

2024 – 2025

Angels, Peace And Love



**GRAND CHAPTER OF ONTARIO
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR**

2025

PROCEEDINGS

GRAND CHAPTER OF ONTARIO

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
ONE HUNDRED AND NINE
ANNUAL SESSION OF



THE GRAND CHAPTER
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
ONTARIO, CANADA
INCORPORATED

“ANGELS, PEACE, AND LOVE”
Session

Held at The Delta Marriott
Toronto, Ontario

August 23rd, 24th, 25th, and 26th, 2025

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Angels, Peace, and Love 2024 - 2025

AIM

That the peace, belief and love demonstrated through the holiday season is with us each and every day all year through.

SCRIPTURES:

Luke 2:11 – “For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a saviour which is Christ the Lord”

Luke 2:14 - “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests”

2 Corinthians 9:15 – “Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift”

John 3:16 – “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life”

Psalm 91, Verse 11 - “For He will give His angels charge concerning you, to guard you in all your ways.”

WATCHWORDS:

Grace

Peace

Believe

Love

HONOURED STATIONS:

Chaplain

Organist

SYMBOLS:

Angels

Bells

Apples

Peace Sign

FUN SYMBOLS:

WGM – Minions

WGP - Hockey Sticks

EMBLEM:

The Star in the East

Bible

The Canadian Flag

GRAND CHAPTER OF ONTARIO

MOTTO:

Have others think, "Because of you I believe in angels" AND
If you believe in God, he will walk with you.

THOUGHTS OF THE DAY

"People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did but
people will never forget how you made them feel" – Maya Angelou Author
"Never look down on someone unless you are helping them up"

COLOURS:

Candy Red
Emerald Green
White
Silver

FLOWERS:

Holly & Ivy
Poinsettias
White Rose
Geraniums

BIRDS:

Penguins
Loons

NAMES:

Grand Officers – Candles
Escorts – Shepherds
Committee Members – Reindeers
DDGMs – Carolers
Worthy Matrons & Worthy Patrons – Angels
Members – Presents or Gifts
Members – Our Angels

PROJECT:

Covenant House – Non-Profit

Covenant House is the largest agency in Canada serving youth who
are homeless, trafficked or at risk.

FAVOURITE MUSIC:

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Silent Night

Holly and The Ivy

Hallelujah – k d Lang

What a Wonderful Life

I Come to the Garden Alone

Amazing Grace

You'll Never Walk Alone

It's Only Make Believe



To our year of angels – In the light of the Order of the Eastern Star, we honour those who came before us, and those who walk and labor in love beside us today. Through grace and steadfast service, may we see our communities renewed. Children lifted from the streets to a path of promise, and every soul in need comforted -not alone, but with a faithful dog by their side. Peace love, and light guide us always.
Remember because of you we believe in Angels!

Mrs. Barbara McGregor
WORTHY GRAND MATRON

and

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“Angels, Peace, and Love”
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“Heartland Year”

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"Wonders of Winter Year"

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**THE GRAND CHAPTER
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR OF ONTARIO
CANADA, INCORPORATED**

**“ANGELS, PEACE, AND LOVE”
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE SEMINAR**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 2025
1:30 pm**

MEMBERSHIPAS WE MOVE FORWARD



**THE GRAND CHAPTER
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Extends fraternal greetings and a cordial welcome to the

**“THE ANGEL APPLE ORCHARD” BANQUET
SATURDAY, AUGUST 23RD, 2025
6:30 p.m.**

Banquet Chair Mrs. Adrice Grenon, GCCM
Pianist Mrs. Karen Durward, DDGM #21
Piper Mr. Eric Davies

**Flags were Pre-posted Under the Direction of
Mr. William (Bill) Baker, Grand Marshal**

**Entrance of Grand Chapter Officers
Distinguished Guests and Escorts**

Mistress of Ceremonies Mrs. Adrice Grenon, GCCM

O CANADA

TOAST TO HIS MAJESTY THE KING

STAR SPANGLED BANNER

**TOAST TO THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OF THE UNITED STATES**

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WELCOME WORTHY GRAND MATRON Sister Adrice Grenon, GCCM

Welcome, Grand Chapter Officers Order of the Eastern Star and friends .

As we gather here tonight, let us take a moment to reflect on the significance of the bonds we share. Just as apple seeds hold the promise of growth and nourishment, our presence here symbolizes the love, support, and peace we cultivate within our community.

In this banquet, we are not just sharing a meal; we are sowing seeds of kindness, understanding, and compassion. Each hug we share, each word of encouragement, and each gesture

of friendship contributes to a garden of hope and harmony.

Let us embrace the spirit of togetherness and the values we hold dear. May our hearts be filled with love, our minds with peace, and our actions with purpose. Together, we can spread these seeds far and wide, nurturing a world that reflects the ideals of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Thank you for being here, for your dedication, and for the light you bring to our organization. Let us enjoy this evening of fellowship and celebration!

Enjoy your dinner and time of fellowship.

Invocation.....Brother Rick Carmichael, Grand Chaplain

DINNER

Introduction of Head Table GuestsBrother Richard Arding, W.G.P.

Thank You to the Delta by Marriott Hotel.....Brother Jim McGregor, A.G.P.

GREETINGS FROM GRAND CHAPTER Sister Dawn Forbes, A.G.M.

Mistress of Ceremonies, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Family, Friends, Good Evening.

I am pleased to bring greetings on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Ontario. Welcome to the 109th Grand Session Banquet!

While I can, I am going to once again use my Associate Grand Patron's words, isn't it Great to be a Member of the Order of the Eastern Star?

I truly hope you are enjoying your evening as we celebrate our *Angels Peace & Love* year, honoring our Worthy Grand Matron, Barbara McGregor, our

Worthy Grand Patron, Richard Arding, along with our Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, and you — our cherished members.

This has been an amazing year, and I feel truly privileged to serve as the Associate Grand Matron of this wonderful Grand Jurisdiction.

Sister Barbara and Brother Richard, It's hard to believe it has almost been a full year since you began your *Angels Peace and Love* journey. You've had an incredibly busy time, traveling near and far — from Kenora to the Caribbean — spreading the joy and spirit of Christmas wherever you went. We thank you for your unwavering guidance, your kindness, and your love. As your year comes to a close, we wish you a joyful and successful Grand Session.

My wish for everyone is to make new friendships, re-new old and remember that we are all members with the same purpose, to Love One Another.

I would like to thank the committee of arrangements for this great honour to bring greetings on behalf of the Grand Chapter

GREETINGS FROM GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER
Sister Helen Delaney, Right Worthy Grand Trustee

Master of Ceremonies, WGM, WGP, All Distinguished Guests, Members and Friends. Good evening.

I would like to thank the committee on arrangements for the courtesy and honour of bringing greetings from the General Grand Chapter this evening. And what a beautiful evening it has been so far.

These greetings are on behalf of Mrs. Billie Bradfield, MWGM, Mr. Michael Berry, MWGP and all the Members serving in Ontario on Committees, Bill Chatwell, Ambassador to New Jersey, Bruce Condie, Alzheimer's, Lynne Atkinson, Eastern Star Journal, Marsha Taylor, ESTARL, Barbara Ward, Historical Landmarks and Ellen Redcliffe, Necrology.

We congratulate you, the Members in Ontario, on your continuing efforts to raise funds for our many benevolent associations that we support, and as time goes on, we realize how difficult it is sometimes to raise the funds for our charitable efforts. But the Members here in Ontario, always find a way to do this, so it is important for us to celebrate the outreach you have made in your communities, for more than 100 years.

The Eastern Star is growing by leaps and bounds in South America and some other parts of the world, just like we can imagine happening in the early parts of the 1900's in North America. It was something needed, something special for the members, something so exciting to be a part of that it was hard to contain yourself, something brand new! Let's show up tomorrow like it was the first time. Let's show our excitement, show each other that we and they are needed and how special each of us are to this Order and to each other.

We are looking forward to hearing the reports over the next few days, as I know that the committees have worked so hard this year on our behalf. I am looking forward to all which has been planned for us over the next few days, so let us enjoy our time together, and remember, life is what we make it, always has been, always will be.
Thank you.

**GREETINGS FROM THE GRAND LODGE A.F. & A.M. OF CANADA IN THE
PROVINCE OF ONTARIO**

M.W. Brother Jamie R. Ireland, Grand Master

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and all guests, Good Evening. It is my pleasure this evening for myself and my wife, Kelly to be here with you for this your Grand Chapter Banquet. We are forming great relations with Eastern Star, This year our Concordant body meetings were held with your Worthy Grand Matron, Barbara McGregor and Past Grand Patron, Bill Chatwell in attendance and their input was invaluable. Best wishes to all for continued success as we work together to make ourselves stronger for the future. Thank you.

PRESENTATION TO "COVENANT HOUSE"

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

Mistress of Ceremonies, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Head Table Guests, Sisters, Brothers, Family and Friends,
Welcome to our apple orchard.

So many delicious apples can be found here.

Granny Smith -the firmer, vibrant variety, which have been around forever
Gala – the fanciest of them all, slightly complex

Fuji - versatile and a cross bred

Empire - derived from a seed

McIntosh – national apple of Canada

Delicious – result of a chance seedling and sweet

Honey Crisp – well-balanced

Ambrosia – Cultivated variety

Do you recognize yourself?

Does it really matter? Not really. They are all good and each in its own way has its place on the table. Regardless of their type, each has a recipe that they taste especially good in.

As each of you have your own niche and bring your uniqueness to the Order. You came through your family, or you heard about us and routed us out.

Some come through our concordant Masonic families and those that we have cultivated over time. It doesn't matter how you got here the fact is you are here.

Each of brought your particular talents and through you we have flourished. Thank you for coming, for staying and contributing.

Thank to those in the room who are not members, YET! You never know.

I wish to thank those folks that accepted our invitation to attend who may through their attendance start to understand us a little more and share that knowledge with others who may still not have heard of us or may not fully understand us.

Most Worshipful Brother Jamie R. Ireland and your lovely wife, Kelly, I am so happy that you were able to attend this evening with us. This past year you have opened a door between the concordant bodies that can only benefit everyone in the Masonic family. It has become clear that we are all facing trials and issues and it is proving that many heads are better than just a few and we will all be able to surmount those obstacles together.

Now comes the next best thing for us to do and that is to make our presentation to the representative from our charity for the year, Covenant House. I was surprised on our journeys this year how many sisters and brothers already knew about Covenant House and the excellent opportunities that they provide for young adults in need.

Mrs. Emily Vandevalk, the lovely lady sitting to my left has been our go-to and touched base with us during the past months. She provided us with educational materials that we have been able to share with you on the Membership Matters platform. She escorted us on a tour of the facility and never lost us once. You have to see it to believe it. What a facility! It's like Disney World; you never know what is around the corner but trust me it will make you smile. Covenant House provides a wide range of inclusive support as soon as a young person comes to the door. It is not just food, and shelter but so much more however I will let Emily talk about all that and not rain on her parade. So, with no further ado,

Sisters and brothers, Mrs. Emily Vandevalk.

Brother Richard, would you be so kind as to make the presentation.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON

Brother Richard Arding

Now comes to good part, on behalf of the Order of the Eastern Star Members of Ontario, it is with the greatest pleasure that we present you with this cheque made out to Covenant House in the amount of **DRUM ROLL**

\$ 50,099.90

AcknowledgementMrs. Emily Vandervalk

I cannot believe this! A lovely dinner and I thought maybe a small token, but this is overwhelming! I HOPE I DO NOT HAVE THIS BABY NOW! I am shaking but so happy. I cannot wait to go into the office on Monday and let them all know. We appreciate all your efforts for our kids. From them to each of you in this room and across your Order we thank you. God bless you all.

PRESENTATION TO THE ONTARIO SERVICE DOGS

**Sister Margaret Milligan, GCCM, Director on Grand Executive, Chair,
Service Dogs**

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers Your Service Dogs Committee has had a good year, and we thank you for the privilege of serving in this capacity.

We are excited to reveal the result of our fund-raising. At the beginning of this year, our team issued a challenge to Chapters to add other opportunities to name an additional puppy for training, by donating \$5000. And you did it! Our very grateful thanks go to Picton Chapter #273 and also the 2025 CAN/AM Organizing Group. We also say a big thank you to all our members who through their efforts have given so generously of their time and talents. And well done to the Service Dogs team for their hard work and dedication.

Now, I would also like to tell you that Sister Cathy Fisher of Quinte Chapter was the winner of our "Dinner with A Dawg" fundraiser and she is with us on stage tonight to help us reveal the amount of this year's fundraising. It is with pleasure that we uncover and present the final cheque, drum roll

\$23,028.00

I would now like to welcome back Ms. Lynne Davidson, who is the Fundraising Co-Ordinator for National Service Dogs, to receive our cheque.

Acknowledgement..... Ms. Lynne Davidson, Service Dogs Representative

APPRECIATION

Sister Adrice Grenon, GCCM

At this time as Banquet Chair, I would like to call our Worthy Grand Matron, Barbara McGregor and our Worthy Grand Patron, Richard Arding to receive their Guest Book of Special Memories of spreading apple seeds of Angel Hugs, Love and Peace. You have certainly sparkled throughout this year

exemplifying the virtues of our beautiful Order. Congratulations!!! Enjoy your Grand Chapter Session.

I thank you both for including me in your special year and having faith in me. Thank you for this honour I must say I have certainly learned so much.

It is with a heart full of gratitude and joy that I stand before you tonight to express our deepest appreciation to everyone who made the Apple Orchard Banquet such a wonderful and memorable event,

I want to thank our Angel, Peace, and Love Grand Chapter Officers for their leadership and dedication, Your guidance and support have been invaluable in bringing this banquet to life.

To our Committee on Arrangement, under the leadership of Sue Cockburn, your countless hours of planning, organizing and coordination has not gone unnoticed. Thank you!

Thank you to our pianist Karen Durward who arranged such meaningful and enjoyable music which has been good for the heart and soul.

A sincere thank you to our Piper, Eric Davies for leading our distinguished guests with such skill. Your piping has added a truly special and memorable touch to our banquet.

To our Grand Marshal, William Baker and his wife Wendy Bakerm thank you for making sure all the flags were pre-posted.

I want to thank all the Guards and Pages and everyone who helped to make this event a big success. I really appreciated your help.

A special thank you to Barbara Thorburn and Catherine Ferguson for the hours of planning and replanning with tickets and seating. The hours spent is unbelievable. Thank you so very much. A special thank you to my friend Gay Rust for her exceptional leadership and decorating skills. We have had the opportunity to work together over the years, and her many talents are truly outstanding, I appreciate you and all you have done to HELP.

Thank you to my District, the Number One District I could not have done this without your support. You have donated items, helped with the set up and clean up and supported in countless other ways, Your generosity and willingness to lend a hand exemplify, the true spirit of the Order of the Eastern Star,

Thank you, Paul Hooper, Hotel Liaison, for always being available to help whenever I called. I appreciate your guidance.

Thank you, Dave Cozens (Hall Coordinator), for ensuring the banquet hall was set up as requested.

A special thank you to the Delta Hotel and staff. Bill Powers and the staff were exceptional. Your efforts in preparing and serving the meal with efficiency truly made us feel cared for. Thank you.

Each of you played a special role in making The Apple Orchard Banquet a success. May we continue to spread seeds of love and peace throughout our beautiful Order. As we enjoy the fruits of the Orchard and FELLOWSHIP, let

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us remember that it is through love and service we flourish, May the light of the Eastern Star guide us always.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, Barbara McGregor and Worthy Grand Patron, Richard Arding for your dedication and for the love and light you bring to our beautiful Order.

Thank you
Good night and enjoy this Grand Session,

GOD SAVE THE KING

MIZPEH BENEDICTION

*May the Lord watch between me and thee
while we are absent, one from the other.*





GRAND CHAPTER

**ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR OF ONTARIO,
CANADA INCORPORATED**

ESTARL, YOUTH PRESENTATION and MEMORIAL SERVICE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24TH, 2025

1:45 p.m.

Organ Prelude.....Mr. William (Bill) Gibson

2:00 p.m.

**Entrance of Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron
Grand Chapter Officers, Other Distinguished Guests
Youth Committee and Youth Groups
ESTARL Committee and Speaker**

ENTRANCE OF FLAGS

Canadian FlagMr. William (Bill) Baker, Grand Marshal
Christian Flag -----Mr. Rick Carmichael, Grand Chaplain
ESTARL Flag Mr. Kris Kalia, GCCM
Rainbow Flag Miss Abby Wanock, GWA
DeMolay FlagMr. Reginald Faraon, PMC, CHEV, FMA

O CANADA

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON
Sister Barbara McGregor**

I would like to welcome all of you to this afternoon session. To the members of the ESTARL Committee, we appreciate the work you do and look forward to your service today. To each of the participants for preparing and presenting your portions of our programme today we thank you. The music, the words, the prayers and the stories told here this afternoon remind us of those who are no longer in this realm but are still beside us enveloped in their wings.

First of all, we will witness first-hand the hard work done by our Youth Organizations. These young folk work as hard in their Chapters and Assemblies as we do in our Chapters. It is with pleasure that I call upon Sister Bonnie Arnew, our Grand Chapter Chair on Youth. Thank you, Bonnie and the

other members, on the committee, Mrs. Carol Larue, Mrs. Kathy Lackey, Mr. Rod Purdy and Mr. Mike Mitchell-O'Sullivan for the time, help and true devotion you extend to our youth. I am sure that because of you they do believe in angels.

YOUTH COMMITTEE PRESENTATION
Sister Bonnie Arnew, Youth Committee, Chair

Good afternoon everyone. Before I start, I would just like to have the members of this jurisdiction, who have been a Rainbow girl, a Job's Daughter, served on councils or in DeMolay, please stand. Look around the room. There's a few here. These young people you see on the sidelines may be standing with you someday in the Grand Chapter room. We sincerely hope so. My name is Bonnie Arnew and I have had the honoring of serving as Chairperson of the Youth Committee this year, along with Sister Carol LaRue, Sister Kathy Lackey, Brother Michael O'Sullivan and Brother Rod Purdy. This year we are thrilled to report that we have seen tremendous growth in our youth groups across the province. Their enthusiasm is definitely infectious. We are so pleased to be present at many of their installations, as well as the Institution of a new DeMolay Chapter in St. Catharines and bring greetings on behalf of the DeMolay family and on behalf of the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Barbara McGregor and the Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Richard Arding from the members of this Grand Chapter of Ontario, to wish them well and to reinforce the message that we are ready and willing to assist them as much as possible.

These young people are truly the apples of our eyes, and we hope that you will have taken the opportunity to stop by their table in the hall to speak with them and see some of their promotional materials so that we can glean from them the possible future members of our Order. In keeping with the Christmas theme of our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, the Rainbow Girls will be presenting a ceremony borrowed from the Grand Assembly of California entitled "Christmas Service".

The DeMolay will also be presenting a very special ceremony for all of us to enjoy. We are sure that the members and visitors of this Grand Chapter will truly be impressed the dedication and commitment of these young ladies and gentlemen that they give to their ritual work, We will be hearing greetings today from the newly installed Grand Worthy Advisor, Abby Warnock and Reggie Faraon, who has now been promoted to the Canadian Parliament Master Councillor of Canada. Please enjoy the messages they have to share with us Thank you.

“CHRISTMAS SERVICE”
International Order of Rainbow for Girls
INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF RAINBOW FOR GIRLS
Abby Warnock, Grand Worthy Advisor of Canda

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, distinguished guests in the east, Eastern Star members and friends, good afternoon. It's a privilege to be with you here today and to share my heart. This year, Canadian Rainbow's theme is "Overcoming Your Fears" inspired by the world of horror movies. Fear, whether it's the big and obvious kind or the quiet and hidden kind, often holds us back. But when we face it, name it, and lean on those around us, it starts to lose its power. This is the journey I hope to guide our girls on this year. Our charity is the Alzheimer's Society of Canada. A very close cause to my heart because my grandpa is living with Alzheimer's. This disease not only affects the individual, but it affects the entire family, bringing with the fear of forgetting or of being forgotten, Eastern Star has been a strong friend and inspiration to Rainbow. Today, I want to challenge you, there are two ways you can help out Rainbow Assemblies. First, visit an Assembly near you. You'll see the ritual work we do, the lessons we learn, and the leadership skills we gain. Secondly, invite a young girl who could benefit from leadership, friendship, and service opportunities to visit an Assembly. Our age groups are Rainbow 11 to 21, Pledges are from 6 to 10 and Sparkles in Toronto are 4 to 5, Like Eastern Star a Masonic connections is not required. Sometimes all it takes is one invitation to change a young girl's life forever. My life has changed because of Rainbow. I was never the quietest kid, but it was hard to speak in front of large groups. Rainbow has given me the chance to face that fear and overcome it, to be myself, and to help my community. You are our sponsoring Order, and we want to know you. That's why your presence matters. We want to learn about Eastern Star. Why? To build relationships with you, and eventually to join your Order when the time is right. On behalf of Rainbow in Canada, thank you for being a source of guidance. Together we create a community that raises funds for worthy causes and builds bonds across generations. Your support shapes our future. The leaders and I can promise we will do everything we can to make you proud. Thank you for letting me speak at this time.

**“CERMONY OF LIFE”
Members of DeMolay Canada**

**DEMOLAY CANADA
Reginald Faraon, Canadian Parliament Master Councillor of Canada**

Once again, good afternoon, everyone. As you already know, I'm Reginald Faraon, Parliamentary Council of DeMolay. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, distinguished guests in the East and all members of eastern Star. Hello. On behalf of DeMolay Ontario and DeMolay Canada as a whole it's our honor to be here at this event and to show the members of Eastern Star what DeMolay is all about. Currently, DeMolay Ontario is undergoing significant growth and big area changes. On the national level it is still working hard to improve everything going on in DeMolay. Trying to make things better before we last left it. First of all, as a young man, I'm 21 now and I don't think that's a young man anymore. I've been in DeMolay for about ... just over 10 years now and if not for the older members and advisors who are part of Eastern Star, I would not be able to be standing here right now without your help. If any member of the Order of the Eastern Star is interested in the Order of DeMolay or least here in Ontario, we have a website, Demolay.ca and you can reach out if you know any young men ages 12 to 21, Look us up or call Ian. Thank you for having me and uh we are looking very much forward to the pool. Thank you.

**APPRECIATION AND PRESENTATION
Sister Barbara McGregor, Worthy Grand Matron**

So many memories come flooding back when I witness these ceremonies. Those years spent with Karey-Ann in Rainbow and Jason in DeMolay. All the Advisor Board meetings and watching the Assembly grow as their Mother Advisor. Thank you for being a participating member in each of your Assemblies and Chapters and for sharing your beautiful work with us today. I was sorry that our calendars clashed but I do appreciate that Sister Bonnie was able to bring greetings on our behalf. Please continue to let us know what you are doing and where so that we can continue to support you with our presence at your events.

Thank you to all the adult advisors for giving of your time to assist these young people in becoming our tomorrow. I am sure that because of you they do believe in angels.

Grand Worthy Advisor, Abby, at this time we wish you all the best and success in your endeavors, please accept this cheque to International Order of the Rainbow for Girls from our Ontario Membership.

APPRECIATION AND PRESENTATION
Brother Richard Arding, Worthy Grand Patron

To these young men we trust the future of our Order. You are dedicated young men, and we thank you for coming today.

Past Master Councilor, Reginald, at this time, we wish you all the best and success in your endeavors, please accept this cheque to DeMolay from our Ontario Membership.

CLOSING REMARKS
Sister Barbara McGregor

We wish to thank all in the room for showing your support and appreciation to our Youth groups with your attendance not only today but those of you that attend their meetings, functions and events. Thank you to the Youth Committee and to Brother Bill for your music.

All those under 21 don't forget that the pool awaits you along with pizza later in the Halton Room. Please enjoy!

You may now leave and have fun while we stay here and work. Once again, the members of the Youth Committee, Mrs. Bonnie Arnew, Mrs. Carol LaRue, Mrs. Kathy Lackey, Mr. Rod Purdy and Mr. Mike Mitchell O'Sullivan, Thank you.

Members of the Youth Committee
Mrs. Bonnie Arnew, Chair, Mrs. Carol LaRue, Co-Chair,
Mrs. Kathy Lackey, Mr. Rod Purdy, Mr. Mike Mitchell O-Sullivan

ESTARL SERVICE
Call to Worship
Sister Liz Condie, GCCM, ESTARL, Chair

I would like to thank the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Barb McGregor and the Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Richard Arding, for the privilege of putting together this ESTARL service for the Angels, Peace and Love Grand Chapter. Please turn your phones off or set them to vibrate and enjoy your time as we celebrate together with God. I'd like you to be quiet and listen to the words from today. Angels are all around us. We just need listen. And now for a moment of prayer.

PRAYER
Mrs. Marguerite Mitchell, GCCM, ESTARL

Heavenly Father, as we gather here today, we thank you for the many blessings in our lives. Remembering that the gift of Christ is our most

treasured gift the whole year through. We are grateful for your constant presence, your guidance, and your love. Help us to be mindful of your gifts, of our talents, abilities and resources, and to share them with those in need. Thank you for your reminder, that both in seasons of celebration and in seasons of brokenness, you are still with us. As this year draws to a close, may we take a time to remember the special gifts of Angels, Peace and Love, shared with our sisters and brothers every time we are gathered together. We ask for continued guidance and strength, to use these gifts wisely and for the benefit of others, Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Please stand and pass the Peace either by bowing or acknowledging your neighbour first to your left and then behind you, then to your right, then in front of you

HYMN: "I Come to the Garden Alone"

Accompaniment.....Mr. William (Bill) Gibson, Grand Organist

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1: 13 - 15

Luke 2: 11 - 15

Sister Betty Fraser-Smith, GCCM, ESTARL

SOLO – "Touch Your People Once Again"

**Sister Isabel Jones, Grand Representative of Manitoba in Ontario,
PDDGM**

AccompanimentMrs. Wendy Baker, Grand Representative
of Oregon in Ontario, WM

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 9: 11 -15

Sister Bette Rew, GCCM, ESTARL

INTRODUCTION TO SPEAKER

Sister Yvette Ross, GCCM, ESTARL, Secretary/Treasurer

Today it is my privilege and honor to introduce our speaker this afternoon. Some of us know her as a mother, a wife, and most of s know her as a sister. She is also a Past Grand Matron, and a few of us can call her Mom from our "Celebrate the Seasons" Grand Family. She is a recipient of our ESTARL Award in the Lay Ministry Program. Please welcome Susan Purdy.

MESSAGE

Sister Susan Purdy, PGM, GCCM, ESTARL Recipient in Lay Ministry

Let us pray, come, Almighty spirit, come into this place, Almighty Spirit open our hearts and minds to your Word that we may receive the insights and revelations you have for us today. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of all our hearts be acceptable in thy sight O Lord our redeemer. Amen.

Title: Angels Among Us – Angels, Messengers, guarding and protecting

Angels are spiritual beings created by God to watch over the human race. They perform various duties, including delivering God's message and guarding and protecting from danger.

The word Angel is mentioned somewhere around 300 times in the Bible (Thanks be to Google) but only a few are actually named. Thousands and thousands of angels are said to surround the throne in both Revelation 5:11 and Daniel 7:10.

There are fallen Angels as well. These angels were created as good and obedient beings, but some of them chose to rebel against God by corrupting humanity by teaching forbidden knowledge or by tempting them into sin. and were cast out of Heaven as a result. We all know Lucifer AKA Satan aka the Devil a fallen angel associated with the sin of pride and with the attempt to overthrow God and was therefore banished.

The angel Abaddon is only mentioned once, he appears to be a fallen angel, ruling over the Abyss (bottomless pit). Although, he is an instrument of judgment, used by God during the End Times, so there is some debate as to where his allegiance falls.

Other Angels mentioned throughout the Bible are the Archangel Michael and Gabriel and several other angels mentioned, not by their actual names but by what they were involved in

The Archangel Michael a defender and warrior, who is also referred to as a chief prince, working to protect God's people.

Gabriel would appear in human form. Gabriel is known for delivering messages such as appearing to Daniel to explain his dreams, he appears to Zechariah to announce the birth of John the Baptist, and to Mary to announce the birth of Jesus.

I wonder.....How would you react or feel if you had the vision of an Angel appear to you? I'll leave you with that thought for a few minutes.

Today we heard scripture of an Angel delivering a message. Here is a little of the back story for that Scripture in Luke. There was a priest named Zechariah, Both Zechariah and his wife Elizabeth were good in the sight of God, observing all the Lord's commands and decrees. But they were childless because Elizabeth could not conceive, and they were both very old, so at that

point in their life conceiving was unlikely. Zechariah belonged to the priestly division of Abijah – there were 24 priestly divisions each responsible for holy duties. Zechariah was on duty this day and assigned to go into the temple and burn incense. An angel of the Lord appeared to Zechariah, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear. The angel said to him: “Do not be afraid”.

Here is another passage where an Angel appeared: An angel from the Lord suddenly appeared to them. The glory of the Lord filled the area with light, and they were terrified. The angel said to them, “Don’t be afraid!”.

I want you to close your eyes and picture this scene: You are a shepherd standing out in a field, its evening, getting dark, there is a light breeze, other than the sounds of grass rustling, sheep milling about and baying, it’s quiet and calm.

Take a deep breath and slowly let it out, feel the calm. You are relaxed – suddenly it seems brighter than it shouldyou look up there’s this glowing - like a star -- What is that? is that a person glowing? - How do you feel? Scared? Shocked? Frozen in place yet should I run? Your peaceful night suddenly broken with the thumping of your heart, it feels like it’s in your throat. This is something surprising, amazing. Open your eyes - If you haven’t opened your eyes already - hopefully you didn’t relax to the point of sleep – hahaha. We read these words many, many, times throughout scripture - “Don’t be afraid” “Fear Not” “be not afraid”

A message from God that HE is our stronghold, will not abandon you, will protect you. Many people believe that Angels are always around us and among us. Angels are an important part of the theme in this years Ontario’s Eastern Star year. The quote “because of you I believe in angels” is special to the Worthy Grand Matron.

In an article by Reverend Stina Garbis a Spiritual Advisor she writes “In the Bible angels have a knack for going “incognito” in human form, whether they’re delivering good news or dining with disciples. It’s not always obvious, but you may be walking among angels every day and just don’t realize it!” So, what is it that make us seem like an Angel to someone? I went down the virtual rabbit research hole searching how we might think of Angels among us.

Angels often have positive effects on our emotions, boosting your mood and making you feel at peace in their presence.

Angels are always patient, kind, and empathetic, seeking to improve every life they touch.

Angels can sometimes heighten your senses, making you see, hear, and feel more intensely than normal.

In the scripture read today - 2nd Corinthians – It’s all about Paul motivating the Corinthians. Teaching that true generosity should be not out of a grudging obligation. God loves a cheerful giver.

Verse 11 “You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God”.

There are many benefits to being kind, compassionate and giving to others. It can improve mental health reducing symptoms of depression and anxiety. You can become more content; it can help build relationships and cause less isolation.

It doesn't have to be some big gesture – a simple acknowledgment of a friendly hello or smile, opening a door for someone, a thoughtful message can brighten someone's day. Compassion has a positive ripple effect, as an act of kindness can inspire others to do the same – pay it forward. Because of the service by which you have proved yourself. Others will praise God.

We are reminded however, that we should not have envy or be boastful of our actions. RATHER Be thankful and pray for those people who helped you in various ways in your life, parents, relatives, coaches, pastors, friends, job supervisors, whomever. The most genuine way to honor those people is to help the people who are struggling now, even if you don't know their names, and even if they never know yours. You can act like an angel and convey God's greatest message. The greatest message of all is LOVE.

As in 2nd Corinthians verses 14-15 read from The Message:

“You show your gratitude through your generous offerings to your needy brothers and sisters, and really toward everyone. Meanwhile, moved by the extravagance of God in your lives, they'll respond by praying for you in passionate intercession for whatever you need. Thank God for this gift, HIS gift. No language can praise it enough!” Amen.

Hymn of Dedication

HYMN: “Amazing Grace”

Accompaniment..... Brother William (Bill) Gibson, Grand Organist

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ESTARL AWARD RECIPIENTS

Sister Yvette Ross GCCM, Brother Kris Kalia, GCCM

Kwaku Asumadu sponsored by Veritas Chapter #128

Tabitha McLachaln-Carey sponsored by Veritas Chapter #128

Wonder Chimvinga sponsored by Bruce Chapter #253

Jayden Escolates-Jones sponsored by Sunland Chapter #283

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Anthony Simon sponsored by **Veritas Chapter #128**

Lance Wright sponsored by **Brighton Chapter #201**

PRESENTATION TO SPEAKER

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

It is an honour to present you with this award on behalf of the Grand Chapter Committee of ESTARL. May it lighten your burden as you work towards your goal. Our world today badly needs the hope and inspiration that you give through your sharing of God's word. The members of the Order of the Eastern Star through their support of the ESTARL programme are ensuring that congregations in the future will have the resources at hand for the needs of our communities.

ACCEPTANCE

Mr. Lance Wright

Well, it's a room full of angels which is very awesome. Thank you. About a year and half ago, I was driving down the QEW to Niagara on a beautiful sunny day and I had a surprising moment, A moment that wasn't planned or expected. It's been three years since I graduated from university. I've been out of school for a long time and kind of felt like out of nowhere, was the sense that I think I need to go back to school and not just any school but to pursue a Master of Divinity. Beginning the discernment process in the United Church of Canada to be an ordained minister was really out of the blue. I wasn't planning it. When the thought came to me, it was... a sense of yeah. I think that's exactly what I need to do. But there was one problem. I've been the [primary wage earner for my wife and three kids. All of our family life together and I really didn't know how that was going to work. For a little time, I thought well maybe I can go to full-time seminary in Toronto at Emanuel College, which I applied to and was accepted. And maybe I can still work and keep my full-time ministry job, working at a year-round camp and retreat centre. I'm sure I can do both, no problem. It didn't take long for me to realize that really wasn't realistic. I had another moment, deciding if this is the call that I sense is the right one for my life, then I probably need to just say yes to the call and make a difficult decision that I would resign from my job and start full-time school and go forward in the ministry. What that would mean was our family wouldn't have a stable secure income for quite a while for a number of years. I had no idea whatsoever how things were going to work. But I felt like it was a decision I had to make and I did. I meant disastrous debt and who knows what, so be it, this is the decision I need to make. That was a year and a half ago. I finished my first term at Emanuel College, I'm loving going back to school It's a lot more than when I was

younger and I didn't realize how great school is. I appreciate it more as a little further down the road. I love my professors, my books, my fellow students and that they make me do things that I wouldn't do otherwise, write papers and learn. It has been a fantastic experience. In addition, a year later, it's been incredible the way that provision has come through lots of different angels. And places that I didn't know existed have offered support. A year later my family and I are doing fine because provision and goodness somehow find their way. So, thank you for being part of that provision. For that goodness through your support, you are definitely a group of angels to me. So, thank you.

PRESENTATION AND REMARKS

Sister Marsha Taylor, GGCCM ESTARL, PGM

On behalf of the ESTARL Committee of the Grand Chapter of Ontario, we present you with a monetary gift. As you wish, buy books or buy ice cream for the kids or whatever you require. You don't look old enough to have grown kids.

Anyhow, I am Marsha Taylor, and I am a member of the General Grand Chapter Committee of ESTARL worldwide. We can go with our membership card any place where there is Eastern Star, Last year, when I first started on this journey, we were in Kentucky having an orientation and watching all the walls of bourbon in this hotel that were for sale. When we went into our meeting, I was thrilled to announce that we had 19 candidates that were presented with these monetary gifts. I'm not certain that we heard back from all of them. We have a few new this year and we welcome you to that. We raised the third highest amount of money. So, we look forward to hearing from you. Let us know where you are preaching and maybe a few in your area will drop in. We thank you for taking this path especially later in your life.

APPRECIATION

Sister Liz Condie GCCM ESTARL -Chair

Congratulations. Information if you are all wondering about Lance. Lance said he had a calling. He actually called us and wanted to say thank you to all of you that are supporting him, Because he wanted to do this, we thought we'd give him the opportunity to express his thanks to all of you that have supported him in person. To Brother Bill Gibson, thank you for your lovely music and songs. It's always nice to hear you play. Thank you Sister Isabel Jones and Wendy Baker for the lovely solo, It is always nice to hear your voice. The piano was a little bit louder today, but we could still hear you and thank you for accompanying her with the music. The Chapters that sponsored the applicants this year, we are grateful. A special thank you to the Chapters ad members donating to ESTARL. Your support means the world to

us and the recipients. The ESTARL Committee, Liz Condie, Chair, Margaret Mitchell, Co-chair, Yvette Ross, Secretary/Treasurer, Bette Rew, Betty Fraser Smith and Kris Kalia thank you. Also, a thank you to everyone here today. It is always nice to see your smiling faces. It is great you cannot see mu knees shaking behind the podium, may you enjoy the rest of your Grand Chapter. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, thank you Worthy Grand Patron. We will now stand

CLOSING REMARKS
WORTHY GRAND MATRON
Sister Barbara McGregor

I would like to thank the ESTARL Committee for yet another beautiful and thought-provoking service.

We will now stand and repeat the Mizpeh Benediction.

“May the Lord watch between me and Thee while we are absent one from another.”

MEMORIAL SERVICE
In memory of those Members who have entered eternal rest.

Worthy Grand MatronSister Barbara McGregor
Worth Grand Patron Brother Richard Arding
Music..... Brother William (Bill) Gibson, Grand Organist

WORTHY GRAND MATRON
Sister Barbara McGregor

In memory of our members who have entered their eternal rest.

Remember them as they were the angels that trod before us and set the path for us to follow and grow.

Let us sing together our Opening Ode.

HYMN: “Angels from All Realms of Glory”
Accompaniment..... Brother William (Bill) Gibson, Grand Organist

NECROLOGY REPORT
Brother Rick Carmicchael, Grand Chaplain

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers the Necrology report for the year 2024–2025 of the Ontario Grand Chapter is as follows.

It was with a sad heart that the members of the Ontario Grand Chapter were informed of the passing of Past Grand Patron James Williamson. James

passed away peacefully on April 10th, 2025. Brother James was a member of Preston Springs Chapter No. 208 and served as Worthy Grand Patron in the Centennial Legacy year 2014–2015 with Sister Barbara Thirburn as Worthy Grand Matron, we were also informed of the passing of Past Grand Matron Shirley Anne Lamond who passed away on April 16th, 2025. Sister Shirley served as Worthy Grand Matron in the “A World of Love and Happiness Year,” 1990–1991 with Brother Lloyd Church as her Worthy Grand Patron, From July 1st, 2024, to August 31st, 2025, there were 94 devoted Eastern Star members who passed away from this Grand Jurisdiction. Our sister Grand Jurisdictions have lost nine Past Grand Matrons and 21 Past Grand Patrons, we say so long for now.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON
Sister Barbara McGregor

Thank you, Brother Grand Chaplain. As mentioned by Brother Rick we mourn the loss of a beloved Past Grand Patron and a Past Grand Matron as well as many of our cherished Subordinate Chapter Members. I call upon Sister Barbara Thorburn PGM, GCCM, to give the tribute to our Past Grand Patron, Brother James Williamson.

TRIBUTE TO
BROTHER JIM WILLIAMSON, PAST GRAND PATRON
Sister Barbara Thorburn, PGM, GCCM

Jim and his three brothers were born in Montreal. At the age of 18, Jim moved to Ontario to work for Bell Canada as a lineman. He settled in Dunnville and very quickly found community involvement through Scouts Canada. His enjoyment of the outdoors let him share his passion for camping, canoeing, service work, and mentorship. Scouting gave Jim and Pam an opportunity to travel, attending World Jamborees in Korea, Australia, the United Kingdom, France, Hawaii, Singapore and beyond.

His dedication to community service led him to join New Dominion Masonic Lodge #205 with a deep sense of purpose and commitment. He proudly served as Worshipful Master and later as District Deputy Grand Master, roles he carried out with integrity and dedication.

He was a 22-year member of Preston Springs Chapter #208. Two months after he was initiated, he was elected Worthy Patron for the first time to serve with Pam. He reprised that role 3 more times.

In 2012, he was elected Worthy Grand Patron of Ontario. I enjoyed planning that special year with him. He could sometimes be quiet but there was planning going on in his head. He was an absolute enthusiastic member of the Centennial Legacy Grand Family. He was definitely a K.O.A.L.A.-fied participant.

Jim was a wonderful support of the hopes and dreams for how we wanted to Celebrate 100 years of service in Ontario. He even played along with the 'Sock' campaign. We were both very proud of the Centennial Legacy Grand Officers and their escorts. Helping us promote the Order and raise funds and awareness for Camp Trillium. One of our mottos was Cherish our history, plan our destiny – he certainly did that.

He continued to serve our Order by being an active member on the Grand Executive Committee, sharing his financial knowledge and budget sense. Miss you kid.

Sleep on Dear Brother.....

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

Thank you, Sister Barb, for that heartfelt tribute for a great Brother.

The tribute to our Past Grand Matron, Shirley Anne Lamond will be given by Sister Helen Delaney, RWGT Chair, PGM, GCCM, WM Valley Chapter #297

TRIBUTE TO

SISTER SHIRLEY ANNE LAMOND, PAST GRAND MATRON

Sister Helen Delaney, RWGT Chair, PGM, GCCM, WM

Shirley Anne Lamond, Worthy Grand Matron 1990 - 1991

Shirley was a Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Great grandmother, Aunt, Godmother, friend and devoted Eastern Star Member.

Shirley Anne (Smith) Lamond was born December 24, 1932, at St. Joseph's Hospital in London, Ontario.

She married her high school sweetheart and best friend William (Bill) Lamond in 1952 and they were happily married for 73 years.

Bill and Shirley had 3 children, Ken, Judy and Doug, although their oldest son Ken passed away, one month after Shirley after having a brief illness. Together they had, 9 Grandchildren and 15 Great Grandchildren.

After meeting in high school and marrying Bill, who joined the Canadian Air Force, they spent the next 18 years building their family and moving from base to base, including Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta and France. They finally settled in Chatham in 1970 in the house where they remained until 2023. Their house on Coatsworth was known as the place to be in the summers, hosting countless barbeques and swim parties for their family and friends. During these years they decided that the Canadian winters were not for them, and so they spent 28 wonderful years traveling to Florida for the winters.

Shirley's main love was her family; however, she had many other interests that she enjoyed pursuing. She was an active member of The Holy Trinity/St.

Paul's Anglican Church. She was incredibly proud and passionate about her membership with The Order of the Eastern Star. She served as Worthy Matron of Blue Bell Chapter #145 of Chatham, Grand Representative of Tennessee in Ontario, Grand Ruth in the Breath of Spring year and Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Ontario in the World of Love and Happiness Year where she served with Brother Lloyd Churchill as her Worthy Grand Patron.

When Brother Bill presented Shirley with her Past Grand Matron's jewel, he noted that it was not given lightly, there were 220 Chapters in Ontario, and said if Shirley could have, would have visited each one but had only missed a few.

Brother Bill called me a week before Shirley had passed away and said that Shirley had a question for me. He said that Shirley wanted me to have her jewel and asked if I would wear it. Having already turned my jewel in, I was so honoured to be given the chance to wear the jewel which belonged to such a treasured friend.

Shirley was known for many things; however, she will probably be best remembered for her unwavering positivity and tremendous ability to always see the good in every situation and in every person. She loved her family and friends with all her heart and was an incredible example to all who knew her.

Sleep on dear Sister until we meet again.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON
Sister Barbara McGregor**

Thank you, Sister Helen, for a lovely tribute to a wonderful sister.

I now call upon Sister Susan Purdy PGM, GCCM to come to the podium to present the Memorial Service for all of our Subordinate Chapter members

**TRIBUTE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ORDER AND
PLACING OF THE MEMORIAL TRIBUTES**

**CEREMONY
Sister Susan Purdy, PGM, GCCM**

Good afternoon, Sisters and Brothers, I would like to give you a little bit of instruction before we begin. I would like to ask that at the closing of this ceremony, when we sing the closing ode, you will notice that the Grand Officers will exit the Chapter room, please stay and finish singing the closing ode and then exit the Chapter Room in silence.

We gather here today to pay tribute to those who have gone from our lives to be with the angels above. They have left us a legacy of love. What they gave us is alive. In hearts, the beat and dreams that strive. Their love flows on

through. What we do in every act, both kind and true. We will share in sadness when we lose someone. But sharing our memories can bring us peace. Offering tributes, we remember today:

As Sister Adah places a white rose on the Altar as we remember the beautiful blue sky and looking beyond the sorrow. As in Micah Chapter 7 verse 8. "When I fall, I shall arise, when I sit in the darkness the Lord shall be a light unto me. We remember the loss of daughter's and sons in this earthly life and will rejoice in one day meeting again.

As Sister Ruth places a white rose on the Altar, we know God surrounds us in time of sorrow and our sisters and brothers offer their kindness. We remember the families in their loss and send our caring thoughts and pray for God's comfort in their lives.

Sister Esther will place a white rose upon the Altar as we remember the Kingdom of God. We think of Esther's hope guided by God. Of bravery and loyalty. Just as our Sisters and Brothers who walked before us laying the foundation of our Beautiful Order. For those in our Order who were leaders, and the brothers who presided during our obligation we remember with thankfulness.

Sister Martha places a rose on the Altar and remembers these words of John 11: verses 25-26 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he dies, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.

We remember the Sisters that have left us and their never-ending love of family.

Sister Electa places her rose upon the altar and we remember faithfulness, fraternal love and devotion to each other and to God. We remember the care givers who shone their love in our Order. Those who reached out to help others means so much to so many and their kindness will not be forgotten.

Our General Grand Chapter Officer places a rose upon the Altar as we remember our obligation to outreach in our world giving hope to those who need it. We remember our General Grand Chapter Committee Members and General Grand Chapter officers who have left this world before us. We are thankful for all their dedication to our Order.

Our Worthy Grand Matron will now place an Angel on the Altar. This Angel represents all the members of the Order who have been taken from our earthly life. They were good and faithful members, living an obligation, to their sister, brothers, communities and God. They have earned their wings, and we will rejoice knowing they have joined the Choir of Angels.

Our Friendship Chain is broken with our loss, but we will be joined again in friendship and love.

God promises we will meet again.

At this time if you are able to stand, please join me in a moment of silence.

Moment of Silence

Gracious God, we thank you for the time spent in companionship, with the Sisters and Brothers of the Order of the Eastern Star. Though some have now left us for their eternal home and we walk separate paths now, the love and laughter we shared will forever connect us. Lord, let us not dwell in sorrow but find comfort in the beautiful memories.

Amen

Brother Grand Chaplain lead us prayer.

**The Lord's Prayer was Repeated in Unison
Brother Rick Carmichael, Grand Chaplain**

CLOSING ODE: "Beyond the Sunset"

Accompaniment..... Brother William (Bill) Gibson, Grand Organist

THE GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS RETIRED FIRST followed by
Distinguished Guests in the East.





SUNDAY, AUGUST 24th, 2025
INFORMAL OPENING
of the 109th Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Ontario

5:30 P.M.

Organ Prelude.....Sister Karen Durward, DDGM

6:00 P.M.

INTRODUCTION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS
Rev. Dr. Ellen Redcliffe, GGCCM Necrology, PGM
Brother David Doherty, PGM

Brother David Doherty, PGP

Welcome, sisters and brothers! May I begin with some housekeeping items that we would like to share with you. Please turn off electronic devices that you may have with you. If your cell phone rings during the sessions, there will be a \$25 fine payable by the owner of the phone. If anyone here needs to be introduced but are not yet registered, could they go outside and see the introductions committee. So, they can add your name to the list. There are multiple exits from this room. Please make yourself familiar with where they are in case of a fire or an emergency and then inform the hotel staff. Lost and found, husbands excluded is located at the guard station at the side of the room. As the Angels, Peace, and Love year winds down we would like to acknowledge the goodness in the lives of these Grand Officers.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Family, distinguished guests in the East, family and friends, please sit back, relax and allow Ellen and me to introduce our Grand Family. Please refrain from clapping until all officers have been introduced.

Brother David Doherty, PGP

Our Grand Sentinel, Anson Sinanan. Time spent with the Grand Family and creating new memories were his favourite memories. Enjoying and exploring new places, discovering hidden gems. Immersing himself in different cultures was a highlight. Grace Sinanan's, his escort, was seeing degree work or seeing degree work done beautifully and given angel wings deepened new connections with new friendships, hugs, and welcomes were her highlights of her time as escort.

Rev. Dr. Ellen Redcliffe, GGCCM, PGM

Now I ask you to use your memory as we introduce the Grand Warder, Alex Crawford. His spirit was indeed with us, keeping the Grand Family safe and secure as they travelled and supported Barb and Richard. Well done, Alex. Now, we wish for you to rest in peace and thank you for being at our sides.

Brother David Doherty, PGP

Grand Electa, Rosemarie Delahey. Her favourite memory was attending Can-Am and taking part in the degree work. A highlight of her year was initiating her niece into our Order on the hottest day of the year, at least she thinks it was. Liz Graham, her escort's favourite memory was getting to know the Grand Family and watching them do the work. Her highlight was the Ontario-Michigan Exchange where she was commissioned as Grand Representative of Rhode Island, and she said nothing could top that.

Rev. Dr. Ellen Redcliffe, GGCCM, PGM

Grand Martha, Mary-Lea Buchan. She remembers of her year, the kindness and support from all the sisters and brothers she met in her travels. Winning the best dressed female costume at the Ontario-Michigan Exchange was indeed a highlight. Her escort, Vanesa Jo Woods, yeah... where is it? I think I lost it. Have you seen it? Now you know who she is. Such fun and laughs for all.

Brother David Doherty, PGP

Grand Esther, Judi Gough, loved the Apple cruise to her favourite city, New Orleans. Snow happened while she was there. Mishaps made it more memorable. The highlights for her were the bonds that were made with the Grand Family members. Judi's escort, Martha Jack's best memory is travelling with the Grand Family and getting to know them better. Her highlight was seeing their faces as they received Grand Appointments.

Rev. Dr. Ellen Redcliffe, GGCCM, PGM

Grand Ruth, Linda Murray. She enjoyed visiting so many Chapters, the cruise and Can-Am. In her words, it doesn't get any better. The fun and laughter with so many new friends. Her escort, is Karen Murray who enjoyed building snowmen in New Orleans, dressing up for the Ontario-Michigan games and a highlight was her Grand Officer being introduced and being able to give out the wings at Chapters.

Brother David Doherty, PGP

Grand Adah, our Lola Bowen. Surprised after 60 years as a member, I'm horrified, .. the highlight was doing initiatory work and meeting so many new people. Her escort, Karen Doherty had a favourite memory of Lola's reception. What was most memorable for her was witnessing the Worthy

Grand Patron's patience, respect and compassion demonstrated throughout the whole year.

Rev. Dr. Ellen Redcliffe, GGCCM, PGM

Our Grand Organist, Bill Gibson. Bill says this is my second time as Grand Organist and it was just as much fun as it was the first time. His highlight was Sister Barb's Christmas music which is Bill's favourite music to play. Brother Les told him that if he played, "Let it Snow, Let it Snow" and it does, he'll be in big trouble. His escort is his partner, Les Hills. Les says the best part of any Grand Chapter is making new friends. What is especially fun is to visit Elliot Lake Chapter to remind him that OES in Ontario is alive and well, all over the province.

Brother David Doherty, PGP

Our Grand Marshal Bill Baker had lots of fun visiting new Chapters and meeting so many members. From turkey dinners and games with oven mitts, he had a great time. with his escort, Wendy Baker. Unfortunately, Bill passing out at the Cenotaph resulted in a concussion. So, they missed many visits between then and Christmas. They really enjoyed getting to know the Grand Family and meeting so many members across Ontario.

Rev. Dr. Ellen Redcliffe, GGCCM, PGM

Our Grand Chaplain Rick Carmichael enjoyed visiting all the Chapters and doing initiations. He especially enjoyed getting to and on the cruise once they got it all figured out with the weather change affecting travel. His escort, Kim Carmichael's joy was watching the Grand Chaplain do his work. Her highlights included the night she received her Grand Representative commission of Wyoming in Ontario. The cruise was so much fun especially rescuing Judi from the tequila salesman in Cozumel.

Brother David Doherty, PGP

Our Associate Grand Conductress, Debra Bechamp said each Chapter visit was special and the members always gave them a warm welcome. Scott Lsing, her escort has happy memories of giving out apples to the members and welcoming the Grand Family as the Worthy Patron of Preston Springs Chapter.

Rev. Dr. Ellen Redcliffe, GGCCM, PGM

Our Grand Conductress Melissa Brown. She enjoyed travelling together to the General Grand Chapter in Myrtle Beach and driving around the province. Visiting and meeting all the members in the Chapters with her escort, her Mom, Muriel. They were happy to help Chapters receive the new members even with the heat stroke in Lakeview.

Brother David Doherty, PGP

Our Grand Treasurer Marilyn Taylor. Marilyn carrying the Grand Family members in her heart when she travelled to Scotland and was welcomed as an honorary member in Schott's, I think that is the right word. She and Megan will never forget the European vacation movie's saying, "Oh, look, kids, it's the Tower of Big Ben." Her escort, Megan Jaquith, helping to initiate new members was one of her favourite memories. Her highlight was watching her mother lead the Chapter as a Worthy Matron for the first time.

Rev. Dr. Ellen Redcliffe, GGCCM, PGM

Our Grand Secretary Lillian Gohn, escorted by her wonderful partner and husband, David, appreciated the opportunity to serve for six years. Memories and friendships made will never be forgotten. Indeed, they met many angels. They enjoyed especially having Kevin and his wisdom on the trip.

Brother David Doherty, PGP

Our Associate Grand Patron Jim McGregor. He really enjoyed the trips especially the cruise and visiting Winnipeg and Kenora. He was so proud of Barb's style of leadership and her successes.

Rev. Dr. Ellen Redcliffe, GGCCM, PGM

Associate Grand Matron Dawn Forbes enjoyed the Grand Family, especially getting lost in Hamilton. She kept panicking. Did they lock us out? She enjoyed attending the General Grand Chapter and the Ontario-Michigan Exchange. Both big highlights for her. Her escort, Gay Rust enjoyed doing the degree work and becoming a better friend with Dawn. Getting lost was indeed a hoot!

Brother David Doherty, PGP

Worthy Grand Patron, Richard Arding enjoyed his year, He is proud of all the Officers and meeting many new friends, which was a blessing. Now that he is finished, he looks forward to playing hockey again and time at the cottage, His escort Dawna-Lee Arding, enjoyed her duties as escort and working at the project table. She loved being the navigator in the car, especially telling Richard where to go. I'm not touching that one... new cottage, here we come!

Rev. Dr. Ellen Redcliffe, GGCCM, PGM

Now for our highlight our Worthy Grand Matron Sister Barbara McGregor. Her highlight was choosing the Grand Family and the surprised looks on their faces when asked. She enjoyed the magic of Harry Potter and the fun it brought to each day, Honorary memberships a definite highlight! Her escort, Jane Ball loved visiting McDonald Chapter with Santa Claus and getting apple pies as gifts. They were soooo good. Highlights for her was visiting so many

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Chapters and spending so much time with members we don't see often enough.

Rev. Dr. Ellen Redcliffe, GGCCM, PGM

Ontario, these are your Grand Officers!

This years Grand Chapter Officers of the Angels, Peace, and Love Year have formed the number 110 as this is the 110th birthday of the Order of the Eastern Star in Ontario. Could all of you who are able please stand and sing happy birthday! Thank you.

EMBLEM AND BIBLE PLACING CEREMONY by the Past District Deputy Grand Matrons of District #8

NARRATOR

Sister Isabelle Jones, Grand Representative of Manitoba in Ontario

Accompaniment..... Anne Redfearn Grobbo, DDGM

Good evening sisters and brothers.

“For God so loved the world, that He gave his one and only Son. That whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

We find his verse in the pages of our Holy Bible which brings us many of the teachings that Dr. Rob Morris used for the basis of the Order of the Eastern Star. This is also one of the special scriptures that our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron chose for the Angels, Peace, and Love Year. Over many years, every Chapter meeting and every Grand Chapter session has been reverently brought to order by the solemn opening of our precious Holy Bible.

The Bible being placed this evening comes from Laurel Chapter #164 which met for many years in Toronto. This Bible reminds us of the many sisters and brothers of Laurel Chapter, some of whom are in the Grand Chapter above. Our angels watching over us. (The Chaplain places the Bible on the Altar)

In our Order we are given a fine appreciation of the many virtues that Dr. Rob Morris felt were worthy of our attention as we each build -our own ser of values but through all the teachings in our ritual, Love is indeed a part of every heroine's story herein.

Faithfulness to all obligations is the background against which rests the sword and veil united. Adah's courage and devotion are remembered and

honored by this emblem of a daughter's faithfulness and love of her Father.
(Adah places the sword and veil, on the pedestal)

From the summer harvest fields comes the sheaf, a bundle of golden culms of barley gathered together. We find that in Ruth's honest labour and patient industry for others there is great contentment and reward. That is love in action. (Ruth places the sheaf on the pedestal)

The jeweled crown worn by Queen Esther and the scepter extended to her by the king are joined together as a powerful image of courageous conviction to do right even at great risk. Loyalty can be beautiful when it walks hand in hand with love. (Esther places the crown and scepter on the pedestal)

The broken column reminds us that the number of days allotted to us in our lives is in the hands of our Maker. Martha's strength and courage have touched many a heart when others are discouraged or anxious. She shares her quiet understanding. That is love that they will recognize. (Martha places the broken column on the pedestal)

Throughout the years the cup has been a symbol of unselfish love and generosity to our fellow man. Electa's story of loving kindness and hospitality to the less fortunate, reminds us all to reach out to the lonely. And make their day beautiful by our love to them. (Electa places the cup on the pedestal)

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, in fraternal love, you take up the leadership of the Grand Chapter. Every duty, every decision, every success will be made more meaningful to you if you accomplish it with genuine love.

Sisters and brothers, let the love that our ritual teaches flow through your lives and on through this beautiful Order of ours.

CALL TO ORDER

Sister Lynn Alexander, PGM
Brother Robin Ward, PGP

Sister Lynn Alexander, PGM

Good Evening, Sisters and Brothers, welcome to the informal opening of the Angels, Peace, and Love Grand Session. It is indeed an honour to be standing here in the East with Brother Robin Ward who was Worthy Grand Patron during "The Promise of Spring" year. He will always hold a special place in the hearts of our family. I would like to extend a sincere thank you to Sister

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Barbara and Brother Richard for extending us this honour. It is with great joy and gratitude that we welcome you to this informal opening. We are glad you are here. May the presence of angels guide us, the spirit of peace fill our hearts, and the power of love connect us all. It is truly wonderful to look out and see so many members and visitors here at our Grand Chapter. We are grateful that you made the journey to Ontario, and we hope that you enjoy your time here and make many lasting friendships.

Brother Robin Ward. PGP

Sisters and brothers from both near and afar, I too would like to offer my welcome to this day of the 109th session of the Grand Chapter of Ontario, in this, the Angels, Peace and Love to year. I am truly honoured and very delighted to be sharing the East with Sister Lynn Alexander, who had a wonderful year as your Worthy Grand Matron in the “Peace and Harmony” year and who is the daughter-in-law of a great couple who were a treasured part of the “Promise of Spring” Grand family that was installed 20 years ago. Brother Wilfred Alexander was my talented Grand Chaplain, and his escort Sister Jeanette Alexander was ever ready to help in many areas of the ritual. I sincerely hope that your presence here will be enjoyable and rewarding, allowing you to return home with fond memories and a sense of inspiration, for a promising future, for our beautiful Order. Each day of our lives offer opportunities to seize the window that can allow the betterment of the world and all within it. On many recent occasions we were witness to the fact that things thought impossible can be achieved by maintaining a positive and never give up attitude. I believe that we are fortunate to have a great talent among our members and it is our responsibility to support them with the best of our ability. Let the celebrations begin.

The Grand Chapter Officers were invited to enter the Grand Chapter room.

The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were presented at the Altar.

Sister Lynn Alexander, PGM

Worthy Grand Matron Sister Barbara and Worthy Grand Patron Brother Richard Arding, you have travelled many miles to get to where you are now, and I know that you are more than ready to start your Grand Session. Welcome to the informal opening of the Angels, Peace and Love year.

Brother Robin Ward. PGP

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Barbara and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Richard, what beautiful sight it is to be surrounded by your Gand Family. I

know that you have had a year of much joy, which was very evident by the constant smile of your fearless leader. I sincerely hope that experience will continue through the entirety of this 109th session of our Grand Chapter. Welcome,

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

The Grand Chapter Officers assumed their stations.

Sister Lynn Alexander, PGM

Sister Barbara, Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for giving me this honour to open this session with Brother Robin, It is a great honour to be here in the East with him. And it is also a tremendous honour to be here in the East with you as you begin your Grand Session. It feels like only yesterday when I was asking you to be our Grand Esther and I was so grateful that you said yes!!! Your work is impeccable and just a joy to watch. I know you have moved on to your own Grand family, but you will always be Grand Esther to me. I know that if Brother Elgin was here tonight, he too would be very proud of your accomplishments.

Brother Richard, Worthy Grand Patron, I am very impressed with the work that you have done over the past few years to bring you to this point. While I do miss our boat rides to your Lakehouse, I do understand that you've been a little busy this summer. You have done an amazing job with Sister Barbara, and you both should be very proud. Both of you, please take some time to really enjoy your sessions. They go by so quickly.

Brother Robin Ward. PGP

Sister Barbara, Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for this great honor of sharing this informal opening with Sister Lynn Alexander. It was very special I should say your invitation to bring me here. It's more than special because I got credit for something I didn't expect. When I was being seated for the dining yesterday, it said Robin Ward, Past Grand Matron!!!! Thank you, I met your father-in-law many, many years ago, in 1978 when That was 47 years ago actually, and your husband, Jim, shortly thereafter. Both your father-in-law and mother-in-law were great members of the Star and it's no surprise that both you and brother Jim have blossomed into such talented and dedicated leaders. Congratulations and have a great session.

Brother Richard although we have not known each other for a long time, we have been in each other's company frequently this past year and I'd truly be impressed by your dedication. Enjoy this experience, It will carry great and rewarding memories for the many years to come. Congratulations.

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WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor, WGM

Sister Lynn and Brother Robin, I thank you for starting us off on this the 109th Session of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Ontario, Canada Inc. Sister Lynn, you were my Mama in the Year of Peace and Harmony, as your Grand Esther. Who best to start us off? Brother Robin, I have always respected how you carried yourself and the decorum that you instilled in all you do. So, it just seems right, and I am sure that Elgin would have said the same. Thank you to both of you.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON

Brother Richard Arding, WGP

Sister Lynn and Brother Robin let me add my appreciation to that of the Worthy Grand Matron. To each of you I say thank you for offering the Call to Order for the Informal Opening of the Angels, Peace, and Love Grand Session. Sister Lynn, Brother Robin you are our angels in this night.

**The Bible was opened informally by
Sister Melissa Brown, Grand Conductress**

PRAYER

Brother Rick Carmichael, Grand Chaplain

Our loving Father in heaven, we have gathered here for the informal opening of the Angels, Peace, and Love Grand Session. We ask that You bless those here assembled. We ask that You give us the strength to find balance in these times of distraction and uncertainty, and to place in our hearts a desire to make a difference to our families, to our community and to our world. And finally, dear Lord, we humbly ask for thy guidance to do our work well as we begin our Grand Chapter Session. We ask this in Thy name, Amen.

OPENING ODE: "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

Accompaniment.....Brother Bill Gibson, Grand Organist

The Worthy Grand Matron declared the Informal Opening Open

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor WGM

Welcome, welcome, welcome to one and all. Merry Christmas!

I hope that peace and love have visited all your Chapters this year on the wings of the angels. My vision was one of just that. To enjoy each other as we worked together to bring only the best to our communities. To visit as many of the Chapters in our jurisdiction to spread this peace, perhaps a smile and a thank you for your work towards that end. I hope that this session will carry

that same message. Thank you all for coming here to celebrate our Order and each other.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON
Brother Richard Arding WGP

Good evening, Sisters and Brothers, by your presence here this evening each of you are showing your love and/or interest in our Order. My wish for this Grand Session is that it will be enriching and stimulating. Have a wonderful Grand Session.

PRESENTATION OF THE FLAGS AND TRIBUTES
*(The National Flags were presented and Anthems sung.
The Tributes were given after the National Flags were presented.)*

THE CANADIAN FLAG
Presented by Brother Bill Baker, Grand Marshal

“O CANADA”

TRIBUTE
Brother Robert Katzman, WP Normac Chapter #311

Just a quick disclaimer, this is the first time I'm talking to a large audience. When asked if I was nervous, I said, "Why? They're just family, The quest for a national flag for Canada began in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Before the current flag was adopted. Several flags represented Canada, including the Union Jack and the Canadian Red Ensign In the early 1960's Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson initiated a discussion about creating a distinct Canadian flag to replace the Union flag. This led to what was called the Great Flag Debate. Eventually, a design featuring a stylized red maple leaf was chosen. It symbolized a Canadian identity and unity. One of the more well-received concepts considered by the committee were proposed by George Stanley, Dean of Arts at the Royal Military College in Kingston, Ontario. Inspired by their own flag, Stanley recommended a concept featuring a single, stylized red maple leaf on a white background with two red borders. Original proposals were for the flag to be blue on white. Perhaps red and white was chosen as a nod to the ruling Liberal Party at the time. The flag was officially adopted on February 15, 1965, and this date is now celebrated annually as National Flag Day of Canada. The design was based on a proposal, again, by George Stanley and it was the first flag to be adopted by both Houses of Parliament and proclaimed by the Canadian monarch in 1967, the year of Canada's 100th birthday, our new flag was showcased to the world at Expo 1967. Thank you for this honour to give tribute to our flag.

THE UNION JACK

Presented by Brother Grant Alexander, WP Whitby Chapter #248

“GOD SAVE THE KING”

TRIBUTE

Sister Jane Ball, WM Scarborough Chapter #231 and Grand Representative of Nevada in Ontario

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, distinguished guests, sisters, brothers and friends, the origins of the Union Jack date to the earlier flag of Great Britain, which was established in 1606. The present design was established by an order in Council following the Act of Union, 1801. The flag was unchanged following the succession of the Irish Free State in 1922. The Union Jack is considered a reverent tribute to three patron saints of the countries that make up Great Britain. It symbolizes unity among England, Scotland and Ireland. serving as a powerful representation of national pride for the British people, the flag's rich history and symbolism make a fascinating tribute to British heritage. The flag's colours have significant meanings. Red symbolizes blood. White represents purity. Blue is associated with the Virgin Mary. The design features the Red Cross of St. George, the red saltire of St. Patrick and the blue saltire of St. Andrew, each representing their respective patron saints. The Union Jack flag continues to have official status in Canada by parliamentary resolution where it is also known as the Royal Union Flag. Thank you to the Worthy Grand Matron for the honour of paying tribute to the Union Jack flag.

THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Presented by Brother Charles Woodrum, Grand Sentinel of Michigan

“THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER”

TRIBUTE

Sister Joanne Decker, Worthy Grand Matron of Michigan

Thank you Barbara, thank you Richard for inviting me to give this tribute. I decided that my word, were not eloquent enough, so I borrowed the words from D.S. Mullis:

“We call her ‘Old Glory’, She rightfully sows
The seeds to Her story wherever She goes!
‘The Star-Spangled Banner’ that blows in the wind,
Portraying Her power to foe, yes, and friend-
Our emblem of freedom, She’s stood through the years,
And never seceded - by blood, sweat and tears!

Our Flag! We salute You on each special day,
We vow to be true and show others the way
To live in a world where our freedom abounds.

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Each time You unfurl we hear victory sounds!
We pledge our allegiance with hand on our heart,
And dare to be different; not being a part
Of those who would burn You or cast You aside,
But highly esteem You and raise You in pride!

Indeed, She's 'Old Glory', and rightfully so,
Her story of freedom we'll never outgrow-
America, let us again take a stand,
For it is a must to accomplish our plan
In raising our Flag and proclaim with each wave,
"The Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave"

Thank you.

THE ONTARIO FLAG

**Presented by Brother Mike Ferguson WP Picton #273, Violet Chapter
#206, Grand Representative of Tennessee in Ontario**

TRIBUTE

**Sister Catherine Ferguson,
Grand Representative of Texas In Ontario, PDDGM**

Beneath the bold red field of Ontario's flag lies the story of heritage, unity, and enduring values. With the Union Jack and the Provincial shield bearing the cross of St. George and the three golden maple leaves. It flies not just as a symbol of land and loyalty, but a deeper meaning and shared purpose., The flag stands for resilience, tradition and service, principles that also guide the Order of the Eastern Star., rooted in faith, charity and the pursuit of truth. Together, the flag and the stars speak a shared language. The Red Ensign echoes Electa's courage and unwavering faith. The maple leaves, united on one stem reflects Ruth's loyalty and the harmony we strive for, our in our province and our Order. The cross of St George calls to mind Esther's bravery. Martha's hope, and Adah's devotion which are virtues that still light our path. Ontario is more than a place. It's a promise to care, to serve and to uplift. The Eastern Star is more than a fraternity. It's a journey of purpose guided by light and love. As we look to the flag, we remember who we are. As we follow the star, we remember how we are meant to live. With faith in our hearts, service in our hands, and honour in our actions. May Ontario's flag wave with dignity, May the light of the Eastern Star forever shine with grace and may both inspire us to live with virtue, unity and love. Worthy Grand Matron Barb and Worthy Grand Patron Richard, thank you for the privilege of giving this tribute.

THE EASTERN STAR FLAG

Presented by Brother Scott Forbes, PP

TRIBUTE

**Sister Susan Martin GCCM on Grand Executive,
WM Newmarket Chapter #282**

It is a great pleasure for me to present a tribute to our Eastern Star Flag, and I thank the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Barbara McGregor, for affording me this honour.

The Eastern Star Flag is universal and flown throughout the world in so many different countries and cultures. It depicts a five-pointed Star symbolic of the Star in the East that guided the Wise Men to the Birthplace of Jesus. At the centre of our Star, we find the open holy Bible radiating from which are five specifically coloured points, representing the heroines of our Order and the emblems and teachings associated with each of them. As part of our ritualistic work, we have come to know their stories well. Adah's selfless sacrifice, Ruth's steadfast devotion, Esther's heroic stance, Martha's unwavering belief and Electa's undying love. The greatest tribute we can pay to our Eastern Star Flag and the symbolism it epitomizes is to emulate the virtues of the heroines it represents, exemplify the principles of our Order and live up to the promises we made when we each took our Obligation. We can demonstrate our love for our Order and our pride in our Eastern Star Flag by striving to live our lives with the courage of Adah, the constancy of Ruth, the loyalty of Esther, the faith of Martha and the loving kindness of Electa. May our Eastern Star Flag always remind us to practice the life lessons taught by our heroines; to show gratitude for the privilege of our membership in this Beautiful Order and to share with others how much Eastern Star means to us.

THE CHRISTIAN FLAG

Presented by Brother Nelson Waters, PP

TRIBUTE

Brother Rick Carmichael, Grand Chaplain

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and all distinguishes guests, members and visitors. The Christian flag is one of the oldest flags in the world. It is owned by no one. Each colour of the flag has a particular symbol. The Red Cross is a symbol of the sacrifice that Jesus Christ made when he died for our sins. The white background is a symbol of purity. While the blue, the color of God is day. It's a symbol of fidelity and truth. May we hold it in reverence as we stand by our own convictions and remember our faith. The first pledge to the Christian flag was penned by a Methodist pastor, who wrote the following pledge. "I pledge allegiance to my flag and to my Saviour for who's kingdom it stands. One brotherhood united all mankind in service and love." A few lines from the hymn, the Christian Hymn,

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The Christian Flag! behold it, And hail it with a song,
And let the voice of millions, The joyful strain prolongs,
To every clime and nation,
We send it forth today.
God speed its glorious mission,
With earnest hearts we pray.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, I thank you for this courtesy.

THE ESTARL FLAG

Presented by Brother Kris Kalia, GCCM ESTARL

THE MASONIC FLAG

Presented by Brother Ken Guiler, PP

THE INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE RAINBOW FOR GIRLS FLAG

Presented by Sister Carol LaRue, PDDGM

THE DEMOLAY FLAG

Presented by Brother Mike Mitchell -O'Sullivan PP

TRIBUTE

**Sister Bonnie Arnew, PGM, Chair of Youth Committee,
WM Brighton Chapter #201**

Good evening, everyone. I would like to thank Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Barbara McGregor and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Richard Arding wholeheartedly for the honour of paying tribute to the flags of the Masonic Youth groups here in Ontario, the International Order of Rainbow for Girls, and the Order of DeMolay.

*Our Rainbow flag is a symbol of all that we hold true,
A reminder of the lessons taught from each and every hue.
Red is for undying Love, and orange builds Faith that is strong.
Yellow gives us Nature and green, the promise that to God we belong.
Blue is Truth and Loyalty, and in Indigo, a Patriot's heart.
Violet, the life of Service that we promised to impart.
The hand of faith; the light of Hope; the gift of Charity.
The contents of the Pot of Gold, Rainbow gives to you and me.
In a field pure and white, on a banner for all to see
Our Rainbow emblem shines so bright and it's always so precious to me.*

The insignia of the DeMolay as seen on the DeMolay flag was designed by the founder of the Order, Dad Fank S. Land. Every part of the insignia has a

particular significance. The helmet is emblematic of chivalry and inspires members to display a high quality of character. The crossed swords denote justice, fortitude, and mercy. They symbolize the unceasing battle of DeMolay against arrogance and ignorance. The white cross symbolizes the purity of intentions and encourages them to always remember the motto of the organization. No DeMolay shall fail, as a citizen, or a leader, or as a man. The stars surrounding the crescent are symbolic of hope and should always remind them of the obligations and duties which every member of the organization owes to one another. The 10 red rubies honour the founder and the nine original members of DeMolay. In the beginning the emblem had 10 pearls but as each founding member passed away, they were replaced by red rubies. The crown is symbolic of the crown of youth and constantly reminds all DeMolay of his obligations and the seven cardinal precepts of the order. Fill your love, reverence for sacred things, courtesy, comradeship, vitality, cleanness and patriotism.

May we ever look to these two flags knowing that our future is in good hands.

I thank you again for this honour of paying tribute to these two lovely flags.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor WGM

If I could take this opportunity to thank all of our flag presenters tonight and those that paid tribute to our flags. Thank you very much. Each and every one demonstrated the time and thought to what you presented. Richard and I thank you for the truly lovely effort. Now we come to the fun part. We get to introduce every important person that's in this room. Yes, it's. now that special time that all Grand Conductresses long for.

INTRODUCTIONS

General Grand Chapter Officer

- Sister Helen Delaney, Right Worthy Grand Trustee, P.G.M.
(Ontario), WM Valley #297

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

Sister Helen it is an honour for me to welcome to our Grand Session not only as the RW Grand Trustee, Chair but as one of us. I know that your schedule is full at the best of times and yet you share with this jurisdiction your time and expertise so that we can be strong in all that we do. I know that you are there at the end of an email for guidance and assistance. Thank you so much.

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The General Grand Chapter Officer was escorted to the East, afforded the Grand Honours and invited to a seat in the East.

General Grand Chapter Ambassador and Committee Members

- Brother William (Bill) Chatwell, New Jersey, PGP (Ontario)
- Brother Bruce Condie, Alzheimer's, PGP (Ontario), FNHF President, WP Bruce #253
- Sister Beverly Gurner, Celebrations, Grand Representative of Ontario in District of Columbia
- Sister Lynne Atkinson, Eastern Star Journal, PGM (Ontario), DDGM GRR #18 & 20
- Sister Elizabeth Snodgrass, ESTARL, PGM Michigan
- Sister Marsha Taylor. ESTARL, PGM (Ontario)
- Sister Barbara J, Ward, Historical/Landmarks/International Headquarters, PGM (Ontario), Director on Grand Executive
- Rev. Dr. Ellen Redecliffe, Necrology, PGM (Ontario), DDGM #9

WORTHY GRAND PATRON

Brother Richard Arding

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the Angels, Peace, and Love Grand Session. Thank you for taking the time to attend this evening and for all you are doing for your respective Committees. You were each chosen for reasons that I am sure will become quite apparent over the next three years. Best wishes in your endeavours.

The General Grand Chapter Committee Members were escorted to the East, afforded the Grand Honours and invited to a seat in the East

Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions

- Sister Rebecca Thompson, Maine
- Sister JoAnne Decker, Michigan
- Sister Diane Fortier, New Hampshire
- Brother Jon R. Thompson, Maine
- Brother Tim McIsaac, Manitoba
- Brother Norman Greeley, New Hampshire

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

I wish to extend a warm welcome to my fellow RASCALS to Ontario. I hope that the dreams you had for your year have come to fruition and that you will hold happy memories for a long time. Thank you for making the trek to the North and I hope you enjoy the rest of your stay.

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The Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions were escorted to the East, afforded the Grand Honours and invited to a seat in the East.

PRESENTATION WORTHY GRAND MATRON Sister Barbara McGregor

Now, I do not want you guys to go anywhere just yet. This year, Brother Richard and I, when we visit Chapters throughout the jurisdiction, we invite the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of those Chapters to a core of angels. So now you are also invited to join our Corp of Angels, and we hope that you will wear this angel wing with pride and work hard in your jurisdiction. Now we also value your friendship. We value what you do in your jurisdictions, and we thank you for sharing that with so many of your members. So, we would like to honour you with Honorary Memberships of our jurisdiction, the Grand Chapter of Ontario.

Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions

- Sister Joyce Plonka, Pennsylvania
- Sister Jayne Yenger, Texas
- Brother Theodore Snodgrass, Michigan
- Brother Richard Fortier, New Hampshire, and Grand Representative of Florida in New Hampshire
- Brother Glendon C. Birdwell, Oklahoma, and Grand Representative of Ontario in Oklahoma
- Brother Robert F. Trimble, Pennsylvania
- Brother Trey Smith, Texas

WORTHY GRAND PATRON Brother Richard Arding

We appreciate the time each of you has taken in travelling the many miles to share with us at our 109th Grand Session in Ontario. You each have served your Grand Jurisdiction well and we appreciate that you want to share your love of the Order with us in Ontario.

The Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions were escorted to the East, afforded the Grand Honours and invited to a seat in the East.

Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Ontario

- Sisters: Morag O'Hara, Jean Lee, Marilyn Mitchell GCCM Director on Grand Executive, Betty Romenick-McIntosh Grand Secretary Emeritus. Louis Sumegi, Evelyn Beacock. Betty St. Onge, Jeanie Lee, GCCM Florence Nightingale Home Foundation, Peggy South, District Deputy Grand Matron #15, Bonnie Arnew, Worthy Matron Brighton #201, Marilyn Taylor, Grand Treasurer of Ontario, GCCM Director on Grand Executive, Barbara Thorburn GCCM Director on Grand Executive, Susan Purdy, GCCM Director on Grand Executive, Brenda Hooper, Lynne Alexander, GCCM Director on Grand Executive, Jane Zimmerman, GCCM Director on Grand Executive, Bernice Guiler, GCCM Chair on Grand Executive
- Brothers: Mike Beacock, Donald Thornton, Robin C.G. Ward, Worthy Patron Valley #297, Robert Atkinson, Alastair Milligan, Paul Hooper, GCCM Director on Grand Executive, Les Hills, GCCM Director on Grand Executive, Finance Chair, Kenneth Ulch, GCCM Director on Grand Executive, Worthy Patron Khaki #27, Veritas #128, and Daylight #326, David Doherty, Grand Trustee, Rodney Muir, GCCM Co-Chair Grand Executive

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

What a line up! I'm not surprised that you all came out to support our Grand Chapter. During the year if I asked a question you answered. If I asked for advice or a request, you responded. I don't recall hearing the word NO this year. Thank you for sharing with not only me but everyone in this room, your knowledge, your guidance, your help and that all listening ear. You are the angels of the present.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON

Brother Richard Arding

I bid you welcome and thank each of you for your support and encouragement in my efforts to follow in your footsteps. They were big shoes to fill, and I hope I was successful in my journey.

The Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Ontario were escorted to the East, afforded the Grand Honours and invited to a seat in the East.

The following groups were each escorted to the East after Introductions.

**Elected and Appointed Grand Chapter Officers
from Other Grand Jurisdictions**

- Sister Nancy Morrow, Associate Grand Matron, Michigan

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- Sister Audrey Dubois, Grand Chaplain, Michigan
- Brother Charles Woodrum, Grand Sentinel, Michigan
- Sister Doreen Chapman, Grand Adah, Michigan
- Sister Deborah Cervantes, Grand Esther, Michigan
- Sister Patti Kean, Grand Esther, Missouri
- Brother Roger Neese, Associate Grand Patron, New Hampshire
- Sister Nancy Hill, Grand Organist, New Hampshire
- Sister Sarah Hinchcliff, Commissioner of Appeals of New York West

WORTHY GRAND PATRON

Brother Richard Arding

On behalf of Ontario Grand Chapter, I bid you welcome. Thank you for taking the time to travel to Ontario. Please enjoy your stay with us and we hope that you leave with more memories from your special year.

