



**ORDER OF THE
EASTERN STAR**
BRITISH COLUMBIA
& YUKON CANADA 

July - August 2023

Grand Chapter Newsletter



Congratulations to the new Grand Chapter Officers for 2023 – 2024

*Special congratulations to the Installing team on an Installation Ceremony very well done!
We wish Sister Alice Mathews, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Larry Holthe, Worthy Grand Patron a wonderful year ahead. May your travels around our Grand Jurisdiction be safe and the Official Visits exciting and happy! Happy trails to you and your Grand Officers!*

Grand Officers for 2023 - 2024

Worthy Grand Matron	Alice Mathews	Grand Chaplain	Dana Bouchard
Worthy Grand Patron	Larry Holthe	Grand Lecturer	Stacey Jordan-Knox, PGM
Associate Grand Matron	Bonnie-Jean Foulds	Grand Marshal	Diane Mamalick
Associate Grand Patron	Terry Foulds	Grand Organist	Polly Fremstad
Grand Secretary	Jean Pifer	Grand Adah	Shirley Olmstead
Grand Treasurer	Sonia Rockwell	Grand Ruth	Sandra Dingwall
Grand Conductress	Cheryl Rikley	Grand Esther	Carole McLellan
Associate Grand Conductress	Flo Evans	Grand Martha	Barbara Moncrief
Grand Trustee Chair (2 yrs)	JoAnn Knuttila	Grand Electa	Janice Evans
Grand Trustee (1 yr)	Arlene Johnston	Grand Warder	Frank Nelson
Grand Trustee (1 yr)	Jan Hermiston	Grand Sentinel	Terry Porter
Grand Trustee (3 yrs)	Robert Palmieri		
Grand Trustee (3 yrs)	Daphne Keith		

**UPDATE - Honour Day – WGM WGP Aug 19th
See last page - - tickets are available**



Grand Chapter Session – A Garden of Friendship – seemed to be over in the blink of an eye. Congratulations to JPGM Sister Betty MacDuff and JGPB Brother Kevin Howells on their year in the Grand East. We can all imagine the peace and quiet they are experiencing now that it is over. There were 162 voting members present this year and 3 proxy votes; 27 visitors were in attendance for a total of 192 members. It was convenient to have all functions in the same venue.

It was great to see all of our members from near and far, especially nice to see Past Grand Matrons (12) and Past Grand Patrons (9) in attendance; Grand Representatives of Other Jurisdictions in BC (24), Grand Representatives of BC&Y in Other Jurisdictions (12) and Grand Representatives of Other Jurisdictions in Other Jurisdictions (1).

The business of the Grand Chapter was short and sweet with only seven to ten resolutions presented. The flag ceremony, under the direction of Sister Mernie Sutton, was short and totally out of the box! It was a much needed change and appreciated by the members! The Grand Chapter Choir was indeed a joyful noise. It was awesome to have so many members in the choir this year under the direction of Sister Carmen Pierce – kazoos, candy and bribes really do work!! Now if only we could get the Brothers to sit and sing with the choir all the time. Great voices, gentlemen! The music was fabulous, Sister Polly and Sister Caron and all the interlude pianists entertained the members to the fullest whilst playing a beautiful baby grand piano. Toes were tapping, hands were clapping...job well done.

Sister Donna Galpin, Past Grand Matron, presented Sister Betty MacDuff, Junior Past Grand Matron with her jewel, the first time she'd ever been asked and she commented how thrilled she was to do this task. The Memorial Service, under Sister Galpin's direction, was very well done and brought many of us to tears. Our Grand Jurisdiction lost 92 members this past year and each one will be greatly missed.

Stamps – wow, we do need to be proud that, since 1954 the Stamp Project has raised \$485,858.64. Remember to ask your family, friends and neighbours, businesses that you deal with and other businesses that you pass by on a regular basis, to save their cancelled stamps for you. Remember to go back and pick up the stamps once a month. This is a worthwhile project and it would be great to see it hit \$500,000 in the next year or two. Sister Sutton says her dealer is desperate for commemorative stamps so please choose those “fancy” stamps when you purchase stamps.

Looking ahead:

- ★ Grand Chapter 2024 will be held in Oliver. Arrangements are well in hand and planning is underway.
- ★ Grand Chapter 2025 will be held in Prince George. Planning is underway.
- ★ Grand Chapter 2026 will be held in Nanaimo. Planning is underway.

