA & P.E.I.	Roseland Ritchie-Watt (8)	Dec. 31, 2027
OHIO	Twila Childs (255)	Nov. 1, 2025
OKLAHOMA	Carrie Brown (506)	Dec. 31, 2026
ONTARIO	Sharon Garvey (121)	Mar. 1, 2026
OREGON	Charlotte Roye (53)	June 1, 2027
PENNSYLVANIA	Eric Holden (342)	Dec. 31, 2025
PHILLIPPINES	Gibet A. Bascara (3)	May 10, 2025
PUERTO RICO	Gloria L. Colon (8)	Feb. 28, 2026
RHODE ISLAND	Richard P. Harrell (3)	Dec. 31, 2027
SASKATCHEWAN	Dorothea Herron (16)	Dec. 31, 2025
SCOTLAND	Elizabeth Williamson	Dec. 31, 2022+
SOUTH CAROLINA	Mychelle Christmas (103)	Dec. 31, 2026
SOUTH DAKOTA	Kristie Erickson (5)	Dec. 31, 2025
TENNESSEE	Preston Lay (181)	May 31, 2025
TEXAS	Bill Dormady (1010)	Dec. 31, 2025
UTAH	Steve Hodges (11)	Dec. 31, 2026
VERMONT	Helen Spencer (11)	Dec. 31, 2025
VIRGINIA	Tracy Nejad (106)	Dec. 31, 2025
WASHINGTON	Mabelle Frombgen (143)	Dec. 31, 2026
WEST VIRGINIA	Karen Haywood (84)	Dec. 31, 2025
WISCONSIN	Tiffany Pronath (219)	Mar. 31, 2026
WYOMING	Michelle Blume	Dec. 31, 2027

Charters Surrendered/Consolidated Since Organization

3	Chinook	Calgary	80	Castor	Castor
5	Bow Valley	Calgary	81	Orion	Manyberries
6	Mizpah	Calgary	82	Barrhead	Barrhead
9	Killam	Killam	83	Acme	Acme
8	Connaught	Wainwright	84	Bessborough	Coronation
10	Electa(A)	Alix	87	Evangeline(B)	Irricana
12	Occidental	High River			
14	Victoria	Stettler	89	Foremost	Foremost
15	Coaldale	Coaldale	90	Claresholm	Claresholm
16	Stavely	Stavely	91	Helen	Brooks
17	Athabasca	Athabasca	92	Hussar	Hussar
18	Alberta Star	Gleichen	93	Delburne	Delburne
20	Crescent	Hillcrest	94	Tweedsmuir	Edgerton
23	Naomi	Strome			
24	Norwood	Edmonton	96	Mary Keohane	Bassano
26	Unity	Calgary	97	Memorial	Medicine Hat
28	Isis	Provost	98	Highland	Delia
29	Star of the West	Edmonton	99	Sam Blair	Strathmore
30	Trinity	Bashaw	100	Elmose(C)	Bawif
31	Perfection	Granum	101	Rose	Picture Butte
32	Victory	Wetaskiwin	102	Meridian	Empress
33	Hardisty	Hardisty	103	Bertha	Redcliff
34	North Star	Calgary	104	Berry Creek	Pollockville
35	Somme	Oyen	105	Mastar	Grassy Lake
36	Champion	Champion	106	Astrea	Vauxhall
39	Bethel	Calgary	107	Elizabeth Norris	Peace River
40	Fidelity	Three Hills	108	Kingsmere	Chauvin
41	Minerva	Coleman	109	Starlight	Crossfield
42	Peace River	Peace River	110	Windsor (E)	Leduc
43	Laurel (M)	Lethbridge			
44	Morning Light	Hanna	111	Peace Valley	Spirit River
45	Sedgewick	Sedgewick	112	Dawn	High Prairie
46	Aurora (L)	Grande Prairie			
47	Battle River	Ponoka	114	Elizabeth	Trochu
49	Temple	Camrose	115	Chief Mountain	Cardston
48	Evening Star	Okotoks	116	Hardisty	Hardisty
50	Harmony	Mirror	117	Leta	Blairmore
51	Heather	Camrangay/Nobleford	118	Nina	Viking
52	Vimy	Blairmore	119	Stony Plain(F)	Stony Plain
53	Fort Macleod	Ft. Macleod	120	Golden Jubilee	Rimbey
55	Ruth	Drumheller	121	Margaret Rose	Elk Point
56	Acacia	Calgary	122	Patience (I)	Edmonton
57	Joan of Arc	Vegreville	123	Bow Island	Bow Island
59	Eureka	Big Valley	124	Martha(D)	Ima
60	Excelsior(G)	Jasper	125	Friendship	Calgary
61	Acadia	Craigmyle	126	Pembina Vly (K)	Westlock