Grand Chapter Committee Members of Ontario and Other Grand Jurisdictions

- **Grand Executive:** Sister Jennifer Gohn, WM Normac #311, Sister Susan Martin WM Newmarket #282, Sister Margaret Milligan, Sister Janice Parker, Sister Dianne Rowan WM Lakeshore #257
- **Grand Trustees:** Sister Jessie Barbour, Sister Mary Roycroft
- **Florence Nightingale Home Foundation:** Brother Stephen Freymond, Sister Margaret Lynn
- **Grand Benevolent:** Sister Rhoda Beasant WM Wenonah #18, Sister Barbara Cozens, Sister Adrice Grenon, Sister Pamela Kasper, Sister Kelly Mackey, WM Edgemount #127, Brother Robert Phillips, Sister Gay Rust, Sister Barbara Scott, Sister Leslie Tietz, WM Mercer #127
- **ESTARL:** Sister Liz Condie, WM Bruce #253. Brother Kris Kalia, WP Lincoln #142, Sister Marguerite Mitchell, Sister Bette Rew, Sister Yvette Ross, Sister Betty Fraser-Smith
- **Grand Chapter Committee Members from Other Jurisdictions:** Sister Tina Stevens, Grand Examiner of District 3, Texas

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

Thank you for all the work you do in your respective committees. Whether you were elected or appointed your dedication and love of our Order and its continued success is upper most in your thoughts and deeds. We appreciate that you are here and welcome you with open arms to our Session

District Deputy Grand Matrons of Ontario

- Sister Deborah Gagnon, District 1
- Sister Karen Spelay, District 2
- Sister Robin McLenon, District 5
- Sister Marjorie DeMerchant, Golden Horseshoe Region (6&7)
- Sister Anne Redfearn-Grobbo, District 8
- Sister Lisa McFarland, District #11
- Sister Kathleen Martin, District 12
- Sister Audrey Carter, District 13
- Sister Karen Durwad, District 21

WORTHY GRAND PATRON

Brother Richard Arding

My sisters you have performed your duties with pride and proficiency to which the Worthy Grand Matron and I are most grateful. To our visiting District Deputy Grand Matrons welcome and thank you very much for attending our Grand Session.

Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in Ontario

Part A

Sister Shelley Merton	Bolivia
Sister Shey Chhibber.....	British Columbia and the Yukon
Sister Linda Meyer	California
Sister Kathy Lackey	Colorado
Sister Molly Mulroy	District of Columbia
Sister Karen Mitchell O'Sullivan	Iowa
Sister Vernell Stevens.....	Kansas
Sister Debbie Brohm.....	Kentucky
Brother Robert Katzman	Maine
Sister Isabel Jones	Manitoba
Sister Dale Noble Valentine	Maryland
Sister Judy Speck.....	Massachusetts
Sister Jackie Berry	Michigan
Brother Allan Berry	Minnesota
Brother Carl Swanson	Mississippi
Sister Angel Peterson	Missouri
Sister Wendy Lampman	Montana

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Brother Richard Arding

As Grand Representatives you were chosen for a special reason. I extend to each of you a warm and sincere welcome.

GRAND CHAPTER OF ONTARIO

The Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in Ontario were escorted to the East and afforded the Grand Honours

Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in Ontario

Part B

Brother Dennis Fulkerson.....	Nebraska
Sister Mary Jane Lamensa	New Brunswick
Sister Danielle Skokun	New Hampshire
Sister Linda Richardson	New Mexico
Sister Gail Ellis.....	North Dakota
Sister Frances Russell	Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island
Sister Wendy Baker.....	Oregon
Sister Deborah Parker	Pennsylvania
Sister Grace Sinanan	Philippines
Sister Katherine Dippel	Puerto Rico
Sister Liz Graham	Rhode Island
Brother David Gohn	Sao Paulo Brazil
Sister Linda McGee	Saskatchewan
Sister Natalie Muir.....	Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland
Sister Elizabeth McIntosh.....	South Carolina
Sister Isabel Lewis.....	South Dakota
Brother Mike Ferguson	Tennessee
Sister Catherine Ferguson.....	Texas
Brother Brian Overbeek.....	Vermont
Sister Kim Carmichael.....	Wyoming

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Sister Grace Franz.....	Alberta
Brother Nathan Rolofson.....	Colorado
Sister Karen Stiehr	Illinois
Sister Virgina Rawlings	Kansas
Brother William Mitchel	Maine
Sister Barbara Mortimeyer	Missouri
Sister Dana Cook.....	New York
Sister June Sharp	Pennsylvania
Sister Helen Green	Tennessee
Sister Lesa Smith.....	Texas
Sister Kate Schroedet.....	Wisconsin

WORTHY GRAND MATRON
Sister Barbara McGregor

Welcome to Ontario, rio, riO! Each of you were chosen by a WGM and WGP to represent other Jurisdictions here in Ontario. Every time you travel you are extending the good wishes of that Jurisdiction to the members of Ontario. Likewise, as you travel to those jurisdictions you are extending our hand in friendship, peace and love. We wish for you safe travels and miles of memories for years to come.

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Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions
in Other Grand Jurisdictions

Sister Debra Kobosky..... Italy in Pennsylvania
Sister Rita ChristensenMaine in Colorado
Sister Susan Birdwell..... Nova Scotia & PEI in Oklahoma

WORTHY GRAND MATRON
Sister Barbara McGregor

With your busy schedules not only in your home jurisdictions but travelling to those jurisdictions that you represent, we are honoured that you chose to have Ontario on your calendar. We wish you well on your journeys and hope that you will find your way back in the future. You will always be welcomed by your friends north of the 49th parallel.

The Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in Ontario were escorted to the East and afforded the Grand Honours

Special Recognition

- Sister Jane Ball, Escort to the W.G.M.
- Sister Dawna-Lee Arding, Escort to the W.G.P.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON
Sister Barbara McGregor

Well ladies all those meetings in our dining room, all the planning, all the lugging, all the packing is now over. You can both take a well-deserved vacation. Know that the dreams, visions and plans I had came to fruition ten-fold. I think we can sit back and say we did the best we could, and we did it with heart. To both of you, saying thank you does not seem enough but know that the love I carry for both of you will be with me always.

Jane, my sister in so many ways for so many years. A day does not go by when I do not think you. Love ya girl!

WORTHY GRAND PATRON

Brother Richard Arding

May you travel through life on the wings of angels. Sister Jane, your support and friendship has been with us from the beginning. I thank you for all you have done in our Angels, Peace, and Love year. Thank you for sharing, caring and helping us reach our goals. You are a special angel, and I thank you with all my heart.

Angels are the whisper of God's love. Guiding us through life's journey. Sister Dawna-Lee you have been by my side on this journey from the first day I was elected. Your presence made the journey enjoyable and seeing you in the Chapter rooms on all, but a few occasions made my job easier. We have travelled many kilometres and made many friends throughout this Grand Jurisdiction. Our travels were blessed by the angels by our sides. As you said to me at my reception and I now say to you, I did love you, I do love you. I will love forever with all my heart.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Escorts of the Angels, Peace, and Love Year Grand Chapter Officers

(stand to be recognized)

Sister Gay Rust	Escort of the A.G.M.
Sister Eleanor Jones	Escort of the A.G.P.
Brother David Gohn	Escort of the Grand Secretary
Sister Megan Jaquith.....	Escort of the Grand Treasurer
Sister Muriel Brown.....	Escort of the Grand Conductress
Brother Scott Laing	Escort of the Associate Grand Conductress
Sister Pamela Kasper	Escort of the Grand Sentinel
Sister Kim Carmichael.....	Escort of the Grand Chaplain
Sister Wendy Baker.....	Escort of the Grand Marshal
Rev. Les Hills.....	Escort of the Grand Organist
Sister Karen Doherty	Escort of Grand Adah
Sister Karen Murray	Escort of Grand Ruth
Sister Martha Jack.....	Escort of Grand Esther
Sister Vanesa Jo Woods.....	Escort of Grand Martha
Sister Liz Graham.....	Escort of Grand Electa
.....	Escort of the Grand Warder

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

I send a mother's love. I witnessed as each of you grew into your office. I watched and listened as you asked the when's, the where's and of course the why's. You have all grown and proven yourselves not only to your sisters and brothers but to yourselves. As candles you have spread the peace, love and light so that our members can shine in the warm glow. Welcome to our APL corps of angels. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON

Brother Richard Arding

We are each of us angels with only one wing and we can only fly by embracing one another. You are a wonderful group of people. Thank you for the assistance you provided to this Grand Family and all your endeavours. I look forward to sharing happy times with you in the future. May the angels be by your side forever.

Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons

(stand to be recognized)

WORTHY GRAND PATRON

Brother Richard Arding

Believe in angels, they believe in you and are always by your side. It was a privilege for me to serve as Worthy Grand Patron with a fine group of people serving as Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons. I thank you for the support you give to the Worthy Grand Matron and myself. You made this year very rewarding for our Grand Family. We will always remember the dinners provided and the courtesies extended to us when we visited your Chapters.

**Grand Pages, Grand Guards, Hall Co-ordinators, Hostesses, Audio,
and Committee on Arrangements**

(stand to be recognized)

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

Each of you have been the guiding reindeer that hit the ground and ensures everyone is where they should be, have what they should have, and know what they should know. The herd is alive and well by the direction you have taken them. You truly were the reindeers that even Santa would have been proud of. Like Rudolph because of your work the children of Eastern Star are happy each and every day through your direction and assistance. Thank you.

Let the bells ring out, let the banners fly, it is too good to be true, but the introductions are over. If you were missed in the introductions count yourself LUCKY!

Sister Melissa, our Grand Conductress and Sister Debra, our Associate Grand Conductress foot massages will be given by Brother Richard after the session. We thank you for your hard work and your endurance. Take a bow! To each of you, Richard and I thank you for attending this session and the keen interest and attention that you have shown through the introductions as we celebrated each of those in the room. We look forward to sharing more time with you however it is almost time to say good night.

Sorry we have to do some commercials. So first of all, enjoy your, "Have No Title but Always Wanted to Go to One of These" breakfast at 7:30 AM in the Terrace Room.

Also, please note, in the back corner, you will see tables with a variety of extraordinary and wonderful prizes on there, this is a silent auction. Feel free at any time except if the doors are locked to go, peruse, see what draws your eye, what you must have and please sign those sheets. Thank you. Now announcements, announcements, announcements. All scrutineers, please note to meet in the London Room tomorrow morning at 9:00 AM Sharp. I wanted to share with you the bottle draw last at the Grand Banquet, realized \$1,280.00 Canadian and \$40 US. So, thank you all. Please come back tomorrow morning as we delve into the business of our Order in Ontario. The Organ Prelude will commence at 8:00 AM followed by our Devotional at 8:30 AM.

Let us unite in singing our Closing Ode:

CLOSING ODE: "Silent Night"

Accompaniment.....Brother Bill Gibson, Grand Organist

INFORMAL CLOSING OF THE BIBILE
Sister Melissa Brown, Grand Conductress

Mizpeh Benediction

*May the Lord watch between me and Thee
While we are absent one from the other.*

The Informal Opening of the Grand Chapter was declared closed.





Monday, August 25, 2025

Formal Opening

ORGAN PRELUDE

Sister Anne Redfearn Grobbo, DDGM #8

DEVOTIONAL

Rev. Dr. Ellen Redcliffe, GGCCM, PGM

Good morning, everyone. It's time to find a seat if it is your intention to be here for the morning worship service. I ask you to please remember, turn off your cell phones while the service is on. I also believe that the hymn that's in your pamphlet is not well known. So, if you'll get it out, our organist, Wendy, is going to play through just so you are a little bit familiar with it when I ask you to sing. This morning, your worship is being led by the "Living Our Legacy" team of Bill Chatwell and I am Ellen Redcliffe.

Listen and let the words sink in and speak to you. Good Morning!

If you could please be seated, we will commence with our Service.

First reading is from Matthew 10, verse 40-42.

"Whoever you receive, whoever receives you, receives me. And whoever receives me, receives Him, who sent me.

The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet, will receive a prophet's new reward.

And the one who receives the righteous person, because he is a righteous person will receive, a righteous person's reward.

And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water, because he is a disciple, truly I say to you he will by no means lose, his reward."

UPDATE

Brother Bill Chatwell, GGCCM, PGP

I am just going to give a brief update about Covenant House. It's a non-profit organization and happens to be the project of the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron this year. Covenant House is the largest agency in Canada serving youth who are homeless, trafficked or at risk. Covenant House is inclusive, intentional and impactful. As a leader in the sector, we advocate, so that all of you, can live free from homelessness and trafficking. Our donors, such as yourselves, allow us to meet the emerging needs of our youth and accelerate our work. Our comprehensive youth-driven programming is centered on unconditional love, absolute respect and relentless engagement. The youth served are diverse, resilient and hav++

+e dreams for a better future. Thousands of youths have found a path forward because of your support.

DEVOTIONAL CONTINUED

Rev. Dr. Ellen Redcliffe, GGCCM, PGM

'Twas battered and scarred,
And the auctioneer thought it
hardly worth his while
To waste his time on the old violin,
but he held it up with a smile.

"What am I bid, good people", he cried,
"Who starts the bidding for me?"
"One dollar, one dollar, Do I hear two?"
"Two dollars, who makes it three?"
"Three dollars once, three dollars twice, going for three,"

But, No,
From the room far back a gray bearded man
Came forward and picked up the bow,
Then wiping the dust from the old violin
And tightening up the strings,
He played a melody, pure and sweet
As sweet as the angel sings.

The music ceased and the auctioneer
With a voice that was quiet and low,
Said "What now am I bid for this old violin?"
As he held it aloft with its' bow.

"One thousand, one thousand, Do I hear two?"
"Two thousand, who makes it three?"
"Three thousand once, three thousand twice,
Going and gone", said he.

The audience cheered,
But some of them cried,
"We just don't understand."
"What changed its' worth?"
Swift came the reply.
"The Touch of the Masters Hand."

"And many a man with life out of tune

All battered and bruised with hardship
Is auctioned cheap to a thoughtless crowd
Much like that old violin

A mess of pottage, a glass of wine,
A game and he travels on.
He is going once, he is going twice,
He is going and almost gone.

But the Master comes,
And the foolish crowd never can quite understand,
The worth of a soul and the change that is wrought
By the Touch of the Masters' Hand.

Sisters and brothers, you and I are the hands of our source of all wisdom, faith and courage, You and I are the hands that will make a difference in the lives of young people who are feeling lost, and alone at this time. You and I can reach, deep in our pocket. We can reach into our treasures of time, our gifts of talent and we can, in our own way, be there for the young people, who cry out for anyone to come and share their love. Covenant House is a place that opens its doors to all you. No questions are asked and any help needed is given when possible. You and I can make a difference. You and I can be there for those who are feeling lost, alone and lonely. It's up to us. We've learned to sing one of the favourite hymns in the churches these days, "Here I am Lord". If you belt out that song, the last line says, "I'll go where you need me to go." Today, we're learning we need to go and be there for the youth of Covenant House. Keep in mind when you see the lost and the lonely on the street, they don't always want your money, they want you to look at them with a smile. To hold out your hand and say, "I can be a friend, in what way do you need me?" Our Grand Family this year is speaking to us. Asking us to be there for the young people in our midst. They need our help and support of they're going to make it. We can make a difference in their lives.

At this time, I ask you to turn to your booklet and on page 20 are the words to a song called, "Cup of Cold Water". I have asked Wendy to play the chorus, a verse, the chorus, a verse and we'll finish with the chorus and by then you might know it. Okay, Wendy, and we will try and sing, "Cup of Cold Water".

HYMN

"Cup of Cold Water"

Accompaniment Mrs. Wendy Baker,
Grand Representative of Oregon In Ontario, WM Elliot Lake #314

PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Ellen Redcliffe, GGCCM, PGM

Let us bow our heads for a moment of prayer,
Source of all truth and wisdom and love, come. For we your people invite you into this gathering, We ask you through the power of your spirit to hold us, to comfort us and to speak to us. Speak in a way that we hear your words asking us to go out and care for those who are lost and lonely and hungry. Help us to be your hands and feet among your people. That there be none who are in need. There will none who are hungry. There will be none who are cold or lonely or frightened. We long to do your will and your work but we need your help, your love and your guidance. So come and be with us, we pray. In the name of Jesus the Christ, Amen.

9:00 AM

CALL TO ORDER

**Sister Barbara Ward, GGCCM, International Headquarters/
Historical Landmarks. PGM, GCM
Brother Bruce Condie, GGCCM, Alzheimer's, GCCM FNHF, PGP**

Sister Barbara Ward, GGCCM, PGM, GCCM

Bells ring out to announce the arrival of Christmas celebrations and this morning bells ring out for all the blessings we have enjoyed throughout this year, heavenly angels with love and light shining down on us, abundant co-operation, achievements beyond measure, the peace desired for harmony and serenity in the world, strict adherence to our principals and a warmth of fraternal love that binds us all together. These are the sounds of celebration! Good morning, everyone. We welcome you to the formal opening of the 109th Session of our Grand Chapter.

I am particularly delighted that Brother Bruce Condie and I, Barbara Ward, are once again presiding together in the East and I thank the Worthy Grand Matron for this privilege and honour.

We are acknowledging during the next two days the achievements of this past year. Your enthusiasm for our beautiful Order has brought you here to attend our Annual Grand Chapter Session. We extend a fraternal greeting and very cordial welcome to our members of the jurisdiction of Ontario, as well as the many visitors from other Grand Jurisdictions. We look to our future today, as we elect those Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members who will guide us in the coming years.

This year, we have kept the spirit of the Angels, Peace and Love Year -- with peace, love and joy alive in our hearts and minds and showing in our actions in our daily lives. May that spirit be ever present during this season.

Brother Bruce Condie, GGCCM, PGP, GCCM

Good morning, Sisters and Brothers, and a heartfelt welcome to Ontario's Grand Chapter to all, whether from within or without this Grand Jurisdiction. It is once again a pleasure to assist my own Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Barbara Ward, in Calling to Order the Formal Opening of the Angels, Peace and Love Grand Session.

We were a team then and we are one now. The next few days we will be attending to the business of our Grand Chapter. To legislate those changes to our Constitution providing the ground rules governing our activities. We will elect Grand Chapter Officers and Committees, those who will serve and lead us in the future. Think well and choose wisely so that our Jurisdiction will continue to serve others through our charitable work.

**The Grand Chapter Officers were invited
to enter the Grand Chapter room.**

Sister Barbara Ward, GGCCM, PGM, GCCM

Welcome to the Grand Chapter Officers and your Travelling Companions, welcome to your "Angels, Peace and Love" Session. During this year, we have watched your friendship form and witnessed that special glow of happiness that made you sparkle within.

I congratulate you on your dedication to our wonderful Order and thank you for every mile you have travelled, spreading goodwill to our individual chapters. Angels have been with you every step of the way and have helped you soar with amazing grace.

**The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron
were escorted to the Altar and introduced.**

Sister Barbara Ward, GGCCM, PGM, GCCM

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Barbara and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Richard, welcome to the Formal Opening of your Session. I hope the next few days will be like a family celebration during the Christmas Season and a happy time for both of you.

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

The Grand Chapter Officers assumed their stations.

Sister Barbara Ward, GGCCM, PGM, GCCM

Sister Barb, you started this memorable journey with Brother Bruce and I as your fraternal parents in the "Wonders of Winter" Year.

The wonderful gifts of love, memories, friendship and fraternal visits as you travelled will always be your own special precious memories. Your beautiful carols we have enjoyed throughout the year, we now realize are intended to be used more than at one short season of the year. The lessons they contain are to remind us of the LOVE of the birth of the Christ child, the PEACE that comes when all is well and the JOY of each new dawn -- all we hope lasting for a lifetime.

Your Guardian Angel knows you inside and out and loves you just the way you are. Brother Richard, you too have a special tie with us as our friendship grew travelling the trails during the "Living Our Legacy" Year.

You have maintained high standards and carried out your duties as Worthy Grand Patron with dignity and honour. Your dedication to your position and to our Order is a quality to be admired and the support you have given to the Worthy Grand Matron is much appreciated. I know you too, have collected many precious memories and may this Session add many more.

Your Guardian Angel has given you gentle pats on the back that you needed to keep going.

Brother Bruce, may we hear from you.

Brother Bruce Condie, GGCCM, PGP, GCCM

Sister Barb, or should I say Sister Barb Two? I first met you when you were District Deputy Grand Matron of District 11 during the Celebrate the Seasons Year. I was Grand Warder that year and during my travels we quite often met you and "Kevin", your mascot, in our travels. You were Our Associate Grand Conductress during the Wonders of Winter Year and although our year was shortened, we did get to travel this province and visit many Chapters. I watched as you moved from District Deputy Grand Matron to Associate Grand Conductress and then through the chairs to where you are today. I must say that you have performed your work admirably and your dedication, love and faith in our Order has shown through. I congratulate you on a very successful year. May you know the joy of fulfillment, from your years of service given to our beautiful Order.

Brother Richard, although I had not met you before, we worked together in the Living our Legacy Year as your wife, Dawna-Lee and my wife, Liz were Grand Star Points that year. Although I was Grand Sentinel that year, we were both escorts. I remember a few years later over a beverage or two that you asked me what the path to Worthy Grand Patron was like, and we talked about the benefits and drawbacks of this journey. I do not believe that we discussed taking a shortcut, and I was a bit surprised to see your name on the ballot at the Promoting Our Order Through Community Service Grand Session for the Associate Grand Patron position. In the past year it has been

your duty, as you visited the Chapters to explain the workings of your Charity “Covenant House” to our members. You can be justly proud of your efforts as you encouraged us to give to that cause and to see those efforts realized when the donation was made Saturday night.

I trust the Session will be memorable to you and the culmination of this and prior years of service.

Sister Barbara Ward, GGCCM, PGM, GCCM

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for the privilege of opening this Session and for the added pleasure of sharing the East again with my own Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bruce. May your Session be filled with love, peace and a special experience for each of you. Always remember – Never let anyone dim your “Sparkle”!

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

Sister Barbara and Brother Bruce, I thank you for starting us off on the formal opening session of the 109th Session of the Grand Chapter. You were the first Mama and Poppa that I had to guide me on this Journey. You were the first ones that answered the questions and there were a lot. If a foundation is laid properly a house will stand for years because it is sturdy with good supporting beams. Thank you both for helping in building that foundation that has held up this old building for a few years now! Sitting on the end of the bed just listening was probably the best thing I did in those years. Even today I know that you will pick up the phone or answer the emails. Thank you both.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON

Brother Richard Arding

Friends who take time to care are truly angels unaware.

Sister Barbara and Brother Bruce, I had the good fortune to get to know both, when I was escort to Grand Adah in the “Living Our Legacy” year. Sister Barbara, you had me be the unofficial photographer for you during your term. I do hope the pictures I took turned out okay. Brother Bruce, I wish you every success and safe travels as you continue to work for the good of our Order. Both of your friendships mean a lot to me. Thank you for being with us as we begin our Grand Session.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Worthy Grand Matron

Sister Barbara McGregor

Sister Grand Secretary, do you have an announcement to make?

GRAND CHAPTER OF ONTARIO

GRAND SECRETARY

Sister Lillian Gohn

Well Worthy Grand Matron, yes, I do. Worthy Grand Matron, as of August 1st, we had an opening for Grand Sentinel. We have since then had one nomination form received, however the nominations will remain open until 10:00 am, so please see me for a nomination form if you have a current Proficiency Certificate and wish to submit a Nomination.

OPENING CEREMONY

**The Bible was opened Formally by
Sister Melissa Brown, Grand Conductress**

PRAYER

Brother Rick Carmichael, Grand Chaplain

Heavenly Father, Spirit of Love and Mercy, with grateful hearts, we humbly invoke Your Blessing upon this Grand Chapter here assembled. We give you thanks for your guidance and your watchful care that has enabled us to reassemble to transact the business of this Grand Jurisdiction. We hope and pray that the Spirit of Love and Charity prevail in all our deliberations. We continue to be grateful for the prosperity of our beautiful Order, and we ask for your all-encompassing love and guidance during this Annual Session. Amen.

OPENING ODE: "I Come To The Garden Alone"

Accompaniment.....Brother Bill Gibson, Grand Organist

The Grand Chapter was Declared Open for the 109th Grand Chapter Session.

PRESENTATION OF THE CANADIAN FLAG

Brother Bill Baker, Grand Marshal

"O CANADA"

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

At this time, I would like to thank everyone who took a part in yesterdays program. The Youth and the Youth Committee, to the members of ESTARL, Sister Susan Purdy for the Memorial service. Sister Barbara Thorburn and Sister Helen Delaney, your tributes were beautiful, honest and true. Thank you for bringing our departed members to our eyes once again. To Sister Isabel Jones and the PDDGMs #8 for the Emblem and Bible Placing Ceremony. Sister Ellen Redcliffe thank you for your message this morning.

GRAND CHAPTER OF ONTARIO

What would anything be without music? So, I thank Brother Bill Gibson, Sister Anne Redfearn Grobbo and Sister Wendy for tickling the ivories for us. Now before we get started, we have a draw to make to see who VIP sitters are going to be. Sister Jane.... Sharon Maggio... you and whoever you pick may come and sit in the southeast or the northeast... Sasha Jones, you and whoever you pick to be your guest in the VIP seating, please come and take your seats. Congratulations to our winners. Enjoy your day and please put your Past Grand Matrons to work. That seems to be Sister Bernice Guiler and Sister Helen Delaney. It's what keeps us young ladies!

Good morning and welcome all. Well, was that not the fastest year you ever witnessed. It seems like yesterday we were here and at that Altar we took an oath to watch over this Grand Jurisdiction and all within it. What a daunting promise to make! However, we believe that we have almost completed this promise but must confess that we did not do it alone. We are 100% sure that there are angels surrounding our every move as we have witnessed it each day as we travelled throughout Ontario. Those angels of the past presented a road to follow and then the angels by our side, which is EACH of YOU helped us by working together to ensure that our beautiful Order moves forward. That the Subordinate Chapters are following those guidelines set forth and we are witnessing the growth slowly returning. We have observed the smiles and laughter once again filling our Chapter rooms.

Do we always work in harmony? Maybe not but we are getting better in blending our voices so that the sounds of our angelic choir are sweet, embracing and supportive.

As Harry Potter would say, "We are like a magical bubbling cauldron... a beautiful blend of diverse ingredients that blend together to create a lovely group of people who go in peace and love."

Let us always live and show the magic of Eastern Star for those within and those without. People always migrate to the light, and we have a lot of light to show.

To reinforce why we are here, and why we do what we do. Brother Richard will lead us in reaffirming our obligation.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON

Brother Richard Arding

The Obligation was Repeated in Unison.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

Sister Grand Conductress, do we have any late comers that we would like to introduce? Would you then please go and see if there are any General Grand Chapter Committee members waiting to be introduced.

General Grand Chapter Ambassador and Committee Members

- Sister Karen Tuttle, Historical landmarks, Peace Garden, PGM New Hampshire

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the Angels, Peace, and Love Grand Session. Thank you for taking the time to attend this morning and for all you are doing for your respective committee for reasons that I am sure will become quite apparent over the next three years. Best wishes in your endeavours.

The General Grand Chapter Committee Member was escorted to the East, afforded the Grand Honours and invited to a seat in the East.

Grand Representatives of Ontario in Other Grand Jurisdictions

Brother Peter Carberry Connecticut

WORTHY GRAND PATRON

Brother Richard Arding

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WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

Well, I think we can go to a welcome that's going to be given to our delegates and visitors by Sister Susan Cockburn, Chair of the Committee on Arrangements.

WELCOME TO THE DELEGATES AND VISITORS

Sister Susan Cockburn

Committee on Arrangements, Chair

I have to start with an announcement, and this is from the Chair of Hostesses, Dianne Rowan. The Hostess room has gift bags for our distinguished guests, and Grand Officers in the Lotus Room. Please visit them there because they have lots to give out. So please, please don't forget to visit them.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, All Distinguished members, visitors, sisters and brothers:

In keeping with the Christmas Sentiments "Joy to the World"! We made it! On behalf of the Committee on Arrangements for the Angels, Peace and Love

GRAND CHAPTER OF ONTARIO

Year AKA APL, Welcome! Our committee members known as the Reindeer are acting as Elves this year, hustling and bustling within their committees to plan and organizing the events of this Grand Chapter session. It can be likened to the North Pole just before December 25th!

To our visitors from other Grand Jurisdictions, either as your first Ontario experience or a return trip, we trust you will enjoy yourself. To our own Ontario members, welcome to your sessions especially those of you here for the first time. It is with the continued support and dedication of our subordinate Chapters that we are able to hold these sessions. During the following days, please enjoy, but don't hesitate to call upon one of our elves if you need help moving through the maze!

The team has worked very hard to make this a memorable one and as the head elf, I thank each and every one of my team for a job well done! Thanks to Sister Barbara, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Richard, Worthy Grand Patron for picking such a great team for me to have the opportunity to work with. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

Sister Susan, thank you for that warm welcome. When I asked you the question 2 years ago you did not hesitate to provide me with an answer. Well at least maybe that same night! I felt that in your capable hands the choir would be kept in tune and would always know the correct chord and would not go flat. Under your guidance the Committee on Arrangements were kept on the path and were confident that you would lead but allow freedom of expression and individuality. Thank you and know I wish you the best in all your future undertakings.

OFFICIAL APPOINTMENTS

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

It is with pleasure that I announce the following Official appointments for this Grand Session.

1. Sister Megan Jaquith, the escort of our Grand Treasurer will be our Acting Grand Warder. I am sure that Brother Alex Crawford would have very pleased.

2. State of the Order

Sister Robin McLenon DDGM #5, Chair

Sister Kathleen Martin DDGM #12

Sister Joyce Matthews DDGM #4

3. Appreciation

Sister Anne Redfearn Grobbo DDGM #8, Chair

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Sister Lisa McFarland DDGM #11

Sister Marjorie DeMerchant DDGM GHR (6&7)

4. Hospitality

Sister Karen Spelay DDGM #2

Sister Audrey Carter DDGM #13

Sister Karen Durward DDGM #21

Now folks we have a lot of business to get through today and our goal is to be finished by 4:00 PM so that we can get ready for a fun night at the Monster Mash. So, listen carefully to all instructions and promptly complete those directions provided so that we can enjoy the evening knowing that we completed our work and completed it well.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

We are under the heading of business, Minutes of Previous Meetings. Sister Grand Secretary do we have a motion regarding the approval of the minutes of the 2019 to 2024 sessions?

GRAND SECRETARY

Sister Lillian Gohn

Yes, I do. Worthy Grand Matron, I would like to move the Minutes of the 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 Sessions.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

I was going to ask to do them separately because of the duration time lapse between the.

GRAND SECRETARY

Sister Lillian Gohn

MOTION: Sister Lillian Gohn, Grand Secretary seconded by Sister Marilyn Taylor, PGM, GCCM, Grand Treasurer that the Minutes of 2019 to 2021 Grand Chapter Session be approved. CARRIED

MOTION: Sister Lillian Gohn, Grand Secretary seconded by Brother Gerald Fitzgerald that the Minutes of 2021 to 2022 Grand Chapter Session be approved. CARRIED

Motion: Sister Lillian Gohn, Grand Secretary seconded by Sister Dawn Forbes, Associate Grand Matron that the Minutes of 2022 to 2023 Grand Chapter Session be approved.; CARRIED

Motion: Sister Lillian Gohn, Grand Secretary seconded by Sister Bernice Guiler, PGM that the Minutes of 2023 – 2024 Grand Session be approved.
CARRIED

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

As it is nearing 10 o'clock I will now hand the gavel over to our Worthy Grand Patron.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON

Brother Richard Arding

It is exactly 10:00 AM. I declare nominations and credentials closed. Sister Grand Secretary, do we have any letters you need to read?

GRAND SECRETARY

Sister Lillian Gohn

Yes, I have received four letters of resignation.

Anson Sinanan resigned from the office of Grand Sentinel

Gay Rust resigned from GCCM Benevolent

Catherine Ferguson resigned commission as Grand Representative of Texas in Ontario re: election of DDGM #12

Cathy Davenport resigned as Grand Representative of Georgia in Ontario re: Election of DDGM #9

WORTHY GRAND PATRON

Brother Richard Arding

Thank you Sister Grand Secretary. Did you have any additional nominees:

GRAND SECRETARY

Sister Lillian Gohn

We have an additional nomination was received after the deadline of August 1st for Grand Sentinel.

Scott Laing is a member of Preston Springs Chapter #208, located in Cambridge, Ontario. This nomination has been signed by Debra Bechamp and Lynne Atkinson. Scott was initiated October 9, 2013, He has served as Worthy Patron 2015-16, 2024-25, Proficiency dated August 6, 2030. He has indicated that he has read the duties of the office, profiles and Constitution regarding the office he is seeking. It is dated August 6, 2025, and is signed.

Also, there are a few corrections to the nomination page.

Rosemarie Delahey – under ESTARL dates should be amended as follows:

2012-13, 2013-16, 2016-19, 2021-24

Gail Marcuzzi – not Chapter Secretary

Motion: Sister Lillian Gohn, Grand Secretary, seconded by Marilyn Taylor PGM, GCCM, Grand Treasurer that the nomination report be received as amended. CARRIED

WORTHY GRAND PATRON

Brother Richard Arding

Can we have the partial report of the Chair of Registration and Credentials.

PARTIAL REPORT – REGISTRATION AND CREDENTIALS

Sister Janice Parker, GCCM

Good morning. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members in the East, Sisters and Brothers, this is a Partial Registration and Credential Report. You can go to the last page of your session book and it has a place for you to record the numbers I will be giving this morning. The final count will be given Tuesday evening before the installation, I'll go slow. At 10:00 AM Monday morning August 25, 2025.

Awesome. OK.

Total Active Chapters: 52

Chapters Registered: 49 represented

Pre-registration: 347

Other Jurisdictions: 64 visitors from 19 other jurisdictions

Voting Delegates: 329 picked up by 10 am.

Visitors: 57

So, there should be 386 people in this room,

I move the acceptance of this report.

MOTION: Sister Janice Parker, GCCM seconded by Sister Barbara Thorburn, PGM, GCCM that the partial report of Credentials/Registration be accepted. CARRIED.

ELECTIONS

WORTHY GRAND PATRON

Brother Richard Arding

Sister Grand Secretary, please read the list of nominations.

Sister Lillian Gohn, Grand Secretary

Worthy Grand Patron, the following are the nominations I have received.

Grand Chapter Officers:

Worthy Grand Matron: Mrs. Dawn Forbes,

Worthy Grand Patron: Mr. James McGregor

Associate Grand Matron: Ms. Melissa Brown

Associate Grand Patron: Mr. John Sperrino

Grand Secretary: Mrs. Muriel Brown, Mrs. Joyce Colton,
Mrs. Susan Purdy

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Grand Treasurer:	Ms. Marilyn Taylor
Grand Conductress:	Mrs. Debra Bechamp
Associate Grand Conductress:	Mrs. Linda Murray, Mrs. Gay Rust
Grand Sentinel:	Mr. Scott Laing

Grand Chapter Executive Committee: Mrs. Bonnie Arnew, Mrs. Rosemarie Delahey, Mrs. Bernice Guiler, Rev. Les Hills, Mrs. Gail Marcuzzi, Mrs. Maggie McNichol, Mrs. Susan Martin, Mrs. Margaret Milligan, Mr. Rodney Muir,

Grand Trustee: Mrs. Linda Loiselle

Florence Nightingale Home Foundation: Mrs. Lynne Atkinson, Mrs. Susan Cockburn, Mr. Stephen Freymond

Grand Benevolent Committee: Mrs. Adrice Grenon, Mrs. Barbara Scott, Mrs. Jennifer MacLean,

ESTARL Committee: Mr. Kris Kalia, Mrs. Elizabeth Condie, Mr. Bill Gibson

These are the people that are on the nominations list that I received in my office prior to August 1st, 2024.

MOTION: Sister Lillian Gohn, Grand Secretary seconded by Sister Marilyn Taylor, that the Nomination Page as printed, amended and distributed to the voting delegates be received. CARRIED.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON

Brother Richard Arding

Would all nominees for a Grand Chapter Office or Committee please assemble in the southeast and then come forward to the podium, state your name, chapter number, and the position you have been nominated for.

INTRODUCTIONS OF

GRAND CHAPTER OFFICER OR COMMITTEE MEMBER NOMINEES

Good morning. My name is Dawn Forbes. I'm a member of Frontenac Chapter #90, Ideal Chapter #61, Florence Nightingale Chapter #5, all in District 13 and Picton Chapter #273 of District 12 and I have been nominated for the position of Worthy Grand Matron. Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron.

Good Morning, My name is Jim McGregor, a member of Scarborough Chapter #231 in District 11 and Picton Chapter #273 in District 12 and I have been nominated for the office of Worthy Grand Patron. Thank you.

Good Morning. My name is Melissa Brown. I'm a member of Brighton Chapter #201 of the Grand River Region and Valley Chapter #297 in District 10 and I have been nominated for the office of Associate Grand Matron. Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron.

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Good Morning. My name is John Sperrino, and I am a member of Sunland Chapter #283 and Kawartha Chapter #312 both in District 21 and I have been nominated for the position of Associate Grand Patron. Thank you.

Good morning. My name is Muriel Brown and I'm a member of Brighton Chapter #201 in District 20, the Grand River Region and Valley Chapter #297 in District 10 and I've been nominated for the office of Grand Secretary. Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron.

Good morning. My name is Joyce Colton. I'm a member of Sterling Chapter #307 and I've been nominated for the position of Grand Secretary. Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron.

Good morning. My name is Susan Purdy, a member of Algoma Chapter #139 of District 15 and I have been nominated for the position of Grand Secretary. Thank you,

Good morning, I am Marilyn Taylor, member of Picton Chapter #273 and Quinte Chapter #59 both in District 12 and I've been nominated for the office of Grand Treasurer. Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron.

Good morning. My name is Debra Bechamp. I'm a member of Preston Springs Chapter #208, dual member with Brighton Chapter #201 and I've been nominated for the position of Grand Conductress. Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron.

Hello, my name is Linda Murray. I'm a member of Lakeview Chapter #79 in the Golden Horseshoe Region and I've been nominated for the position of Associate Grand Conductress. Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron.

Good morning, sisters and brothers. My name is Gay Rust and I'm a member of Florence Nightingale Chapter #5 and Ideal Chapter #61 in District 13. I've been nominated for the position of Associate Grand Conductress. Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron.

Good morning, sisters and brothers. My name is Scott Laing. I'm the Worthy Patron of Preston Springs Chapter #208 and I have been nominated for the position of Grand Sentinel. Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron.

Good morning. My name is Bonnie Arnew. I'm a member of Rundle Chapter #108 AND Brighton Chapter #201 in the Grand River Region and Lincoln Chapter #142 in the Golden Horseshoe Region and I have been nominated for a position on the Grand Executive Committee. Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron.

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Good morning. My name is Rosemarie Delahey. I am a member of Peterborough Chapter #161 in District 12, and I have been nominated for a position on the Grand Executive Committee. Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron.

Good morning. My name is Bernice Guiler and I'm a member of Mercer Chapter #156 and Adah Chapter #276 and I've been nominated for a position on Grand Executive. Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron.

Brother Bill, they've given me a microphone. I'm going to be here half an hour, right? My name is Les Hills. I'm a member of Exeter Chapter #22 in District 5, Sunland Chapter #283 in District 21 and Newmarket Chapter #82 in District 9. I've been nominated for a position on the Grand Executive. Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron.

Good morning, everybody. I'm Gail Marcuzzi and I am a member of Edgemount Chapter #127 in the Golden Horseshoe Region, and I've been very lucky to be nominated to seek a position on the Grand Executive. I don't get nervous and I am but I'm also going to go against the grain and go back that way where everybody else is going that way. So, thank you very much. Look forward to a wonderful session.

Good morning, everyone. I'm Maggie McNichol of Preston Springs Chapter #208 and I have been nominated for a position on the Grand Executive. Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron.

Good morning. My name is Susan Martin. I'm a member of Newmarket Chapter #282 in District 9 and I have been nominated for a position on the Grand Executive Committee. Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron.

Good morning, everyone. My name is Margaret Milligan of Manson J. Bradley Chapter #240 in District 9 and I have been nominated for a position on Grand Executive. Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron.

Good morning. My name is Rodney Muir. I'm a member of Newmarket Chapter #282 in District 9 and Mercer Chapter #156 in Grand River Region. I've been nominated for a position on Grand Executive. Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron.

Good Morning. My name is Linda Loiselle. I'm a member of Halton Chapter #280 in the Golden Horseshoe region and I have been nominated for the position of Grand Trustee. Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron.

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Good morning, everyone. My name is Lynne Atkinson. I'm a member of Khaki Chapter #27 and Mercer Chapter #156 in the Grand River Region and I have been nominated for a position as a Director on the Florence Nightingale Home Foundation. Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron.

Good morning, everyone. I'm Sue Cockburn from Ontario Chapter #227 and Scarborough Chapter #231 in District 11 and Newmarket Chapter #282 in District 9 and I have been nominated for a position on the Florence Nightingale Home Foundation. Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron.

Good morning. I am Stephen Freymond. I am a member of Veritas Chapter #128 and Exeter Chapter #222 in District 5, and I've been nominated for a position of Director on the Florence Nightingale Home Foundation. Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron.

Good morning. My name is Adrice Grenon. I'm a member of Erie Chapter #19 in District 1 and I've been nominated for a position on Grand Benevolent. Thank you.

Good morning, all. I'm Jennifer MacLean. I'm from Britannia Chapter #34 of District 2 and I've been nominated for a position on Grand Benevolent. Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron.

My name is Barbara Scott. I belong to Violet Chapter #206 in District 13, and I have nominated for a position on the Grand Benevolent.

Good morning. My name is Kris Kalia and I'm a member of Edgemount Chapter #127 and dual member with Lincoln Chapter #142 both in the Golden Horseshoe region. I have been nominated for a position on ESTARL.

Good morning, everybody. My name is Liz Condie. I'm a member of Bruce Chapter #253 in District 8 and Sterling Chapter #307 in District 14 and I have been nominated for a position on ESTARL. Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron.

Good morning, everyone. My name is Bill Gibson. I'm a member of Exeter Chapter #222 in District 5, Sunland Chapter #283 in District 21 and Newmarket Chapter #282 in District 9 and I've been nominated for a position on ESTARL. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON **Brother Richard Arding**

Is there a report from the Vetting Committee?

GRAND SECRETARY

Sister Lillian Gohn

Yes, and it has been signed by and will be given by Helen Delaney, Right Worthy Grand Trustee.

VETTING COMMITTEE REPORT

Sister Helen Delaney, RWGT, PGM, GCCM, WM

This is the report of the Vetting Committee of the Grand Secretary candidates. Our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Barbara McGregor, appointed the following committee, to vet the resumes of all candidates who were nominated for the position of Grand Secretary. The committee consisted of Sister Jane Zimmerman, Past Grand Matron and Grand Chapter Committee member on Executive, Sister Lillian Gohn, Grand Secretary and me, Sister Helen Delaney, Right Worthy Grand Trustee. Grand Chapter Committee member on Executive and the chair of this committee. Sister Jane and I devised a list of questions, an Excel and Word test as well as a database exercise. Sister Lillian was present for the candidates to ask any questions they may have and to provide valuable feedback on her observations. We asked several questions during the interview process and are providing the highlights to you at this time.

Number 1 - The online Excel test showed that each candidate was of an intermediate level, and each scored more than 50%.

Number 2 - For the Word test, we asked each candidate to copy a paragraph from the session booklet, and we found that each candidate was proficient in word skill.

Number 3 - Each candidate has experience with various accounting software which will be beneficial for this position.

Number 4 - We asked each candidate about the ability to have a home office given the nature of the work, keeping in mind the confidentiality of the work and each candidate confirmed to us that they would have a separate space which would be suitable for the Grand Secretary office.

Number 5 - We tested each candidate in finding information working from a database and we found that each candidate was comfortable using a database to secure information needed to complete a task.

Number 6 - We asked each candidate about their daily routines and each candidate would have the time needed to work in the Grand Secretary's office if elected.

Number 7 - Each candidate who has been nominated for the position of Grand Secretary has also held the office of secretary in their respective chapters and this would be a benefit for additional knowledge.

In conclusion, we feel that each candidate has sufficient knowledge and skills to run for the office of the Grand Secretary and this is respectively signed by myself as the Vetting Committee Chair. I would like to thank the Vetting

Committee. It is not easy to sit and do this kind of task, but I appreciate their efforts, as I'm sure each candidate was. So, thank you.

Motion: Sister Helen Delaney, Right Worthy Grand Trustee, seconded by Kevin Wardell PP that the report of the vetting committee be received. CARRIED

WORTHY GRAND PATRON

Brother Richard Arding

Thank you Sister Helen for your report that has informed our members regarding those nominated for Grand Secretary.

It is now time for Elections. Sister Grand Warder, see that the doors are sealed and no one is allowed to enter or leave except for the Chair of Elections and the Grand Pages collecting the ballots.

I will now call on the Chair of Elections Brother Paul Hooper.

ELECTIONS

Brother Paul Hooper, PGP, GCCM, Chair of Elections

Good morning, Sisters and Brothers, I am honoured to act as the Chair of Elections this year and I thank the Worthy Grand Matron for this appointment. First off, I would ask that you not touch your ballots or separate anything until instructed to do so and do not write on your ballot strip until the Worthy Grand Patron declares the ballot open.

Before we do anything, there are some instructions about balloting that have changed since we have had to conform with the regulations of ONCA – the Ontario Not-for-profit Corporations act, The first one has to do with the election of those who are running unopposed for office. The ONCA regulations state that even though there is an acclamation, the office has to be voted on. There are several ways to do this but let me suggest the easiest. If no one objects, then we are allowed to vote on the Offices which have only one person running by a show of hands. If even one person objects, then we have to have a separate ballot on each Office on the list. We have to vote on each one individually unless a motion is passed to have a collective ballot on those who are running unopposed by a show of hands.

Motion: Brother Les Hills, Past Grand Patron, Director on Grand Executive, seconded by Brother Robin Ward, Past Grand Patron that a collective ballot by a show of hands be taken on the individuals who are running unopposed for the Grand Chapter Offices. CARRIED.

Now we can have a collective ballot on the following Offices. The unopposed positions are as follows:

Worthy Grand Matron – Dawn Forbes

Worthy Grand Patron – Jim McGregor

Associate Grand Matron – Melissa Brown

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Associate Grand Patron – John Sperrino

Grand Treasurer – Marilyn Taylor

Grand Conductress – Debra Bechamp

Grand Sentinel – Scott Laing

Grand Trustee – Linda Loiselle

ESTARL – Liz Condie and Bill Gibson

I invite the Worthy Grand Patron to conduct the ballot.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON

Brother Richard Arding

Motion: Brother Les Hills, Past Grand Patron, Director on Grand Executive, seconded by Brother Robin Ward, Past Grand Patron that those who have are running unopposed as on the Nomination sheet are elected. CARRIED

ELECTIONS

Brother Paul Hooper, PGP, GCCM, Chair of Elections

Don't get too excited as it gets harder now. The second change mandated by the ONCA regulations has to do with the election of the Grand Executive Committee. ONCA and our Constitution recognizes our Grand Executive as the Board of Directors of the Corporation and as such we must follow specific rules in their election. You may have noticed that Section 117(b) of the Constitution has been changed by ONCA to reflect that each member elected to the Grand Executive must be elected by a majority of the votes cast. Previously, we have simply elected the top 5 regardless of if they received a majority or not. We must now make sure each elected member of the Grand Executive receives a majority of the votes cast (50% plus one of the total number of ballots). In looking at recent election results, it is obvious that we may very likely require more than one ballot to elect the Grand Executive. So, when we vote for the Grand Executive, we will cast our first ballot as before, which will be explained when we get to that point. When the votes have been tabulated, I will report the results and announce which candidates have been successful in receiving a majority of the votes and which haven't. I will announce those in alphabetical order. The ONCA regulations mandate that all nominees are allowed to stay on the ballot for the next vote. We can't take the lowest one off like we used to. The regulations also provide that each nominee is entitled to know how many votes they received and what position they came in. So, if anyone of the nominees wishes their vote count and their position, I will gladly provide it to them. We will then vote again on only the ones who did not receive a majority on the first ballot until we get all those elected who need to be elected. I am very hopeful that this doesn't take more

than two ballots, but we have no choice and have to do it as the government dictates. Are there any questions on that?

Another change mandated by the ONCA regulations has to do with electing our Grand Officers, in particular when there is a case where no one receives 50% plus one on the first ballot. Previously, when this occurred, we would drop off the person receiving the lowest number of votes and then proceed to vote on the ones left on the ballot. We are no longer allowed to do that. The regulations mandate that each nominee is allowed to remain on the ballot for as long as they want regardless of how many votes, they got or in what position they achieved on the ballot. Also, each candidate is entitled to know how many votes they received and where they placed on the ballot. The candidates for the offices that may be involved in this procedure have been advised of the regulations and their rights.

All of the other ballots for the Committees remain as they were and as mandated by our Constitution. So those unopposed for Grand Trustee and ESTARL have been elected.

I would ask you to take out your ballot package and tear off the complete strip marked as Ballot #1. Do NOT separate it. Put away the balance of the ballots because you will likely need it. Please make sure you are only using Ballot #1 at this time. If you are using any of the other ballots, your ballot will be spoiled and not counted.

Today there will be five elections. Those will be for Grand Secretary, Associate Grand Conductress, Grand Executive Committee, the Florence Nightingale Home Foundation and Grand Benevolent Committee. Remember to keep your full strip intact. As we ballot, I will announce the nominees for each position in alphabetical order. Is everybody ready to go?

In balloting for Grand Secretary we have 3 nominations, The person elected will be the one receiving 50% plus one of the ballots.

The nominees in alphabetical order are Muriel Brown, Joyce Colton and Susan Purdy.

We will now proceed with the election of Grand Secretary.

I invite the Worthy Grand Patron to conduct the first ballot for Grand Secretary.

The Worthy Grand Patron declared the Ballot open.

Please mark your ballot for the member to be elected as Associate Grand Conductress.

The Worthy Grand Patron declared the Ballot closed.

The Grand Pages collected Ballots and were escorted to the Counting Room.

ELECTIONS

Brother Paul Hooper, PGP, GCCM, Chair of Elections

We will proceed with the election of the Grand Executive Committee. As you may have heard yesterday during introductions the members of the Grand Executive Committee were introduced as directors on the Grand Executive. Because of the ONCA regulations that is the way they will be referred to from now on. There are nine nominees. The first five receiving a majority of 50% plus one will be elected for a three-year term. You can vote for one, two, three, four or five. If you vote for more than five, your ballot will be spoiled and not counted. The names in alphabetical order are:

Bonnie Arnew, Rosemarie Delahey, Bernice Guiler, Les Hills, Gail Marcuzzi, Susan Martin, Maggie McNichol, Margaret Milligan and Rodney Muir.

I invite the Worthy Grand Patron to conduct the ballot for the directors on the Grand Executive Committee.

The Worthy Grand Patron declared the Ballot open.

Please mark your ballot for the members to be elected to the Grand Executive Committee. A reminder those five elected to the Grand Executive Committee will be elected for a term of three years.

The Worthy Grand Patron declared the Ballot closed.

ELECTIONS

Brother Paul Hooper, PGP, GCCM, Chair of Elections

Okay, we will now proceed to the election for the Florence Nightingale Home Foundation. We require two to be elected for a term of three years each. You can vote for one or you can vote for two. If you vote for three your ballot will be spoiled and not counted. The three nominees in alphabetical order are: Lynne Atkinson, Susan Cockburn and Stephen Freymond. I invite the Worthy Grand Patron to conduct the ballot for the Florence Nightingale Home Foundation.

The Worthy Grand Patron declared the Ballot open.

Please mark your ballot for the member to be elected to the Florence Nightingale Home Foundation.

The Worthy Grand Patron declared the Ballot closed.

ELECTIONS

Brother Paul Hooper, PGP, GCCM, Chair of Elections

We will now proceed with the election for the Grand Benevolent Committee. We require three members to be elected for a three-year term and one member to be elected for a one-year term. There are four members running. The three receiving the highest number of votes will be elected to a three-

year term and the other one will be elected to a one-year term. You can vote for one, you can vote for two or you can vote for three, but if you vote for four then your ballot will be spoiled and not counted. The nominees in alphabetical order are Adrice Grenon, Kris Kalia, Jennifer MacLean and Barbara Scott. I invite the Worthy Grand Patron to conduct the ballot for the Grand Benevolent Committee.

The Worthy Grand Patron declared the Ballot open.

Please mark your ballot for the members to be elected to the Grand Benevolent Committee.

The Worthy Grand Patron declared the Ballot closed.

ELECTIONS

Brother Paul Hooper, PGP, GCCM, Chair of Elections

Do not take your ballots apart, please. They will be taken apart in the counting room. Just put them all in as one piece. You can fold them up and then put them in the box. Thank you very much. Worthy Grand Patron and everyone for your patience and cooperation. I am going to retire with the Chair of Grand Pages now to help outside and Worthy Grand Matron I am going to try to be back as quickly as I possibly can. I'm on the clock. We'll be back sometime on the clock.

The Grand Pages collected ballots and were escorted to the Counting Room.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

Okay, now that our Grand Pages have left to go to the counting room we will move on to other business until our Chair of Elections returns with news and requesting the next ballot to be taken. Sister Grand Secretary are there any communications to report?

GRAND SECRETARY

Sister Lillian Gohn

Yes, I have some communications,

Received from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge Office in Hamilton, Ontario, Masonic Leaders Meeting, October 22nd, 2024, to be held at the Grand Lodge Office in Hamilton. The invitation was for two members from several different concordant bodies who were invited to attend this event. The Worthy Grand Matron and the Masonic Liaison Chair attended previous meetings.

From the Right Worthy Grand Secretary received a list of resolutions to be presented at the General Grand Chapter Session in South Carolina.

Then from the Acting Right Worthy Grand Secretary announcement of celebrations to commemorate the United States 250th birthday in July and General Grand Chapter's 150th birthday anniversary in November 2026. It's a black tie event for the 250th birthday of the USA, July 2nd, 2026. November 13th to the 15th for the celebration for the 150th for General Grand Chapter.

A letter from the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Billie Bradfield clarifying the Resolution No. 42 passed at the General Grand Triennial Assembly held at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina on October 24th, 2024.

The Grand Lodge of Canada, AF&AM, invitation to the Worthy Grand Matron to attend the Annual Communication July 15th, 2025.

From Raymond Bacchus information on the HIKE fund, which is the Hearing Impairment Kids Endowment and that pertains to the Job's Daughters International.

From the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, a General Grand Chapter Relief Committee appeal.

Finally received from Doug Swan, Grand Secretary of New Brunswick information on the CanAm weekend in Fredericton, New Brunswick February 20-22, 2026, including an information letter, Housing and Registration form.

During the year Christmas, Easter, and Thanksgiving holiday greetings were received from other Grand Jurisdictions as well as notifications from other Grand Jurisdictions regarding the passing of Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons. This is my correspondence report, and I move the adoption of my report.

Motion: Sister Lillian Gohn, Grand Secretary and seconded by Sister Marilyn Taylor, PGM, Grand Treasurer, that the correspondence report be received as read. CARRIED.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

Sister Barbara Ward, I believe you would like to talk about the Short Report.

SHORT REPORT

Sister Barbara Ward, GGCCM, PGM, GCCM

I wish to thank Sister Lillian, our Grand Secretary, for sharing the advance draft copy of the Short Report for the review of the Jurisprudence Committee and I would like to express my appreciation to the members of the Jurisprudence Committee for your critique. Since printing there is one change that needs to be noted. On your Short Report, page 24, the initiatory work at Elliott Lake Chapter, the Worthy Grand Matron has advised it should read one candidate as it's currently showing two. Any other clerical errors will be changed prior to inclusion in this year's proceedings. So, on behalf of the Jurisprudence Committee, I, Sister Barbara Ward, Chair of Jurisprudence move the adoption of the Short Report.

Motion: Sister Barbara Ward, GGCCM, PGM, GCCM and seconded by Sister Bonnie Arnew, PGM that the partial Short Report as amended excluding the financial report be accepted. CARRIED.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

Now that the Pages are back in the room in their seats, we will continue on with some committee reports.

FINANCE REPORT

Rev. Les Hills, PGP, GCCM, Chair of Finance

Good morning, sisters and brothers. Oh, come on. You can do better than that! Good morning, sisters and brothers, thank you. You are all awake and if you weren't before, you are now. First, I would like to thank our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for being appointed as the Chair of Finance this year. I, think, I'm not sure yet. I'd especially like to thank the members of the Finance Committee who served with me. Sister Helen Delaney, Sister Lillian Gohn, Sister Marilyn Taylor, Sister Jessie Barbour, Sister Melissa Brown, Brother Anson Sinanan and Sister Marilyn Mitchell. I'd also like to thank the line officers who attended our meetings. And I have to say that you all work tirelessly for the good of the Order, I'd also like to thank every member in Ontario because without your help, we would never be able to do the things that we do. So, thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Now this morning, I have no intention of throwing a whole bunch of figures at you because that would not serve any good purpose. I'm an accountant so I'm a figure guy but most of us are not and you may feel stupid about that, but you are not stupid, it's just not your comfort zone. So, I'm not going to throw a whole bunch of figures out here. What I would like to do is, if you have any questions, I'll try with the assistance of the rest of the Finance Committee to answer them to your satisfaction. I'd also remind you that a budget is an attempt to make our best estimate of what may happen in the ensuing year. Nothing is carved in stone and it's up to us to try to make it work. But it is also true that we cannot sugarcoat reality by fudging the numbers. The mandate of the Finance Committee is to report the realities of our finances in Ontario. So, I'd ask you to look at your Short Report, pages 85 and 86. Do you all have a Short Report with you? Well, you've all given one in your package, are there those that did not receive one?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

We are going to leave Finance for the moment until we procure the answers that you are looking for and Brother Les will come back to the podium once

we know about the availability of the Short Report. All right so we are now under Newsletter, is Sister Maria in the room?

NEWSLETTER

Sister Maria Doherty, PDDGM

Good morning, everyone. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron distinguished sisters and brothers, the second edition of the Angels, Peace, and Love, year newsletter will be on sale at this year's Grand Chapter Session. Two issues were done this year, The first edition was put on the Grand Chapter website, and the second edition is a hard copy and available at the newsletter table outside the Grand Chapter room. The articles coming into the newsletter have been getting fewer and fewer. I would like to thank all the members who sent articles to make these additions happen. I would also like to thank the Angels, Peace and Love District Deputy Grand Matrons for promoting and selling the OES Newsletter when they have visited the chapters in their district. In the Magical Moments Making Memories year, I'm hoping to have two issues. The deadline for the first issue is January 5th, 2026. I will let the members know later the deadline for the second issue. A letter will be going out to the chapters early in the fall regarding the newsletter for the upcoming year. I would also like to know what you, the members would like to see in the newsletter. For example: a joke corner, a puzzle corner, etc. If you send me your business card, if you have a business or if you do some crafting or want to promote it. If you have any suggestions, you can email me. One new item that we have been doing is a message from the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Also, a reminder to the incoming District Deputy Grand Matrons, if you haven't come to see me, please see Heather Taggart at the newsletter table to obtain newsletters to sell in your districts. Also, Worthy Grand Matron, I am making a donation of \$300 to go towards the Operating Fund. I move the adoption of this report.

Motion: Sister Maria Doherty, PDDGM, Chair Newsletter Committee and seconded by Sister Deborah Parker, that the Newsletter report be received. CARRIED.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

Thank you, Sister Maria, for your efforts in ensuring that our membership is informed of what is happening throughout our Jurisdiction. Thank you so much. I was wondering if Sister Barbara Thorburn would please come up. We have had some questions raised from the floor regarding when we were going into Finance and they needed to look at their Short Report and they were saying they asked for one and they weren't there, but we are thinking they didn't realize they were flat in the packages.

PRE-REGISTRATION QUESTIONS

Sister Barbara Thorburn, PGM, GCCM

We opened the Short Reports up to make them flat to fit in the envelope better, so I didn't have so many boxes out there and it made them lighter. That's one thing and the other is, the all-in-one, your pre-registration sheet, down at the bottom it says, "Do you want a short report?" There was a yes box and a no box. It also says, if you didn't fill that in, you are not going to get one. We only order what we need. However, I am only human, if I have made a mistake, you know by a dozen or so. I do have a few spares. I apologize but I need everybody to know you have to fill that form out. I cannot take a guess and quite frankly if I have to guess I'm going to guess in favour of Grand Chapter. We don't want to waste any money for folks that don't want stuff. So please check your envelopes to see if it's flat. One of my jobs this afternoon, I will go back out there, as I have all the pre-registration forms and all the all-in-ones. I will recount everything to make sure but I do have a few spares. You can come and see me at the credentials desk. I'll try to rectify this as soon as possible.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Rev. Les Hills, PGP, GCCCM, Finance Chair

Well, thank you very much Sister Barbara. Since we are not as sorted as we probably should be, I would suggest that we defer the report of the Finance Committee until everyone is happy that they have got it what they need to get. At this point it's not a big deal as Sister Barb says, we do have spares. During the recess when we leave for lunch make sure you pick up a copy of the Short Report if you need to. Now once we go back into that order of business if we still haven't got all the copies we need, now's the time to share with our neighbours so you can look at the numbers as we are going through the Finance report.

Motion: Rev. Les Hills, PGP, GCCM and seconded by Sister Pamela McCullum Pray that we defer the Finance report until the documents are received. CARRIED

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

Thank you. We will now proceed to the order of business, Appeals and Grievances.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON

Brother Richard Arding

Worthy Grand Matron there is nothing to report on Appeals and Grievances

Motion: Brother Richard Arding, WGP and seconded by Rev. Les Hills, PGP, GCCM that the Appeals and Grievances report be accepted. CARRIED

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WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

Worthy Grand Patron, do we have a report from Chapters Under Dispensation?

WORTHY GRAND PATRON

Brother Richard Arding

There is nothing to report under Chapters UD.

Motion: Brother Richard Arding, WGP and seconded by Rev. Les Hills, PGP, GCCM that the report of Chapters UD be accepted. CARRIED

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

So, Barbara Thorburn has left the room again. Perhaps Sister Catherine Ferguson, are you in the room? No. Okay, we will hear the report from the Financial Planning Committee.

FINANCIAL PLANNING

**Sister Jane Ball, Grand Representative of Nevada in Ontario, WM
Scarborough Chapter #231, Chair**

Good morning or good afternoon. I'm not really sure what time it is as the morning has just flown by. The Financial Planning Committee has met virtually numerous times throughout the past year. The Committee had lengthy discussions on various ideas for generating revenue through events and fundraising initiatives throughout the jurisdiction of Ontario.

One of our big fundraisers is the Safety Kits, which can be purchased at the Financial Planning Committee table just outside the Grand Chapter room. There are order forms available and samples for you to peruse. Please consider this for Christmas gifts, birthday gifts or even for yourself. The Grand Chapter of Ontario will receive 40% of net sales. We also have various stationary cards and blank cards with individual Star Point emblems for sale. At this time, I wish to thank the core committee and if they are in the room please stand Bev Gorsline, Judi Gough and Jennifer MacLean. Their time and effort throughout this year is much appreciated. I also want to thank the Worthy Grand Matron for the honour of serving on the Financial Planning Committee for the last four years serving the Grand Chapter of Ontario. I move the adoption of this report.

Motion: Sister Jane Ball, Grand Representative, WM and seconded by Sister Judi Gough, PDDGM that the Financial Planning Committee report be received. CARRIED

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

We will now have a few words from our Parliamentarian, Mrs. Karen Ewart.

PARLIAMENTARIAN
Sister Karen Ewart, PM

Good morning, my name is Karen Ewart. I am a Past Matron of Newmarket Chapter #282, and I have been appointed Parliamentarian for this Angels, Peace, and Love Grand Session and I thank the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for this honour. Prior to retirement I was a deputy clerk for various municipalities in York Region. As a clerk, I'm very familiar with the requirements of the parliamentarian as in the procedures in the Constitution Sections 147 and 148 which are explaining how the procedures are done and how the voting goes on those different orders, motions as well as Robert's Rules of Order. I am familiar with the operation of meetings and taking motions and voting on them, my hope is that this will be the last time that you hear from me throughout these sessions because I think they are going to go smoothly. So again, thank you to the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron for this honour.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON
Sister Barbara McGregor

Thank you Sister Karen for accepting to take this office and sitting here with your ears keenly alert to all that transpires. That is a wonderful job you are doing for us. We appreciate it because we get caught up in the moment and we have people coming at us and to know that your ear is sitting back there and ensuring what we do, we are doing properly. So, thank you very much Karen. Okay, I know you are all going to a luncheon, so I think we will look at starting to call this session off to return after a few announcements. Brother Associate Patron is there anything you need to report for lost and found.

ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON
Brother Jim McGregor

We have Worthy Grand Matron. A little screw on cap here. It looks like it's off a scooter or walker. If anybody has those, please check. We have that and the washer that goes with it. That is all we have for Lost and Found Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON
Sister Barbara McGregor

That's wonderful. Now some people have been asking about the travel cards. The draw will be done Tuesday afternoon. If you can please put your cards in a little black bag that's over here IN THE NORTHEAST. You will find this black bag, and it's identified as travel cards. All right; they all go in there. Now, Kevin has also asked me to make an announcement. He is very concerned about this question that has been going around the province. He has left a box out on the desk out there. It costs no money, but he wants your opinion, over or under. Please place your vote in the designated boxes. In the

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Chapter room there have been placed four little apples and four tiny penguins. If you happen to find them, will you please bring them to Sister Jane Ball. Now, let's get to our luncheon.

CLOSING ODE It Came Upon A Midnight Clear

The Bible was closed by Sister Melissa Brown, Grand Conductress

The Grand Chapter was called from labour to refreshment to reconvene at 1:30 pm SHARP



Monday, August 25th, 2025

1:30 pm

Organ Prelude - Brother Robert Atkinson, PGP

1:45 pm

**CALL TO ORDER
Sister Jane Zimmerman, PGM, GCCM
Brother David Doherty, PGP**

Sister Jane Zimmerman, PGM, GCCM

Good Afternoon. Oh, that didn't sound very enthusiastic, Let's try it one more time. You try it, David.

Brother David Doherty, PGP

Good afternoon, everyone!

Sister Jane Zimmerman, PGM, GCCM

Much better. We would like to welcome everyone to this Monday afternoon Session of our 109th Grand Chapter Session. Brother David?

Brother David Doherty

Good afternoon, sisters and brothers, it is my pleasure to welcome you all to this afternoon session.

**The Grand Chapter Officers were invited
to enter the Grand Chapter room.**

**The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron
were escorted to the Altar and introduced**

Sister Jane Zimmerman, PGM, GCCM

Sister Barb and Brother Richard, welcome to your Monday afternoon session. This morning's session was action-packed and I'm sure this afternoon's session will be as well. Remember to breathe. You are doing a fabulous job.

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

The Grand Chapter Officers assumed their stations.

Sister Jane Zimmerman, PGM, GCCM

Sister Barb and Brother Richard, thank you so much for inviting David and myself to have the privilege and honour of welcoming you to your Monday afternoon session. You are very brave to let us do this., Partners in crime once again. Sister Barb, I remember visiting Scarborough Chapter and seeing you put on some amazing entertainment and draws. And after meeting you, thinking: Wow, I she amazing." I have watched your work over the years and have been in several Grand families together with you and you should be commended for your ritualistic work. You have a great sense of humor, which I may have pushed a little this year. And throughout this year, you have certainly, Oh my God, I actually had that in there. I thought I was adlibbing and throughout this year you have certainly needed it, as I may have had a hand in giving you some extra little surprise tokens of emblems and symbols as we traveled this year, including Mexico. You have had a great year, and rest assured that the Promoting Our Order Through Community Service Grand Family is so proud of you.

Brother David Doherty, PGP

Brother Richard, you and I have had many conversations over the last few years, and it is obvious to me, especially from the comments made about you by your Grand Family, that you have been a kind, courteous and caring leader this year for the Grand Family. You always seem to have something good to say about people and sometimes even providing them with a boost to others just because of your kind words. Enjoy the next couple of days as it will fly past before you know it and then make sure you take some time for yourself and your family to recharge.

Sister Jane Zimmerman, PGM, GCCM

Sister Barb and Brother Richard, I cannot let the opportunity pass. So, remember, an apple a day keeps the doctor away!

Worthy Grand Matron

Sister Barbara McGregor

Sister Jane and Brother David, it seems like yesterday that I stood at that Altar and introduced both of you. It just seemed fitting that you would open this afternoon session, usually one of the busiest ones. Both of you are living proof that one can accomplish a million things in a day, and I am hoping that rubs off on us this afternoon. Thank you!

Worthy Grand Patron

Brother Richard Arding

“The angels say the future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.”

Sister Jane, thank you for your eloquent words to open our session this afternoon. We thank you for all you do for our Order. Brother David, thank you for your words of welcome and for assisting Sister Jane opening the afternoon session.

The Bible was opened Formally by

Sister Melissa Brown, Grand Conductress

PRAYER

Brother Rick Carmichael, Grand Chaplain

O God, Light of Life, we give thanks for Your word of eternal life and peace. Open our eyes so that Your message will strengthen us and guide us. With Gratitude we acknowledge Your goodness towards us and all Your children. Deepen our fellowship with mankind. Lift us from doubt and defeat to be secure in our faith and in the hope of everlasting life. In Your eternal truths we find our law and our direction. Accept the labours of our lives as an expression of our love and devotion as we glorify Your Holy Name. Amen

OPENING ODE: “O Come All Ye Faithful”

AccompanimentBrother Bill Gicson, Grand Organist

The Grand Marshal proclaimed the Session

brought from refreshment to labour

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

Okay, first things first, I'm sure you're just dying to know who's going to sit in those VIP seats this afternoon. Jane Zimmerman and I don't believe this,

Sasha Jones. Sasha you must love those seats! Looks like Lynn Alexander and Lynne Atkinson will be taking care of you. Now, while they are getting to their seats, I just want to let every sister and brother in the room know that if there is anyone in this room, at any time when the doors are closed and our business is being taken care of, and they are not a member, non-disclosure agreements have been signed. So, that should put your mind at rest. All right; I was hoping to have a report from elections but not yet. So, let's continue with Committee Reports. Let's start with the Grand Session Review Committee, Sister Jane Zimmerman, have you already gotten comfortable? I am sorry.

GRAND SESSION REVIEW COMMITTEE

Sister Jane Zimmerman, PGM, GCCM

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, guests in the East, sisters and brothers, the Grand Session Review Committee were tasked with reviewing all constitutional specific dates for when certain business of our Grand Chapter session must take place. Our initial purpose with regards to specific orders of business and the times that they must occur. Secondly, if they were changed or specifics removed, would they allow for more flexibility in arranging our Grand Chapter Session. Once these two tasks were finished, we determined that it could be of benefit to future decision with regards to our Grand Chapter session. We could have more flexibility and when looking towards the future, eliminate the need for more constitutional changes regarding session business and timing. We further found that by changing the word **'hotel'** to **'venue'** we could also open other options. With our task completed, we put forward two amendments for your consideration., You will find them on the amendment leaflets. This report was just kind of explaining how we got to that and it is your choice on whether you agree or not. I wish to thank the other members on this committee, Sister Susan Martin, GCCM on Executive, Melissa Brown, Grand Conductress and Sister Debra Bechamp, Associate Grand Conductress for their diligence and attention to detail. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, and Worthy Grand Patron for allowing me the honour of chairing this committee. I move the adoption of this report.

Motion: Sister Jane Zimmerman PGM, GCCM and seconded by Sister Melissa Brown, Grand Conductress that the Grand Session Review Committee report be accepted. CARRIED

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

Sister Jane, somehow it is never on our radar until it happens. Thank you for your work to help those coming behind to make it easier.

Sister Susan Purdy, PGM, GCCM would you like to give your report on proficiency tests? Now those of you in the VIP seats, don't be going to sleep now!

PROFICIENCY TESTS

Sister Susan Purdy, PGM, GCCM

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, distinguished members, sisters and brothers all. The year started slowly but as May approached, proficiency tests started rolling in with the bulk being throughout June to August. There was a total of 24 proficiency tests completed. I would encourage any member to learn more about the Constitution and proceedings of our beautiful Order by using the proficiency tests. It provides for more efficiency in chapter operations and understanding of constitutional laws and regulations. Most of all it can provide any member with answers to questions they may have or provide insight to questions they have never thought of. No one other than the chair or co-chair of proficiency is aware of your score. Therefore, don't hesitate to give it a try. It's all about learning and understanding. So, if you need a little coaching when the test is marked, that's okay. I appreciated the members who answered the questions in their own words first and then backed it up with a reference rather than copying directly from the Constitution. It shows that you grasp what you read and it will carve the information into your memory when you must think about how you are going to answer. I have a couple of recommendations to go forward. Looking ahead, it is my recommendation that the instructions for the proficiency test be updated to encourage writing the answers in the members' own words. I did not get a chance to come up with new questions this year for updating the tests but do recommend this happens. Also, I do not see the benefit of making the test one test, a renewal and the other just a regular test. When there are only two different questions on each one and they're both out of 12 questions. I would suggest, if a renewal is kept, that there be a benefit to such by making it maybe only ten questions and possibly about what has changed in the Constitution. In closing, it was a great opportunity to help members grow in their knowledge of the OES. It is encouraging to see members taking the test. Well done! I too grew in my learning as I marked and coached members with their searching and understanding answers. Each participant received from me a list of areas that would have increased their knowledge and therefore the resulting score, my hope is that it was an encouraging learning experience for each sister and brother. Thank you to Sister Helen Delaney who was co-chair. It is always pleasant working with you. Thank you Sister Barbara McGregor, Worthy Grand Matron, for approaching me as chair. It was a great experience, thank you Sister Lillian Gohn, Grand Secretary, for efficiently preparing the proficiency certificates and mailing them out. Respectfully submitted, Susan Purdy, Past Grand Matron, Grand Chapter Committee Member. I move the adoption of this report.

Motion: Sister Susan Purdy, PGM, GCCM and seconded by Bill Gibson, GO that the Proficiency Test report be accepted as submitted, CARRIED

WORTHY GRAND PATRON

Brother Richard Arding

Thank you, Sister Susan and Sister Helen, along with the great testers throughout the province for looking after the Proficiency testing for the Sister Barbara, Worthy Grand Matron and myself. Also thank you to the members who took time to take or renew the Proficiency Test and now have their certificates.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

At this time, I want to call upon Sister Bonnie Arnew, Past Grand Matron, Chair of the Youth Committee to submit her report.

YOUTH COMMITTEE REPORT

Sister Bonnies Arnew, PGM, Chair Youth Committee

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Barbara McGregor and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Richard Arding I would like to take this opportunity to thank you most sincerely for the privilege of serving as chair of the Youth Committee this year alongside sister Carol LaRue, Sister Kathy Lackey, Brother Mike Mitchell-O'Sullivan and Brother Rod Purdy. We have experienced some challenges this year in implementing the FFLITE which stands for "Freezing in February Leadership and Training Experience" program. Hopefully it will be able to come to fruition for our youth next year. We are thrilled to announce that the Rainbow Girls and DeMolay have experienced tremendous growth throughout this year, and we have been present to witness the institution of the Niagara chapter of DeMolay in St. Catharines. We attended numerous installations of our youth this year and we are happy to bring greetings on behalf of our Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and the members of our Grand Chapter. It was disappointing that we were not able to get the required participants for the Dragon Boat Team this year, but the youth are excited about taking up the challenge of this race next year with, Dad Doherty at the helm of the boat to steer us in the right direction. We were happy to see the youth attend our Grand Chapter this year and we hope you enjoyed their presentations. I can attest that the youth thoroughly enjoyed the pool and pizza parties as well. They look forward to welcoming you into their assemblies and chapters throughout this coming year. I thank you for your participation yesterday in stopping at their booth to ask questions about their organizations, they are the future of our organization. I move the adoption of this report.

Motion: Sister Bonnie Arnew PGM and seconded by Sister Kathy Lackey, Grand Representative of Colorado in Ontario, PDDGM that the Youth Committee report be accepted. CARRIED

WORTHY GRAND PATRON

Brother Richard Arding

I would like to extend my appreciation to the Youth Committee, Sisters, Bonnie Arnew, Carol LaRue, Kathy Lackey and Brothers Rod Purdy and Mike Mitchell-O'Sullivan. Your dedication to working with the Youth groups for many years, has gone beyond the call of duty. I know the young people enjoyed the various activities you assisted them in planning this past year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

So, I saw a rather tall gentlemen enter the room. Brother Paul Hooper do you have news for us?

ELECTIONS

Brother Paul Hooper, PGP, GCCM, Chair of Elections

There are some results. Four out of the five, we have results now, the Other one's just about finished but we will require a second ballot. So, I will announce the people who have been elected, and I wish to remind everybody that I will not say who's a winner or who's a lose because we have no losers in this room. Please do not loiter or celebrate in the foyer. Please extend your congratulations to the people afterwards. For Grand Secretary we have not receive a majority however, Joyce Colton has graciously agreed to withdraw her name from the second ballot, so we have another ballot involving Sister Muriel Brown and Sister Susan Purdy.

For Associate Grand Conductress you have elected, Sister Gay Rust.

For Florence Nightingale Home Foundation you have elected in alphabetical order, Sister Lynne Atkinson and Sister Susan Cockburn.

For the Grand Executive Committee four members have achieved a majority, and they are in alphabetical order; Sister Rosemarie Delahey, Rev. Les Hills, Sister Susan Martin and Brother Rodney Muir. We will require a ballot on the remaining five to elect one more. So, if you would take out your ballots, tear off strip number two. Go back to election for secretary, Is everybody ready to ballot? As I reminded you, there are two candidates to be balloted on for Grand Secretary. Please only vote for one and they are Muriel Brown or Susan Purdy.

I invite the Worthy Grand Patron to conduct the second ballot for Grand Secretary.

QUESTION FROM FLOOR

Sister Barbara Throburn, we were expecting to be in the room when you called for the vote, and our ballots are outside as we vote out there. Can we leave the room?

WORTHY GRAND PATRON

Brother Richard Arding

Sister Barb Thorburn and another sister have permission to leave the Chapter room and retrieve their ballots and return as the room has not actually been sealed yet.

**The Worthy Grand Patron declared the Ballot open.
Please mark your ballot for the member to be elected as Grand
Secretary.**

The Worthy Grand Patron declared the Ballot closed.

ELECTIONS

Brother Paul Hooper, PGP, GCCM, Chair of Elections

We will now have a second ballot for the Grand Executive Committee as we need to elect one more. You will elect between the following; Sister Bonnie Arnew, Sister Bernice Guiler, Sister Gail Marcuzzi, Sister Maggie McNichol or Sister Margaret Milligan. The other four have been elected.

I invite the Worthy Grand Patron to conduct the second ballot for the Grand Executive.

**The Worthy Grand Patron declared the Ballot open.
Please mark your ballots for the members to be elected to Grand
Executive Committee.**

***The Grand Pages collected Ballots and were escorted to the Counting
Room.***

COMMENT FROM THE FLOOR

Sister Linda Murray PM

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, I would like to give my heartfelt congratulations to my friend, Gay Rust.

RESPONSE FROM THE FLOOR

Sister Gay Rust, PDDGM

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and members all. I want to thank everybody for the love and the support that they have given me through this journey. I promise to do my very best at everything that is

thrown at me and I also want to thank Linda for standing beside each other through this journey. I wish you well in everything that you do. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

We will move on to the Rose Awards at this time and will have the report of the Chapters Requiring Guidance later. Sister Janice Parker, can you approach the East.

ROSE AWARDS

Sister Janice Parker, GCCM

Good afternoon or as one of our members says, good morning! I know some of us are not awake still. Anyways, I would love to thank the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Barbara McGregor and the Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Richard Arding for this honour. Again, it is nice to see everyone again at Grand Chapter. We all hope you are safe and healthy but for those people who we have lost, our thoughts and prayers go out to their families and friends. Your loved ones will never be forgotten and will live on in our memories. The Rose Award, why was the Rose Award introduced? The founding members of the award felt that our members deserve some recognition as so many of them are tireless workers and it's not always a thankful job that you get to do. So, while I'm talking would all of the Rose Award recipients please assemble in the west to prepare to receive your certificate and your rose pin. The recipients of the Rose Award feel pride in knowing that their work has not gone unnoticed and the award creates some much-needed excitement and hopefully it boosts the morale of our members. It allows each and every member to propose a candidate of their choice. It is hoped that you submit names of those who have never received a Grand Chapter appointment and/or honour. You know who the dedicated "Workers" are and by proposing them for the award you are showing them in a wonderful and appreciative way your thanks. This year, some Chapters submitted the name of ONE special person from their Chapter which increased their chances to be named the Rose Award Recipient of their respective District or Region. Win or not, Members nominated in past years have told us that they were thrilled to know that they were recognized and appreciated! The Award is a way to do something nice for our members, without any cost to the Grand Chapter or to our Members, and by receiving the Award at Grand Chapter Session it makes it a very special event for the recipients and gives everyone in attendance the opportunity to show their appreciation. I will announce the names and Sister Barb Thorburn and Sister Susan Martin will present the certificates and the pins. After the awards are given, please take a step forward and take a well-deserved bow.

D1 - Sister Brenda Hazael, Erie Chapter #19

D2 - Sister Adele Barwitzki – Britannia Chapter #34

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D5 - Sister Cathy McRoberts - Exeter Chapter #222

D6&7 - Sister Beverley Marshall – Edgemount Chapter #127

D8 - Sister Cynthia Wilson – Southport Chapter #314

D9 - Sister Bea Andrews – Newmarket Chapter #282

D10 - Sister Helen Mear – Valley Chapter #297

D11 - Sister Jessie Barbour – Scarborough Chapter #231

D14 - Sister Debbie Proulx – Crescent Chapter #75

D15 - Sister Elizabeth Chorakwy – Spanish River #237, Algoma #139 and Elliot Lake #324

D17 - Sister Kristine Beasant – Wenonah Chapter #18

D18&20 - Brother Peter Carberry - Rundle Chapter #108

D21 - Sister Carole Buckley – Kawartha Chapter #312

Let's give our recipients a round of applause for all of their work. Thank you so much and please don't consider that now you've received that award you can stop doing your good jobs and the work. We are definitely needing you!

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

I extend my congratulations to each of the winners of the Rose Award. There is nothing better than to be recognized by your peers for the inspiration that you are.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON

Brother Richard Arding

Congratulations, way to go! To all the members who received the Rose Award, your hard work and dedication to your Chapter/District have paid off with your receiving this well-deserved award. Congratulations

OBSERVATION FROM THE FLOOR

Sister Marjorie DeMerchant DDGM #6

Worthy Grand Patron we just observed one of your Pages, dropping the ballot on the south side. We would like an explanation please.

