



**ORDER OF THE
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BRITISH COLUMBIA
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Grand Chapter Newsletter

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Worthy Grand Patron*

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*Freedom isn't free.
Someone had to
pay for it.*

From our Worthy Grand Matron

Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home...

...unless, of course, you're with friends and family.

The cold hit hard and fast when I hung up my 'hat' for the duration. The couch beckoned, the afghan surfaced and then it was 'lights out' for the next 5 days. Reflections of people and places were great comfort and, every once in a while, a neighbour popped in with chicken soup or a sandwich and of course lots of advice about self-medicating. Mother Nature has been kind, too, 'tho she has taken her sweet time in getting her job done. Phase two of this journey is now a wonderful memory.

Please know that each and every one of you out there has etched a vision on my mind and left your mark on my heart. That could maybe be described as love and maybe that's cause to smile!

*You are encouraged to carry on, keeping the **FAITH** and working with it. Some of your Chapters have welcomed new members. You should **HOPE** with all your might that they will always be made to feel welcome, necessary, and part of the family.*

*In the spirit of **CHARITY**, you need to wear your heart on your sleeve. Let the powers that be see that you are full of kindness and understanding, if not now...then soon!*

*If all this comes to pass, then I **BELIEVE** that you, whether as a group or as an individual, will be successful! God bless you!*

~ Sister Alice Mathews, Worthy Grand Matron



From our Worthy Grand Patron

Well, I made it home between snow storms after a flurry of visits to my Eastern Star world during September and October. From Whitehorse to Oliver, from Port Alberni to Victoria, all I can say is that it was a trip of miles and smiles.

Yes, I had the enjoyable job of listening, presenting project information, honoring Worthy Patrons with a clown in memory of Brother Don Stirling, eating lots and lots of cake, and of course, sharing a hug with most. It was very special to have so many Grand Officers travel along with Worthy Grand Matron Alice and me, their commitment and smiling faces made our day. Hopefully, they returned to their families, jobs and Chapters without incident.

I was the one with the “incident” as I had posted on Facebook the smash and grab that occurred at an overnight stay in Kamloops. The vehicle is repaired (\$\$\$\$\$) but my briefcase with OES effects has not been located. I hope the perpetrator enjoys wearing pins and reads the information about our organization. A lesson to be learned by all about travel safeguards. Words cannot express my gratitude to those kind members, friends who opened their homes to Joan and me during our travels. We tried to be good, so we would be invited back someday, and luckily they all had big rooms to hold Joan’s shoes and purses (and all the moose, she says!).

Memories! That’s what we will have...of all the celebrations, Honour Day, Official Visits, Schools of Instruction, meals - who will forget the surprise dessert at Crescent Chapter? See the great picture → it will be the new choice from now on, I am sure! Just an example of the creative, thoughtful people everywhere.



Do I dare mention the gifts? A herd of moose followed us home!! That animal bounded out of the vehicle in the form of lamps, pillows, pictures, openers, and other articles showing a real sense of humour. Thank you everyone, it has been great!!

It’s been my pleasure to deliver this message to you in our newsletter and I would now like to extend my best wishes to everyone in anticipation of the upcoming Christmas season. Time just flies, and soon 2024 will be upon us and another year under our belt. Hopefully everyone will remain healthy, wealthy, and wise. Until we will meet at Oliver in June...

~ Brother Larry Holthe, Worthy Grand Patron



From the Grand Handler: Thanks to everyone for purchasing pins and raffle tickets during our travels. Every dollar will assist with the research project towards Acute Myeloid Leukemia. It was helpful that Sister Bonnie-Jean Foulds had a Zoom education session with Vanessa Stevens from the BC Cancer Foundation who emphasized the importance of our ongoing support. The winners will surely enjoy their prizes, and a big thank you to all who donated them. The draw date is December 21st.

~ Sister Joan Holthe

******If you missed out or would like to buy raffle tickets, Star in the East pins, or tins of mints (for the dogs), please contact Sister Dana Bouchard at dana.bouchard@gmail.com***



In Loving Memory

- ★ **Brother John Bruce** – Queen City Chapter No. 5 – passed away August 20, 2023
two weeks shy of his 101st birthday
- ★ **Sister Margaret Kickbush** – Electa Chapter No. 20 – passed away October 3, 2023
- ★ **Sister Mary Griffith** – Jubilee Chapter No. 64 – passed away February 11, 2020.
- ★ **Sister Margaret Westrup** – Jubilee Chapter No. 64 – passed away October 18, 2023

*Our condolences to the family, friends, Chapter(s), Sisters and Brothers of these departed members.
Please visit the memorial page on our Grand Chapter website.*



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or by using the link on our www.bcgrandchapter.com website.