62	Carstairs	Carstairs	129	Locheam	Rocky Mtn House
63	Mt. Aylmer	Banff	130	Whitecourt	Whitecourt
64	Spray Valley	Banff	131	Mayerthorpe	Mayerthorpe
65	Ferrodale	Vulcan	132	Drayton Valley	Drayton Valley
66	Amity	Edmonton	134	Frantzen	Nanton
67	Jubilee	Edmonton	136	Centennial	Calgary
68	Bethany	RockyMtnHouse			
69	Rosalon	Taber			
70	Wimodausis	Bowden			
71	Rosebud	Rosebud			
72	Ionic	Tofield			
73	Douglas Haig	Edson			
74	Bellecrest	Hillcrest			
75	Sask	Edmonton			
76	Standard	Standard			
77	Iris	Milk River			
79	Magdalene	Mannville			

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 (D) Connaught 8;(E) Allenby 38;
 (F) Pembina Valley 128;
 (G) Elizabeth Trapp 138;
 (H) Edmonton 19; (I) Allenby 38;
 (J) Mountain View 1;
 (K) Pioneer 135; (L) Sunset (95);
 (M) Maple Leaf 7

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1913	* Mrs. Etta Beveridge (6)	* Wallace Zweiner (3)	* Mrs. Lottie I. Kenny (8)	* Francis E. Nicol (9)
1914	* Mrs. Lottie I. Kenny (8)	* Francis E. Nicol (9)	* Mrs. Jessie Armstrong (3)	* John Duff (1)
1915	* Mrs. Jessie Armstrong (3)	* John Duff (1)	# Mrs. Cora L. Graham (7)	* W.G. Congdon (11)
1916	# Mrs. Cora L. Graham (7)	* Frank R. Mitchell (10)	* Mrs. Margaret E. Carter (10)	* Hugh C. Ritchie (13)
1917	* Mrs. Margaret E. Carter (10)	* Hugh C. Ritchie (13)	* Mrs. Charity P. Norton (7)	* David J. Garies (5)
1918	* Mrs. Charity P. Norton (7)	* David J. Garies (5)	* Mrs. Kizzie C. Dallas (17)	* Thomas H. Wilson (19)
1919	* Mrs. Kizzie C. Dallas (17)	* Thomas H. Wilson (19)	* Mrs. Mary C. McCleneghan (7)	* Theo P. Neumann (21)
1920	* Mrs. Mary C. McCleneghan (7)	* Theo P. Neumann (21)	* Mrs. Jennie M. Blair (56)	# C. H. Stone (2)
1921	* Mrs. Jennie M. Blair (56)	* Phil Pidgeon (2)	* Mrs. Alice Darlow (10)	# John L. Milligan (25)
1922	* Mrs. Alice Darlow (10)	# John I. Milligan (25)	* Mrs. Jessie Flett (5)	* Ralph R. Bryant (25)
1923	* Mrs. Jessie Flett (5)	* Ralph R. Bryant (25)	* Mrs. May E. Wilson (24)	* Wm. C.A. Watt (37)
1924	* Mrs. May E. Wilson (24)	* Wm. C.A. Watt (37)	* Mrs. Ella L. Beaubier (36)	* Thomas W. Bull (38)
1925	* Mrs. Ella L. Beaubier (36)	* F.B. Watson (32)	# Mrs. Sophia Chute (14)	* John S. McHardy (12)
1926	# Mrs. Sophia Chute (14)	* John S. McHardy (12)	* Mrs. Jennie C. Carmichael (23)	* S. J. Hughes (39)
1927	* Mrs. Jennie C. Carmichael (23)	* S. J. Hughes (39)	* Mrs. Mary E. Savage (56)	# M. W. Dawson (19)
1928	* Mrs. Mary E. Savage (56)	# M.W. Dawson (19)	* Miss Mamie G.E. Gibson (7)	* Geo E. Wiseman (32)
1929	* Miss Mamie G.E. Gibson (7)	* Geo E. Wiseman (32)	* Miss Ella C. Isaac (5)	* Thomas W. Bull (38)
1930	* Miss Ella C. Isaac (5)	* Thomas W. Bull (38)	* Mrs. Maude Cullens (38)	* Wm J. Steele (6)
1931	* Mrs. Maude L. Cullens (38)	* Wm J. Steele (6)	* Mrs. E. Grace Scaife (6)	* H. G. Stretton (43)
1932	* Mrs. E. Grace Scaife (6)	* Herbert G. Stretton (43)	* Mrs. Mabel C. Hartman (1)	* E.A.W. Rutherford (26)
1933	* Mrs. S. Edith Dawson (19)	* E.A.W. Rutherford (26)	* Mrs. Mabel C. Hartman (1)	* Charles Stuart (62)