RESPONSE

Sister Natalie Muir, Chair of Grand Pages

I have an explanation from the Guard that was with us. The Page dropped her ballot when she walked in the room, tripped and dropped her own ballot.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

That question is now answered to everyone's satisfaction? Thank you.

Now I would like to call upon Sister Catherine Ferguson, who said she is prepared to do her report of the Historian.

HISTORIAN REPORT

Sister Catherine Ferguson, Grand Representative of Texas in Ontario

This year, our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron inspired us to carry the peace, belief, and love that shine so brightly during the holiday season with us every day of the year. Their theme served as a heartfelt reminder of the light we can bring to one another, not just in moments of celebration, but in our daily lives and service.

Their special project for the term was Covenant House, a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting homeless and at-risk youth. Covenant House provides essential services such as shelter, food, healthcare, education, job training, and counseling empowering young people to rise beyond homelessness and build independent, fulfilling lives.

Our year started with the installation of our Grand Chapter Officers on August 27, 2024. We were heartbroken to lose Alex Crawford, our Grand Warder, before his installation. He is remembered with so much love and missed deeply by all of us.

In September, the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron traveled to attend several installations, and later in the fall, they held three workshops across the province that brought members together for learning and fellowship.

The year also included several out-of-province visits, including trips to the Grand Chapter of Michigan, General Grand Chapter in South Carolina, and CanAm in New Hampshire.

Despite unexpected travel hurdles in January—including flight cancellations and a surprise snowstorm in New Orleans—nothing stopped the fun! Many members still enjoyed the Grand Family trip, a memorable cruise along the Mexican coast and Grand Cayman, filled with laughter and warmth.

As spring approached, our jurisdiction had the honour of hosting the Ontario-Michigan Exchange in Barrie—and it was truly magical! The “Wizard and Hogwarts” theme filled the event with joy, colorful costumes, and plenty of friendship. It was a wonderful time for everyone who attended.

Of course, this year wasn’t always easy for our chapters—they faced some real challenges. We experienced one consolidation and two surrenders, bringing us to 52 chapters. On top of that, we sadly lost many beloved members, and their absence leaves a hole in our hearts. We honour them with deep gratitude, holding their memories close as we move forward together.

Despite these challenges, there were plenty of reasons to celebrate. The Grand Family showcased their talents during the Conferring of Degrees and had the joy of welcoming several new members—a wonderful sign of our growing family.

We were especially proud to celebrate one chapter reaching 75 years and three chapters reaching the incredible milestone of 100 years, with another

13 chapters also marking over a century of service. What an amazing legacy and a true testament to the strength, dedication, and heart of our Order.

As we look back on the year, we're reminded of what really matters—unity, kindness, and service. May the peace, belief, and love we share continue to guide us every day.

Respectively submitted by Catherine Ferguson, and I move that the report be accepted.

Motion: Sister Catherine Ferguson, Grand Representative of Texas In Ontario, PDDGM and seconded by Sister Dawn Forbes, Associate Grand Matron that the Historian's report be accepted as presented. CARRIED

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

Now Sister Catherine, you are up here and to save you a few steps would you like to do the Ontario-Michigan Exchange report and tell our folks anything about magic and how it invaded our jurisdiction? Thank you, there you go.

ONTARIO-MICHIGAN ESCHARGE REPORT

Sister Catherine Ferguson, Grand Representative of Texas in Ontario

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers, On behalf of the Ontario-Michigan Exchange Committee—made up of yourselves, Barbara McGregor and Richard Arding, along with Dawn-Lee Arding, Jane Ball, Mary-Lea Buchan, Jim McGregor, Natalie Muir, Susan Purdy, Bette Rew, Barbara Thorburn, Vanessa Jo Woods, and myself, Catherine Ferguson—we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for entrusting us with the magical task of bringing your enchanting vision to life. When you gave us this opportunity, it felt like receiving our very own Hogwarts acceptance letter—sealed with wax and full of possibility!

We were thrilled to welcome 122 guests—90 from Ontario and 32 from Michigan—to a gathering unlike any we've hosted before. This year, we conjured up a new format, adding spellbinding games like the Dragon Egg Race, Hagrid's Toss, trivia challenges, and a word search to test our minds and mischief. Many of our members arrived dressed in their finest wizarding robes and house colors—do you remember which House the Sorting Hat placed you in?

After an afternoon of magical fun and friendly competition, we gathered together in the Great Hall for a truly British-inspired feast: Cornish pasties, Yorkshire pudding, and the now-legendary sticky toffee pudding, graciously provided by Zimmer's Place. It was the kind of meal that would've made even Molly Weasley proud.

After dinner, the magic continued as both Grand Families took the stage to entertain us—leaving many of us laughing until we cried. Their performances were the perfect end to a day full of friendship, fun, and fantastic memories.

From the moment we stepped onto Platform 9¾, we knew this adventure would be unforgettable. Your belief in our team gave us the courage of Gryffindors, the loyalty of Hufflepuffs, the wit of Ravenclaws, and the ambition of Slytherins to craft an event full of wonder, laughter, and a little magic.

Thanks to the dedication of all who helped and the incredible generosity of our members, each jurisdiction received a donation of \$275.00 from the draws held during the event. In addition, we're thrilled to report an additional \$773.43, which we were honored to donate to your chosen charity, Covenant House—an organization doing truly powerful work to support youth in need. We hope this small gift continues the magic, offering light to those who need it most. As Dumbledore so wisely reminded us:

"Happiness can be found even in the darkest of times, if one only remembers to turn on the light."

Thank you again for your trust, your vision, and for letting us be part of this extraordinary magical journey.

Respectively submitted by Catherine Ferguson, and I move that the report be accepted.

Motion: Sister Catherine Ferguson, Grand Representative of Texas in Ontario, PDDGM and seconded by Sister Jane Ball, Grand Representative of Nevada in Ontario that the Ontario-Michigan Exchange report be accepted as presented. CARRIED

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

I just want to say it was a spellbinding day. Oh, my goodness, it was wonderful. Now, the first time I asked Sister Catherine if she'd like to do this, have you ever seen that person with the look of a deer caught in the headlights? She had no idea; she'd heard it but knew nothing about it but trust me she is a pro now!

Sister Catherine your efforts along with your team allowed us for few hours to wander into the land of magic, be sorted and throw a few snowballs in Barrie. Thank you for all your efforts. It's a memory I'm going to hold so close for so long. And only, there is a building, could you have a snowball fight and clobber all the Past Grands that you wanted to.

Sister Gay Rust, are you prepared to present your Grand Benevolent Report?

GRAND BENEVOLENT REPORT

Sister Gay Rust, Chair Grand Benevolent Committee

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, distinguished guests in the East, sisters and brothers all, it is my honour and privilege to present this short report on behalf of the Grand Benevolent. We appreciate the support from all the subordinate chapters and the members of this beautiful Order who have given generous financial support throughout the year. Because of

your continued support we have been able to assist several emergencies for sisters and brothers who are in need of a lifeline. As members of Grand Benevolent Committee, we have been pleased to serve this year fulfilling our duties and obligations to our sisters and brothers with love and empathy. I have been a member of this Grand Chapter Committee for seven years and it has been the most humbling and rewarding surprise that I have received while serving my terms. I thank you for your support, for electing me and I also want to congratulate all who will be elected to this committee. I can honestly say that you will not regret one moment of serving on this committee that looks after our members. As the chair of Grand Benevolent, I have traveled throughout this jurisdiction to speak about the work and the assistance this committee gives. Even now, as I write this report, our obligation is the heart of this committee. "That I will, so far as in my power, give to my sisters and brothers advice in their troubles, sympathy in their sorrows and aid in their misfortunes." At this time, I would like to have the members of the Grand Benevolent Committee to stand please and be recognized. Sister Adrice Grenon, Sister Barb Cozens, Sister Kelly Mackey, Sister Leslie Tietz, Brother Bob Phillips, Sister Rhoda Beasant and Sister Pamela Kasper. Thank you for all of your hard work that we have done throughout this jurisdiction. Thank you.

MOTION: Sister Gay Rust, GCCM, PDDGM and seconded by Sister Leslie Tietz, PDDGM that the Grand Benevolent Committee report be accepted as give. CARRIED

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

Thank you, Sister Gay for your report. What you and your committee do is not an easy task. It is comforting for the members in this jurisdiction to know that there is help and that you are there to listen and to provide it. I thank you for the hours you have spent. I thank you for the tears that you have shed and know that we appreciate all that you do. Thank you so much.

Now perhaps Sister Susan Martin, Grand Chapter Committee member and Worthy Matron of Newmarket Chapter #297 would have the Governance, Policies and Procedures report that she would like to share.

GOVERNANCE, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES REPORT

Sister Susan Martin GCCM Chair, WM Newmarket #282

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron it has been a pleasure for me to serve on the Governance, Policies and Procedures Committee and I thank you for the opportunity to chair this committee in the Angels, Peace, and Love Year. It has been a very busy committee and I want to gratefully acknowledge the cooperation and assistance of the members of the committee, Sister Barb Ward, Sister Jennifer Gohn, Sister Susan Purdy and Sister Dawn Forbes, as well as the line officers who attended our meetings, our Worthy Grand

Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and Brother Jim McGregor, our Associate Grand Patron. I have truly appreciated everyone's willingness to share their opinions, insights and expertise. Throughout the year we added the following new policies and renumbered others as required. New Policy 17 for the Grand Trustees. A new Policy 19 for Masonic Relations. A new Policy 21 for the Historian. A new Policy 22 for Proceedings and Short Reports. A new Policy 23 for the Grand Chapter Committee on Arrangements. Guidelines were added to assist in preparing the Short Report and Proceedings of our Grand Chapter and my thanks goes to Sister Helen Delaney for taking the time to draft those guidelines. A change was approved to all the reports and information required for Grand Executive meetings. This should be sent as one package rather than individually. The Governance, Policies and Procedures Manual was updated to include all the changes as of August 22nd, 2025, and forwarded it to the webmaster for inclusion on the website. This is respectfully submitted by Susan Martin, Grand Chapter Committee, Chair of Governance, Policies and Procedures.

Motion: Sister Susan Martin, GCCM, WM and seconded by Sister Barbara Ward GGCCM, PGM, GCCM that the report of the Grand Chapter Governance, Policies and Procedures Committee be accepted as given. CARRIED

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

I have to commend the Committee of Governance, Policies and Procedures that every year they go through and they look as these. They listen to what comes through from this Grand Chapter Session to ensure that everything is still relevant. If there have been any changes indicated that is required they spend many hours wordsmithing in preparation to present to us. So, I thank you very much for your hard work to ensure that our policies and procedures are detailed and up to date.

David Doherty are you ready to present your Webmaster report?

WEBMASTER REPORT

Brother David Doherty, PGP, Chair of Computer Resources and Website Committee

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, distinguished guests, sisters and brothers, good afternoon! I WANT TO THANK OUR Worthy Grand Matron for giving me the honour of being the Chair of the Computer Resources and Website Committee during the Angels, Peace, and Love Year. I would also like to personally thank the other three members of this committee for all their work for the committee that they have accomplished this year, Sister Barbara Thorburn, PGM, Sister Debra Bechamp, Associate Grand Conductress and Sister Susan Martin, GCCM. They have helped to define timings as to when we can put things on the website, have been

instrumental in defining the procedures for their committees and sending information to the webmaster's email account, As of the time of this writing, we now have Proceedings on the website and all the Memorials that I have received as of just the day before Grand Chapter. Thanks to the help from Debra Bechamp in updating the information on the site this year. The next few weeks will be a busy time for the committee as we will be updating all of the information for the new year.

Respectfully submitted by David Doherty.

Motion: Brother David Doherty PGP, Chair of Computer Resources and Website Committee and seconded by Sister Debra Bechamp, Associate Grand Conductress that the report of the Webmaster be accepted as given. CARRIED

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

Our world these days spins a whole lot faster on its axis than when I was just a youngster and we thank your Committee for finding ways to help us navigate, share and learn through technology. Thank you very much.

FINANCE REPORT

Rev. Les Hills, PGP, GCCM, Chair Finance

At this time, we will still defer the Finance Report until everyone has pages 85 and 86 from the Short Report. There are still people in the counting room, and you know we fought long and hard for everyone to have a vote. I am going to ask you to approve the budgets, and I think that the people who are in the counting room right now have the right and the privilege to vote. So, we will defer until everyone is back into the Grand Chapter room.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

ANNOUNCEMENT

Sister Barbara McGregor

You are all aware or should be aware that while the Bible is open, no pictures should be taken. So, please refrain if you have been. Thank you.

Is Brother Rodney Muir in the room? Perhaps, Rodney you would like to present your report on the Database Committee.

DATABASE COMMITTEE

Brother Rodney Muir, PGP, GCCM

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for this opportunity. I would like to start off by first thanking my committee. Sister Jane Zimmerman, Brother David Doherty and Sister Natalie Muir for their knowledge and ability to pick out details. So, thank you very much. Please accept this as my year-end report and I'm hoping to bring some clarity regarding this committee.

Our directive - to collect information from the Grand Secretary, subordinate chapter secretaries and other resources to create a master membership list for the Order of the Eastern Star, Ontario, Canada Incorporated. Our purpose, to ensure all Ontario members are captured within the database and issued a unique single Grand Chapter of Ontario number. No matter how many subordinate chapters they belong to. Currently, there is no master list within Grand Chapter and therefore we do not know a true and accurate count of our members. This list will provide us with not only a true count of current members but an accurate history of our members going forward for future reference.

Privacy - currently this information is for tracking and database creation only. Once the Database Committee has completed their task, all information, will be given to the Grand Secretary for future maintenance and upkeep. The information shall not be shared with any other committee or group within Grand Chapter or beyond. It is exclusively belonging to the position of the Grand Secretary for the purpose of tracking our members and their history. Most OES jurisdictions have already started to do this if they have not already put a system in place. Also, most Masonic organizations have done the same. Currently for our security the database is being housed on a secure private server with no internet access. This server has, as I mentioned no public access and is on a private internal network with the latest security software.

Cost - currently there is no cost for the creation of this database and its maintenance as it is being done in-house on a volunteer basis.

Timeline - with the cooperation of our subordinate chapters and their members, it is our hope to be able to complete this task within the upcoming year.

Progress to date - we have been gathering all available information both digitally and by paper copy. Upon review we have discovered numerous errors and omissions. We have therefore sent a letter out to the chapter secretaries with the permission of our Worthy Grand Matron, to request their membership information, including contact information so that members could be cross-referenced as there are many duplicate names. To date only 39 subordinate chapters have responded. Currently all information is being organized into a single master list.

Future Steps - once all the data has been collected and organized each member will be issued a unique single Grand Chapter of Ontario membership number similar to the Grand Lodge certificate number which is issued to all Masons. Once membership numbers are issued if chosen by the current Worthy Grand Matron, the Database Committee will then begin to work on various other related projects to add to it such as updating the Grand Representatives, Grand Officers elected and appointed and proficiency test information.

This committee looks forward to the continued support of the members in this endeavour.

I move the adoption of this report.

Motion: Brother Rodney Muir, PGP, GCCM and seconded by Sister Natalie Muir, Grand Representative of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, that the Database Committee Report be accepted as given. CARRIED

WORTHY GRAND MATRON'

Sister Barbara McGregor

Trying to make something easier and better can sure as heck be hard. Cannot thank you enough for staying at it. To you and your committee on trying for us to gain this important information going forward, thank you.

There are still no signs from the Elections, so let's move on.

Sister Margaret Milligan we would love to hear your report. It's one thing to hear a report but it's sure great to see those dogs in action.

SERVICE DOGS REPORT

Sister Margaret Milligan GCCM, Chair Service Dogs

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Patron, it's my pleasure to give this annual Service Dog report. It's hard getting started when you undertake a new to you venture, it's hard to know where to start and so it has been an interesting learning curve for me this year. However, I have had the privilege of having been assigned a committee, several members of whom are not only experienced but also really efficient workers. I thank them all most sincerely for all their ideas and consistency. Our major fundraiser this year has been the "Dinner with the Dawgs" ticket draw which was labour intensive but allowed us to bring the notion of supporting Service Dogs fundraising to each and every member and every chapter in the jurisdiction. This venture raised, \$2,700 with an additional \$175 received just shortly after the June 30th cutoff. So, this will be added to the amount raised at our sales and draw tables here at Grand Session. These monies will give the next Service Dog committee a head start on their fundraising for 25-26. The winner of the "Dinner with Dawg: draw was Quinte Chapter, Sister Cathy Fisher and she was on hand at the "Angel Apple Orchard" banquet on Saturday and presented the final cheques of \$2,882 to Lynne Davidson, the Fundraising Coordinator for National Service Dogs. This amount added to the cheque which was sent previously to National Service Dogs in December of 2024 and brings the total fundraising for our Grand Chapter this year to \$23,028. A huge thank you and well done to us all for living up to our commitment to the organization's charitable purposes. A big shout out goes to the members of Picton Chapter #273 for giving the required \$5,000 donation to Service Dogs, although actually they gave \$7,000 within the whole year enabling them to name a puppy for training when one becomes available. There are now two puppies that have been named by Eastern Star Chapters, Scarborough #231 and Newmarket Chapter #282. The Can-Am Organizing group and Picton Chapter #273 are now on a priority list for an available puppy to name in the

hopefully not too distant future. If any of the members of my committee are in the room, would you please stand. Oh, Sister Joyce Colton, Sister Lynn Alexander and the others are Brother Mike Chorkawy, who is in the Guard situation, Sister Liz Chorkawy, who is manning the table feverishly selling tickets to everyone who comes by and Sister Dianne Rown. A heart felt thank you to you all. It has been a pleasure to work with you all. To Sister Lynn Alexander, our co-chair, I wish you much success for your committee in the Magic Moments Making Memories year.

This report is submitted on behalf of the committee, and I move the adoption of this report.

Motion: Sister Margaret Milligan, GCCM and seconded by Sister Lynn Alexander, PGM, GCCM that the Service Dogs Committee report be accepted as given. CARRIED

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

Now I must tell you Sister Margaret I am so tempted to just say woof, woof, but I won't. Thank you for taking on this committee. I know you were not too sure at the start, but I knew what you could do, as so many others do. We appreciate the effort and the amazing job you and your committee have done this year. There's no BONES about it!

Now I believe we have another report that's ready from Sister Lynda Speck, the Chair of the Hospital Sick and Visiting.

HOSPITAL VISITING COMMITTEE

Sister Lynda Speck, PM Committee Chair

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, distinguished members, sisters and brothers, the members of the Angels, Peace, and Love Hospital Visiting Committee wish to thank, Sister Barbara McGregor and Brother Richard Arding for appointing us to this committee. The sisters and brothers appointed to this committee were dedicated to their responsibilities and missed no opportunity to visit our members in the hospital. We went quietly to these places to do visits and bring some companionship to our members. It is my honour to serve as chairperson of this committee and represent these dedicated members who quietly do this job. If there are any members of the committee in the room, I'd like them to please stand and be recognized, and I know there is at least one. There's at least two. You know there are 16 of you. I wish to thank them for their ongoing efforts to bring many acts of kindness and thoughtfulness towards our members. Some of these members gave magazines, crosswords, word searches, and puzzle books as well as other small gifts to some of the members they visited. Some members who were in the hospital outside their district when speaking with the committee members requested that no visit be made to them and we respected these wishes. Other members were happy to receive our visits and by extension,

we hopefully brought some comfort to themselves and their families. Please remember to notify the chairperson of this committee or the committee member of your district if you are aware of anyone who needs a visit if they were in the hospital outside their district. We know that we have missed visiting some of our members as we were not aware of the member being in hospital until after they were released. Please tell us of any member who should receive a visit from this committee. I would request that, if you could, please request your chapter secretary to include a note in your summons about this committee once a year just to remind members to contact the committee and they will make themselves available to visit the members. Or alternatively, request your District Deputy Grand Matron speak about this committee and remind members to inform us of the visits that we should make. Thank you again, Sister Barbara McGregor and Brother Richard Arding for asking each of us to serve on this committee. The committee also extends to you our wishes for a wonderful session.

I move the adoption of this report.

Motion: Sister Lynda Speck, PM Chair seconded by Sister Linda Murray, Grand Ruth that the report of the Hospital Sick and Visiting Committee be accepted as read. CARRIED

WORTHY PATRON

Brother Richard Arding

Thank you to the members of this committee. I am sure when you visited a member in hospital, you heard "your visit cheered me up and brightened my hospital room."

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

Yes, we are just saying that nowadays in the hospital, you don't make it to the room, and you usually are left in the hall somewhere.

So now I call upon Brother Paul Hooper, PGP, GCCM, Chair of Elections to continue with the elections.

ELECTIONS

Brother Paul Hooper, PGP, GCCM, Chair of Elections

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. As we like to say, don't shoot the messenger but dig out your third ballot. I'll explain why in a second but before that I will give you the results of the other elections.

The first vote for the Grand Benevolent Committee we have elected for a three-year term in alphabetical order: Mrs. Adrice Grenon, Mr. Kris Kalia and Mrs. Jennifer MacLean and Mrs. Barbara Scott selected to a one-year term.

The Grand Secretary, you have elected Sister Muriel Brown.

Unfortunately, nobody received a majority on the ballot for the Grand Executive. Notice a lot of the ballots contain only one name, You can put more

than one name on a ballot. Just because we only want one person, as I stated, you can put more than one name on a ballot. Just do not put more than five, because there's only five running. So, dig out ballot three. I'd ask you please don't come and complain to the Worthy Grand Matron or the Worthy Grand Patron. Go down to Queen's Park and complain to somebody down there because they wrote the regulations. And once again, you will be voting on the Grand Executive Committee. Do not vote for, Rosemarie Delahey, Les Hills, Susan Martin or Rodney Muir. The five remaining: Bonnie Arnew, Bernice Guiler, Gail Marcuzzi, Maggie McNichol and Margaret Milligan are eligible for election, and you can elect. Vote for one, two, three, four or five and I will invite the Worthy Grand Patron to conduct the election.

**The Worthy Grand Patron asks Sister Grand Warder to seal the doors.
The Worthy Grand Patron declared the Ballot open.**

Please mark your ballot for the members to be elected to the Grand Executive Committee.

QUESTION FROM THE FLOOR

Sister Marilyn Taylor, Grand Treasurer

I'm sorry Worthy Grand Patron, could I ask for some clarification? If there is only one left to be voted then as far as I am aware, we can only select one name. You can't choose five names if there's only one left to be elected.

ELECTIONS

Brother Paul Hoope, PGP, GCCM, Chair of Elections

Thank you. I am going to confer with the Parliamentarian on that and get right back to it. Okay?

I conferred with the Parliamentarian and the Chair of Jurisprudence, and they do agree with you Sister Marilyn. Thank you very much for bringing that up. You are only allowed to vote for one person as we need only one person remaining. If you've already put two or more names down, just scratch out the ones you don't want and put initials beside it. Good point. Brother Dave Cozens brought up if it's a secret ballot you really shouldn't put your initials on it, so just scratch it out. Thank you David.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON

Brother Richard Arding

Please mark your ballots for the members to be elected to Grand Executive.

The Worthy Grand Patron declared the Ballot closed.

The Grand Pages collected ballots and were escorted to the Counting Room.

FROM THE FLOOR

Sister Susan Purdy, PGM, GCCM,

Worthy Grand Matron, I'm sorry, at this time I'd like to take the opportunity to wish congratulations to Sister Muriel and all the best in her term of office.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

Thank you Sister Susan.

FROM THE FLOOR

Sister Joyce Colton, PDDGM

Worthy Grand Matron, I also would like to congratulate Sister Muriel. I also would like to wish her all the best.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

Thank you Sister Joyce.

FROM THE FLOOR

Sister Muriel Brown

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, through you to Susan Purdy and Joyce Colton, I thank them for the competition. It was wonderful and we got to know each other a little bit in our travelling together. I wish them well in their future endeavours and I thank the membership for their support. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

Thank you Sister Muriel. At this time, I think we have official appointments to be announced. Sister Dawn Forbes, Associate Grand Matron. Sister Dawn and Brother Jim. If you'd like to make your announcements.

OFFICIAL APPOINTMENTS

Sister Dawn Forbes, Associate Grand Matron

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, If my appointed would please rise and come to the West. Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, sisters and brothers it is my great honour to announce the Magical Moments Making Memories Grand Family.

Richard Bennett, our Grand Chaplain from Frontenac Chapter #90

Megan Jaquith, Grand Marshal, Quinte Chapter #59

Anne Redfearn-Grobbo, Grand Organist, Bruce Chapter #253

Ingrid Wimmer, Grand Adah, Florence Nightingale Chapter #5 and Frontenac Chapter #90

GRAND CHAPTER OF ONTARIO

Bev Gorsline, Grand Ruth, Picton Chapter #273

Diane Garrett, Grand Esther, Hope Chapter #184 and Crescent Chapter #75

Lynda Speck, Grand Martha, Halton Chapter #280

Leslie Tietz, Grand Electa, Mercer Chapter #156

John McLean, the baby, Grand Warder, Whitby Chapter #248 and Sunland Chapter #283

And joining our appointed will be our elected, and we start of with:

Sister Melissa Brown, Associate Grand Matron

Brother John Sperrino, Associate Grand Patron

Sister Muriel Brown, Grand Secretary

Sister Marilyn Taylor, Grand Treasurer

Sister Debra Bechamp, Grand Conductress

Sister Gay Rust associate, Grand Conductress

Brother Scott Laing, Grand Sentinel

Worthy Grand Matron, this will be our family, Thank you for the courtesies.

FROM THE FLOOR **Clapping and woo-hoo's**

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

Sister Dawn and Brother Jim and to each of your little fledglings, congratulations. I'm looking forward to the magical moments we will share in the coming year. Enjoy your year, folks and I'm sure you are going to have a great time and build memories that will last.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON

Brother Richard Arding

Congratulations to the Appointed Grand Officers for the Magical Moments Making Memories Year. I am so happy as you will experience new opportunities and make new friends. Wishing you all the best of success and may you travel safely as you traverse this wonderful Jurisdiction.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

Now, as much as we would like to say all our business is done, we have to be practical and with the changes that have been made, I think we did very well. We've almost finished all our committee reports, almost. First thing in the morning we should have the results from this election. So, looking at the time and knowing that this room has to be reconfigured, I think we are going to consider calling off. We have a couple of areas of information first; Associate Grand Patron has any lost and found been reported?

ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON

Brother Jim McGregor

Worthy Grand Matron, yes, we have two. There is a black earbud charging case. It was found in a chapter room around lunchtime. Also, there was a hostess apron, a black hostess apron found in the chapter room around lunchtime.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

Thank you. Now, I just want to remind everybody we have a silent auction back there and some really neat items on it, all the proceeds from this silent auction are going to Covenant House. So, if you would please, have a look over there. You know, Christmas is coming. There is no better time to shop than now. I also want to make another announcement, that in the Halton Room after this session closes and we are called off, the Eastern Star video that was created through the Membership Committee will be shown in that room. It will be on a continuous loop for about an hour and it's about five minutes in duration. This is to be used for promotional purposes at outside events and will be put on our website for members and potential members to view. Please take the five minutes to see it. The reaction at the Membership Committee Workshop was very positive. Also, for anybody on Grand Benevolent, a meeting will happen in 30 minutes after our afternoon session is closed in the International Ballroom. Tonight, the entertainment is our own Jimmy Mack turning up those tunes while the ghosts, goblins and witches pound the floor. There will be a cash bar in the room and no outside drinks are allowed. Sign in at the door and get your wrist band, to allow you entry and exit. There will be prizes for best costumes (male and female) and funniest (male and female) and what is Halloween without treats? See you there and tomorrow morning at 9:00 am sharp. Still a lot to get through. Could I ask that the Grand Family of Magical Moments Making Memories stay in this room and also would our Grand Offices please stay in this room as we are doing pictures.

CLOSING ODE

Joyful, Joyful, Joyful

The Bible was closed by Sister Melissa Brown, Grand Conductress

The Grand Chapter was called from labour to refreshment to reconvene at 9:00 am SHARP





Monday, August 25, 2025

Doors Open at 6:30 pm

7:00 pm

ENTERTAINMENT

HOCUS POCUS

HALLOWEEN MONSTER





Tuesday August 26th, 2025

8:45 AM

**Organ Prelude - Sister Wendy Baker, Grand Representative of Oregon
in Ontario, WM Elliot Lake #324**

9:00 am

**CALL TO ORDER
Sister Morag O'Hara, PGM
Brother Alastair Milligan, PGP**

Sister Morag O'Hara, PGM

Good morning, sisters and brothers. We hope you had a wonderful time last night. Hope you've slept well and you're now ready to start another day. It was a wonderful night. So many fantastic costumes and the music was outstanding. I'm not sure about you but I like to start the day with a smile, so here's a little bit of humor. My son called me yesterday and asked, "Mom, how's the diet going?" and I said, "Oh, not good. I had eggs for breakfast." He said, "Scrambled eggs?" I said, "No, Cadbury eggs, because I love chocolate." It's good to hear you laugh. The most completely lost of all our days are the ones in which we have not laughed. I'm thrilled to be sharing the East with Brother Alastair Milligan, Past Grand Patron and we thank our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the honour of calling to order this Tuesday morning session. Welcome is a word of unsurpassed beauty. It warms the heart and thrills the soul. We hope you have felt and are still feeling the warmth in every handclasp and every greeting during this Grand Session. To the members from other Grand Jurisdiction, we hope you will come back many times to Ontario. To our Ontario members, your presence is important and we thank you sincerely for attending. Brother Alastair, may we hear from you?

Brother Alastair Milligan, PGP

Good morning, everyone. I hope you are all enjoying the sessions as much as I am. And I hope that the business conducted this morning will be very fruitful to everyone.

**The Grand Chapter Officers were invited
to enter the Grand Chapter room.**

Sister Morag O'Hara, PGM

Good morning, Grand Officers. Albert Schweitzer wrote; I don't know what your destiny will be but one thing I know, the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who will have sought and found how to serve. We thank you all. He must have had you in mind when he wrote that. We thank you for your service.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Barbara and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Richard, we thank you and your Grand family for your service this year.

**The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron
were escorted to the Altar and introduced.**

Sister Morag O'Hara, PGM

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Barbara and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Richard welcome to your Tuesday morning session. Thank you for giving me the pleasure of sharing the East with my fellow countryman, Brother Alastair. Sister Barbara you were born in Scotland and will understand everything we say, so please translate to Brother Richard. Time rolls on with relentless regularity. The hour is approaching when your work as Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for this year will be complete. It is said, when you give something your 20%, you finish your chore. When you give it your 50% you finish a task, but when you give it your 100% you do an outstanding job. And we are saying, well done. You have worked diligently keeping the standard of our Order raised high and our ideals unsullied. Your unselfish devotion to duty has been bar none. We wish you many relaxing years to reflect on your accomplishments and to continue serving our beautiful Order. Barbara and Richard, makes no difference where you roam, the greatest pleasure is coming home. So may God's angels always bless and guide you. Brother Alastair, may we hear from you.

Brother Alastair Milligan, PGP

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Barbara McGregor and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Richard Arding, I thank you for the honour of opening this Tuesday morning session with my dear friend, Sister Morag O'Hara, God bless you. Another year is soon to be written into the history books of this Grand Chapter. Your enthusiasm, laughter and the true love of our Order showed as your Grand Family was filled with warmth and love which they brought to our members. Your angels, peace and love will always be remembered.

**The Worthy Grand Matron and Worth Grand Patron were escorted
to the East and given Grand Honours.**

The Grand Chapter Officers assumed their stations.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

Sister Morag, to have you here is like being taken back in time to my Granny's kitchen. The warmth, the love and the slight hint of an accent makes me feel right at home and I'll bet I'm not the only one in this room to feel that way when you are around. There is no better way to start a day but with a sister from back hame!

Brother Alastair, I will never forget the day I came into the breakfast room at the hotel, and all the tables were full and yet you said come sit here as you pulled up a chair. Your warm smile and interest in learning about me put this shy girl at ease. I knew that today you would provide me with the same welcome and security. Thank you, to you both!

WORTHY GRAND PATRON

Brother Richard Arding

"Angel of God be at my side to light, guard and guide my day."

Sister Morag and Brother Alastair, your dedication to this Order has come to light by your being here to help open this Tuesday morning session. I want to say a grateful thank you for taking time to be with us.

**The Bible was opened Formally by
Sister Melissa Brown, Grand Conductress**

PRAYER

Brother Rick Carmichael, Grand Chaplain

O God, Light of Life, we give thanks for Your word of eternal life and peace. Open our eyes so that Your message will strengthen us and guide us. With Gratitude we acknowledge Your goodness towards us and all Your children. Deepen our fellowship with mankind. Lift us from doubt and defeat to be secure in our faith and in the hope of everlasting life. In Your eternal truths we find our law and our direction. Accept the labours of our lives as an expression of our love and devotion as we glorify Your Holy Name. Amen.

OPENING ODE: "O Holy Night"

Accompaniment.....Brother Bill Gibson, Grand Organist

**The Grand Marshal proclaimed the Session
brought from refreshment to labour.**

GRAND CHAPTER OF ONTARIO

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

Good morning, everybody! I have to tell you that singing that song, I could picture myself, Christmas Eve, in the church. You are a wonderful choir. Now, we have a lot of business to get through today, but before I call Brother Paul Hooper to talk about elections, there are some quick things we have to do. First of all, the VIP seats. Okay, the first Sasha Jones. How many did you buy? So should we pick another one, Oh, no! Oh, she bought it for you. Hahaha! The next one is Susan Kartonchik, that's her mother. All I can say is you've got angels on your shoulder. Okay, so ladies, you want to come up and get your seats. While they're making their way to the VIP seats, just a couple of quick announcements. First of all, the basket draw will close at 12 o'clock. Anyone who took those tickets away, make sure your names on them and get them back in there before it closes. Also, another reminder. The Silent Auction in the back. There are some neat, signed things back there for sports enthusiasts. Please see the table and if you don't have cash with you, not a big deal. Heather Delaney has an e-transfer and she's willing to take it that way. What did I say? Okay, it's Helen. You see you're so wonderful, you are like two people. I think somebody wants to go to a microphone to give us an announcement. Maria please.

ANNOUCMENT FROM FLOOR

Sister Maria Doherty

Good morning, everyone. I am the Chair of the Newsletter and some of the incoming deputies have picked them up to take to their chapters. The following, if they will go to see Heather Taggart at the Newsletter table for them. District 4, Rebecca Leighfield, District 5, Mary Wright, District 6 & 7, Margo Pinder and District 17, Shirley Pernsky. So, if you would go to the Newsletter table to pick them up to take back to your district that would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

Thank you Sister Maria. Now I will call Brother Paul Hooper to the microphone to let us know how the elections are going.

ELECTIONS

Brother Paul Hooper, PGP, GCCM, Chair of Elections

Good Morning, First off, I'd like to announce that elections were held yesterday, the last ballot was cast like 15 minutes before the Grand Chapter closed. So, we were unable to complete the counting before Grand Chapter closed for the day. However, I assure you that we did complete the counting about 10 minutes after Grand Chapter closed. The ballots were sealed and they've been in my possession ever since. Unfortunately, we did not have

anybody receive a majority. So, we will have to vote again, and those ballots will be handed out shortly. However, we have decided that in order to move the process forward we will be announcing the results of the last vote. Each of the candidates involved has been informed of their numbers. Here are the results of the last ballot between the five candidates in alphabetical order:

Bonnie Arnew received 56 votes, Bernice Guiler received 90 votes, Margaret Milligan received 90 votes. I spoke with Sister Gail Marcuzzi and Sister Maggie McNichol and both very, very graciously agreed to withdraw their names from consideration for the next ballot, so I will not be announcing how many votes they received. So, we will be requiring another ballot and at the proper moment the Pages will be handing out ballots to everybody in the room and those outside. What has happened is they have prepared new ballots. You will be getting strips, but they will say one, two or three across the top. It does not matter if it's ballot one, ballot two or ballot three. They're doing that in order to save paper, but you will be receiving that sections that have the Grand Officers and the Grand Executive Committee on them. You will be asked at that time to put one name down of the three who were left for consideration for the final position on the Grand Executive. Worthy Grand Matron at this moment I will turn back to you until the ballots have been distributed and we're ready for a vote.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

Brother Bill Chatwell, if you would like to come up and give your report on Masonic Relations Committee. Okay, General Grand Chapter Ambassador to New Jersey.

MASONIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

**Brother Bill Chatwell, General Grand Chapter Ambassador to
New Jersey, PGP**

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron thank you for the privilege of serving our Grand Jurisdiction in the capacity of Masonic Liaison between our Order of the Eastern Star and the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Following his installation our Grand Master M.W. Bro. Jamie Ireland assembled the Heads of Concordant bodies affiliated with our Grand Lodge, on Oct. 24, 2025, in Hamilton. Those unable to attend joined us via Zoom. The Grand Master welcomed us and had everyone introduce themselves. There was some trepidation at first, however we quickly discovered that we shared common problems. Examples are declining membership, restoring enthusiasm among non-attending members following Covid, fundraising and temple restoration. We're all in the same boat.

Most leaders were to be replaced before Grand Lodge Communication in July 2025, however all vowed to encourage their successors to continue the good

work started by this group. The mutual belief that the foundation is now established to address our common interests. Two additional meetings were scheduled just before the end of this Masonic year. Our Worthy Grand Matron brought some of the successful activities presented and promoted by our membership team chaired by Sister Jennifer Gohn. One being a table at the Plowing Match in September. I must say that our Chair, Sister Jennifer Gohn did a great job of steering ideas which our Worthy Grand Matron and I discussed on our trips to and back from, Hamilton and I thank her and the committee for a great job. That sort of input makes my job much easier.

Prior to our 3rd meeting our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Barb, clarified the new regulation passed at General Grand Chapter allowing a female to join a chapter on the signature of 2 members in good standing of that chapter. The Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master now understand the meaning of this addition to our constitution due to the clarity of Sister Barb's explanation and acknowledged the benefit this could have for our Order. The Masonic affiliation is not removed totally, and it still continues. And I must say our Worthy Grand Matron did a superb job in expressing this at the table and prior to the meeting to our Deputy Grand Master as well as the Grand Master. Those of you who were at the Masonic breakfast this morning had the privilege of meeting Deputy Grand Master, Art DiCecco. He has been at each and every meeting of the leaders of the concordant bodies and cheers the beliefs and knowledge of our Grand Master and that we are all in this together. The Grand Master addressed his pleasure at the teamwork demonstrated by this group at our Grand Session and the Deputy Grand Master seconded that.

The Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master stated how pleased they were with the collaborative efforts of this committee and look forward to it continuing to work together. Our membership table at Grand Lodge was again a success and a contingent of members attended the banquet. The Grand Master introduced each Star member in attendance.

Many Chapters are inviting Lodges either before or following meetings to better understand how we can benefit each other. Our Youth Groups continue to attend our Grand Sessions and witness what they will be joining as they progress.

Sister Dawn has confirmed her attendance at the September meeting. Sisters and Brothers, the foundation has been laid. Let us continue to work in harmony with our concordant bodies. We are not in competition but in partnership. Thank you, respectfully submitted Bill Chatwell, PGP, Masonic Liaison. I move the adoption of this report.

Motion: Brother Bill Chatwell, GGCCM, PGP and seconded by Brother Jim McGregor, Associate Grand Patron that the report of the Masonic Relations Committee be received as reported. CARRIED

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

Thank you. Okay, I am going to ask Brother Kes Hills to come forward with the Finance report.

FINANCE REPORT

Rev. Les Hills, PGP, GCCM, Chair of Finance

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. You'll be pleased to know that Superman found it. Superman found a telephone booth, so here I am. I'm not sure where to start because yesterday was kind of start and stop. We stopped yesterday because we thought we might want to tell you to come in and vote. The tellers, we thought we might want to come in and vote. We may never get this done because we'll continue voting for the Grand Executive. So, they have agreed not for us to wait until they come in. So that's why we're going to start this morning. Okay? So, please tell me that everyone has pages 85 and 86. Hallelujah! So, I'm going to tell you that a budget isn't carved in stone. It's our best guess estimate at how things are going to turn out for the following year. We can sugarcoat reality and increase our revenue and reduce our expenses and it looks absolutely wonderful. But that's not the reality and as a committee we have to say we have a responsibility to you folks to make sure that what we put in these reports is the reality of where we are. First of all, if you look at the Short Report, it was based at the end of July, and several things have happened since that time. So, it's beholding on me to advise you. We have a deficit right now in our bank accounts and there's all kinds of rumors flying around, that Grand Chapter uses the money from Benevolence and Florence Nightingale. So, I want everyone to know and to understand and there's no more gossip. We do not use any money from our committees to fund. Grand Chapter has to fund itself. We have a deficit. We're actually overdrawn in the bank and that's not a good thing. That is not a good thing to do. So, in October, we will be having to cash in some GIC's to cover that deficit. That's not sugarcoating, that's the reality of where we are right now. One other thing that we didn't put on the budget was, we have a new Grand Secretary, and we figured that she needed a dedicated phone line. We will have to budget for a yearly cost of \$860 which is not included in our budget. But it will be in the new budget as we go forward. So, if you've got pages 85 and 86 in front of you the budget for 2024-2025 for operating revenue showed that we thought we'd make \$62,650. And we actually made \$82,761.15 and that was only possible because of the Grand Trustees ensuring that our funds are well invested at high interest rates as well as donations from chapters and members, you folks, who give money to our operating fund. We thank you for that. Now, that's something we don't get every year. So, we haven't said, 'Well, if we got \$20,000 last year, we're going to get \$20,000 this year' because that's not what it is. So, we've budgeted for a smaller amount. If you look at our expenses, we budgeted for expenses of

\$77,879 but our expenditures ended up being \$81,032.25 and that was despite every effort to cut our expenses as much as we could. There are lots of things that we used to have, and we've gotten rid of them. I can remember being a member of a Grand Executive and we used to get mileage. Remember when use to get mileage? We don't get that anymore. Free tickets for banquets, we've cut those absolutely to the bone. So, we'll keep on doing that, but we still ended up with a deficit. The session will pay for itself. There will be no cost to us because we had a surplus of \$7,943. So that is good. So, are there any questions on pages 85 and 86? I'm going to tell you, if you don't ask, I don't want to hear anyone calling me outside or the Grand Treasurer or the Worthy Grand Matron or the Worthy Grand Patron and ask questions that they didn't ask in here. There's no such thing as a stupid question. I'm an accountant so if you have a question, it's really incumbent that you ask it. Please ask the questions and we'll try and answer it.

QUESTION

Sister Marilyn Taylor, Grand Treasurer, PGM

Brother Les, I think we should maybe just highlight some of those expenses that we did cut out to try and benefit the membership of Ontario.

FINANCE REPORT CONTINUATION

Rev. Les Hills, PGP, GCCM, Chair of Finance

The two major ones are we have cut down the Grand Secretary's allowance quite considerably and the Grand Treasurer's allowance quite considerably. We have based that now on the number of chapters and a certain amount related to the number of chapters so that we can try and reduce any further expenses of this Grand Chapter. Now, everyone understands that we agreed to reduce the salaries and allowances for our Grand Secretary and our Grand Treasurer. We've done that because we've had issues with people saying we should do it. We did it. We probably can't do it very much more because they will have to work very hard. Anybody got questions? So, the budget for, if you look at pages 85 and 86, the budget for 25-26 is proposing a budget deficit. The deficit we think, we're starting off with an amount of \$18,770 and it's less than last year but it's still a deficit. I'm a minister and I can tell you that I've been in the ministry since 1988, and I have never seen a budget in a church that didn't have a deficit, and you just have to say, Okay. So, it's for all of us to support things like the Free Room draw, Sistar's Closet and the Basket Draw as are all the fundraising we do for Grand Chapter. If you've got any money available right now take it to the Basket Draw room and buy some tickets because that will really help us. That will help us to reduce the budget, I have to tell you that the Finance Committee doesn't like the deficit but it's a reality check and we cannot continue to cut expenses unless we also try to find ways to increase revenues. So please support our Basket Draw and all the other things that we do. Now, in addition there is a motion to increase

our per capita by \$1 a year for the next five years and I know that some of you out there will hate that and that you're allowed to say, "I don't like that." That's your privilege That's why we gave you the vote, but I'm asking that you fully consider approving that motion because that will really help to reduce the deficit. So, the committee's worked diligently to reduce where necessary after much hard work and discussion, we've worked really hard this year, and our Worthy Grand Matron has been part of that journey as well. So, I will make a motion.

DISCUSSION

Sister Bonnie Arnew, PGM

Just a note of clarification. There's some confusion over here. It's on page 85 for the total operating revenue. So, if your budget is \$62,650 and the actuals that came in were \$82,00 how is that you end up with a deficit of negative \$20,000? Shouldn't that be a plus?

Rev. Les Hills, PGP, GCCM, Chair of Finance

The bottom line is you've got to take your expenses off. It's not a minus. For your revenue if you exceed the amount that you received, it has to show in the accounts as a deficit and that is how we balance. It is not a stupid question, that is accounting and sometimes it seems stupid where you have revenue and if you exceed it, it shows as a deficit.

Sister Janet O'Neill

Some further clarification. You said that the bank account is in a deficit but according to your report, even just without the session you're operating, you have a \$1,728.90 credit. If you take your actual revenue against your actual expenses.

Sister Marilyn Talor, Grand Treasurer

The actual figures that are printed in this report are as 30th, our year end. As of July 31st, we are in a deficit in the bank account of \$521. More will be spent so we will be in a deficit, and we will have to cash in a GIC. We did well that everybody worked together last year and we made more money so that we were not in that horrifying deficit at the end of the year. But the reality is we are working in a deficit most of the year. The thing is about putting it in the Short Report. The Short Report is not up to date and that's the issue. Because we have to get it to the printers so that we can have everything printed so that you have it when you come to Grand Chapter. But it's not up to date so as of today we have an overdraft. That's why we have to cash in GIC' in October. It looks rosy but it's not.

Motion: Brother Les Hills, PGP, GCCM and seconded by Sister Marilyn Taylor, Grand Treasurer, PGM that the Finance Committee report as

adjusted to include the telephone for the Grand Secretary be accepted as printed in the Short Report with a deficit of \$19,630.00. CARRIED

Motion; Brother Les Hills, PGP, GCCM seconded by Sister Pamela McCollum Pray, the figures in the Short Report are as of June 30th, 2025 and as of today there will be a deficit and currently an overdraft in the working account. CARRIED

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

Brother Les, I thank you and to the members of the Finance Committee for the hard work you do to ensure that our Jurisdiction is healthy, the long hours that you put into do your job well. It has been a pleasure to work with you all.

Brother Paul it is back to you.

ELECTIONS

Brother Paul Hooper, PGP, GCCM, Chair of Elections

Sisters and brothers is there anybody that has not received a ballot? While that's happening, I will inform you the ballots you have received have either one, two or three on them. Don't worry about the numbers. Just cast that particular ballot and when the Worthy Grand Patron calls for the ballot you will be voting for one person and one person only out of Bonnie Arnew, Bernice Guiler or Margaret Milligan. And once we've all gotten our ballots the Worthy Grand Patron will conduct the ballot. The Chair of Pages has gone out to get some more ballots. They have seen too much of me. Natalie, there's a couple missing, if you please raise your hand if you've not received a ballot. Anybody else who has not received a ballot? I guess we are good. Thank you Natalie. Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to conduct the ballot.

The Worthy Grand Patron declared the Ballot open.

Please mark your ballot for the member to be elected to the Grand Executive.

The Worthy Grand Patron declared the Ballot closed.

The Grand Pages collected Ballots and were escorted to the Counting Room.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

So, we're just going to move right along here. I'm going to give you the Supplementary Report of the Worthy Grand Matron,

JULY 2025

2 nd	Committee On Arrangements	Zoom Meeting
3 rd	Manson J Bradley #249....	GO Night & Grand Representative Appt
10 th	Printing & Purchasing	Zoom Meeting
10 th	Kawartha #312	GO Night & Initiation
12 th	Reception for Grand Secretary	Fergus, ON
13 th	Membership Committee.....	Zoom Meeting
14 th	Sunland Chapter #283	GO Night & Dinner
15 th	Grand Lodge Membership Table	Sheraton Parkway Hotel
15 th	Grand Masters Private Dinner	Sheraton Parkway Hotel
16 th	Grand Lodge Membership Table	Sheraton Parkway Hotel
16 th	Grand Masters Banquet	Sheraton Parkway Hotel
24 th	Grand Executive	Zoom Meeting
31 st	Governance Policy & Procedures	Zoom Meeting

AUGUST 2025

5 th	Committee on Arrangements.....	Zoom Meeting
7 th	Elliot Lake #324	GO Night & Grand Representative Appt
9 th	APL Grand Family.....	Practice & Grand Representative Appt
11 th	Membership Committee	Zoom Meeting
23 rd	Angels, Peace, and Love Grand Chapter Banquet.....	Delta Hotel
24 th	Informal Opening of 109 th Session of Grand Chapter...	Delta Hotel
25 th -26	Grand Chapter	Business, Elections, Jurisprudence and reports

OFFICIAL ACTS - WORTHY GRAND MATRON

101. Reviewed the Grand Representative list to be forwarded to Webmaster for inclusion on website.
102. Prepared entries for the Short Report and submitted.
103. Presented 50 yr year pin to a member
104. Prepared invitation for the Distinguished Guests Reception being held on August 23rd
105. Approval of finished OES video to be shown in public...first outing at Grand Lodge
106. Approved Past Grand Matron and District Deputy Grand Matron to present Grand Representative Commission to members who were absent at the Chapters when I attended.
107. Prepared Session Booklet for distribution at Grand Chapter
108. Sent response to Suk Law on their inquiry

109. Prepared the Event Forms for the Delta Hotel for the Grand Chapter Session for rooms, Meals and equipment.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

21. Is it ok to switch elected positions before installation?

Answer: Both sisters were nominated and voted on at a stated meeting under the gavel of the Worthy Patron and cannot “switch” the offices they were elected in. Whether there were multiple nominations for each office or whether only one, they were nominated and asked by the Worthy Patron if they accepted the nomination which they replied “yes”. Therefore, letters of resignation must be handed in and the membership notified on the summons that an election will be taking place. You cannot be elected to an office and then switch with someone in another office for the ensuing year. The Chapter members voted to have a particular member in that particular office, and they should assume it or resign from it. Unfortunately, both sisters will have to resign, and a new election must take place. The Installation would have to take place after the new election.

IRREGULARITIES

19. Members leaving the Chapter room not giving the salutation sign in the West. Contrary to Constitution Section 240
20. Warder left door unguarded to enter the Altar Circle at an Initiation. Contrary to Constitution Section 232 (a)
21. Conductress rearranged the Bible marker after the Bible was open. Contrary to Constitution Section 246 (b)
22. Warder and Sentinel using the knocks at the door when the Bible was closed. Contrary to Constitution Section 260

I move the adoption of this report.

Motion: Sister Barbara McGregor, Worthy Grand Matron and seconded by Jane Ball, PM, that the Worthy Grand Matron's Supplementary Report be received. CARRIED

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON Brother Richard Arding

My supplementary report is as follows.

ITINERARY JULY 2025

- July 2 - Committee on Arrangements Zoom Meeting
- July 3 - Manson J. Bradley #240 GO Night & Grand Representative Appt.
- July 10 - Kawartha #312 GO & Initiation
- July 12 - Grand Secretary Reception
- July 13 - Membership Committee Zoom Meeting

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July 14 – Sunland #283 Grand Officer Night and Christmas Dinner
July 15 – Grand Lodge – Membership Table, Sheraton Parkway
July 15 – Grand Master Private Dinner, Sheraton Parkway
July 16 – Grand Lodge, OES Membership Table
July 16 – Grand Master Banquet
July 24 – Grand Executive Zoom Meeting
July 31 – Governance, Policies and Procedures Zoom Meeting

AUGUST 2025

August 5 – Committee on Arrangements Zoom Meeting
August 7 – Elliot Lake #324 GO Night, Initiation & Grand Representative Appt.
August 9 – APL Grand Family Practice & Grand Representative
August 10–Membership Committee Zoom Meeting
August 22–Grand Executive Meeting at Delta Hotel
Aug 23–26–109th Grand Session at Delta Hotel
I move the adoption of this report.

Motion: Brother Richard Arding, Worthy Grand Patron and seconded by Sister Bette Rew, GCCM ESTARL, that the Supplementary Report of the Worthy Grand Patron be received. CARRIED

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

Sister Jennifer Gohn are you in the room? Would you like to present your report on the Membership Committee?

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Sister Jennifer Gohn, GCCM

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers All. Thank you for the opportunity to be the Chair of the Membership Committee again this year Your support and encouragement of this committee was an important part of its success. You have been our angels this year, encouraging and supporting us in the work of membership.

The Grand Chapter Membership Committee met 11 times in the Angels, Peace and Love year. Here's a short review of our projects.

Membership ... Matters!

- Nine editions of Membership ...Matters were published in the year
- We do have plans to do a bonus edition highlighting these Grand Sessions to be published in September
- All editions had an 80% or higher open rate
- Currently there are 218 subscribers including Chapter Secretaries
- We continue to encourage members to directly subscribe to this e-communication, I do have the subscription forms with me today if you would like one – please come and see me

Membership Email Address

- The membership committee monitors the membership.oes.on@gmail.com and responds to inquiries relating to membership
- Since September 2024, there have been 30 public inquiries regarding joining the Order in Ontario or affiliating with an Ontario chapter from other Grand Jurisdictions
- All inquiries have been addressed and contact information sent to the various chapters to where the interested new members were located
- We have had affiliation inquiries from Western Canada and Brazil
- Many inquiries were for the Ottawa area, Southern Ontario (St. Catharines, Binbrook and Ancaster) and a few inquiries for Sudbury and the Greater Toronto area including Scarborough and Etobicoke and other areas too
- I enjoyed corresponding with these perspective new members – they often shared their family masonic history with me
- Inquiries are also received at this email address from the Grand Secretary who forwards inquiries for the province of Ontario to us from the Right Worthy Grand Secretary

Membership Section of the Website

- The Membership Committee has appreciated having David Doherty, Webmaster, as a member of the committee this year
- Each meeting, we reviewed membership related items on the website and made suggestions for the public site for prospective new members so that they can easily find information relating to membership

Information Display Boards and Banners

- Both of the Information boards were updated for the Angels, Peace and Love Year
- These boards as well as the pull-up banners are available to the chapters to borrow for various events and fundraisers through the Chair of Membership and this year were located in different parts of Ontario for easier access
- We had a few inquiries to borrow the membership displays and we accommodated as many as we could
- The membership committee had membership displays at Days of Masonry that were held in Ontario this year as well as at Grand Lodge in July

Masonic relations Committee

- The Chair of the Masonic Relations Committee is a standing member of the Grand Chapter Membership Committee with the purpose to build our Masonic connections and look for opportunities to work together to encourage membership
- This year the focus included receiving updates on the concordant body meetings. Bill Chatwell, Chair of the Masonic Relations Committee and our Worthy Grand Matron, Barbara McGregor attended the concordant body meetings on behalf of Eastern Star

2025 International Plowing Match and Rural Expo

- This year, our Worthy Grand Matron tasked us with having a booth at the

International Plowing Match and Rural Expo

- We focused on working with the Masons to have a booth in the Masonic tent at the 2025 Expo as the 2024 event was held within weeks of this committee forming
- The 2025 event will be held in the Niagara Region
- Jane Zimmerman, Co-Chair, Membership, has been working with the local Niagara Region Masons and we will have space in the Masonic Tent for our display boards and pull-up banners
- Pens have been purchased for giveaways during the five-day event
- The membership brochures have been updated with the new membership requirements and our new fold-over information cards will also be available to those visiting the booth
- Volunteers are still needed to help with the membership table
- The International Plowing Match and Rural Expo will take place September 16 -20, 2025 at the West Niagara Agricultural Centre and Fairgrounds, in the Town of Grassie, also known as West Lincoln
- Please contact Jane Zimmerman if you would like to be a volunteer for a half day or a whole day. Your assistance would greatly be appreciated

Membership Brochures

- In 2023-2024, the Membership Committee updated the main brochure, Learn, Grow, Impact Your World. The committee had purchased 1000 brochures which were being distributed to the various chapters as well as by request
- with the changes to the membership rules after General Grand Chapter, the committee decided to place a sticker on these brochures so that we could have the correct information listed and not waste the remaining 500 copies
- In addition, the Membership Committee decided to do a full update on our brochures with the possibility of having one brochure instead of having 3 separate documents which can be challenging to keep updated
- This project was started; however, we were unable to complete the update and this project will continue with the 2025 – 2026 Membership Committee

Information Cards

- The Membership Committee did finalize fold-over information cards and 500 cards have been printed
- As a thank you, each person attending the Membership ... Matters Workshop received one card with the remaining cards to be available at the International Plowing Match and Rural Expo
- In the Fall of 2025, the Membership Committee will communicate how these cards will be made available to our general membership
- I have a sample one if you would like to take a look at it, please come and see me

Inquiry for a New Chapter

- In March, at the Day of Masonry in Barrie, we received an inquiry regarding some interest in opening a chapter in the Parry Sound area

- Contact information was given to the Worthy Grand Patron and though it was just an inquiry, it was exciting to receive the information and the interest and to know that perhaps one day another Chapter could be formed in Ontario, you just never know...

Promotions Video

- One of our projects this year was to create a video that could be used to promote our Order and assist our members so that they would have a tool to promote our Order and give non-members an idea about our Order and what we do
- This video was professionally produced and edited. It was filmed in Picton's Chapter Room and photographs from various Eastern Star events over the last few years were included to show us in action at various events
- We wanted the video to be personal with people's personal experiences on what membership means to them
- The video debuted at the Membership ... Matters Workshop to rave reviews and lots of excitement
- We are planning to have it available on the website during Grand Sessions, however, we are experiencing some technical issues
- We hope to have it up and available to you soon
- In the meantime, I will see if I can have it available in the Angels, Peace and Love Grand Chapter Session Membership, Matters! which we hope to have available to you in September and I would recommend becoming a direct subscriber to Membership...Matters! To ensure you have access to the link

Workshop at 2025 Grand Session

- The Membership Workshop was held Saturday, August 23rd, 2025, in the Mississauga ABC rooms
- The topics were, As We Move Forward, Now, What – A Follow up with Grand Lodge, How Did They Do That – sharing success stories that some of our Chapters have had this year with increased membership and stronger bonds with our Masonic bodies and FUN raisers vs FUND raisers – what is the difference sharing our stories.
- Approximately 40 people attended the event, and we had great discussion related to membership and continuing to build on last year's workshop
- Overall, our takeaways were:
 - To continue to build a firm membership foundation – one building block at a time
 - To be creative and look at how you can make small changes to your events if they need to be refreshed.
 - To build partnerships with masonic and non-masonic organizations to work together for common goals and

- To keep trying and not giving up – we learn the most from our failures – dust yourself off and keep going – keep believing and keep the faith
- As indicated earlier, we also debuted the new fold-over information cards and our promotional video
- As a result, we were encouraged to showcase the video during Grand Session so that everyone could have a chance to see it
- However, this room isn't conducive to showing the video and we were unable to get a screen for the room, we considered showing it in the lobby area however, it would be challenging to hear the video's message. We did have a showing in the Halton room on Monday at the end of the afternoon session.

Financials

- The Membership Committee is provided with a budget of \$1,500. This year, these funds purchased our annual Constant Contact Subscription, promotions video, 500-fold-over tent cards, pens, table banner for our membership display with our logo on it and supplies for the 2025 Workshop.
- We are returning \$231.92.

Final Thoughts

I would like to thank the entire membership committee for their Diligent work on membership during the Angels, Peace and Love Year. Please stand to be recognized. To our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, Barbara and Richard, you both fully participated in the work of the membership committee – your willingness to step up and do things – videos for Membership Matters! Manning our membership tables at various events, attending all of our meetings and taking part in the promotional video – thank you for always saying yes! And our line officers were amazing too – Sister Dawn, Brother Jim, Sister Melissa, Sister Debra and Brother Anson. Without your support, we would not have been able to accomplish all of our goals. Thank you for understanding the importance of the Membership Committee to our Order. A special shout out to our unofficial photographer, Jim McGregor Associate Grand Patron. His regular supply of pictures helped to make Membership...Matters! A showcase of the Angels, Peace and Love Year. To Sister Jane Zimmerman, Sister Susan Purdy, Brother Bill Chatwell, Brother David Doherty, Sister Ingried Wimmer, Sister Barbara Walters and Sister Helen Mear – thank you for your contributions and attending our meetings to move forward our plans for the year. Another special shout out to Scott Laing, who provided us with tech assistance so that we could debut the promotional video at the workshop on Saturday and again on Monday afternoon in the Halton Room. As our Worthy Grand Matron would say – Because of you, I believe in Angels. Thank you all. It is my hope that our work in membership has made a difference to you, our members today and in the

future. As you go forth into the new OES year, always remember – Membership ... Matters! I move the adoption of this report.

Motion: Sister Jennifer Gohn, GCCM and seconded by Sister Jane Zimmerman, PGM, GCCM, that the Membership Committee Report be received as read. CARRIED

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

Sister Jennifer, thank you. I know firsthand the hard work this committee has done through the past years, and this one was no exception. The work on Membership...Matters! through Constant Contact along with the creation of the video, participation at Grand Lodge and Masonic District Days, the Plowing Match and of course, our birthday celebrations along with the Membership Workshop make for a busy, productive year. Ensuring that we have display cards, pamphlets, display boards and banners is also on your plate because of this work, our name is out there for all to see. However, Kevin says he wasn't mentioned and he was in your Christmas Video and the Birthday video, but he loves you anyways!

So, I will now ask Brother Paul Hooper to come and give us good news.

ELECTIONS

Brother Paul Hooper, PGP, GCCM, Chair of Elections

I sent you a text. The ballots have been counted. Total number of ballots received 258, total number required to be elected 130. The results in alphabetical order: Bonnie Arnew 42, Bernice Guiler 124, Margaret Milligan 92, with one spoiled ballot. We have no election. Well, I have advised the ladies outside to get more ballots ready. If the Chair Pages and the Pages could go outside and see them that would be wonderful to collect the ballots and deliver them. Thank you.

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Sister Barbara McGregor

Sister Melissa Brown, our Grand Conductress do you have the Fraternal report ready? Thank you.

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT REPORT

Sister Melissa Brown, Grand Conductress

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, sisters and brothers. I have had the pleasure of reading the proceedings of other jurisdictions. And first, I'd like to thank the Grand Secretary for consistently sending them to me. I truly appreciate it and it makes this job so much easier. I've decided to look at the projects that other jurisdictions have had this past year. Each jurisdiction has projects. Consistent projects that I saw were Service Dogs and Alzheimer's but here are a few highlights that I was able to find. In Nevada, the Worthy

Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron selected five projects, and the escorts had the opportunity to select their own projects as well, in total they raised to all their projects just under \$62,000. In South Dakota, they focused on Service Dogs, Education and a program called ACTS and they were able to raise over \$16,000. In the District of Columbia, they focused on Regenerative Medicine and they raised over \$17,000. In Vermont, they really focused on Service Dogs and Paws for PTSD, and they also had Chapter projects. They raised over \$30,000 for their projects. In Wisconsin, they had something called the Water Fountain and Landscaping of Riverside Lodge. They also did a memory care building and three pillars of senior living communities where they were able to raise over \$50,000 in total. In Washington, they focused on the Make-A-Wish Foundation, specifically for cancer kids and the Service Dogs of Washington. Michigan also had the Benevolence and Education General Fund and Service Dogs and they raised over \$30,000. Wyoming also focused on the OES Service Dogs in total and then the Wyoming OES Cancer Fund. I suggest all the members to look into the proceedings of other jurisdictions. There's so much information and it's a wealth of knowledge. I know that the previous Grand Conductresses before me would also agree that you've learned so much from reading them. So, reach out to our Grand Secretary to receive copies electronically, and I'm sure she'd be glad to help you. Thank you. I move the adoption of this report.

Motion: Sister Melissa Brown, Grand Conductress and seconded by Sister Dawn Forbes, Associate Grand Matron, that the Fraternal Correspondent report be accepted as given. CARRIED

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

Thank you for that informative report. It is so much fun reading about what is happening in other Jurisdictions, and we thank you for sharing that information with us. As we know it can be a long tedious chore. Thank you. I'm just sitting up here and I'm looking at these VIP seats. I definitely put them in the wrong spot. They should have been up here. Did you all see the massage going on and the tea being served? Oh, my! I'd like to call upon Sister Cockburn, Chair of the Committee on Arrangements for her report.

COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS REPORT

Suster Susan Cockburn, PDDGM

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. This is the Committee on Arrangements final report. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, all distinguished guests, members and visitors, whether we are talking angels, peace, and love, reindeer, owls or whatever type of apple you consider yourself to be, the Grand Session has been a combination of lots of new and different ideas and I'm sure all consider them to be successful. As the chairperson of the

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Committee on Arrangements, I would like to thank each and every one of my team for their dedication and commitment to helping make this a memorable Grand Chapter. If any of the Committee on Arrangements members are present in the room, would you please stand to be recognized. Thank you. Congratulations on a job well done. That's all. As always, a big thank you to Mr. Bill Powers and his hotel staff for their assistance provided to us and making the events as seamless and efficient as possible. Thank you and I would move the adoption of this report.

Motion: Sister Susan Cockburn, PDDGM and seconded by Sister Gay Rust, GCCM, PDDGM, that the Committee on Arrangements report be received as read. CARRIED

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

I would like to call to the podium at this time, Sister Bernice Guiler. Who has a few words for us regarding an award.

ONTARIO KIDNEY FOUNDATION AWARD

Sister Bernice Guiler, PGM, Chair of Grand Executive

Thank you Sister Barb. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, members all. I don't know if anyone realized sitting on the Grand Secretary's desk was this item. This is an award that was given to the Order of the Eastern Star from the Ontario Kidney Foundation for last year's donations. Brother Rodney and I were asked to attend a zoom meeting where the Order was recognized for their charitable giving. So, I just want to take this opportunity to thank each and every member of this Grand Chapter for this award. It will go to the Grand Secretary's office to be kept. So, congratulations to the members of this Grand Chapter for their generous donations. Thank you.

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Sister Barbara McGregor

And thank you, Sister Bernice and Brother Rodney for the hard work that you put in last year and now we all reap the benefits. So, thank you.

I also just wanted to say to the Committee on Arrangements, this committee is one of the hardest working groups that I have witnessed year after year after year, and this year was no different. As each member took their binders and faced the tasks at hand so we could all be here and enjoy each and every day due to their efforts. So, thank you very much.

Now we are at the start of the Triennium of Dream, Imagine and Believe and we have six of our own on committees from our Grand Chapter. I thought it would be interesting to hear firsthand what they do and how they do go about it but I told them two minutes TOPS so let's get some insight into these

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committees. Let's start with Brother Bruce Condie, Alzheimer's, followed by Sister Lynne Atkinson, EASTERN Star Journal.

ALZHEIMER'S

Brother Bruce Condie GGCCM

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, distinguished guests, sisters and brothers. I was honoured at the last triennium to be appointed as a General Grand Chapter Committee Member for Alzheimer's which is near and dear to my heart. So far that I know of, I've had three members of my family that have suffered or are suffering from dementia. So, I'm sure that every person in this room has a relative, a friend, an Eastern Star member, co-worker, whoever that has suffered from some form of dementia. So, you all know what everyone's going through. In support of Alzheimer's, I will be travelling over the next two years to visit every chapter in Ontario and Manitoba at least once. I have pins for sale, and we had the draw for the bottles. Thank you. We have raised so far this year \$1,000 to go to the Ontario Alzheimer's Society. The winners of the draws were:

Mike Mitchell-O'Sullivan – Talisker Sky Whiskey

Judi Gough – Forty Creek Whiskey

Anne Redfearn-Grobbo won the two bottles of wine.

Congratulations to them. And next year I'm planning something different. So, there will be a letter coming out once I send it to our upcoming Worthy Grand Matron that will be distributed to the chapters with more information on it. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

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Sister Barbara McGregor

Thank you Brother Bruce. We wish you much success as I know you will have. We are so proud of you. Yeah, you can go and he was under two minutes. I'm just going to put a blurb in here for our General Grand Chapter Committee members. Think of Membership ... Matters! Submit a report to them or an advertisement and have it put out there, I have been informed that Lynne Atkinson has gone home, so we will not be able to hear from her on the Eastern Star Journal. But again, send her info on what your chapter is doing include pictures and let General Grand know what is happening in our jurisdiction.

But I now ask Brother Paul Hooper to come to the microphone again.

ELECTIONS

Brother Paul Hooper, PGP, GCCM, Chair of Elections

Thank you. Has everybody received a ballot? Anybody who has not, put up their hand. We will be having a fifth ballot for the Grand Executive Committee. Sister Bonnie Arnew has very graciously agreed to take her name off the list, and we thank her for her dedication. So, we will be voting between

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Sister Bernice Guiler and Sister Margaret Milligan. I ask the Worthy Grand Patron to conduct the ballot.

The Worthy Grand Patron declared the Ballot open.

Please mark your ballot for the member to be elected to the Grand Executive.

The Worthy Grand Patron declared the Ballot closed.

The Grand Pages collected Ballots and were escorted to the Counting Room.

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Sister Barbara McGregor

All right, so we'll just move along now. We would like to have a short presentation on Historical Landmarks/International Headquarters by Sister Barbara Ward.

HISTORICAL LANDMARKS/INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

Sister Barbara Ward, GGCCM, PGM, GCCM

WGM, WGP, Distinguished East and Members, my name is Barbara Ward. I am very honoured to be a General Grand Chapter Committee Member on the Historical Landmarks Committee, with my commission having emphasis to the International Headquarters.

This new Committee came to fruition at the 51st General Grand Chapter Triennial Assembly in October of 2024 which now includes the four historical landmarks of our Order under one umbrella.

The Mission of this committee is to promote and raise awareness of our Historical Physical Landmarks while raising funds to ensure their successful sustainability.

Our Goal is to educate and bring renewed interest to the general membership and to assist in raising funds for each of our four treasured Landmarks of the Order of the Eastern Star—the Dr. Rob Morris Home, Little Red Schoolhouse, the Chapel of Peace at the International Peace Garden and the International Headquarters.

Each of these landmarks brings a special perspective to the history of our Order.

The success of our committee depends on raising funds, not just for a specific landmark, but for all the Landmarks. With that as our mandate, the committee has implemented a plan, where each donation will be given to a preferred project or Landmark.

Each donation will be given to the Historical Landmarks Committee, with that donation being divided, with the largest portion, 55%, given to a

designated Landmark, and the balance of 45% being divided (15% equally) to the 3 remaining Landmarks. Our reasoning is we wanted the Donor to have a say where the majority of their funds would be used towards their specific chosen Landmark, but all the landmarks would benefit in some manner from their gift.

Donations may be made either by our convenient QR Code at par or by cheque made payable to General Grand Chapter or can still also be made directly, in whole, to your favourite preferred Landmark site. Donations made to Belmont House and Dr. Rob Morris House are tax-deductible.

For individual donations we are asking for \$10 per year, with a goal of \$30 per member. If you choose, you can make a "One & Done" Donation of \$25.00, which we would be thrilled to receive!

In addition, to those who are feeling generous, we have 4 top donor levels for giving: Bronze level of \$100, Silver level of \$250, Gold level of \$500 and Platinum Diamond level of \$1000.

Sister Billie Bradfield, our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Mike Berry, our Most Worthy Grand Patron look to the Historical Landmarks Committee -- to make everyone aware that General Grand Chapter has four important Landmarks, what those Landmarks mean to us as members of our Order, the special bond to our history and lastly, to raise money for special projects at each Landmark.

On behalf of our committee, look forward to notices of pledge drives, fundraising announcements and pilgrimages during the Triennium. We are currently in the midst of our first pledge drive, continuing till the end of September. I appreciate the Worthy Grand Matron's permission and the Grand Secretary's assistance in circulation of the flyer and its addition to the Website.

We are developing Zoom Presentations about the Landmarks that can be shared provincewide or statewide or for smaller viewing groups like Districts and individual Chapters. When those are available, we will make announcements and have a way of booking those presentations.

We look forward to engaging with you and our hope is to have widespread monetary support, both on a personal membership level as well as a chapter and Jurisdiction level.

I am very excited to be part of the Historical Landmarks Committee and look forward to working with you, our valued members.

Thank you, Sister Barbara, Worthy Grand Matron, for this opportunity to speak about the Historical Landmarks Committee today.

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Sister Barbara McGregor

Okay, I've been told that you are feeling like I'm feeling, Let's all stand up. Okay, shake it out. Turn it about. Bring that leg up, bring the other one up, just shake it around, isn't it nice to be up? Now, does anybody want to go...

head and shoulders, knees and toes, knees and toes, knees and toes. Head and shoulders, knees and toes, eyes, ears, nose and mouth. All right, I don't know about you but my toes, I don't know where they are anymore.

Everybody feel a bit better? Okay, have a seat because now you are going to be treated. All year we have talked about angels. You are now going to hear one. Sister Rosemarie Delahey, our Grand Electa. She said, I could call on her anytime and if I couldn't that was okay too. So, it's any time and I say, YES, okay.

SOLO
"An Angel to Watch Over Me"
Self accompaniment

Sister Rosemarie Delahey, Grand Electa

Actually, when you asked me, you kind of asked me and told me at the same time. Because she said, "Would you like to sing, I have you already slotted in." I said okay. But then I was having a hard time trying to decide what to sing. So, I enlisted the help of your sidekick, Jane. So, I kept sending her, "What do you think of this one?" She said, "That's nice." So, then I came across another one. I said, "What do you think of this one?" "Oh, that's good too!" "So, I think, what did I send you about four or five of them? So, then it was down to the first one or the last one. She said, "Either of them.". So, we are going with the first one. And you always say to me when I sent you songs, you are the child that makes me cry. So here is your own box of tissue. The box is even wrapped in angel paper.

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Sister Barbara McGregor

How does somebody do that and sing it and not cry? I don't know! Thank you so much, Sister Rosemarie. I'm sure everybody in this room is thinking about the angel their Mother was. So, thank you.

I would like to just make an announcement here. Sister Angel Peterson, you've won a prize. You should see Dawna-Lee around 12 o'clock at the Financial Planning table.

Now, if we could call upon Sister Ellen Redcliffe, GGCCM, to do her report for Necrology. Remember two minutes!

NECROLOGY

Sister Ellen Redcliffe, GGCCM, PGM

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, distinguished East, sisters and brothers. On behalf of our most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron, a great BIG hello and a special hello from the Committee on Necrology. It is the duty of the Necrology Committee to record the deaths of members anywhere in the world. My responsibility on this committee is to

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try and keep track of the number of deaths in Canada and so I have done my best. Yesterday, our Grand Chaplain gave us an update on Ontario. Let me fill in the rest of the blanks. In Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, they lost one Past Grand Patron, Shane McFarland and one Past Grand Patron, John Newell and 35 members. In Manitoba, they lost a Past Grand Matron, Ethel MacPhail, Past Grand Matron, Georgina Hodgson, Past Grand Patron, William Hunter and 26 members. Alberta lost Past Grand Patron Harry Crampton and Past Grand Patron Al Smith and 46 members. British Columbia & the Yukon lost Past Grand Matron, Bernice Wardell, Past Grand Patron, Michael Szelecki and 57 members. On your behalf I say to them, "Sleep on dear friends for we cannot tell who next will pass to the reward. One must be first, so let us all prepare to meet our God. No matter how deep our grief or how lost our despair, heaven seems nearer and brighter, when we know our loved one is there." And today, friends, I celebrate none of your names are on my list. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

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Sister Barbara McGregor

Okay, so Brother Bill Chatwell. You said you might be interested in telling us exactly what an ambassador is. Does that make sense? You said you could do under two minutes, that's what you told me!

AMBASSADOR TO NEW JERSEY

Brother Bill Chatwell, GGCCM, PGP

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for this opportunity to figure out what I actually do as an Ambassador. Now, we all know in the political reign of things, that Ambassadors or someone representing them, in this particular country. They are who you go through if you need a passport. I don't give out passports. I don't have an office. However, I do represent our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Billie Bradfield and our Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Michael E, Berry. I look forward to visiting the great state of New Jersey and bringing regards from this great jurisdiction. I'm still leery of our border which is something I have never been. I look forward to crossing the border again in peace and harmony. I represent an outstanding jurisdiction. I thank General Grand Chapter for this appointment. I will represent you when I take our regards to the great state of New Jersey. Next year I hope to have a report that tells you what it is that an Ambassador is intended to do and I will do it. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron for this opportunity.

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Sister Barbara McGregor

Thank you Brother Bill and you notice under two minutes. Yah! Now you are probably wondering about Sister Marsha Taylor for ESTARL. She did speak

on Sunday. I want to thank all of our General Grand Chapter Committee Members for sharing some information with us, so we have a little bit of a better understanding of your committees. To each of you, I wish you, we both wish you well in your endeavours, which I'm sure will be successful.

With so many people in the counting room I don't want to move ahead because they want to be here for certain things. All right, we are going to move something up that was on this afternoon. Sister Liz Condie, could you present your report?

ESTARL

Sister Liz Condie, GCCM ESTARL, Chair

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, distinguished East, sisters and brothers, good morning! I would like to introduce the members of the ESTARL Committee who are here today. Yvette Ross, Secretary, Betty Fraser-Smith, Bette Rew, Marguerite Mitchell, Kris Kalia and I am Liz Condie, Chair. We would like to thank the chapters and the members for your support to this committee. The report of the ESTARKL Committee can be found in the Short Report on pages 59 and 60. The other thing I want to tell you is we gave 13 awards of \$2,000 each. People have been asking me, but it is in the Short Report on pages 59 and 60. I move to adopt this report.

Motion: Sister Liz Condie, GCCM ESTARL, PDDGM and seconded by Sister Yvette Ross, GCCM, PDDGM that the report of the ESTARL Committee be adopted as read. CARRIED.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

Thank you for preparing this report and chairing this Committee. Your endeavours help those who are pursuing theological studies which I am sure they are most grateful for, and it is a need that Churches are crying out for. If you were there on Sunday, you know what a beautiful service they put on and the beautiful inspirational words that we received.

Now at this time, I am going to ask, our Chair of Jurisprudence, Sister Barbar Ward, to give us the starting words before we go into Jurisprudence, which will be a little while yet. I know you are just waiting for it. Hold on, HE'S BACK!

ELECTIONS

Brother Paul Hooper, PGP, GCCM, Chair of Elections

Worthy Grand Matron, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody here for their patience and their dedication. You guys have been great at listening. We have had very, very few spoiled ballots. I would like to in particular thank the Pages and Sister Natalie Muir, who every ballot, ran all the way down to the Hostess Room to collect the ballots. So, this is quite the thing. Anyhow, the results of the fifth ballot for the Grand Executive are, the total number of ballots is 256 and the total number needed to be elected

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is 129. Bernice Guiler 164 and Margaret Milligan 92, we have an election. Amen. At this point I will announce those that you have elected to this Grand Chapter ae:

Worthy Grand Matron:	Sister Dawn Forbes
Worthy Grand Patron:	Brother Jim McGregor
Associate Grand Matron:	Sister Melissa Brown
Associate Grand Patron:	Brother John Sperrino
Secretary:	Sister Muriel Brown
Treasurer:	Sister Marilyn Taylor
Grand Conductress:	Sister Debra Bechamp
Associate Grand Conductress:	Sister Gay Rust
Grand Sentinel:	Brother Scott Laing

Directors on Grand Executive: (3 years) Sister, Rosemarie Delahey, Sister Bernice Guiler, Brother Les Hills, Sister Suan Martin, Brother Rodney Muir.

Grand Trustee (3 years): Sister Linda Loiselle.

Directors on Florence Nightingale Home Foundation: For three years: Sister Lynne Atkinson, Sister Susan Cockburn.

Grand Benevolent: For three years: Sister Adrice Grenon, Sister Jennifer MacLean, Brother Kris Kalia. For one year: Sister Barbara Scott.

ESTARL Committee: For three years: Sister Liz Condie, Brother Bill Gibson

I will make a motion that we accept the report of the Election Committee

Motion: Brother Paul Hooper, PGP, GCCM Chair of Elections and seconded by Brother David Doherty, PGP, that the Election report be approved as received. CARRIED

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

So, you don't have to come up here again, why don't you do your District Realignment report right now. Okay, he's up here and I'm not sure I'm going to be able to get him up those stairs once again. Brother Paul is going to give us the report from the District Realignment Committee.

DISTRICT REALIGNMENT REPORT

Brother Paul Hooper, PGP, GCCM

Worthy Grand Matron, I was honoured to be appointed to chair the District Realignment Committee this year. I've been on this committee a couple of times before and we have in the past done some district realigning due to the wishes of the members. It was our intent when we sent out the survey that we would only do so should we receive vast approval from the members of this Grand jurisdiction to make any changes to the districts. We also sent out other questions just for information purposes. When we got the results of the

survey it was determined by the committee that we would make no recommendation to change any of the districts in this Grand Chapter this year. We thank the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron for appointing us to this committee. I move the acceptance of this report.

Motion: Brother Paul Hooper, PGP, GCCM and seconded by Sister Melissa Brown, Grand Conductress, that the District Realignment Committee report be accepted as read. CARRIED

FROM FLOOR

Sister Bernice Guiler, PGM, Chair of Grand Executive

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, I'd just like to take this opportunity to thank members for this election. As Chair of Grand Executive, I would remind the Directors of the Grand Executive and our Line Officers that we will have a meeting after the conclusion of the afternoon session. It will be here in the Chapter Room.

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Sister Barbara McGregor

Just a reminder to all the directors including the new ones. It is not the best of room but this way the cattle are all in the stall, they are not wandering and that is why it is in this room. Thank you sister Bernice.

Okay, Sister Melissa, I think you might like to speak at this time.

Motion: Sister Melissa Brown, Grand Conductress and Sister Debra Bechamp, Associate Grand Conductress, that Grand Chapter 2027-Grand Chapter Session be held at the Delta Hotel by Marriott, Toronto, August 21st – 24th, 2027. CARRIED

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

We will call to the podium, Sister Barbara Ward, the Chair of Jurisprudence to give us some words before we start.