A LITTLE ADVICE

...from a bee:

- ✧ Stick close to your honey
- ✧ Create a buzz wherever you go
- ✧ Mind your own beeswax
- ✧ Sting when necessary



Close relationships are like a feather you see floating near you. If you're careful and gentle you can catch and hold that feather. If you are too rough or too harsh it will fall through your fingers and will sting just out of your reach. The harder you try, the harder it is.

General Grand Chapter 51st Triennial Assembly 2024

This session will be held in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina from October 24th to November 1st, 2024. Sister Glenda Winchester was present for the Grand Chapter Session in Kamloops and what a sweetheart she is. It would be great to see her in action as Most Worthy Grand Matron!!

Main page - <https://easternstar.org/triennial-assembly-2024/>

Registration - <https://easternstar.org/triennial-assembly-2024/triennial-assembly-2024-registration/triennial-assembly-2024-registration-english/>

What's the weather like in October in Myrtle Beach? Warm! 20C during the day, 6C overnight.
When is hurricane season in South Carolina? June 1st through to October 30th. The internet says they have a good warning system in place.

Read all about it: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Myrtle_Beach,_South_Carolina is a good place to start.

Some things to do: stroll the beach and look for sea glass, shells, sharks teeth, golf, eat, drink, be merry!

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What Kind of Member Are You?

Are you an active Member? The kind that would be missed?

Or are you just contented that your name is on the list?

Do you take an active part to help the work along,

Or are you satisfied to be the kind that just belongs?

Do you voluntarily help at the guiding stick;

Or leave the work to just a few and talk about the clique?

Come out to meetings often and help with hand and heart;

Don't just be a Member but take an active part!

Think this over members, you know right from wrong;

Are you an active Member or do you just belong?

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



With thanks to contributors in this issue:

Sister Alice Mathews, WGM

Brother Larry Holthe, WGP

Myrna Jones, PM – What kind of member are you?

Eileen Palmieri, Grand Chapter Historian **1967**



The newsletter will always be better with your suggestions and submissions!

*Faith is being sure of what we hope for
and certain of what we do not see. Hebrews 11:1*

OES Zoom Education

The first session was held on Monday, October 30th. Our guest speaker was Vanessa Stevens from the BC Cancer Foundation. It was a great presentation with 28 participants. Vanessa said the BC Cancer Foundation really appreciates the support they get from the Order of the Eastern Star.

2nd Session is coming up fast.

Tuesday, November 28th @ 7:00 pm

Presenter: Sister Cheri Cowan, PGM and Brother Rick Galloway of Sask.

Topic: Psychological safety - how the language of effective communication affects membership.

3rd Session Tuesday, January 23rd @ 7:00 pm

Presenter: Sister Denise Brownlee, PM.

Topic: Symbolism

4th Session Tuesday, February 27th @ 7:00 pm

To be determined - if you know of a possible topic and/or a potential presenter please contact

Sister Bonnie-Jean at oesbfoulds.2024@gmail.com

As in the past, a link to join the Zoom sessions will be sent a few days in advance by email.

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A Pre-Christmas Pledge

I shall attend to my little errands of love early this year, that the brief days before Christmas may be clear of the fever of hurry, the breathless rushing that I have known in the past shall not possess me. I call "be calm" in my soul, and ready at last for Christmas.

"The mass of the Christ" I shall kneel and call out His name. I shall take time to watch the beautiful light of a candle flame. I shall have leisure. I shall go out alone from my roof and my door.

I shall not miss the silver silence of the stars as I have before; and oh, perhaps, if I stand there very still and very long, I shall hear what the clamour of living has kept from me...the angels' song.

Grace Noel Crowell



Taken from ndeasterstar.org (check it out!)



*Only 47 Days
to Christmas*

Grand Historian – Sister Eileen Palmieri, Past Grand Matron

Continued from October Issue – 1967

So...who was Grand Treasurer before Brother Bradbury?