1934	* Mrs. C. Margaret Logie (34)	* Charles Stuart (62)	# Mrs. Grace K. Tilley (56)	# George H. Taylor (19)
1935	# Mrs. Grace K. Tilley (56)	# George H. Taylor (19)	* Mrs. Charlotte Price (10)	* Chas F. Forckel (48)
1936	* Mrs. Anne Lundy (43)	* Chas F. Forckel (48)	* Mrs. Charlotte Price (10)	* D.H. Tomlinson (5)
1937	* Mrs. Anne Turner (11)	* D.H. Tomlinson (5)	* Mrs. Mary Harwood (6)	* R.H. Ennismore (38)
1938	* Mrs. Mary Harwood (6)	* R.H. Ennismore (38)	* Mrs. Harriet Washburn (8)	* E.G. Pepper (34)
1939	* Mrs. Harriet Washburn (8)	* E.G. Pepper (34)	* Mrs. Helen P. McGhee (91)	* W.G. Niven (6)
1940	* Mrs. Helen P. McGhee (91)	* W.G. Niven (6)	* Mrs. Grace B. Shaw (60)	* A.C. Wagner (26)
1941	* Mrs. Grace B. Shaw (60)	* A.C. Wagner (26)	* Mrs. Grace P. Hughes (39)	* E.A. Wagler (76)

Year	Worthy Grand Matron	Worthy Grand Patron	Associate Grand Matron	Associate Grand Patron
1942	* Mrs. Grace P. Hughes (39)	* E.A. Wagler (76)	* Mrs. Eva Lonsberry (7)	* Percy Cull (7)
1943	* Mrs. Eva Lonsberry (7)	* Percy Cull (7)	* Mrs. Louise West (66)	* W.J. Harwood (6)
1944	* Mrs. Louise West (66)	* W.J. Harwood (6)	* Mrs. A. M. Sparling (39)	* John W. Munro (62)
1945	* Mrs. A. M. Sparling (39)	* John W. Munro (62)	* Mrs. E.S. Richard (5)	* John A. Cullens (38)
1946	* Mrs. E.S. Richard (5)	* John A. Cullens (38)	* Mrs. Mary Keohane (58)	* Harry Channey (63)
1947	* Mrs. Mary Keohane (58)	* Harry Channey (63)	* Mrs. Mabel Armitage (34)	* Wm. T. Young (64)
1948	* Mrs. Mabel Armitage (34)	* Wm. T. Young (64)	* Mrs. J.A. Thompson (66)	* J.A. McGhee (91)
1949	* Mrs. J.A. Thompson (66)	* J.A. McGhee (91)	* Mrs. M.C. Bell (92)	* C.E. Cosgrove (56)
1950	* Mrs. M.C. Bell (92)	* C.E. Cosgrove (56)	* Mrs. Kathleen Young (64)	* A. L. Harvey (44)
1951	* Mrs. Kathleen Young (64)	* A.L. Harvey (44)	* Mrs. Bessie Bloom (34)	* Dean E. Holroyd (77)
1952	* Mrs. Bessie Bloom (34)	* Mrs. Agnes E. Ingram (26)	* Mrs. Agnes Ingram (26)	* W. Merton Atkin (19)
1953	* Mrs. Agnes E. Ingram (26)	* W. Merton Atkin (19)	* Mrs. Elizabeth E. Harte (40)	* J.H. Fooks (7)
1954	* Mrs. Elizabeth E. Harte (40)	* J.H. Fooks (7)	* Mrs. Anne Miron (43)	* Vernon R. Speare (60)
1955	* Mrs. Anne Miron (43)	* Vernon R. Speare (60)	* Mrs. Ann E. LaFleche (66)	* Alex D. Stewart (38)
1956	* Mrs. Ann B. LaFleche (66)	* Alex D. Stewart (38)	* Mrs. Margaret Anderson (87)	* Rod S. Drever (110)
1957	* Mrs. Johanna L. Haire (19)	* Rod S. Drever (110)	* Mrs. Margaret Anderson (87)	* Clyde C. Coe (36)
1958	* Mrs. Evelyn Hillebrecht (5)	* Mrs. Ellen Armstrong (92)	* Mrs. Ellen Armstrong (92)	* H. Norman Lukes (56)
1959	* Mrs. Ellen Armstrong (92)	* Mrs. Laura Bird (25)	* Mrs. Laura Bird (25)	* Marwood Swain (4)
1960	* Mrs. Laura Bird (25)	* Mrs. Elfreeda Dick (39)	x Mrs. Elfreeda Dick (39)	* Brock Christie (115)
1961	x Mrs. Elfreeda Dick (39)	* Mrs. Frances Miller (7)	* Mrs. Frances Miller (7)	* Thomas Morris (27)
1962	* Mrs. Frances Miller (7)	* Mrs. Vera Oliphant (55)	* Mrs. Vera Oliphant (55)	* Lloyd Keith (38)