JURISPRUDENCE

Sister Barbara Ward,

GGCCM-HLC, PGM, GCCM, Chair of Jurisprudence

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers, good morning, I know you've been long awaiting this little task. My name is Barbara Ward, your Chairperson of the Jurisprudence Committee.

We will be making decisions that will determine the future of our Order in Ontario. Remember, these decisions are yours to make and vote for what you consider will be the best for our Order. I hope that you have your Constitution and your Amendment Leaflet with you. I believe there are a limited number of extra copies at the Secretary's desk, so raise your hands if

you have forgotten your copy and our Grand Pages will distribute copies to you.

Worthy Grand Matron, I wish to thank you most sincerely for giving me the honour of chairing this very important committee and for placing your trust in me.

I would like to express my appreciation to the members of the Jurisprudence Committee for their assistance, sharing their knowledge and all their efforts during the year. If they are in the room, please stand, but I will give you the names of my cohorts in crime.

Sister Lynn Alexander, P.G.M., G.C.C.M

Sister Melissa Brown, Grand Conductress

Sister Dawn Forbes, Associate Grand Matron

Sister Jennifer Gohn, G.C.C.M.

Brother Paul Hooper, P.G.P., G.C.C.M.

Brother Jim McGregor, Associate Grand Patron

Sister Susan Purdy, P.G.M., G.C.C.M.

Sister Jane Zimmerman, P.G.M., G.C.C.M.

Thank you all, our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Barbara McGregor and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Richard Arding also served on the Committee as non-voting members.

Please take the time to review from the Angels, Peace and Love Year, the Questions and Answers listed on Pages 18 – 22 of the Short Report and the Irregularities noted on Pages 22 & 23.

I was pleased to receive the Chapter Notices for review during the year. Many Chapters this year have revised the traditional legal landscape layout and have chosen 8 1/2 x 11 portrait design for ease in electronic circulation to their members. Chapter Secretaries, please remember, for compliance, to refer to Section 238(i) of the Constitution to ensure that all required elements listed there are indeed included in the Notice. The Secretaries were notified when changes were required and we thank them for their cooperation in bringing uniformity to our Notices.

We would remind you that the updated Constitution can be accessed on the Website, providing you with a quick and easier way to look up information and enabling you or your Chapter Secretary to print your personal copy of the Constitution.

This special appointment has been a continuous learning experience for me. I thank the members who have asked questions during the year, exchanged your ideas, shared your Chapter Notices and proposed amendments to the Constitution. These are positive signs of your interest in our Order.

I would like to thank Sister Karen Ewart, our Parliamentarian, for sharing her information with you yesterday.

The Amendment Leaflet is a tool by which changes can be made to our Constitution and we thank the members for your proposed amendments. We

are all working together for the good of the Order and as members, you make the decisions. So please vote wisely.

I will now begin by recapping the process.

The amendment leaflet has been distributed for several months, and you have had the opportunity to read the amendments and the rationales. I will not be reading the amendments or the respective rationales. The rationales are submitted by the proposer to explain why the amendment has been submitted. Please Note – that although the Amendments and Rationale are not being read out, they will be recorded in the Proceedings for information and historical purposes. As we go through the amendments in order, I will attempt to clarify as best as I can what will happen if the amendment is approved and what will change as a result, trying to ensure you have enough information to know what you are voting on. As the facilitator, I will not be defending or opposing any amendment or expressing my own opinion.

If after the clarification, anyone is still unsure they may come to a microphone on either side of the room, state their name, their Chapter name and number and then ask their question. This is not the time to state whether they are for or against the motion or to express an opinion. This is simply an opportunity to ensure they fully understand the intent of the amendment. I will attempt to answer any questions regarding clarification, but if there are any that I am unsure of, I will call on the proposer of the amendment to offer an explanation.

Following the clarification process, we will proceed to discussion. We will do our best to ensure that everyone who wants to share their opinions for or against an amendment is afforded the opportunity to do so. However, we do have time restrictions, and we will limit to three members for and three against, and speakers will be limited to 2 minutes. We will alternate between those for and those against. To make this easier we would ask those in favour, to use the microphone to my left and those opposed, to use the microphone to my right. Please make your way to the appropriate microphone in good time and I'm sure all the members will appreciate your cooperation with this request. Please state your name, your Chapter name and number and then state whether you are in favour or opposed to the amendment, then address the Chairperson. If this gets missed, I apologize in advance, but I will interrupt you and ask you to make that statement. Please make sure that personalities are kept out of any remarks. If the argument you are waiting in line to make is made by someone ahead of you, we ask you to please not reiterate the same argument, nor get up to the microphone and say you agree or disagree. We need to hear as many pros and cons as possible to make an informed decision and reiterating a point that has already been made may result in us running out of time and perhaps not hearing an important argument on an issue.

If they choose, the proposer may, at the close of discussions, have 2 minutes to counter any arguments that were made during the debate. The Presiding

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Officer will then call for the vote. Please use your Voting Cards. Show of hands is not a valid vote. Each amendment requires a two-thirds majority vote to pass. If the results of the vote are obvious, then the Presiding Officer will declare the amendment either Approved or Not Approved. If the vote appears too close to call, a count will be taken with the assistance of the assigned Grand Chapter Officers. (Worthy Grand Patron – in the East, Grand Secretary and Grand Conductress – the respective sections behind you, Grand Treasurer and Associate Grand Conductress – the respective sections behind you, and Associate Grand Patron – in the West). Unless a specific timeline is identified in the amendment, all approved amendments will take effect at the conclusion of the Grand Chapter Session.

Parliamentary procedure has been reviewed, and we are now ready to deal with the Amendments that have been presented for your deliberation.

So, you can pull out your amendment leaflets. Please look to amendment #25 on your leaflet as the proposer, Sister Barbara Ward, GGCCM, PGM, GCCM, Chair of Jurisprudence, I wish to withdraw my proposed amendment #25.

Amendment #1:

Section 146 – Second Sentence – delete, “Grand Chapter Committee Members”

Rationale: To allow elected Grand Chapter Committee Members to be appointed as Grand Representatives while still serving on Committees.

Signed: Catherine Ferguson, Grand Representative of Texas in Ontario & P.D.D.G.M.

DISCUSSION

My name is Jessica Vantrigt, WM of Lincoln Chapter #142, St Catharines as well as a member of Brighton Chapter #201, in Fergus. I am opposed to this amendment as written. One, I believe that the District Deputy Grand Matrons need to be included in this. Also, I do not think that a currently serving Grand Chapter Committee Member or District Deputy Grand Matron should be given a Grand Representative appointment. I feel that it should only be a current Grand Representatives nearing the end of their term, who should be allowed to run for a Grand Chapter Committee member or position of District Deputy Grand Matron and that there also should be a time limit set on that. For example, the Grand Representative has six months or less remaining on their commission and they should be afforded the opportunity to run for a Grand Chapter Committee member position or District Deputy Grand Matron without having to resign. Thank you.

Melissa Brown, Brighton Chapter #201, Fergus and Valley Chapter #297, Caledon East. I am for this amendment. Grand Chapter Committee members are elected by the membership. A Grand Representative is an honour given to you by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. These are two separate things, and I feel like we should be able to acknowledge the

commitment that our Grand Chapter Committee members are providing our Grand Chapter by providing them with the opportunity to be a Grand Representative. Thank you.

Katherine Dippel, Goodwill Chapter #235. I am against. I feel being part of the Grand family, no matter whether you are elected or appointed is an honour and I feel there are still so many people that are not part of that family that still wish to be Grand Representatives that are not able to be in the Grand family as an officer or committee member . Thank you.

Carol LaRue, Halton Chapter #280, Brighton Chapter #201. I'm for this amendment but I would also like to see the District Deputy Grand Matrons who have voiced an opinion that they are willing to run for District Deputy in the future but can't because of their current position as Worthy Matron in the interim, have not been appointed a Grand Representative, so either they have to resign, an honour given to them or they have to wait an additional year to run for District Deputy and I know that we are having trouble getting people to run for that, so I would just like to see the addition of taking out the words, "District Deputy Grand Matron" and "Grand Matrons". But otherwise, I'm for the amendment.

Sister Barbara Ward, GGCCM-HLC, PGM, GCCM, Chair, Jurisprudence

Are you willing to propose a motion as such?

Marilyn Taylor, Picton Chapter #273, I am in favour of the now proposed amendment to the amendment as well as the amendment. There are less and less members that the Worthy Grand Matron has to choose from to be able to give them that honour of being a Grand Representative. We need to open it up and make it more flexible. Many other jurisdictions are doing it even with their elected officers. So, I think there's no harm in allowing that for a Grand Chapter Committee member or a District Deputy Grand Matron. It's a great honour and something that I think every member can appreciate. I know there are members out there who have not received an appointment yet and with the amendment that was put through last year we encourage everyone to make recommendations to the incoming Worthy Grand Matron. So, please do so if you know someone that you think deserves an appointment. However, I think we need to open this up. Thank you.

Motion: Sister Carol LaRue PDDGM and seconded by Sister Melissa Brown, Grand Conductress that the amendment #1 be amended to add District Deputy Grand Matrons to the list to allow them to be Grand Representatives while serving. CARRIED

Sister Barbara Ward, GGCCM-HLC, PGM, GCCM, Chair Jurisprudence

Is there any further discussion? Worthy Grand Matron, you can call for the

Vote on Amendment #1.

**The Worthy Grand Matron called for the vote for on the amended
Amendment#1
Motion APPROVED**

Amendment 2:

Section 116 (a) Third sentence, replace “slip” with “form”, delete.” And add “or the Grand Chapter Profiles on the Website.” Fourth sentence, replace “slip” with “form”, delete.” And add “or applicants must review the duties in the Profiles on the Website.” Fifth sentence, replace “slip” with “form”

Rationale: To complete accessibility to the Nomination Package. The duties of the Grand Chapter Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, Grand Chapter Female and Male Line Officers and Grand Chapter Committees are currently on the Website and adding the Nomination Form would give our members easier access to the complete information relating to Nominations.

Signed: Barbara Ward, GGCCM-HLC, PGM, GCCM, Chair Jurisprudence on behalf of Jurisprudence Committee

Sister Barbara Ward, GGCCM-HLC, PGM, GCCM, Chair Jurisprudence

Is there any further discussion? Worthy Grand Matron you can call for the vote on amendment #2.

**The Worthy Grand Matron called for the vote for Amendment #2.
Motion: APPROVED**

Amendment 3:

Section 116 (a)

1. Middle sentence, delete “signed nomination slips” and add “nomination forms, with original signatures”

2. Add sentence “The Grand Secretary will email confirmation of receipt, enabling the applicant to commence announcement of their nomination for the office or committee. The Grand Secretary will provide to the Website Committee a summary listing indicating the applicant(s) name and office or committee relating to their nomination, which will be shown on the Website.”

Rationale: To clarify process and actions required relating to Nomination Forms.

Signed: Barbara Ward, GGCCM-HLC, PGM, GCCM, Chair Jurisprudence on behalf of Jurisprudence Committee

Sister Barbara Ward, GGCCM-HLC, PGM, GCCM, Chair Jurisprudence

Is there any further discussion: Worthy Grand Matron you can call for the vote on Amendment #3,

The Worthy Grand Matron called for the vote for Amendment #3.

Motion: APPROVED

Amendment #4:

Section 116 (a) Change “by August 1st” to read “within 30 days of receipt of nomination by the Grand Secretary, in the year of election for that Grand Office.” Add “Upon successful completion of the assessment, the applicant may commence announcement of their nomination for the office.”

Rationale: To include time frame for applicant(s) review prior to announcement of nomination.

Signed: Barbara Ward, GGCCM-HLC, PGM, GCCM, Chair Jurisprudence on behalf of Jurisprudence Committee

Sister Barbara Ward, GGCCM-HLC, PGM, GCCM, Chair Jurisprudence

Is there any further discussion? Worthy Grand Matron you can call for the vote on Amendment #4.

The Worthy Grand Matron called for the vote for Amendment #4,

Motion: APPROVED

MOTION: Sister Barbara Ward, GGCCM, PGM, GCCM and seconded by Sister Dawn Forbes, Associate Grand Matron, that the partial report of Jurisprudence be approved at this time. CARRIED

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

We have been busy and there is a luncheon some have to attend so let's stop here. Brother Associate Grand Patron is there any lost and found to mention at this time?

LOST AND FOUND

ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON

Brother Jim McGregor

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, the following can be picked up at the Guard's station: sandals, water bottle, wrist bracelet, 2015-2016 OES, Pin, eye glass case and a Travel Card.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

Well things seem to be piling up back there! Remember folks, the Silent Auction, find the Apple or Penguin, and the Toilet Paper Debate. We will see you all this afternoon which should prove to be an exhilarating afternoon of decisions and business.

CLOSING ODE
Angels We Have Heard on High

The Bible was closed by Sister Melissa Brown, Grand Conductress

**The Grand Chapter was called from labour to refreshment to
reconvene at 1:30 pm SHARP**



Tuesday August 26th, 2025

1:15 PM

Organ Prelude - Sister Eleanor Jones, PDDGM

1:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER
Sister Barbara Thorburn, PGM, GCCM
Brother Bill Chatwell, GGCCM Ambassador, PGP

Good afternoon all and welcome. It is the will of the Worthy Grand Matron that this annual session be in order for the reception of the officers of the Grand Chapter.

**The Grand Chapter Officers were invited
to enter the Grand Chapter room.**

**The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron
were escorted to the Altar and introduced.**

Sister Barbara Thorburn, PGM, GCCM Grand Executive
Sister Barb and Brother Richard. We welcome you to your final afternoon of the Angels Peace and Love Grand Chapter Session. We look forward to the culmination of all your hard work, hopes and dreams.

**The Worthy Grand Matron and Worth Grand Patron were escorted
to the East and given Grand Honours.**

The Grand Chapter Officers assumed their stations.

Sister Barbara Thorburn, PGM, GCCM Grand Executive

I have more to say. I'm not done with you yet!

Sister Barbara, I can't begin to tell you how proud I am of you for taking a thought and turning into this amazing journey for us and yourself. Your dedication and love of the Order is apparent in all that you have given us.

We have a history that started with Laurel Chapter – we both developed a sense of pride and love of the Order. When I was initiated, you were the Esther in my Ceremony – I remember thinking during your lecture, someday, I want to grow up just like her. I couldn't fill your shoes, so I wore my own. I know who your Angels are and they have a front row seat to the greatest show in earth. I'm very proud to have been a small part in your journey, if not an inspiration and the least a warning.

Brother Richard, we don't go as far back but Scarborough Chapter embraced all of us and made us feel at home and we all grew. During your speech at your Reception, you reminded us that I was the Conductress on the first day of your Eastern Star journey. You thanked me for making some sort of an impression that evening – the Chapter, the Jurisdiction and I am very please you came to your second meeting and stayed.

I have thoroughly enjoyed watching and helping the two of you achieve as many of your goals as you could accomplish in this year to lead this jurisdiction and make a lasting impression on us all. Scarborough Chapter and I love you both more than you will ever know.

Brother Bill Chatwell, GGCCM Ambassador, PGP

Sister Barb, Worthy Grand Matron, we have travelled this Grand Jurisdiction, and you have done an excellent job. Instructing members by example. Your representation at the table of the leaders of the Concordant bodies demonstrated why Eastern Star is premiered in this united effort. This session is sweet that you celebrate your many accomplishments, however, the tears may flow as you surrender your badge of office and that's okay. Congratulations Mom!

Brother, Richard, we have also travelled many miles over many years, and it has been a pleasure to introduce you to a new road. They actually call it Highway 407 and it's been a godsend. To witness your direction for the Grand Officers in your gentle manner in carrying out your duties was a distinct pleasure for me. We, however, share a common bond and it's called Arrgh! Not the Hamilton Tiger pussies. I look forward to you being able to get back to the stadium to be able to cheer on our team because they have to turn it around to go into winning ways. That's your last wish and in conclusion I congratulate you. Faithful servant may your final session be as successful as these sessions have gone; I congratulate you both. Well done.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

Sister Barb what can I say as our friendship goes back a long way. I remember the days in Laurel Chapter and following you through the chairs.

The crazy things we did and the pure joy we had doing them. Your Mom and sisters, my 2 Moms and Dad. There are a lot of memories tied up there. It only seemed like the right thing to do as you were there last year when I stepped up here and now you are here to assist me down in this last session. The guidance, support and encouragement made this journey a pleasant one. Thank you. Brother Bill, thank you for your encouragement and support. In our journeys to Hamilton for the Concordant Bodies meetings, I felt confident that I had a knowledgeable and a supportive colleague by my side. Thank you for being that link so that all will benefit from these endeavours.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON

Brother Richard Arding

“Not all angels are above with wings; some are earth angels and are called true friends.”

Sister Barbara and Brother Bill, thank you seems such a small phrase for all your help this year. Brother Bill, you were always answering my questions and providing guidance. I value your friendship. It means a lot to me. Sister Barbara, thank you for being one of our advisors this year and for assisting at the Schools of Instruction.

**The Bible was opened Formally by
Sister Melissa Brown, Grand Conductress**

PRAYER

Brother Rick Carmichael, Grand Chaplain

Our blessed Father with our bodies nourished we are here once again assembled to thine honour. to continue our labours. We ask your blessing upon those that have gathered as we strive to do our work in a peaceful and meaningful manner. We are ever thankful for all of your mercies. Amen

OPENING ODE: “Joy to the World”

Accompaniment.....Brother Bill Gibson, Grand Organist

**The Grand Marshal proclaimed the Session
brought from refreshment to labour.**

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

Okay, a couple of quick things to do. First of all, the VIP seats for the last time. We're going to draw the names, and it better be somebody different! Hahaha!

Lucile McCurdy and Helen Delaney. Now the other quick thing I want to do is the results were in from Kevin's question. Kevin is NOT happy! But he wanted to let you know that you spoke and the overs has it. He says you are all **wrong**, but you have it.

Sister Conductress you will present, introduce and escort our 50-year member to the altar.

50-year Member presented at Altar

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

Sister Gail Post, what an accomplishment. I know that your Dad would have been very proud of you.

50-year member escorted to the East and given Grand Honours

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

Sister Gail Post was initiated into Lynn River Chapter No. 299 in Port Dover, Ontario on May 25, 1975. Sister Gail is currently a member of Mercer Chapter #156 in Simcoe, Ontario and Meeting Waters Chapter #173 in Burford, Ontario. She served twice as Worthy Matron with Brother Keith Post, her father, twice in Meeting Waters and numerous times in Mercer Chapter. She was appointed Grand Representative of New Brunswick in Ontario, 1984 – 1986. She has worked in the counting room numerous times for elections at Grand Chapter and this one was no different. Long one, Huh? Gail had a rich experience in several capacities serving the Eastern Star. Thank you for sticking with us and the service that you have shown over the past 50 years. Would you like to say a few words?

RESPONSE

Sister Gail Post, PM

I'd just like to thank everyone. It's been a long time, and I wish my Dad was here. Amen. They brought me in and I had the privilege of serving with my Dad numerous times not just in Lynn River because we served as well at Mercer together. So anyway, thank you, Grand Chapter. It's an honour.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

It's an honour for us to present you with this. Thank you! Now before you leave, I would like to ask other members who have achieved their categories this year to please stand. Is there anyone in the room who has achieved their 50-year pin this year? Thank you. Anyone got their 60-year pin? Woo Hoo! Thank you. Anyone that is 70 plus in the room?

To each of you, we say thank you for your service and you know what it's like to stand here or in your chapters to receive the thank you from Grand Chapter and all the members. Congratulations and thank you once again. All righty, all righty, I'm going to ask Sister Barbara Ward to come back to the podium and we will carry on with jurisprudence.

JURISPRUDENCE

Sister Barbara Ward, GGCCM-HLC, PGM, GCCM, Chair of Jurisprudence

Good afternoon, I would just like to remind you that the process as discussed, this morning will continue with our activities this afternoon regarding the amendments. For those of you unable to be with us this morning there has been approval of amendments 1,2,3 and 4. We will currently be starting with amendment #5 this afternoon.

Amendment #5:

a) Section 119 (k) Second last sentence change “were” to “where” none has been elected. Add new sentence “Any appointed Sister is to be commissioned.”

(b) Section 127 (i) 2. Add new sentence “Any appointed Sister is to be commissioned.”

Rationale: To clarify that any appointed or elected Sister(s) to the office of District Deputy Grand Matron must be commissioned and confirms first sentence in Section 127.

Signed: Barbara Ward, GGCCM-HLC PGM, GCCM, Chair Jurisprudence on behalf of Jurisprudence Committee

Marilyn Taylor, Picton Chapter #273 and Quinte Chapter #59, there are times when a District Deputy Grand Matron may not be elected and the options that have always been available to the Worthy Grand Matron are that she may appoint a sister, a past District Deputy Grand Matron or a Past Grand Matron to carry out the duties and not necessarily every single one of the duties of that position in the district. By making these appointments must be commissioned it is very limiting to how you can get the work accomplished in that district if there was someone willing to be appointed. Two, be commissioned. Why wouldn't they just run for election? That's my thought process. So sometimes I think those duties need to be split up and given to one or two or three different people in the district. So, I am going against this proposed amendment.

Sister Barbara Ward, GGCCM-HLC, PGM, GCCM, Chair Jurisprudence

Is there any further discussion? Worthy Grand Matron you can call for the vote on amendment #5.

The Worthy Grand Matron called for the vote for Amendment #5.

Motion: APPROVED BY COUNT

Amendment was declared approved however upon reviewing the vote number counts, 2/3 of the ballot cast was not attained, therefore the results were amended, and Amendment No. 5 was NOT APPROVED.

Sister Barbara Ward, GGCCM-HLC, PGM, GCCM, Chair Jurisprudence

As we did this morning, I'm looking at amendments, 6, 7 and 8 and if there is no objection we will do the clarification and discussion on the three amendments at the same time, but we will vote on them individually thereafter.

Amendment #6:

Section 123 (h) Delete "have printed in pamphlet form the Reports" and replace with "have printed, in booklet form the Grand Chapter Short Report, the reports". After registration add "." The add "Other reports may be added to the Short Report at the Worthy Grand Matron's request." Delete "and in addition forward copies of same" and add "Copies of the Report will be forwarded" and at end of (h) add reference "See Policies and Procedures Policy 22".

Rationale: To reference name and framework/guidelines for completion of Short Report.

Signed: Barbara Ward, GGCCM-HLC, PGM, GCCM Chair Jurisprudence on behalf of Jurisprudence Committee

Sister Barbara Ward, GGCCM-HLC, PGM, GCCM, Chair Jurisprudence

Is there any further discussion? Worthy Grand Matron you can call for the vote on amendment #6.

The Worthy Grand Matron called for the vote on Amendment #6

Motion: APPROVED

Amendment #7:

Section 123 (i) Change "April 25th" to "May 1st"

Rationale: To reference name and framework/guidelines for completion of the Short Report.

Signed: Barbara Ward, GGCCM-HLC, PGM, GCCM, Chair Jurisprudence on behalf of Jurisprudence Committee

Sister Barbara Ward, GGCCM-HLC, PGM, GCCM, Chair Jurisprudence

Is there any further discussion? Worthy Grand Matron you can call for the vote on amendment #7.

The Worthy Grand Matron called for the vote on Amendment #7
Motion: APPROVED

Amendment #8:

Section 123 (u) Add reference “See Policies and Procedures Policy 22”

Rationale: To reference guidelines for completion of Annual Grand Chapter

Signed: Barbara Ward, GGCCM-HLC, PGM, GCCM, Chair Jurisprudence on behalf of Jurisprudence Committee

Sister Barbara Ward, GGCCM-HLC, PGM, GCCM, Chair Jurisprudence

Is there any further discussion? Worthy Grand Matron you can call for the vote on amendment #8.

The Worthy Grand Matron called for the vote on Amendment #8.
Motion: APPROVED

Amendment #9:

Section 219 (d), Section 238 (p) i, and Section 250 9.1., Delete “Floor length (and ankle length) white dresses for Sisters” and add “Dresses or top and skirt -- white, floor length or ankle length for Sisters”

Rationale: To include current chosen attire. This is to clarify it in the Constitution.

Signed: Barbara Ward, GGCCM-HLC, PGM, GCCM, Chair Jurisprudence on behalf of Jurisprudence Committee

Sister Barbara Ward, GGCCM-HLC, PGM, GCCM, Chair Jurisprudence

Is there any further discussion? Worthy Grand Matron you can call for the vote on amendment #9.

The Worthy Grand Matron called for the vote on Amendment #9.
Motion: APPROVED

Amendment #10:

Section 230 (a) Add new first sentence “Possess a Cash Book, Receipt Book and Cheque Book.”

Rationale: To state the necessary books in possession of the Treasurer.

Signed: Barbara Ward, GGCCM-HLC, PGM, GCCM, Chair Jurisprudence on behalf of Jurisprudence Committee

Sister Barbara Ward, GGCCM-HLC, PGM, GCCM, Chair Jurisprudence

Is there any further discussion: Worthy Grand Matron you can call for the vote on amendment #10.

The Worthy Grand Matron called for the vote on Amendment #10.

Motion: APPROVED

Amendment #11:

Section 241 End of 4th sentence, delete “.” and add “, or”

Rationale: To be consistent with Ritual Page 83.

Signed: Barbara Ward, GGCCM-HCL, PGM, GCCM, Chair Jurisprudence on behalf of Jurisprudence Committee

Sister Barbara Ward, GGCCM-HLC, PGM, GCCM, Chair Jurisprudence

Is there any further discussion? Worthy Grand Matron you can call for the vote on amendment #11.

The Worthy Grand Matron called for the vote on Amendment #11.

Motion: APPROVED

Amendment #12:

Section 247 Change (ee) to read “Other Visitor(s) and/or Member(s) who have not been introduced”. Re-alphabetize the remaining sections. Current info in “NOTES:” will move to (ee). First NOTE: will change to “(aa), (bb), (cc), (dd), (ee), and (gg)”

Rationale: To include visitors and members in introductions by the Conductress.

Signed: Barbara Ward, GGCCM-HLC, PGM, GCCM, Chair Jurisprudence on behalf of the Jurisprudence Committee

Sister Barbara Ward, GGCCM-HLC, PGM, GCCM Chair Jurisprudence

Is there any further discussion? Worthy Grand Matron you can call for the vote on amendment #12.

Worthy Grand Matron called for the vote on Amendment #12.

Motion: APPROVED

Amendment #13:

Section 250 (d), add “In the case of sponsoring Letters of Recommendation, it shall be the brother’s responsibility to verify the Masonic status of the brother, as well as the Order of the Eastern Star status of both the sponsoring Brother and Sister.”

Rationale: To clarify the new duties of the brother assigned to the Investigating Committee.

Signed: Barbara Ward, GGCCM-HLC, PGM, GCCM, Chair Jurisprudence on behalf of the Jurisprudence Committee

Sister Barbara Ward, GGCCM-HLC, PGM, GCCM Chair Jurisprudence

Is there any further discussion? Worthy Grand Matron you can call for the vote on amendment #13.

Worthy Grand Matron called for the vote on Amendment #13

Motion: APPROVED

Amendment #14:

Section 117 Elections Add “Subsection (g) – “The Worthy Grand Matron may choose to hold the elections at Grand Chapter by written ballot or ahead of time by Mail-in voting or Electronic Voting.”

Rationale: As society progresses in the digital age, it is important to give our Worthy Grand Matrons the opportunity to have the elections done in whichever way they wish. We did the elections a couple of years ago by Mail-in voting and have since returned to in-person voting. There are advantages and disadvantages to both either way. This amendment simply allows the Worthy Grand Matrons of the future to be able to choose whatever process they think best fits their needs.

Signed: Branda J. Hooper, PGM

Sister Barbara Ward, GGCCM-HLC, PGM, GCCM, Chair jurisprudence

Is there any further discussion? Worthy Grand Matron you can call for the vote on amendment #14.

Worthy Grand Matron called for the vote on Amendment #14.

Motion: NOT APPROVED

Amendment #15:

Section 127 (i) 2. – Districts which have difficulty obtaining a District Deputy Grand Matron

At the end of the paragraph add “If the Worthy Grand Matron is not able to appoint a Sister, she may appoint a competent Brother who must hold a current Proficiency Certificate to assume the position and to perform all of the duties and responsibilities of the Office. The Brother would be known as District Deputy Grand Patron.”

Rationale: It is becoming ever more difficult to find District Deputy Grand Matrons. When this committee did the survey of the Chapters and asked, “Could the role of D.D.G.M. be filled by a Brother?”, the results were mixed with some Chapters adamant that they didn’t want a Brother doing the job. A deeper investigation into the remarks revealed that a number of Chapters were concerned that a Brother would be taking the position from a Sister who wanted it. By amending the Constitution in this manner, it would alleviate those concerns, as a Brother would only be appointed if no Sister were elected by the District or appointed by the Worthy Grand Matron.

Signed: Paul W. Hooper, PGP, GCCM, Chair of District Realignment Committee submitted on behalf of the District Realignment Committee

DISCUSSION

Jennifer MacLean, Britannia Chapter #34. I do not agree with a man being commissioned and appointed as a District Deputy Grand Patron. However, I am fine with a special appointment where a man might be required to perform some of those duties.

Debbie Brohm, Newmarket Chapter #282 and Kawartha Chapter #312. First of all, I would like just like to clarify that this makes no change at all to the regular process that happens at the district level to vote for or vote in a District Deputy Grand Matron. Is that correct?

That is correct.

So, I initially started off not in favour of this until I realized very carefully what the wording is actually saying, it's not saying that a brother would ever be available for elections at the district level because that's not changing. Only the female line will be eligible for running for a District Deputy Grand Matron at the district level and would be nominated. In the event that nothing like that happens where there is no woman, a female that comes forward to either stand for nomination or is willing to be appointed then that would be the time at which it would go up to the Grand Chapter level and the possibility of the Worthy Grand Matron then would have to actually appoint a male if there was one available. So, is that my understanding?

That is correct.

Okay then if that's the case then I am in favour of approving this motion.

Marilyn Taylor, Picton Chapter #273 and Quinte Chapter #59 in District 12. I am opposed to this proposed amendment. The District Deputy Grand Matron is a representative of the Worthy Grand Matron and if for any reason the District Deputy Grand Matron cannot perform her duties, the responsibility falls on the Worthy Grand Matron. We are small enough now that I think a Worthy Grand Matron would be able to handle it in such an instance. So, I would rather keep District Deputy Grand Matrons as District Deputy Grand MATRONS. Thank you.

Susan Purdy Algoma Chapter #139 District 15. I am against this change, In particular I'm not against a brother being appointed to go in and do an official visit or something for the Worthy Grand Matron. In the event there isn't a District Deputy Grand Matron, but it does say here the brother would be known as District Deputy Grand Patron. Seeing we just voted down that the person would be commissioned, that wouldn't make sense. Therefore, I am against it.

Teresa Blum, Bethlehem Chapter #136, Exeter Chapter #222 and Daylight Chapter #325. Thank you, I am for this mostly because all it is doing is allowing the Worthy Grand Matron to make a special appointment that everybody kind of thinks is okay. And to allow a gentleman to take on the role and outside of an official visit and being someone that we can contact when we have questions. It makes it a lot easier for those Worthy Matrons who do not have a District Deputy Grand Matron in their area because I have been there. We went through a year where we did not have a District Deputy Grand Matron and poor Jane Zimmerman was run off her feet because she was trying to keep up with everyone and not only that but for us as Worthy Matrons or a member of a chapter. If we have a question that we want to ask the District Deputy Grand Matron, it may be very. oh geez, intimidating to contact the Worthy Grand Matron in order to get your questions asked. So, if there was someone that was actually assigned to us, whether male or female from the Worthy Grand Matron it would make it a lot easier for those chapters who don't have one to have that one contact person if we needed them.

Sister Barbara Ward, GGCCM-HLC, PGM, GCCM, Chair Jurisprudence

Is there any further discussion? Worthy Grand Matron you can call for the vote on amendment #15.

The Worthy Grand Matron called for the vote on Amendment #15.

Motion: NOT APPROVED

Amendment #16:

Section 259 (c) – Draping Ceremony (Altar)

At the end of the paragraph, Delete the last line “Draping must be done at a meeting held immediately after the “In Memoriam” has been received.”

Rationale: In the results of the Chapter survey, it was revealed that there were concerns about Draping. We currently allow the Chapters to choose the date to drape the Charter for a deceased member. This gives them the opportunity to do them all together or separately at a time of their choosing, so that the Chapter (and particularly those taking part) can be properly prepared. Currently, the Constitution requires draping of the Altar for a deceased Past Grand Matron or Past Grand Patron to be done at the meeting immediately after the receipt of the “In Memoriam”. This can (and has) meant that sometimes it has to be done the same day, thereby causing undue stress on Officers who may not be prepared at moment's notice to do it. It is important that the ceremony be done properly and with the appropriate reverence. By giving the Chapters, the option of having the ceremony performed later, it gives them greater preparation time and reduces stress on the Officers.

Signed: Paul W. Hooper, PGP, GCCM, Chair of District Realignment Committee submitted on behalf of the District Realignment Committee

Sister Barbara Ward, GGCCM-HLC, PGM, GCCM, Chair Jurisprudence

Is there any further discussion? Worthy Grand Matron you can call for the vote on amendment #16.

The Worthy Grand Matron called for the vote on Amendment #16.

Motion: APPROVED

Amendment #17:

As amendment number #14 & 15 were not approved amendment #17 is WITHDRAWN BY THE PROPOSER

Section 119 (k), Section 127, Section 127 (i) 2. (Should Proposed Amendment No. 14 be Approved)

Section 119 (k) and Section 127 (i) 2., Add new sentence "Any appointed Member is to be commissioned."

Section 127, In second sentence after "Matron, add "or District Deputy Grand Patron". In the last sentence, after "(or appointed) add "or District Deputy Grand Patron appointed".

Rationale: To clarify that any appointed District Deputy Grand Matron(s) or District Deputy Grand Patron(s) must be commissioned.

Signed: Barbara Ward, GGCCM-HLC, PGM, GCCM, Chair Jurisprudence on behalf of the Jurisprudence Committee

Amendment #18:

Section 211 (b) 5. Change to read "To grant a Chapter the Authority to not have to make up a meeting gone by Default due to weather. Such Authority will only be granted to a Chapter once during the Eastern Star year (September to August)." Then renumber 5. & 6. to read 6. & 7.
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Section 229 (aa), at end, add "See Exception 211 (b) 5."

Section 238 (e), at end, add "See Exception 211 (b) 5."

Section 238 (g), at end, add "See Exception 211 (b) 5."

Rationale: During this past year, many Chapters had at least one meeting go by default due to weather. There were also several instances that I personally know of where members went to meetings during bad snowstorms just to make sure they could have a quorum, so that they did not go by default. These situations can be very dangerous for our members. Some Chapters have no option but to try to hold these meetings because they cannot reschedule where they meet or it might be a financial hardship for them to do so. By giving the Worthy Grand Matron, the authority to allow a Chapter not have to make up a meeting due to weather, this can save Chapter trouble and expense and save members from risking themselves and others

to make it to a meeting in bad weather. At the same time, I feel this should be limited to once a year.

Signed: Adrice Grenon, GCCM

DISCUSSION

Barbara Ward - As per the Constitution, Section 238E, chapters must hold at least one stated meeting a month for any 10 months of the year. The 10 months are also referenced in 211B,5 and 229AA. Also, as per Constitution 128M v3, referencing a quorum of seven-chapter members including one of the first four. Also, in Chapter 238Q reads, "Seven members of the chapter including one of the first four officers, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business unless the Bylaws of the chapter shall prescribe a larger number. It is necessary to have a quorum at each of these 10 meetings, however, this amendment has been presented which will enable a chapter to be given an authority to default without a makeup meeting,

Marilyn Taylor Picton Chapter #273 and Quinte Chapter #59, District 12. I am opposed to this amendment. In our Red Book of Instruction, it states we must hold 10 meetings. One meeting is held each month in the ten months of the year. There are many chapters out there with bylaws that include the phrase 'except' for instance July and August. That means that if we grant them the ability to miss one stated meeting in one month and they have that in their bylaws, they have no way of making it up because if it says 'except July and August' they cannot hold a stated meeting in those months.

Sister Barbara Ward, GGCCM-HLC, PGM, GCCM, Chair Jurisprudence

Is there any further discussion? Worthy Grand Matron you can call for the vote on amendment #18.

The Worthy Grand Matron called for the vote on Amendment #18.

Motion: NOT APPROVED

Amendment #19:

Section 104 – SESSIONS, Preamble, delete "The Annual Session of this Grand Chapter will be held on the Monday and Tuesday following the last Sunday of August each year beginning Monday at 9 o'clock in the forenoon (prevailing time) at such place as may be decided upon by the voting delegates when presented by the Associate Grand Conductress planning for the year in which she is expected to preside at the Grand Chapter Session as Worthy Grand Matron. When the last Sunday falls on August 31st, the Annual Session will be held the previous week."

And replace it with the following:

"I) The Annual Session of this Grand Chapter will be held each year, beginning no earlier than August 6th and no later than August 31st with costs, venue and

dates, approved in advance by this Grand Chapter, as negotiated with the representatives of the hosting venue. The Associate Grand Conductress will prepare a proposal detailing the place, costs and dates of the Grand Chapter Session at which she is expected to preside as Worthy Grand Matron. This proposal shall be circulated to the Membership by April 25th, and the Associate Grand Conductress will present a Motion, at the Grand Session to approve the signing of the contract for the appropriate Grand Session as presented.”

Index Page 11 Session – Annual – Hotel Accommodations – Delete “104 (a)” Section 104 (c) - Delete “immediately before the Grand Chapter Session” and replace with “Prior to any Call to Order during the Session at the discretion of the Worthy Grand Matron. The date and time to be included in the Tentative Partial Program.”

Section 110 – Memorial – Delete “immediately before Grand Chapter” and replace with “prior to any Call to Order during the Session at the discretion of the Worthy Grand Matron. The date and time to be included in the Tentative Partial Program.”

Section 116 (b) – Last sentence, delete “first day of the Grand Chapter Session.” and replace with “day of elections as scheduled in the Tentative Partial Program.”

Sections 119 (bb), 123 (y), 140 iii. 5., 229 (z) – Delete each reference to “Evening”

Sections 129 (d) – Delete “Friday” and replace with “day”

Section 129 (e) – Delete “Tuesday” and replace with “prior to Installation”

Rationale: To remove specific dates, times and places for the Grand Chapter Session going forward to give our Grand Chapter more flexibility in negotiations with the venue staff and the opportunity to save costs. With our decreasing membership and rising costs, changes may be necessary going forward and this amendment allows us to make changes on a yearly basis without contravening the Constitution.

Signed: Jane Zimmerman, PGM, GCCM

Sister Barbara Ward, GGCCM-HLC, PGM, GCCM Chair Jurisprudence

Is there any further discussion? Worthy Grand Matron you can call for the vote on amendment #19.

The Worthy Grand Matron called for the vote on Amendment #19.

Motion: APPROVED

Amendment #20:

Section 104 – SESSIONS, Preamble, delete “A Committee consisting of the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Chair of Finance, Associate Grand Matron, Grand Conductress, Associate Grand Conductress, Associate Grand Patron and Grand Sentinel shall be responsible for all arrangements with the venue

where the Session is to be held. In addition, the WGM may appoint a separate member to be Hotel Liaison. This Liaison shall attend meetings of the Hotel committee as an observer and may have input but no voting privileges.”

And replace with:

“(II) A venue Committee consisting of the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Conductress, Associate Grand Conductress, Grand Sentinel and Chair of Finance, shall negotiate the annual contract and be responsible for all arrangements with the venue where the Session is to be held. An additional member may be appointed as the Venue Liaison. This Liaison is the designated contact between the Grand Chapter and the staff of the venue prior to and during the Session and will be appointed by the Associate Grand Matron to serve in this capacity for two years when she is serving as Associate Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Matron. The Venue Liaison and his/her appointed successor may attend the meetings of the Venue Committee as observers with input but no voting privileges.”

Index Page 7 – Delete “Hotel Committee” and after Initiations add “Venue Committee ...104”

Index Page 7 – Delete “Hotel Liaison” and after Initiation add “Venue Liaison ...104”

Rationale: With our declining membership the removal of the word “Hotel” and replacing with “Venue”, will allow the option of sourcing convention centers with or without attached hotels as possible cost saving initiatives. This wording also further clarifies the duties of the Liaison prior to and during the Annual Session.

Signed: Jane Zimmerman PGM, GCCM

Sister Barbara Ward, GGCCM-HLC, PGM, GCCM, Chair Jurisprudence

Is there any further discussion? Worthy Grand Matron you can call for the vote on amendment #20.

The Worthy Grand Matron called for the vote on Amendment #20.

Motion: APPROVED

Amendment #21:

As amendment #20 has been APPROVED then amendment #21 was WITHDRAWN by the proposer Melissa Brown

Section 104, At the end of the Session preamble, add “In the event that any future General Grand Chapter Triennium Assembly dates are in conflict with Ontario’s Grand Chapter Session, with the permission of the membership, the Worthy Grand Matron presiding at that Session has the authority to change dates and all specific dates in the Constitution referencing Grand Chapter Session be suspended.

Rationale: To assist with any possible future date conflicts of the General Grand Chapter Triennium and Grand Chapter of Ontario Session.

Signed: Melissa Brown, Associate Grand Matron

Amendment #22:

Section 118 (a), First sentence, after “installed”, add “in an open installation”

Rationale: To eliminate a motion required to be made annually.

Signed: Melissa Brown, Associate Grand Matron

Sister Barbara Ward, GGCCM-HLC, PGM, GCCM, Chair Jurisprudence

Is there any further discussion? Worthy Grand Matron you can call for the vote on amendment #22.

The Worthy Grand Matron called for the vote on Amendment #22.

Motion: APPROVED

Amendment #23:

SECTION 104 (a), After last sentence add “See Policies and Procedures Policy No. 23”

SECTION 119 (y), After last sentence add “See Policies and Procedures Policy No. 21”

SECTION 126 (a)(1), After last sentence add “See Policies and Procedures Policy No. 17”

SECTION 263 (f) 1, 3rd sentence, delete “books, papers, records”, change to read “all financial property”, After last sentence add “See Policies and Procedures Policy No. 17”

Rationale: To reference the additional guidelines for these specific committees approved in the Policies and Procedures Manual.

Signed: Susan Martin, G.C.C.M., Chair of Governance, Policies and Procedures Submitted on behalf of the Governance, Policies and Procedures Committee

Sister Barbara Ward, GGCCM-HLC, PGM, GCCM, Chair Jurisprudence

Is there any further discussion? Worthy Grand Matron you can call for the vote on amendment #23.

The Worthy Grand Matron called for the vote on Amendment #23.

Motion: APPROVED

Amendment #24:

SECTION 143, Delete the first sentence and replace with “Each Subordinate Chapter shall pay a Per Capita tax of eleven dollars (\$11.00) for the year 2025 and thereafter the following years, twelve dollars (\$12.00) in 2026, thirteen dollars (\$13.00) in 2027, fourteen dollars (\$14.00) in 2028, fifteen dollars (\$15.00) in 2029, for every Member on its roll, including Initiates, Affiliates,

and Life Members and no Chapter shall be entitled to representation or vote in Grand Chapter unless said Per Capita is paid.”

Rationale: As well as thinking of ways of reducing our expenses even further to what we have done in the past, we legitimately need to increase our Per Capita to deal with the ever-rising costs of Grand Chapter. This one dollar per year increment, should help with the implementation of the increased Per Capita.

Signed: Helen Delaney, Right Worthy Grand Trustee, submitted on behalf of the Grand Chapter Finance Committee

DISCUSSION

Jennifer MacLean, Britannia Chapter #34. I do not think we should be raising dues. I think we should find ways for our Gand Chapter and Grand Executive to support itself.

Helen Delaney, Valley Chapter #297. As a proposer on behalf of the Finance Committee, I speak in favour of this amendment. Unfortunately, and I do say unfortunately as a body we have done; I would say almost everything that we possibly can to reduce our expenses and even doing so this year and as a finding a middle ground we need to increase our revenue. I think we have done a fairly good job in that with all the projects that we have brought to this Grand Chapter between the basket draw, the VIP seating, and other ways that we have done in the past to increase our revenue. We do seem to be hitting up our members all the time and we understand that. I think that the Financial Planning Committee are thinking of things outside of the box that we are not always hitting up our members but outside people as with the Euchre Rama where we can have outsiders with what they’re selling on their tables that might be appropriate for other people outside of the Order. But at this point in time, we really need to increase the revenue. Gradually to find as I say a middle ground. We know what the deficit is budgeted for and that is with the decreased expenses but in order to find a way to, as we say, support ourselves we are all Grand Chapter. Each of us is a member of this Grand Chapter and so to feel a part of it as well I think we all need to support it in however way we can. I know this is a hardship on some but again there’s really no other option at this point. We’ve done what we can. You can always go back just because we have increased it, we could stop increasing at one point if we feel that’s the case. But at this point in order to stay afloat as best we can it really is not an option not to increase our per capita.

Mary Roycroft, Newmarket Chapter #282. I am in favour of this amendment. The reason being is all the funds that Sister Helen was talking about that we raised at Grand Chapter are paid for by the members that come to Grand Chapter. What about the members that don’t come to Grand Chapter? They don’t help to pay for it.

Jean-Francois Plamondon, Hope Chapter #184, District 14. I am speaking in favour of the amendment, and the reason is that everything has gone up and continues to go up. That is the nature of the economy as there is inflation. Already dues have been relatively low compared to other organizations and other institutions. If we want to be able to operate and have a certain level of professionalism and to be able to hold events such as this, that is a small sacrifice to make to ask people to contribute one extra dollar a year in order to enable the operation of the organization.

Sister Barbara Ward, GGCCM-HLC, PGM, GCCM, Chair Jurisprudence

Is there any further discussion? Worthy Grand Matron you can call for the vote on amendment #24.

The Worthy Grand Matron called for the vote on Amendment #24.

Motion: APPROVED

Amendment #25:

WITHDRAWN this morning by proposer, Barbara Ward, as this is covered in our re-stated Articles of Incorporation.

Amendment #26:

Section 113 (a), Last sentence, delete “a three-year term”, replace with “three consecutive years”

Section 123 (s), Delete in its’ entirety and replace with “The Grand Secretaries may not serve more than seven consecutive years.”

Section 124 (h), Delete in its’ entirety and replace with “The Grand Treasurers may not serve more than seven consecutive years.”

Section 134 (b), 2nd sentence, delete “a 3-year term”, replace with “three consecutive years”

Section 222 (c), 2nd sentence, delete “a term of three years”, replace with “three years”

Section 222 (d), 3rd sentence, delete “a term of three years”, replace with “three years”

Rationale: To clarify a definitive time frame for membership on Grand Chapter Committees and for the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer Offices.

Signed: Barbara J. Ward, GGCCM_HLC, PGM, GCCM, Chair of Jurisprudence on behalf of the Jurisprudence Committee.

Sister Barbara Ward, GGCCM-HLC, PGM, GCCM, Chair Jurisprudence

Is there any further discussion? Worthy Grand Matron you can call for the vote on amendment #26.

The Worthy Grand Matron called for the vote on Amendment #26.

Motion: APPROVED

Amendment # 27:

Section 152, Insert a preamble as follows: “This Grand Chapter will provide the gift of a Past Grand Matrons or Past Grand Patrons Jewel to the retiring Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron in recognition and appreciation of their year of service to this Grand Jurisdiction. If either retiring Officer prefers another type of jewelry, she/he must obtain approval from the Grand Executive prior to proceeding with the purchase. The Jewel will be presented to her/him at the Grand Chapter Installation Ceremony following the acceptance addresses of the incoming Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

Section 152 (a), Delete in its entirety and replace with “The Grand Secretary will, in conjunction with the retiring Worthy Grand Matron and Chair of Finance, refurbish a Past Grand Matrons Jewel or purchase a new Jewel at the choice of the retiring Worthy Grand Matron. The Grand Chapter will pay a maximum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1500.00) toward the cost which will include engraving of her name and year of service on the back of the Jewel or on an added small bar hung with chain should our jeweler determine there is no room to engrave the back. Any cost over Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1500.00) will be borne by the retiring Worthy Grand Matron.

Section 152 (b), Delete in its entirety and replace with “The Grand Secretary will, in conjunction with the retiring Worthy Grand Patron and Chair of Finance, refurbish a Past Grand Patrons Jewel or purchase a new Jewel at the choice of the retiring Past Grand Patron. The Grand Chapter will pay a maximum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00) toward the cost which will include engraving of his name and year of service on the back of the Jewel or on an added small bar hung with chain should the jeweler determine there is no room to engrave the back. Any cost over One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00) will be borne by the retiring Worthy Grand Patron.

Rationale: There have been several discussions and confusions regarding the presentation and costs of refurbishing a Past Grand Matrons or Past Grand Patrons Jewel. This will clarify the specifics relating to the gift of a Jewel to the retiring Grand Chapter Officer by our Grand Chapter.

Signed: Marilyn Taylor, PGM, Grand Treasurer

DISCUSSION

Jessie Barbour, Scarborough Chapter #231 and Newmarket Chapter #282. What happens if there isn't a Past Grand Matrons or Past Grand Patrons jewel in our possession?

Response: Barbara Ward, The Grand Chapter will be paying \$1,500 towards the cost or refurbishing of a Past Grand Matron's jewel and the maximum

monies would be \$1,000 towards the cost or refurbishing of a Past Grand Patron's jewel. Therefore, if a similar jewel that is the design needed then that would be the maximum cap that would be provided and it would be up to the individual Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron how they wish to move forward and pick up the cost personally, of any other costs for their jewel. Is that correct Sister Marilyn?

Marilyn Taylor, yes that is correct and I do specifically in the proposed amendment refurbish a Past Grand Matron's jewel OR purchase a new one so, therefore, if there is no Past Grand Matron's jewel in inventory, we will have to purchase a new one. However, we will provide a maximum of the \$1,500 to the Worthy Grand Matron jewel and \$1,000 for the Worthy Grand Patron jewel which is not changing.

Sister Barbara Ward, GGCCM-HLC, PGM, GCCM, Chair Jurisprudence

Is there any further discussion? Worthy Grand Matron you can call for the vote on amendment #27.

The Worthy Grand Matron called for the vote on Amendment #27.

Motion: APPROVED

Amendment #28:

Section 121 – Duties of Associate Grand Matron

Section 121 (b), Second line, delete the word "approval" and replace with "the perusal."

Rationale: It is the responsibility of the Associate Grand Matron to submit her instructions to the Grand Executive before they are sent out to the membership. This is to ensure that the instructions do not conflict with the Constitution or the Ritual. These are the instructions of the upcoming Worthy Grand Matron to the Chapters, and the Grand Executive does not need the right of approval.

Signed: Paul W. Hooper, PGP, GCCM

Sister Barbara Ward, GGCCM-HLC, PGM, GCCM Chair Jurisprudence

Is there any further discussion? Worthy Grand Matron you can call for the vote on amendment #28.

The Worthy Grand Matron called for the vote on Amendment #28.

Motion: APPROVED

Amendment #29:

Housekeeping Amendments

On behalf of the Jurisprudence Committee, we wish to add to Index Page 5:

Under Grand Chapter – ESTARL Committee, Florence Nightingale Home Foundation, Grand Chapter Benevolent Committee, Grand Chapter Officers, Grand Executive Committee and Grand Trustees delete reference to 135 (c) as is relates to Registration and Credentials.

Motion: Sister Barbara J Ward, GGCCM-HLC, PGM, GCCM, Chair of Jurisprudence and seconded by Karen Ewart that under general index 5 the deletion of 135(c). CARRIED

Housekeeping Amendments – Approved as Amended

As Amended are shown in “RED” in **GENERAL INDEX, Page 5** (on Page 10 of 12)

Section 104 (f) Delete as duplicate of (e). Re-alphabetize the remaining sections

Section 111 (b) Change Reference “Section 128 (m) XII” to “Section 128 (m) XXII”

Section 119 (bb) Remove “()” and add “Co-chairs” before “appointed by the Associate Grand Matron”

Section 123 (k) Delete “Distribute at Grand Chapter expense” and “to all Members on application”, Add “Distribute electronically”

Section 126 (d) Delete (Effective September 1, 2020, as per amendment approved on August 29, 2017)

Section 127 (i) & (j) Re-alphabetize to (h) and (i)

Section 128 (m) V 1. QUORUM Change Reference “Section 238 (g, q)” to “Section 238 (f) & (q)”

Section 128 (m) XIX Change Reference to “Section 238 (g)” to “Section 238 (h) & (i) Chapter Notices”

Section 142 FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE HOME FOUNDATION – Delete Last Sentence, Duplicated

Section 145 Add item “(g)” and include the last sentence “The Assistant ... (\$100.00).” to correspond with reference in Section 123 (l)

Section 151 Second Sentence, Change The Order “f” to “o”

Section 236 (b) Change “Receipt” to “Receipts”

Section 242 (j) Delete as duplicate of (i). Re-alphabetize the remaining sections

Section 249 Mid section, following Masonic relationship, add “or female petitioner sponsors’ letter of recommendation

Section 254 Change second (i) to (k). Re-alphabetize the remaining sections

Section 263 Change Reference at top of page 117 “(d) (continued)” to “(f) (continued)”

APPENDIX D, 5) vii, Delete last sentence as duplicated in 5) viii

APPENDIX D, 6) xxv, Delete as duplicated 6) xxv

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Duties of Special Grand Chapter Committees – Historian, Change 119 (x) to (y)

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Sister Barbara Ward, GGCCM-HLC, PGM, GCCM, Chair Jurisprudence

Is there any further discussion? Worthy Grand Matron you can call for the vote on amendment #29.

The Worthy Grand Matron called for the vote on Amendment #29.

Motion: APPROVED

Sister Barbara Ward, GGCCM-HLC, PGM, GCCM, Chair of Jurisprudence

Worthy Grand Matron I would just like to thank our Parliamentarian, Sister Karen Ewart and I sincerely appreciate her help during this session. Also, Worthy Grand Matron this completes the deliberations on the amendment leaflet and concludes the Jurisprudence for the 109th Grand Chapter Session. Again, I thank you for this privilege. I would also like to thank those who have submitted amendments and those who took part in our discussions so that our members had a better understanding of any implications of the changes that we are voting on, At this time I would like to make a motion that this completed report be accepted.

Motion: Barbara J Ward, GGCCM_HLC, PGM, GCCM, Chair of Jurisprudence seconded by Jane Zimmerman PGM, GCCM, that the completed report of the Jurisprudence Committee be approved as submitted. CARRIED

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

I want to thank you Sister Barbara and every member on the Jurisprudence Committee for the excellent work you have done this year on behalf of all the members in our Order. It can be painstakingly hard and long hours, so thank you. So, thanks to all of you.

Now we can almost see the end in sight. Can I call upon Brother Bruce Condie for the Florence Nightingale Home Foundation as he is making in way Sister Barbara Thorburn will present her report, By-laws report from the subcommittee FOR Florence Nightingale Home Foundation.

BY-LAW SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Sister Barbara Thorburn, PGM, GCCM

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, it's just a short report on the subcommittee that was appointed by the Worthy Grand Matron from within the members on the Grand Executive Committee, to assist the Florence Nightingale Home Foundation in bringing their By-laws in compliance with the O.N.C.A. regulations. The Grand Chapter retained the services and expertise of Lauren Crosby, who is a partner at Torken Manes, in their N.F.P. and Charities Group. She is a trusted advisor to a diverse range of Charities Non-Profits and Social Enterprises since 2017. We are very happy to announce that the Grand Chapter of Ontario is now compliant and have received our certification and filed our Re-stated, Articles of Incorporation. The By-Laws of the Florence Nightingale Home Foundation require a few changes to be made in order to make them compliant. The members of the special committee met with the members of the Florence Nightingale Home Foundation and had a very productive and cooperative meeting resulting in the changes to the bylaws that will be presented later in the session for your approval. We would like to thank the Florence Nightingale Home Foundation. It was a wonderful afternoon of cooperation and work. We thank you for that. I move the adoption of this report.

Committee members Barbara Ward, GGCCM_HLC, PGM, GCCM, Marilyn Taylor, PGM, Grand Treasurer, Susan Marton GCCM, Barbara Thorburn, PGM, GCCM

Motion: Sister Barbara Thorburn, PGM, GCCM, and seconded by Marilyn Taylor, PGM, Grand Treasurer, that the report of the Bylaws subcommittee be accepted as given. CARRIED

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE HOME FOUNDATION

Brother Bruce Condie, PGP, GCCM-Director FNHF

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, distinguished East, sisters and brothers, I would like to thank you for allowing us this time to conduct the official business of the annual meeting of the Florence Nightingale Home Foundation. I would like to introduce the members of the foundation that are with us today, Secretary Margaret Lynn, Treasurer Jeanie Lee, Director Stephen Freymond. Sister Bea Andrews and Lois Goodall would have been here today, but health issues have forced them not to be here.

The President's Report can be found on pages 101 and 102 of the Short Report. There are a couple of items of business to address that are not included in this Short Report. First I would like to apologize for the fact that the auditor's report was not included in the Short Report. To put this in perspective we use the same auditing firm, Wilkinson & Company LLP. Both Grand Chapter and the Florence Nightingale Home Foundation have the same year-end June 30th. Our Treasurer couriered the required information to the auditors on June 30th and they were received on July 3rd. In the letter

to the auditors, they were told the deadline to have it to the printer was August the 8th. So, I do not understand why this audit was not completed in a timely manner, The first we heard of this was on August 12th when we received an email from the Grand Secretary informing us that she had not received the results of the audit as of that date, so in your registration package you will have a paper copy of the completed audit of the Florence Nightingale Home Foundation, and I hope you have had time to review it. Due to the failure of the auditor to get a copy of the audit to the printer in time, the auditor, Wilkinson, and Company LLP is going to cover the cost of printing these pages. So, I will now call on a motion to accept the financial report.

Motion: Sister Jeanie Lee, PGM, GCCM-FNHF Treasurer, seconded by Brother Stephen, Freymond GCCM-FNHF, that the financial report of the Florence Nightingale Home Foundation be accepted. CARRIED

**FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE HOME FOUNDATION
Brother Bruce Condie, PGP, GCCM-Director FNHF**

So last year at the Monday afternoon session of the Lantern of Light Grand Chapter, a motion was made and seconded to accept the President's report of the Florence Nightingale Home Foundation, and the floor was open for discussion. At this point, a letter from the Grand Executive Committee containing several allegations, most, not least, most supported by fax was read. Grand Executive called this a letter of concern. I will admit that several of the points raised were valid and we have corrected those. This was all prior to By-Law #6 being introduced for discussion and voting. After the letter of concern was read, the motion to approve the President's report of the Florence Nightingale Home Foundation was defeated. Following this was a lengthy and sometimes heated discussion until a motion was made by somebody to table the proposed changes to By-Law #6 until the 2025 Grand Chapter session. This is what we're going to discuss now. After By-Law #6 was introduced to the membership it became a focus of the members of the Florence Nightingale Home Foundation to first address the issues raised at the Lantern of Light Grand Chapter session and second to work with the Grand Executive or a subset of said committee. This is easier said than done. I first requested a copy of the letter of concern on September 2nd, that would be 2024, so that we could respond to the allegations raised. On September 15th I received a request for a formal letter from the Grand Executive which was sent on September 22nd and a copy of the August 26th, 2024, letter of concern was received by me on September 23rd. We sent a reply to Grand Executive on November 21st, acknowledging receipt of the letter in question and a request was made for a meeting between the Florence Nightingale Home Foundation and Grand Executive. So far, so good.

December 7th, we received a request from Grand Executive for further information. Copies of our Memorandum of Incorporation and of the

Florence Nightingale Home Supplementary Letters Patent which was granted on December 15, 1927, and any amendments as adopted and amendments as approved on March 14, 1985, and any other amendments having since been approved, although the Grand Secretary does have copies or the originals of these documents. The requested information was sent on January 14th, 2025. Together with a letter from myself to Grand Executive requesting specific documented information on which some of these unfounded allegations were based on. I never received any feedback on any of our requests. We, the members of Florence Nightingale Home Foundation were hoping to have the issues with the By-Law #6 addressed as early as possible as we wanted to get the revised By-Law #6 out to the membership in time so that you could review it at your leisure. We did not get a request for a meeting until May 6th and attempting to find a date on short notice for 10 or more people with 10 different schedules is challenging. However, we met on June 21st at the Delta Hotel. Well, the meeting was quite long. We were able to work well together, looking at both the Grand Executive proposed By-Law #6, as well as one that we had revised, further in the end we had a document that both parties agreed to. So, a revised By-Law #6 copy was sent to the Worthy Grand Matron for approval to send to the membership. Unfortunately, a few things were missed. According to the Ontario Not-for-Profit Organization Act, ONCA, a gender specific terminology is not to be used and, in the revision, sent out this was missed. So that's changing he or she to they or them kind of thing. So that has been corrected. Also, under the heading of Annual Meeting as part of the business to be conducted the appointment of an auditor was missed. This is good business practice. So, we will have to deal with that today when By-Law #6 is approved by you the membership. The official copy will be sent to the chapter secretaries for distribution. I will now call on a motion to amend By-Law #6 to add item to section 8.1 Annual Meeting under the heading of the business transacted at the Annual Meeting shall include: to add after section C, a new section D which is reappointment or new appointment of the auditor or a person to conduct a review engagement for the coming year. Current section D will change to section E and section E will change to section F. That is under 8.1 Annual Meeting.

DISCUSSION

Jennifer MacLean, Britannia Chapter #34. I just want to clarify, is the auditor for Florence Nightingale Home Foundation the same auditor as our Grand Chapter?

Brother Bruce Condie, PGP, GCCM – Director FNHF

The auditor that Florence Nightingale Home Foundation for I'm going to say for more than 10, 15 years has been the exact same, auditor, Wilkinson and Company LLP which is the same that Grand Chapter uses, we are a separate

corporation. Every member of the Order of the Eastern Star of the Grand Chapter of Ontario Incorporated is a member of the Florence Nightingale Home Foundation. So not the same person but it's the same company, I believe we switched many years ago to ensure the accounting practices were identical. A third-party independent auditor is more appropriate.

Helen Delaney, Valley Chapter #297. The auditor, I'm going to say for all intents and purposes is the third-party and I don't feel or believe that we need to have a different accounting firm to audit the books of the Florence Nightingale.

Motion: Sister Helen Delaney, RW Grand Trustee, PGM, GCCM, and seconded by Sister Marilyn Taylor, PGM, Grand Treasurer, the auditor is a third party, and it is not necessary to have a different auditor to audit the Florence Nightingale Home Foundation books. CARRIED

DISCUSSION

Marilyn, Taylor, PGM, Grand Treasurer, member of Picton Chapter #273 and Quinte Chapter #59. There is something as I was reviewing these bylaws again. I am realizing under Section 3.2, the distribution of funds. The bottom two paragraphs in that section deal with the dissolution. The first one is with the dissolution of the Foundation, and the second one is with the dissolution of this Grand Chapter. I am proposing that these two paragraphs be removed for the following reason, First, the distribution of property of the Foundation on dissolution is already dealt with in the Supplementary Letters Patent from 1978. So, we don't need to have a clause on this same issue in the bylaw as the Letters Patent supersede the bylaw. Second, the property of the Grand Chapter upon dissolution is already dealt with in our Grand Chapter Restated Articles of Incorporation filed on September 10, 2024. The second paragraph would not be valid because the Grand Chapter isn't bound by the Foundation's Bylaw, the Grand Chapter is governed by its articles and constitution.

Every member got a copy of the Articles of Incorporation last year and they were approved at Grand Chapter. This is a complicated process the Letters Patent before 1960's any corporation filed Letters Patent. Since then, they file Articles of Incorporation and Letters Patent are becoming extinct and that is why we are doing this compliance with the O.N.C.A. and the next step was revising those Letters of Patent which we did last year and restated our Articles of Incorporation. In those articles is where the dissolution clauses go so if the Incorporation should ever dissolve it explains what will happen with the funds and property of that incorporation.

So, this is just simply a case of removing it from the By-Law #6 because it already is in the Letters of Patent for the Florence Nightingale Home Foundation now and for us are in our restated Articles of Incorporation.

Brother Bruce Condie, PGP, GCCM – Director FNHF

So, looking at our Letters Patent issued 1927, modified in 1975 where they added, on dissolution of the Grand Chapter basically states that all monies in Florence Nightingale would go to Grand Chapter if the Florence Nightingale Home Foundation dissolved basically if we couldn't get Directors or whatever, then whatever money we had would go Grand Chapter. So, in our By-Law #6 we stated that whatever money was going, if the Florence Nightingale Home Foundation was to dissolve then the money would go to Grand Chapter but we also had a section in there that said basically if Grand Chapter gives up its Charter that all members in Ontario at the time of surrender after the Grand Chapter dissolved would still remain members of the Florence Nightingale Home Foundation and that as each of our investments came due, it would be given out to hospital foundations throughout Ontario as directed by the members. So instead of having an annual meeting at Grand Chapter because we wouldn't have a Grand Chapter anymore, we would have an annual meeting somewhere where we could decide what hospitals the monies going to go to. That upon, dissolution of the Foundation after payment of all debts, liabilities, wind-up costs, the remaining monies and property of the Foundation shall become the property of the Grand Chapter with the distribution of such monies and property they shall be given to accredited public hospitals as the membership had been doing for many decades. Then another section, that upon dissolution of the Grand Chapter, all monies, with the exception of all debts, liabilities and wind-up costs and property shall have been divested. As each investment comes due it will be cashed in and distributed only to accredited public hospitals throughout the province of Ontario as determined by the members. So, the motion Sister Marilyn is to remove both of those sections?

FURTHER DISCUSSION

From the floor "We the attending members have not seen this documentation."

Sister Margaret Lynn replied that correspondence went out July 19th and that was the amendments to By-Law #6 and the entire By-Law #6 was sent out to the chapter secretaries on July 17th for distribution.

Brother Ken Guiler, Mercer Chapter #156. I AM THE SECRETARY OF Mercer Chapter, and I can confirm that the By-Law was sent out or the second message was sent out on July 17th at 13:43 from Sister Lillian, with the By-Law attached. The second one came out with three pages of amendments on July 19th at 4:25pm.

Brother Bruce Condie, PGP, GCCM – Director FNHF

I apologize if some people did not get it. It was sent out and unfortunately, we wanted to really get this done quite a bit earlier, so we had the time to actually look at it. Things being what they are, it just took longer than we expected, Is there any further discussion?

Motion: Sister Marilyn Taylor, PGM, Grand Treasurer, and seconded by Sister Barbara Ward, PGM, GCCM, Chair Jurisprudence under 3.2, last two paragraphs be removed from By-Law#6 due to the clause under the Letters Patent for Florence Nightingale Home Foundation, a revised copy of 1978 reviewed, and the restated Articles of Incorporation for Grand Chapter take precedence. CARRIED

Brother Bruce Condie, PGP, GCCM – Director FNHF

Can I call for a motion for By-Law#6 as amended be accepted.

Motion: Brother Stephen Freymond, GCCM-FNHF, and seconded by Sister Jeanie Lee, PGM, GCCM-FNHF Treasurer, that By-Law #6 as amended be accepted. CARRIED

The report of the auditor we have already had and voted on. We have already taken care of the election of directors. I would like to welcome Sister Lynne Atkinson and Sister Susan Cockburn to the Florence Nightingale board. Now Sister Jeanie Lee did you want to make your motion?

Motion: Sister Jeanie Lee PGM, GCCM-FBHF Treasurer, and seconded by Brother Stephen Freymond, GCCM-FNHF, that Wilkinson and Company LLP be our auditors for the ensuing year. CARRIED

In closing I would like to thank the membership for their continued support of the Florence Nightingale Home Foundation and our ongoing support of health care in Ontario, although a lengthy process I would really like to thank the Grand Executive for their work. In improving By-Law #6, like Sister Barbara Thorburn said, “while it was a long meeting it went very well.” We did take a few breaks to discuss things but, in the end... thank you. We were at that time happy with what we had so I’d like to thank them for that. Finally in the letter of concern read at Grand Chapter on August 26th, 2024, there were several implied allegations levied against past and present members. Sorry, past and present Directors of the Florence Nightingale Home Foundation and although requested, Grand Executive never replied to our request for facts to support the allegation, obligations that were included therein. One of these implied that we were attempting to take control of the Florence Nightingale Home Foundation and potentially misuse the funds. I will state unequivocally that this was never the intent of the changes to By-Law #6 as presented at that time. I would caution the members of Grand

Executive to remember their obligation. At this time, I request a formal apology from Grand Executive to be issued to the past and present Directors of the Florence Nightingale Home Foundation for these unfounded allegations, I move the adoption of this report.

Motion: Brother Bruce Condie, PGP, GCCM-FNHF, and seconded by Brother Stephen Freymond GCCM-FNHF, that the Florence Nightingale Home Foundation report be received as given. CARRIED

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

Thank you everyone for your patience and support in the Annual Meeting of the Florence Nightingale Home Foundation. Thank you to each of you for your hard work to ensure healthcare in Ontario is supported.

Now, can I call for the District Deputy Grand Matron reports for Appreciation, State of the Order and Hospitality. Please make your way to the East, Sisters Anne Redfearn-Grobbo, Robin McLennon, and Karen Spelay. Thank you.

APPRECIATION REPORT

Sister Anne Redfearn-Grobbo

District Deputy Grand Matron District 8

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, distinguished East, sisters and brothers, we wish to recognize all those who this year have made us believe in angels. I am Anne Grobbo, District Deputy Grand Matron of District 8. My fellow committee members are Sister Marjorie DeMerchant, District Deputy Grand Matron of the Golden Horseshoe Region and Sister Lisa McFarland, District Deputy Grand Matron of District 11. We are all honoured to bring these acknowledgments to Grand Chapter this year. This event brings together through a year a planning and coordination involving many at all levels. Every great thing begins with a great idea and grows from the ground up. To our Committee on Arrangements, Hall Co-ordinators, Administration and Credentials workers, Jurisprudence, Grand Guards, Pages especially personal Pages, hostesses, oh and sound techs. Thank you for the time, energy and care you have poured into making this session truly special. Also, thank you to the organizers and participants of the Memorial Service, Drill Teams, Ceremonies and Ritual Competition. Your contributions remind us of the heart of our traditions and the strength of our community. We want to thank the staff of the Delta Hotel for making this session a success. You answer questions, offer direction, prepare meals, assist in preparing our Grand Chapter room and more importantly make our members feel welcome. To the elected and appointed Grand Officers, Grand Chapter Committee members, District Deputy Grand Matrons, Grand Representatives, thank you for your outstanding dedication through the past year. Your willingness to travel and countless hours that have been devoted behind the scenes have been instrumental in strengthening our bonds and advancing the work of our

Order. Sister Lillian Gohn, retiring Grand Secretary, thank you so much for six years of dedication. We will all miss your cheerful and patient voice on the phone saying, "How can I help you today?" Sister Lillian congratulations on a job well done and we wish you and Brother David comfort and excitement in your retirement. To our Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons, your encouragement and leadership shines throughout the past year. Your officers and members have welcomed the Grand Officers to your chapter. We appreciate your commitment to the Order and want you to know you are truly angels. We welcome members of General Grand Chapter and thank them for their support, interest, and participation in our Grand Chapter and to those from Ontario who are currently sharing their time and talents with General Grand Chapter we extend our gratitude. These sisters and brothers go above and beyond. To all our guests from other jurisdictions welcome. To the Worthy Grand Matron, Barb and Worthy Grand Patron, Richard, thank you for leading our Grand Chapter with grace, wisdom and unwavering dedication throughout this year. Your leadership has been rooted in genuine love for this Order and its members. You traveled far and wide to visit chapters, often bringing joy with your unexpected presence. Some say angels walk among us, not with wings but with compassion, courage and quiet strength. This year, you reminded us just how true this can be. We also want to take a moment to express our appreciation for your support of Covenant House, the Worthy Grand Matron's special project. At Covenant House each young person who walks through the doors has faced exploitation, abuse, neglect and family breakdown. Despite these hardships, they hold on to hopes and dreams for a better future just like any young person should. Your generosity will make a profound difference in the lives of these vulnerable youth. Because of you, they believe in angels. In conclusion, Worthy Grand Matron, Barb and Worthy Grand Patron, Richard, thank you for the peace, love, joy and surprise, you have brought to our subordinate chapters throughout Ontario. You have set a fine example to all of us. Thank you for this opportunity. I hereby move the acceptance of this report.

Motion: Sister Anne Redfearn-Grobbo, District Deputy Grand Matron District 8, and seconded by Marjorie DeMerchant, District Deputy Grand Matron Golden Horseshoe Region, that the Appreciation Report be accepted. CARRIED

STATE OF THE ORDER REPORT

Sister Robin McLenon, District Deputy Grand Matron District 5

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, distinguished guests in the East, sisters and brothers, good afternoon. Okay, even if you are snoozing you can do better than that. Good Afternoon! Perfect. My report looks really big, but it's not. But I need big print so I can read it. It is with pleasure that I introduce the District Deputy Grand Matrons who were appointed to report on the State of the Order for the Angels, Peace, and Love Year or APL for short.

Sister Robin McLenon myself of District 5. I am the chair. Sister Joyce Matthews, District 4 and Sister Kathleen Martin, District 12. We wish to thank Sister Barbara McGregor and Brother Richard Arding for this honour and extend appreciation to Sister Lillian Gohn, Grand Secretary and the many chair people on committees that took time to assist us with all the information, In their travels, Sister Barbara and Brother Richard and the members of the Grand Family exemplified their aim, that the peace, belief and love demonstrated through the holiday season is with us each and every day, all year long. They did this wherever they've traveled. On July 19, 2024, Sister Barbara and Brother Richard organized a gathering for the District Deputy Grand Matrons-elect. It was an informative session, and we were led in a school of instruction, a question-and-answer period and a fix-the-chapter-room time. The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, along with their advisors were a fountain of knowledge to tap into for new and returning District Deputy Grand Matrons alike. There were 10 District Deputy Grand Matrons in attendance. It was a great opportunity to become acquainted with one another and to ask any questions and discover our expectations as a District Deputy Grand Matron for the upcoming year. The binder we were all given was like our Bible and was very well organized and answered many questions. The one answer from our advisor that rang in my ears throughout the year was, "Have you looked it up in your constitution yet?" A lot of information was given to us, and we learned that this year's Grand Chapter project was to be Covenant House. Covenant House provides a safe place to stay, nourishing meals, access to essential services all year long, like health care, mental health care, education and job training. Like all young people, they have hopes and dreams too and a right to a brighter future. There were three Schools of Instruction for the APL year, October 5th in Sudbury, October 19th in London and November 16th in Brockville. Each District Deputy Grand Matron was encouraged to urge new and old members alike to attend. There were many highlights throughout the year for this Grand Family, members, families and friends. But on a somber note, there were consolidations and surrenders again this year. Surrenders were Stayner Chapter #270 and Peace Chapter #52. Consolidation was Fort Malden Chapter #268 as they consolidated with Erie Chapter #19. With the consolidation and surrenders Ontario now has 52 chapters. There were many receptions held for the Grand Family Officers starting In April and concluding in June 2025. The Grand Chapter Session advanced registration was required for the session taking place the 23rd of August to the 26th in Toronto at the Delta Hotel. This year 329 Ontario members registered representing 49 chapters. Memorials this year were for Brother James Williamson, Past Grand Patron passed on April 10th, 2025, served as Worthy Grand Patron for the Centennial Legacy Year with Sister Barbara Thorburn. Sister Shirley Ann Lamond, Past Grand Matron, passed April 16th, 2026, and

served as Worthy Grand Matron for the World of Love and Happiness Year with Brother Lloyd Churchill.

On July 23rd, 2025, chapters reported 90 deaths in this Grand Jurisdiction and with other Grand Jurisdictions they were reported the passing of 8 Past Grand Matrons and 21 Past Grand Patrons. The APL Grand Family had the honour of initiating eight new members in five different chapters. The APL Grand Family did some traveling over the year, to say the least. Many traveled to Michigan to attend the Michigan Grand Chapter Session in October. Late January, a seven-day cruise was organized for the membership and Grand Officers to enjoy by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. It left from New Orleans with stops in Mexico and Grand Cayman Islands. The Grand Family and the membership traveled to New Hampshire for the CanAm event. Ontario Grand Chapter hosted the Ontario-Michigan Exchange in Barrie. Highlights of the year: no new chapters were opened, 29 Ontario members were appointed by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to be Grand Representatives of other Grand jurisdictions in Ontario, 13 ESTARL Awards of \$2,000 were awarded, and 24 proficiency tests were completed. The Grand Chapter Benevolent Fund continues to help those members in need. If you know of anyone who may be struggling, please reach out to this committee. Don't ever feel embarrassed or shy. Honorary Memberships were given to Sister Barbara and Brother Richard in many chapters. Grand Trustees are still overseeing Grand Chapter investments and property. The membership committee generally identifies ways in which we can encourage members to play a more active role in their chapters. They have begun "Membership Matters" communications tool, as you heard about this afternoon. So, I'm not going to go on anymore. Florence Nightingale Home Foundation donated to five hospitals in our province, each receiving \$5,000. The hospital presentations were Wiarton Hospital, Southampton Hospital, Juravinski Hospital and Cancer Centre in Hamilton, St. Joseph's Hospital in Elliot Lake and Port Perry Hospital. Service Dogs is now a standing committee and as you have seen out in the lobby, they sell pins, scarves, bandanas, and china this year and many other items. All of their contributions will receive a tax receipt from National Service Dogs. This year's Service Dogs Committee communicated with every chapter in the province to ask them to participate in a fundraising effort called, "Dinner with a Dawg". I heard it was a great success and congratulations to the winner, Kathy Fisher from Quinte Chapter, who was able to present the cheque for \$20,862 on Saturday night. The Service Dogs were also fortunate to have a donation of \$5,000 from Picton Chapter who will be lucky to name a puppy in the future as it becomes available. The total amount raised from July 1st, 2024 to June 30th, 2025, was \$23,082. This year the Rose Award Committee awarded 12. Chapters that made pin presentations throughout the year are 75-year pin plus a certificate-11, 70-years-7, 65 years-5, 60 years-20, 50 years-31. Finally, we recognize the efforts of Sister Barbara and

Brother Richard and the Grand Family to raise funds for Covenant House along with Service Dogs. At the Angels, Peace and Love Banquet, a cheque in the amount of \$50,099.90 was given to Covenant House. Amazing work and well done everyone, Sister Barbara and Brother Richard, the Angels, Peace, and Love District Deputy Grand Matrons enjoyed serving in your districts and regions under your leadership and guidance, It has been an adventurous and fulfilling year for each and every one of us. Thank you for your service and seeing us through this year. Always remember because of you, I too now believe in angels!

Motion: Sister Kathleen Martin, District Deputy Grand Matron District 12, and seconded by Sister Robin McLennon, District Deputy Grand Matron District 5, that the State of the Order Report be accepted as read. CARRIED.

HOSPITALITY REPORT

Sister Karen Splay District Deputy Grand Matron District 2

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished members in the East, Sisters and Brothers, it is an honour on behalf of the Committee on Hospitality to give this report.

It is a pleasure to introduce the Committee, Sister Audrey Carter, D.D.G.M #13, Sister Karen Durward, D.D.G.M #21 and myself Karen Splay, D.D.G.M. #2.

We are all happy to attend the 109th Grand Chapter Sessions of the Grand Chapter of Ontario, the Angels, Peace and Love Year and extend a hearty welcome to all the members who are attending from near and far.

It is an honour to extend our hospitality to 1 General Grand Chapter Officer, and 8 General Grand Chapter Ambassadors and General Grand Chapter Committee Members. It is always a delight to see you, and we hope that you have enjoyed yourselves and will return in the future.

The Angels, Peace and Love Grand Chapter has been honoured to welcome 3 Worthy Grand Matrons and 3 Worthy Grand Patrons of other jurisdictions this week as well as 2 Past Grand Matrons and 5 Past Grand Patrons from other jurisdictions. We also welcomed 16 of our own Past Grand Matrons and 9 of our own Past Grand Patrons. What a pleasure this was.

Also welcomed were 4 Elected Grand Chapter Officers and 6 Appointed Grand Chapter Officers from other jurisdictions.

We extended hospitality to 23 of our own Grand Chapter Committee Members, 11 Grand Chapter Committee Members from other Jurisdictions and 8 Ontario District Deputy Grand Matrons.

It was very exciting to see the line ups and introductions of Grand Representatives; 36 Grand Representatives of other Jurisdictions in Ontario, 11 Grand Representatives of Ontario in other Grand Jurisdictions and 3 Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in other Grand Jurisdictions.

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It was an honour to receive M.W. Brother Jamie Ireland, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada AF & AM in the Province of Ontario at both our Saturday night banquet and Informal Opening.

Each visiting Distinguished Guest was given a gift that was selected by Sister Barbara, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Richard, Worthy Grand Patron. Our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron have been raising money for Covenant House, an agency serving youth who are homeless, trafficked or at risk. We thank you for your donations to their project that has raised \$50,099.90 to date.

Sister Barbara and Brother Richard, we sincerely thank you for the privilege of serving on this Committee on Hospitality.

Motion: Sister Karen Spelay, District Deputy Grand Matron District 2, and seconded by Sister Karen Durward, District Deputy Grand Matron District 21, that the Hospitality Report be accepted as read. CARRIED

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

Now I want to thank the nine ladies on these three committees.

Thank you, sisters, for taking this task and running with it. We appreciate the information you have shared with us this afternoon.

Now we are going to hear the report from the Chapters Requiring Guidance by Sister Barbara Thorburn, while this is taking place can Sister Helen Delaney and Brother Ken Guiler please make their way to the East?

CHAPTERS REQUIRING GUIDANCE

Sister Barbara Thorburn, PGM, GCCM

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron. I would like to thank you for the opportunity to be of assistance to the Chapters in our Jurisdiction this year.