After reading the last history article in last month's Grand Chapter Newsletter, it was concluded with the writer's thought/question of who was Grand Treasurer before Brother Ernest R. Bradbury. With my own findings I am pleased to be able to shed some light on that question. It was Sister Verna Jessen, PGM. However, in answering this question, I did find some other very interesting history leading up to Brother Bradbury's appointment.

Sister Katherine H. Irwin of Burrard No. 3 was our first Grand Treasurer. She held this office from 1912 to 1914. It was noteworthy to read that there were eleven Grand Officers absences from the 1915 Grand Session, including Sister Irwin. Appointments were given to fill these vacancies. A letter was sent to Sister Irwin "...expressing the regret of this Grand Chapter at her enforced absence and extending congratulations on the birth of her little son." Our next Grand Treasurer was Sister Edith Laird of Royal City No. 7 who served in this position from 1915 to 1927. At the 1927 Grand Session Sister Laird remarked, "...in submitting this, my Annual Report, I feel the time has come that, owing to my advancing years, I must be relieved of the responsibilities of this important office, which I have had the honour of filling for so many years."

At this same Grand Session, the membership elected Sister Margaret Risser of Victoria Chapter No. 17 as Grand Treasurer. She served in this office from 1927 to 1929. Sister Risser announced that she was not standing for office at the 1930 Annual Session elections. Consequently Sister Fannie D. McCleery of Naomi Chapter No. 26 was elected for this office. Sister McCleery held this position until her death on Oct. 8, 1963. I noted that she was the only single Grand Officer during her term. In appreciation and recognition of her 33-years of service, the "Design for Happiness" 1963 - 1964 Annual Session was dedicated to Sister McCleery by Sister Anne Kennedy and Brother Wilfred Blinch, WGM and WGP.

Sister Kennedy then appointed Sister Verna Jessen, PGM as acting Grand Treasurer for the remainder of the 1963 – 1964 term. She was elected to this office at the 1964 – 1965 "Faith" Grand Session. Sadly, Sister Jessen passed away on June 11, 1965, once again leaving a vacancy of the Grand Treasurer's office. In accordance with the Constitution and Laws, Brother Ernest Bradbury, PP, and member of Coronation Chapter No. 81 was appointed to fill this vacancy. At the 1966 "Star Trail" Grand Session, Brother Bradbury was elected as Grand Treasurer.

At the end of his 1966 Financial Report, Brother Bradbury concluded with these remarks, "When the 1965 Grand Chapter Session was closed on June 2nd none of the present could possibly foresee that, less than thirty-six hours later, the active services of Sister Verna Jessen, PGM, Grand Treasurer, would be terminated under such tragic circumstances. Surely no Grand Chapter in any Grand Jurisdiction has experienced a situation similar to our own whereby two Grand Treasurers were involved in automobile accidents which proved to be fatal to them within the space of two years."

Brother Ernest R. Bradbury served as Grand Treasurer for eight years. He was elected as Grand Trustee in 1974 and passed away in this service on September 1, 1975.

*****Thank you Sister Eileen for your fabulous submission!*****

Cow Jokes

What did the mama cow say to the baby cow? *It's pasture bedtime!*
 What do you call a cow in an earthquake? *A milkshake.*
 How do you count cows? *With a cowculator.*
 What happens when you try to talk to a cow? *Everything goes in one ear
 and out the udder!*
 What do you call a sad cow? *Moo-dy*
 Why did the cow cross the road? *To get to the udder side*
 Why did the cow jump over the moon? *To get to the Milky Way.*



Knock Knock
 Who's there.
Cows go.
 Cows go who.
No, cows go moo!

Cow Puns

Watch out, you don't want to butcher any of these jokes.
 The steaks are high.
 I have some real beef with that guy.
 I'm not amooosed.
 Not as mooch as I love you.
 Cows make beautiful moosic.

Milk it for all it's worth.
 I am udderly in love with you.
 An udder day, an udder dollar.
 Holy cow!

cow puzzler

W U D Y B T I J C D V B I S A L C R E R H T E U
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bathing	judging	showmanship	4H	calves
dairy	whipcream	creamer	sourcream	butter
icecream	yogurt	chocolate	milk	milkhouse
parlour	shorthorn	jersey	Holstein	Guernsey
brownswiss	Ayrshire			

*The next edition of the Grand Chapter Newsletter will be out in mid-December.
 Your submissions are most welcome and highly encouraged! Please send to
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