1963	* Mrs. Vera Oliphant (55)	* Mrs. Jessie Kennedy (99)	# Mrs. Jessie Kennedy (99)	* Alonzo Haines (38)
1964	# Mrs. Jessie Kennedy (99)	* Mrs. Mary Ellis (83/91)	* Mrs. Mary Ellis (83/91)	* Wm. J. Robertson (63)
1965	* Mrs. Mary Ellis (83/91)	* Wm. J. Robertson (63)	* Mrs. Hazel (Hall) Hoge (17)	* Trygve Seland (55)
1966	* Mrs. Hazel (Hall) Hoge (17)	* Trygve Seland (55)	* Mrs. Amy Drever (110)	* Norris Yates (55)
1967	* Mrs. Amy Drever (110)	* Norris Yates (55)	* Miss Mary Quinn (48)	# Ernest Brooks (39)
1968	* Miss Mary Quinn (48)	* Everett Cameron (125)	* Mrs. M. Victoria Baldwin (99)	* Gordon Cannam (122)
1969	* Mrs. M. Victoria Baldwin (99)	* Gordon Cannam (122)	* Mrs. Ada Sharp (80)	* Ellwood Irwin (51)
1970	* Mrs. Ada Sharp (80)	* Ellwood Irwin (51)	* Mrs. Anne Guild (60)	* F. Sydney Bird (25)
1971	* Mrs. Anne Guild (60)	* F. Sydney Bird (25)	* Mrs. Irene McDougall (5)	* Harold Gulliver (10)
1972	* Mrs. Irene McDougall (5)	* Harold Gulliver (10)	* Mrs. Lillian French (44)	* Ernest Williams (24)
1973	* Mrs. Lillian French (44)	* Ernest Williams (24)	* Mrs. Irma Fenton (4)	# C. Ray Barker (48)
1974	* Mrs. Irma Fenton (4)	# C. Ray Barker (48)	* Mrs. Irene Hendrickson (26/2)	* H.E. Ray Roberts (70)
1975	* Mrs. Irene Hendrickson (26/2)	* H.E. Ray Roberts (70)	* Mrs. Jane Salisbury (11)	* Samuel F.G. Slater (5)

Year	Worthy Grand Matron	Worthy Grand Patron	Associate Grand Matron	Associate Grand Patron
1976	* Mrs. Jane Salisbury (11)	* Samuel F.G. Slater (5)	* Mrs. Isabelle Norrie (43)	* Marvin Kuykendall (58)
1977	* Mrs. Isabelle Norrie (43)	* Marvin Kuykendall (58)	* Mrs. Kay McBain (58)	# Jack B. McCully (98)
1978	* Mrs. Kay McBain (58)	# Jack B. McCully (98)	* Mrs. Eileen Mackay (53)	* E.A. (Ted) Lawrence (7)
1979	* Mrs. Eileen J. Mackay (53)	* Mrs. E.A. (Ted) Lawrence (7)	* Mrs. Joy McDonnell (49)	* Allan N. Douglas (2/46)
1980	* Mrs. Joy McDonnell (49)	* Allan N. Douglas (2/46)	* Mrs. Madeleine Rutz (55)	* George Zimmerman (120)
1981	* Mrs. Madeleine Rutz (55)	* George Zimmerman (120)	* Mrs. Margaret Berreth (87)	* Cliff Bennett (109)
1982	* Mrs. Margaret Berreth (87)	* Robert I. Lewis (60)	* Mrs. Frances Treacy (92)	* Sterling Davies (5)
1983	* Mrs. Frances Treacy (92)	* Sterling Davies (5)	* Mrs. Noreen Burnett (93/128)	* William J. Martin (66)
1984	* Mrs. Noreen Burnett (93/128)	* William J. Martin (66)	* Miss Connie L. Hoskyn (34)	* Andrew Duff (44)
1985	* Miss Connie L. Hoskyn (34)	* Andrew Duff (44)	* Mrs. Dorothy Browne (135)	* Alfred Rutz (55)
1986	* Mrs. Dorothy Browne (135)	* Alfred Rutz (55)	* Mrs. Muriel Graham (65)	* Gordon Astle (46)
1987	* Mrs. Muriel Graham (65)	* Gordon Astle (46)	* Mrs. Margaret Herron (113)	* Alfred Rands (54)
1988	* Mrs. Margaret Herron (113)	* Alfred Rands (54)	* Miss Winona Rouleau (90/21)	* Donald Cameron (11)
1989	* Miss Winona Rouleau (90/21)	* Donald Cameron (11)	* Mrs. Myrna Manuel (37)	* Carl Burns (26)
1990	# Mrs. Myrna Manuel (37)	* Carl Burns (26)	* Mrs. Yvonne Roberts (2)	* Herb Dickieson (34)