This committee was contacted by several chapters. I only visited one Chapter, but I spoke with 2 more to clarify their options. These Chapters will contact the next committee once they have decided how they would like to proceed once they have considered all their options. These decisions are not easy to make and should not be made in haste.

This committee was set up to assist Chapters in the Process of Consolidation or Surrender. The Constitution has the steps to be taken but if you are emotionally attached, it is sometimes hard to decipher. I must remind everyone that we are not referees and can not assist in matters that are internal chapter business.

I wish all those chapters the best as they navigate the future. Each Chapter has a deep history they want to preserve but sometimes difficult decisions have to be made. We are here to support, guide, console and hold your collective hands.

Thank you again for the opportunity. I wish all the Chapters the wisdom and strength to do what is best for the members.

Respectively submitted by Barbara Thorburn, Past Grand Matron, Director on the Grand Executive Committee.

Motion: Sister Barbara Thorburn, PGM, GCCM, and Seconded by Marilyn Taylor, PGM, Grand Treasurer, that the Chapters Requiring Guidance Report be accepted as read. CARRIED

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

Sister Associate Grand Conductress I believe you wished to address the membership at this time.

HOTEL REPORT

Sister Debra Bechamp, Associate Grand Conductress

Good afternoon, sisters and brothers. Each year as Associate Grand Conductress our duty is to actually become familiar with past hotel contracts where we hold our Grand Chapter session and investigate other possible venues to ensure that we receive the best prices and present the best options to you, the members. This past year, the conference center's review did...sorry, did not accommodate our membership requirements since the hotel and meeting rooms would be held in separate locations. Many hotels in the GTA vicinity were unable to accommodate our attendance that we currently have except for two hotels. Here, the Delta Hotel and the Sheraton Best Western where the Masonic Masons currently hold their Grand Lodge. After comparing the two hotels, I can advise that both hotels did have pros and cons. For example, the cost of the rooms was comparable. The driving distance was the same however one group of members would drive a little bit further than the other and the other would drive a little bit less than what they were used to. One had paid parking, the other we actually had free parking. One had higher costs for the banquet food than the other, One had airport shuttle service and the other did not. The Sheraton Best Western was more walking distance than what we currently have here at this facility. Due to the above and with consultation with the Hotel Committee, I would like to make a motion that we continue conversations with Delta Hotel for the 2028 session to reach an agreeable contract.

Motion: Sister Debra Bechamp, Associate Grand Conductress, seconded by Sister Melissa Brown, Grand Conductress, that we continue to have conversations with the Delta Hotel for the 2028 session to reach an agreeable contract. CARRIED

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

Sister Kim Carmichael you are in the room? Would you like to give your report on Sistar's Closet?

MY SISTAR'S CLOSET REPORT

Sister Kim Carmichael, Grand Representative of Wyoming in Ontario

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron thank you so much for trusting me to look after the closet again this year. It was actually a lot of fun. Thank you to everyone who helped set up and everyone who shopped. It is greatly appreciated. Worthy Grand Matron I will be presenting to our Grand Secretary, \$1,362 Canadian and \$129 US for the proceeds for this year's closet. We will be doing it again next year. So, look for bigger and better. Thank you so much.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

Thank you Sister Kim, I hauled some stuff in, and I can't even begin to imagine what she had to unpack and take apart and put up. So, thank you very much.

TRAVEL CARDS

The winners were: Sisters Kelly Mackey, Audrey Carter and Liz Graham. If you would like to see Sister Jane Ball, she will give you your \$50 gas cards. So now you can do more traveling and having magical moments making memories.

Sister Helen Delany, would you like to come up and give your auction results.

SILENT AUCTION

Sister Helen Delaney, GGCCM, Chair Grand Trustee, PGM, GCCM

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and I thank everyone who bid on the prizes, something new that we tried and all proceeds will go to Covenant House. I have not had a chance to add it up, but I will let everyone know later. I have three angels helping, Brother Pat Delaney, Sisters Jane Zimmerman and Lynn Alexander. They will be in back and we will take cash, cheque or e-transfer to my email address and they have a card with that on there. Folks got some real bargains here.

The Bobblehead – Sandra \$40

Classy Studs Cufflinks – Richard Bennett \$10

Eastern Star Cup and Saucer – Lisa Smith \$20

Eastern Star Apron – Katherine Dippel \$10

Eastern Star Cup and Saucer (Floral) – Lisa Smith \$25

The Detroit Tiger Hawaiian Short set – Pamela McCollum Pray \$10

Eastern Star Apron – Barb McGregor \$25

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Cat and Mouse Lap Blanket – Gloria Shearer \$25
Starfrit Dutch Oven with Lid – Carl Swanson \$25
Diesel Protein Powder – Brenda Brown \$20
Smeg four-slice toaster valued at \$250- Gwen Holmes \$70
Golf books and gloves – Marjorie DeMerchant \$20
Red Lap blanket – Gloria Shearer \$25
Coleman Gas Grill – Brenda Brown \$75
Nespresso Coffee Maker – Kevin Gorell \$60
Detroit Tiger Hawaiian Short set – Pamela McCollum Pray \$10
Signed Hockey Stick by Connor Brown – Morag O'Hara \$25
Tim Horton's Barbie Doll the PWHL – Grace Sinanan \$45
The HBC Striped Cottage Socks – Jessie Barbour \$20
Eastern Star Apron – Lisa Smith \$30
The High Stick Vodka- Susan Cockburn \$75
The Worthy Matron Shawl- Brenda Brown \$25
Lakuten Explorer Shea – Rosemarie Delahey \$5
Eastern Star apron – Barb McGregor \$50
That's all we have. Excellent. Thank you very much.
The two pictures didn't go. If anyone would like them, please see me after the meeting closes.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

Thank you Sister Helen and thank you for the work you put into that and donating the proceeds to Covenant House which I am told is \$775.
Brother Ken Guiler, I think you may have some results that people are waiting for.

BASKET DRAW REPORT

Brother Ken Guiler, PP

I told them all they had to be here to get it. Otherwise, I'm taking them home. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers it has been my pleasure to chair the Vendor's Room and the Basket Draw for the past 4 years and I would like to take this time to thank Sisters Barb Ward, Jane Zimmerman, Bernice Guiler and Barb McGregor for the opportunity to serve in this capacity. To Brother Kim Taylor, Past Patron; Sisters Leslie Tietz, Past Matron, Sister Lisa Hopkings, Past Matron, Sister Atlantis Tietz and Ms. Maddie Gagnon, granddaughter of Sister Deb Gagnon for their assistance over these past four years, it was great working with you. It's been a lot of fun but it's time to give it up. Finally, to the individual members, Chapters, Grand Chapter Committee and Grand Families who donated a total of thirty (30) baskets for the draw this year. Your support for the Basket Draw is to be commended.

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Now, to ALL the members while we all cannot take a basket home; we all benefit in the end. Your support has garnered a total of three thousand, six hundred and fifteen dollars (\$3,615.00) for Grand Chapter and I thank you for your support.

The lucky recipients of the basket draw are as follows:

In Memory of Evelyn Gable

Ken & Darlene Ulch

Sterling Chapter

ESTARL

Grand Executive

Rainbow Dove

District #1

District #2

District #4

District #5

District #8

District #9

District #10

District #11

District #12

District #13

District #14

District #15

District #21

Golden Horseshoe Region

Grand River Region

Angels, Peace & Love Grand Family

Angels, Peace & Love Star Point Officers

Lantern of Light Grand Family

Promoting Our Order Through Community

Service Grand Family

Wonders of Winter Grand Family

Peace and Harmony Grand Family

Living Our Legacy Grand Family

Sands of Time & Miracles of Communications

Autumn's Golden Splendor

Teresa Blum

Judy Speck

Joyce Colton

Barbara Scott

Shelly Merton

Ingried Wimmer

Karen Lumley

Cathie Davenport

Dawn Forbes

Adrice Grenon

Rosemarie Roadhouse

Cathie Davenport

Rick Lackey

Gwen Holmes

Rhoda Beasant

Sue Adamson

Nancy W. Hill

Bev Stanley

Gail Ellis

Cheryl Petruk

Bev Stanley

Teresa Blum

Molly Mulroy

Linda Meyer

Holly Cavanagh

Kim Wilson

Gerri Fitzgerald

Alan & Bessie Simpson

Lucille McCurdy

Nancy W. Hill

There will be some assistance for anybody that needs it to get the baskets to your rooms. I'm hoping that we'll have a couple of Grand Guards there to give you a hand because some of them do have a little bit of weight to them. And as I said the room had to be cleared out by 4 so they could have it for preparing for Grand Chapter tonight, but I guess it'll have to be a bit later. I would move the adoption of this report.

Motion: Brother Ken Guiler, PP, and seconded by Sister Helen Micks, Adah Chapter #276, that the report of the Vendor Room and Basket Draw be accepted as read. CARRIED

LOST AND FOUND

Brother Jim McGregor, Associate Grand Patron

There is nothing new to report. I just hope some of these previous things that were found have been picked up by people. This eye glass case has just been handed in here.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

Thank you Brother Associate Grand Patron. Now are there any further reports to be given. Yes, Sister Betty, do you wish to speak?

FROM THE FLOOR

Sister Betty Romenick-McIntosh, Valley Chapter #297. With your permission may our Grand Secretary retire for a moment.

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron, having served this Grand Chapter as Grand Secretary for quite a few years. I would therefore make a motion that our Grand Secretary, Sister Lillian Gohn be given the title of Grand Secretary Emeritus for the dedication she has given to this Grand Chapter for her term of office.

DISCUSSION

Sister Debra Bechamp, Preston Springs Chapter #208, question re: clarification on requirements of being given the title Emeritus.

Sister Betty Romenick-McIntosh, PGM

There is nothing in the Constitution for me to give you. Worthy Grand Matron. It has just been a custom over the years. Our Grand Secretary and our Grand Treasurer often have been given this title. They give dedication to our Grand Chapter not just to come to Grand Chapter for the four or five days but for the whole year. I know myself; you give up a lot of personal life to be serving that office. There's nothing in our Constitution that says you must serve seven years, and our Grand Secretary has put six dedicated years into our job.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

Sister Marilyn did you wish to speak on this subject?

DISCUSSION

Sister Marilyn Talor, PGM, Grand Treasurer, GCCM

I was just going to explain the definition of the Emeritus. It is generally when you have served a full term and retire for that term. That's generally what the Emeritus title is regarding full term. So, in any organization if you are in the chair form if you're required to fill it for seven years, if you fill the seven years then it's generally a kind gesture to give that title. If it's a requirement for 20 years, it would be the same thing if you were doing it for nine years. On the Trustees, you might give the title after nine years. That's generally what it's about. I'm not saying that's how it applies here. I'm saying that's the general association of the rules.

Brother Paul Hooper, Erie Chapter #19. PGP, GCCM

Just one thing, This has been given out before in other Emeritus for less than seven years. When you talk full term, the Grand Secretary was elected for a one-year term seven times. So, a full term is actually one year.

Motion: Sister Betty Romenick-McIntosh, PGM, and seconded by Brother Bill Gibson, Grand Organist, that the title of Grand Secretary Emeritus be given to Sister Lillian Gohn. CARRIED

WORTH GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

Okay, just a quick reminder to the Directors of the Grand Executive that your meeting is immediately following the close of this meeting. Do not wander away. Those that are incoming for the Grand Executive that were elected, you will be asked to enter into the second half of the meeting. So, if you just stay in the general vicinity outside the doors all will be well. Sister Grand Warder, will you ask that Sister Lillian come back into the Chapter room. Are there any other reports that anybody has in their hands, in their briefcases that needs to come before the Grand Chapter. I think we have hit them all.

Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress approach the East

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron on behalf of your Angels, Peace, and Love Grand Officers and escorts we would like to present you with this little keepsake scrapbook. There are a few pages missing but they are coming and nothing is ticking.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

Oh my, thank you, Oh, this is so nice. There are pictures and it's signed and the sessions and our trips. Oh my, somebody has taken a lot of pictures. So, for everybody who wants to know these are scrapbooks that were made by

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the Grand Officers and their escorts and there's a page representing each Grand Officer. And there is even one in here for Alex Crawford. Thank you very much.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON

Brother Richard Arding

Thank you very much guys!

QUESTION

Sister Jane Zimmerman, PGM, GCCM

Worthy Grand Matron in light of the motion that we just passed and in order to correct something that has been missed, it was implied it went to everybody who completed a term of office. Therefore, I would like to make a motion that we grant Sister Lynne Atkinson, the title of Grand Secretary Emeritus.

Motion; Sister Jane Zimmerman PGM, GCCM, and seconded by Sister Lynn Alexander, PGM, GCCM, that Sister Lynne Atkinson, PGM receives the title of Grand Secretary Emeritus. CARRIED

Closing Ode: "Go Now in Peace"

Sister Melissa Brown, Grand Conductress closed the Bible formally.

The Grand Chapter was called from labour to refreshment to reconvene at 6:30 pm.

CEREMONY

**Relinquishing of the Grand Chapter Badges of Office by
the "Angels, Peace and Love Year" Grand Chapter Officers**

NARRATOR

Sister Susan Martin, GCCM, Director-Grand Executive

Accompaniment..... Sister Karen Durward, DDGM District 21

Good afternoon, Sisters and Brothers,

It is a privilege for me to assist in this Ceremony to mark the Relinquishing of the Grand Officer Badges of Office, and I thank the Worthy Grand Matron for this honour. Many thanks also to Sister Karen Durward, District Deputy Grand Matron of District 21 who will be providing the musical accompaniment.

Our Grand Officers performed the solemn, ritualistic work of the Order with dignity and reverence but throughout the year there was plenty of time for

fun and laughter under the watchful eye of their mascot, Henry the Minion, and in a shout out to our Worthy Grand Matron's love of the Festive Season there was always lots of Christmas Cheer.

In Psalm 91 verse 11 we read "For He will give his angels charge concerning you, to guard you in all your ways." and as we approach the end of the Angels, Peace and Love Year we give thanks for the many angels who watched over our Grand Officers this year. We also give thanks for the Peace, Grace and Love our Grand Officers experienced as they performed their duties secure in the knowledge that because they believed, God walked with them. As Sister Karen appropriately plays "You'll Never Walk Alone" I invite our Grand Officers to form a circle around the Altar.

It seems hardly any time has passed since you solemnly stood at this Altar to be installed and now you are about to ceremoniously return the Badges or your Office that were entrusted to you one short year ago. Some of you will continue your progression and take on new responsibilities in our Grand Chapter. Many of you will return to serving your Chapters and Districts but for all of you the memories of this special year will be forever entrenched in your hearts.

After serving for six years in a challenging and demanding position our Grand Secretary, Lillian Gohn, is relinquishing her badge of the Crossed Pens within the Star for the final time. She will place her badge of office on the Altar having performed her duties to the best of her ability and with humble gratitude for having had the opportunity to serve our Grand Chapter in this capacity.

Our Grand Treasurer, Marilyn Taylor, has ensured that our funds have been properly preserved as she performed the duties of this demanding station. She now lays down her badge, the Crossed Keys within the Star, knowing that her high standards of integrity and honesty are necessary for the continued financial stability of our Grand Chapter.

Melissa Brown, our Grand Conductress, did an exemplary job this year of conducting new candidates through the ceremony of initiation leaving lasting and positive impressions. She now places her badge, the Scroll and Baton within the Star, upon the Altar, hopeful that as her Eastern Star journey progresses, her prepared plans will be pleasantly fulfilled.

The Baton within the Star is the Badge of the Associate Grand Conductress, a role that was conducted with great decorum this year by Debra Bechamp. After learning the ropes as the understudy to our Grand Conductress she now relinquishes her badge of office with gratitude for the lessons learned and the assistance she was rendered in the performance of her duties.

The honour of proudly carrying the flag of our country, superintending and marshalling processions and assisting in ceremonies was the pleasant duty of our Grand Marshal, Bill Baker. It is with a great sense of pride in having diligently performed that roll that he now relinquishes his badge of office the Crossed Batons within the Star.

Rick Carmichael, our Grand Chaplain graciously accepted the duties of his office and has led our devotions this year with reverence and dignity. The Open Bible within the Star, the badge of the Grand Chaplain, reminds us that in order to avoid offending both our God and our fellow man we should walk uprightly. Our Grand Chaplain now solemnly places his badge upon the Altar.

Our Grand Sentinel, Anson Sinanan, proudly wore the badge of his office the Crossed Swords within the Star which admonished him to protect the security of our meetings and guard them against untimely alarms and as he leaves his badge upon the Altar, we gratefully acknowledge his faithful performance of his duties.

Megan Jaquith, our Grand Warder, pro-tem, is watched over by a special Angel and I am sure our brother Alex Crawford was looking down with pride as she capably filled the huge void he left. Megan now solemnly returns to the Altar the badge of the Dove within the Star symbolizing the duty of protecting the peace and harmony of our proceedings.

The badge of Grand Adah, the Sword and Veil within the Triangle, was entrusted this year to Lola Bowen who shared the inspiring lesson of Adah's heroic conduct and taught us to be faithful to our convictions of right and duty. With appreciation for the opportunity to have worn it during her year of service, Lola now gratefully places her badge upon the Altar.

Electa's lessons of charity, hospitality and love were represented this year by our Grand Electa, Rosemarie Delahey. She now lovingly places her badge, the Cup within the Triangle, upon the Altar grateful that her year of service brought her a treasure trove of rich, abounding and eternal blessings.

As Grand Esther, Judi Gough capably taught the lesson of loyalty and courage exhibited by Queen Esther and shared the story of Esther's unselfish loyalty to the welfare of others. Judi now reverently places upon the Altar her badge, the Crown and Sceptre within the Triangle, an emblem of royalty and power.

In "Psalm 100" we are admonished to "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord" and our Grand Organist, Bill Gibson, led the charge this year, helping to make our ceremonies as impressive and effective as possible. His music will continue

to ring in our hearts as he now returns his badge, the Lyre within the Star, to the Altar.

Linda Murray had the privilege of being Grand Ruth this year, representing the Humble Gleaner. Her badge of office was the Sheaf within the Triangle, a symbol of the reward of patient industry. During her year of service our Grand Ruth proficiently told Ruth's story of a constant devotion to a righteous purpose, and she now humbly lays her badge upon the Altar.

The story of Martha reminds us of the uncertainty of human life and the need for a trustful faith in God. Mary Lea Buchan has ably fulfilled the duties of our Grand Martha this year and in faith she now places upon the Altar her badge, the Broken Column within the Triangle, an emblem of nature's life and beauty.

Our Associate Grand Patron, Jim McGregor has served his apprenticeship and is eager to put his lessons to good use as he assumes the highest position our Grand Chapter can bestow upon a brother. He now lays down his badge, the Star within the Star, an emblem of Divine Guidance, knowing that with God walking beside him and the help of his Sisters and Brothers his burden will be lighter.

Dawn Forbes, our Associate Grand Matron has been the understudy to our Worthy Grand Matron this year but in addition to learning the ropes for her future duties she has demonstrated her commitment to her current badge of office, the Effulgent Sun within the Star, by ensuring that the principals of our Order have shone with undiminished luster through her life. She now relinquishes her badge thankful that she had this Emblem of Light as a guide on her journey.

Our Worthy Grand Patron, Richard Arding, proudly wore the Badge of his Office, the Square and Compasses within the Star. Assuming the duties of high office doesn't always guarantee that things will go as planned but our Worthy Grand Patron faced the little glitches that arose with his usual quiet and calm demeanor, and we are grateful for his service. As he returns his badge to the Altar, he is thankful for all the help he has received this year in the performance of his duties. Being our Worthy Patron brought him not only personal satisfaction but a great deal of pride in the Angels, Peace and Love Grand Family.

The mantle of leadership can sometimes be a heavy burden but Barb McGregor, our Worthy Grand Matron, in her leadership of our Grand Chapter this year has shown by her example that the burdens of active duty can be lightened with cheerful companionship and under her leadership we have

enjoyed some wonderful social events. When she reflects on the past year, she can be justly proud that her leadership guided our Grand Chapter to another successful year and that our Grand Chapter flourished because of her good judgement and discretion. The Badge of her Office is the Gavel within the Star, and as she lays it reverently upon the Altar, she does so with a silent prayer for the continued prosperity of our beautiful Order.

I would ask the escorts to please come and join their officers.

These precious symbols of our Order
Now recline upon our Altar
Awaiting the ceremony of succession
When new custodians will take their possession
The time for the Changing of the Guard is here
And our Grand Officers may feel a bit forlorn
They've served Grand Chapter well this year
And we're proud of the work they've performed
They'll try hard not to shed a tear
At the closing of their year
And one more time they'll ring their bells
To share the Christmas Cheer!
Santa Claus is coming.





TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2025

6:00 pm

Organ Prelude – Mrs. Janet Randall, PDDGM

6:30 pm

CALL TO ORDER

Sister Susan Purdy, PGM, GCCM

Brother Rev. Les Hills, PGP, GCCM

Sister Susan Purdy, PGM, GCCM

Good evening, Sisters and Brothers. Welcome to your Tuesday evening Angels, Peace and Love Session.

**The Grand Chapter Officers were invited
To enter the Grand Chapter room**

**The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron
were escorted to the Altar and introduced**

Sister Susan Purdy, PGM, GCCM

Sister Barbara and Brother Richard welcome to this special evening,

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

The Grand Chapter Officers assumed their stations

Sister Susan Purdy, PGM, GCCM

Sister Barb and Brother Richard, it is such a pleasure to be here in the East once again with my Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Rev. Les Hills.

Thank you for inviting Les and I to complete the last Call to Order for your Angels Peace and Love Year.

Sister Barb, it seems like yesterday when you were one of my Celebrate the Seasons District Deputies. You were such a joy to be around. Kevin by your side passing on smiles and teaching moments to the members of your district we even saw you as you travelled outside your district and spreading Eastern Star friendship. Cheers to you on bringing Kevin along for this ride and your innovative ideas using your theme for the year.

After today you can take a breath from the busy life of a Worthy Grand Matron. Typically, it would be after all the chapter installations in September that you suddenly realize your schedule belongs solely to you. But, and that's a big but, your schedule will suddenly belong to your husband who will be the Worthy Grand Patron. Brother Les and I wish you, brother Jim and sister Dawn safe and happy travels during your year. Take it easy on Barb she might need a relaxing massage or two.

Brother Richard, you have proven to be a supportive Worthy Grand Patron. Thank you for all your kindness and excellent work for this Grand Chapter of Ontario.

Sister Barb, I have found you to be kind and caring to the members and have been a great example of your watchword "grace". It has been a pleasure to be on your team of advisors. You were great in listening to ideas and advice and making your own well-informed decisions. Sister Barbara it is because of you we believe in Angels – Congratulations you have earned your wings!

Brother Rev. Les Hills, PGP, GCCM

Worthy Grand Matron Barbara and Worthy Grand Patron Richard, welcome to this final session of the Angels, Peace, and Love, Grand Chapter.

I would like to thank you for the honour and privilege that you have given to Susan and I this evening.

It's wonderful to be standing here with my own Worthy Grand Matron, and Susan, it has been eight years since we were standing at the Altar waiting to preside over our last part of the Celebrate the Seasons Grand Chapter. We were so nervous!!

Sister Barbara and Brother Richard, your journey is nearly completed, and I would like to say that a journey is more than movement. Its change. It's separation. It's a thousand variables that can't be planned. So, when we sent you both off on this journey, we weren't only wishing you safe travels or a smooth road, we were offering you both something steady to carry with you. It was a reminder that you would be seen, supported, and connected, even as you stepped away from everything familiar.

We gave you happy journey wishes, which are a form of emotional travel gear. You couldn't pack them in a suitcase, but they went with you every step of the way.

Welcome back. We missed you.

Brother Richard, as everyone knows, you are a hockey fanatic. I hope you remember that when you were at Newmarket Chapter for Grand Chapter Officers night, that we had you dress up as a hockey player. I need to tell everyone that we gave you a full-size hockey stick, and just like Tiger Williams used to do, you are very adept at swinging the stick!!

I have the bruises on my posterior to show what you did.

To ensure this doesn't happen again, please ensure that, if you ever have to swing a hockey stick in a Chapter, you will use this one!!!

GRAND CHAPTER OF ONTARIO

I have been privileged to be a part of your extended family this year. I'm a better person because of that experience. You still have much to accomplish but I know that you'll do everything that you do with a big smile and much love.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

How we celebrated the seasons with you both. This year you helped us to celebrate Christmas, the time of peace and love. So, it just seemed appropriate that you would both be here in this our final session. Sister Susan and Brother Les, as advisors, you did not let us down. You listened, you investigated documentation, answered our questions but gave us that flexible area to make our own choices and decisions. We always knew that the good and welfare of our Order was upper most in your thoughts and deeds. Thank you for all that you have done to support us and every member in this Grand Chapter.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON

Brother Richard Arding

When things go wrong and life turns rough. I close my eyes, open my heart and you are the angels I see. Thank you for opening this final session. Both of you were advisors and were always ready to answer questions which I appreciated. I hope you enjoy yourself at our session. Safe travels home. Oh! By the way, Les, be on your guard. I'm going back to playing pick-up hockey.

**The Bible was opened Formally by
Sister Melissa Brown, Grand Conductress**

PRAYER

Brother Rick Carmichael, Grand Chaplain

OPENING ODE: "What a Wonderful World"

Accompaniment.....Brother Bill Gibson, Grand Organist

**The Grand Marshal proclaimed the Session
brought from refreshment to labour.**

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

Okay, now we are going to have the completion of just a tiny bit of business. First of all, the VIP seating, do you want to know how that made out? Well, we made \$165 Canadian and \$8.00 US dollars, half of which goes to the Operating Fund and half to Covenant House. So, thank you for enjoying our little test to see how it worked. Now I also, Sister Grand Secretary, did you

get any news at all? You know, when you walked out of here? Did anybody come up to you and say, "Hey!" no? Okay then let me tell you. By the Membership it was voted on and decided that you are now and will be Grand Secretary Emeritus.

Sister Lillian, Gohn, Grand Secretary Emeritus

Oh, this is totally unexpected. I sincerely thank the members of this Grand Chapter for voting this very special honour for me. It has been a pleasure and an honour for me to serve this Grand Chapter as Grand Secretary and this last year serving with you for the Angels, Peace and Love Year has also been a blessing to me. Extending best wishes to you Sister Barbara and Brother Richard and to all the members in this Grand Chapter room. This is sincerely appreciated and a complete surprise. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

Now, going through that exercise, it sort of drew our attention to maybe some that we have neglected. So, I would like to call upon Sister Helen Delaney who would like to make an announcement.

Sister Helen Delaney, RWGT , PGM, GCCM, WM Valley Chapter

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. As discussed in the Grand Executive, I would move that we afford the honour of the title of Grand Treasurer Emeritus to the following members: Sister Marilyn Mitchell, Brother Don Thornton, Sister Jeanie Lee and Brother Gary Bayes.

Motion: Sister Helen Delaney, RWGT, PGM, GCCM, WM Valley Chapter, and seconded by Sister Jane Zimmerman, PGM, GCCM, that the following people be granted the title of Grand Treasurer Emeritus: Marilyn Mithcell, Jeanie Lee, Don Thornton and Gary Bayes. CARRIED

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

So, I think at this time I will call upon Sister Barbara Thorburn to give the final report of Credentials and Registration. There she comes!

CREDENTIALS AND REGISTRATION

Sister Barbara Thorburn, PGM, GCCM-Director on. Grand Executive

Total Active Chapters:	52
Total Chapters Registered:	49
Chapters Not Registered:	3
Pre-registered:	347
Registration from Ontario:	360
Out of Jurisdiction:	59
Total Attendance:	419

Motion: Sister Barbara Horburn PGM, GCCM, seconded by Sister Marilyn Taylor, PGM, Grand Treasurer, that the final report of the Credentials and Registration be accepted as given. CARRIED

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

Now, thank you! Another year and an excellent job. How you were both able to remain sane. I'm not sure. Of course that might answer a lot. However, you keep us on track, so thank you. Brother Richard the floor is now yours.

RETIRING ADDRESS OF THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON

Brother Richard Arding

Worthy Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter Officer, General Grand Chapter Ambassador and Committee Members. Distinguished Members in the East, sisters, brothers, family and friends.

This past year has been one of the most rewarding years of my life and I want to express my sincere thanks to each and everyone for your wonderful encouragement and support. Thank you for giving me the great privilege of being your Worthy Grand Patron in the Angels, Peace, and Love Year.

Sister Barbara, it has been my privilege to serve with you this year in the East. Your commitment to the Order has had no limits. Where you travelled this year, you brought great honour and respect to the office of the Worthy Grand Matron. I truly respect your dedication to the Order. Your friendship and that of Jim's will be cherished throughout my life. May you always have angels by your side.

My Grand Family, you and your escorts have made a wonderful family. I hope our Angels, Peace, and Love Grand Family will always be close friends.

To District 11 members, thank you for your encouragement and friendship, which I appreciate very much. Scarborough Chapter thank you for the lovely reception in June. Something I will always treasure. May I also include the members of Picton Chapter and District 12 for your participation in a memory that will last a lifetime. I will always treasure the Honor Guards of hockey sticks and roses. It was a delight to see.

I will leave you with this message:

"Angels are the gentle reminders that we are never alone and that there is always the Divine Love surrounding us.

Thank you, my sisters and brothers.

CLOSING ADDRESS OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara McGregor

Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officer, General Grand Chapter Ambassador and Committee Members, all distinguished guests in the East, sisters, brothers, family and friends.

As I stand before you tonight, I find myself reflecting on a year that has been nothing short of extraordinary. When I began my time as Worthy Grand Matron, my vision was simple — to travel to as many Chapters as possible, to step through as many open doors as I could, and to encourage others to follow along....to explore, to connect, and to share the beautiful spirit of our Order far and wide. Some of those roads were straight and easy...and others? Well, let's just say my GPS and I are no longer on speaking terms.

This year, our theme — Angels, Peace, and Love — became more than just words. We paid homage to the angels of yesterday, and we recognized the unseen angels who quietly walk beside us every single day. We saw future angels who spread their wings and soared, becoming the promise of our tomorrow. And I encouraged all of us to try to hold onto that feeling of peace and love we get every Christmas Eve and choose to carry into our lives each and every day.

To every Chapter that welcomed our Grand Family with open arms, thank you. To those who honoured me with the gift of Honorary Membership, please know it touched my heart more than words can express. And I promise — this is not goodbye. You will still see me, maybe not in the East, maybe with no official duties or giving as many speeches, but still laughing, still visiting and ... always with the same love for our Order.

To every Past Grand, Grand Officer, Escort, Grand Chapter Committee member, District Deputy Grand Matron, Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron, Grand Representative, Past District Deputy Grand Matron, Past Matron and Past Patron and each member I thank you for your help, encouragement, and just being there. This year was not just mine; it was yours too. I hope that each of you enjoyed it and will let that peace and love invade your very souls. Worthy Grand Patron, Richard, thank you for taking this whirlwind trip with me. Together we did what the plan was, and I believe we can lay down our heads tonight and truly feel that peace and satisfaction.

Thank you, my friend.

The memories I carry from this year are like a Christmas patchwork quilt — each one stitched with the laughter we have shared, the smiles that brightened our visits, and the warmth that surrounded us everywhere we went. They are pieces of my heart now, and I will wrap myself in them for many years to come.

I hope that I was there when you needed me. That I helped you when you required it. That I provided the ear so you could vent. You may not have agreed with everything I said or did but know this everything came from my heart. The good of our beautiful Order was always foremost in my thoughts and intentions.

As I leave this office, I pray that Angels, Peace, and Love will continue to guide you, inspire you, and lift you — as you have lifted me. Let our communities see the angels that you all are. Remember, because of you I believe in angels! From the bottom of my heart, thank you. (Ring the bell)

GRAND CHAPTER OF ONTARIO

Oh, and Kevin said thank you for letting him sit in your Chapters and listening to his words...But really folks? OVER the toilet roll? NO WAY!

Thank you all, thank you all!

So, this is really fast compared to our other sessions!!! We will sing our closing ode.

CLOSING ODE: "You Never Walk Alone"

Accompaniment.....Bill Gibson, Grand Organist

PRAYER:

Brother Rick Carmichael; Grand Chaplain

**The Bible was closed informally by
Sister Melissa Brown, Grand Conductress**

Special Guests were invited to enter the Grand Chapter Room.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON

Brother Richard Arding

Please take your seats and prepare for an excellent evening. I welcome you on behalf of Suster Barb and myself but more especially for Sister Dawn and Brother Jim who are now anxiously awaiting their turn to lead this great jurisdiction during it's 111th year.

**The Worthy Grand Matron invited the
Installing Grand Officer to Preside.**

CEREMONY OF INSTALLATION

INSTALLING GRAND CHAPTER OFFICER

Mrs. Morag O'Hara, PGM

Good Evening everyone. I believe we are going to have an exchange of our Bibles. The girls are getting ready.

Mrs. Barbara Thorburn, PGM, GCCM

Before we begin the Installation of Sister Dawn, Brother Jim and their Corp of Grand Chapter Officers, we will exchange the Bibles to signify a beautiful and solemn transfer from Angels, Peace and Love to Magical Moments Making Memories.

Sister Jane Ball, escort of our Worthy Grand Matron will remove Sister Barb's closed Bible from the Altar.

Ms. Marilyn Taylor, PGM, Grand Treasurer

Sister Gay Rust, escort of our Worthy Grand Matron – Elect will place Sister Dawn's Bible, which has been gifted with love and hopes for a year full of Magical Memories.

Dear Sister Dawn, the inscription in your Bible reads:

My Dear polar Bear:

If I could have but just one wish,

I'd give my wish to you.

That you will have great memories,

and all your dreams come true.

Your cygnets are all grown now.

Your dreams they will fulfill,

To bring good cheer and happiness;

a bevy of goodwill.

My heart is full of love for you.

My eyes may fill with tears,

For the friendship we have shared thus far has grown through all these
years.

I won't be with you always.

Sometimes, I'll be away.

Just carry this Bible wherever you go; and I'll be with you every day.

With Star love, Your Chick-a-dee.

As you lead our Grand Jurisdiction this year, may God comfort you, may He give you grace and humility and may He guide you safely on your journey.
LOVE YOU PB.

Mrs. Barbara Thorburn, PGM, GCCM

Sister Barb. As you know, this Bible is from Laurel Chapter #164 and was entrusted to me when I started my journey to the East. Last year, you were installed with this Bible on the Altar, and it continued to hold the honoured position on the Altar during this Grand Chapter Session. I'm sure this Bible is very proud of all that you have done for our Jurisdiction and to the Order, I know I am. You honoured Laurel Chapter members and their memories. The tradition of Signing that Bible has continued. I signed as Worthy Grand Matron and so will you. On behalf of the remaining members of Laurel Chapter #164, I re-present this to you for safe keeping – for ever. Because of you, they believe in Angels.

Brother Jim, I would like to present you with another Bible from Laurel Chapter. This Bible was gifted to the Chapter by our Mother Chapter, Aldworth #29 in 1927.

This Bible will be placed in the East below the podium during your Installation this evening. May it guide and comfort you as you assist the Worthy Grand Matron elect perform your duties. I hope you draw strength, comfort, guidance and wisdom from the Legacy that was left by Peggy

Murphy, Worthy Grand Matron 1971-72, the Laurel year, myself, Centennial Legacy 2014-15 and by your amazing wife as her term is coming to a close, Angels, Peace and Love, 2024-2025. May it give you strength in this Magical Moments, Making Memoires year for 2025-26.

Thank you all for allowing us to perform this little Ceremony.

INSTALLING GRAND CHAPTER OFFICER

Mrs. Morag O'Hara, PGM

Once again, welcome to everyone in the room to this Open Installation Ceremony. We hope you will enjoy it and if you are not a member YET... I'm sure there's petitions around this room and we would love to have you join us. So, it's my job now to introduce the installing board.

This evening your Installing Grand Officer is myself, Sister Morag O'Hara, PGM

- Installing Grand Chaplain is Brother Mike Ferguson, Worthy Patron Picton Chapter #273, Grand Representative of Tennessee in Ontario
- Installing Grand Marshal is Sister Helen Delaney, RWGT-Chair, PGM, GCCM, Worthy Matron of Valley Chapter #297.
- Installing Organist is Brother Robert Trimble, PGP of Pennsylvania.

Others Assisting in the East:

Brother Paul Hooper, PGP, GCCM, Dir. On Grand Executive

Brother Bill Chatwell, GGCCM Ambassador to New Jersey, PGP

Sister Barbara J. Ward, GGCCM-HLC, PGM, GCCM Dir. On Grand Executive

Brother Rev. Les Hills, PGP, GCCM, Dir. On Grand Executive

Sister Barbara Thorburn, PGM, GCCM Dir. On Grand Executive

Sister Peggy South, PGM, District Deputy Grand Matron #15

Sister Rev. Ellen Redecliffe, GGCCM-Necrology, PGM, District Deputy Grand Matron #9

Brother David Doherty, PGP

Sister Marsha J. Taylor, GGCCM-ESTARL, PGM

Sister Jane Zimmerman, PGM, GCCM Dir. On Grand Executive

Brother Rodney Muir, PGP, GCCM Co-chair Grand Executive

- Floral Ceremony: Sister Brenda Hooper, PGM
- We have a soloist tonight, Sister Susan Martin, GCCM Dir. On Grand Executive, Worthy Matron of Newmarket Chapter #282
- Sister Betty Romenick-McIntosh, PGM, Grand Secretary Emeritus in Commissioning of our District Deputy Grand Matrons

I have a few instructions for everyone this evening. Our Bible will be open upon the Altar during the ceremony, so we ask that no photographs, no videos and no recorders be used during the ceremony. There will be lots of times for pictures afterwards.

The Installing Grand Organist assumed her station.

I now declare a short recess for the Ceremony of Installation

The “Angels, Peace, and Love” Grand Chapter Officers Retiring Drill

**INTRODUCTION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS
2025 - 2026**

Sister Catherine Ferguson, PDDGM District 13

Sister Gay Adair, PDDGM District 11

Good evening, everyone. We are absolutely thrilled to be here with you tonight and deeply honoured to have been asked to introduce the 2025-2026 Forbes-McGregor Grand Family. There are 18 very excited and perhaps just a little fluttery cygnets, oops, Grand Officers with their escorts eagerly waiting to leave the nest and soar through a year filled with magical moments making memories. Now imagine this. The soft spinning hum of a 45 RPM record playing your favourite tune. The spirited call of the blue jays soaring above. The croak of frogs and toads offering their chorus as the evening rolls on. It's a soundtrack for adventure. Add to that the sleek rumble of a '63 Corvette gliding down an open road full of possibility and freedom. Taking you on a ride toward unforgettable experiences. Tonight, as the fairy lights guide us, the laughter lifts us and the love of our Order carries us forward into a truly magical year.

Sister Catherine Ferguson, PDDGM District 13

We begin by welcoming Scott Laing of Preston Springs Chapter #208. Over his career, Scott has developed a strong sense of duty, commitment and focus. Qualities that will serve him well as he steps into his role as Grand Sentinel. Off the clock, Scott loves good food, good company and the open road. He's a barbecue master always ready to fire up the smoker. And when he's not cooking, he's likely riding his motorcycle enjoying the journey over speed. Sorry Jim, but Scott prefers the steady rhythm of two wheels over your '63 Corvette. If you happen to hear bagpipes and music blasting through the air, don't be surprised. Scott has a real love for that too. Escorting Scott tonight is Maggie McNichol of Preston Springs #208 whose friendship will guide him smoothly on this next chapter. We look forward to his leadership, energy and if we're lucky a few cookouts along the way.

Sister Gay Adair, PDDGM District 11

I have the privilege of introducing Brother John McLean who will be our Grand Warder for the ensuing year. Brother John is a member of Whitby Chapter #248, District 11, and Sunland Chapter #283, District 21. After working 33 years in the steel industry, Brother John retired to enjoy golfing,

spending time with his family and friends, and cruising the highways while listening to his favourite tunes. One of Brother John's distinct pleasures while serving as Worshipful Master of his Lodge, was to have initiated, passed and raised his Father into Masonry – a unique event.

By his side as his escort is his supportive, vibrant fun-loving wife, Deborah. Brother John and Sister Deb have almost completed their year as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of Sunland Chapter. Welcome to our Magical Moments, Making Memories Grand Warder and his escort. We know that they will travel well this year and certainly have many happy experiences.

Sister Gay Adair, PDDGM District 11

Sister Leslie Tietz has been appointed our Grand Electa. Sister Leslie is proud to be the 4th generation in her family to be a Member of the Eastern Star. She is also an identical twin – married to an identical twin. She is a member of Mercer Chapter #156, in the Grand River Region, as well as a member of Edgemont Chapter #127, Golden Horseshoe Region. This September Sister Leslie will be installed as Worthy Matron for the 7th time. I recall her first time 30 years ago, in the Spirit of the Highlands year when she was Worthy Matron in Vittoria Chapter. Time flies when you are having fun. Sister Leslie enjoys the out-of-doors, especially sitting around a bonfire checking the stars. She will be escorted by her good friend, Sister Kelly Mackey, also a member of Edgemont Chapter #127, who will find time to enjoy a bonfire, look at the stars and make pleasant memories.

Sister Catherine Ferguson, PDDGM District 13

Hailing from Halton Chapter #280, Lynda Speck will be our Grand Martha, preparing for a year filled with meaningful journeys much like a cheerful frog hopping from lily pad to lily pad. Lynda leaps from one memorable moment to the next. Often found in the kitchen where her love of cooking and baking fills the air with comfort and joy. Whether stirring a pot or frosting a cake she brings flavour and faith to all she does. Joining her on this journey is Jeanette Jaconelli of Lakeview Chapter #79. Her steady presence will ensure every leap is a leap forward. When not serving our Order, Jeanette cherishes time with her granddaughter and offers her heart and hands in service at church, living her faith with quiet strength and generosity. Together, Lynda and Jeanette are sure to create a year full of laughter, faith and unforgettable memories. One hop, one hymn and one homemade cookie at a time.

Sister Gay Adair, PDDGM District 11

Sister Diane Garrett has the honour of being appointed Grand Esther. Sister Diane has been a dedicated member of our Order for 55 years, and is a member of Sterling Chapter #307, District 14. Sister Diane was an accomplished chemist, working at the University of Ottawa and Carlton University before retiring. She now is able to spend more time helping at her

church, knitting, sewing, crocheting, travelling and dining at exotic restaurants with her husband, Robert. Her goal is to learn to say “Hello” and “Thank you” in all languages - not by using a tape, but by speaking to people of different cultures. Hopefully as you travel this year, Grand Esther, you will meet just such people. She is escorted by her husband, Robert. Welcome to your Grand Chapter.

Sister Catherine Ferguson, PDDGM District 13

It is my pleasure to introduce Bev Gorsline from my very own chapter, Picton #273. Now, I may be a little biased, but I truly believe she is the perfect choice to serve as our Grand Ruth. A dedicated 34-year member, Bev exemplifies kindness and compassion in every interaction. Always bringing warmth to those around her. But don't be fooled. If you catch a twinkle in her eye.... It is likely something mischievous is brewing beneath that gracious exterior. Where there's one, you often find the other. This year, Bev is joined by her sister, Brenda Kerr, also a proud member of Picton #273. Together they are a dynamic duo. Full of fun, quick wit and infectious laughter. Both married to their high school sweethearts (who deserve medals of their own) and both are self-declared control freaks. Bev and Brenda are sure to keep things running smoothly or at least running with flair. With these two leading the charge, there's no doubt this year will be full of laughter, loyalty and just the right amount of mischief.

Sister Gay Adair, PDDGM District 11

The blue ray of our central star will sparkle with Sister Ingrid Wimmer as Grand Adah. Sister Ingrid is a devoted 38-year member of our Order, having served in Frontenac Chapter #90 and Florence Nightingale Chapter #5, both in District 13.

Having retired from teaching, Sister Ingrid can now spend more time with her 10 grandchildren, sew, knit and travel....and dine at family-style restaurants. She is also an avid stock sport competitor. What is stock sport? I will save you Googling – stock sport is also known as European curling. Last year she was a member on a team from her local area representing Canada in Austria. Sister Ingrid has just completed her term as President of the Rainbow-Dove Grand Representatives' Association. Accompanying Sister Ingrid as her escort is her dear friend, Sister Dianna Smith, also a member of Frontenac Chapter and Florence Nightingale. We wish you both safe travels as you tour our beautiful province.

Sister Gay Adair, PDDGM District 11

“Tinkling the ivories” across our Grand Jurisdiction and beyond will be Sister Anne Redfearn-Grobbo, our Grand Organist. She loves music of all genres – has no favourite artist or tune. She enjoys all music, and is involved in many branches of the art. A retired piano teacher, she sings in 2 choirs and serves

as a member of the festival committee in her area. She admits that at one time she wrote trashy mysteries for an online publisher. Maybe we need to keep an eye on by-lines? Sister Anne is a member of Bruce Chapter #253, District 8, as is her husband and escort, Brother John. Together they will stay in harmony as they represent the Magical Moments, Making Memories Grand Family this year.

Sister Catherine Ferguson, PDDGM District 13

Our next officer is Megan Jaquith of Quinte Chapter #59, who will serve as our Grand Marshal. Like a dandelion puff caught on a gentle breeze, Megan will carry each responsibility with lightness and grace, scattering seeds of strength and beauty that will take root in every ceremony she leads. When she's not guiding with precision and style, Megan delights in the quiet craft of quilting, savouring home-cooked meals, and sharing joyful moments with her beloved Westies—who, like little seeds themselves, are always close at hand, spreading warmth wherever they go. Accompanying her on this journey is her mom, Sandra Jaquith of Ideal Chapter #61 and Quinte #59, whose steady presence will be the strong stem supporting Megan's flight, helping her soar with confidence and heart. Together, they'll drift through the year, stitching harmony, nurturing connections, and creating magical memories—one thread, one step, and one happy tail wag at a time.

Sister Catherine Ferguson, PDDGM District 13

Leading us in our devotions this year is Richard Bennett of Frontenac Chapter #90, our Grand Chaplain. As one of seven siblings, Richard knows a thing or two about navigating the lively seas of a big family—and he brings that same steady spirit and heart of service to guide us all with grace and warmth. When he's not charting a course through our devotions, Richard loves to set sail on cruising adventures with his devoted wife, Joanne Galarneau. Joanne's quiet strength is the anchor that keeps their journey steady, no matter what waves come their way. Both share a deep love of church, and together they beam with pride and joy over their granddaughter, the shining star and light of their eyes, whose laughter and love inspire every step of their voyage.

Together, Richard and Joanne will lead us on a gentle cruise through faith, kindness, and devotion—ensuring smooth sailing and plenty of heartfelt moments along the way.

Sister Gay Adair, PDDGM District 11

Newly elected to this Grand Family as Associate Grand Conductress is Gay Rust, a member of Florence Nightingale Chapter #5 and Ideal Chapter #61, both in District 14. Having retired from the City of Brockville Transit, as a bus driver for 25 years, Sister Gay will find there is no definite route to locations around our province – just take to the byways and highways and

enjoy the new challenges. The next 4 years will be busy and may allow little time for Sister Gay's many craft projects. Her escort will be her husband, Robert, also a member of Ideal Chapter.

Sister Catherine Ferguson, PDDGM District 13

On her second step to the East in this Grand Chapter, it is my great pleasure to introduce Debra Bechamp of Preston Springs Chapter #208 and Brighton Chapter #201, who will serve as our Grand Conductress for the coming year. Like a bluejay soaring through the trees, Debra will guide our new members through their initiation with grace and effortless charm, filling every moment with vibrant energy and joy. With a bluejay's sharp intelligence, keen awareness, and confident voice, she'll lead with wisdom and warmth, inspiring those around her to grow strong and stand proud within our Order. Debra's heart blossoms with love for her family and grandchildren, and her passion for Christmas brings a festive sparkle to everything she touches, spreading cheer, twinkling lights, and warm memories throughout the year. Escorting Debra tonight is Dave McNichol of Preston Springs #208, whose steady friendship will be like a gentle breeze beneath her wings, helping her glide smoothly as she embarks on this exciting new chapter.

Sister Gay Adair, PDDGM District 11

No stranger to our Grand Chapter is Marilyn Taylor, former General Grand Chapter Committee Member, Past Grand Matron of Ontario, and a Member of Picton Chapter #273, and Quinte Chapter #59, District 12. Sister Marilyn begins her 5th year as our Grand Treasurer. How fortunate we are to have her conscientious and competent dedication of our Order, and knowledge of the facts and figures with which she fills her office! Sister Marilyn is a collector of fairies, frogs, and monkeys, but if you really would like to give her a gift she especially enjoys, make it consumables – the more chocolate the better. She is escorted tonight by Brother Tim Brownson, a member of Picton Chapter.

Sister Catherine Ferguson, PDDGM District 13

Muriel Brown of Brighton Chapter #201 & Valley Chapter# 297 will be our new Grand Secretary, ready to take the wheel with the strength and style of a classic '63 Corvette—powerful, dependable, and built to cruise smoothly through any challenge. With her school board experience and years as Chapter Secretary, plus the full support of our jurisdiction, Muriel is perfectly tuned to navigate her duties with confidence and flair. You can bet she'll have the timeless beats of '50s and '60s music playing in the background—adding rhythm and nostalgia to every task.

Tonight, she's escorted by her husband, Chris Brown, whose steady presence keeps her grounded through every twist and turn. Whether camping under the stars or tapping feet to classic rock 'n' roll around the campfire, Chris is

the perfect co-pilot. Together, they make the ultimate pit crew—ready to fuel this new chapter with teamwork, love, and vintage magic. Please join me in warmly welcoming Muriel and Chris as they take the driver’s seat to steer us through a wonderful year ahead!

Sister Gay Adair, PDDGM District 11

Brother John Sperrino is joining the Magical Moments, Making Memories Grand Family as our Associate Grand Patron. Brother John is a 30 year member of our Order, a faithful member of Sunland Chapter #238 and Kawartha Chapter #312, both in District 21. His dedication to Masonry, in harmony with his involvement in the Order of the Eastern Star, promises our membership a combination of devotion and ritualistic excellence. It will be a busy, but very exciting, 2 years. Brother John served 28 years with the Toronto Fire Services, and as the chief engineer on the “Alexander Henry”, an ice breaker of the Canadian Coast Guard. You might say his careers have been hot and cold! He enjoys checking farm equipment as he and his wife have their home on 50 acres in the country. We welcome our Associate Grand Patron and his escort, Pamela Kasper, a Member of Sunland Chapter.

Sister Catherine Ferguson, PDDGM District 13

Our Associate Grand Matron for the coming year is Melissa Brown of Brighton Chapter #201 and Valley Chapter #297—a true fairy of friendship and fun, sprinkling magic wherever she goes. With a heart as bright as a fairy’s glow, Melissa brings a treasure trove of experience from youth groups and chapters, ready to flutter into this new role with wings of enthusiasm and joy. Her spirit sparkles with creativity—like an artist painting rainbows, a master builder crafting enchanted castles from LEGO bricks, and a hockey fairy zipping across the ice with twinkling speed. Melissa’s boundless optimism is a sprinkle of fairy dust that will lift and inspire all who cross her path this year. Escorting her on this magical journey is her brother Andrew, a mischievous sprite who keeps her grounded with laughter and sibling charm, making sure their path is filled with lighthearted fun and support. Let’s all welcome Melissa and Andrew as they dance into this enchanted chapter, ready to weave friendship, creativity, and a little fairy magic throughout the year!

Sister Gay Adair, PDDGM District 11

I present James Norman McGregor, born April 26th, 19--. I share with you some of the names and titles by which this gentleman has been known over the years. As a little lad he was “Jimmy” by his family, friends and classmates. As he matured, he was “Jim”and by his pals he was given the nickname “Jimmy Mack” – which remains to this day. His collecting of 45 rpm records led to him becoming a DJ. With this sideline he was popular as he had the knack of being able to “read” his audiences and playing to their liking. Ask

which tunes he liked best – the Beatles, Elton John, and Anne Murray – “Can I have this dance?” To his employees in the trucking industry for 50 years he was “The Boss”; to his hockey buddies for 30 seasons, he is also “Jimmy Mack.” His parents, on occasion, might have been heard to say “JAMES”! With the surname McGregor I expect he often was called “Mac”. I will leave to your imagination the terms of endearment used by his bride of 48 years. nHe is Dad to Jason and Karey, and to grandson, Remy, he is “Papa”.

In the Masonic circuit: 33 years ago, he became Brother, served over the years as Worshipful Master in his lodges 5 times; and as Grand Steward in the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario he attained the title of Very Worshipful. In Rameses Shrine, especially to the band, he is “The Drummer”. Thirty-two years ago, Brother Jim was initiated into Scarborough Chapter #231, District 11, and over the years has been the Worthy Patron 3 times. He is also proud to be a Member of Picton Chapter #273, District 12, and I am sure filling any appropriate Office if needed. Brother Jim is dedicating this year to the memory of his parents, Brother Mel and Sister Marie McGregor, devoted Members of Laurel Chapter #164, District 11. Sister Marie and Brother Mel were role models for Members of our Order. They warmly greeted all members, conducted their meetings with dignity “by the book”, and it was a pleasure to listen to their ritualistic presentations. After the meetings it was time for fun. No evening was complete without entertainment and refreshments. The entertainment could be skits, singsongs, games, contests, etc., Brother Mel and Sister Marie were good cooks so we knew there would be a feast waiting for us to enjoy. Rarely did we get home before midnight, even those Members who lived near-by.

Brother Jim’s escort this year is no stranger to us. Sister Barbara, you have had a year to be proud of, a truly wonderful year, ending with an equally wonderful well-organized Grand Session. Your remarks and welcomes were given with sincerity, and certainly showed the time spent to make everyone feel special. Thank you for your dedication and respect for all.

With new titles you both begin again traveling Ontario and beyond. We know members will greet you with open arms as you return to many chapters, renew old friendships and make new ones. Unfortunately, there may be little time to spend relaxing at your trailer in beautiful Prince Edward County. Angel wings guided your travels last year and this year a blue jay – the bird, not a ball player - perched on Brother Jim’s shoulder will be your Guardian Angel. This lucky omen has been a special bond between Brother Jim and his grandfather for many years. We wish you safe travels, good health, and happy times. Please greet our soon-to-be Worthy Grand Patron and soon-to-be Past Grand Matron, his escort.

Sister Catherine Ferguson, PDDGM District 13

Last, but certainly not least, please join me in welcoming Dawn Forbes of Frontenac Chapter #90, Ideal #61, Florence Nightingale #5, and Picton #273

(phew... that's quite the mouthful!), will be our Worthy Grand Matron, accompanied by her loving husband and escort, Scott Forbes. As partners in both business and life, we know Scott will be your steady and devoted support throughout the year—though we may need to occasionally pry him away from the fire trucks! Dawn, this moment has been 15 years in the making. Your unwavering dedication, tireless effort, and deep love for our Order have brought you here. Now, it's time to make lasting memories. Just as the rose blooms in its own perfect time, this is your time to flourish. And like the dandelion releasing its seeds, you will spread new growth and possibility—planting inspiration, hope, and heart across the jurisdiction. Like your cherished swans, you will lead with elegance, grace, and quiet strength—while adding that signature touch of fairy whimsy that sparkles in life's most magical moments. With your mom and dad watching over you with pride, and Scott and the girls by your side, we know you'll bring wisdom, kindness, and love to every corner of our Grand Chapter, leaving behind a legacy as heartfelt as it is enduring. Your leadership will lift us, steady as wings in flight, each step guided by love, memory, and faith.

Now, as you AIM to S.P.A.R.K.L.E—Spread Patience, Appreciation, Respect, Kindness, Love, and Enthusiasm—we, your jurisdiction, stand beside you, trusting in the Lord with all our hearts, and cheering you on as you embrace your dream.

Let's warmly welcome Dawn and Scott to their magical journey where stars dance, dreams shimmer, memories glow like fairy lights, and magic sparkles in every step!

With every turn of the record, every ribbit of the toads, every call of the blue jays, and the roar of that Corvette engine, our Grand Officers will make memories as rich and vibrant as the days of youth, friendship, and dreams realized. Please join Gay and I as we welcome your 2025-2026 Magical Moments Making Memories Grand Family.

Sister Gay Adair, PDDGM District 11

It has been an honour for Sister Cathy and me to share some special information about our new Grand Family Members. Most of the elected Officers have gone this route before – they carry on their shoulders the weight of this Grand Jurisdiction. They, along with Grand Executive, have the responsibility of leading with dignity and good judgement for the benefit of all Members. For the 9 appointed Officers this may well be the highlight of their Eastern Star life. Relax and enjoy every moment of every day. Things may go awry some time but just remember – in the words of one of our Past Grand Patrons “the sun will come up in the morning”.

To all Sisters and Brothers, in the words of Sister Dawn:

Cherish all you hold dear.

Hope with a feeling of optimism.

Reminisce – remembering the treasures of the past. God Bless.

GRAND CHAPTER OF ONTARIO

**The Bible was opened informally by
Sister Helen Prohaska PDDGM**

The Lord's Prayer was repeated in Unison

**Installation was declared open by
Sister Morag O'Hara, PGM**

The following Grand Chapter Officers were proclaimed installed for the year 2025 - 2026.

Worthy Grand Matron	Sister Dawn Forbes
Worthy Grand Patron.....	Brother Jim McGregor
Associate Grand Matron.....	Sister Melissa Brown
Associate Grand Patron.....	Brother John Sperrino
Grand Secretary.....	Sister Muriel Brown
Grand Treasurer.....	Sister Marilyn Taylor
Grand Conductress.....	Sister Debra Bechamp
Associate Grand Conductress.....	Sister Gay Rust
Grand Chaplain.....	Sister Richard Bennett
Grand Marshal.....	Sister Megan Jaquith
Grand Organist.....	Sister Anne Redfearn-Grobbo
Grand Adah.....	Sister Ingried Wimmer
Grand Ruth.....	Sister Bev Gormline
Grand Esther.....	Sister Diane Garrett
Grand Martha.....	Sister Lynda Speck
Grand Electa.....	Sister Leslie Tietz
Grand Warder.....	Brother John McLean
Grand Sentinel.....	Brother Soctt Laing

FLORAL CEREMONY

Sister Brenda Hooper, PGM

Good evening, everyone. One night Paul and I were sitting in the room watching TV when our Worthy Grand Matron-to-be called and asked me for a favour. Would I please be on her Installing Board? I was very honoured to be asked, although I was hoping and praying that I wouldn't be asked to do the floral ceremony. And yet here I am!

It has always been my practice to ask the incoming Worthy Grand Matron-to-be, or Worthy Matron-to-be what she would like me to talk on. If there was one particular thing that she favoured for her year. She said that she was very much leaning towards the dandelion. I asked her to repeat it. Because I thought she was asking me to do a floral ceremony on a weed. When she repeated the word dandelion to me, I said to her, "You want me to talk on a

weed that every year people spend hundreds of dollars trying to kill it in their front yard including ours?"

She said the dandelion had some wonderful redeeming qualities. I spent all night trying to figure out what they were. What do dandelions symbolize? The dandelion is often dismissed as a pesky weed but is actually regarded as a fascinating and meaningful symbol of hope, strength, renewal and a symbol of emotional healing. That's a new one on me! They can live in the harshest and driest climate. They signify being able to overcome obstacles by staying strong. When you think of this meaning, it can also represent our own Eastern Star. The Star has overcome many challenges in the past, declining membership, chapters closing during COVID and trying to navigate in a new modern world.

You can eat any part of the dandelion and it's not dangerous to anyone. You can eat the roots and use dandelion leaves in your salad. You can also make dandelion tea and wine. And it has been used to cure many illnesses and pains. I myself prefer, Pinot Grigio and Earl Grey!

They are known for their ability to thrive in these challenging conditions, returning year after year. The resilience has made them strong and determined to survive. Isn't it what the OES is like? I am comparing us to a weed.!

I have broken the dandelion down to three parts, the strong root, the green leaves and the beautiful flower that turns into this puffball. With these tiny black seeds in it. It is these seeds that are important. I'm sure we've all done this as a child or for our grandchildren. We have picked these fluffballs up and blown on them and watched the seeds as they were dispersed in the air. My father used to yell at me for that. He was a farmer. One seed has been known to carry up to five miles down the road. Whatsoever that person was to determine it had way too much time on his hands.

The seed of the Eastern Star was planted in the minds of our founders, Dr. Rob Morris and his wife who wanted to start an organization for both men and women. This tiny seed grew into our ritual. And this ritual is the root of our Eastern Star. The root grows stronger and stronger and eventually grew into these beautiful green leaves which now represents our chapters. Finally, it grows a radiant yellow flower that eventually turns into this beautiful lacy, fluffy puffs with the 10 black seeds in it. These seeds have now spread to the four corners of our earth representing the values of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Sisters, these are points you form of the beautiful central star, you point the way of teaching the lessons of our Order and living them day to day.

Sister Grand Adah, you as our blue star point represent the promise which made, must be kept and a vow which must be honoured. This is not always easy and convenient to follow through. Sometimes sacrifices must be made to fulfill God's Promise. From your beautiful past you will spread the seeds of

these virtues in moral responsibility and to promises made to wherever your travels take you this year.

Sister Grand Ruth, you are a yellow star point representing the duty of obedience and humility. Always placing duty ahead of personal gain and desires. No matter, how many and how hard the hardships are. From our beautiful puff you will spread the seeds of devotion to the humble laborer and genuine concern for the well-being of our loved ones wherever your travels may take you.

Sister Grand Esther, you as our white star point represent the universal symbols of purity, light and joy. Think of the joy she must have experienced by reversing the king's cruel edict and sparing her people. Esther teaches us loyalty in every sense of the word. Loyalty is seen as one of the most important virtues of all of us. To strive from life in her beautiful past, you will spread the seeds of the teachings of Esther to wherever you travel this year. Remember, a true friend is always loyal.

Sister Grand Martha, you as our green star point represents true faith. Losing her brother brought Martha to an extreme low in sadness. After meeting with Jesus, everything became quite different. There is no proof that there is life after death, except for Jesus' own words of assurance. Jesus promised her, "Whoever believeth him shall have eternal life." Martha accepted this on blind faith. From your beautiful puff, you will spread the seeds of nature's beauty and of our firm assurance of eternal life after death. In real faith wherever your travels take you.

Grand Electa, you as our red star point represent for all of us the virtues of generous hospitality and love for the poor and needy. Electa lived her promise to follow her newfound Christian faith in God's teaching. Even as she faced persecution and death, We must admire her courage and love for others. You will spread the seed of this courage and elective virtue to wherever you may travel this year.

Of course, all five of the star points also represent one more seed. The seed of courage. This is a very important one to share. Courage for a young girl to die to help keep her father's vow to God, Courage to give up a lavish lifestyle to become a lowly gleaner in the fields of Boaz to support her destitute mother-in-law. Courage to face the king and his cruel edict and saved her people despite facing her own death. Courage to believe in the simple, clear words of Jesus for believing in life after death. Courage to face the greatest risk to your own well-being by showing kindness and hospitality to others.

These plates with the dandelion and the cups were created by our very own Eastern Star member, Sister Gail Marcuzzi. I called her up and I asked her for a favour. She says, "what do you need?" I told her and she sent me back a picture and she made them. She did everything and she packaged them up with such love to bring them here. So, they are on you this time but if you break one you have to pay her. Thank you, Sister Gail for your beautiful work. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, for this honour tonight. Here is your own puffball. May you continue to spread the word of our beautiful Order wherever you travel this year. Stay safe and be happy and may all your wishes come true. Also included is a little bonus. Your own personal "Roundup" just in case you change your mind about the dandelions. I'm a farmer's daughter. They are a Weed!

**The Grand Chapter Officers for 2025-2026
were proclaimed regularly installed.**

**SOLO – "I BELIEVE"
Sister Susan Martin GCCM**

**ACCEPTANCE ADDRESS OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON
Sister Dawn Forbes**

Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officer, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, all other Distinguished Members, Members, Visitors, Friends, and family.

It is with immense gratitude and humility that I stand before you today, honored to serve as your Worthy Grand Matron. This moment is not just significant for me; it is a Magical Moment in my Memories that I will cherish forever. First and foremost, I want to express my heartfelt thanks to each of you for placing your trust and confidence in me. Your unwavering support, coupled with God's ever-guiding hand, gives me the strength and resolve to serve this Grand Jurisdiction to the best of my abilities. I am fully aware of the legacy I am stepping into, and I know there are many large shoes to fill from those who have walked this path before me. However, I take comfort in the knowledge that they are with us supporting us and most of all wishing for the continued success of our beautiful Order. Together, I believe we can forge ahead, building a future that honors our past while paving the way for new achievements. Thank you once again for this incredible opportunity. I am eager to embark on this journey with all of you.

Brother Jim, I want to be the first to extend my heartfelt congratulations to you on your new role as Worthy Grand Patron of Ontario! This is a wonderful achievement, and I have no doubt that our Magical Moments Making Memories Year will create lasting memories for both of us.

I fondly recall meeting you for the first time at Jeremy's restaurant in Nairn Centre as we were all on our way to Spanish River. Sister Marilyn and I had

such a great visit with you and Sister Barb. Little did we know that this meeting would be the seed that blossomed into a beautiful bouquet of friendship and collaboration. I have truly come to respect you as a wonderful friend. There is always a higher power that brings people together for a reason, and I feel so blessed that you accepted my request to embark on this journey with me. I still remember the look of terror on your face when I asked you four years ago in this very room. Yet, the very next day, you came back to me with a big smile and an even bigger "YES." Your willingness to join me has meant the world, and I am grateful for the bond we've built throughout this adventure.

You have proven your amazing work of the Order in everything you have done; I am immensely proud to have you by my side through this journey. You have become an absolutely wonderful friend. You put up with my crazy ideas, and I regret to tell you there will be more! Please accept this gift from me as a start to our year. I know you are always on time, but I thought it was fitting for you to have this.

Sister Barbara, this will be a different role for you this year, as Jim's escort. I truly thank you for being so supportive and helpful to me, it has been amazing working together through the chairs with you. You are an inspiration, and my goal is to complete my year with as much grace. I hope you will be able to just sit back and enjoy the memories of this year.

I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for this beautiful installation. It truly has been a wonderful experience, and I must begin by acknowledging some incredibly special individuals.

Sister Gay, Sister Jane, Sister Barbara T, and Sister Marilyn, thank you for the meaningful Bible presentation. As the Bible is the center of our foundation, you have made for a truly meaningful start to our evening I was truly touched, my heart and soul are so happy.

And to Sister Helen Prohaska, my beloved Momma Bear, I cannot thank you enough. As I've mentioned before, if it weren't for you taking me under your wing, I wouldn't be where I am today. Your guidance in visiting and the lessons on what to do and what not to do have been invaluable. Your love and support are always in my thoughts. Thank you for opening our Bible tonight and for everything you do.

Sister Catherine Ferguson and Sister Gay Adair, where do we start? I was able to listen to every word you said about our Magical Moments Making Memories Grand Family. Yes, of course you brought tears to my eyes. Sister Gay I am very happy Brother Jim chose you to be a part of our team, thank you for the wonderful ceremony you have always been so supportive to both of us. Sister Catherine, you are always there, our busy lives many times get in the way but, from rants to feathers (I have picture proof) we always find our way back to each other. The special gifts that find their way to me and our big hugs. Thank you, my friend, I love you more than you know.

I cannot thank our Installing Board more. Sister Morag our Installing Grand Officer, you are an inspiration to all. Your ritualistic work is always done with such pride and grace. I truly thank you for agreeing to take this position and for the beautiful ceremony.

Our Installing Grand Marshal, Sister Helen, your dedication to our Order is by far superior. You have worked very hard for all your accomplishments; by becoming the Right Worthy Grand Trustee—and this term Chair, was, I am sure a, very Magical Moment in your life as it was for our Ontario membership. I thank you for all your support and your willingness to be one of my Advisors. Our texts, emails and chats have opened my eyes to a broader understanding of this beautiful organization. You performed your duties as our installing Grand Marshal perfectly as always. I thank you for always having my back and more importantly being my friend. I love you.

Brother Paul, in 2016 you installed me for the very first time as Worthy Matron of Frontenac Chapter. It was a very easy decision for me to ask you to Install me as Worthy Grand Matron of Ontario. You have made this ceremony equally as special as it was the very first time. Thank you for our long-time friendship I always enjoy our texts and having you just say hi, and check in on me when you have not heard from me in a while. Thank you for the beautiful job well done. I would also like to thank you for being one of Jim's Advisors.

Brother Mike, thank you for your friendship and support you have given me over the years. You are the type of friend that goes that extra mile and says, "what do you need", even if it is to wear a sparkling bow tie! and you did not even hesitate when I asked you to be our Installing Chaplain. Job, well done my friend, thank you.

Our floral ceremony, Sister Brenda, when I asked you to be a part of our installing team, I knew this was the last position you wanted. But knowing that you always do an amazing job and yet again you have out done yourself! What an absolutely beautiful ceremony and I know you wrote every word, and I am deeply touched. Another Magical Memory for us.

I am sure you have all been dazzled by the talents of our Installing Grand Organist. Brother Robert Trimble Past Grand Patron of Pennsylvania, Outstanding! I thank you more than you know for coming all the way here to be a part of our team. We met two years ago at your Grand Session of Pennsylvania along with Sister Joyce. You both impressed me but your willingness to SPARKLE with Sister Joyce, truly was the sparkle on top of the cake. I am working hard on Brother Jim, and I would appreciate any help I can get! Thank you again for being here, it truly means the world to me.

Speaking of music, Sister Susan, I was speechless, what a beautiful voice, When I asked you to sing and you asked what song, I let you decide and the very next day you emailed me with the song "I Believe", a truly a perfect song. Thank you so very much for another Magical Memory for tonight.

To the rest of the Installing board, you were each chosen for a reason, and it means so much to me that you were willing to assist. Please accept my heartfelt thanks for being part of this special moment. You are all truly special to me — thank you.

To Sister Betty Romenick-McIntosh, who will be Commissioning our District Deputy Grand Matrons tonight thank you for being so willing to complete this duty for us.

Frontenac Chapter #90, Ideal Chapter #61, Florence Nightingale Chapter #5, and Picton Chapter #273— my Chapter members, would you all please stand and remain standing. They say it takes a village, so would the members of Districts 13 and 12 please stand as well. With all of your support, I feel that I can do this job to the best of my abilities. I am truly grateful for all the love and memories we have shared. Thank you for wearing the Forbes tartan ribbon and my frog. “You’re Toad-aliy-my-favourite”

To Scarbrough Chapter and Picton Chapter, and Districts 11 and 12 please stand, thank you for your support for Brother Jim and I. Thank you for wearing the McGregor tartan ribbon and sparkly car, we are now “Ready to put the pedal to the Metal” and I promise I will return him in one piece.

I cannot go any further without thanking my other Advisor Sister Marilyn Taylor, where I would be without you. You have literally been by my side through all of this, the little voice of reason and my agree to disagree person. Every road trip, every text, call and visit. Every “I Quit” and “I’m so excited” and “oh what was I thinking” Thank you Marilyn, I know we are there for each other, but you have gone above and beyond you are truly an amazing steadfast friend. I love you.

The support from my family and friends is an important part of my life. You all know my Husband Scott, Sweetheart thank you so much for always being by my side, I love you more than words could ever describe. We have a crazy busy life, but in truth we would not want it any different. With our demanding jobs, and your role as Captain at our Fire station, we are many times two strangers passing in the night. Just a thought, you may want to put my picture that is on our mantel on your bedside stand, as I know I will be traveling a lot this year.

I am so happy to introduce our youngest daughter Breanna and her boyfriend, Luke, thank you so much for coming here for me. As the youngest you have listened to my crazy star life the longest, and Luke, well, welcome to the club. Our other daughters and their significant others were unable to attend tonight but they all wished me well and sent me messages of congratulations.

To Jason, Shean, Karey and Remington, It has been a pleasure getting to know you all. I appreciate your patience while your parents travel the country. Just one more year!

I want to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude to everyone here tonight I truly cannot put into words how honoured I am that each one of you are here.

One other group I want to acknowledge tonight are my amazing co-workers, who I consider not just staff but truly friends. Lisa, Julie and Matt, It means so much to me that you are here to support me this evening. You now have a little more insight into what I'm passionate about other than work. Thank you once again for being here!

To our Magical Moments Making Memories Grand Family. We Made it! Whether you are Appointed or Elected you are each an important part of our life. I thank you for saying yes, and for following your own dreams. I truly hope you each have a SPARKLE of a year, and we make your memories magical.

District Deputy Grand Matrons, our Deer – Grace and Peace is the description for you. Having each of you as part of our year warms my heart. Thank you. You all look amazing. Remember I am a phone call, text and email away. We look forward to seeing you all in our travels this year.

Would the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons elect please stand. Our Fireflies - Our Hope and Inspiration. You all look amazing, enjoy your year and remember to Spread Patience, Appreciation, Respect, Kindness, Love and Enthusiasm. Bring back the fun in our Chapters and make it a great place to meet.

The Chairperson for Jurisprudence is Mr. Paul Hooper, 3960 Concession 3 Amherstburg Ontario N9V 2Y9, as well the Chairperson for By-Laws Ms. Barbara Ward, 125 Lawrence Avenue, Orangeville, Ontario L9W 1S6

Our Special Project this year is Sick Kids Hospital. Our special guest will give us more information on Sick Kids a little later in our program, but I want to give you a little insight as to why this is so important. Brother Scott and I have the privilege of working with many clients that have been at Sick Kids through our business. I personally knew a beautiful young lady, that as a baby, I encouraged her mom to seek medical help as this little one was visibly struggling. It turned out that she needed emergency heart surgery and was rushed to Sick Kids Hospital. I remember it like it was yesterday, her mom calling me saying, you just saved my baby's life. In all reality it was Sick Kids and their team of heart specialists that gave us an extra 20 years, without this amazing hospital we would not have had that time. Unfortunately, Lyndsay passed at the age of 20 years old. But in many conversations with her mom, she still to this very day sings the praises of the doctors and nurses that were constant and true to looking after her daughter.

Growing up on a 400-acre farm gave me lots of places to roam and let my imagination fly. You have each been given a Dandelion puff, or in other words a seed. Use this seed and let your imagination fly. Find ways to plant the good works of the Order of the Eastern Star. It's time to grow our Order. We have

a new opportunity, lets encourage each other, maintain our Chapters and GROW.

I found a quote that says:

All the flowers of all the Tomorrows are in the seeds of today.

Let's be those seeds and encourage one another and SPARKLE! Thank you

ACCEPTANCE ADDRESS OF THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON

Brother Jim McGregor

Worthy Grand Matron, Distinguished Guests. Members, Visitors and Friends
Wow! What do you know, my knees aren't knocking!

I would like to thank the Membership for their Star Love and Support leading up to this moment that is upon me.

I am humbled being your 110th Worthy Grand Patron in this our 111th Year.

The 109 Past Grand Patrons, with their legacies, inspires me to work as hard as I can to live up to them. Membership is everything to us in Eastern Star. Without you we are nothing. Our theme. "Magical Moments Making Memories" reminds us that the greatest treasures of our Order are found in the friendships we share and the memories we create together.

I look forward to serving with each of you to make this a year filled with joy, harmony and lasting memories. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

To our Worthy Grand Matron, Dawn Forbes, since the time you asked me to go on this journey with you there hasn't been a moment when I regretted saying yes to you. Your dedication to our Order has been an Inspiration to me. I have learned an awful lot in a short period of time to prepare for this year. My pledge to you is that we WILL Sparkle and Succeed. Hard work achieves many goals and, yes dear, I am ready, as I know you are, to get started and serve the great sisters and brothers of our Jurisdiction.

You are a true and dear friend to me, We ARE Team Forbes/McGregor, as we call ourselves. We ARE ready for Magical Moments and Making Memories. Love You

My vision this year will be enthusiasm. In Eastern Star, if you think about it, tradition lights our way, enthusiasm fuels our journey. In this light, as we travel to your Chapters, you may hear me say "ISNT IT GREAT TO BE A MEMBER OF EASTERN STAR ". Every member of our Order, whether you are a Grand Officer, an officer in your chapter, a side bencher or a member who, due to health, is a Shut In. You are ALL special and important to our Order.

I challenge all chapters this year to reach out to all of your chapter membership by a phone call, email or a personal visit to let them know that we care, and I'm not just talking about your secretaries doing it but anyone who can. It WILL make a difference and make them feel welcome and wanted.

I am dedicating my year to my parents, Mel and Marie McGregor. Eastern Star played such a big part in both of their lives, and I watched as they gave so much of their time to it. My Mom was 53 years active until she passed and my

Dad was over 40 years and 10-time Worthy Patron of Laurel Chapter #164. I know that there are a few here who remember them and their dedication. I love you both and feel you with me on this journey.

To our Installing Board, I'd like to extend my deepest thanks for the dignity, grace and beauty with which you all conducted our Installation this evening. Your work has set a shining example for us as we begin this new year together.

Brother Bill Chatwell, my brother and my friend, thank you for installing me. It made a great memory for me, your work this evening.

Sister Catherine and Sister Gay, thank you both for so beautifully Introducing our Grand Family, you added Sparkle to our evening telling everyone our stories.

To our Grand Family this year, Sister Dawn and I hope you enjoy Magical Moments as we ride around, listening to music, seeing the swans, watching the frogs, hearing the bluejays chirp, looking at dandelions, and smelling the lilacs as we journey along Making Memories. and you may even see a fairy flying around. Sister Dawn and I love the choices we have made with each of you. We thank you all for accepting.

To our elected Officers, keep planning and working towards your goals. It comes fast. I am looking forward to working with you all this year.

To my advisors, Brother Les, Brother Bill and Brother Paul, what a feeling to know that I'm not alone. Your advice when needed has been and will be invaluable to me as we go down the road. please accept my thanks and oh, if I falter remember you can catch more flies with honey than with vinegar.

To my beautiful wife, Barbara, You have brought grace and dignity through your Angels Peace and Love Year in abundance. I personally watched you work tirelessly at home, in the office and we all watched you carry yourself beautifully when you were out with your sisters and brothers except maybe when you had a couple of whiskey sours on your OES Cruise. Your Mum, and my parents would be extremely proud of you as I most certainly am dear.

Congratulations, Your legacy, as the 109th Past Grand Matron is etched in stone. Be proud of what you accomplished. You are worthy of your title. Everything in Eastern Star these days seems challenging, but you absolutely met all of yours with great success. I love you and I only hope I can make you half as proud of me, as I am of you, in the coming year.

Would Scarborough Chapter members please stand.

Thank you for your support in past two years it is much appreciated. I managed to get through as Worthy Patron along with all the travelling I had to do.

Would Picton Chapter members please stand.

You have welcomed me with open arms, and I always feel I'm at home with you all there. Thank you for all of your support.

Would District 11 and 12 please stand.

Thank you all for being here and for all you do. I am honoured to be your Worthy Grand Patron this year.

To Sister Eleanor Jones, thank you for being my Escort the past two years. I hope you enjoyed making new friends and visiting Chapters.

To my family. My loving wife Barbara, You have inspired me to be who I am, not only now with Eastern Star but for the past 47 years. you are my rock and we have been through so much in our lives together, a lot of great times. I thank you for all I have learned from you this past year which will be of great help to me, but, that's what we do hun, support each other, we always have and always will. I love you.

To our son, V.W. Brother Jason McGregor, our daughter Karey and our son - in-law Shean, thank you for all your love and support and the help you gave Mom this year. It is much appreciated. Thank you to my grandson Remy for being here. He knows he is Papa's boy! Even though we are so busy these two years, we are always here for you if you need it. We are a small but mighty family and I love you all. Also here is Lorraine Ball who is like a second daughter to us. Thank you for being here.

To my cousin Bruce, thank you for being here to support me it means a lot. I know your wife, Gail couldn't make it.

Scott Forbes, I've come to know you in a short time and I feel we have become close, and I consider you a great friend. Barb and I love you both and look forward to great times down the road including Brianna and Luke,.

To my friend R.W. Brother Art Di Cecco, the Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario. You are not here in your Official capacity tonight but here to support me as my friend. Words cannot express how happy I am that you are here tonight! With him is his lovely wife, Nathalie. I'm so glad that you are here also. Thank you.

To my Lodge Brothers who I consider great friends of mine

R.W. Brother Carmine Infante, Brother Scott Woods, Brother Tim O'Brien and his Lady Bernadette Gordon , R.W. Brother Michael Litvak and his Lady Judy, and to my good friend, R.W. Brother Dorian Baxter and Brother Trevor Mackenzie, our Piper tonight, thank you all for taking time out of your schedules to be here for me . It means a lot!

To our Past Grand Matron, Sister Barbara and our Past Grand Patron, Brother Richard, thank you both for all your efforts in keeping our Star shining bright. I think I speak for everyone here when I say WELL DONE. Everyone got their apples, everyone got their Angels and we do have Peace and Love within our Star walls.

As was mentioned our fundraising project this year is Sick Kids, the hospital for sick children. This project is very special to me as I was a patient there with a very serious kidney disease called nephrosis. At the age of 18 months, I developed this and I was in and out of Sick Kids for two years. Two weeks in, a week out, a week home, two weeks back in and this was for two years.

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Well, I wasn't able to have peanut butter or any salt until I was 12 years old. That was hard for a kid in those days. It was in the late 50's and a great doctor for children, Dr. Snelling saved my life. Every time I hear of Sick Kids, I think how grateful I am for this great hospital.

So, In closing, as we accept the keys to the 2025–2026 Year of Eastern Star in Ontario, and Sister Dawn and I get into our '63 Corvette with the radio on , playing the old '45s, Come along with us and enjoy Magical Moments Making Memories and don't forget to Sparkle! Thank You.

REMARKS BY THE INSTALLING GRAND CHAPTER OFFICER

Sister Morag O'Hara, PGM

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, I'd like to ask the Installing Board to stand, please. We were really, really pleased to be part of your special night tonight, and to honour that, we have got this little donation and we hope that it will start off your project and you will make much, much more. Okay?