<u>Subordinate Chapters across Canada</u>	<u>Chapters</u>	<u>Approximate Membership</u>
British Columbia and Yukon	27	1190
Alberta	25	1213 (includes dual)
Saskatchewan	11	?
Manitoba	7	?
Ontario	65	3200
Quebec (now under GGC)	5	?
New Brunswick	12	?
Nova Scotia & PEI	18 in NS / 3 in PEI	?
Newfoundland	0	?



From your Worthy Grand Matron –

Hello Sisters and Brothers! The summer is half-way gone and it happened real quick. It will soon be time for the leaves to start changing color and let's hope it's Mother Nature looking after that and not the Devil with a torch in the bush!

I, for one, am excited about the Official Visits coming up, the opportunity to revisit the Chapters and to see everybody once again. It's been a long time since I was on the Island. Is it still beautiful? Does Burnside Fish & Chips still wrap their fare in newspaper? Does the sun still shine on Campbell River? Is the road open to Port Alberni yet? Are there still murals in Duncan? What happened to Holberg?

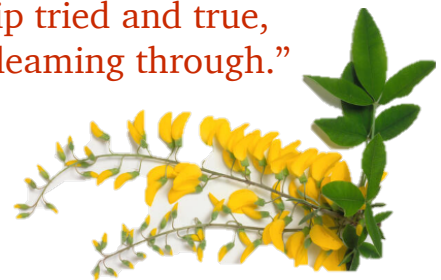
But first...Whitehorse! I will bring all my questions with me because I think there's not enough space here, I am looking forward to the flight, the fun, the friends, and who knows, maybe a sausage roll! The visits thus far have been fabulous and my memory bank has much room for several more deposits.

Yours... 'til the deposit slips!

~ Sister Alice Mathews, Worthy Grand Matron



“Friendship is a golden thread that runs throughout the years,
And when we look back on the past, that shining thread appears;
Weaving in and out the days, a bright unbroken strand,
Life’s fabric becomes worn beneath the pressure of time’s hand;
But nothing dims the brightness of a friendship tried and true,
The colors may be faded, but the gold comes gleaming through.”



WHERE IN THE WORLD – New **Grand Representative** appointments are popping up on the Grand Chapter website. Warmest congratulations to:

Bolivia – Wendy Riffal, Adah Chapter
Kentucky – Sharon Perry, Electa Chapter
Mississippi – Liz Osborne, Similkameen Chapter
Manitoba - Jens Milde, Similkameen Chapter



Check online for up to date information

www.bcgrandchapter.com

HONOUR DAY EVENT is coming up fast! Are you going?

Saturday, August 19, 2023 will be the Honour Day for Worthy Grand Matron Sister Alice Mathews and Worthy Grand Patron Brother Larry Holthe, in Quesnel. There will be the typical formalities during this evening event, a lovely buffet dinner, a cash bar, a live auction, a moose hunt, a rabbit hunt, entertainment and dancing if you wish! Lots of fun to be had...please come and join in. All the information is on the last page however please direct any questions you may have by contacting Dana Bouchard and to purchase your tickets please etransfer to Dana.Bouchard@gmail.com



In Loving Memory



***Brother Dick Caswell**, Past Grand Patron, passed away on July 10, 2023 after a long battle with cancer. Dick was a true gentleman and was a big part of the Order of the Eastern Star. He will be greatly missed, remembered with fondness for his great smile and kind words.*

***Sister Alice McAuley**, Past Grand Matron of Saskatchewan, passed away May 21, 2023. She was 95 years of age and had been a proud member of the Order of the Eastern Star for 72 years. She will be remembered with great fondness for her music. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Order of Eastern Star Cancer Project would be appreciated. Cheques to be made payable to Grand Chapter of BC and Yukon, with Cancer Project in memory of Alice McAuley in the memo line and mailed to Grand Chapter of BC and Yukon, 68-9208 208 St., Langley BC, V1M 2M9*

***Brother Bob McSween**, Past Grand Patron, passed away on April 14, 2023. He was a member of our order for 30 years. He was beside Sister Stacey Jordan-Knox for the 100th Session of our Grand Chapter. His knowledge and expertise of the many areas of our Order will be missed.*

***Sister Mary Newbury**, Past Grand Matron, passed away on March 29, 2023. She was 96 years of age and a proud member of the Order of the Eastern Star for 74 years. She was an accomplished organist and her musical talent was appreciated for a great number of years.*

Our condolences to the family, friends, Chapter(s), Sisters and Brothers of these departed members.



Eastern Star Journal As the OES Journal is no longer published we remind you that it can be found on the General Grand Chapter website - www.easternstar.org or by using the link on our www.bcgrandchapter.com website.