1991	* Mrs. Yvonne Roberts (2)	* Herb Dickieson (34)	* Mrs. 'Bert' (Davie) Johnson (1)	* Hector Rose (96)
1992	* Mrs. 'Bert' (Davie) Johnson (1)	* Hector Rose (96) *	* Mrs. Sheryl Frey (126)	* Elwood (Chartrand) Hillman (56)
1993	* Mrs. Sheryl Frey (126)	* Elwood (Chartrand) Hillman (56)	* Dr. Margaret Pearson (136)	* Harry Cramton (128)
1994	* Mrs. Violet James (133/135)	* Harry Cramton (128)	* Mrs. Ellanor Geddes (34)	* Roger Kinney (1)
1995	* Mrs. Ellanor Geddes (34)	* Roger Kinney (1)	* Mrs. Gwen Leighton (122)	* Malcolm Hough (2)
1996	* Mrs. Gwen Leighton (122)	* Malcolm Hough (2)	* Mrs. Marina McLaren (5)	* Fred Osborne (46/95)
1997	* Mrs. Marina McLaren (5)	* Fred Osborne (46/95)	* Mrs. Donna Bigl (19)	* Kenneth Larsen (92)
1998	* Mrs. Donna Bigl (19)	* Kenneth Larsen (92)	* Mrs. Mildred Rinke (7/129)	* Andy Lockhart (133)
1999	* Mrs. Mildred Rinke (7/129)	* Andy Lockhart (133)	* Mrs. Lois Brown (6)	# John Alexander (47/57)
2000	* Mrs. Lois Brown (6)	# John Alexander (47/57)	* Mrs. Marjorie Neely (43)	Howie Canning (19)
2001	* Mrs. Marjorie Neely (43)	Howie Canning (19)	* Mrs. Maybeth Drozd (19)	* Jim Armet (129)
2002	* Mrs. Maybeth Drozd (19)	* Jim Armet (129)	* Mrs. Pat Senetza (133/109)	* H.E. (Butch) Whitbread (85)
2003	* Mrs. Pat Senetza (133/109)	* H.E. (Butch) Whitbread (85)	* Mrs. Lorraine Hough (2)	* Keith Fossen (54)
2004	* Mrs. Lorraine Hough (2)	* Keith Fossen (54)	* Mrs. Sandi Gibson (25)	* Jim Hartley (133)
2005	* Mrs. Sandi Gibson (25)	* Jim Hartley (133)	* Mrs. Janet Wilkinson (138/60)	John Parkinson (91/43)
2006	* Mrs. Janet Wilkinson (138/60)	John Parkinson (91/43)	* Mrs. Marian Sinclair (38)	Ted Mikkelsen (37)
2007	* Mrs. Marian Sinclair (38)	Ted Mikkelsen (37)	* Mrs. Irene Allan (34/25)	Daryl Calder (57/22)
2008	* Mrs. Irene Allan (34/25)	Daryl Calder (57/22)	* Mrs. Isabel McPherson (85)	* Douglas Brown (6)
2009	* Mrs. Isabel McPherson (85)	* Douglas Brown (6)	* Mrs. Linda Groot (109)	David Johnson (137)

Year	Worthy Grand Matron	Worthy Grand Patron	Associate Grand Matron	Associate Grand Patron
2010	Mrs. Linda Groot (109)	David Johnson (137)		Terry Skelton (2/129)
2011	*Mrs. Carolyn Calder (57/22)	Terry Skelton (2)	*Mrs. Carolyn Calder (57/22)	* Allen Smith (11)
2012	Ms. Beth Tripp (4/137)	* Allen Smith (11)	Ms. Beth Tripp (4/137)	Leslie Payne (91)
2013	Mrs. Donna-Lynn Guynup (14/1)	Leslie Payne (91)	Mrs. Donna-Lynn Guynup (14/1)	Paul Febrey (138/60)
2014	Mrs. Donna Richard (2)	Paul Febrey (138)	Mrs. Donna Richard (2)	Dan Guylai (7)
2015	*Mrs. Debbie Matvichuk (122)	Dan Guylai (7)	*Mrs. Debbie Matvichuk (122)	Richard Ashby (46/126)
2016	Mrs. Helen Bilou (126)	Richard Ashby (46/126)	Mrs. Helen Bilou (126)	Hal Welke (128)
2017	Mrs. Deb Buxton (25)	Hal Welke (128)	Mrs. Deb Buxton (25)	Roy Sonley (58)
2018	Mrs. Mary Wescott (133)	Roy Sonley (58)	Mrs. Mary Wescott (133)	Hector van Vierssen Trip (25)
2019-21	Mrs. Susan MacArthur (137)	Hector van Vierssen Trip (25)	Mrs. Susan MacArthur (137)	Tim Cameron (85)