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Sister Dawn Forbes

I would also like to thank Sister Lisa Hume and her crew. The archway and the East are absolutely stunning. I cannot wait until next year to see what's coming down. Thank you. You worked very hard and I really appreciate it. I would like to thank my Star Waves for being here. It's amazing having you here. I thank you so much. It means a lot to me. Thank you means to us. I have a bad habit of saying 'me'. It means a lot to US.

COMMISSIONING OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS

Sister Betty Romenick-McIntosh PGM, Grand Secretary Emeritus

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Dawn and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Jim. I consider it a great honour to be invited to share in your Installation Ceremonies and I thank you for this courtesy. I extend my sincere congratulations to you both and wish you good health, safe travelling for a happy and rewarding year.

Good evening. Sister Grand Conductress you will conduct the 2025–2026 Year-Magical Moments Making Memories Year District Deputy Grand Matrons Elect to the West for introduction. Sister Associate Grand Conductress you will assist.

The following Sisters were presented:

District 1.....	Sister Deborah Gagnon
District 2.....	Sister Pamela Bradshaw
District 4.....	Sister Rebecca Leighfield
District 5.....	Sister Mary Wright
Golden Horseshoe Region	Sister Margo Pinder

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District 8.....	Sister Cynthia Wilson
District 9.....	Sister Cathie Davenport
District 10.....	Sister Judi Gough
District 11.....	Sister Dawn Forbes, WGM
District 12.....	Sister Catherine Ferguson
District 13.....	Sister Karen Holton
District 14.....	Sister Susan King
District 15.....	Sister Alice Varey
District 17.....	Sister Shirley Pernsky
Grand River Region	Sister Carol LaRue
District 21.....	Sister Lynda Simpson

My sisters, each of you have achieved this esteemed office by the vote of the members in your District. With this high honour comes responsibility. As the representative of the Worthy Grand Matron, you and the chapters in each district are the link to her. As such, you will often be called upon to give advice and answer questions regarding our Ritual and Constitution and the Laws of Grand Chapter. Always be kind and courteous when replying to their concerns by quoting the pages from the Ritual and Constitution. Study them both well so that you may be prepared to advise them as you share this information to them.

Remember, only the Worthy Grand Matron can give Authorities and Rulings and you should always refer to her for guidance when in doubt.

May you have good health to fulfill your new duties and a sense of satisfaction at year's end.

Sister Grand Conductress, you will conduct the 2024-2025 District Deputy Grand Matrons to the West for the exchange of the badge of office. Sister Associate Conductress you will assist.

Exchange of badge of office.

Sister Grand Conductress, you will escort the Past District Deputy Grand Matrons to their seats. The "Magical Moments Making Memories" District Deputy Grand Matrons will remain in the West to allow the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to present you with your Commission. Sister Associate Grand Conductress you will assist.

Commissions presented and Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron return to the East.

Sister Grand Conductress you will escort our newly commissioned District Deputy Grand Matrons to their seats.

SICKKIDS REPRESENTATIVE

Shannon

Shannon unfortunately had as sudden passing in her family and was unable to attend in person however she was gracious enough to send her speech and Brother Scott Forbes read it for us.

My name is Shannon and I'm part of the community partnerships team at SickKids Foundation. It is an honour to be here to speak to the Order of the Eastern Star community and express gratitude on behalf of the hospital and all the SickKids families who will be impacted by your support over the coming year. This is a particularly special time for you to make this commitment because it is a milestone year for us. SickKids celebrated it's 150th birthday in 2025. A century and half ago, the hospital opened its doors. It was an 11-room house. In the first year, we served 44 patients. From those humble beginnings we have grown to be one of the top pediatric hospitals in the world. We see over 100,000 patients every year, performed more than 12,000 surgeries and are home to over 2,000 of the world's top scientists and researchers. Our commitment to providing exceptional care has never wavered and we have helped countless children and their families navigate the challenges of illness and injury over the past 150 years. You know some of them. Jim just shared with me his personal SickKids connection and wherever I go I meet folks who have been or know someone has been directly impacted by SickKids. Our reach extends far beyond Toronto. We serve children from every corner of Ontario from Kenora to Windsor to Ottawa. This wide reach underscores the importance of our work and the need for continued support from our community. It is the strength of that community that is the reason we are able to grow from that small 11-room house into the innovative powerhouse we are today. With your selection of SickKids as your charity beneficiary for the upcoming year, you are joining that community and we are deeply grateful. You've chosen to support a vital piece of equipment that is critical to supporting our tiniest and most vulnerable patients. Infants in the Cardiac Critical Care Unit or CCCU. The group has decided to direct funds towards a new cardiac critical care warmer. The importance of which cannot be overstated, Babies can't adjust to temperature changes as well as adults. And when a baby gets too cold, they use energy and oxygen to generate warmth. Keeping them at the ideal temperature helps them to hold on to that energy and builds up reserves. This is even more important if the baby is sick or premature. By keeping these infants warm, we help them conserve energy and oxygen which are crucial for their survival and growth. These warmers are also adaptable and can be used for bedside procedures or when infants require resuscitation because they can transform from an isolate to a warming bed. We will not need to move patients around which in addition reduces trauma, allows for more optimal use of limited space in the CCCU. Unfortunately, equipment like the cardiac critical care warmer is not routinely funded by the government

health programs. This is why we rely on the generosity of our community to ensure that we have the necessary tools to provide the best care possible. The cost of one cardiac critical care warmers is \$60,000. So, every dollar you raise this year is vital and moves us one step closer to securing this important piece of equipment. I have heard from Dawn and Jim about how passionate and dedicated this community is to giving back and making an impact in their community. I feel honoured to get to support you along the way. Thank you for your generosity and commitment to SickKids over the next year. My team and I are here to assist however we can. I can't wait to see what you all accomplish together. Thank you so much for having me.

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Sister Dawn Forbes

Thank you, Brother Scott for reading that. It was very important to us for you to get the message of the SickKids Hospital and what they do and what our goal is.

We now have the presentation of jewel, first to our Past Grand Matron.

PRESENTATION OF THE PAST GRAND MATRON JEWEL

Sister Helen Delaney, RWGT Chair, PGM, GCCM

Dear Sister Barbara, I thank you so much for the honour of presenting you with your Past Grand Matrons Jewel.

This jewel was first presented to Sister Audrey Elliott in 1961. Neither of us were even born then. The presenter said that Sister Audrey flamed her motto, and I know that you have done the same, to have others think, "Because of you I believe in angels' and if you believe in God, he will walk with you".

The second time it was presented was in 2008 to me, by Brother Pat. Pat told me to remember all the Chapters I visited, the kilometers on the car, the more than 11,000 members I proudly served. And he ended with welcome home honey. Well, I know that you have travelled far and wide, and that you too were proud to serve the members. Your home has a revolving door, one comes home and one will leave, but eventually you will be able to enjoy a well-deserved time together.

Sister Barbara, congratulations on a year of grace, peace and love because we all believe in you. Merry Christmas! Congratulations.

Sister Barbara McGregor, Past Grand Matron

I just would like to say thank you to everyone in the Grand Chapter of Ontario. This pin I will wear proudly. I thank Sister Helen for presenting it. There is nothing more I can say except if you want to see it, \$10 for Covenant House, Thank you.

PRESENTATION OF THE PAST GRAND PATRON JEWEL

Sister Lynn Alexander, PGM, GCCM

Brother Richard, Past Grand Patron, it is a great honour for me to present you with your Past Grand Patron Jewel. This jewel has been worn by two great men. It was first worn by Brother Peter Christie in the year 2000 when he finished his year with Sister Betty Romenick-McIntosh in the Galaxy of the Stars Year. It was then passed on to my Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Elgin Greenham in 2021 after serving 2 years in the Peace and Harmony Year. Brother Elgin unfortunately didn't get to wear it for long, but he was very proud and I am sure they are both watching and are confident that you will wear it with pride. Congratulations Brother Richard on a very successful year. I hope this jewel reminds you of your Year and that you are able to wear this jewel for many years to come. Congratulations.

Brother Richard Arding, Past Grand Patron

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, distinguished guests, sisters, brothers, family and friends. I am very proud to be the recipient of this Past Grand Patron's jewel that was first worn by Brother Peter Christie and then by Brother Elgin Greenham. Both families are very pleased to hear that I would be wearing their loved one's jewel. It is with pride and honour that I will wear this jewel. Sister Lynn Alexander, I thank you for presenting me with this jewel. We've been friends for some years, and I look forward to getting together again at our homes across the lake from each other, minus the geese.

PRESENTATION OF THE TRAVELLING JEWEL

Sister Barbara McGregor, Past Grand Matron

Okay you all know this right? Inside this beautiful little container is what you are going to be doing for the next year. This is the seal of her office and there are blank seals in there too. You are going to be able to do all your documentation with this. But that's not the important thing in this container. In this container is a bag of marbles. For everyone you lose, you can take one out. I think I owe you about 100. I know you will use it wisely and that you will show our province proud. Now you live way in the east end of the province so when you travel you are probably going to travel more than a lot of people do. I have something to give you that has travelled longer than you will ever travel, it is your travelling pin. You are going to put, many more thousands of kilometers on that poor little pin.

Sister Dawn, I am most happy to present you with the travelling jewel for our jurisdiction. I almost believe it is as important, if not more so than your jewel of office. This represents the many miles travelled over many years by many Past Grand Matrons to each and every Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction. Many members have welcomed us into their Eastern Star homes as you will see this year. Wear it with love and humility. Stay safe!

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Sister Dawn Forbes

Thank you. So, I got a little history on this bag of marbles. I was told that Sister Marilyn had mentioned something about losing her marbles and at her installation she was presented this little bag of marbles. So, Sister Marilyn, I found your marbles. Well, isn't it interesting that one of my advisors marbles is given to me.

At this time, I'd like to do a little special something. Brother Jim, if you could go find somebody special for me.

(Worthy Grand Patron brings Julie Brownson to the East)

Sister Julie, you have always been a great support. We met when we were Grand Pages together for the very first time, my very first time to Grand Chapter in Connie Boone's year. So, we somewhere still have the same dress somewhere in our closet. Brother Jim and I have been taking around a little special box, and I think I'd like you to look inside our special box. And can you take it out and read it?

Julie Brownsonm Grand Representative of Sao Paulo Brazil in Ontario.

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Sister Dawn Forbes

I believe that's it! God bless you and thanks for watching. We will now sing our closing ode.

CLOSING ODE: "I Come to the Garden Alone"

Accompaniment.....Sister Anne Fedfearn-Grobbo, Grand Organist

**The Bible was closed informally by
Sister Debra Bechamp, Grand Conductress**

The Mizpeh Benediction was repeated in Unison

**The 109th Annual Session of the Grand Chapter
Order of the Eastern Star of Ontario, Canada, Incorporated
was declared Closed.**

SHORT REPORT
GRAND CHAPTER O.E.S. OF ONTARIO, CANADA INC.

August 23, 24, 25, 26, 2025

ADDRESS OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officer, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Grand Chapter Officers and Members of this Grand Jurisdiction. I cannot begin to express my gratitude for this year. Thank you for inviting our Grand Family into your Chapter homes to share with each of you the peace and love that was my vision for the year. You fed not only our stomachs but our souls with the love, caring spirit and laughter on which our beautiful Order was founded. Our angels of the past look on I'm sure with joy that what they built lives on and that the angels of today are striving to ensure that the building continues. Yes, we may face blocks in our building, but we will go around any obstruction because we BELIEVE. Thank you for the work you do in your Chapters to support your own Worthy Matron's project, the Worthy Grand Matron's project and let's not forget our Service Dogs. More importantly each of you support your communities and the people therein.

"Because of you I believe in Angels"

Barbara McGregor
Worthy Grand Matron
Grand Chapter of Ontario, Canada Inc.



Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Ontario, Canada, Inc.
Instructions to the District Deputy Grand Matrons and
All Subordinate Chapters
2024 - 2025

PLEASE NOTE: The instructions for the Subordinate Chapters are to be read under Good of the Order, prior to the Official Visit of the District Deputy Grand Matron and I strongly suggest that it should be read in the month of October. Please read this document in its entirety. There are three (3) copies of the instructions – one each for the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron, and one copy to be available at the Secretary's desk for the use of the Chapter members. The Chapter Officers should make themselves familiar with the instructions and should request a copy from the Secretary for their own use.

All Chapters should now be back to performing our ritualistic work in the manner that has been outlined in our Ritual and Constitution. No longer should Chapters be opening with Officers in their chairs. All Officers should be drilling into the Chapter room whether to form a hollow square or whether in a drill that has been designed by the Chapter, unless a physical impediment limits an Officer. Let us be proud of our traditions that our Chapters have been performing for years. Let the beauty of our ritualistic work shine as we once again take pride in the work, we perform for ourselves and for others. When our visitors and initiates enter our Chapter rooms let them be in awe of the work that we are capable of.

SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS:

- The Worthy Patron should announce the Prompter before the meeting commences
- The Prompter should be supplied by the Chapter with an up-to-date Ritual for this use and a copy of the Secret Work when Initiatory Work is being done
- The Prompter should say the duties and the badge of office of any Office not filled and for Star Points that are not filled, the signs should be given by the Conductress
- During Initiatory Work the Associate Patron should prompt the Worthy Patron, if required, for the Obligation and should have the Secret Work available and up to date
- Remember the Pass must be taken at the door and if the Associate Matron for whatever reason is not available then please appoint 2 members to assist
- When wishing to speak please stand or indicate by hand if unable to stand and state your name before speaking especially when making

or seconding a motion as this helps your Worthy Matron and Secretary in recording the correct information for the minutes

WORTHY MATRONS & WORTHY PATRONS:

- Folks, you are a team so don't leave each other in the dark. Plan your year together to get the most enjoyment and success for your Chapter and yourselves
- Contact your Secretary before the meeting to review Correspondence and any Business to come before the Chapter to avoid any surprises and unpreparedness
- The Introductions can be a shared responsibility by the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron and these joint efforts are enjoyed by your members and visitors
- Please remember to ask your guests and/or members **prior** to meeting if you would like them to sit in the East, if they would like to speak or if you would like them to give the Farewell as embarrassment can be avoided this way
- If you know there is no business under an Order of Business, please do not announce it and gavel as it is not necessary **Constitution Section 207 - Article V**

INTRODUCTIONS:

- Please shorten this Order of Business especially (y) and on Grand Officer nights (z) by referring to **Constitution 247 Sub Section (ee)**, your members will appreciate a shorter evening
- Please **gavel** your members to sit when the Conductress(s) reach the East **unless** Grand Honours are to be given.
- Only those sitting in the East or extended East remain standing for all levels of introductions. Others remain standing for their individual group only.
- If you hold a title but are in Office, you may stand to be introduced but remain at your seat unless it is a special evening such as Grand Officers or honours night.
- If members and visitors are being introduced from their seats, please start at the Treasurer, and go around the room to the Secretary and then the Officers can introduce themselves back around to the Treasurer.

SECRETARIES:

- Please forward to your members the correspondence that has been forwarded to you by the Grand Secretary and also read out at your meetings

- Collaborate with your Worthy Matron prior to the meeting on all business that has to be covered at the meeting which includes Officers that are involved in ceremonies such as Draping
- The Annual Returns are required to be on the desk of the Grand Secretary by October 1st
- Send a copy of your Bylaws, any proposed changes and your notices to the Worthy Grand Matron, Associate Grand Matron, Chair of Jurisprudence and your District Deputy Grand Matron and your notices to the Worthy Grand Patron

WARDER and SENTINEL:

- The stations of the Warder and Sentinel **MUST** be filled at every meeting, **Constitution Section 238 (q)**. They can be filled by any member or visitor.
- The Warder is the only Officer that should touch the door whether to open or close it except when the Conductress opens it during the conferring of degrees
- The Worthy Matron should ask the Sentinel to sit in the open doorway after opening and once the Initiatory Work is under way if privacy is available
- The Warder should ensure that all members and visitors sign in and for late arrivals the Sentinel should have them sign in and take the pass before indicating their arrival

MARSHALS:

- Please take note that you say your charge in the order that it is printed in the **Constitution Section 224 (e)** ... with the exception ...are present

ALL OFFICERS:

- Please make yourselves familiar with your duties, **Constitution Sections 224 to 236**
- Read your Ritual regarding your Office and don't forget those instructions in the fine italics and the fine print (they tend to be the important ones)

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS: (this section need not be read out in open Chapter. Feel free to share this information with your members so that they are prepared for the visits by the District Deputy Grand Matrons.)

Please read and study your **Constitution Sections 127 & 128** regarding your duties and responsibilities. Chapters will be looking for you to confirm if they are doing it right. So, know your Constitution, Secret Work and Buff leaflet.

Don't be afraid to pull each out when required. We can't always commit and retain all to our memory as sometimes those cells are not as efficient as they once were. Ask your members to pull out their books and find the answers together. The team often works better when they share and are not told what to do.

Please sit beside the Worthy Matron in the East **after** introductions and if she invites you. If the Worthy Grand Matron is in attendance, then please ensure she is next to the Worthy Matron.

You do not have to attend every meeting of a Chapter. Sometimes a Chapter would like to have time to conduct business without feeling eyes are upon them. By reading the Chapter Notices you can find out what is happening in a Chapter, and I would encourage you to attend installations, special nights, birthdays, and fundraising events. Your support will be appreciated. Please note any irregularities in the Notices and advise the Worthy Grand Matron and Chair of Jurisprudence of same.

At the October meeting please confirm with the Secretary that the Annual Returns have been completed and forwarded to the Grand Secretary. Also collect from the Secretary, the signature sheet advising that a copy of the Chapter By-Laws and all on-going Chapter Notices have been forwarded to the WGM, WGP, AGM and Chair of Jurisprudence, and yourself.

Official Visits:

- Please attend the Official Visit meeting in a white floor length ensemble.
- On your Official Visit please sit in the East at the start of the meeting and you should be the only visitor to sit in the East.
- Please do not have the Chapters do everything in one night. As you visit throughout the prior months you may see some of the work such as Opening and Closing in regular form and balloting. You could arrange that on one night you see Conferring of Degrees, including the Sentinel entering the Chapter room and balloting and having the Associate Conductress give her charge and instructions to the Candidate and a properly prepared Ballot Box in the Chapter room before you give your remarks. On another, you could witness the draping of the Charter and Altar. I would also like you to witness the Chapter show the examination of a visitor as so many members still say that they did not know that they had to show all the signs.
- Perhaps this is a training opportunity for those evenings in your remarks to have all members stand and go over the signs and passes.

By breaking out into separate nights you can ensure that they are not long, late nights and are as stress free as possible for the members.

- Remember on your Official Visit night to sign and date the Secretary's and Treasurer's books after the Auditors' signatures and after the last recorded Minutes and that dues cards are being checked – **Constitution Section 128(a)**. Also ensure that up-to-date Rituals and Constitutions are being used by the Officers and the Prompter.
- Make your remarks on the nights you witness sections of the work. Remember to direct your remarks in a respectful and dignified manner to the office and duties and **not** to the individual who performed the duties. Speak with the Worthy Patron in private after the meeting to advise him where further instructions might be beneficial to his Officers.
- Your visits should be completed by the end of April. I would suggest that you complete your reports as soon as possible after you have completed your visit as all will be fresh in your mind and you are not trying to recall what happened at a particular Chapter.
- When notifying your members of the District or Regional meeting - **Constitution Section 128 (d)**, include a reminder about the dress code - **Constitution Section 104 (g) and 238 (p)(ii)** and do not forget to inform the Associate Grand Matron of the date and place of the meeting by January 1st, 2025 – **Constitution Section 128 (d)**.
Enjoy your term as it can be one of the most fulfilling and enriching roles in your Eastern Star career!

Remember no one is alone! We are here to learn together and help each other. Do not be afraid to ask and don't be afraid to accept help.

We have had great instructions in the past from all Past Grand Matrons, and we should continue to build on them.

Fraternally with hugs,

**Barbara McGregor
Worthy Grand Matron
Grand Chapter of Ontario**

OFFICIAL ACTS- WORTHY GRAND MATRON

1. Permission Request letters to Sister Bernice Guiler, Worthy Grand Matron;
 - Letter to P.G.M.s/P.G.P.s regarding announcement dates,
 - Make appointments of Grand Chapter Officers,
 - Replies to Chapter Invitations,
 - Letter to District Deputy Grand Matrons,
 - Letter to District Deputy Grand Matrons-Elect,
 - Letter to Worthy Matrons & Worthy Patrons – Elect,
 - Letter for permission to setup project table at Grand Chapter,
 - Letter to Membership regarding the APL Cruise.
2. Presented Instructions for D.D.G.M. and Subordinate Chapters to Grand Executive for 2024- 2025.
3. Letters to P.G.M.s and P.G.P.s regarding appointment dates of Grand Chapter Officers.
4. Appointed Angels, Peace, and Love Grand Chapter Officers.
5. Appointed Chair of Jurisprudence.
6. Appointed Chair of By-laws.
7. Appointed Chairperson of Care & Hospital Visiting Committee and contacts for each District/Region.
8. Appointed Chairperson and Co-chair for Proficiency and Committee of Oral Testers in each District/Region.
9. Appointed Committee on Arrangements for the Angels, Peace, and Love Grand Chapter Session.
10. Appointed Historian.
11. Appointed Expense Review Committee.
12. Appointed District Alignment Review Committee.
13. Appointed Grand Session Review Committee.
14. Confirmed Chairperson of Archives and Financial Planning Committee.
15. Signed Certificates for Grand Representatives.
16. Signed Certificates for Past Matrons and Past Patrons.
17. Appointed Grand Executive Committees and Sub-Committees.
18. Prepared Information envelopes for W.M.s /W.P.s- elect for the Angels, Peace, and Love year to be distributed at the District Meetings.
19. Signed Certificates for D.D.G.M.s 2024-2025.

20. Prepared Information packages for D.D.G.M.s 2024-2025 and Grand Chapter Officers.
21. Conducted Instruction Days for D.D.G.M.s-elect and Grand Chapter Officers-elect.
22. Prepared Information for the District Directory.
23. Appointed Proficiency Test Review Committee.
24. Appointed Sister Lynne Atkinson G.G.C.C.M. to be D.D.G.M. in Grand River Region.
25. Appointed Sister Dawna-Lee Arding P.D.D.G.M. as D.D.G.M. in District 10.
26. Appointed Chair of Elections.
27. Conducted Schools of Instruction in Sudbury, London and Brockville.
28. Approved letter to be sent to the Membership from Sister Maria Doherty regarding the Newsletter.
29. Approved letter to be sent from Sister Margaret Milligan regarding the Service Dogs.
30. Approved the monthly issues of Membership Matters through Constant Contact submitted by Sister Jennifer Gohn, Chair of Membership
31. Prepared permission letter for the Associate Grand Matron to contact Chapters to start planning for the Reception of our Ambassador and General Grand Chapter Committee Members.
32. Prepared letter to the Membership to include:
 - Chairs of Jurisprudence, By-Laws, Proficiency Testing, Care & Hospital Visiting,
 - Information re: dates, times and locations for Schools of Instruction,
 - Information on Covenant House,
 - Reminder of other Grand Chapter Committee donations,
 - Information regarding the Travel Card and their Draw at Grand Chapter.
33. Approved request from Grand Trustee to send letter to Subordinate Chapters regarding the excess ballot boxes.
34. Prepared submission for Ontario Newsletter.
35. Prepared letter to the Membership regarding GGC highlights and awaiting information regarding the resolutions passed.
36. Prepared letter to the Membership regarding the Postal Strike.

37. Notified our Past Grand Matron, Sister Susan Purdy and advisors that the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Associate Grand Matron would be out of the jurisdiction while attending General Grand Chapter sessions in Myrtle Beach, October 25 through November 2nd but would be available by cell phone and email.
38. With the assistance of Jurisprudence Chair able to institute a revised/updated Nomination Form for Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members.
39. Appointed Grand Representatives as required and arrived from other Jurisdictions by Term conclusion.
40. Permission given to Grand Secretary to send out letter to Membership regarding orders they wish to submit for printing of new October 21st, 2024, version of Constitution.
41. Provided poem for inclusion in the Memoriams sent to Chapters for their deceased members.
42. Gave permission for the letter to be prepared for the “Rose Award” to be sent to the Membership at a later date.
43. Prepared video for inclusion in the Christmas Edition of Membership Matters.
44. Distributed through the office of the Grand Secretary a Christmas Letter to be distributed to Subordinate Chapters and to other Jurisdictions.
45. Appointed Grand Executive Directors (3) to Vetting Committee.
46. Notified the Associate Grand Matron that the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron would be out of the jurisdiction while on the APL Cruise, January 22 through February 3rd, 2025 but available by cell and email.
47. Provided Grand Secretary permission to send letter to the Membership that she would not be seeking re-election.
48. Granted Authorities to Chapters as were properly requested on an on-going basis.
49. Prepared and sent letter to Estate Trustee and Lawyer regarding the Will of Mary Walters.
50. Prepared and sent letter to Past Grand Matrons and Patrons regarding the surrender of Stayner Chapter #90.
51. Prepared and sent letter regarding the Grand Executive’s erroneous delay in the last 4 years Proceedings.

52. Permission to Chairperson of Realignment Committee to send out survey to membership through the Grand Secretary regarding realignment ideas from them.
53. Approved letter from the Chair of Finance to be sent out through the office of the Grand Secretary to the Membership regarding Tax Receipt.
54. Permission given to Chairperson of Service Dogs to send out letter to membership.
55. Permission given to the Grand Chapter Officers to appoint personal Grand Pages for the Grand Session and to announce at their receptions or in their Chapters.
56. Prepared and sent letter to Past Grand Matrons and Patrons regarding the surrender of Peace Chapter #52.
57. Prepared letter to send to Membership regarding the new Petition sent from General Grand Chapter after passing of Resolution #42.
58. Approval to Website to include the new petition online along with the letter.
59. Appointed Grand Pages and Grand Hostesses for the Grand Chapter Session in August 2025.
60. Permission given to Associate Grand Matron to accept invitations from Subordinate Chapters for the Forbes/McGregor Grand Family.
61. Permission to send out letter regarding letter of intent from Brother Anson Sinanan to not submit a nomination for the position of Associate Grand Patron, to Chapter Secretaries and Membership.
62. Prepared and sent letter to Past Grand Matrons and Patrons regarding the date change for the surrender of Peace Chapter.
63. Prepared letter to Billie Bradfield MWGM to inquire on preparing a 110th Birthday Video for Ontario April 2025.
64. Prepared letter for 50 Year Member Presentation.
65. Prepared letter for 60 Year Member Presentation.
66. Prepared inserts for packages to be given to all Grand Representatives at their appointments.
67. Prepared packets for each Chapter with Free Room Draw tickets for Grand Chapter.
68. Prepared Greetings for Rainbow and DeMolay events to our Youth given through the Youth Chair, Bonnie Arnew.
69. Prepared Greetings from Grand Chapter for each of the receptions during the months of April, May and June.
70. Signed the Demits for Members of Chapters that surrendered.

71. Distributed letter through the office of the Grand Secretary letter, invitation and registration for the Ontario-Michigan Exchange Day in Barrie, April 12, 2025, to Ontario and Michigan Members.
72. Approved flyer and information sheets to be added to the website.
73. Approved letter from the Elections Chair to be sent to Chapter Secretaries for distribution to the Membership.
74. Granted permission to a District Deputy Grand Matron to present a Grand Representative appointment when member was not present on the night I was in attendance.
75. Provided approval for letters from Planning Committees to be issued for all receptions being held to honour the Grand Chapter Officers in the months of April, May, June and July.
76. Granted approvals for the updating of the OES Website by the Web Master as received and required.
77. Review of reports as received from the District Deputy Grand Matrons regarding their Official Visits.
78. Accepted invitation to participate with a booth at the Day of Masonry – Georgian North and South in Barrie and went to man the booth with the Worthy Grand Patron, Associate Grand Patron and Chair of Membership Committee on March 8, 2025.
79. Approved Spring Letter from Rainbow Dove to be sent to membership through the office of the Grand Secretary.
80. Sent official letters to Sterling Chapter #307 and Crescent Chapter #75 (District 13) regarding the wish of Hope Chapter #184 to consolidate.
81. Approved appeal letter to be sent to membership through the office of the Grand Secretary from the Benevolent Committee.
82. Approved Donation request letter provided to Chair of Finance to be sent from the office of the Grand Secretary to the membership.
83. Approved letter to be sent from the office of the Grand Secretary to the Membership from Florence Nightingale Home Foundation regarding a fifth presentation to be done on July 15, 2025, to Port Perry Hospital.
84. Accepted invitation to have a display at the Grand Lodge Annual Conference, July 15-16, 2025.
85. Approved letter to be sent from the office of the Grand Secretary from the Chair of the Newsletter Committee to the Membership.
86. Provided approval of inclusion of the Nominations received on a weekly basis to the Web Master for addition to the website.

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87. Appointed a Parliamentarian for the 109th Session of the Grand Chapter.
88. Approved letter from the Financial Planning Committee regarding the fund raising through the sale of Canadian Safety Supplies at Grand Chapter and to be added to the website.
89. Approved letter from General Grand Chapter regarding the 250th U.S.A. birthday / 150th Birthday of General Grand Chapter to be sent from the office of the Grand Secretary to the membership.
90. Attended two Ontario Masonic Leaders Meetings at Grand Lodge Office when called along with our Masonic Liaison, Bill Chatwell, Ambassador of New Jersey
91. Approved flyer to be sent and added to website for SiStar's and Brothers Closet at Grand Chapter Session as requested by Sister Kim Carmichael and inclusion on website.
92. Approved letter to be sent to subordinate Chapters regarding the Vendor Room and Basket Draw for the 2025 Grand Chapter Session as prepared by Brother Ken Guiler and inclusion on website.
93. Approved the Pre-Registration, All-In-One, and Hotel information forms to be distributed to the subordinate Chapters and to be added to the website.
94. Approved the letters to be sent to the Grand Pages and Hostesses.
95. Presented a 60-year pin to a member.
96. Approved circulation of the amendments as supplied by Chair of Jurisprudence, Sister Barbara Ward, for distribution to the subordinate Chapters.
97. Prepared tentative partial program for the 2025 Grand Chapter Session for distribution.
98. Prepared the flyers for the entertainment, "Monster Mash" and "V.I.P. Seating" and requested to be distributed and added to the website.
99. Informed the Grand Chapter Officers of the Consolidation Ceremony to be conducted on June 17th in Fort Erie Chapter #19.
100. Notified the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of the Consolidation of Fort Malden Chapter #268 into Erie Chapter #19 on June 17th in Erie Chapter.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. When can we have a short opening vs regular opening?

Answer: If only meeting once a month, then may open in short form up to four times per year. "No Chapter should open in short form before the Official Visit." Constitution Section 243 (c)

2. Therapy Tails Ontario would love to give credit to The Order of the Eastern Star for the generous donation and support. Can they do that?

Answer: Of course, the Therapy Tails Ontario can acknowledge the donations that your Chapter have contributed over the past years. This is a great way that the community can see your good work.

3. Could PDDGMs perform the alternative funeral service for a demitted member who has passed?

Answer: The former Chapter Members should be asked first and any fill-ins required could be done by the PDDGMs.

4. Does someone appointed to a special committee get introduced as such during Introductions?

Answer: Someone appointed to a special committee does not get introduced under Grand Chapter Committee members as they have not been elected to a position by the membership to that Committee.

5. How are officers and members not previously introduced to be introduced?

The Constitution clearly states in Section 128 VIII 2." The Conductress does the Introduction" In Section 247 (kk) The Conductress may ask the Worthy Matron if members may introduce themselves. The habit of presiding officers asking members to stand and introduce themselves or to stand and be recognized is not listed in the Constitution.

Answer: So, the bone of contention seems to be the WHO says WHAT. I would suggest that following the Constitution after the group of PM & PP have been introduced:

1. The WM says we have with us tonight visitors and members who have not been introduced, Sister Conductress will you introduce them as they stand.

2. The Conductress, then introduces the group," WM we have with us tonight, Visitors and Members who have not been previously introduced" and with your permission may they introduce themselves?"

I believe that this is an unclear area that an amendment is required for future clarification if you would be interested in submitting.

6. During introductions I did not introduce an elected Line Officer who is the WP, and had a few people tell me I was wrong and should have introduced him. What is the protocol please as I want to do correctly.

Answer: In the Chapter room the WP being one of the two highest Officers is not introduced. On special nights such as a Grand Officer Night, he should be introduced.

7. A Treasurer stated that she did not have to give a financial report as the Secretary does that. And she came late on the Official Visit. How can we get her to do this?

Answer: Constitution Section 230 Duties of Treasurer,

(a).....at the request of the Worthy Matron, the Treasurer should be prepared to give a Financial Report".

Also, Section 128 III Official Visit The District Deputy Grand Matron will review the books of the Secretary and the Treasurer, to see that the records of the Chapter are properly kept and up to date" - this includes ample time to review before or after the meeting.

8. Our meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather and our By-Laws were to be reviewed and voted on for the changes. Will we have to start with a new Notice of Motion?

Answer: If a Notice of Motion was read out at your last stated meeting and was placed in the Chapter Notice and sent out to each of the members then there is no problem in reviewing and taking the vote at your next stated meeting. Please see **Constitution Section 207 (e)**.

9. Due to the Postal Strike how do you want us to send the hard copy for a request?

Answer: Constitution Section 211 (a) - a signed PDF copy of the request for an Authority showing the Chapter seal may be emailed to the Worthy Grand Matron.

10. Can we have our makeup meeting earlier in the day?

Answer: Constitution 238 (g) – "If the postponed meeting is a Stated Meeting, the Secretary will proceed as per **Section 229 (aa)**, Business must not be transacted at a Stated or Special Meeting before the hour fixed by the Chapter By-Laws."

11. Since General Grand Chapter has voted to allow any female with no Masonic affiliation to join a Chapter can any man that is not a Mason join Eastern Star?

Answer: Simple answer is **no**. If you view the new Petition there are 4 sections:

1. Female with Masonic relationship
2. Male who is a Mason
3. Female who is Age of Majority Rainbow Girl or Job's Daughter
4. Female who has no Masonic relationship and will require two sponsors, one Brother and one Sister

12. Can we have back-to-back meetings on the same day to make up for a cancelled meeting?

Answer: No. **See Constitution 211 (5), 238 (b), 238 (g) 229 (aa), 229(aa)** to cover all aspects of replacement meetings. Also view your Chapter's By-Laws regarding times.

13. Does a Treasurer have to give a financial report and do the books have to be there?

Answer: Constitution Section 230 Duties of the Treasurer (a). at the request of the Worthy Matron, the Treasurer should be prepared to give a Financial Report. Also, **Section 128 III Official Visit** ... the District Deputy Grand Matron will review the books of the Secretary and the Treasurer, to see that the records of the Chapter are properly kept and up to date... this includes ample time to review before or after the meeting.

14. Who can give the farewell at the end of a Chapter meeting?

Answer: See Constitution Section 260 – "The Worthy Matron may ask any Member or visitor before the meeting begins to give the farewell at the end of the meeting."

15. What is the difference between opening and closing the bible formally and informally?

Answer: See **Constitution Section 240, Section 246 (c)(d)** This is a reference to the Salutation sign. Formally Salutation sign to the Bible once opened. Informally No Salutation sign.

16. Why do we have to ballot on a petition if it comes back as unfavourable?

Answer: Constitution Section 253 (g) The ballot must be taken even though the report of the Investigating Committee is unfavourable. Each petition has the right to be balloted on and each member has the right to ballot.

17. When Esther steps back into the line to ballot, what star point does she step in front of?

Answer: Constitution Section 254 (h) Esther is the last to ballot, steps out after Electa passes her.

18. Must a Letter of Recommendation accompany a petition of a female with no Masonic relationship and if so, who provides them?

Answer: There must be two letters of Recommendation, one from the sponsoring Sister and the second one from a sponsoring Brother. The Sponsoring Sister and Brother can be from any Chapter from any Jurisdiction, but they must be members in good standing. The sponsoring Sister and Brother should not sign the Petition in the "Recommended by" section. The Brother on the Investigating Committee of the Chapter is responsible to investigate the Chapters indicated on their Letters(s) and will follow up to ensure that the Sponsoring Sister and Brother are current members in good standing of the Order of the Eastern Star and of course that the Brother is also in good standing in the Masonic Order.

19. Where does a member send a recommendation for a Grand Representative?

Answer: Constitution Section 119(n) This recommendation must be in written form and directed only to the Associate Grand Matron prior to June 1st.

20. Can we drape the Altar for two Past Grands on the same night?

Answer: Constitution Section 259 (c) Draping must be done at meeting held immediately after the "In Memoriam" has been received. Therefore, the answer is YES. You would read the "In Memoriams" in the order they were received and adjust the phrase "Sleep on there" to reflect if more than 1 Past Grand Matron, more than 1 Past Grand Patron or any combination is to be draped.

IRREGULARITIES

1. Flowers not used in the Floral Ceremony – contrary to Constitution Section 223 (u)
2. A Motion for Life Membership was voted on at a meeting without the Notice of Motion being printed on the monthly notice contrary to Section 214 (b) of the Constitution.
3. Sentinel not filled during meeting – contrary to Section 238(f) of the Constitution.

4. Officers installed from their seats, all taken to Altar for the Obligation and then escorted to their seats and when each Officer was to be installed, they were taken to the Altar then escorted back to their seats. Reason being the room did not accommodate chairs. – contrary to Ritual Page 98
5. Sentinel talking from their chair inside the open door. – contrary to Section 233 (g) of the Constitution.
6. Candidates brought into the room and lined up facing South. – contrary to Ritual Page 53.
7. Pass not taken at the door by any Chapter Officer or Member – contrary to Section 227 (b) and 239 (b) of the Constitution.
8. Canada Flag displayed to the right of the Union Jack when should be to the left as seen from the West facing East – contrary to Section 245 (f)
9. Flag carried improperly to the Altar and to the stand in the East. The Flag bearer sang ‘O Canada’ – contrary to Constitution Section 128m VI, Section 245 (b)
10. Conductress did not weave through the labyrinth correctly during Initiation Ceremony – Contrary to Constitution Section 256 (u), Ritual Pages 59,63,66,70,73, 67 and Ritual pages 175 – 180.
11. Two meetings held on the same night one after the other. contrary to Constitution Section 238 (g) Business must not be transacted at a Stated or Special Meeting before the hour fixed by the Chapter By-Laws.
12. During the Star Points balloting Sister Electa marched to the Altar to ballot after Sister Adah and before Sister Ruth. - contrary to Constitution Section 254 (h)
13. An authority not requested to set a new meeting for one meeting missed due to no quorum after email follow-up and in person request. Contrary to Ritual page 166 and Constitution Section 238(q).
14. Warder giving raps with Bible not open. Contrary to Constitution Section 232(f).

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15. Raps given incorrectly at the door by both Warder and Sentinel.
Contrary to Ritual Page 16 and Constitution Section 232 and 233.
16. Reverent Attitude given rather than salutation sign at the altar to the bible for balloting. Contrary to Ritual Page 13 and Constitution Sections 225(p), 240, 253(f).
17. Gavel not used at the appropriate times during Balloting by the Worthy Patron. - Contrary to Constitution Section 222 (g) 8 & 11
18. Chapter not opened at stated time – Contrary to Constitution Section 128 (m) V -2 and Section 243 (a).

INSTRUCTIONAL WORKSHOPS 2024-2025

Sat. Oct. 5, 2024	Belrock Masonic Centre, Sudbury, ON	1-4 pm
Sat. Oct. 19, 2024	Eastern Star Temple, London, ON	1-4 pm
Sat. Nov.16, 2024	Masonic Complex, Brockville, ON	1-4 pm

We thank all the members that not only attended but who participated with such enthusiasm. We had 40 attend in Sudbury, 81 in London and 64 in Brockville. The comments were positive and proved that interest is there and that they care about what their Chapters are doing. It makes it worthwhile when a member says, "I wish I had come out to these years ago!" To each of the Chapters that allowed us the use of their hall and regalia along with their hospitality there are not enough words, now that is family for you!

CONSOLIDATIONS AND SURRENDERS

Nov. 4/24	Stayner Chapter # 270 – 9	Surrender of Charter
Dec 18/24	Peace Chapter # 52 - 8	Surrender of Charter
Jun 17/25	Fort Malden #268 – 1	Consolidated with Erie #19 -1

We want to thank the Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons and the Chapter Secretaries for their co-operation in preparing these meetings. I know that it was not an easy time, but I appreciate your assistance.

INITIATORY WORK

Mar 5/25	Binbrook Chapter # 117 – 6	3 Candidates
June 5/25	Edgemount Chapter # 127 -6	1 Candidate
June 23/25	Lakeview Chapter # 79 – 6	1 Candidate
July 10/25	Kawartha Chapter # 312 – 21	2 Candidates
August 7/25	Elliot Lake Chapter # 324 – 15	1 Candidate

AUTHORITIES ISSUED

To Move the Charter	4
Election out of Season	3
Change of meeting Date	33
Change of Installation Date	2
Installation of Officers (out of season)	16
Date Change due to a Legal Holiday or GGC Sessions	7
Good of the Order	<u>2</u>
TOTAL	67
(Authorities denied) "Treasurer" Vacancy	1

APPRECIATION

To all the members of our beloved jurisdiction, I extend my deepest appreciation to each and every one of you—not just for this past year, but for the unwavering trust and support you have shown me over the last four years. It has been one of the greatest honours of my life to help oversee and uphold the beauty of our cherished Order through the preservation of our Ritual and Constitution. Let us continue to live and spread the peace and love we all need and deserve—not just at Christmas, but in every moment of every day.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

It's hard to pinpoint just one moment in a year filled with joy, fellowship, and unforgettable experiences. Our journey began with a truly magical installation—arriving by Christmas truck, we were presented and installed by dear friends who have long inspired us.

We have travelled beyond our borders, visiting Michigan and New Hampshire, sharing the light and love of our Order across jurisdictions. Each step along the way has been filled with warm welcomes, renewed friendships, and the reminder that our Eastern Star bond knows no bounds. From cruising with our O.E.S. family and friends and proudly presenting Grand Representative appointments to such deserving sisters and brothers, to witnessing heartfelt hospital presentations by the F.N.H.F.—each moment has been meaningful.

To spend time in a snowball fight, sorted into our Houses, and feasting like royalty at Hogwarts is a dream come true which I got to experience with many likewise sisters and brothers.

We marked so many incredible birthdays: one 110, one 103, three 100-year-olds, two 98s, a 97, a 76, two 75s, and a youthful 72! You know how I love icing—so there was no shortage of sweet celebrations!

I was so pleased to be asked to attend the Ontario Masonic Leaders meetings this year—an opportunity to share, grow, and learn together. I hope this

group continues long into the future as our Masonic family can be the support for each other that I believe was intended from the start.

I am also so excited to be able to make a presentation to Covenant House and know that through your generosity there will be many young folks who will be given an opportunity to have a successful and positive future.

However, what touched my heart most was the time spent with all of you—whether old friends or new connections.

What a year it's been! What memories!

HONOURARY MEMBERSHIPS

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the Chapters who presented me with Honorary Memberships into their Chapter families. These thoughtful gestures will always be deeply treasured—just as I have felt truly treasured by each of you. I hope to visit and spend time with as many of you as I can in the future. You chose to welcome me, and that, in itself, is a gift I will always hold close to my heart.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THIS GRAND JURISDICTION

Just to add to the Appreciation above, I thank all the members of this Grand Jurisdiction on behalf our Grand Family and Escorts. You invited our Family into your Chapter homes. It is not easy having thirty-six folks come for dinner and then stick around for a meeting. However, I know that each of us appreciated all the challenging work you did in advance and the honors that you afforded us. We thank you for your indulgence in allowing us to speak, hand out wings and apples at your meetings. We felt welcome, loved and at peace when we made our way home.

A special thank you for your support of our Project - Covenant House. That dollar you dropped in the jar will come out tenfold in some young person's life. Kevin says, thank you and you are all Minions at heart.

Thank you ALL and to ALL Merry Christmas!

OUR ADVISORS

This thank you is sent to Sister Barbara Thorburn, Sister Susan Purdy, Brother Paul Hooper, Brother William Chatwell and Brother Les Hills – the difficult tasks are always made easier when there is someone at the end of the line cheering you on. When it seems tough, or you are questioning yourself and they listen and let you vent. When that person lets you chew on it for a while. When that person shares their experiences and helps you see the answer that works for you. When that person says I'm here for you whether you are right or wrong I am here for you to land on! THANK YOU for making this adventure possible.

SCARBOROUGH CHAPTER #231

Thank you, Scarborough Chapter #231, for your unwavering support. You were hit not once, not twice, but three times with three of your Officers starting a journey in this Grand Jurisdiction back-to-back. Through it all, you have stood strong. You understood, you stepped in, and you helped with the planning. Richard and I appreciate all you have done to support us and cheer us on. It will be nice to come home and be with the Scarborough family for awhile.

PICTON CHAPTER #273

Thank you to the members of Picton Chapter #273. You knew what we were about to embark on, and you still voted yes. I am proud to be counted as a member in your ranks in District 12 where we have summered for over 37 years. I know and appreciate that you rolled up your sleeves and dug in when you were asked. Both Richard and I thank you for your enthusiasm and assistance.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OFFICER

Sister Helen Delaney, Right Worthy Grand Trustee, you have been so helpful and inspiring to many members of this Grand Jurisdiction. Thank you for the assistance you have provided me personally, I wish both you and Brother Pat much happiness, health and success in your future.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER AMBASSADOR AND GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Congratulations to Bro. William Chatwell (Ambassador-New Jersey), Bro. Bruce Condie (Alzheimer's) and Sisters Lynne Atkinson (Eastern Star Journal), J. Marsha Taylor (ESTARL), Barbara J. Ward (Historical Landmarks/International Headquarters), Rev. Dr. Ellen Redcliffe (Necrology) at the start of your appointments. We know that each of you will devote to your appointments everything you have and then some as we have seen what you have done in our Jurisdiction. Travel safe and always come home to us.

PAST GRAND MATRONS/PAST GRAND PATRONS

From the moment you installed us last August we have looked to you as the template for a successful year. Each of you are components in the backbone of our Jurisdiction and we hope that you feel that we have fulfilled our obligations and maintained the high standard that you established in Ontario.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON AND ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON

It will not be long before you pick up and carry the mantle that will be passed to you both. I thank you Sister Dawn for the candid openness which we have shared these past years. I believe it made life easier for both of us and made the line stronger. Brother Jim, you helped where and when you were asked and gave your suggestions and opinions to both of us and I thank you for everything.

GRAND SECRETARY

Sister Lillian, shortly you will put down your pen and be able to take a breath. Thank you for the support you have provided me during this year in the office. I hope that you will be able to enjoy your free time with family and friends, good health and safe travels.

GRAND TREASURER

Sister Marilyn, thank you for the many long hours you have spent taking care of and reporting the financials of our jurisdiction. Then on top of this you attended and contributed to the many committees that you are a member of. Thank you for being there at the end of an email for all of us.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS, ASSOCIATE GRAND CONDUCTRESS

Sister Melissa and Sister Debra thank you for taking the steps to take our Order into the future. I hope that you have both enjoyed your year and that the steps you have taken are creating a strong foundation for you to build upon. It has been enjoyable to call you our children and as with any parent I look forward to the great things you will do. Remember I will always be just a call or email away.

GRAND SENTINEL

Brother Anson our time together has been short however I am glad it transpired as I may never have had the opportunity to spend time with you and Sister Grace. Thank you for the dignity you brought to your office this year. I wish for you a happy and healthy future and I look forward to visiting with you whenever and wherever we may meet.

OUR APPOINTED GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS

Each of you said YES and I can never express how much that meant. Not only did I feel you would be a good fit, so did you! Both Richard and I were proud of you all. You attended when you could, spoke sincerely when asked and took great care in extending the love and peace of our year as you mingled with each Sister and Brother. The smiles and laughter is what we will remember and know that each of you lighted the way as a candle should do and you are the angels that we thought you would be.

TO OUR ESCORTS/TRAVELLING COMPANIONS

When an Officer picks an Escort, they know that they can trust them to accompany and assist them. Each of you did just that as you travelled the many miles across this jurisdiction. You helped where needed on the Project Table, presenting wings to deserving members and apples to all members. Most of all you were the Shepherds that we required to guide us and spread the love and peace of the APL year. Thank you!

GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBERS- ELECTED AND APPOINTED

Many parts make the machinery hum and that pertains to this Grand Chapter. To each of the Committee members whether elected or appointed a BIG thank you. Sometimes the meetings were often and long, and the tasks seemed endless but each of you saw the value and wanted to ensure that the job was done to the best of your ability. This dedication to the responsibility bestowed upon you must be commended. To our Jurisprudence Chair, Sister Barbara J. Ward, I thank you for being at the other end of the email or phone and ensuring that our Constitution is clear and up to date and just listening while I chewed upon it. Each of you were the reindeers that we needed to carry us down the road of another year.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS

To the District Deputy Grand Matrons, I along with your Districts thank you for stepping up to do the job. As my representative, I was confident that under your sensitive direction our Chapters would gain knowledge and confidence in their work. That your presence at their meetings and special evenings along with your words would provide the guidance and support when needed. Thank you for keeping me in the loop and taking the time to talk things through so we all had a better understanding of the directions we should take. Great job as Carolers! You certainly spread the word.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

It has been an honour for Richard and I to present to deserving members in our Grand Jurisdiction, Grand Representative appointments. I know that each of you will treasure the friendships and knowledge that you will gain as you travel to your respective jurisdictions. I will remember the looks of disbelief, the tears of joy and the quiet acceptance of being stunned! To each of you I wish safe travels and remember to always COME HOME to us!

FIFTY AND SIXTY-YEAR MEMBERS

Currently, it is an accomplishment to belong to anything but the achievement each of you have reached is awe inspiring. It was an honour to be included in your presentations. I along with your Chapters are proud of you and your contributions to our beautiful Order. I wish for you many continued years of service.

THE COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS

Here is one Committee who truly do not get the praise they deserve. They work tireless for months in planning and preparing for your Grand Chapter Session. Sit back folks and take it all in! You have done a great job in bringing to life a vision. I thank each of you for bearing with me and seeing it through my eyes.

THE COMMITTEE FOR THE ONTARIO-MICHIGAN EXCHANGE

I want to thank those Sisters and Brothers on this Committee for letting this little girl have her dream of magic and wizardry. Many of you did not know too much about Harry Potter and Hogwarts but you fast tracked your knowledge and ran with it. I think by the end of it you were having as much fun as me! To all our Michigan friends, thank you for joining in and letting the magic run unrestrained for one day at least. All you have to do is, **"BELIEVE."**

GRAND PAGES, GRAND GUARDS AND HOSTESS COMMITTEE

A heartfelt thank you to the Grand Pages, Grand Guards, and Hostess Committees. Your dedication and preparation ensure our Grand Chapter Session will be seamless and enjoyable for all. Guests and members alike will feel welcomed and well-guided, and with your capable assistance, our elections will run smoothly and efficiently. We are grateful for all you do!

OUR SPECIAL PROJECT – COVENANT HOUSE

Thank you for taking our Charity Project this year, Covenant House, into your hearts as it was in ours. Our future lies with the young people who may one day join the Masonic family, but many need support to find their path to a successful life. Through your generosity, Covenant House can continue helping those youth begin their journey — and they will know it was the Order of the Eastern Star that helped open the door to a fresh start. We have shown them, that yes, we do give a DAMN.

BROTHER RICHARD, SISTER DAWNA-LEE

There are no words that express my sincere appreciation to both of you. **SISTER DAWNA-LEE**, you have been a great support to Richard and I over this past year. Whether putting together baskets, printing tickets or just making sure that we were getting off on the right highway exit - who knows where we would have ended up! You also have a nose of where Tim's were in each town. Making sure Richard was dressed and ready. I thank you for it all.

BROTHER RICHARD – I must thank you for stepping up and throwing your name in. I'm sure you had no idea what to expect, especially beside me. We have gotten to know each other very well this past year and you **STILL** stuck around! Thank you for taking to heart my plans, visions, and dreams and jumping in where you were asked. I sincerely hope that you have enjoyed

your year as Worthy Grand Patron and that the peace we tried to spread this year is with you always.

TO MY ESCORT AND MY FRIEND, JANE BALL

All those years ago you did not walk away, you did not have me committed, but you stood beside me even when the cards were not being dealt fairly. You took over the Project Table with gusto and enthusiasm with the same passion for Covenant House that I have. Thank you for taking the reins to ensure I was where I should be, with what I should have, dressed as I should be and with no care other than what I needed for that moment in time. Nothing has changed over all these years when Rainbow brought us together. You are my true **SISTER** in every way imaginable. **THANK YOU.**

TO MY HUSBAND, JIM

I would not be at this juncture in the road without your love and support. Where many might have said, your place is beside me; your words were, **DO IT IF YOU WANT IT**, I will be where you want me. The nights you brought me something to eat so I could work on, the many, many miles you drove, and the thoughts, suggestions and honest criticism you have supplied have been a true gift that could only be from the heart. I only hope that in the coming year I will serve you as well. From the bottom of my heart, I **thank you with big kisses** and in a couple of years that TRIP is coming!

MY SISTERS AND BROTHERS

I sincerely want to thank each of you for allowing me to have the honour to serve you all as your Worthy Grand Matron this past year. Thank you for inviting our Grand Family into your Chapter homes with warmth and fraternal love. We hope that we have provided you with the Peace and Love that was our aim for this year. To recognize that these precious moments should be every day and not special days. We hope that you can recognize that we are surrounded by angels, all the time and should rejoice in each other every day. **THANK YOU!**

IN CONCLUSION

365 days seems like a long time, but you know something, the pages turn faster and faster as the year moves along. It is hard to believe that it has almost come to its conclusion. Every day was worth it. You may not have agreed with everything I may have done but know this ... everything was done from my heart and with only the best intentions for each of you and for the welfare of this beautiful Order.

Angel Hugs, Barbara McGregor

Worthy Grand Matron

Grand Chapter of Ontario, Canada Inc.

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AUGUST 2024

27th Installation of Grand Chapter Officers Delta Hotel, Toronto

SEPTEMBER 2024

10 th	Grand Executive Meeting	Zoom Meeting
12 th	Meeting Waters #173	Fraternal Visit/Installation
16 th	Ontario #227	Fraternal Visit/Installation
17 th	Orphah #102	Installation of Officers
18 th	Daylight #326	Installation of Officers
19 th	Whitby #248	Fraternal Visit/Installation
20 th	Lakeshore #257	Fraternal Visit/Installation
21 st	Newmarket #282	Installation of Officers
22 nd	Edgemount #127	100 th Birthday Celebration/WGM, WGP
24 th	Scarborough #231	Home/Installation of Officers
26 th	McDonald #167	Commission DDGM/ Appt Gr Representative
27 th	Valley #297	Installation of Officers
28 th	Sunland #283	Fraternal Visit/Installation

OCTOBER 2024

1 st	Centennial #219	Grand Representative Appointment
2 nd	Committee on Arrangements	Zoom Meeting
3 rd	Brighton #201	Grand Officers Night
5 th	Belrock Masonic Centre, Sudbury	School of Instruction
7-11 th	Muskegon, Michigan	Michigan Grand Chapter
15 th	Warton Hospital	FNHF Presentation
15 th	Southampton Hospital	FNHF Presentation
15 th	Port Elgin #314 Masonic Hall	FNHF Meeting
15 th	South Port # 314	Fraternal Visit
19 th	Eastern Star Temple, London	School of Instruction
20 th	Final COA Meeting for LOL Year	Zoom Meeting
21 st	Ontario #227	Fraternal Visit
22 nd	Scarborough #231	Home/Fraternal Visit
23 rd -1 st	Myrtle Beach Convention Centre	GGC Session

NOVEMBER 2024

4 th	Stayner #270	Fraternal Visit/Surrender
5 th	Committee on Arrangements	Zoom Meeting
6 th	Ontario-Michigan Exchange Meeting	Zoom Meeting
10 th	Membership Meeting	Zoom Meeting
16 th	Masonic Complex, Brockville	School of Instruction

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18 th	Lincoln #142	Grand Officers Night
19 th	Lakeshore #257	Fraternal Visit
21 st	Whitby #248	Fraternal Visit/Draping
23 rd	Finance Meeting	Delta Hotel, Toronto
23 rd	Grand Executive Meeting	Delta Hotel, Toronto
26 th	Scarborough #231	Home/Fraternal Visit

DECEMBER 2024

2 nd	Ontario-Michigan Exchange Meeting	Zoom Meeting
5 th	Sterling #307	Grand Officers Luncheon
9 th	Sunland # 283	Fraternal Visit
10 th	Scarborough #231	Grand Representative Appointment
13 th	Lakeview #79	Grand Officers Night
16 th	Valley #297	Grand Representative Appointment
17 th	Frontenac #90	103 rd Birthday/Grand Officers Night
18 th	Peace #52	Fraternal Visit/Surrender
19 th	Whitby #248	Grand Representative Appointment

JANUARY 2025

2 nd	Edgemount #127	Fraternal Visit
5 th	Membership Meeting	Zoom Meeting
6 th	Cruise Meeting	Zoom Meeting
8 th	Preston Springs	Grand Representative Appointment
12 th	Jurisprudence Meeting	Zoom Meeting
14 th	Scarborough #231	Home/Fraternal Visit
15 th	Committee on Arrangements Meeting	Zoom Meeting
16 th	Whitby #248	Fraternal Visit
18 th	Finance Meeting	Delta Hotel, Toronto
20 th	Ontario #227	Grand Officers Night
21 st	Lakeshore #257	Fraternal Visit
22 nd -Feb 2 nd	APL Family Cruise	New Orleans/Toronto

FEBRUARY 2025

6 th	Edgemount #127	Grand Representative Appointment
7 th	Benevolent Meeting	Zoom Meeting
8 th	Grand Executive Meeting	Delta Hotel, Toronto
8 th	Jurisprudence Meeting	Delta Hotel, Toronto
9 th	Membership Meeting	Zoom Meeting
10 th	Hope #184	97th Birthday/Grand Officers Night
15 th	Binbrook #117	100th Birthday Reception Hamilton, Ontario
21 st -23 rd	New Hampshire USA	Can-Am Weekend
24 th	District Realignment Comm. Meeting	Zoom Meeting
25 th	Scarborough #231	Fraternal Visit

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MARCH 2025

1 st	High Tea Orono Temple #6	Representative of OES
2 nd	Jurisprudence Meeting	Zoom Meeting
4 th	Areme #15	Fraternal Visit
5 th	Binbrook #117	Initiation/Fraternal Visit
8 th	Georgian North & South District Masonry Day	OES Rep
9 th	Membership Meeting	Zoom Meeting
10 th	Peterborough # 161	98th Birthday/Grand Officers Night
11 th	Financial Planning Meeting	Zoom Meeting
12 th	Starlight #241	76th Birthday/Fraternal Visit
13 th	Meeting Waters #173	Grand Representative Appointment
14 th	Sister Maggie Crawford	Celebration of Life
16 th	Governance, Policy & Procedures Meeting	Zoom Meeting
18 th	Lakeshore #257	Grand Officers Night
19 th	Committee on Arrangements	Zoom Meeting
20 th	Lakeland #245	Grand Representative Appointment
24 th	Valley #297	Fraternal Visit
25 th	Scarborough Chapter #231	Home/Fraternal Visit
26 th	Grand Executive Meeting	Zoom Meeting

APRIL 2025

1 st	Centennial #219	88th Birthday/Grand Officers Night
2 nd	Binbrook #117	Fraternal Visit
3 rd	FNHF Presentation	Presentation to Juravinski Hospital
8 th	Wenonah #18	Fraternal Visit/Kenora
12 th	Ontario-Michigan Exchange	Barrie/Ontario
13 th	Membership Meeting	Zoom Meeting
14 th	Halton # 280	72nd Birthday/Grand Representative Appt
14 th	Peterborough #161	Grand Representative Appointment
15 th	Orphah #102	Grand Officers Night
16 th	Committee on Arrangements Meeting	Zoom Meeting
17 th	Whitby #248	Grand Officers Night
21 st	Jurisprudence Meeting	Zoom Meeting
24 th	McDonald #167	98th Birthday/Grand Officers Night
25 th	Reception-Grand -Organist, Adah, Electa	Peterborough
28 th	Valley #297	Grand Officers Night
29 th	Covenant House Tour/Meeting	Toronto, Ontario

MAY 2025

1 st	Violet #206	Grand Representative Appt
3 rd	Rainbow-Dove Spring Luncheon	Cobourg
4 th	Tea for Grand Organist	Exeter

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5 th	Membership Meeting	Zoom Meeting
7 th	Binbrook #117	Grand Representative Appointment
7 th	Finance Meeting	Zoom Meeting
10 th	Reception -Grand Marshal, Grand Martha	Little Current
12 th	Bethlehem #136	Grand Officers Night
13 th	Normac #311	First Four Night
14 th	Ideal #61	Grand Officers Night
15 th	Goodwill #235	Fraternal Visit
16 th	Membership Video Creation	Picton
20 th	Lakeshore #257	Grand Representative Appointment
22 nd	Britannia #34	Fraternal Visit
24 th	Reception – Grand Conductress/Sentinel	Kitchener
27 th	Scarborough #231	Grand Officers Night
30 th	Ontario Masonic Leaders Meeting	Hamilton
31 st	Lakeshore #257 75th Birthday Celebration	Mississauga

JUNE 2025

1 st	Golf Fun Day & Dinner	Remington Golf, Markham
2 nd	Mercer # 156	Fraternal Visit
3 rd	Centennial # 219	Grand Representative Appointment
5 th	Edgemount #127	100th Birthday/GO Night & Initiation
8 th	Membership Meeting	Zoom Meeting
9 th	Veritas #128	100th Birthday Luncheon
10 th	Rundle #108	GCO & Grand Representative Appts.
11 th	Preston Springs #208	GCO & Grand Representative Appt
12 th	Florence Nightingale #5	GCO & Grand Representative Appt
14 th	Grand Executive Meeting	Delta Hotel, Toronto
16 th	Ontario #227	Fraternal Visit
17 th	Erie #19/Fort Malden #268	110th Birthday/G.O. Night/ Gr. Representative Appt./Consolidation
18 th	Financial Planning Committee	Zoom Meeting
19 th	Newmarket #282	Grand Officers Night
20 th	Scarborough # 231	50 Year Pin Presentation
23 rd	Lakeview #79	Initiation/Fraternal Visit
24 th	Scarborough #231	Home/Fraternal Visit
25 th	ESTARL Meeting	Zoom Meeting
25 th	Khaki #27	Grand Officers Night
26 th	Picton #273	Home/Fraternal Visit/Grand Representative
28 th	Reception WGM and WGP	Casino Rama

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ADDRESS AND REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON

Worthy Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter Officer, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Grand Chapter Officers, Sisters and Brothers of the Grand Jurisdiction of Ontario.

It is with pleasure that I join our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Barbara McGregor in welcoming you to this “Angels, Peace and Love” Session. I shall always be grateful of the honour and privilege accorded to me when one year ago I was installed as Worthy Grand Patron of Ontario. I have tried my best to fulfil the duties and responsibility of this important office. I will treasure the memories this year has afforded me.

HIGHLIGHTS

Visiting Chapters in our Grand Jurisdiction with our Grand Chapter Officers and Escorts was very special. Attending Michigan Grand Chapter Session in October, followed by, General Grand Chapter 51st Triennium in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina in late October; OES Cruise in January was enjoyable even with an ice storm making travelling an adventure; CanAm in New Hampshire in February and finally Ontario/Michigan Exchange in April and a reception held in my honour in June.

TO MY WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Barbara, thank you for a wonderful year of working together, it was a very special year in my life because of your encouragement, support and above all your friendship. Your commitment to the Order of the Eastern Star

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is an inspiration to all of us. I trust the friendship we have formed will always remain.

May all your dreams for this year be realized and may you have many more years of service to our Order.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OFFICER

Sister Helen Delaney, Right Worthy Grand Trustee. Thank you for your work with the other General Grand Chapter Trustees. On behalf of the members of this Grand Jurisdiction, my thanks are extended for the honour you have brought to Ontario. I wish you continued safe travels in your journeys.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER AMBASSADOR AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

I congratulate you on your appointment to serve General Grand Chapter. These are special appointments, and I wish you safe travels as you carry out your respective duties for the good of the Order.

PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PATRONS

I wish to convey my thanks for your words of encouragement. To have your experience given to me when I need it, made my responsibilities much lighter. It was very much appreciated.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON AND PATRON

Sister Dawn and Brother Jim, I wish you both every success and safe travels in the busy year ahead. I know you will make new friends as you see your plans fulfilled. I thank you for all you've done this year.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS AND ASSOCIATE GRAND CONDUCTRESS

Sister Melissa and Sister Debra, I thank you for your friendship and loyalty which has been a real pleasure this year. My wish for you is one of happiness and safe travels as you continue on your journey to the East.

GRAND SENTINEL

Brother Anson, the friendship we made this year is very special to me. I wish you good health and many more years of friendship.

GRAND SECRETARY

Sister Lillian, I would like to thank you for all the help and support you have given me this year. Thank you for your service, for being with us on many occasions. I wish for you a very happy and relaxing retirement with Brother David.

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GRAND TREASURER

Sister Marilyn, I shall always be grateful for working with you the last two years. Your knowledge of our Order is appreciated. May you enjoy your service to this Grand Chapter in the coming years.

APPOINTED GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS

I trust you have enjoyed your year as a Grand Chapter Officer. You traveled to all parts of the province in all sorts of weather. I thank you for all your kindness shown to me over the year. I sincerely hope the friendships formed will continue for many years to come.

ADVISORS

Sisters Barbara Thorburn, Susan Purdy, Brothers Paul Hooper, Bill Chatwell and Les Hills. With many thanks for your guidance and support this year for Sister Barbara McGregor and myself. You were always there ready to answer any questions I may have had. Your advice was greatly appreciated.

GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBERS

It was a privilege to attend most of your committee meetings, mainly via Zoom and I thank you for this courtesy.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS

Thank you for carrying out the Worthy Grand Matron's instructions this past year. It has been my pleasure in getting to know you and my thanks to your year of service.

ESCORTS

Thank you for your friendship and assistance over the past year you have given to the Grand Family. I look forward to sharing more happy times with you in the coming years. You have made this year very special for our Angels, Peace and Love Grand Family. Sister Jane Ball, it has been a pleasure

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AUGUST 2024

27th Installation of Grand Chapter Officers Delta Hotel, Toronto

SEPTEMBER 2024

10th	Grand Executive Meeting	Zoom Meeting
12 th	Meeting Waters #173	Fraternal Visit/Installation
16 th	Ontario #227	Fraternal Visit/Installation
17 th	Orphah #102	Installation of Officers
18 th	Daylight #326	Installation of Officers
19 th	Whitby #248	Fraternal Visit/Installation

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20 th	Lakeshore #257	Fraternal Visit/Installation
21 st	Newmarket #282	Installation of Officers
22 nd	Edgemount #127	100 th Birthday Celebration/WGM, WGP
24 th	Scarborough #231	Fraternal/Installation of Officers
26 th	McDonald #167	Fraternal Visit/ Appt Gr. Representative
27 th	Valley #297	Installation of Officers
28 th	Sunland #283	Fraternal Visit/Installation

OCTOBER 2024

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2 nd	Committee on Arrangements	Zoom Meeting
3 rd	Brighton #201	Grand Officers Night
5 th	Belrock Masonic Centre, Sudbury	School of Instruction
7-11 th	Muskegon, Michigan	Michigan Grand Chapter
15 th	Warton Hospital	FNHF Presentation
15 th	Southampton Hospital	FNHF Presentation
15 th	Port Elgin Masonic Hall	FNHF Meeting
15 th	South Port # 314	Fraternal Visit
19 th	Eastern Star Temple, London	School of Instruction
20 th	Final COA Meeting for LOL Year	Zoom Meeting
21 st	Ontario #227	Fraternal Visit
22 nd	Scarborough #231	Home/Fraternal Visit
23 rd -1 st	Myrtle Beach Convention Centre	GGC Session

NOVEMBER 2024

4 th	Stayner #270	Fraternal Visit/Surrender
5 th	Committee on Arrangements	Zoom Meeting
6 th	Ontario-Michigan Exchange Meeting	Zoom Meeting
10 th	Membership Meeting	Zoom Meeting
16 th	Masonic Complex, Brockville	School of Instruction
18 th	Lincoln #142	Grand Officers Night
19 th	Lakeshore #257	Fraternal Visit
21 st	Whitby #248	Fraternal Visit/Draping
23 rd	Finance Meeting	Delta Hotel, Toronto
23 rd	Grand Executive Meeting	Delta Hotel, Toronto
26 th	Scarborough #231	Home/Fraternal Visit

DECEMBER 2024

2 nd	Ontario-Michigan Exchange Meeting	Zoom Meeting
5 th	Sterling #307	Grand Officers Luncheon
9 th	Sunland # 283	Fraternal Visit
10 th	Scarborough #231	Grand Representative Appointment
13 th	Lakeview #79	Grand Officers Night

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16 th	Valley #297	Grand Representative Appointment
17 th	Frontenac #90	103 rd Birthday/Grand Officers Night
18 th	Peace #52	Fraternal Visit/Surrender
19 th	Whitby #248	Grand Representative Appointment

JANUARY 2025

2 nd	Edgemount #127	Fraternal Visit
5 th	Membership Meeting	Zoom Meeting
6 th	Cruise Meeting	Zoom Meeting
8 th	Preston Springs #208	Grand Representative Appointment
12 th	Jurisprudence Committee Meeting	Zoom Meeting
14 th	Scarborough #231	Home/Fraternal Visit
15 th	COA Meeting for APL year	Zoom Meeting
16 th	Whitby #248	Fraternal Visit
18 th	Finance Meeting	Delta Hotel, Toronto
20 th	Ontario #227	Grand Officers Night
21 st	Lakeshore #257	Fraternal Visit
25 th – Feb 1 st		OES Apple Cruise

FEBRUARY 2025

6 th	Edgemount #127	Grand Representative Appointment
7 th	Benevolent Meeting	Zoom Meeting
8 th	Grand Executive Meeting	Delta Hotel, Toronto
8 th	Jurisprudence Meeting	Delta Hotel, Toronto
9 th	Membership Meeting	Zoom Meeting
10 th	Hope #184	97 th Birthday/Grand Officers Night
15 th	Binbrook #117	100 th Birthday Reception Hamilton, Ontario
21 st /22 nd	CanAm	New Hampshire
24 th	District Realignment Comm. Meeting	Zoom Meeting
25 th	Scarborough #231	Home/Fraternal Visit

MARCH 2025

1 st	High Tea Oronto Temple #6	Rameses Shrine Temple
2 nd	Jurisprudence Meeting	Zoom Meeting
4 th	Arene #15	Fraternal Visit
5 th	Binbrook #117	Initiation/Fraternal Visit
8 th	Day of Masonry in Barrie, ON	Barrie Masonic Hall
9 th	Membership Meeting	Zoom Meeting
10 th	Peterborough # 161	98 th Birthday/Grand Officers Night
11 th	Financial Planning Meeting	Zoom Meeting
12 th	Starlight #241	76 th Birthday/Fraternal Visit
13 th	Meeting Waters #173	Grand Representative Appointment
14 th	Sister Maggie Crawford	Celebration of Life
16 th	Governance, Policies & Procedures	Zoom Meeting

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17 th	Ontario Chapter #222	Fraternal Visit
18 th	Lakeshore #257	Grand Officer Night & Gr. Rep. Appt.
19 th	COA Meeting for APL Year	Zoom Meeting
20 th	Lake Land #245	Grand Representative Appointment
24 th	Valley Chapter #297	Fraternal Visit
25 th	Scarborough Chapter #231	Home/Fraternal Visit
26 th	Grand Executive Meeting	Zoom Meeting

APRIL 2025

1 st	Centennial #219	88th Birthday/Grand Officers Night
2 nd	Binbrook #117	Fraternal Visit
3 rd	FNHF Presentation	Juravinski Hospital, Hamilton, ON
7 th	Bruce # 253	Fraternal Visit
8 th	Wenonah #18	Fraternal Visit/Kenora
12 th	Ontario-Michigan Exchange	Barrie/Ontario
13 th	Membership Meeting	Zoom Meeting
14 th	Halton # 280	72nd Birthday/Grand Representative Appt
15 th	Orphah #102	Grand Officers Night
16 th	Committee on Arrangements Meeting	Zoom Meeting
17 th	Whitby #248	Grand Officers Night
21 st	Jurisprudence Meeting	Zoom Meeting
22 nd	Eastern Star Service for Jim Williamson, PGP	Breslau, ON
24 th	McDonald #167	98th Birthday/Grand Officers Night
25 th	Reception-Grand -Organist, Adah, Electa	Peterborough
28 th	Valley #297	Grand Officers Night
29 th	Covenant House Tour/Meeting	Toronto, Ontario

MAY 2025

1 st	Violet #206	Grand Representative Appt
3 rd	Rainbow-Dove Spring Luncheon	Cobourg
4 th	Tea for Grand Organist, Bill Gibson	Exeter Chapter
5 th	Membership Meeting	Zoom Meeting
7 th	Binbrook #117	Grand Representative Appointment
7 th	Finance Meeting	Zoom Meeting
10 th	Reception -Grand Marshal, Grand Martha	Little Current
12 th	Bethlehem #136	Grand Officers Night
13 th	Normac #311	First Four Night
14 th	Ideal #61	Grand Officers Night
15 th	Goodwill #235	Fraternal Visit
16 th	Membership Video Creation	Masonic Lodge, Picton
20 th	Lakeshore #257	Grand Representative Appointment
22 nd	Britannia #34	Fraternal Visit
24 th	Reception – Grand Conductress/Sentinel	Kitchener
27 th	Scarborough #231	Grand Officers Night

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30 th	COA Meeting for APL Year	Zoom Meeting
31 st	Lakeshore #257	75 th Birthday Celebration

JUNE 2025

1 st	Golf Fun Day & Dinner	Fund Raiser for Covenant House And Camp Huronda
2 nd	Mercer # 156	Fraternal Visit
3 rd	Centennial # 219	Grand Representative Appointment
5 th	Edgemount #127	100th Birthday/GO Night & Initiation
8 th	Membership Meeting	Zoom Meeting
9 th	Veritas #128	100th Birthday Luncheon
10 th	Rundle #108	GCO & Grand Representative Appts
11 th	Preston Springs #208	GCO & Grand Representative Appt
12 th	Florence Nightingale #5	GCO Night/115 th Birthday & Grand Representative Appt.
14 th	Grand Executive Meeting	Delta Hotel, Toronto
17 th	Erie #19/Fort Malden #268	110th Birthday/G.O. Evening Grand Representative Appt./Consolidation
18 th	Financial Planning Committee	Zoom Meeting
19 th	Newmarket #282	Grand Officers Night
23 rd	Lakeview #79	Initiation/Fraternal
24 th	Scarborough #231	Home/Fraternal Visit
25 th	Khaki #27	Grand Officers Night
26 th	Picton #273	Home/Fraternal Visit/Grand Representative
28 th	Reception WGM and WGP	Orillia, ON

REPORT OF THE BY-LAW COMMITTEE

1. Scarborough Chapter #231

- Change date and location of meeting.

Approved

2. Bruce Chapter #253

- Change dues

Approved

3. Algoma Chapter #139

- Change: Special Meeting Time

Approved

4. Veritas Chapter #128

- Change: Meeting Dates, Delegates to Grand Chapter

Approved

5. Frontenac Chapter #90

- Change: Complete review of By-laws, Meeting Months, Time of meeting, Dues, jewels, Benevolent, Grand Chapter Appointment, Installation, Gifts, delegate to Grand Chapter, New Members.

Approved

6. Sterling Chapter #307

- Change: Meeting times, Honorariums

Approved

7. Khaki Chapter #27

- Change: Complete review of by-laws including housekeeping, dues, meeting months, Grand Chapter Delegates, Bereavement, Jewels, Minutes.

Approved

8. Normac Chapter #311

- Change: Meeting Time, Dues and Fees

Approved

9. Bethlehem Chapter #136

- Change: Meeting time, Dues, Gifts

Approved

10. Mercer Chapter #156

- Change: Housekeeping, Dues, Secretary, Bereavement, Delegates to Grand Chapter, Fees, By-law review.

Approved

11. Centennial Chapter #219

- Change: Minutes

Approved

12. Picton Chapter #273

- Change: Complete review of bylaws, Meeting time, Meeting date, installation date, Dues and Fees, Minutes, Donations, Delegates to Grand Chapter, Long Range Planning Committee, Benevolent, Patricia Norton Memorial Fund.

Approved

13. Exeter Chapter #222

- Change: Meeting time, Grand Chapter Delegates

Approved

14. Binbrook Chapter #117

- Change: Fees and Dues, Minutes, Scholarship, Expense paid over summer months, Scholarship Committee.

Approved

15. Peterborough Chapter #161

- Change: Complete Review of By-laws, housekeeping items, Committee Working funds, Delegates to Grand Chapter, honorariums, gifts and cards, bereavement.

Approved.

16. Lakeland Chapter #245

- Change: Complete Review of By-laws, housekeeping items, honorariums.

Approved.

17. Crescent Chapter #75

- Change: housekeeping changes, increase in dues, Cards, honorariums, gifts, jewels, donations

Approved

18. Elliot Lake Chapter #324

- Changes: Minutes

Approved

19. Lincoln Chapter #142

- Changes: Housekeeping Items, Honorarium, Bereavement, gifts, fundraising, Grand Chapter delegates, Minutes.

Approved

20. Lakeview Chapter #79

- Changes: Minutes.

Approved

Respectfully submitted:

Lynn Alexander, Past Grand Matron, Grand Chapter Committee Member,
Chair, Bylaws.

Debra Bechamp, Associate Grand Conductress

Dianne Rowan, Grand Chapter Committee Member

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Section 132b states the following:

“The Committee on Finance shall take into consideration all propositions and resolutions affecting the revenue of Grand Chapter which may be offered and shall specifically report thereon in writing at each Annual Session. This Committee may recommend such measures as, in their opinion, may be of financial benefit to this Grand Chapter.”

This year, your Finance Committee has focused on that mandate as well as reviewing how our money is used and trying to implement processes to reduce our expenses as well as looking at new ideas to increase our revenues. When we started the budget process this year, we realized that, once again, we were looking at a very large deficit, which the Committee believed was not acceptable.

We then looked at every line of our budget process and, where necessary, either removed the expense, or reduced it to a manageable level. We tried to avoid cutting items that we thought were necessary, but we did find some savings and, although we still have a proposed deficit for 2025/2026, we feel that this deficit, with some fundraising ideas, can be eliminated. We will also be introducing some changes that you will be voting on during Jurisprudence and, while we realize these things may not be to your liking, the Committee members all feel that we have no choice but to introduce them, and we ask for your support. All the members of the Committee have been diligent in their work this year and I would like to thank every one of them, with a special thank you to Sister Marilyn Taylor and Sister Helen Delaney, whose support has been wonderful.

As far as our revenues are concerned, we ask that you continue to support efforts like the basket draw, free room draw, My Sisters and Brothers Closet, and the new fundraising project for safety products, which are good ways to increase our revenues. We are also grateful to the Grand Trustees who have ensured that while interest rates continue to be favourable, our investments can produce strong income onto our balance sheet.

We now have 53 Chapters in Ontario, and our membership continues to decline, so, I am asking each member of those Chapters as well as the Chapters to support your Grand Chapter with as many donations as you can afford. Without your support, we cannot make our Order as strong as it needs to be.

Going forward, I would have to say that it has been a great experience to work with some dedicated people this year who show, every day, their love of our

Order, and I can promise that their focus will always be to continue to ensure that our Order in Ontario continues to be strong.

May you always walk in sunshine and God bless wherever your journey may take you.

Rev. Les Hills. PGP, GCCM – Executive.

Chair of Finance.

GRAND BENEVOLENT

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters, and Brothers all. It is my honor and privilege to present this Short Report on behalf of the Grand Benevolent Committee.

We appreciate the support from all the Subordinate Chapters, and the Members of this beautiful Order who have given generous financial support throughout the year. Because of your continued support, we have been able to assist several emergencies, for Sisters and Brothers who are in need of a lifeline. As Members of the Grand Benevolent Committee, we have been pleased to serve this year fulfilling our duties and obligations to our Sisters and Brothers with sincere love and empathy.

I have been a member of this Grand Chapter Committee for 7 years, and it has been the most humbling and rewarding surprise that I have received while serving my terms. I thank you, for electing me. I also want to congratulate all who are elected to this Committee. I can honestly say you will not regret one moment serving on this Committee, that looks after our members. As the Chair of Grand Benevolent, I have traveled throughout this Jurisdiction to speak about the work and assistance this Committee gives. Even now as I write this report, our Obligation is the heart of this Committee. "That I will, so far as in my power, give to my Sisters and Brothers, advice in their troubles. Sympathy in their sorrows, and Aid in their misfortunes".

At this time, I would like to thank all the Members of this Committee, and I Thank you all for your continued commitment to this Committee.

Respectfully submitted by

Gay Rust, GCCM

Chair – Benevolent Committee

GRAND BENEVOLENT FINANCIAL REPORT 2024 - 2025

Account Balance: July 1, 2023	\$ 31,380.51
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Donation Cheque Aug. 2024	\$	23,386.57	\$ 54,767.08
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Outstanding Donations & Expenses

Donations	\$	16,235.00
Investment Interest	\$	2,514.25
Audit Fee	-\$	661.05
Total Cheque July 2025	\$	18,088.20

Expenses 2024 - 2025

Recipient Cheques	\$	11,960.00
Emergency Cheques	\$	6,150.00
Committee Expenses	\$	310.56
Total	\$	18,420.56

Summary

Total Receipts	\$	23,386.57
Total Expenses	\$	18,420.56

Bank Balance July 7, 2025	\$	36,346.43
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Bank Balance July 2025	\$	54,434.63
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This report deals with funds administered by the Grand Benevolent Committee. Investment G.I.C.'s are controlled By the Grand Trustees.
 Adrice Grenon, Treasurer
 Grand Benevolent Committee

Report of the Grand Trustees 2024 to 2025

It has been my pleasure to work with my fellow trustees for the past few years. We have worked to keep track of the property of the Grand Chapter of Ontario which is kept in the hands of several officers and in the Storage Unit at 3805 Nashua Drive, Locker Number E094 and TD Canada Trust at 250 Wincott Drive in Etobicoke, Safety Deposit Box #1052. These items are listed on the following pages.