- Congratulations** - and thank you for your service to OES!!!
- to Sister Ann Vossberg on receipt of her 60 year pin.
 - to Sister Barbara Graff on receipt of her 60 year pin.

Nostalgia – do you remember when...

PRICES for Salad Week in **July 1960** at Woodward's

Locally grown, large crisp green heads of lettuce, picked fresh daily, **two for .19¢**

Romaine Lettuce, **two heads for .15¢**

Tomatoes local hot house, **two pounds for .35¢**

Cucumber hot house with white spine, **two for .25¢**

Okanagan Bing Cherries, **two pounds for .69¢**

New Zealand apples, **three pound bag for .59¢**

Radishes, parsley, green onions, **two bunches for .09¢**



24 oz Best Foods Mayonnaise **.59¢**

Pink Seal tin of broken shrimp **.37¢**

8 oz Kraft dressing **.29¢**

32 oz Mazola oil **.83¢**

RECIPE – French Dressing

2 cups mazola 1 tsp paprika
1 cup cider vinegar 1 tsp dry mustard
2 tbsp sugar 1 clove garlic (finely minced)
1 tbsp salt

- Measure all ingredients into a bottle or jar.
- Cover tightly and shake well.
- Chill several hours. Shake thoroughly before serving.

RECIPE – Golden French Dressing

2 tsp prepared mustard 1 tbsp salt
1 tsp Worcestershire ½ cup vinegar
1 ½ tsp sugar 1 ½ cup Mazola
¼ tsp pepper 1 clove garlic (finely minced)

- Measure all ingredients into bottle or jar.
- Cover tightly and shake well.
- Chill several hours. Shake thoroughly before serving.

RECIPE – Any Bean Salad

½ cup Mazola corn oil
¼ cup vinegar
Liquid from the beans
1 tbsp sugar
¼ tsp pepper
2 radishes, sliced
1 tbsp chopped scallion
1 tbsp chopped green pepper
1 tbsp chopped pimento
1 – 1 lb 13 oz can beans.

Combine oil, vinegar, bean liquid, sugar, salt (salt?) and pepper. Pour over mixed vegetables, marinate at least three hours in the fridge. Serve plain or arrange on Lettuce leaves. Makes four large servings.

****Hm...There's only three tbsp of vegetables!!**

What would you like to see in the next edition of the newsletter?



The next edition of the Grand Chapter Newsletter will come out in late September. If there's something in particular that you'd like featured, let me know. Please submit your articles before September 10th to Cariboostar@gmail.com Happy rest of summer, Sisters and Brothers! ~ Dana

OES Cruise to Alaska 2024

Join your current Associate Grand Matron Bonnie-Jean Foulds and Associate Grand Patron Terry Foulds on a seven day Alaskan cruise departing from Vancouver on August 25, 2024 aboard the Royal Caribbean Brilliance of the Seas. The ports of call are: Vancouver, BC; Inside Passage (Cruising); Sitka, Alaska; Tracy Arm Fjords & Glacier; Juneau, Alaska; Icy Strait Point, Alaska; Ketchikan, Alaska; Inside Passage (Cruising); Vancouver, BC.

The costs are: Balcony \$1489 per person
Ocean View \$759.00 per person
Inside \$689.00 per person

Taxes and port charges
are \$331 per person.

If you wish to join us please contact:

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This cruise is open to all OES members, friends and family. If you wish more information about this cruise please contact me at thfoulds@gmail.com.

Thank you to Sister Alice Mathews, Worthy Grand Matron, for permitting us to promote this event during this term.

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← **This is River Peatman.** River is the young man who attended Grand Chapter in Richmond, representing DeMolay International. He spoke with passion and enthusiasm in his address to the Order of the Eastern Star membership. River was recently elected International Congress Secretary and will serve a one-year term. Congratulations, young man!

DeMolay (the boys!!) was **a thing** when I was a Jobie (the girls!!) in Moose Jaw in the mid 70's. I remember getting all dressed up to go to a dance with the DeMolay young men joint with the young ladies of Job's Daughters. The hall was full of young people. **AND** it was fun in the 50s!

In looking at the website in Canada there are DeMolay in the following provinces:

Alberta – 3 Chapters - Cold Lake, Edmonton, Calgary

Atlantic – 3 Chapters – Windsor, NS; Amherst, NS; Riverview, NB

British Columbia – Vancouver, Victoria, Abbotsford

Ontario – London, Guelph, Ottawa, Port Hope, Ajax, Mississauga, Barrie, St. Catharine's