2022	Mrs. Lorna Richmond (27)	Tim Cameron (85)	Mrs. Lorna Richmond (27)	Neil McMillan (126)
2023	Mrs. Gail Anderson (1/133)	Neil McMillan (126)	Mrs. Anderson (1/133)	Wayne Rinke (7/58)
2024	Mrs. Jacquie Charlton (85)	Wayne Rinke (7/58)	Mrs. Jacquie Charlton (85)	Peter Devlin (58)

ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ALBERTA SINCE ITS FORMATION - July 20, 1912

Year	Grand Secretary	# Deceased	# Demitted	X Suspended	Grand Treasurer		Grand Conductress		Associate Grand Conductress	
1912	* Wallace Zwiener (3)				* Mrs. Etta Beveridge (6)		* Mrs. Jeanetta Lafferty (7)		* Mrs. Lottie I. Kenny (8)	
1913	* Sam J. Blair (3)				* Mrs. Mary Pidgeon (2)		* Mrs. Mary E. Gould (12)		* Mrs. Anna Johnson (1)	
1914	* Sam J. Blair (3)				* Mrs. Mary Pidgeon (2)		* Mrs. Georgina Adamson (5)		# Mrs. Adeline Panrucker (10)	
1915	* Sam J. Blair (3)				* Mrs. Mary Pidgeon (2)		# Mrs. Adeline Panrucker (10)		* Mrs. Charity Norton (7)	
1916	* Sam J. Blair (3)				* Mrs. Mary Pidgeon (2)		* Mrs. Charity Norton (7)		* Mrs. Kizzie Dallas (17)	
1917	* Sam J. Blair (26)				* Mrs. Mary Pidgeon (2)		* Mrs. Kizzie Dallas (17)		* Mrs. M.C. McClenaghan (7)	
1918	* Sam J. Blair (26)				* Mrs. Mary Pidgeon (2)		* Mrs. M.C. McClenaghan (7)		* Mrs. Jennie M. Blair (56)	
1919	* Sam J. Blair (26)				* Mrs. Mary Pidgeon (2)		* Mrs. Jennie M. Blair (56)		* Mrs. Alice Darlow (10)	
1920	* Sam J. Blair (26)				* Mrs. Mary Pidgeon (2)		* Mrs. Alice Darlow (10)		* Mrs. Jessie Flett (5)	
1921	* Sam J. Blair (26)				* Mrs. Mary Pidgeon (2)		* Mrs. Jessie Flett (5)		* Mrs. May E. Wilson (24)	
1922	* Sam J. Blair (26)				# Mrs. Sophia Chute (14)		* Mrs. May E. Wilson (24)		* Mrs. Ella Beaubier (36)	
1923	* Sam J. Blair (26)				* Miss Ella C. Isaac (5)		* Mrs. Ella Beaubier (36)		# Mrs. Sophia Chute (14)	
1924	* Sam J. Blair (26)				* Miss Ella C. Isaac (5)		# Mrs. Sophia Chute (14)		* Mrs. J.G. Carmichael (23)	
1925	* Sam J. Blair (56)				* Miss Ella C. Isaac (5)		* Mrs. J.C. Carmichael (23)		* Mrs. Mary E. Savage (56)	
1926	* Sam J. Blair (56)				* Miss Ella C. Isaac (5)		* Mrs. Mary E. Savage (56)		* Miss Mamie G.E. Gibson (7)	
1927	* Sam J. Blair (56)				* Mrs. E. Grace Scaife (6)		* Miss Mamie G.E. Gibson (7)		* Miss Ella C. Isaac (5)	
1928	* Sam J. Blair (56)				* Mrs. E. Grace Scaife (6)		* Miss Ella C. Isaac (5)		* Mrs. Maude Cullens (38)	
1929	* Sam J. Blair (56)				* Mrs. Margaret Logie (34)		* Mrs. Maude Cullens (38)		* Mrs. E. Grace Scaife (6)	
1930	* Sam J. Blair (56)				* Mrs. Margaret Logie (34)		* Mrs. E. Grace Scaife (6)		* Mrs. Mabel C. Hartman (1)	
1931	* Sam J. Blair (56)				* Mrs. Margaret Logie (34)		* Mrs. Mabel C. Hartman (1)		* Mrs. Edith Dawson (19)	
1932	* Sam J. Blair (56)				* Mrs. Ellen Dunn (19)		* Mrs. Edith Dawson (19)		* Mrs. Margaret Logie (34)	
1933	* Sam J. Blair (56)				* Mrs. Mary Harwood (6)		* Mrs. Margaret Logie (34)		# Mrs. Grace G. Tilley (56)	
1934	* Sam J. Blair (56)				* Mrs. Mary Harwood (6)		* Mrs. Charlotte Price (10)		* Mrs. Anne Lundy (43)	