We also worked in consultation with the Finance Committee, Grand Chapter ESTARL Committee and the Grand Chapter Benevolent Committee to manage the investments of the Grand Chapter operating fund and committee funds. We try to get as much interest on these funds as possible while limiting any risk and ensuring that money is available when needed. Our aim is to keep our Grand Chapter investments functioning as smoothly and efficiently as possible.

During the past years we have had many Jewels given to us from Chapters that are no longer in existence. These can be viewed on the Grand Chapter website. Anyone wishing to purchase any of these jewels, please contact one of the Grand Trustees.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessie Barbour, GCCM
Chairperson – Grand Trustees

PROPERTY OF GRAND CHAPTER

In the Care of the Worthy Grand Matron:

Official Seal	1
Traveling Jewel (Past Grand Matron)	1

In the Care of the Grand Chapter Officers:

Grand Officer Jewels	18
Rituals	7
Constitutions	7
Secret Work	7
Buff Leaflet	7

In the Care of the District Deputy Grand Matrons:

District Deputy Grand Matrons Jewels	16
Rituals	16
Constitutions	16
Secret Work	16
Buff Leaflets	16

In the Care of the Grand Executive Committee:

Sony Micro Cassette Recorder	1
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In the Care of the Membership Committee:

Portable Display Stand	1
Banners	2

In the Care of the Grand Trustees:

Grand Trustee Jewels	3
Safety Deposit Box Keys	2
Keys for Storage Unit	3
Storage box key	3

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Storage Unit: 3805 Nashua Dr, Mississauga

3 Stair Step Units (2 Grey, 1 White)	3
3' Steps w/Carpet	3
5' Steps w/Carpet	3
Altar Drape	1
Charter Drape	1
Arbour	1
Chapter Ballot Box with white balls and black cubes	2
Ballot Boxes white	20
Batons	1
Blank form sign boards	7
Box of Assorted Signs for Seating Area	1
Cardboard Sleeve with 2 Hostess & 1 open/closed Sign	1
Cards for names of PGM & PGP for seating	26
Grand Trustee Trunk containing Handicap Signs	2
Large White Signet & Pointer	1
Locked Trunk' - Grand Secretary's	1
Large wooden box for flags	1
Large flag travel bag	1
Single flag travel bag	3
Plastic stands for Flags	150
Plastic Storage Box - Rainbow Dove	2
Screw on pole stands	10
Sections of 4' Fence	4

In Safety Deposit Box:

TD Canada Trust Richview Square,
250 Wincott Drive, Etobicoke, Ontario M9R 2R5

Grand Officer Jewels (old)	18
District Deputy Grand Matron Jewels (1 needs to be repaired)	3
Grand Treasurer Jewel- spare	1
Grand Chaplain Jewel- spare	1
Grand Sentinel Jewel- spare	1
Past Grand Matron Jewel	1

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Past Patron Jewels	10
Past Matron Jewels	28
Unused Past Matron Jewel	1
Past District Deputy Grand Matron Jewel	1
Original Letters Patent - Prov. of Ontario July 27, 1945	1
Agreement-Grand Chapter / Florence Nightingale HF 08/31177	1
Agreement-Grand Chapter / Florence Nightingale HF 09/21177	1
Will & Letters Probate - Pearle Bell	1
Will- Doris Elizabeth Turnbull:	1
Copy of letter of direction re:	
Bequest in memory of Betty Yull Wood 1	1
Deed # 1 0516 Grave Lot 88A Masonic Garden	1

Items For Sale (Contact the Trustees for more information)

Proceeds to the Operating Fund

Past Matron and Past Patron Jewels for sale.

Other assorted jewels and pins at various prices.

These may be viewed on the Grand Chapter website.

At the Office of the Grand Secretary: Lillian Gohn

Original Grand Chapter Charter	1
Copy of Grand Chapter Charter	1
Official Seal of the Grand Chapter of Ontario	1
Bookcase	1
Large Executive Desk with detachable top	1
4 Drawer Lateral File Cabinet	2
Laptop ACER Computer SIN NXGSWAA0049170BE813400	1
Logitech Wireless Keyboard with mouse	1
Adding Machine	1
Konica Printer (Leased) BIZHUB C33501 Colour A4 MFP/35PPM	1
Epson Printer (Ecotank) ET 4850	1
Shredder, Fellows Model WIIC	1
Insurance Policy 2025-2026 Ecclesiastical (FAC Ins. Brokers)	1
O.E.S. Memorial Wreath	2
Shadow Box containing 5 Antique O.E.S. Brooches	1
Old O.E.S. Bible in Wooden Box	1
Medium Size metal Drum (used for draws)	1

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At the Office of the Grand Treasurer: Marilyn Taylor

Shredder	1
Stamp (accounting record, warrant number, cheque number, account coding, date)	1
HP LaserJet Pro MFP M148FDW Printer	1
Constitution - 2024 Edition	1
Ritual - 2018 Printing of 2009 Copyright	1
4 Drawer Vertical Filing Cabinet-legal size	1
Phillips Flat Screen Monitor - SNUHBAIIIO15601	1
HP Desktop All-in-one 22-dd0xxx computer with Win 11 64 bit 8GBram 120 GB SDD	1
Stored in filing cabinet and banker boxes	
Original records from 2007-2025 including:	
- bank statements - warrants - auditor financials statements	

ESTARL COMMITTEE REPORT

The Eastern Star Training and Awards for Religious Leadership (ESTARL) program has been in operation since 1952; its purpose is to assist future religious leaders along their way. The members of the ESTARL Committee are Liz Condie – Chair, Marguerite Mitchell – Co-Chair, Yvette Ross – Secretary/Treasurer, Kris Kalia, Bette Rew and Betty Fraser-Smith members.

The members of the ESTARL Committee would like to thank everyone for their generous support in 2024-2025 and in the future. Also, the members of the ESTARL Committee wish to thank the membership of this Grand Chapter for the privilege of serving you in this capacity. We are all proud to serve on the ESTARL Committee of the Grand Chapter of Ontario.

We had our meeting on June 25, 2025, by Zoom with a special guest our Worthy Grand Matron Barbara McGregor in attendance. The purpose of the meeting was to review the applications for an ESTARL Award, we are pleased to announce all 13 applications were approved for an award of \$2,000.00 each, thank you to all the Chapters who sponsored a future religious leader and to the members who have helped ease the financial burden for these students. We would also like to wish these students success in their

ministerial journey. A special thank you to Yvette Ross for all her work this year, most of it the behind the scenes.

Respectfully submitted, Liz Condie – Chair

Marguerite Mitchell – Co-Chair. Yvette Ross – Secretary/Treasurer,
Kris Kalia, Bette Rew. Betty Fraser-Smith.

ESTARL FINANCIAL REPORT 2024 - 2025

Opening Balance received August 2024	\$	1,000.00
Expenses		
Printing of Applications	\$	76.81
Mailing to Members	\$	13.33
Photocopying of Applications	\$	67.79
Ink Pad	\$	9.03
Fed Ex. of Applications to Members (total amount)	\$	149.75
Briefcase	\$	25.00
Honourarium for speaker at Grand Chapter	\$	200.00
Total	\$	541.71
Balance on Hand as of June 25,, 2025	\$	458.29

Respectively submitted by

Yvette Ross, GCCM ESTARL

Secretary/Treasurer

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

With my retirement at the end of August, I reflect on the past 6 years of time serving as Grand Secretary. I have enjoyed my association with each Grand Family and have appreciated the various themes that each Worthy Grand Matron and Patron have chosen. I know the goal is always to spark enthusiasm for the year ahead and love of our Order. This time for me will long be remembered for the many friendships I have formed during this time.

It is always a pleasure to receive and record the donations given by Chapters and the membership to our various charities and watch the totals gradually grow. Each year the Grand Chapter donates a significant amount to each charity and the hope is that these funds will certainly make a difference and improve the quality of life for many. At the Annual Grand Banquet when the final total is revealed for the Worthy Grand Matrons' and Patrons' project

it is a thrill to not only witness their excitement but the pure joy of the recipients when the final total is revealed at the time of presentation.

The 2023 – 2024 Annual Returns have arrived from each Chapter right on time with no late fees charged this year. The opportunity to send the forms electronically helps the Chapter Secretaries in meeting the deadline for submission on time.

Arrangements were made to print the 2024 Constitutions in house and was a cost saving measure for the Chapters, however it is the hope that going forward many Chapters will find ways to print their own copies.

In the fall of 2024 two Chapters made the decision to surrender their charters and to these two Chapters it is the hope that you made the decision to affiliate, and I know the affiliating chapters will do their best to make you feel at home. In June one Chapter made the decision to consolidate with another Chapter in their district and making that decision the members know each other and after a time make the transition easily.

The Worthy Grand Matron and Patron appointed 29 Grand Representatives during Angels, Peace and Love Year and we hope that each one have made contact with your counterpart and beginning to form a bond.

To Brother Les Hills, Chair of Finance, it has been my pleasure to work with you this past year. Your dedication, diligence and commitment to our Order are appreciated.

To Sister Marilyn Taylor, I have appreciated your guidance, support and encouragement. Your diligence and commitment to minimize our expenses and working at keeping us all on track have assisted in meeting the financial results that we have today.

Thank you to those who have assisted me at the Grand Secretary's desk during the Grand Chapter Sessions: Grand Pages: Sister Anne Redfearn-Grobbo, and Sister Cynthia Wilson and to the Stenographers, Sister Kim Wilson and Sister Jennifer Gohn.

To each one of the Chapter Secretaries: I appreciate the welcome and friendship that you and your Chapter extended to me during Grand Officer evenings. We have had a good working relationship these past few years and each one of you is very special to me.

It has been a real joy to work with the Angels, Peace and Love Worthy Grand Matron and Patron this past year and I am sure at the close of this Grand Chapter Session you will feel a tremendous amount of satisfaction that you achieved your Aim: "That the peace, belief, and love demonstrated through the holiday season remains with this Grand Jurisdiction each day and every day all year long."

To the Member who will succeed me in office I extend my best wishes for good health, safe travels, and success.

At this time, I extend my best wishes to the "Magical Moments Making Memories" 2025 – 2026 Worthy Grand Matron and Patron and their Grand Family - elect for a year that SPARKLES.

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Once again, to the members of this Grand Jurisdiction, thank you. I treasure the memories and the friendships that have been generated from this time together.

Remember to always work to maintain the Fidelity, Constancy, Loyalty, Faith and Love in all our interactions with each other.

Angel Hugs
Lillian Gohn,
Grand Secretary

STATISTICAL TABLE

September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2024

Total Membership as of August 31, 2023		3326
Add:		
Initiated	47	
Affiliated	45	
Reinstated	15	
Total Number of Increases in Membership	<u>107</u>	3433
Deduct:		
Deaths	162	
Demit	321	
Suspended	64	
	<u>547</u>	
Total Membership as of August 31, 2024		<u>2886</u>
Number of Chapters as of August 31, 2024	55	

PLEASE NOTE: The Information above is compiled from Subordinate Chapter Annual Returns from September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2024.

PRINTING AND PURCHASING REPORT 2024 - 2025

Printing & Purchasing

600 2024-2025 Directory & Itinerary Books	\$ 6,919.17
355 Session Booklets	\$ 836.54
355 Short Reports & 400 Member & Visitor Cards	\$ 1,585.11
Total	<u><u>\$ 9,340.82</u></u>

Grand Chapter

Gen. Gr. Resolutions, & Certificates	\$ 379.15
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General Grand Chapter Supplies For Resale

Dues Cards, Rituals, Membership Pins, Minute Book, Officers & Members Register, Warrant Books	\$ 3,026.62
Grand Total	<u><u>\$ 12,746.59</u></u>

**SEVENTY-FIVE, SEVENTY, SIXTY-FIVE, SIXTY
YEAR MEMBERS AS OF JUNE 30, 2025**

It is my pleasure to submit the names of our Sisters and Brothers who have achieved seventy-five, seventy, sixty, and fifty years of accumulated membership. Sincere congratulations to each one for your years of dedicated service to our Order.

SEVENTY - FIVE YEAR/PIN CERTIFICATE

No.	Chapter	Member	Initiation Date
235	Good Will	Blanche Lawler	April 10, 1950

SEVENTY YEAR MEMBERS

19	Erie	Evelyn Bennett	April 13, 1954
		Pauline Allsop	October 20, 1954
59	Quinte	Joan Rankin	June 15, 1955
79	Lakeview	Beverley Rose	December 19, 1955
167	McDonald	Jean Harris	April 14, 1955
201	Brighton	Doreen Golightly	May 5, 1955
307	Sterling	Ruth Rogers	February 10, 1955

SIXTY - FIVE YEAR MEMBERS

52	Peace	Jean Stiles	June 12, 1958
		Joy Burnett	October 12, 1959
59	Quinte	Judy Pettingill	April 16, 1965
117	Binbrook	Marilyn McIlveen	May 27, 1965
		Linda Terence	March 22, 1965

SIXTY YEAR MEMBERS

5	Florence Nightingale	Lorraine Yake	February 3, 1965
34	Britannia	Janice Boomer	May 25, 1965
		Alma Hart	February 8, 1965
		Keith Hart	February 8, 1965
59	Quinte	Vivian Lloyd	September 26, 1964
		Gayle Stevenson	January 15, 1965
		Barbara Vacirca	January 20, 1965
		Barbara Vancliff	September 9, 1965
108	Rundle	Agnes Link	February 17, 1965
148	Tweed	Margaret Glover	May 13, 1963
161	Peterborough	Mary Ann Steen	February 22, 1957

SIXTY YEAR MEMBERS CONTINUED

208	Preston Springs	Brenda Daniels	May 17, 1965
222	Exeter	Helen Westbrook	March 3, 1965
237	Spanish River	Ellen Tait	October 15, 1964
257	Lakeshore	Lilian Borwick	June 8, 1965
273	Pictou	Mary Ostrander	April 23, 1965
283	Sunland	Helen Baker	October 1, 1962
307	Sterling	Betty Fraser-Smith	June 26, 1964
324	Elliot Lake	Rev. Beth Topps-Willems	March 5, 1965
		Anne Astles	February 1, 1964

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

19	Erie	Susan Adamson	June 1, 1975
		Alfred Sykes	September 23, 1975
27	Khaki	William Thompson	September 25, 1974
		Pamela Brown	April 4, 1975
		Thomas Brown	April 24, 1975
34	Britannia	Barbara Cooper	October 23, 1975
59	Quinte	Judy Pettingill	April 16, 1965
75	Crescent	Ann Langabeer	January 6, 1975
127	Edgemount	Donna Nairn	May 8, 1975
136	Bethlehem	Renate Kuhlmann	May 12, 1975
156	Mercer	Brenda Searles	February 17, 1975
		Robert Searles	February 17, 1975
156	Mercer	Gail Post	May 26, 1975
208	Preston Springs	Marilyn Guenther	January 8, 1975
222	Exeter	Murray Smith	February 10, 1975
227	Ontario	Carolyn Calhoun	April 1, 1974
		Olive Zeggil	March 1, 1974
297	Valley	Gloria Hill	February 17, 1970
231	Scarborough	Marion Boyle	June 3, 1975
		Rosalind Andrew	June 9, 1975
235	Good Will	Judith Hood	December 9, 1974
		Grace Sherson	January 13, 1975
253	Bruce	E. Audrey MacDonald	September 8, 1975
		Rev. Wendy Lampman	September 23, 1975
282	Newmarket	Garry Hope	February 6, 1975
		Louise Wagner	February 6, 1975
283	Sunland	Peggy Haney	December 17, 1973
		Nancy Walker	January 14, 1974
314	South Port	Margaret Lynn	September 23, 1975
324	Elliot Lake	Muriel (Mimi) McCarthy	June 7, 1975

COVENANT HOUSE

Chapter Donations

Chapter #	Name of Chapter	Amount
19	Erie	\$ 200.00
27	Khaki	\$ 100.00
34	Britannia	\$ 100.00
52	Peace	\$ 285.00
59	Quinte	\$ 200.00
61	Ideal	\$ 35.00
79	Lakeview	\$ 250.00
90	Frontenac	\$ 200.00
102	Orphah	\$ 100.00
108	Rundle	\$ 200.00
117	Binbrook	\$ 250.00
127	Edgemount	\$ 100.00
128	Veritas	\$ 100.00
136	Bethlehem	\$ 100.00
139, 237, 324	Algoma, Spanish River, Elliot Lake Honour Bill Baker, Mary Lea Buchen	\$ 495.00
142	Lincoln	\$ 25.00
142	Lincoln	\$ 100.00
142	Lincoln	\$ 25.00
148	Tweed	\$ 150.00
161	Peterborough	\$ 100.00
161	Peterborough	\$ 500.00
167	McDonald	\$ 800.00
184	Hope	\$ 50.00
201	Brighton	\$ 200.00
219	Centennial	\$ 500.00
222	Exeter Chapter Honour Bill Gibson	\$ 125.00
227	Ontario Honour WGM/WGP	\$ 1,500.00
227	Ontario Gift to WGM's Project	\$ 150.00
231	Scarborough	\$ 2,500.00
231	Scarborough (In lieu of gifts to Gr. Officers)	\$ 60.00
231	Scarborough (Proceeds WM/WP Project)	\$ 517.00
231	Scarborough (Food Bk. at Cov. House)	\$ 850.00
237	Spanish River	\$ 100.00

COVENANT HOUSE

Chapter Donations Continued

241	Starlight	\$ 100.00
253	Bruce	\$ 100.00
253	Bruce	\$ 100.00
257	Lakeshore	\$ 1,300.00
268	Fort Malden	\$ 500.00
273	Picton	\$ 100.00
280	Halton	\$ 315.00
282	Newmarket	\$ 2,000.00
297	Valley	\$ 250.00
307	Sterling Chapter Honour Barbara McGregor	\$ 100.00
307	Sterling Chapter Honour Richard Arding	\$ 100.00
314	South-Port	\$ 250.00
311	Normac	\$ 50.00
311	Normac	\$ 200.00
Total		<u>\$ 16,432.00</u>

Covenant House

July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

Chapter Memorial Donations

Chapter #	Name of Chapter	Amount
61	Ideal	\$ 20.00
108	Rundle	\$ 25.00
142	Lincoln	\$ 25.00
253	Bruce	\$ 25.00
253	Bruce	\$ 27.00
253	Bruce	\$ 25.00
253	Bruce	\$ 25.00
Total		<u>\$ 172.00</u>

GRAND CHAPTER OF ONTARIO

KIDNEY FOUNDATION
July 31, 2024 to June 30, 2025
Chapter Donations

Chapter #	Name of Chapter	Amount
201	Brighton	\$ 200.00
59	Quinte	\$ 1,200.00
90	Frontenac	\$ 200.00
90	Frontenac	\$ 25.00
136	Bethlehem	\$ 1,500.00
240	Manson J. Bradley	\$ 200.00
245	Lake Land	\$ 100.00
282	Newmarket	\$ 2,000.00
288	Pembroke	\$ 250.00
297	Valley	\$ 250.00
307	Goodwill	\$ 200.00
312	Kawartha	\$ 50.00
324	Elliot Lake	\$ 250.00
Total		\$ 6,425.00

GRAND BENEVOLENT
July 1, 2024 to June 30,2025

Chapter Donations

Chapter #	Chapter	Amount
5	Florence Nightingale	\$ 50.00
19	Erie	\$ 500.00
15	Areme	\$ 200.00
34	Britannia	\$ 200.00
52	Peace	\$ 200.00
59	Quinte	\$ 300.00
59	Quinte	\$ 1,500.00

GRAND BENEVOLENT CONTINUED

61	Ideal	\$ 200.00
75	Crescent	\$ 150.00
79	Lakeview	\$ 400.00
90	Frontenac	\$ 100.00
117	Binbrook	\$ 500.00
127	Edgemount	\$ 125.00
128	Veritas	\$ 100.00
136	Bethlehem	\$ 500.00
142	Lincoln	\$ 100.00
148	Tweed	\$ 200.00
161	Peterborough	\$ 500.00
173	Meeting Waters	\$ 300.00
173	Meeting Waters	\$ 100.00
201	Brighton	\$ 300.00
201	Brighton	\$ 200.00
206	Violet	\$ 500.00
219	Centennial	\$ 100.00
231	Scarborough	\$ 1,000.00
235	Good Will	\$ 100.00
237	Spanish River	\$ 100.00
240	Manson J. Bradley	\$ 500.00
253	Bruce	\$ 100.00
268	Fort Malden	\$ 200.00
268	Fort Malden	\$ 1,000.00
270	Stayner	\$ 500.00
273	Picton	\$ 100.00
280	Halton	\$ 350.00
282	Newmarket	\$ 2,000.00
288	Pembroke	\$ 250.00
307	Sterling	\$ 700.00

GRAND BENEVOLENT CONTINUED

311	Normac	\$ 200.00
314	South-Port	\$ 200.00
314	South-Port	\$ 200.00
324	Elliot Lake	\$ 150.00
324	Elliot Lake	\$ 250.00

Total	<u>\$ 15,225.00</u>
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GRAND BENEVOLENT
Chapter Memorials

Chapter #	Chapter	Amount
167	McDonald	\$ 25.00
156	Mercer	\$ 25.00
Total		<u>\$ 50.00</u>

OPERATING ACCOUNT
Chapter Donations

Chapter #	Chapter	Amount
52	Peace	\$ 500.00
59	Quinte	\$ 100.00
105	Bayview - Chapter Closing Funds	\$ 949.13
105	Bayview - Chapter Closing Funds	\$ 715.00
117	Binbrook	\$ 500.00
142	Lincoln	\$ 100.00
219	Centennial	\$ 100.00
231	Scarborough	\$ 1,000.00
253	Bruce	\$ 100.00
257	Lakeshore	\$ 200.00

OPERATING ACCOUNT CONTINUED

273	Picton	\$	100.00
280	Halton	\$	350.00
282	Newmarket	\$	500.00
283	Sunland	\$	200.00
311	Normac	\$	200.00
314	South Port	\$	100.00
314	South Port	\$	100.00

Total		\$	5,814.13
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ESTARL**July 1, 2024 to June 30 2025****Chapter Donations**

Chapter #	Chapter	Amount
15	Areme	\$ 200.00
52	Peace	\$ 200.00
59	Quinte	\$ 100.00
61	Ideal	\$ 200.00
75	Crescent	\$ 100.00
79	Lakeview	\$ 400.00
117	Binbrook	\$ 500.00
127	Edgemount	\$ 125.00
128	Veritas	\$ 200.00
142	Lincoln	\$ 100.00
161	Peterborough	\$ 500.00
173	Meeting Waters	\$ 100.00
173	Meeting Waters	\$ 300.00
201	Stayner	\$ 500.00
219	Centennial	\$ 100.00
235	Goodwill	\$ 100.00
237	Spanish River	\$ 100.00
248	Whitby	\$ 150.00
253	Bruce	\$ 100.00
268	Fort Malden	\$ 500.00

ESTARL CONTINUED

273	Picton	\$	100.00
280	Halton	\$	350.00
282	Newmarket	\$	500.00
283	Sunland	\$	300.00
288	Pembroke	\$	250.00
311	Normac	\$	200.00
314	South Port	\$	100.00
314	South Port	\$	100.00
324	Elliot Lake	\$	100.00
			\$ 6,575.00

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE HOME FOUNDATION

July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

Chapter Donations

Chapter #	Chapter	Amount
52	Peace	\$ 200.00
59	Quinte	\$ 100.00
79	Lakeview	\$ 400.00
127	Edgemount	\$ 125.00
128	Veritas	\$ 100.00
142	Lincoln	\$ 100.00
161	Peterborough	\$ 500.00
173	Meeting Waters	\$ 100.00
173	Meeting Waters	\$ 300.00
219	Centennial	\$ 100.00
240	Manson J. Bradley	\$ 500.00
231	Scarborough	\$ 500.00
235	Goodwill	\$ 100.00
237	Spanish River	\$ 100.00
253	Bruce	\$ 100.00
270	Stayner	\$ 500.00
273	Picton	\$ 100.00
280	Halton	\$ 350.00
288	Pembroke	\$ 250.00
314	South Port	\$ 100.00
314	South Port	\$ 100.00
324	Elliot Lake	\$ 150.00
Total		\$ 4,875.00

**DONATIONS
RECEIVED BY THE TREASURER OF THE
FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE HOME FOUNDATION 2024 - 2025**

Chapter #	Donor	Amount
324	Elliot Lake	\$ 250.00
27	Khaki	\$ 500.00
311	Normac	\$ 200.00
248	Whitby	\$ 2,000.00
	Don. Member -Whitby Ch. #248/227	\$ 40.00
	Don. Member - South-Port Ch. #314	\$ 100.00
	Don. Member-Exeter Ch. #222	\$ 120.00
	Don. Member - Whitby Ch. #248	\$ 150.00
Total		<u>\$ 3,360.00</u>

**YOUTH EVENTS
CHAPTER DONATIONS**

Chapter #	Chapter	Amount
34	Britannia	\$ 123.00
52	Peace	\$ 200.00
59	Quinte	\$ 100.00
75	Crescent	\$ 50.00
142	Lincoln	\$ 100.00
173	Meeting Waters	\$ 100.00
201	Brighton	\$ 100.00
201	Brighton	\$ 100.00
219	Centennial	\$ 100.00
280	Halton	\$ 300.00
311	Normac	\$ 200.00
Total		<u>\$ 1,473.00</u>

SERVICE DOGS CHAPTER DONATIONS

Chapter #	Chapter	Amount
34	Britannia	\$ 200.00
52	Peace	\$ 200.00
61	Ideal	\$ 2,000.00
75	Crescent	\$ 25.00
79	Lakeview	\$ 100.00
117	Binbrook	\$ 500.00
128	Veritas	\$ 100.00
139	Algoma	\$ 2,000.00
139	Algoma	\$ 200.00
173	Meeting Waters	\$ 300.00
201	Brighton	\$ 200.00
219	Centennial	\$ 100.00
231	Scarborough	\$ 500.00
240	Manson J. Bradley	\$ 500.00
142	Lincoln	\$ 100.00
237	Spanish River	\$ 100.00
268	Fort Malden	\$ 1,000.00
270	Stayner	\$ 500.00
273	Picton	\$ 2,000.00
273	Picton	\$ 5,000.00
280	Halton	\$ 300.00
282	Newmarket	\$ 1,000.00
307	Sterling	\$ 700.00
Total		<u>\$ 17,625.00</u>

SERVICE DOGS Chapter Memorials

Chapter #	Name of Chapter	Amount
280	Halton	\$ 100.00
Total		<u>\$ 100.00</u>

GRAND CHAPTER OF ONTARIO

DINNER WITH A DAWG

Service Dogs - Special Project
Margaret Milligan, Chair

Total amount: \$2,700.00

SERVICE DOGS

Funds raised - 2024 Grand Chapter Session

Total amount \$1,021.00

DONATIONS

**RECEIVED BY THE TREASURER OF THE
FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE HOME FOUNDATION 2024 - 2025**

Chapter #	Donor	Amount
324	Elliot Lake	\$ 250.00
27	Khaki	\$ 500.00
311	Normac	\$ 200.00
248	Whitby	\$ 2,000.00
	Don. Member -Whitby Ch. #248/227	\$ 40.00
	Don. Member - South-Port Ch. #314	\$ 100.00
	Don. Member-Exeter Ch. #222	\$ 120.00
	Don. Member - Whitby Ch. #248	\$ 150.00
	Total	\$ 3,360.00

SUMMARY OF TOTAL DONATIONS RECEIVED**July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025****Memorials, Chapters and the Membership**

Charity	Memorials	Chapters/Members
Grand Benevolent	\$ 510.00	\$ 15,725.00
ESTARL	\$ 215.00	\$ 6,895.00
Membership		\$ 125.00
Operating	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 7,386.03
Service Dogs	\$ 885.00	\$ 22,141.00
Youth Events	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,473.00
FNHF	\$ 135.00	\$ 5,075.00
Covenant House	\$ 397.00	\$ 40,760.93
Kidney Foundation		\$ 13,273.91
FNHF/direct to Fdn.		\$ 3,360.00
Total	\$ 7,242.00	\$ 116,214.87
Grand Total	\$ <u>116,214.87</u>	

PLEASE NOTE:

Due to new laws regarding privacy, we can no longer publish details of individual donations in this Short Report. A list of donations made by members, groups and Chapters will be available on the website and posted late August.

GRAND CHAPTER OF ONTARIO

Ch. No.	CHAPTER NAME	WGM	KIDNEY	ESTARL	BENEVOLENT	OPERATING	SERVICE	YOUTH	OTHER	TOTAL
		FDN.	DONATION	DONATION	FNFH	ACCOUNT	DOGS			
5	FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 488.00	\$ 1,088.00
15	AREME	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 400.00
18	WENONAH	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
19	ERIE	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 890.00	\$ 1,190.00
27	KHAKI	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ 550.00
34	BRITANNIA	\$ 100.00	\$ 325.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 123.00	\$ 7,700.00	\$ 8,248.00
50	VICTORY (Consolidated)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,830.00	\$ 16,830.00
52	PEACE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
58	MECCA (Surrendered)	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,400.00
59	QUINTE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,600.00
61	IDEAL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 382.00	\$ 432.00
75	CRESCENT	\$ 250.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,510.00	\$ 3,960.00
79	LAKEVIEW	\$ 225.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 2,525.00
90	FRONTENAC	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,121.73	\$ 2,321.73
102	ORPHAH	\$ 1,025.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 43,558.09	\$ 50,083.09
105	BAYVIEW (Surrendered)	\$ 340.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,340.00
108	RUNDLE	\$ 250.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,764.00	\$ 3,614.00
117	BINBROOK	\$ -	\$ 166.00	\$ 166.00	\$ 166.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 1,050.00
121	ST. MARYS (Consolidated)	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 6,507.00	\$ 7,005.00
127	EDGE MONT	\$ -	\$ 166.00	\$ 166.00	\$ 166.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,675.00	\$ 9,225.00
128	VERITAS	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

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Ch. No.	CHAPTER NAME	WGM KIDNEY FDN.	ESTABL DONATION	BENEVOLENT DONATION	FNHF	OPERATING ACCOUNT	SERVICE DOGS	YOUTH	OTHER	TOTAL
136	BETHLEHEN	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,400.00	\$ 9,900.00
139	ALGOMA	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 2,600.00
142	LINCOLN	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
148	TWEED	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,905.00	\$ 1,905.00
156	MERCER	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$ 325.00
161	PETERBOROUGH	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 4,700.00
167	MCDONALD	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,420.00	\$ 2,645.00
170	GREY (Consolidated)	\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,510.00	\$ 1,535.00
172	CAPITAL CITY (Surrender)	\$ 500.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 375.00	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 4,000.00
173	MEETING WATERS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
184	HOPE	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 350.00
201	BRIGHTON	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 600.00
206	VIOLET	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
208	PRESTON SPRINGS	\$ 909.10	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 650.00	\$ 1,759.10
219	CENTENNIAL	\$ 100.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,950.00
222	EXETER	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,725.00	\$ 6,725.00
227	ONTARIO	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 350.00
231	SCARBOROUGH	\$ 1,131.70	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 11,131.70
235	GOOD WILL	\$ 200.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 1,750.00
237	SPANISH RIVER	\$ 200.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,950.00	\$ 2,450.00
240	MANSON J. BRADLEY	\$ 200.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 6,470.00	\$ 6,670.00
241	STARLIGHT	\$ 200.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,890.00	\$ 2,390.00
245	LAKE LAND	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00
248	WHITBY	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,569.00	\$ 5,569.00

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Ch. No.	CHAPTERNAME	WGM										TOTAL
		KIDNEY	ESTABL	BENEVOLENT	OPERATING		FNHF	SERVICE	DOGS	YOUTH	OTHER	
		FDN.	DONATION	DONATION	ACCOUNT							
253	BRUCE	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,156.00	\$ 1,656.00
255	LEEDS (Consolidated)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,115.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,115.00
257	LAKESHORE	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 800.00	\$ 2,200.00
268	FORT MALDEN	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,125.00	\$ 1,525.00
270	STAYNER	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 460.00	\$ 860.00
273	PICTON	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 600.00
276	ADAH	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 600.00	\$ 750.00
280	HALTON	\$ 150.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 7,124.00	\$ 9,274.00
282	NEWMARKET	\$ 5,150.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 24,112.35	\$ 34,462.35
283	SUNLAND	\$ 200.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,995.00	\$ 4,595.00
288	PEMBROKE (Consolidated)	\$ 450.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 4,375.00	\$ 5,575.00
297	VALLEY	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,650.00
305	GOLDEN ACRES (Consolidated)	\$ 200.00	\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,550.00	\$ 3,775.00
307	STERLING				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 3,400.00
310	WINCHESTER (Surrender)										\$ -	\$ -
311	NORMAC	\$ 200.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 3,740.00	\$ 4,965.00
312	KAWARTHA	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 3,550.00
314	SOUTH PORT	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 770.00	\$ 1,170.00
324	ELLIOT LAKE	\$ 350.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,459.00	\$ 3,109.00
326	DAYLIGHT											
		\$ 20,255.80	\$ 6,241.00	\$ 16,381.00	\$ 7,766.00	\$ 3,950.00	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 3,723.00	\$ 216,281.17	\$ 277,997.97		

Total # of Chapters as of August 2023 = 65
Total # of Chapters as of August 2024 = 55
Total # of Consolidations as of August 2024 = 6
Total # of Ch. Surrendered as if August 2024 = 4

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**GRAND CHAPTER ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR OF
ONTARIO, CANADA INC.**

WARRANTS ISSUED JULY 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

NO.	PARTICULARS	AMOUNT
Jul. 2024		
4484	Lillian Gohn, Salary & Office Allowance	\$ 4,314.60
4485	Marilyn Taylor, Allowances	\$ 734.75
4486	Bernice Guiler, Allowance	\$ 600.00
4487	Rodney Muir, Allowance	\$ 300.00
4488	Konica Minolta (Lease for Printer)	\$ 436.16
4489	Lillian Gohn, Petty Cash	\$ 170.57
TOTAL		\$ 6,556.08
Aug. 2024		
4490	ESTARL Committee: 19 Recipients 2,000.00 each	\$ 38,000.00
4491	Premium Awards: Grand Representative Pins	\$ 1,074.10
4492	Dream Base Records: Sound System Grand Chapter	\$ 9,950.00
4493	Woodstock Print: Session Books, Directories	\$ 7,755.71
4494	R. & R. Printing, Short Report, Member/Visitor Cards	\$ 1,585.11
4495	International Order for Rainbow Girls Grand Assembly	\$ 100.00
4496	Demolay Ontario	\$ 100.00
TOTAL		\$ 58,564.92
Sept. 2024		
4497	Barbara McGregor - Allowance	\$ 300.00
4498	Richard Arding - Allowance	\$ 150.00
4499	Steve DeKruyf Hall Coordinator	\$ 713.88
4500	Wilkinson & Company LLP - Audit Books & Records	\$ 5,085.00
4501	Barbara Thorburn	\$ 226.38
4502	Jennifer Gohn, Gr. Chapter Stenographer	\$ 100.00
4503	Paul Balogh Jewellers, PGM's Jewel	\$ 1,661.10
4504	Jimmy Mack-Disc Jockey Services	\$ 1,000.00
4505	Bessie Simpson, Winner - Free Room Draw	\$ 356.94
4506	Lillian Gohn, Petty Cash	\$ 273.03
4507	R. & R. Printing - Resolutions	\$ 301.18
4508	Marilyn Taylor	\$ 1,544.17
4509	Marilyn Taylor, Comp. Room Night for GGCC Member	\$ 178.47
4510	Jim McGregor, meal for Monday entertainment	\$ 50.00
4511	Receiver General, Source Deductions	\$ 162.65
4512	OES General Grand Chapter: (231.87) USD	\$ 333.83

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4513	Mrs. Maggie Crawford - Refund	\$	129.00
4514	Pamela Kasper - Refund	\$	65.00
4515	Lynne Atkinson - Refund	\$	67.00
4516	Liz Graham - Refund	\$	67.00
4517	David Doherty - Refund	\$	40.00
4518	Void		

TOTAL	\$	12,804.63
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Oct. 2024

4519	Lillian Gohn, Petty Cash	\$	482.51
4520	General Grand Chapter: Supplies (109.00) USD	\$	164.73
4521	Delta Hotels - 2024 Grand Chapter Session	\$	33,699.19
4522	Lillian Gohn, Salary & Office Allowance	\$	4,314.60
4523	Marilyn Taylor, Allowances	\$	734.75
4524	Barbara McGregor - Allowance	\$	900.00
4525	Richard Arding - Allowance	\$	450.00
4526	Konica Minolta Oct. - Dec. 2024 Lease	\$	436.16
4527	General Grand Chapter: Per Capita (6,885.00) USD	\$	8,792.65

TOTAL	\$	49,974.59
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Nov. 2024

4528	Lillian Gohn - Petty Cash	\$	209.20
4529	General Grand Chapter, Supplies (141.11) USD	\$	217.01
4530	Linda Woolcott, Advance Committee on Arrangements	\$	3,000.00
4531	Jennifer Gohn - Advance (Membership)	\$	1,500.00
4532	Lynn Alexander - Advance (By-Laws)	\$	300.00
4533	Jessie Barbour, Advance (Grand Trustees)	\$	300.00
4534	Paul Hooper, Advance (Elections)	\$	200.00
4535	Margaret Milligan, Advance (Service Dogs)	\$	300.00

TOTAL	\$	6,026.21
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Dec. 2024

4536	Lillian Gohn, Petty Cash	\$	85.52
4537	Receiver General, Remittance Oct. - Dec. 2024	\$	162.65

TOTAL	\$	248.17
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Jan. 2025

4538	Lillian Gohn, Petty Cash	\$	504.24
4539	Lillian Gohn, Salary & Office Allowance	\$	4,382.37
4540	Marilyn Taylor, Allowances	\$	734.75
4541	Barbara McGregor - Allowance	\$	900.00
4542	Richard Arding - Allowance	\$	450.00
4543	Konica Minolta, Lease Payment Jan. - Mar. 2025	\$	436.16
TOTAL			\$ 7,407.52

Feb. 2025

4544	Torkkin Manes LLP:	\$	6,961.22
4545	The Kidney Fdn. Ontario Branch, Donations Red'd	\$	12,768.91
4546	Covenant House, Donations Received	\$	2,270.00
4547	National Service Dogs, Donations Received	\$	2,166.00
4548	Florence Nightingale Home Fdn., Donations Received	\$	1,500.00
4549	PGM's & PGP's Association	\$	119.82
4550	Rainbow Dove Association	\$	197.82
TOTAL			\$ 25,983.77

Mar. 2025

4551 A	Lillian Gohn, Petty Cash	\$	306.58
4551	Lillian Gohn,	\$	608.63
4552	General Grand Chapter: Items for re-sale (44.00) USD	\$	74.85
4553	Lillian Gohn - Salary & Office Allowance	\$	4,382.37
4554	Marilyn Taylor - Allowances	\$	734.75
4555	Barbara McGregor - Allowance	\$	900.00
4556	Richard Arding - Allowance	\$	450.00
4557	Konica Minolta, Lease	\$	436.16
4558	Lillian Gohn, Petty Cash	\$	379.38
4559	Public Storage Canada P0019	\$	3,674.76
TOTAL			\$ 11,947.48

Apr-25

May. 2025

4560A	Barbara Thorburn, Off. Supplies for Pre-Registration Committee	\$	67.79
4560	FCA Insurance	\$	7,915.32
4561	Susan Martin	\$	116.00
4562	OES General Grand Ch: Supplies for Resale (CAN. \$1,500.00)	\$	2,164.85
4563	Lillian Gohn, Petty Cash	\$	183.74
4564	Lillian Gohn, Gr. Secretary's Computer - Update	\$	291.53
TOTAL			\$ 10,739.23

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June. 2025

4565	Lilian Gohn - Petty Cash Account	\$	106.92
4566	Lillian Gohn, Annual Fee: Sage Software Canada	\$	1,197.80
4567	Dawn Forbes, Postage Expense	\$	65.71
4568	Torkin Manes, LLP, Professional Fees ONCA Transition	\$	1,255.48
4569	R. & R. Printing, Copies printed	\$	77.97
4570	OES General Grand Chapter, Supplies for Re-sale (43.87) USD	\$	71.35
4571	Torkin Manes, LLP, document re: Florence Nightingale Association	\$	4,243.15
4572	David Doherty, Re: Youth Dragon Boat Race	\$	1,500.00
4573	Richard Arding - PGP's Jewel	\$	593.25
4574	Lillian Gohn, Petty Cash	\$	178.20
4575	Grand Benevolent Committee - Donations Received	\$	18,088.20
4576	National Service Dogs - Donations Received	\$	20,862.00
4577	Florence Nightingale Home Fdn. Donations Received	\$	3,710.00
4578	The Kidney Fdn. Of Canada (Ont. Branch) Donations Received	\$	505.00
4579	Covenant House, Toronto. Donations Received	\$	39,854.38
4580	Yvette Ross - ESTAR Expenses	\$	541.71
TOTAL		\$	92,851.12
GRAND TOTAL		\$	283,103.72

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

Sisters and Brothers, it has been my pleasure to serve in this Grand Chapter once again and I hope that I have been able to fulfill the level of quality that you expect. This position is not always easy, but with the experience and expertise of a team of financially minded Members guiding me, I have strived to work towards the best results for our Order.

You will see from the financial reports in this booklet that our extensive cost-cutting measures throughout the last year were successful. We ended the year in the BLACK! We should all take a moment to realize that our collective hard work and dedication was worth every moment.

We are again this year, budgeting for a deficit. We have cut our expenses to the core, but unfortunately, our revenues are also decreasing in a similar ratio. After lengthy review, rework and discussion among our Finance and Grand Executive Committees, I submit the proposed budget on the following pages for your review. You will find an additional decrease in the allowances of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer. Losing another three Chapters this year and with the continued decline in Membership, it makes sense that we will also need to cut those costs appropriately. With less work to be done, we hope that these two positions will be able to adjust accordingly. This is, of course, subject to the approval of the delegation and I would ask that you

carefully consider this cut as a positive action.

With creativity at the forefront, we have determined that we can save significantly by appointing Auditors from the Grand Executive Committee to review the books of the Secretary on the transition of that office to a new Grand Secretary.

I have great news regarding the Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act compliance; the lawyer has filed the required documents, and we are now fully registered and will maintain our Incorporation status. We did have final expenses for that process and have been able to make use of this same legal team in the work we have done to assist the Florence Nightingale Home Foundation to prepare their documents for compliance. Their proposed By-Law change will be brought to the floor during this Session.

In last year's report, I suggested all Members find ways to increase our revenue and recommended that increasing our membership would be an ideal way. I have seen many new Members initiated this year and with our new eligibility requirements, we should be able to continue the growth more effectively. Let's strive to increase our numbers.

We have been able to maintain our lower inventory value by placing orders only as needed. This may have caused some slight delays in receipt of orders, but please remember it does allow us to keep money in our account as opposed to being tied up in inventory. Asking for pre-order quantities has also provided benefits in better estimating the stock purchases. Imagine how advantageous it would be to have all Chapter Secretaries place only one order per year. In that way, we may continue to reduce our inventory value to an even lower level.

I hope that this report provides adequate information on the work of the office during the 2024-2025 year, and I will happily receive any questions, comments or suggestions from our Membership.

Brother Les Hills, Chair of Finance, it has been my pleasure to have you on board as our Chair this year. I think that we have achieved some great successes in our team efforts thanks to you. The financial position of this Grand Chapter is first and foremost on your mind, and I appreciate all that you have offered in the way of advice and guidance to myself and our committee. I will look forward to working with you anytime in the future.

Sister Lillian Gohn, Grand Secretary, we have spent another wonderful year together, working for the good of the Order. I believe that we have accomplished all that we set out to do, even if some of the tasks were a little more daunting than others. It is bittersweet to say a fond farewell when, come September, you will traverse a different path. I think we have found a perfect rhythm, and I will miss our long conversations and sharing of ideas. I wish you all the best and will look forward to seeing you in whatever adventures come your way.

Sister Megan Jaquith, my three-time escort, you have been by my side whenever I needed you and I do so appreciate the commitment that you have

made for me. Thank you from the bottom of my heart, for your hugs, your laughter and your wonderful friendship.

My Angels, Peace and Love Grand Family, it has been my pleasure to spend time with each of you and form that close-knit bond that is so warm and loving. Being Grand Treasurer, there were times when I had duties to fulfill and could not join you on your travels. I want you to know that in my mind, I was always there, and we always had a blast!

In closing, my Sisters and Brothers all, I look forward to the ensuing year when we can share all the Magical Moments Making Memories. May you always have Angels, Peace and Love in your life.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sister Marilyn Taylor

Past Grand Matron, Grand Treasurer

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Grand Chapter OES of Ontario Canada Incorporated					
Budget Worksheet 2025-2026		2023-2024	Budget	2024-2025	2025-2026
		Actual		Actual	+/-
					Budget
OPERATING REVENUE					
Per Capita Revenue					
4010	Per Capita	33,220.00	26,000.00	28,820.00	-2,820.00
	GGC Per Capita & Int' Temple Tax		7,800.00	9,465.00	-1,665.00
4015	Late Payment fee	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total Per Capita	33,220.00	33,800.00	38,285.00	-4,485.00
Investment Interest Revenue					
4030	Investment Interest	11,022.00	6,000.00	14,774.55	-8,774.55
4040	Short Term Interest	764.73	600.00	1,272.09	-672.09
4050	Min Bal Bank Chg Rebate Earned	1,250.00	750.00	1,125.00	-375.00
	Total Investment Interest	13,036.73	7,350.00	17,171.64	-9,821.64
Sales Revenue					
4300	Goods for Resale	6,619.47	6,000.00	6,275.38	-275.38
4301	Goods for Resale - FPC	328.18	300.00	375.00	-75.00
4350	Provincial Directories	8,596.00	8,400.00	7,363.55	1,036.45
4450	Proceedings	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4670	Grand Trustee Sales	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4665	Tartan Sales	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4660	Newsletter Sales	0.00	0.00	200.00	-200.00
4685	Postage Charged	390.60	400.00	157.99	242.01
	Total Sales	16,034.25	15,100.00	14,371.92	728.08
Other Revenue					
4700	Donations Chapters/Members	4,921.06	5,900.00	10,240.90	-4,340.90
4710	Donations Memorial	225.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
4720	District Fundraisers	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4770	Miscellaneous	5.00	0.00	2,691.69	-2,691.69
	Total Other	5,151.06	6,400.00	12,932.59	-6,532.59
	TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	67,442.04	62,650.00	82,761.15	-20,111.15
OPERATING EXPENSES					
Salary & Allowance Expenses					
5010	Worthy Grand Matron Allowance	4,026.52	3,600.00	3,600.00	0.00
5020	Worthy Grand Patron Allowance	2,086.26	1,800.00	1,800.00	0.00
5030	Grand Secretary Salary	16,976.60	16,630.00	16,629.48	0.52
5040	Stat Deductions	390.82	0.00	189.76	-189.76
5060	Grand Treasurer Allowance	2,638.92	2,639.00	2,639.00	0.00
	Total Salary & Allowance	26,119.12	24,669.00	24,858.24	-189.24
Office Expenses					
5110	Grand Secretary Office Supplies	645.30	750.00	1,506.62	-756.62
5120	Grand Treasurer Office Supplies	270.75	375.00	0.00	375.00
5130	Telephone / Internet	799.62	860.00	957.36	-97.36
5140	Postage Machine Rental	724.80	725.00	0.00	725.00
5150	Postage	1,111.81	1,350.00	845.70	504.30
5160	Courier	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5170	Bank Charges	1,591.62	1,650.00	1,576.85	73.15
5180	Printing & Stationery	157.07	500.00	301.18	198.82
5190	Audit	4,802.50	5,000.00	5,085.00	-85.00
	- Grand Benevolent & ESTARL - chargeback	-1,056.56	-1,250.00	-1,118.70	-131.30
5195	Legal Fees - ONCA Compliance	21,492.98	7,000.00	12,459.85	-5,459.85
5225	Computer Hardware	0.00	1,500.00	291.53	1,208.47
5230	Computer Software	1,357.11	1,450.00	1,197.80	252.20
5200	Insurance	7,177.95	6,500.00	6,626.61	-126.61
5210	Copier Rental & Maintenance	1,647.84	1,745.00	1,744.64	0.36
5280	Late Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5240	Office Allowance Grand Secretary	1,468.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00
5250	Office Allowance Grand Treasurer	350.00	300.00	300.00	0.00
5260	Moving Expense for Gr Sec/Treas Office	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5270	Rental Storage	3,554.16	3,675.00	3,360.91	314.09
	Total Office Expenses	46,094.95	33,330.00	36,335.35	-3,005.35
Committee Expenses					
5310	Membership Committee	356.95	1,500.00	582.60	917.40
5315	By-Law Committee	0.00	300.00	0.00	300.00
5320	Website Committee	264.71	400.00	0.00	400.00

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Grand Chapter OES of Ontario Canada Incorporated					
Budget Worksheet 2025-2026		2023-2024	2024-2025		2025-2026
		Actual	Budget	Actual	+/- Budget
5325	Election Committee	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
5330	Grand Trustees	163.85	300.00	163.85	300.00
5335	Service Dogs Committee		300.00	0.00	300.00
5340	Youth Committee	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
	Total Committee Expenses	785.51	3,200.00	746.45	2,453.55
	Postage Allowance Expenses				
5470	Worthy Grand Matron	103.96	100.00	0.00	100.00
5480	Assoc. Grand Matron	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
	Total Postage Allowance	103.96	200.00	0.00	200.00
	Resale Item Expenses				
5505	Inventory - Ajustments	0.00	0.00	-2,591.10	0.00
5510	Expense -Goods for Resale	5,974.66	5,100.00	3,285.29	5,100.00
5515	Expense - Supplies for Resale - FPC	0.00	180.00	0.00	180.00
5520	Proceedings	40.80	0.00	0.00	2,500.00
5530	Provincial Directories	7,354.92	7,200.00	6,919.17	6,098.00
5540	OES Tartan	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5550	News Letter Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5580	Bad Debt Expense	-100.00	100.00	-239.05	100.00
	Total Resale Items	13,270.38	12,580.00	7,374.31	5,205.69
	Miscellaneous Expenses				
	GGC Per Capita & Int'l Temple Tax		0.00	8,782.70	6,600.00
5710	50/60/70 Year Pins	217.66	500.00	0.00	500.00
5720	Grand Representative Pins	0.00	0.00	1,074.10	0.00
5730	Memorial Flowers	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
5740	PGM & PGP Jewels	1,500.00	2,500.00	1,661.10	2,500.00
5750	Donations	200.00	400.00	200.00	400.00
5770	Refurbish GO Jewels	25.43	100.00	0.00	100.00
5780	Gifts - GGCCM	0.00	300.00	0.00	300.00
5785	Reception - GGCCM	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
5790	Fund Payouts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total Miscellaneous Expenses	1,943.09	3,900.00	11,717.90	10,800.00
	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	88,317.01	77,879.00	81,032.25	-3,153.25
	OPERATING REVENUE LESS EXPENSES	-20,874.97	-15,229.00	1,728.90	-16,957.90
	SESSION REVENUE				
4800	Registration	11,807.00	7,500.00	10,193.44	7,500.00
4810	Vendor Income	645.00	600.00	845.00	600.00
4820	Entertainment	7,500.00	3,750.00	5,850.00	3,750.00
4830	Fundraising	5,162.16	3,000.00	5,851.91	3,000.00
4880	Banquet Ticket Sales	35,787.12	32,000.00	33,429.92	32,000.00
4885	Banquet Ticket Sales Subsidy	2,666.82	4,500.00	3,000.00	7,000.00
	Total Session Revenue	63,568.10	51,350.00	59,170.27	53,850.00
	SESSION EXPENSES				
5810	Session Printing	3,189.20	3,500.00	2,421.65	3,500.00
5820	Distinguished Guests Hotel Rooms	1,408.64	2,255.00	1,475.67	3,000.00
5830	Distinguished Guests Banquet Tickets	1,105.00	1,617.00	1,638.00	1,640.00
5840	Banquet Tickets	38,616.83	32,000.00	34,759.14	35,000.00
5850	Equipment Rental	9,950.00	9,950.00	9,950.00	11,650.00
5860	Proceedings	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00
5870	Committee on Arrangements	2,534.86	3,000.00	897.72	3,000.00
5880	Misc. Session Expense	275.54	400.00	67.79	400.00
5890	Entertainment	6,412.59	1,050.00	1,050.00	1,100.00
5900	Assistant to Grand Secretary	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
5910	Transcribing Session	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5920	Hotel Expense	3,169.38	4,500.00	0.00	4,500.00
	Hotel Comps Earned	-2,993.30	-2,595.00	-2,677.08	-2,067.00
5930	Grand Trustee Session Expenses	1,564.90	1,600.00	1,544.17	1,600.00
	Total Session Expenses	65,333.64	57,377.00	51,227.06	63,673.00
	SESSION REVENUE LESS EXPENSES	-1,765.54	-6,027.00	7,943.21	-9,823.00
	SUMMARY - OPERATING + SESSION				
	Revenue	131,010.14	114,000.00	141,931.42	112,520.00
	Expense	153,650.65	135,256.00	132,259.31	141,113.00
	Revenue Less Expenses	-22,640.51	-21,256.00	9,672.11	-28,593.00

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AS AT JUNE 30, 2025**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of
Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Ontario, Canada, Incorporated

Qualified Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Ontario, Canada, Incorporated (the Organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as at June 30, 2025, and the statements of operations and Changes in Fund Balance, special programme operations and Changes in Fund Balance, changes in fund balance and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion section of our report, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Organization as at June 30, 2025, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

In common with many charitable organizations, the Organization derives revenue from donations, the completeness of which is not susceptible of satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the Organization and we were not able to determine whether, as at and for the years ended June 30, 2025 and June 30, 2024, any adjustments might be necessary to donations revenue, excess of revenues over expenditures, assets and fund balances.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Organization in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations 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.

In preparing these financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Organization's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Organization, or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Organization's financial reporting process.

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Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Organization's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Organization to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

TRENTON, Canada
August 6th, 2025

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Chartered Professional Accountants
Licensed Public Accountants

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**GRAND CHAPTER, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR OF ONTARIO, CANADA,
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT JUNE 30, 2025**

ASSETS

	Operating Fund \$	Special Programme Funds \$	2025 \$	2024 \$
CURRENT				
Cash	74,893	218,417	293,310	237,173
Accounts receivable	851	-	851	915
Inventory	17,206	-	17,206	14,615
Prepaid expenses	16,386	1,000	17,386	12,890
	109,336	219,417	328,753	265,593
LONG-TERM				
Investments - Schedule 1	308,762	544,481	853,243	877,656
	418,098	763,898	1,181,996	1,143,249

LIABILITIES

CURRENT				
Interfund payable (receivable)	(3,194)	3,194	-	-
Payables and accruals	720	83,019	83,739	80,256
Deferred revenue	21,042	-	21,042	27,800
	18,568	86,213	104,781	108,056

FUND BALANCES

Special Programme Funds	-	677,685	677,685	682,235
Operating Fund	399,530	-	399,530	352,958
	399,530	677,685	1,077,215	1,035,193
	418,098	763,898	1,181,996	1,143,249

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements

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GRAND CHAPTER, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR OF ONTARIO, CANADA, INCORPORATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	Operating Fund \$	Special Programme Fund \$	2025 \$	2024 \$
REVENUES				
Per capita tax	38,285	-	38,285	33,220
Supplies sales	14,372	-	14,372	16,034
Donations	10,241	134,358	144,599	126,515
Banquet revenue	62	-	62	3,000
Other revenue	56,499	-	56,499	17,619
Interest	17,172	20,922	38,094	32,502
Ticket sales	42,280	-	42,280	45,954
	178,911	155,280	334,191	274,844
EXPENSES				
Banquet costs	-	-	-	2,558
Benevolence	-	18,421	18,421	8,154
Committee expense	746	-	746	521
Donations	-	60,483	60,483	42,968
Estar! Awards	-	38,000	38,000	31,000
Expenses and allowances	-	42,926	42,926	59,524
Grand Chapter sessions	51,428	-	51,428	65,574
Office	36,335	-	36,335	45,110
Per capita expense	8,783	-	8,783	-
Postage allowances	-	-	-	104
Salaries and allowances	24,858	-	24,858	26,119
Sundry expense - Grand Chapter Jewels	2,735	-	2,735	1,743
Supplies for resale	7,454	-	7,454	13,230
	132,339	159,830	292,169	296,605
REVENUE OVER EXPENSES (EXPENSES OVER REVENUE)	46,572	(4,550)	42,022	(21,761)
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING OF YEAR	352,958	682,235	1,035,193	1,056,954
FUND BALANCE - END OF YEAR	399,530	677,685	1,077,215	1,035,193

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	Benevolent Committee \$	Benevolent Fund \$	ESTARL Fund \$	Zimmerman Habitat \$	Guller Kidney Foundation \$	McGregor Covenant \$	Sundry Activities \$	FNHF \$	Total 2025 \$	Total 2024 \$
REVENUE										
Donations - Other:	23,387	16,235	7,110	-	13,274	42,124	27,018	5,210	134,358	121,369
Interest	-	4,117	16,601	-	-	-	204	-	20,922	20,715
	23,387	20,352	23,711	-	13,274	42,124	27,222	5,210	155,280	142,084
EXPENSES										
Expenses and allowances	-	18,749	1,024	-	-	-	23,153	-	42,926	59,524
Estarl Awards	-	-	38,000	-	-	-	-	-	38,000	31,000
Donations	-	-	-	-	13,149	42,124	-	5,210	60,483	42,968
Benevolent	18,421	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18,421	8,154
	18,421	18,749	39,024	-	13,149	42,124	23,153	5,210	159,830	141,646
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES (EXPENSES OVER REVENUE)	4,966	1,603	(15,313)	-	125	-	4,069	-	(4,550)	438
FUND BALANCE										
- BEGINNING OF YEAR	31,381	162,128	460,086	-	(125)	-	28,765	-	682,235	681,797
FUND BALANCE										
- END OF YEAR	36,347	163,731	444,773	-	-	-	32,834	-	677,685	682,235

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**GRAND CHAPTER, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR OF ONTARIO, CANADA,
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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025**

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Excess of revenue over expenses (expenses over revenue)	42,022	(21,761)
Decrease in accounts receivable	64	3,751
Decrease (increase) in inventory	(2,591)	2,336
Decrease in prepaid expenses	(4,496)	5,274
Increase in payable and accruals	3,483	7,884
(Decrease) increase in deferred revenue	(6,758)	5,847
CASH FLOWS PROVIDED FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	31,724	3,331
INVESTING AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Decrease (increase) in investments	24,413	17,721
CASH FLOWS PROVIDED FROM (USED IN) INVESTING AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES	24,413	17,721
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH FOR YEAR	56,137	21,052
CASH - BEGINNING OF YEAR	237,173	216,121
CASH - END OF YEAR	293,310	237,173
REPRESENTED BY:		
Cash	293,310	237,173

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INCORPORATED
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025**

1. NATURE OF ACTIVITIES

Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Ontario, Canada, Incorporated is a not-for-profit organization incorporated July 27, 1945 under the laws of the Province of Ontario. The organization serves as the central administrative body for Chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of Accounting

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian Accounting Standards for not-for-profit Organizations.

(b) Use of Estimates

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 amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the year. Significant items subject to such estimates and assumptions include valuation of accounts receivable and inventory. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

(c) Property and Equipment

Expenditures made on property and equipment have been recorded in these financial statements as an expense in the year that the assets are acquired. Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations require not-for-profit organizations with average annual revenue of \$500,000 or more (based on current and preceding year) to amortize the cost of property and equipment, less any residual values, over their useful lives. However, for organizations whose average annual revenues do not exceed \$500,000, recording property and equipment expenditures in the financial statements as an expense is considered acceptable.

(d) Fund Accounting

To ensure observance of limitations and restrictions placed on the use of resources available to the Grand Chapter, the accounts are maintained in accordance with principles of fund accounting. The resources for various purposes are classified for accounting and reporting purposes into funds established according to their nature and purpose.

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INCORPORATED
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Cont'd)

(e) Inventories

Inventories consist of goods available for resale. They are valued at the lower of cost and net realizable value, with cost being determined on a first in, first out basis.

When the cost of inventories exceeds the net realizable value, the cost of the inventories will be written down to net realizable value. Any such write-down will be included in supplies for resale for the year of the write-down.

If circumstances or events lead to a subsequent increase in the net realizable value of the inventory that was written down, the amount of the write-down will be reversed and will reduce supplies for resale for the year of the reversal.

(f) Deferred Revenue

These amounts represent registration fees for Grand Chapter sessions and annual banquet to be held subsequent to the date of the financial statements and deposits on provincial directories to be delivered subsequent to the date of the financial statements.

(g) Revenue Recognition

Revenue from the sale of merchandise and services is recognized at the time goods are shipped or services are supplied to customers. Provision is made for expected returns and collection losses based on the Organization's past experience. Donations and bequests are recorded on a cash basis since pledges are not a legally enforceable claim. 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. Interest is recognized as revenue in the period in which it is earned.

(h) Investments

The investments have been classified as held for trading and therefore recorded at fair value. Income is recognized on the accrual basis, including accrued gains and losses, if any.

**GRAND CHAPTER, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR OF ONTARIO, CANADA,
INCORPORATED
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025**

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Cont'd)

(i) Financial Instruments

(i) Measurement of Financial Instruments

The Organization initially measures its financial assets and liabilities at fair value adjusted by, in the case of financial instruments that will not be measured subsequently at fair value, the amount of transaction costs directly attributable to the instrument.

The Organization subsequently measures all its financial assets and financial liabilities at amortized cost except for equities quoted in an active market, which are subsequently measured at fair value. Changes in fair value are recognized in income.

Financial assets measured at fair value include cash.

Financial assets measured at amortized cost include accounts receivable.

There are no financial liabilities measured at fair value.

There are no financial liabilities measured at amortized cost.

(ii) Impairment

Financial assets measured at amortized cost are tested for impairment when there are indicators of possible impairment. When a significant adverse change has occurred during the period in the expected timing or amount of future cash flows from the financial asset or group of assets, a write-down is recorded in net income. When events occurring after the impairment confirm that a reversal is necessary, the reversal is recognized in net income up to the impairment amount previously recognized.

3. FUNDS

The Operating Fund accounts for the Organization's program delivery and administrative activities.

The Benevolent Fund and Benevolent Committee allows a confidential committee to assist members when a financial crisis arises.

The FNHF Fund receives funds to donate to the Florence Nightingale Home Foundation.

The ESTARL Fund allows bursaries to be given to assist men and women who are dedicating their lives to the spiritual service of mankind.

The Worthy Grand Matron's Special Project Funds allows funds to be distributed to a charity chosen annually.

**GRAND CHAPTER, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR OF ONTARIO, CANADA,
INCORPORATED
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025**

4. FINANCIAL RISKS AND CONCENTRATION OF RISKS

In the normal course of operations, the Organization is exposed to risks that can affect its operational performance. These risks are as follows:

(a) Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the potential for financial loss caused by fluctuations in fair value or future cash flows of financial instruments because of changes in market interest rates. The Organization is exposed to interest rate risk through their guaranteed investment certificates ranging from \$2,135 to \$56,238 with interest rates in the range of 2.25% and 5.13% maturing between July 12, 2025 and July 13, 2030. There has been no change to the risk exposure from the prior year.

(b) Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Organization will not be able to meet all cash outflow obligations as they come due. The Organization is exposed to liquidity risk due to the unpredictability of donations being received. There has been no change to the risk exposure from the prior year.

**GRAND CHAPTER, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR OF ONTARIO, CANADA,
INCORPORATED
SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025**

Guaranteed Investment Certificates	Interest Rate \$	Maturity Date \$	Cost 2025 \$	Market Value 2025 \$	Market Value 2024 \$
Operating Fund					
Cash	N/A	N/A	1,716	1,716	2,798
Equitable Bank	4.37%	7/2/2024	-	-	13,573
Equitable Trust Payout	4.71%	12/23/2024	-	-	25,622
RFA Bank	2.25%	3/6/2025	-	-	60,433
Home Trust Company	4.75%	7/3/2025	2,396	2,452	2,452
Laurentian Bank	4.60%	9/28/2026	15,000	15,522	15,522
Laurentian Bank	4.60%	9/28/2026	20,000	20,696	20,696
Home Trust Company	4.40%	12/21/2026	25,000	25,580	25,580
Manulife Bank of Canada	4.43%	3/27/2028	12,776	12,925	12,925
Mackenzie Dividend Fund	N/A	N/A	24,801	27,652	22,882
Equitable Trust Payout	4.21%	9/10/2025	13,000	13,441	-
Equitable Trust Payout	3.28%	1/06/2028	25,000	25,395	-
B2B	3.37%	3/19/2029	30,000	30,294	-
Equitable Trust Payout	3.46%	3/18/2030	30,000	30,301	-
CCS	5.10%	9/28/2027	50,000	50,014	50,014
ICU	4.65%	5/11/2025	-	-	25,163
ICU	3.73%	6/13/2030	30,000	30,049	-
Grand Trustee Investments			279,689	286,037	277,660
T.D	5.00%	4/21/2025	-	-	10,928
T.D	3.00%	12/19/2024	-	-	10,670
T.D	2.75%	12/19/2025	10,990	11,147	-
T.D.	3.10%	06/21/2026	11,569	11,578	-
Grand Treasurer Investments			22,559	22,725	21,598
Operating Fund Investments			302,248	308,762	299,258

GRAND CHAPTER, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR OF ONTARIO, CANADA,
INCORPORATEDSCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS - (Cont'd)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

Guaranteed Investment Certificates	Interest Rate \$	Maturity Date \$	Cost 2025 \$	Market Value 2025 \$	Market Value 2024 \$
ESTARL Fund					
Cash			5,601	5,601	6,377
Equitable Bank	2.43%	12/18/2024	-	-	25,328
Equitable Bank	2.43%	12/18/2024	-	-	40,525
Equitable Bank	3.10%	3/25/2025	-	-	25,210
B2B Bank	4.40%	12/21/2027	20,000	20,463	20,464
Laurentian Bank of Canada	4.40%	12/21/2027	42,000	42,972	42,975
EQ Trust Payout	4.26%	12/21/2028	55,000	56,239	56,239
EQ Trust Payout	3.40%	1/07/2030	25,000	25,410	-
Home Trust Payout	3.45%	4/09/2030	25,000	25,201	-
Equitable Trust Payout	3.40%	1/07/2030	40,000	40,656	-
CCS	4.45%	8/11/2026	30,000	31,181	31,185
GBC GIC	5.03%	8/16/2027	20,000	20,876	20,879
GBC GIC	5.13%	11/17/2025	25,000	25,791	25,794
Haventree GIC	4.59%	5/29/2028	35,000	35,136	35,141
ICU GIC	4.65%	5/11/2025	-	-	35,227
LB GIC	4.40%	8/11/2026	30,000	31,171	31,171
RBC GIC	5.00%	12/1/2027	20,000	20,460	20,578
ESTARL Investments			372,601	381,157	417,093
Benevolent Fund					
Cash	N/A	N/A	1,711	1,711	755
RFA Bank	2.30%	10/10/2024	-	-	29,483
Equitable Bank	2.45%	12/19/2024	-	-	16,717
Equitable Trust Payout	2.36%	12/24/2025	16,500	16,703	16,703
RFA Bank	2.35%	11/30/2026	15,000	15,207	15,207
RFA Bank	2.35%	11/30/2026	20,000	20,276	20,276
Laurentian Bank	4.40%	12/21/2027	20,000	20,464	20,464
Equitable Trust Payout	3.38%	1/08/2029	16,500	16,769	-
Home Bank	3.54%	10/11/2029	29,738	30,496	-
CGS GIC	5.10%	9/28/2027	20,000	20,006	20,006
ICU GIC	4.40%	8/11/2025	20,000	21,692	21,694
Benevolent Fund Investments			159,449	163,324	161,305
Special Programme Fund Investments			532,050	544,481	578,398
			834,298	853,243	877,656

**Florence Nightingale Home Foundation
Presidents Report 2024-2025**

Sisters and Brothers, it gives me great pleasure to present the report of the President of the Florence Nightingale Home Foundation. This Committee has had another great year selecting five hospitals to receive donations and then attending these presentations. The sponsoring Chapters of each donation are to be commended for the turnout of their members at the presentations in the afternoon, and for the hospitality at their Chapter rooms in the evening.

The presentations we completed this year are as follows:

October 15, 2024	Wiarton Hospital Foundation South Port Chapter #314 Glide scope
October 15, 2024	Saugeen Hospital Foundation South Port Chapter #314 Blanket Warmer
April 3, 2025	Juravinski Cancer Centre Foundation Edgemount Chapter #127 Two Vital Sign Monitors
May 15, 2025	Port Perry Hospital Foundation Whitby Chapter #248 CADD Solis Infusion Pump
June 5, 2025	St. Joseph's Hospital Foundation Elliot Lake Chapter #324 CADD Solis Infusion Pump

These donations are funded by the generosity of our members and by the interest gained from the investments entrusted to us. This past year has been beneficial as the interest rates on GIC's has been higher than in the recent past and this along with your donations have enabled us to present these donations. With the investments, we have been striving to spread our investments over several years and to get the best interest rates possible. Going forward we plan to present five donations in 2025-2026 with the potential for a sixth donation. The process for requesting a donation is not complicated but there are several steps to go through. Any Director of the Florence Nightingale Home Foundation can explain or give you a copy of the process, we hope to have this added to the Grand Chapter of Ontario website next year.

It has been a pleasure working with the other Directors of the Florence Nightingale Home Foundation, our Vice-President, Bea Andrews, Secretary, Margaret Lynn, Treasurer, Jeanie Lee, Director, Lois Goodall, and Director, Stephen Freymond.

During the Presidents Report at the Letting Our Light Shine Grand Chapter Sessions and prior to introducing our proposed By-Law 6 which was to replace the then current By-Law 5 as required by the Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act (ONCA), a letter was read from the Grand Executive Committee that called into doubt some portions of the proposed amendment.

This proposed amendment was defeated. Since that time, we have been working to make changes to By-Law 6 to meet the intent of ONCA and tried to have it ready prior to the end of May so that it could be distributed to the Chapters for your June meetings. This would have allowed you time to review it prior to this Grand Chapter session. Unfortunately, it is extremely difficult to schedule a meeting for 8 to 10 people who are scattered across the province and with limited notice, we managed to meet with four members of Grand Executive on June 21st. Although lengthy, it was a very productive meeting, and we managed to work our way through all the differences of opinion. The result is the amended By-Law 6 that will be presented for your consideration at this Grand Chapter session.

In closing, please know that we are very grateful for the continued support of the members of this great jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted by
Bruce Condie, GCCM
Florence Nightingale Home Foundation – President

**FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE HOME FOUNDATION
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AS AT JUNE 30, 2025**

**FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE HOME FOUNDATION
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Qualified Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Florence Nightingale Home Foundation (the Foundation), which comprise the statement of financial position as at June 30, 2025, and the statement of net assets, operations and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion section of our report, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Foundation as at June 30, 2025, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

In common with many charitable organizations, the Foundation derives revenue from donations, the completeness of which is not susceptible of satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the Foundation and we were not able to determine whether, as at and for the years ended June 30, 2025 and June 30, 2024, any adjustments might be necessary to donations revenue, excess of revenues over expenditures, assets and fund balances.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Foundation in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations 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.

In preparing these financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Foundation's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Foundation, or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Foundation's financial reporting process.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
(CONT'D)

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Foundation's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Foundation's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Foundation to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

TRENTON, Canada
August 13, 2025

Wilkinson & Company LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants
Licensed Public Accountants

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**FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE HOME FOUNDATION
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT JUNE 30, 2025**

	2025 \$	2024 \$
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Cash	43,418	27,697
LONG-TERM		
Investments - Note 2 (c), 3(a)	658,138	666,723
	701,556	694,420
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	1,500	1,501
NET ASSETS		
NET ASSETS	700,056	692,919
	701,556	694,420
APPROVED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD		
_____ Director		
_____ Director		

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements



**FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE HOME FOUNDATION
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025**

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	692,919	682,052
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES (EXPENSES OVER REVENUE)	7,137	10,867
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	700,056	692,919

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**FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE HOME FOUNDATION
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025**

	2025 \$	2024 \$
REVENUE		
Interest	30,485	25,604
Donations	8,637	11,152
	<u>39,122</u>	<u>36,756</u>
EXPENSES		
Administration	55	62
Board expenses	-	10
Donations - Note 4	25,000	20,000
Insurance	3,924	3,924
Legal and audit	3,006	1,893
	<u>31,985</u>	<u>25,889</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES (EXPENSES OVER REVENUE)	<u>7,137</u>	<u>10,867</u>

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**FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE HOME FOUNDATION
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025**

	2025 \$	2024 \$
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Excess of expenses over revenue for year	7,137	10,867
Increase in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(1)	1
CASH FLOWS PROVIDED FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	7,136	10,868
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Increase in long term investments	8,585	5,792
CASH FLOWS PROVIDED FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	8,585	5,792
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS FOR YEAR	15,721	16,660
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	27,697	11,037
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - END OF YEAR	43,418	27,697
REPRESENTED BY:		
Cash	43,418	27,697

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**FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE HOME FOUNDATION
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025**

1. NATURE OF BUSINESS

Florence Nightingale Home Foundation is a not-for-profit organization incorporated on December 15, 1927 under the laws of the Province of Ontario. The organization's mandate is to donate annually to accredited hospitals in Ontario.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations. Outlined below are those policies considered particularly significant for the organization.

(a) Use of Estimates

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(b) Revenue Recognition

Donations are recorded on an accrual basis. 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. Interest is recognized as revenue in the period in which it is earned.

(c) Investments

The investments have been classified as held for trading and are therefore recorded at fair value. Income is recognized on the accrual basis, including accrued gains and losses, if any.

**FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE HOME FOUNDATION
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025**

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Cont'd)

(d) Financial Instruments

(i) Measurement of Financial Instruments

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In the normal course of business, the Foundation is exposed to a number of risks that can affect its operational performance. These risks are as follows:

(a) Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the potential for financial loss caused by fluctuations in fair value or future cash flows of financial instruments because of changes in market interest rates. The Foundation is exposed to interest rate risk as they hold a number of guaranteed investment certificates with principal amounts ranging from \$16,000 to \$40,000 with interest rates in the range of 3.10% and 5.90% maturing between July, 2025 and May, 2028. There has been no change to the risk exposure from the prior year.

**FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE HOME FOUNDATION
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025**

3. FINANCIAL RISKS AND CONCENTRATION OF RISK - (Cont'd)

(b) Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Foundation will not be able to meet all cash outflow obligations as they come due. The Foundation is exposed to liquidity risk due to the unpredictability of donations being received. There has been no change to the risk exposure from the prior year.

4. DONATIONS

The donations made to the accredited hospitals consist of the following:

	2025
	\$
Hamilton Health Sciences Foundation	5,000
Saugeen Memorial Hospital Foundation	5,000
Bruce Peninsula Hospital Foundation	5,000
Port Perry Hospital Foundation	5,000
St. Joseph's Foundation of Elliot Lake	5,000
	25,000

GRAND CHAPTER OF ONTARIO



ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR GRAND CHAPTER OF ONTARIO GRAND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



MINUTES from the **MEETING** held on
Friday, August 23, 2024 @ 4:00 pm. in the Paris Room

Location: Delta Hotel, 655 Dixon Rd. Toronto

Members Present:			
Jane Zimmerman, P.G.M., Chair	David Doherty, P.G.P., Co-Chair	Bernice Guiler, W.G.M.	Rodney Muir, W.G.P.
Barbara McGregor, A.G.M.	Richard Arding, A.G.P.	Lillian Gohn, Gr. Sec.	Marilyn Taylor, G.G.C.C.M., Gr. Treas.
Dawn Forbes, Gr. Cond.	Melissa Brown, A.G.C.	Jim McGregor, Gr. Sentinel	Barbara Thorburn, G.G.C.C.M.
Bonnie Arnew, G.G.C.C.M.	Marilyn Mitchell, P.G.M.	Paul Hooper, P.G.P.	Ken Ulch, P.G.P.
Susan Purdy, P.G.M.	Les Hills, P.G.P.	Barb Ward, P.G.M.	Susan Martin, G.C.C.M.
Dianne Rowan, G.C.C.M.	Margaret Milligan, G.C.C.M.	Maggie McNichol, G.C.C.M.	Jennifer Gohn, G.C.C.M.
Janice Parker, G.C.C.M.			
Members Absent: Jim Williamson, P.G.P.			

1.0 Welcome:

- Jane Zimmerman, P.G.M., Chair
 - "Glad everyone is here. We have a full Agenda to get through." "I hope Rod and Bernice have a great Session."
- Dave Doherty, P.G.P., Co-Chair
 - "Hope we have a good meeting and that we stay positive."

2.0 The Lord's Prayer given in unison.

3.0 Remarks:

- Bernice Guiler, W.G.M.
 - "Great to see everyone!"
- Rodney Muir, W.G.P.
 - "It's hard to believe that we are at this point." "Hopefully, we have a great meeting."

4.0 Acceptance of Agenda:

- Additions to the Agenda:
 - Section 7.1 Last Will and Testament
 - Correction to the date under Section 5 to June 8, 2024.
- **MOTION:** Moved by Marilyn Taylor; seconded by Barbara Thorburn: That the Agenda be accepted as Amended. **CARRIED.**

5.0 Approval of Previous Minutes: From Saturday, June 8, 2024.

- **MOTION:** Moved by Dawn Forbes; seconded by Maggie McNichol: That the Minutes be accepted as Amended. **CARRIED.**

6.0 Business arising from the previous Minutes: June 8, 2024.

Note: Business arising that pertains to a 'specific' Committee, will be listed under that section.

7.0 Correspondence

7.1 Last Will and Testament for Mary Walters. Received from Rundle Chapter on Aug. 18, 2024

- **MOTION:** Moved by Susan Martin; seconded by Les Hills: That the Grand Executive Secretary, send a letter to the Executor of the Will and report back to this Committee at the November Meeting. **CARRIED.**
- The letter will be copied to the Lawyers as well.

8.0 Grand Executive Committee Reports:

8.1 Jurisprudence: Chair - Susan Martin

- Susan Martin reviewed how she would present the Amendments to the Grand Chapter.

8.2 By-Laws: Chair - Susan Purdy - No further Report

8.3 Finance: Chair - Marilyn Mitchell

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- Financial Report was reviewed:
 - Financial Planning Committee: The focus will be to guide this committee to look at ways to increase revenues and decrease costs rather than fund raising.
 - Guidelines should be drafted for the Committee on Arrangements regarding the use of funds given to the Committee Chairs. The A.G.M. will look into this. Carry forward to new year.
 - Directories; 600 have been ordered and will be sold for \$14.00 each.
 - Zoom Video Communications; the Finance Committee presented motion, that carried to reimburse Rodney Muir, W.G.P. for the cost that he had incurred to assume a the Zoom Video Communications for 2023 – 2024. (\$226.00 CDN)
 - There was a discussion regarding the fact that Meetings should be held on person, and, in the past due to COVID, when Zoom Meetings were necessary, the cost of Zoom Connections were covered by the Gr. Ex. member who providing the Zoom link.
 - The Motion carried by the Finance Committee was not ratified.
- **MOTION:** Moved by Paul Hooper; seconded by Dave Doherty: That the A.G.M. set up a Committee to look into the feasibility of applying for Zoom capabilities. **CARRIED.**
- **MOTION:** Moved by Susan Martin; seconded by Barb Ward: That we do not retroactively pay for any Zoom costs and for the \$200 allowance in the Budget to be removed. **CARRIED.**
 - Rodney Muir stressed that this was never brought forward by him!

8.3.1 Vendors Room; 6 Vendors have signed on.

8.3.2 My SISTARS Closet

8.3.3 **Tracking:** As per Carried Motion the W.G.M. appoint a representative from Jurisprudence and or Governance Policies and Procedures Committees to Finance Committee to ensure that Policies and Procedures are being followed and further; that the Governance Policy and Procedures Committee prepare a Draft Policy to deal with this. **Update**

8.3.9 Budget: The Finance Committee preparing a Draft Budget on July 7th for presentation at the August 23, 2024 Grand Executive Meeting.

- The budget was reviewed.

- **MOTION:** Moved by Susan Martin; seconded by Les Hills: That the Budget be increased to include a \$300 allowance for the Elections Committee and a \$200 allowance for the Service Dogs Committee. **CARRIED.**

- **MOTION:** Moved by Les Hills; seconded by Dianne Rowan: That the Budget be amended to include the cost of Banquet tickets for the Representatives from the Service Dogs Committee. **CARRIED.**

8.3.4 **Grand Treasurers Report:** Marilyn Taylor

8.3.4-1 ONCA - Report of Letters Patent to Articles of Incorporation Chair of Jurisprudence to review. **Ongoing**

- A Motion will have to be made in the new term for the Grand Treasurer to deal with ONCA.

- We must be in conformance to ONCA in order to retain our Non-Profit status.

- **MOTION:** Moved by Paul Hooper; seconded by Ken Ulch: That we approve the Amendments to be presented to the Membership. **CARRIED.**

- The Lawyer and the Auditor recommend that we discontinue source deductions with such a low amount being remitted and issue a T4A instead of the current T4.