1935	* Sam J. Blair (56)				* Mrs. Mary Harwood (6)		* Mrs. Anne Lundy (43)		* Mrs. Mary Turner (11)	
1936	* Sam J. Blair (56)				* Mrs. Alice M. Sparling (39)		* Mrs. Mary Turner (11)		* Mrs. Mary Harwood (6)	
1937	* Sam J. Blair (56)				* Mrs. Alice M. Sparling (39)		* Mrs. H. Washburn (8)		* Mrs. Helen P. McGhee	
1938	* Sam J. Blair (56)				* Mrs. Alice M. Sparling (39)		* Mrs. Helen P. McGhee (91)		* Mrs. Grace B. Shaw (60)	
1939	* Sam J. Blair (56)				* Mrs. Alice M. Sparling (39)		* Mrs. Grace B. Shaw (60)		* Mrs. Grace P. Hughes (39)	
1940	* Sam J. Blair (56)				* Mrs. Alice M. Sparling (39)		* Mrs. Grace P. Hughes (39)		* Mrs. Eva Lonsberry (7)	
1941	* Sam J. Blair (56)				* Mrs. Alice M. Sparling (39)		* Mrs. Eva Lonsberry (7)		* Mrs. Louise West (66)	

Year	Grand Secretary	Grand Treasurer	Grand Conductress	Associate Grand Conductress
1942	* Sam J. Blair (56)	* Mrs. E.S. Richard (5)	* Mrs. Louise West (66)	* Mrs. Alice M. Sparling (39)
1943	* Sam J. Blair (56)	* Mrs. Mabel Armitage (34)	* Mrs. Alice M. Sparling (39)	* Mrs. E.S. Richard (5)
1944	* Sam J. Blair (56)	* Mrs. Mabel Armitage (34)	* Mrs. E.S. Richard (5)	* Mrs. Mary Keohane (58)
1945	* Sam J. Blair (56)	* Mrs. Kathleen Young (64)	* Mrs. Mary Keohane (58)	* Mrs. Mabel Armitage (34)
1946	* Sam J. Blair (56)	* Mrs. Kathleen Young (64)	* Mrs. Mabel Armitage (34)	* Mrs. J.A. Thompson (66)
1947	* Sam J. Blair (56)	* Mrs. Kathleen Young (64)	* Mrs. J.A. Thompson (66)	* Mrs. Margaret C. Bell (92)
1948	* Miss Ella C. Isaac (5)	* Mrs. A. E. Ingram (26)	* Mrs. Margaret C. Bell (92)	* Mrs. Kathleen Young (64)
1949	* Miss Ella C. Isaac (5)	* Mrs. A. E. Ingram (26)	* Mrs. Kathleen Young (64)	* Mrs. Bessie Bloom (34)
1950	* Miss Ella C. Isaac (5)	* Mrs. Elizabeth E. Harte (40)	* Mrs. Bessie Bloom (34)	* Mrs. A.E. Ingram (26)
1951	* Miss Ella C. Isaac (5)	* Mrs. Ann B. LaFleche (66)	* Mrs. A.E. Ingram (26)	* Mrs. Elizabeth E. Harte (40)
1952	* Miss Ella C. Isaac (5)	* Mrs. Margaret B. Anderson (87)	* Mrs. Elizabeth E. Harte (40)	* Mrs. Anne Miron (43)
1953	* Miss Ella C. Isaac (5)	* Mrs. Margaret B. Anderson (87)	* Mrs. Ann B. LaFleche (66)	* Mrs. Ann B. LaFleche (66)
1954	* Miss Ella C. Isaac (5)	* Mrs. Ellen Armstrong (92)	* Mrs. Ann B. LaFleche (66)	* Mrs. Margaret Anderson (87)
1955	* Miss Ella C. Isaac (5)	* Mrs. Ellen Armstrong (92)	* Mrs. Margaret B. Anderson (87)	* Mrs. Johanna L. Haire (19)
1956	* Miss Ella C. Isaac (5)	* Mrs. Ellen Armstrong (92)	* Mrs. Johanna L. Haire (19)	* Mrs. Evelyn Hillebrecht (5)
1957	* Miss Ella C. Isaac (5)	* Mrs. Laura Bird (25)	* Mrs. Evelyn Hillebrecht (5)	* Mrs. Ellen Armstrong (92)
1958	* Mrs. Helen P. McGhee (91)	* Mrs. Frances Miller (7)	* Mrs. Laura Bird (25)	* Mrs. Elfreeda Dick (39)
1959	* Mrs. Helen P. McGhee (91)	* Mrs. Vera Oliphant (55)	* Mrs. Elfreeda Dick (39)	* Mrs. Frances Miller (7)
1960	* Mrs. Bessie Bloom (34)	* Mrs. Jessie Kennedy (99)	* Mrs. Frances Miller (7)	* Mrs. Vera Oliphant (55)
1961	* Mrs. Bessie Bloom (34)	* Mrs. Mary Ellis (83/91)	* Mrs. Vera Oliphant (55)	* Mrs. Jessie Kennedy (99)
1962	* Mrs. Bessie Bloom (34)	* Mrs. Hazel (Hall) Hoge (17)	* Mrs. Jessie Kennedy (99)	* Mrs. Mary Ellis (83/91)
1963	* Mrs. Bessie Bloom (34)	* Mrs. Amy Drever (110)	* Mrs. Mary Ellis (83/91)	* Mrs. Hazel (Hall) Hoge (17)
1964	* Mrs. Bessie Bloom (34)	* Miss Mary Quinn (48)	* Mrs. Hazel (Hall) Hoge (17)	* Mrs. Amy Drever (110)
1965	* Mrs. Bessie Bloom (34)	* Mrs. M. Victoria Baldwin (99)	* Mrs. Amy Drever (110)	* Miss Mary Quinn (48)
1966	* Mrs. Elfreeda Dick (39)	* Mrs. Ada Sharp (80)	* Miss Mary Quinn (48)	* Mrs. M. Victoria Baldwin (99)
1967	* Mrs. Elfreeda Dick (39)	* Mrs. Anne Guild (60)	* Mrs. M. Victoria Baldwin (99)	* Mrs. Ada Sharp (80)
1968	* Mrs. Myrtle McLevin (136)	* Mrs. Irene McDougall (5)	* Mrs. Ada Sharp (80)	* Mrs. Anne Guild (60)
1969	* Mrs. Myrtle McLevin (136)	* Mrs. Lillian French (44)	* Mrs. Anne Guild (60)	* Mrs. Irene McDougall (5)
1970	* Mrs. Myrtle McLevin (136)	* Mrs. Imma Fenton (4)	* Mrs. Irene McDougall (5)	* Mrs. Lillian French (44)
1971	* Mrs. Myrtle McLevin (136)	* Mrs. Irene Hendrickson (2/26)	* Mrs. Lillian French (44)	* Mrs. Imma Fenton (4)
1972	* Mrs. Ann B. LaFleche (66)	* Mrs. Jane Salisbury (11)	* Mrs. Imma Fenton (4)	* Mrs. Irene Hendrickson (2/26)
1973	* Mrs. Ann B. LaFleche (66)	* Mrs. Isabelle Norrie (43)	* Mrs. Irene Hendrickson (2/26)	* Mrs. Jane Salisbury (11)
1974	* Mrs. Myrtle McLevin (136)	* Mrs. Kay McBain (58)	* Mrs. Jane Salisbury (11)	* Mrs. Isabelle Norrie (43)
1975	* Mrs. Myrtle McLevin (136)	* Mrs. Eileen Mackay (53)	* Mrs. Isabelle Norrie (43)	* Mrs. Kay McBain (58)

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1976	* Mrs. Myrtle McLevin (136)	* Mrs. Joy McDonnell (49)	Mrs. Kay McBain (58)	* Mrs. Eileen Mackay (53)
1977	* Mrs. Irene McDougall (5)	* Mrs. Madeleine C. Rutz (55)	* Mrs. Eileen Mackay (53)	* Mrs. Joy McDonnell (49)
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Honorary	2.00
Life Membership	2.00
Membership (Initiation).....	2.00
Past Matron.....	2.00
Past Patron	2.00
50 years + (5-year increments)	2.00
Constitution	6.00
Dispensation (<i>as per Constitution</i>)	3.00
Dues cards (8 per sheet).....	1.50
Forms (<i>Initiation, Affiliation, Ref. on Petition, Demits – on Website</i>)	n/c
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Pins – 40 years.....	\$12.00
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Proceedings – current year	20.00
Proceedings – previous year	10.00
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Minute book – blank pages Post style (<u>50</u> pages).....	5.00
Minute book – old style bound hard covered for handwritten	50.00
Register Book – (Members sign in).....	56.00
Ritual 2018 – Large print Spiral (Dark Blue or White).....	38.00
Ritual 2018 – Extra Large Print Spiral	63.00
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Secret Work (lost) + letter (Constitution Page 36)	5.00
Secretary’s Account Book (<i>hard cover</i>)	24.00
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