- **MOTION:** Moved by Susan Martin; seconded by Les Hills: That we discontinue source deductions and issue a T4A instead of the current T4, as per the Lawyer. **CARRIED.**

- **MOTION:** Moved by Marilyn Taylor; seconded by Bernice Gulier: That we recommend that the Budget, as amended, be presented to the membership for approval. **CARRIED.**

8.4 Governance: Policies & Procedures: Chair – Paul Hooper

8.4.1 Vetting Committee: Testing only required for new Candidates nominated for each of those positions at which time the W.G.M. would form a vetting Committee to come up with a test. **Ongoing when required**

8.4.3 **Clarification:** As per Carried Motion: That we accept the recommendations of the Governance; Policies & Procedures Report regarding the Proficiency Certificate Guidelines, including extending the Proficiency Certificate for five years from the existing expiry date, when the early renewal is mandated as part of the requirements of their Office. Note: The Proficiency Certificate must be current for the entire 3 year term.

- Questions regarding the current Proficiency Test. *See attached

- This will be included on the **November Agenda.**

8.5 **Printing & Purchasing Report** - Chair Lillian Gohn

- **MOTION:** Moved by Lillian Gohn; seconded by Jim McGregor: That the Printing & Purchasing Report be accepted. **CARRIED.**

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- 8.6 Chapters U.D.:** Rodney Muir, Richard Arding – No Report
- 8.7 Appeals & Grievances:** Rodney Muir, Richard Arding – No Report
- 8.8 Pre Registration:** Chair – Barbara Thorburn, Janice Parker
- Barb Thorburn reported that 347 members from Ontario and 37 Out of Jurisdiction members had Pre-registered to date.
 - **MOTION:** Moved by Bernice Guiler; seconded by Bonnie Arnew: That the we comp 1 room night for room #2238 this year. **CARRIED**
 - How to notify Distinguished Guests regarding the reception held for them on the Saturday afternoon, before the Banquet. An Email could be sent to invite Distinguished Guests after they have Pre-registered.
- 8.9 Registration and Credentials:** Chair – Janice Parker, Barbara Thorburn: Nothing to report.
- 8.10 Proceedings:** Chair - Lillian Gohn: Jane Zimmerman, David Doherty:
- As per Carried Motion: Gr. Sec... If \$65 or less, the quote be approved and a letter sent to Chapters asking how many printed copies they require. If quote is higher than \$65, the Gr. Sec. to get additional quotes to present to the Grand Executive Committee for consideration and approval before sending a letter to the Chapters.
 - **MOTION:** Moved by Susan Martin; seconded by Les Hills: That the Budget to be revised to reflect payment for the printing costs of the Proceedings, as per the Constitution. **CARRIED**
 - Proceedings
 - There are currently no Proceedings available.
 - It was noted that the Grand Secretary is to provide the list of those members to be included under the 'Memorium' and the Grand Executive Committee Minutes kept on file for each year.
 - It was thought that a copy of future Proceedings could be made available on our Website instead of being printed. A Motion was apparently made previously to that fact. This is to be checked.
- 8.11 Parliamentary:** Karen Ewart
- 8.12 Service Dogs:** Chair – Les Hills, Co-Chair - Margaret Milligan
- Lynn Davidson, from National Service Dogs will be attending our Banquet along with one of her Service Dogs. It was reported that Newmarket Chapter #282 had named 'their' pup 'Angus'.
- 8.13 Membership:** Chair – Margaret Milligan, Co-Chair - Jennifer Gohn
- The Membership Committee was thanked for a job well done on their information 'news letter' posted on the OES page.
 - **MOTION:** Moved by Margaret Milligan; seconded by Dawn Forbes: That the Membership Report be accepted. **CARRIED**
- 8.14 Reports from Sub Committees**
- NOTE: Most of the Sub Committee submitted their Reports for inclusion in the Short Report.
- Archives: Chair – Marilyn Guenther: Susan Maltman
 - Historian: Catherine Ferguson
 - As per Carried Motion: that the A.G.M. tasks the Jurisprudence Committee with drafting an amendment to expand on the duties of the Historian and the Grand Trustees. **Update:** Put forward to the new year.
 - Chapters Requiring Guidance: Chair – Brenda Hooper
 - Newsletter Committee: Chair - Maria Doherty.
 - A donation will be made to the Grand Chapter Operating Fund.
 - Computer Resources & Website Committee: Webmaster - David Doherty
 - Youth Committee: Chair – Carol LaRue; Co-Chair – Bonnie Arnew
 - As per Carried Motion: Grand Chapter will cover the \$1000.00 fee for the Dragon Boat Registration.
 - Update:** An E-Transfer for \$1,000 was received from Dave Doherty as there wasn't a team this year.
 - Completed** As per Carried Motion: The Secretary of Grand Executive sent the letter to the Youth Group re. room requests through Paul Hooper, and that Grand Chapter order their food from the hotel through the liaison with the funds being deducted from the Youth Funds.
 - Masonic Relations: Chair – William Chatwell, Ken Ulch
 - Financial Planning: Chair – Kari Overbeek
 - First Aid Kits will be for sale at Grand Chapter. (Email poll taken)
 - Proficiency Testing: Betty Romenick-McIntosh, Co-Chair - Susan Purdy
 - Database Committee: Chair – Rodney Muir:
 - Committee Report on Master Data Base. **Ongoing**
 - Care/Hospital Visiting: Chair – Lynda Speck

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12. Elections: Chair - Les Hills: Co-Chair - Susan Purdy

13. Proficiency Test Review: Chair - Jean Lee

- **MOTION:** Moved by Marilyn Taylor; seconded by Rodney Muir: That the Reports from the Sub-Committees be accepted. **CARRIED**

9.0 Unfinished Business:

9.1 **Tracking:** From March 16, 2024; 7.18.1.1 As per Carried Motion under Policies & Procedures - Jurisprudence Committee will review the process as to 'who' prepares the Proceedings. The W.G.M., W.G.P. and Grand Secretary will look into the issue.

9.2 **Tracking:** From March 16, 2024; 10.2 District Alignments: The W.G.M. passed this task to the A.G.M.

- Included as a reminder to deal with this issue in the next term if necessary.

9.3 **Tracking:** Expense Review

- Due to the loss of 10 Chapters this year and two more pending it was suggested that an Expense Review Committee be appointed. This was deferred to the A.G.M. to appoint the Committee for next year.

9.4 2027 Grand Chapter Sessions.

- Tracking:** As per Carried Motion: ... our Grand Chapter in the year 2027 now conflicts with the revised dates for General Grand Chapter scheduled by Billie Bradfield the R.W.A.G.M. ... after discussions, the Associate Grand Conductress asked to be allowed some flexibility with the dates for our Grand Sessions in August of 2027.

- As per Carried Motion: That the Grand Executive Committee supports the A.G.C. if she chooses to make a motion at the Grand Chapter Session to change the dates of the 2027 Grand Session with the approval of the Delta Hotel. It was noted that this would require a follow-up amendment to the Constitution.

10.0 New Business

10.1 Review of F.N.H.F. Bylaws regarding attendance at their Meetings.

- A lengthy discussion ensued after it was made know that one of our Line Officers had been told by a member of the F.N.H.F. that she could not attend one of their meetings. A general concern was then expressed at the fact that the Committee was continuing to distance itself from being a Sub-set of Grand Chapter.
- A Committee, consisting of Susan Martin, Barbara Ward, and Barbara Thorburn was tasked with composing a letter to address our concerns, to be presented at the Grand Chapter session on Monday, August 26th, 2024.
- Marilyn Taylor is in contact with our Lawyer regarding the issue.

11.0 Final Remarks:

- Barb McGregor was glad we are working together and noted that she has a lot of adjustments to make.
- Richard Arding stated that we had accomplished a lot.
- Dawn Forbes congratulated everyone for working through the full Agenda.
- Melissa Brown said that we should be proud of all we accomplished.
- Jim McGregor stated that he has learned a lot and wished Bernice and Rod all the best for their Sessions.

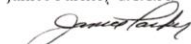
12.0 **Date of Next Meeting:** TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2024 **Time:** Immediately following the close of Sessions

13.0 **Adjournment:** 6:10 pm.

14.0 **Mizpeh Benediction was given in unison.**

Respectfully submitted by

Janice Parker, G.C.C.M.



Secretary, Grand Executive Committee

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ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR GRAND CHAPTER OF ONTARIO GRAND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



MINUTES from the MEETING held on

Saturday, November 23, 2024 @ 10:00 am.

Location: Delta Hotel, 655 Dixon Rd. Toronto

Members Present:			
Bernice Guiler, P.G.M., Chair	Rodney Muir, P.G.P., Co-Chair	Barbara McGregor, W.G.M.,	Richard Arding, W.G.P.
Dawn Forbes, A.G.M.	Jim McGregor, A.G.P.	Lillian Gohn, Gr. Sec.	
Melissa Brown, Gr. Cond.	Debra Bechamp, A.G.C.	Anson Sinanan, Gr. Sentinel	Helen Delaney, R.W. Gr. Trustee
		Ken Ulch, P.G.P.	Barbara Thorburn, P.G.M.
	Les Hills, P.G.P.	Lynn Alexander, P.G.M.	Barb Ward, P.G.M.
Jane Zimmerman, P.G.M.	Susan Martin, G.C.C.M.	Margaret Milligan, G.C.C.M.	Dianne Rowan, G.C.C.M.
Jennifer Gohn, G.C.C.M.	Janice Parker, G.C.C.M.		
Members Absent: Marilyn Taylor, Marilyn Mitchell, Paul Hooper, Susan Purdy			

1.0 Welcome:

- Bernice Guiler, P.G.M., Chair: Bernice thanked everyone for attending and noted that we have a lot of business to get through. Bernice also thanked Jessie Barbour Gr. Trustee for attending.
- Rodney Muir, P.G.P., Co-Chair: Rodney did not join the meeting until the afternoon.

2.0 The Lord's Prayer was given in unison.

3.0 Remarks:

- Barbara McGregor, W.G.M.: Barb wished everyone a good morning. She also reminded everyone to follow the Governance, Policies and Procedures Manual and the Code of Conduct; we need to do what our Members want and need.
- Richard Arding, W.G.P.: Richard welcomed everyone and stated that he hoped for a productive meeting.

4.0 Acceptance of Agenda:

- Add to the Agenda: **5.1** Grand Executive Minutes; **7.6** Grand Secretary Letter **10.2** Basket Draw;
➤ **MOTION:** Moved by Dawn Forbes; seconded by Jim McGregor: That the Agenda be accepted as Amended. **CARRIED.**

5.0 Approval of Previous Minutes: Zoom meeting September 17, Friday, August 23, and Tuesday, August 27, 2024

- **MOTION:** Moved by Jane Zimmerman; seconded by Margaret Milligan: That the Minutes for the above noted Meetings be accepted. **CARRIED.**

5.1 Grand Executive Minutes - Bernice asked if there was a dedicated File containing the Past Grand Executive Meeting Minutes and Proceedings. Lillian Gohn stated that she is compiling the File.

6.0 Business Arising from the Previous Minutes: September 17, August 23, and August 27, 2024

Note: Business arising that pertains to a 'specific' Committee, will be listed under that section.

6.1 F.N.H.F. Bylaws - Barb Ward, Barb Thorburn, Susan Martin, Marilyn Taylor

- The Sec., Gr. Ex. sent a copy of the 'Letter of Concerns' Sept. 23, 2024 as requested to Bruce Condie, President, F.N.H.F.
➤ **MOTION:** Moved by Barb Thorburn; seconded by Barb Ward: That a letter be sent to the F.N.H.F. requesting copies of the Letters of Patent, Approved Amendments and currently proposed and/or files of Articles of Amendments, with receipt of the information on/or before January 15, 2025. **CARRIED.**
- Barb Ward prepared a letter to be sent to the F.N.H.F. which included the proviso that if they could not provide the information by that date, they were advised to give an alternate date as to when we could expect the information. **Tasked:** Janice Parker, Secretary, Gr. Exec. to send the letter.
- Bernice thanked the Committee for their work to date.

6.2 Last Will and Testament for Mary Walters - **Tasked:** Barbara McGregor

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- **Update:** Received from Rundle Chapter August 18, 2024; Mary Walters passed August 19, 2016. Zina Darling, and Mary's niece, Margaret Smart Wilson who lives in Scotland to be Estate Trustees; due to the distance she renounced; Zina Darling now the sole trustee; Mary's son, James Scott Walters, age 60 + receives a small payment annually until his death; the Trustee is then directed to pay or transfer the residue to the OES; the estate invested in cashable Bonds, but over time the amount has been eroding due to lawyer and administration fees; the remaining amount is approximately \$75,000.
- Diane Squire, lawyer, and niece Margaret and Zina. They understand the son, wishes to collapse the trust and have a payout.
- The Lawyer requested to negotiate a settlement with the son in order for him to receive a lump sum; A letter from us must be sent to the Lawyer to proceed with this negotiation.
- Barb McGregor prepared letter. Ideally, if we agree they would like to negotiate a settlement before the estate dwindles any further.
- **MOTION:** Moved by Susan Martin; seconded by Helen Delaney: That a letter be sent to the Lawyer giving our approval to negotiate a settlement with the son for him to receive a lump sum. **CARRIED.**
- Barb McGregor - forward prepared letter to Lillian Gohn **Tasked:** Gr. Sec. to send electronically to Lawyer.
- 6.3 Grand Trustees Inventory - **Tasked:** Dave Doherty From Tuesday, August 27, 2024 Sec. 5.4
- DeMolay Flag is missing. *As per Carried Motion:* Dave Doherty, look after the Inventory List for the Grand Chapter equipment and supplies. **Update:** Dave Doherty did not submit a Report.
- 6.4 Accident Report - Paul Hooper, David Doherty
- *As per Carried Motion:* Complete an Incident Report regarding Betty Rew's fall on Monday, August 26, 2024. Complete Incident Report; Get copy of the Hotel's Accident Report for the Grand Chapter's files.
- **Tasked:** Paul Hooper, David Doherty did not submit the Incident Reports.
- 6.5 Handouts to be distributed - Grand Secretary - From Tuesday, August 27, 2024 Sec. 8.1
- The Grand Executive Member List: Code of Conduct and Policies and Procedures Manual; Agenda to be handed out. Received all electronically from Gr. Sec. except the Code of Conduct. **SENT** to Gr. Ex. Members September 26, 2024.
- Tasked:** Lillian Gohn, Gr. Sec. - correct the date on the information, send the Code of Conduct and forward all to Janice Parker to resend.
- 7.0 Correspondence**
- 7.1 Letter from Edgemount Chapter #127 re: Secretaries Package – error. *Received September 7, 2024*
- 7.2 Letter from Khaki Chapter #27 re: Grand Chapter Paperwork. *Received September 8, 2024*
- 7.3 Letter from Britannia Chapter #34 re: Per Capita & Letter to the Gr. Sec. *Received September 28, 2024*
- Note:** 7.1, 7.2, 7.3 dealt with together
- The Motion which follows, was made to answer those concerns voiced in the above 3 Letters and to assure the Chapters that the Gr. Sec. is rectifying the issues.
- **MOTION:** Moved by Janice Parker; seconded by Jane Zimmerman: That the Gr. Sec. prepare a letter to be sent to the Chapter Secretaries requesting that they review and reconfirm that their Membership Lists numbers are correct as of August 31, 2024. **CARRIED. Tasked:** Lillian Gohn, Gr. Sec.
- **Tasked:** Sec., Gr. Ex. send letter of response to the 3 Chapters. Also include in the letter to Britannia Chapter #34 apologies that their Chapter donations for the years 2022-2023 & 2023-2024 were not included in the Short Report. This has been rectified; will be included in Proceedings.
- 7.4 Letter from Muriel Brown re: Questions/Suggestions. *Received September 22, 2024*
- F.N.H.F. is a Trust and makes donations from interest off of the principal. The Grand Benevolent was not made into a Trust as monies raised are needed at various times in order to meet our benevolent needs.
- Copier and Printer for Grand Secretary – see Sec. 8.5, Printing & Purchasing
- Can Forms be on the website for the secretaries and members to print when they need them.
- Helen Delaney stated that Chapter Forms are currently being updated and standardized by General Grand Chapter, as per the Redbook page 67. **Tasked:** Sec., Gr. Ex. to send letter of response to Muriel Brown.
- 7.5 Email from Jessie Barbour, Grand Trustee, Chair. *Received October 16, 2024*
- Permission to destroy the old laptop computer -not upgradeable.
- **MOTION:** Moved by Les Hills; seconded by Barb Thorburn: Jessie Barbour has permission to destroy the old laptop computer, as they are not upgradeable. **CARRIED.**
- Permission to dispose of 20 white ballot boxes. It was suggested that the Ballot Boxes be offered to the Chapters; *Ch. Secs. to notify Jessie Barbour by March 31, 2025 if they would like to have one – pick up at Gr. Ch. **Tasked:** Jessie Barbour to prepare letter, then forward to the Gr. Sec. for distribution to Chapters.

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- Can the "Jewelry Inventory" be put on the web site? All items are on a Power Point file.
 - **MOTION:** Moved by Barb Ward; seconded by Susan Martin: Jessie Barbour has permission to put the "Jewelry Inventory" on the web site under Members Resource. **CARRIED. Tasked:** Jessie Barbour to forward Power Point File to the Webmaster.
 - We were given Past Grand Matron Vera Heffel's Jewel. Her daughter has requested it be returned to her.
 - ➔ Letter from McGuinty Law Offices re. Estate of Vera Margaret Heffel; PGM's Jewel. *October 31, 2024*
 - **MOTION:** Moved by Helen Delaney; seconded by Lynne Alexander: That the PGM jewel be returned to Vera Heffel's daughter **CARRIED. Tasked:** Lillian Gohn, Gr. Sec. to reply in a letter to the Lawyer and the daughter. Include Jessie Barbour's email address and Telephone number as the contact person.
 - 7.6 Letter from the Grand Secretary
 - Lillian Gohn stated that she would not be standing for re-election for the 2025-2026 term
 - **MOTION:** Moved by Dawn Forbes; seconded by Dianne Rowan: Letter of intent not to stand for election in 2025-2026 from Lillian Gohn be accepted. **CARRIED. Tasked:** Gr. Sec., will inform the Chapters.
 - 7.7 Les Hills reiterated that reports and correspondence must be sent to the Sec. Gr. Ex. 10 days prior to the scheduled meeting for distribution as per the Policies & Procedures Manual.
- ### 8.0 Grand Executive Committee Reports:
- 8.1 Jurisprudence: Chair – Barbara Ward
 - Awaiting the Resolution results from General Grand Chapter Triennium Assembly; Committee will review and make amendment recommendations as applicable.
 - One Amendment has been submitted.
 - As per Sec. 8.3A-1 ONCA - Report of Letters Patent to Articles of Incorporation. Chair of Jurisprudence to review.
 - As per Carried Motion under Policies & Procedures - **Tasked:** Jurisprudence Committee will review the process as to 'who' prepares the Proceedings. Also **Tasked:** The W.G.M., W.G.P. and Grand Secretary will look into the issue.
 - W.G.M. tasks the Jurisprudence Committee with drafting an amendment to expand on the duties of the Historian and the Grand Trustees.
 - 8.2 By-Laws: Chair – Lynn Alexander
 - One request for Bylaw change has been received.
 - i. Scarborough Chapter #231 – requested to change the address of their meeting, change their meeting date to the fourth Tuesday, except in December when it will be the second Tuesday of the month.
 - The By-Law Committee recommends the approval of these By-Law Changes. Motion to accept will have to be made at the February 8, 2025 meeting.
 - 8.3 Finance Committee: Chair – Les Hills
 1. Recommend raising the Per Capita by \$1 yearly in September for 5 years.
 2. Recommend the 2025 Monday night Entertainment. Cost of Tickets still to be submitted for approval.
 3. Recommend Sisters and Brothers Closet at Grand Chapter.
 4. Recommend Free Room Draw.
 - **MOTION:** Moved by Susan Martin; seconded by Barb Ward: That 8.3.1; 8.3.2; 8.3.3; 8.3.4, as recommended by the Finance Committee be approved by the Gr. Exec. Comm. **CARRIED.**
 5. 'Breakfast with Brothers'
 - **MOTION:** Moved by Rodney Muir; seconded by Jane Zimmerman: Funds left over from the 'Breakfast with Brothers' be put in the Operating Fund. **CARRIED.**
 6. COA Guidelines
 - **MOTION:** Moved by Barb McGregor; seconded by Barb Thorburn: That Guidelines of Duties and Responsibilities be prepared by the Policies & Procedures for the COA Committee Chairs. **CARRIED.**
 - 8.3A Treasurers Report: Marilyn Taylor, absent
 - Financial Spreadsheets received and reviewed.
 - Sec. 152 Adjust Budget going forward; \$1,500 for WGM Jewel and \$1,000 for WGP Jewel
 - 8.3A-1 ONCA - Report of Letters Patent to Articles of Incorporation. Chair of Jurisprudence to review. **Ongoing**
 - Documents have been signed and filed. Waiting for response from the Ministry.
 - *As per Carried Motion:* That we discontinue source deductions and issue a T4A instead of the current T4, as per the Lawyer. **Tasked:** Marilyn Taylor, Gr. Treas. – No Report on this.

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8.4 Governance; Policies & Procedures: Chair – Susan Martin

1. Prepare Policy for Vetting Committee: Testing only required for new Candidates nominated for Gr. Sec. and Gr. Treas. Also **Tasked**: W.G.M. would form a vetting Committee to come up with a test.
2. Prepare Policy for COA Guidelines of Duties and Responsibilities, per carried Motion Sec. 8.3.6.
3. Prepare Policy for Duties and Responsibilities for the Historian and Grand Trustees.
4. Prepare Policy for Proceedings: Review documents to be included and 'Who' supplies that information and/or documents.

8.5 Printing & Purchasing Report - Chair Lillian Gohn

1. Short Report: Information to be included. *As per Carried Motion*: That this issue be tabled until November 2024 meeting.
2. Updated Constitution
 - **MOTION**: Moved by Helen Delaney; seconded by Les Hills: That Gr. Ch. Line Officers be given a printed copy of the Constitution as recommended by the Finance Committee. **CARRIED**. **Tasked**: Gr. Sec. 'in house' printed on new printer as noted below. Also, Gr. Sec. to send letter to Chapters offering printed copies
 - Susan Martin was thanked for reformatting the Constitution.
 - **MOTION**: Moved by Les Hills; seconded by Susan Martin: That the Gr. Sec. send a letter to the Chapters offering printed copies of the updated Constitution. **CARRIED**.
3. New Printer
 - **MOTION**: Moved by Janice Parker; seconded by Dianne Rowan: That Jane Zimmerman be tasked to purchase a new printer in order to do more cost efficient 'in house' printing as opposed to using the leased printer, where we are charged per Contract allotments. Printer to be delivered directly to the Gr. Sec. office to be used as a supplemental printer. **CARRIED**.
 - Les Hills stated that he and Bill Gibson will pay for the new Printer. Les was thanked for the generous offer.
4. Leased Printer **Tasked**: Gr. Sec. to send a copy of the current Printer contract to Janice Parker to forward to Gr. Exec. Members.
5. Directories
 - There were 34 Directories on the WGM table. Half of the monies raised goes to the WGM/WGP charity: \$236.42

8.6 Chapters U.D.: Richard Arding: Nothing to Report

8.7 Appeals & Grievances: Richard Arding: Nothing to Report

8.8 Pre Registration: Chair – Barbara Thorburn: Nothing to Report

8.9 Registration and Credentials: Chair – Janice Parker: Nothing to Report

8.10 Proceedings: Chair - Lillian Gohn

1. Proceedings

2019 – 2021 Projected date for completion not determined at this time: 2021 – 2022 Projected date for completion December 2024: 2022 – 2023 Projected date for completion August 2025: 2023 – 2024 Gathering documentation to begin the process.
November 20, 2024

 - Susan Martin spoke: ... Our Constitution Section 123 (e) states that the Grand Secretary shall "present at each Annual Session a report of all monies received and disbursed, together with all other matters of business transacted, through her/his office, such reports to be included in the Annual Grand Chapter Proceedings." Further, Section 123 (u) states that "The Grand Secretary shall prepare and distribute the Official Proceedings by May 1st." * Covid notwithstanding, we have been in default of our Constitutional obligations since May 1, 2022. * We lost all credibility with the members. * Proceedings are a record of the yearly business of our Grand Chapter and a transcript of our Annual Session. Gr. Exec. have failed to take any action or responsibility for ensuring our Constitution is adhered to at the Grand Chapter level. * Many of our members have lost all confidence in our ability as a Grand Executive to govern this Grand Chapter?
* 2019-2021 Proceedings is not even determined at this time. - 2-1/2 years overdue. * If you accept election to an office or committee, there are obligations you have to fulfil especially at the Gr. Ch. level.

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Likewise if you are appointed to a sub-committee or voluntarily agree to, or offer to, take on a project there are expectations and deadlines that must be adhered to. * We expect our subordinate Chapters to follow the rules. * An amendment or a policy is needed outlining the details of all the documentation that is required for the Grand Chapter Proceedings and a process and timeline for collecting that information within a strict timeframe. * Need to determine who is responsible for appointing a transcriber and we need to ensure that if any deadlines are missed that those responsible are relieved of their transcribing duties and someone else is appointed to complete the work. * Our goal should be to have all outstanding and the current proceedings completed and draft copies published before or by May 1, 2025.

- **Tasked:** Sec. Gr. Exec. To forward a copy of the letter to Gr. Exec. Members.

➤ **MOTION:** Moved by Susan Martin; seconded by Barb Thorburn: That an amendment or a policy is needed outlining the details of all the documentation that is required for the Grand Chapter Proceedings and a process and timeline for collecting that information within a strict timeframe. **CARRIED.**

➤ **MOTION:** Moved by Susan Martin; seconded by Helen Delaney: That a letter of apology be sent to our members with a commitment to have the Proceedings prepared and ready as per the Constitution and a promise to take steps to ensure that this situation never arises again. **CARRIED.**

2. Proceedings: Review documents to be included and 'Who' supplies that information and/or documents.

- **Tasked:** Helen Delany volunteered to compile a list outlining the details of all the documentation that is required for the Gr. Ch. Proceedings.

- To be included in an amendment and the Policies and Procedures Manual

3. **Tasked:** Gr. Sec. to provide the list of those members to be included under the 'Memorium' and the Gr. Exec. Meeting Minutes kept on file for each year.

4. Future Proceedings could be made available on our Website instead of being printed. A Motion was apparently made previously to that fact. This is to be checked. **Update:**

5. Email Addresses

➤ **MOTION:** Moved by Les Hills; seconded by Jane Zimmerman: That every Gr. Exec. Member have dedicated Email address - in their name only. **CARRIED.**

- **Tasked:** Gr. Exec. Members to send the Email address to the Sec. Gr. Exec. So that no one else can access Gr. Exec. Business.

8.11 Parliamentarian: TBA

8.12 Service Dogs: Chair – Margaret Milligan; Brief comments from Report

- At the Saturday Banquet in August 2024, Lynn Davidson, the representative of National Service Dogs, who was in attendance with Service Dog Chartwell was present with a cheque of approximately \$21,000 for the year 2023-2024.

▪ A letter is being sent to all Chapters to encourage fund-raising efforts in their Chapter/District/Region. I The Chair will also make the offer to speak on behalf of the Committee at a Chapter meeting, if requested.

8.13 Membership: Chair – Jennifer Gohn; Brief comments from Report

- E-Communication Subscriber drive; Approx. 70 new subscribers, 215 in total
- We have 2 information boards
- Workshop at Gr. Ch. - overall positive feedback

➤ **MOTION:** Moved by Melissa Brown; seconded by Debra Bechamp: That all Gr. Exec. Committee Reports be accepted. **CARRIED.**

8.14 Reports from Sub Committees

1. Chapters Requiring Guidance: Chair – Barbara Thorburn; Brief comments from Report

- The 2024-2025 Committee has not been asked to visit any Chapters or provide guidance by phone or email at this time.
- Sister Bernice Guiler started the process with two Chapters and Sister Barbara McGregor is finishing it. -2 Surrenders scheduled. Stayner Chapter #270 closed, November 4th, 2024. Peace Chapter # 52 is scheduled to go dark on December 12th, 2024.

2. Elections: Chair - Paul Hooper; Brief comments from Report

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- New Nomination form developed by the Grand Secretary. Includes an acknowledgement of the requirement that the Proficiency Test must be valid until the end of their term of Office.
Tasked: WGM to forward form for distribution to Gr. Ex.
- Counting will be done outside of the Chapter room this year
- 3. Computer Resources & Website Committee: Webmaster – Dave Doherty; Brief comments from Report
 - Goals for this year: • Ask Gr. Exec. to have a letter sent to each Committee Chair to review their portion of website and send updated PDF to webmaster and WGM of the required changes. • Those requesting changes must be in writing • Gr. Exec. to provide guidance / assistance of when AGM new year details can be included on the website • When can the new Officers get added • AGM to provide the new year details and list of known new Officers to the Webmaster by June so the page layout could be created by the team but not published to public until approved release date. • Clarification from Gr. Exec. – when the Gr. Sec. sends documents / correspondence to Chapters for member distribution, can these be posted on the website without approval from the WGM? If not, who will be responsible to share these details for our members to view online? • Can we add a link to the General Grand Chapter website – OES Journal • For continuity, it was proposed that someone from Constant Contact should join the website team • Inquire from membership what they would like to see posted, after it has been updated and share these requests with Grand Executive and obtain approval. The requests in this report were deferred to the February 2025 Grand Executive Meeting.
- 4. Financial Planning: Chair - Jane Ball: No Report received
- 5. Newsletter Committee: Chair - Maria Doherty: No Report received
 - Post Meeting – Jim McGregor noted that Newsletter Committee had sent a letter to the Chapters
- 6. Historian: Catherine Ferguson
 - See Sec. 8.1 Jurisprudence Committee draft amendment to expand on the duties of the Historian and the Grand Trustees. To
 - Seals from subordinate Chapters.
➤ **MOTION:** Moved by Helen Delaney; seconded by Barb Ward: That we ask Catherine Ferguson to take the Seals to a scrap dealer to be disposed of for cash, except for those which Barb Thorburn wants. If Catherine can't do this, the Trustees will be asked to do it. **CARRIED. Tasked:** Notify Catherine – Sec. Gr. Exec.
- 7. Masonic Relations: Chair – William Chatwell: No Report received
- 8. Proficiency Testing: Chair –Susan Purdy; Brief comments from Report
 - Each district package should include copies of Proficiency Testing
- 9. Youth Committee: Chair – Bonnie Arnew; Brief comments from Report
 - The Youth Committee are investigating and securing a site to host the 2025 FFLITE event, scheduled for February 8th and 9th, 2025.
 - Mississauga DeMolay performing a 3rd Degree of Initiation as well as a Chevalier Investiture on Sat. Nov. 23rd at the Mississauga Masonic Temple in Port Credit.
 - Will send out details of upcoming Rainbow and DeMolay Installations that take place in January.
- 10. Archives: Chair – Susan Maltman; Brief comments from Report
 - Tote(s) are in storage with trustees and Chair has archives binder.
➤ **MOTION:** Moved by Helen Delaney; seconded by Barb Thorburn: That the archives binder be kept until a decision is made on the status of the committee and the totes to remain with the Trustees. **CARRIED.**
- 11. Care/Hospital Visiting: Chair – Lynda Speck: No Report received
- 12. Expense Review: Chair – Jim Williamson: No Report received
Tasked: WGM to be in contact with the committee
 - We were extremely pleased and grateful to hear of the anonymous donation of \$5,000 made in order to offset the cost of the Saturday Night Banquet Tickets.
- 13. District Alignment Review: Chair – Paul Hooper; Brief comments from Report
 - Committee had a preliminary discussion by way of e-mail with differing points of view on the best way to proceed. Discussion will continue. **Ongoing Tasked:** WGM to be in contact with the committee.
- 14. Master Data Base Committee: Chair – Rodney Muir; Nothing to Report
- 15. Grand Chapter Sessions, 2027: Chair – Jane Zimmerman

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- *As per Carried Motion:* The Gr. Exec. Committee supports the A.G.C. if she chooses to make a motion at the Gr. Ch. Session to change the dates of the 2027 Grand Session with the approval of the Delta Hotel.

- Plan on submitting an amendment to the Constitution to address time constraints to allow more flexibility for the program and to possibly shorten Gr. Ch. Session.

➤ **MOTION:** Moved by Lynne Alexander; seconded by Dawn Forbes: That all Gr. Exec. Sub Committee Reports be accepted. **CARRIED.**

9.0 Unfinished Business:

- None

10.0 New Business

10.1 Meeting with the Concordia Bodies

- The W.G.M. reported that the meeting took place in Hamilton on October 22, 2024 and was well attended. All present noted that they are facing similar hardships with declining membership. It agreed that we must try to work together and share ideas in order to remain relevant and to encourage membership.

10.2 Audio Company

- **MOTION:** Moved by Helen Delany; seconded by Susan Martin: That the Representatives from the Audio Company, be asked to sign a NDA in order to attend our Gr. Ch. Sessions. **CARRIED.**

10.2 Basket Draw

- There was an issue with 2 of the gift cards which had been included in one of the gift baskets.
Tasked: Barb Thorburn and Bernice Guiller to look into this.

11.0 Final Remarks:

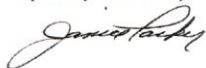
- Jim McGregor mentioned that we shouldn't beat ourselves up too much about the being late with the Proceedings; we will get it done and move on. Everyone is working hard for the Cause of Good and that he is Proud of everyone on the Gr. Exec.
- Dawn Forbes stated that it was a great meeting. She was pleased that we were able to discuss and get through all off the business.
- Melissa Brown noted that she is proud of this Committee for all of its accomplishments.
- Debra Bechamp has come to realize how much work the Gr. Exec. Committee actually does.
- Anson Sinanan We have accomplished a lot today and we will do more. We need to continue to work with our Masonic brothers and encourage them to join the OES.
- Bernice Guiller thanked everyone for their help and for working together.
- Rodney Muir hopes we continue to move forward.

12.0 Date of Next Meeting: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2025 Time: 10 a.m.

13.0 Adjournment: Barb Thorburn moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

14.0 Mizpeh Benediction was given in unison.

Respectfully submitted by;



Janice Parker, G.C.C.M.
Secretary, Grand Executive Committee

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ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR GRAND CHAPTER OF ONTARIO GRAND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



MINUTES

Date & Time: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2025 @ 10 am. in the HALTON ROOM

Location: Delta Hotel, 655 Dixon Road Toronto

Members Present:			
		Barbara McGregor, W.G.M.,	Richard Arding, W.G.P.
Dawn Forbes, A.G.M.	Jim McGregor, A.G.P.	Lillian Gohn, Gr. Sec.	Marilyn Taylor, P.G.M.
Melissa Brown, Gr. Cond.		Ken Ulch, P.G.P.	Helen Delaney, R.W. Gr. Trustee
	Les Hills, P.G.P.	Lynn Alexander, P.G.M.	Barbara Thorburn, P.G.M.
Jane Zimmerman, P.G.M.			Barb Ward, P.G.M.
Jennifer Gohn, G.C.C.M.	Janice Parker, G.C.C.M.		Dianne Rowan, G.C.C.M.
Members Absent: Rodney Muir, Debra Bechamp, Anson Sinanan, Marilyn Mitchell, Paul Hooper, Susan Martin. Absent due to pending or existing weather conditions - Bernice Guiller, Susan Purdy, Margaret Milligan.			

1.0 Welcome:

➤ **MOTION:** Moved by Janice Parker; seconded by Barb McGregor: That Jane Zimmerman take over Chairing the meeting due to the absense of both the Chair and Co Chair **CARRIED.**

- Jane Zimmerman, P.G.M., Acting Chair: Jane welcomed everyone and then stated that Dawn Forbes had just fallen in the Hotel hallway. Dawn and Marilyn T. were on the way to the Hospital.

2.0 The Lord's Prayer was given in unison.

3.0 Remarks:

- Barbara McGregor, W.G.M.: Barb thanked everyone for coming, especially when the weather conditions were threatening.
- Richard Arding, W.G.P.: Richard welcomed everyone and expressed his wish for a good meeting.

4.0 Acceptance of Agenda:

- Add to the Agenda: 7.6 Mary Walter's Estate; 8:15 Grand Session Review
- **MOTION:** Moved by Jim McGregor; seconded by: Barb Ward: That the Agenda be accepted as Amended. **CARRIED.**

5.0 Approval of Previous Minutes: Meeting Nov. 23, 2024

➤ **MOTION:** Moved by Barb Thorburn; seconded by Ken Ulch: That the Minutes for the Nov. 23, 2024 Meeting be accepted as distributed. **CARRIED.**

6.0 Business Arising from the Previous Minutes: Nov. 23, 2024

Note: Business arising that pertains to a 'specific' Committee, will be listed under that section.

- 6.1 From Nov. 23, 2024 Sec. 10.2: Audio Company: *As per Carried Motion:* Representatives from the Audio Company, be asked to sign a NDA to attend Gr. Ch. Sessions.
 - **Tasked:** Barb M. will contact Mike O'Sullivan to go ahead.
- 6.2 Basket Draw: Issue with 2 gift cards which had been included in one of the gift baskets.
 - **Completed:** Barb Thorburn and Bernice Guiller took care of this.

7.0 Correspondence

NEW:

- 7.1 Letter form Anson Sinanan Jan. 7, 2025.
 - **Tasked:** Secretary, Gr. Exec. will send a letter to Anson acknowledging receipt of his letter.
- 7.2 F.N.H.F. Bylaws - Barb Ward, Barb Thorburn, Susan Martin, Marilyn Taylor
 - **Completed:** Secretary, Gr. Exec. sent the letter to the F.N.H.F. requesting copies of the Letters of Patent, Approved Amendments and currently proposed and/or files of Articles of Amendments, with receipt of the information on/or before Jan. 15, 2025.
 - **NEW:** All documentation requested from the F.N.H.F. was received from Bruce Condie on Jan. 7, 2025.
 - **Tasked:** Barb Ward, Barb Thorburn, Susan Martin, Marilyn Taylor will arrange a meeting with the F.N.H.F.

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Status of previous Correspondence

- 7.3 Secretaries Package – error.
- **Completed:** Sec. Gr. Exec. SENT Letters of response to Edgemount Ch. #127; Khaki Ch. #27; Britannia Ch. #34 re: Per Capita; Letter to the Gr. Sec.; Letter to Muriel Brown re: Questions/Suggestions:
- 7.4 Email from Jessie Barbour, Gr. Trust., Chair.
- **Completed:** As per Carried Motion: Jessie Barbour will destroy the old laptop computer and dispose of 20 white ballot boxes. Ballet Boxes were offered to the Chapters.
 - **Ongoing** As per Carried Motion: Jessie Barbour to put the "Jewelry Inventory" on the web site under 'Members Resource' in Power Point File.
- 7.5 P.G.M. Vera Heffel's Jewel.
- Letter from McGuinty Law Offices re. Estate of Vera Margaret Heffel; P.G.M.'s Jewel. Oct. 31, 2024
 - As per Carried Motion: The P.G.M. jewel to be returned to Vera Heffel's daughter.
 - **Tasked:** Lillian Gohn, Gr. Sec. replied to the Lawyer and the daughter. No response has been received to date.
- 7.6 Mary Walter's Estate
- Barb M. reported that the Lawyers will keep us updated.

8.0 Grand Executive Committee Reports:

- 8.1 **Jurisprudence:** Chair – Barbara Ward
- **Completed:** Helen Delaney volunteered and prepared Report outlining the details of all the documentation that is required for the Gr. Ch. Proceedings and for the Short Report and a process and timeline for collecting that information within a strict timeframe. (Received Dec. 18, 2024)
 - **MOTION:** Moved by: Barbara Ward; seconded by Barb Thorburn: the acceptance of the instructions for preparing the Short Report and Grand Chapter Proceedings provided by Helen Delaney, with our appreciation to Helen. **CARRIED.**
 - **Completed:** Jurisprudence- Vetting Committee set by the W.G.M.: Helen Delaney, Jane Zimmerman, Lillian Gohn.
 - **MOTION:** Moved by: Barbara Ward; seconded by Barb Thorburn: Acceptance of Jurisprudence Report as distributed. **CARRIED.**
- 8.2 **By-Laws:** Chair – Lynn Alexander
- **MOTION:** Moved by: Lynn A.; seconded by Barb T.: approval of the By-Laws changes for Scarborough Chapter #231; Algoma Chapter #139; Kincardine Chapter #253 as recommended by the Committee.
 - By-laws from Veritas Chapter #128 are being reviewed.
- 8.3 **Finance Committee:** Chair – Les Hills
- Helen Delaney will draft an Amendment to increase Per Capita Tax \$1.00 per year for five years. This will take effect following the 2025 Grand Chapter Session. Following the five-year period, the membership *may not* be required to pay a registration fee to attend Grand Chapter; the Committee will review the budget.
 - Marilyn Taylor will prepare an amendment to increase the amount to refurbish P.G.M./P.G.P. jewels. P.G.M. jewels not to exceed \$1,500.00 and P.G.P. jewels not to exceed \$1,000.00.
 - The W.G.M./W.G.P. have arranged for the group: Hocus Pocus "Halloween Monster Mash" to be the Monday evening entertainment, ticket price \$25.00. \$1,100.00 will be budgeted to cover expenses.
 - Cost to move the Grand Secretaries Office will be included in the Budget.
 - F.N.H.F.
 - **MOTION:** Moved by: Les Hills; seconded by Helen Delaney: The F.N.H.F. will be asked to contribute to the cost of legal expenses when they become known. **CARRIED.** A letter will be sent as soon as the costs are known.
 - Directories will only be available to Chapters if they are pre-ordered and paid for by July 1st.
 - **MOTION:** Moved by: Les Hills; seconded by Janice Parker: The Gr. Sec. will send a letter to advise the Chapters of the requirement to pre-order and pay for the Directories. **CARRIED.**
 - Charitable Donations: **Tasked:** Lillian Gohn, Gr. Sec. will send a letter to the Chapters regarding the government initiative to extend the date of Charitable donations and inform the Chapters that Parliament has been prorogued and when Parliament resumes it will be too late to introduce a bill to be voted upon. The Chapters will be encouraged to support our Charities, National Service Dogs and Covenant House.
 - In 2027, the General Grand Chapter Resolution will be digital file and we will budget to print for some P.G.M.'s and P.G.P.'s.
 - Will budget to supply updated Rituals for D.D.G.M.'s and Gr. Ch. Line Officers.
 - **Tasked:** Lillian Gohn, Gr. Sec. will send a letter to Chapter Secretaries requesting that they submit an order form to indicate the number of new Rituals that they will require for their Chapter.

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- **Tasked:** Helen Delaney will inquire if 'stickers with the changes printed on them' are available in order to alleviate the need to print new rituals for some of our Members.

*Free Room Draw will be held. *New Annual Return form will be created/ready to send to Chapters August 2026. *Draw for V.I.P. Seating at the Grand Chapter Session. The proceeds will be divided between the W.G.M./W.G.P.'s Project and 2025 Grand Chapter Expense.

8.3A Treasurers Report: Marilyn Taylor. See Finance Report.

- Marilyn Taylor, and Dawn Forbes arrived late, returning from the Hospital.
- Cost for the Lawyers to complete work on ONCA; F.N.H.F. and the Will for Mary Walter's Estate \$6,951.22.

8.4 Governance; Policies & Procedures: Chair – Susan Martin: As per the Report - Prepare the following Policies;

- 1) Proceedings – Duties and Responsibilities.
 - 2) Short Report – Duties and Responsibilities.
 - 3) Grand Trustees - Duties and Responsibilities
 - 4) Grand Session COA Committee – Guidelines specifically regarding expenditures.
 - 5) Website Committee – Duties and Responsibilities – Revise current Policy 16
 - 6) Historian - Duties and Responsibilities
- It was felt that the issue of recording our sessions needed to be documented either as an amendment or a policy. We already pay an Audio Company for the equipment to record our sessions and it has been agreed that upon signing a Non-Disclosure Agreement a nonmember representative of that company be allowed into our Sessions to assist with this work. We are requesting direction from the Grand Executive Committee on how this matter should be handled. See Sec. 6.1 **Tasked:** Barb M. will contact Mike O'Sullivan to go ahead.
 - It was the consensus of the GP&P Committee that the following recommendation be presented for approval at the Gr. Exec. Meeting on February 8, 2025; That the current policies be renumbered as follows;
*Policy 17 - Grand Trustees (new); *Policy 21 – Historian (new); *Policy 22 – Proceedings & Short Report (new); *Policy 23 – Grand Chapter COA Committee (new); *Policy 25 – Grand Chapter Vendors (change from 17)
 - > **MOTION:** Moved by: Barb Ward; seconded by Jennifer Gohn: Acceptance of Governance; Policies & Procedures Report as distributed. **CARRIED.**

8.5 Printing & Purchasing Report - Chair Lillian Gohn

- The new Printer needs to be added to the inventory. **Tasked:** Gr. Sec. will inform the Trustees.
- Updated Constitution: *As per Carried Motion:* Gr. Ch. Line Officers be given a printed copy of the Constitution **Tasked:** Gr. Sec. is printing the 'Constitution in house. Email was sent to Chapter Secretaries offering printed copies at \$10.00 ea.
- **Completed:** Email sent to all Chapter Secretaries with Chapter Membership list requesting verification of membership list as of August 31, 2024.
- **Completed:** Updated Acknowledgement Form for both Policies and Procedures and Code of Conduct attached to this report. Gr. Exec. and Special Committee Members to receive copies.

8.6 Chapters U.D.: Richard Arding: Nothing to Report

8.7 Appeals & Grievances: Richard Arding: Nothing to Report

8.8 Pre Registration: Chair – Barbara Thorburn: Gift Bags for the Special Guests will be picked up in the 'Lotus Room'

8.9 Registration and Credentials: Chair – Janice Parker: It was agreed that the Registration and Credentials desk will be open on the Saturday from 12 -4 pm.

8.10 Proceedings: Chair - Lillian Gohn: Completion dates for Proceedings; all outstanding and current proceedings should be completed and draft copies published before or by May 1, 2025. * **Completed:** Letter of apology to the Chapters was sent by the Gr. Sec.

- Status of Proceedings:
2019 - 2021, 95% complete – **Tasked** Lynn Alexander; 2021 - 2022, in process – **Tasked** Paul Hooper;
2022 - 2023, 25% complete – **Tasked** Jane Zimmerman; 2023 - 2024, 60% complete – **Tasked** Natalie Muir,
advised that it should be completed by May 1, 2025.
- **Ongoing:** Gr. Sec. to provide the list of those members to be included under 'In Memorium' and the Gr. Exec. Meeting Minutes are to be kept on file for each year.
- Future Proceedings could be made available on our Website instead of being printed.
- Email Addresses: *As per Carried Motion:* That every Gr. Exec. Member have dedicated Email address - in their name only.
Tasked: Gr. Exec. Members to send Email address to Sec. Gr. Exec. No one else can access Gr. Exec. business. Members are forwarding their email addresses.
- > **MOTION:** Moved by: Lillian Gohn; seconded by Barb Thorburn: Recommends the Acceptance of the Printing & Purchasing and Proceedings Report as received. **CARRIED.**

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8.11 Parliamentarian: TBA

8.12 Service Dogs: Chair – Margaret Milligan:

- Gr. Exec. Comm. approved the committee's request to hold a fundraising draw for a free ticket to the Saturday Banquet at Gr. Ch. 2025. The cost of the dinner ticket is being donated. The draw will take place at the Reception for the W.G.M./W.G.P. Tickets, \$5 each or 3 for \$10. The winner will be invited to sit at dinner with the representative of National Service Dogs organization and will be invited to present the cheque covering the remaining amount of our donation. The National Service Dogs coordinator has the Sat. Banquet and we have requested that we have a dog visit at that event, as last year. *Further ideas for raising funds, include the purchase of the new Service Dogs pins available from G.G.C.

8.13 Membership: Chair – Jennifer Gohn:

- *Gen.Gr. Ch. edition and Holiday edition - sent out. to subscribers. 85% open rate. *Jan. edition - sent out to subscribers on Jan. 20, 2025. Included Gr. Family calendar of events, a link to the Jan. 2025 OES - opportunity to provide feedback using emoji options. * Membership Email Address - regularly monitored by the Committee Chair. *New membership eligibility criteria, further information re. joining will be on Information Display Boards. * These boards and the pull up banners are available to the Ch. to borrow for various events and fundraisers through Chair of Membership. *Looking at creating a business cards to promote the order. *2025 International Plowing Match and Rural Expo in Grassie ON.- Jane Zimmerman, to confirm if the Masons will be participating and if the OES could have space in the Masonic tent. *Membership Brochures will be available at the Gr. Exec. Mtg. *110th OES Birthday - Sunday, April 27, 2025. *We have received a costing for a 8 - 10 min. video - estimate of \$400 - \$600 + HST, however there are a couple of factors that could change the price; The script will be approved by the W.G.M. The final video will be shown to the Gr. Exec. for their approval.
 - Financials: The membership committee budget is \$1,500. * To date, we have spent \$137.64 to renew our subscription with Constant Contact leaving a balance of \$1,362.36.
- **MOTION**: Moved by: Jennifer Gohn; seconded by Barb Ward: Recommends the Acceptance of the Membership Report as received. **CARRIED**

8.14 Reports from Sub Committees

1. Chapters Requiring Guidance: Chair – Barbara Thorburn: Nothing to Report
2. Elections: Chair - Paul Hooper was absent: A Gr. Guard will be needed to escort Pages to the counting room. *Stickers will be put on the 'workers' badges in order to vote.
3. Computer Resources & Website Committee: Webmaster – Dave Doherty; Brief comments from Report
 - Goals: • Ask Gr. Exec. to have a letter sent to each Comm. Ch. to review their portion of website and send updated PDF to webmaster and W.G.M. of the required changes. • Requested changes in writing • Gr. Exec. to provide guidance/assistance of when A.G.M. new year details can be included on web • When can the new Officers get added • A.G.M. to provide the new year details, list of known new Officers to the Webmaster by June so page layout could be created, but not published until approved release date. • Clarification from Gr. Exec. - when the Gr. Sec. sends documents/correspondence to Chapters for member distribution, can these be posted on the web. without approval from the W.G.M. If not, who is responsible to share these details for members to view online? • Add a link to the Gen. Gr. Ch. website – OES Journal • Proposed, someone from Constant Contact join website team • Inquire from membership what they would like to see posted, after it has been updated and share these requests with Gr. Exec. for approval.
 - The requests and acceptance of this report was deferred to the Feb. 2025 Gr. Ex. Meeting.
- **MOTION**: Moved by: Les Hills; seconded by Barb Ward: Recommends the Acceptance of the Computer Resources & Website Committee Report as received and give approval for them to proceed with their goals as necessary. **CARRIED**
- Storage Space on Google Drive: Currently we have 20 gigs of space, with 5 gigs being used for our existing files. We therefore need to increase the storage space with a newer plan for 50 gigs of space.
- **MOTION**: Moved by: Helen Delaney; seconded by Melissa Brown: That the committee be allowed to move forward with the purchase of the new Subscription of 50 gigs of space. **CARRIED**.
4. Financial Planning: Chair - Jane Ball: No Report received.
5. Newsletter Committee: Chair - Maria Doherty: No Report received.
6. Historian: Catherine Ferguson
 - Seals from subordinate Chapters.
 - As per Carried Motion: Ask Catherine Ferguson to take the Seals to a scrap dealer for disposal for cash, except for ones Barb Thorburn wants. If Catherine can't do this, the Trustees will be asked to do it. **Tasked**: Sec. Gr.

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Exec. notified Catherine. **Update:** Post Meeting – Catherine informed me (Janice Parker) that she will take the Seals to a scrap dealer for disposal for cash, other than Barb Thorburns'.

7. Masonic Relations: Chair – William Chatwell: No Report received.
8. Proficiency Testing: Chair – Susan Purdy: There is one completed, and the Renewal Certificate has been issued by the Grand Secretary. 3 written renewals received, marked and awaiting the oral portion to be completed.
9. Youth Committee: Chair – Bonnie Arnew:
 - **MOTION:** Moved by: Barb Ward; seconded by Marilyn Taylor: The Youth Committee will be asked to prepare and submit a detailed Budget. **CARRIED.** An emergent meeting will be held after receipt of their Budget.
10. Archives: Chair – Susan Maltman: Nothing New to Report.
11. Care/Hospital Visiting: Chair – Lynda Speck: Nothing to Report.
12. Expense Review: Chair – Jim Williamson: No Report was received. **Tasked:** The W.G.M. will set up a Zoom Meeting with the Committee
13. District Alignment Review: Chair – Paul Hooper was absent: * Members present from the Committee advised us that they had not been asked to contribute to the survey that went out. *Questions asked re. #2 Why would you ask if we should do away with Districts? And #6 Why would you ask if we should do away with D.D.G.M.'s? Discussion followed.
14. Master Data Base Committee: Chair – Rodney Muir was absent: We were advised that there has been no progress made to date. Discussion followed.
15. Grand Chapter Sessions, 2027: Chair – Jane Zimmerman: Recommendations have been sent to the Jurisprudence Committee. Specificities were removed in order to be more flexible when arranging program sections.
 - **MOTION:** Moved by: Melissa Brown; seconded by Dawn Forbes: To accept all Reports as received. **CARRIED.**

9.0 Unfinished Business:

- 9.1 Grand Trustees Inventory - DeMolay Flag is still missing therefore the Flag will be replaced.
- 9.2 Accident Report - From Tues., Aug. 27, 2024 Sec. 5.6 Betty Rew's fall.
 - **Completed:** David Doherty, Paul Hooper: The Hotel will not give us their Incident Report, due to Privacy laws.
- 9.3 Handouts to be distributed – Gr. Sec. - From Tues., Aug. 27, 2024 Sec. 8.1
 - **Completed:** Lillian Gohn, Gr. Sec. - correct the date on the information, on the Code of Conduct and forward all to Janice Parker. Sent.

10.0 New Business

- 10.1 **Completed:** An issue with a Grand Representative Commission and my resolution. The W.G.M. dealt with this.
- 10.2 A Fundraising event will be held for 'special seating' in the Grand Chapter Sessions. W.G.M. to sell tickets.
- 10.3 Welcome the guests on the floor of the Gr. Ch., not on the podium. W.G.M. *After a discussion it was decided that Paul Hooper will be asked to contact the Hotel for 'ramps'.

11.0 Final Remarks:

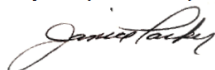
- Dawn Forbes thanked everyone for their support and well wishes.
- Jim McGregor noted that it was a great day and that we need to make committee members more accountable.
- Melissa Brown stated that we accomplished a lot. The meeting was very informative and she appreciates that.

12.0 Date of Next Meeting: SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2025

13.0 Adjournment: Moved to adjourn at 3:30 pm.

14.0 Mizpeh Benediction was given in unison.

Respectfully submitted by;



Janice Parker, G.C.C.M.
Secretary, Grand Executive Committee

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Zoom meeting 7:00 p.m. March 26, 2025

Attendees: Bernice Guiler, Rodney Muir, Barbara McGregor, Richard Arding, Dawn Forbes, Jim McGregor, Lillian Gohn, Marilyn Taylor, Melissa Brown, Debra Bechamp, Lynn Alexander, Helen Delaney, Jennifer Gohn, Paul Hooper, Margaret Milligan, Susan Purdy, Barbara Thorburn, Barbara Ward, Jane Zimmerman

Regrets: Les Hills, Marilyn Mitchell, Susan Martin, Janice Parker, Dianne Rowan, Anson Sinanan, Ken Ulch.

Meeting called to order at 7:04! An informal Agenda had been circulated prior to the meeting. A few additional items were added due to time sensitivity.

Bernice Guiler & Rod Muir welcomed everyone and again apologized for not being able to attend the Snow Storm meeting.

The Lords prayer was repeated in unison.

Barbara McGregor thanked everyone for your continued support. Richard thanked everyone for being here and looks forward to resolutions to tonight agenda.

The Recording Secretary is reporting the items in the order they were discussed as we informally agreed to deal with the quicker items first.

Bruce Condie request: for Alzheimer's to set up a link on their website for OES members to be able to donate directly online. Bruce will be able to track how much OES members donate but not who donated. **A motion was made by Barb Ward seconded by Susan Purdy to allow Alzheimer's to initiate the link, but we would like clarification on how this will be reported to the members via the 'Short report' donation totals. Carried.**

Ontario Impact Award from Kidney Foundation. OES in Ontario has received an award for our Participation in Fundraising. The foundation would like some information on OES. Ontario Impact Award - Bernice to send information to allow them to advertise our organization, like the Alzheimer's web page. **A motion was made by Dawn Forbes and seconded by Lillian Gohn to allow the Kidney Foundation to advertise OES. Carried**

Marilyn Mitchell is unable to participate in the final year of her term. Chair of Elections will be notified that there will be a one-year position to fill at Grand Chapter.

Instructions to the DDGM's and Subordinate Chapters. After a few corrections to spelling and Constitutional references the final draft was sent to the members of Grand Executive. **Moved by Paul Hooper and 2ndd by Helen Delaney & Margaret Milligan to rubber stamp these instructions. Carried.** Well done, Dawn.

Subsidy for Saturday night banquet. Thanks to a generous donation by a member and taking into consideration that the Free Room draw has money in the kitty that was initiated to also help offset the cost of the Saturday night banquet (the hotel 'gives' us a room based on obtaining our Room Night commitment) discussion ensued. All convenors will be vying for as much participation by our members as they can get, we don't want to undercut those banquets so as not to harm our food and beverage commitment. **A motion was made by Helen Delaney and Seconded by Susan Purdy that we subsidize the Saturday night banquet ticket at \$12.00 each. Carried.** This subsidy brings the price of the ticket from the \$81.96 per plate the hotel is charging to \$70. Per plate.

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Financial planning Part I- Euchrerama Day. It is an idea to raise funds for Grand Chapter and is each Districts choice to participate. The sample letter and flyer were discussed. Concerns that Districts and or Chapters will spend money on Hall rental because of the July timing. Chapters/Districts would have to pay for the food for lunch, prizes etc. for all proceeds to be turned over to Grand Chapter! Do chapters take their expenses out of what they raise and send the balance? **A motion was made by Barb Ward and seconded by Marilyn Taylor that we do not approve this idea at this time and ask the committee to re-work the concept and fine tune the parameters for next year. Carried.**

Financial Planning Part II – Sale of 1st Aid kits. The letter and order form from the Committee was discussed. The Planning committee is proposing they take orders at Grand Chapter and distribute the kits to the members throughout September and October. **A motion was made by Marilyn Taylor and seconded by Melissa Brown that we 'loan' the Financial Planning committee \$275. to purchase samples of some of the kits to be ordered at Grand Chapter. Carried.**

FNHF letter of concern sent. Barb W, Susan M, Marilyn T & Barb T will be having a zoom meeting on March 30th to discuss next steps & strategy as well as compose acknowledgement of the letter. Our lawyer is not concerned with the timeline for completion on FNHF part. The process has been started by both parties. ONCA rules and stipulations would apply if provisions haven't been previously documented.

There being no further business to be discussed, Marilyn Taylor made the Motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

Mizpeh Benediction was repeated in unison.

Submitted by Barbara Thorburn for Janice Parker.

Item of interest regarding "unofficial" educational info. There is a sheet of Instructions that has been unofficially circulated to some people that describes in detail the execution of Sign & Passes. Apparently, it was originally designed for the use of the D.D.G.M. in conjunction with the Secret work, with a note that it be returned to the Grand Secretary on completion of your term. The Worthy Grand Matron will request that all District Deputies return all copies in their respective districts to the Grand Secretary a.s.a.p.

Food for thought: Suggested by Barb Ward that Governance, Policy and Procedures look into the G.E. having a meeting in April every year.

PS: The committee will send a Thinking of you/Cheer you up card to Marilyn Mitchell. The recording secretary will also send a Get-well card to Anson and a Sympathy card to Ken & Darlene Ulich in the loss of their son-in-law. (Accomplished)

PPS: Heads up for June meeting – discussion for G.E. to produce a basket for the draw at Grand Chapter – tonight's recording secretary has already declined the honour.

Side bar: The Mystery of the gift cards from last year – CBC reported that some clever scam artists take pictures of the back of un-activated Gift cards at the stores, then go home and shop on-line until they find ones that have been activated before the actual purchaser has a chance to shop.

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ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR GRAND CHAPTER OF ONTARIO GRAND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



MINUTES

Date & Time: **SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2025 @ 10 am.** in the PARIS ROOM
Location: **Delta Hotel, 655 Dixon Road Toronto**

Members Present:			
Bernice Guiler, P.G.M.	Rodney Muir, P.G.P.	Barbara McGregor, W.G.M.,	Richard Arding, W.G.P.
Dawn Forbes, A.G.M.	Jim McGregor, A.G.P.	Lillian Gohn, Gr. Sec.	Marilyn Taylor, P.G.M.
Melissa Brown, Gr. Cond.		Debra Bechamp, Assoc. Gr. Cond.	Helen Delaney, R.W. Gr. Trustee
Paul Hooper, P.G.P.	Ken Ulch, P.G.P.	Barbara Thorburn, P.G.M.	Susan Purdy, P.G.M.
Les Hills, P.G.P.	Lynn Alexander, P.G.M.	Barb Ward, P.G.M.	Jane Zimmerman, P.G.M.
Susan Martin, G.C.C.M.	Margaret Milligan, G.C.C.M.	Dianne Rowan, G.C.C.M.	Jennifer Gohn, G.C.C.M.
Janice Parker, G.C.C.M.			
Members Absent: Marilyn Mitchell, P.G.M. : Anson Sinanan, Gr. Sentinel :			

1.0 Welcome

- Bernice Guiler, P.G.M., Chair: "I'm glad everyone could be here today. We have a lot of work to do, so let's get it done"
- Rodney Muir, P.G.P., Co-Chair: "It's great to be here and I hope we have a great day, as there is lots on the Agenda".

2.0 The Lord's Prayer was given in unison.

3.0 Remarks:

- Barbara McGregor, W.G.M.: Thank you for coming, especially when we're having such beautiful weather. Let's carry on with the business."
- Richard Arding, W.G.P.: "I appreciate everyone being here and all of your hard work".

4.0 Acceptance of Agenda:

- Add to the Agenda: **7.2. Tartan 8.4. Re Policies and Procedures 10.1 Grand Representatives**
➤ **MOTION:** Moved by: Dawn Forbes; seconded by: Jim McGregor: That the Agenda be accepted as Amended.
CARRIED.

5.0 Approval of Previous Minutes: Meeting February 8, 2025; Zoom Meeting March 26, 2025

- **MOTION:** Moved by Marilyn Taylor; seconded by Dianne Rowan: That the Minutes for the February 8, 2025 Meeting be accepted as distributed. **CARRIED.**
- **MOTION:** Moved by Dawn Forbes; seconded by Melissa Brown: That the Minutes for the Zoom Meeting, March 26, 2025 be accepted as distributed. **CARRIED.**

6.0 Business Arising from the Previous Minutes: February 8, 2025.

Note: Business arising that pertains to a 'specific' Committee, will be listed under that section.

6.1 On Track: Sec. 6.1 Audio Company: - Barb M. - NDA is all is set up for the Gr. Ch. Sessions.

6.2 On Track: Sec. 10.2: Barb M. Fundraising event is all is set up re. 'special seating' in the Gr. Ch. Sessions.

6.3 On Track: Sec. 10.3: Paul Hooper reported that 'ramps' are not suitable. Guests will be welcomed by the W.G.M. /W.G.M. from the floor of the Gr. Ch., not on the podium, if necessary.

6.4 Completed: From Zoom Meeting March 26, 2025

- **As per Carried Motion:** Barb Ward seconded by Susan Purdy to allow Alzheimer's to initiate the link, but we would like clarification on how this will be reported to the members via the 'Short report' donation totals.

- The W.G.M. reported that Bruce Condie will let Ontario Members know the donation totals.

6.5 Completed: From Zoom Meeting March 26, 2025

- OES in Ontario received the 'Ontario Impact Award' from the Kidney Foundation. Bernice sent information for them to advertise our organization and she brought the beautiful Award Trophy for us to see.

For us to see. Page 1 of 6

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- **MOTION:** Moved by Dawn Forbes; seconded by Susan Martin: That a picture be taken of the Trophy to be put on our Website, and for it to be brought to Gr. Ch. for the Members to see. **CARRIED.**

7.0 Correspondence

NEW:

- 7.1 Proposal for the Production of a Grand Chapter Digital Magazine. From Cheryl Petruk. *Received May 27, 2025*
- There was a lengthy discussion regarding the proposal. Highlights: *We already have 'Constant Contact' *Possible Revenue Stream *Incorporate it under Membership or Newsletter *Who would organize it *Run Ads
- **MOTION:** Moved by Susan Martin; seconded by Jane Zimmerman: That we defer the Proposal for the Production of a Grand Chapter Digital Magazine until the August 22, 2025 Meeting. **CARRIED.**
- 7.2 Received At the Meeting.
- A thank you card from Helen Delaney was read.
 - Bernice reiterated that Committee Reports are to be sent to the GR. Ex. Sec. 10 days prior to the set Meeting date.

Status of previous Correspondence

F.N.H.F. Bylaws - Barb Ward, Barb Thorburn, Susan Martin, Marilyn Taylor: See Sec. 8.14 A

- 7.3 Jessie Barbour, Gr. Trust., Chair: Power Point File to be forwarded to the Webmaster. David Doherty will check.
- 7.4 P.G.M. Vera Heffel's Jewel. **Completed**
- Jessie Barbour, Gr. Trustee, arranged for Vera's daughter, Linda Ziraldo to pick up the PGM's Jewel.
- 7.5 Mary Walter's Estate. **Completed**
- The WGM reported that a total of \$36,916.70 was given to Grand Chapter.
 - Thank you to Barb M. for working with the Lawyers and Executor to complete this, and for sending letter of thanks for the bequest!
- **MOTION:** Moved by Helen Delaney; seconded by Susan Martin: That we invest the money in a Term deposit as "Mary Walters Bequest Trust". **CARRIED.**

8.0 Grand Executive Committee Reports:

- 8.1 Jurisprudence: Chair - Barbara Ward: The Report received was reviewed.
- 8.2 By-Laws: Chair - Lynn Alexander: The Report received was reviewed.
- In addition: Mercer Ch. #156 is increasing their dues. Exeter Ch. #222 is changing the time of their meeting.
- **MOTION:** Moved by Marilyn Taylor; seconded by Ken Ulch: That we approve the By-Laws as presented. **CARRIED.**
- 8.3 Finance Committee: Chair - Les Hills: The Report received was discussed.
- Les thanked the Committee for all of their help.
 - In addition: Due to a full annual audit in July, can we eliminate the audit that is required under Cons. Sec. 123 (t) at the time the new Grand Secretary is elected or can we appoint 3 members to perform the audit?
- **MOTION:** Moved by Helen Delaney; seconded by Marilyn Taylor: That we have an Audit Review by 3 members from the Jurisdiction to conduct the review, as per Cons. Sec. 123 (t). **CARRIED.**
- **MOTION:** Moved by Susan Martin; seconded by Barb Ward: That we appoint Les Hills, Helen Delaney and Debra Beauchamp to conduct the Audit Review. **CARRIED.**
- Salary & Allowance Report from Bernice Guiler; Bernice asked for that this be reviewed again as it was a request of the late Jim Williamson, P.G.P.
 - At the Finance Meeting, Helen Delaney/Marilyn Taylor made the following MOTION: Due to the rising costs of printing that a shorter version of the Short Report be produced for August 2025, as per the recommendations made by Helen Delaney to Grand Executive at the February 2025 meeting. (place as in the minutes) **CARRIED.**
 - It was noted that the Gr. Sec. is required to complete the Short Report, as per Cons. Sec. 123 (h).
- **MOTION:** by Les Hills; seconded by Dawn Forbes: That the interest earned by "Mary Walters Bequest Trust", be deposited into the Grand Chapter General Fund, as she had requested in her Will. **CARRIED.**
- The 2027 Hotel Contract with the Delta Hotel and Conference Centre: the date changes are still in progress. Discussion. Once confirmed, they will need to be approved at the upcoming 2025 Grand Chapter Session and be re-negotiated immediately.

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- Chapters have requested: 204 Lrg. Pr. Rituals, 49 Ex. Lrg. Print Rituals.
 - Helen D. reported that the Stickers are available. It was decided to charge \$5 U.S. for 3 Stickers. The Gr. Sec. will order the Rituals and she will advise the Chapters of the availability & cost of the Stickers.
 - **MOTION:** by Melissa Brown; seconded by Debra Bechamp: That the Gr. Sec. purchase Stickers for the Gr. Ch. Officers and D.D.G.M.'s Rituals. **CARRIED.**
 - **MOTION:** by Marilyn Taylor; seconded by Susan Martin: That the Gr. Sec. purchase 250 (sets of 3) Stickers for the large print Rituals. **CARRIED.**
- Directories will only be available to Chapters if they are pre-ordered and paid for by July 1st.
As per Carried Motion: The Gr. Sec. will send a letter to advise the Chapters of the requirement to pre-order and pay for the Directories. **Completed**
- Charitable Donations: Lillian Gohn, Gr. Sec. sent a letter to the Chapters regarding the government initiative to extend the date of Charitable donations. **Completed**
- 8.3A Treasurers Report:** Marilyn Taylor: The Budget received was discussed.
 - Budget Included: *the cost to move the Grand Secretaries Office; *the cost to supply updated Rituals for D.D.G.M.'s and Gr. Ch. Line Officers. *The number required will be reduced due to the availability to the stickers. *Change Line 5190 Audit on Budget page to \$5,000, not the \$10,000 as noted.
 - Marilyn Taylor was thanked for donating a computer for the Gr. Treas.
 - **MOTION:** by Marilyn Taylor; seconded by Helen Delaney: The Budget is accepted as amended. **CARRIED.**
- 8.4 Governance; Policies & Procedures:** Chair – Susan Martin: The Report received was discussed.
 - The following draft policies listed in the Report are being presented for approval by the Gr. Ex. Comm;
 - Policy 17 - Grand Trustees, Policy 21 - Historian, and Policy 23 - Committee on Arrangements. Policy 23, are guidelines and the allotted funds are to be used and only if necessary.
 - **MOTION:** by Susan Martin; seconded by Barb Ward: That Policies 17, 21 & 23 be accepted as amended. **CARRIED.**
 - We discussed the possibility of holding an additional Gr. Ex. meeting in April, 2026.
- 8.5 Printing & Purchasing Report** - Chair Lillian Gohn. The Report received was discussed.
 - **Completed:** Gr. Sec. informed the Trustees to add new Printer to the inventory.
 - **On Track:** Updated Constitution: **As per Carried Motion:** Gr. Ch. Line Officers be given a printed copy of the Constitution. **Tasked:** Gr. Sec. is printing the 'Constitution in house'. Email was sent to Chapter Secretaries offering printed copies at \$10.00 ea.
 - Model no. of Printer – printing is slow. **Update:** Not settled
- 8.6 Chapters U.D.:** Richard Arding: A Chapter is possibly being organized in Parry Sound.
- 8.7 Appeals & Grievances:** Richard Arding: Nothing to Report
- 8.8 Pre Registration:** Chair – Barbara Thorburn: Discussed.
- 8.9 Registration and Credentials:** Chair – Janice Parker: Nothing to Report
- 8.10 Proceedings:** Chair - Lillian Gohn: The Report received was discussed.
 - Status of Proceedings, as per the Gr. Sec. Report:
 - 2019 - 2021, Tasked - Lynn Alexander Completed.
 - 2021 - 2022, in process. **Tasked** - Paul Hooper. 2022 - 2023, in process. **Tasked** - Jane Zimmerman.
 - 2023 - 2024, **Tasked** - Natalie Muir finished compiling the Proceedings. The Gr. Sec. now needs to review it.
- 8.11 Parliamentarian:** Karen Ewart, was appointed as the Parliamentarian for the 2025 Gr. Ch. session. **Completed**
- 8.12 Service Dogs:** Chair – Margaret Milligan: The Report received was reviewed.
 - Highlights: *'Dinner With a Dawg' Ticket Draw. The winning ticket will be drawn on June 28, 2025 at the W.G.M./W.G.P. Reception. *At our Gr. Ch. Sessions we will have a sales table with many dog-related items for sale, as well as daily draws for several very worthwhile prizes.
- 8.13 Membership:** Chair – Jennifer Gohn: The Report received was discussed.
 - Highlights: * Membership . . . Matters! Currently, 224 subscribers including Chapter Secretaries.
*The Membership Workshop planned for Saturday, August 23, 2025 in the Mississauga ABC rooms.
*Information Cards; the final draft version of the business card was reviewed. The committee is requesting approval from the Gr. Ex. Comm. for the wording on the fold over business cards. Jennifer requested input from the Gr. Ex. re. wording. Send suggestions to her for a Poll to be taken.
 - We received three quotes for printing and the committee has chosen Print Fusion as the printer from

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Kingston, Ontario. The cost for 500 cards including setup is \$210.05 plus taxes. The Membership Committee has available funds to cover this cost.

- * Membership Brochures: updated due to changes in membership eligibility; Brochures - Follow the Star, About Our Order and Learn, Grow and Impact our World brochures will be condensed into one & we will utilize a QR code to access our website directly. * The membership comm. produced their own professional video to be used to promote OES in Ontario; We received a quote for \$400 - \$600 for a short video of up to 5 minutes utilizing members to share what the OES means to them and the good works of the Order; Gathered pictures used in the video as well showed various activities of OES. The Gr. Ex viewed the video, which was awesome. The Membership Committee was thanked for doing it.

➤ **MOTION:** by Each Committee Chair; seconded by Susan Purdy: That all Reports be accepted. **CARRIED.**

8.14 Reports from Sub Committees

A. F.N.H.F. Sub Committee.

- NEW: The Committee was directed by the Chair of Gr. Ex., Bernice Guiler, to have a meeting at the request of FNHF. The meeting was arranged for Sat. June 21, 2025. It was noted that the Committee advised the President, Bruce Condie that only By-law #6 will be dealt with. *The Sub-Committee stressed that the Gr. Ex. needs to respond and deal with the questions sent by the F.N.H.F. on Jan. 14, 2025 regarding our letter 'Response to the Grand Executive Letter Dated, December 7, 2024'. **Tasked** - Bernice Guiler will respond to the questions in the letter. A Zoom meeting may be held.
- We were made aware that confidential/misinformation had been shared with outside parties.
 - It was reiterated, yet once again; **do not** discuss Gr. Ex. business/conversations outside of our Meeting with anyone, including spouses, partners, friends etc. Information leaked, may be misconstrued and could cause additional complications.
- 1. Chapters Requiring Guidance: Chair - Barbara Thorburn:
 - It was reported that 1 Chapter visit had taken place and 2 Chapters are considering their options.
- 2. Elections: Chair - Paul Hooper: The Report received was reviewed.
 - A request was sent to the Chapters for volunteers to be scrutineers at the Elections, which will be held in a room outside of the Grand Chapter room. As of this writing, we have 22 scrutineers and 2 tabulators.
 - Regarding the Unofficial Election Nomination post: under 'Grand Executive', the statement "and 1 only to be elected for 1 yr. removed, as a resignation letter has not been received to date. **Tasked** - Janice Parker. **Completed** - Post meeting - Janice Parker removed the statement.
- 3. Computer Resources & Website Committee: Webmaster - David Doherty: The Report received was reviewed.
 - **Completed:** David paid for the domain; the bills will be sent to the Gr. Treas. ASAP; The sale price noted for the disk space was not no longer available, however, he did get 100 gig of storage for 1 year at \$25.98, website for the next 3 years as well as updating our drive space for 1 year, which is a cheaper plan than previously requested.
- 4. Financial Planning: Chair - Jane Ball: The Report received was reviewed.
 - Sale of First Aid kits. *As per Carried Motion:* by Marilyn Taylor and seconded by Melissa Brown that we 'loan' the Financial Planning committee \$275, to purchase samples of some of the kits to be ordered at Grand Chapter. **Update:** Sample emergency kits have been purchased.
- 5. Newsletter Committee: Chair - Maria Doherty: The Report received was reviewed.
 - The first edition will be ready by the end of June, and will be put on the Grand Chapter website. *The second edition of the OES Newsletter will be ready by Grand Chapter and it will be a hard copy.
- 6. Historian: Catherine Ferguson: The Report received.
- 7. Masonic Relations: Chair - William Chatwell:
 - Barb McGregor reported that the Grand Lodge has made a deal with some Casino Hotels for Masonic organizations.
 - *Contact Don Campbell (not sure if this would be available to us) (not to advertise)
 - IN THE WORKS *Masonic Chip Program - hoping to rebrand. Perhaps partnership with the OPP, RCMP to take nationwide - all share the fee. * Ploughing Match - September 16 -20 - Hamilton area, 'Grassie' Area, ON (north of Stoney Creek. *Social media - to have a collective message - Suggestion - Joint Committee on this venture- 2 reps from each concordant body. *Grandview Technology - developed/run by Masons; looking at

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using for dispensations, track dual memberships, out of province members, education system and as a prospect system

*Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 30th at 10:30 am. – Dawn Forbes and your Masonic Relations Committee Chair + 1st meeting the immediate PGM would attend to introduce

8. Proficiency Testing: Chair – Susan Purdy: Nothing to Report
9. Youth Committee: Chair – Bonnie Arnew: The Report received was discussed.
 - **As per Carried Motion:** The Youth Committee will be asked to prepare and submit a detailed Budget. An emergent meeting will be held after receipt of their Budget. **Update:** The Gr. Ex. Sec. sent 2 emails to Bonnie Arnew requesting the detailed Budget. Bonnie's email response was that the Youth Committee has had no expenses to date this year.
 - Annual Dragon Boat Festival; the registration fee had increased this year. The Youth Committee will be given \$1500 from the Grand Chapter Youth account to help cover the cost of the Registration Fee. The Festival is in Stratford on Saturday September 13th this year.
 - Pizza Party at the Gr. Ch. Session on the Sunday afternoon: Bonnie Arnew will be advised that the Pizzas must be ordered through the Hotel and submit the Receipt to the Gr. Sec. for reimbursement.
10. Archives: Chair – Susan Maltman: Nothing new to Report
11. Care/Hospital Visiting: Chair – Lynda Speck: Received on May 19, 2025 - Nothing to Report.
12. Expense Review: Chair - Jim Williamson: **Tasked:** The W.G.M. will set up a Zoom Meeting with the Committee
13. District Alignment Review: Chair – Paul Hooper: The Report received was reviewed.
 - The Committee submitted 2 proposed amendments for the consideration of the membership. The first one was to allow Chapters to drape the Altar for the passing of a Past Grand Matron or Past Grand Patron at a meeting date of their choosing, and the second one was to allow the Worthy Grand Matron to appoint a brother to fill the Office of District Deputy Grand Matron, only after the District could not elect a Sister and the WGM was unable to appoint a Sister to fill the role.
14. Master Data Base Committee: Chair – Rodney Muir: The Report received was reviewed.
 - Thanks to the information provided to us from the Gr. Sec. and other sources, we have pieced together a database as a whole and by Chapter. *found that there are many gaps and inconsistencies in the information. Therefore, Ch. Sec. were asked to send a membership list with contact information, which will allow us to properly cross reference our information in filling in the blanks and removing duplications. *Once this step is completed, we will then have the Ch. Sec. verify their Chapter's information we have on file. *From there, the committee will begin to assign membership numbers to each member. These numbers will not be repeated or redistributed; they will be unique to each member in the organization.
15. Grand Chapter Sessions, 2027: Chair – Jane Zimmerman: Recommendations sent to the Jurisprudence Committee. Specificities were removed in order to be more flexible when arranging program sections. **Update:** Several Amendments were put in.

9.0 Unfinished Business:

- 9.1 Status of the Flag Protocol Guidelines: on April, 2024, Robert South spoke with Janice Parker.
 - *Copied from the November 4, 2023 Meeting. Sec. 7.1:* Letter from Robert South – Emailed September 4, 2023: Guidelines for Grand Marshal.
 - **MOTION:** Moved by Helen Delaney; seconded Paul Hooper: Write a letter of thanks and note that under the Constitution, Section 245D it does address "if honouring a Flag from another country". **CARRIED.**
 - Tasked:** Secretary, Gr. Ex. will send a letter to Robert South.

10.0 New Business

- 10.1 Grand Representatives Appointments and length of their terms.
 - It was noted that the expiry date for the Grand Representatives commission, is printed on every certificate.
 - Suggestion - the Gr. Sec. to record the expiry date for the Grand Representatives Commissions and inform the W.G.M. as soon as the Certificate is received.
- 10.2 Tartan Material.
 - It was reported that the gentleman who made our Tartans material had passed away. *Another source has been found. The price for the material would be \$90.00/m. + shipping and handling.

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- **MOTION:** Moved by Dawn Forbes; seconded by Barb McGregor: That we include a Flyer in the Secretary's packages to ascertain the number of members who would like to purchase tartan material. **CARRIED.**

10.3 Proceedings

- Rod Muir stated that Natalie Muir has created a Template to do the Proceedings.
- **Tasked:** Rod will send the template to the Gr. Ex. Sec. for distribution.

11.0 Final Remarks:

- Barb McGregor thanked everyone for a productive meeting and for participating in a professional manner.
- Richard Arding also thanked everyone.
- Dawn Forbes thanked everyone and noted that a lot was accomplished in a professional manner.
- Jim McGregor stated that we should be proud of ourselves.
- Melissa Brown also stated that we accomplished a lot and did a great job. She also wished our F.N.H.F. Sub-Committee good luck with their upcoming meeting.
- Debra Bechamp said it was a busy and productive day.

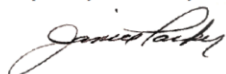
12.0 Date of Next Meeting: Friday, August 22, 2025 at 4:00 pm.

- Bernice Guiler reminded everyone that no new business should be introduced.

13.0 Adjournment: 6:11pm.

14.0 Mizpeh Benediction was given in unison.

Respectfully submitted by;



Janice Parker, G.C.C.M.
Secretary, Grand Executive Committee

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ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR GRAND CHAPTER OF ONTARIO GRAND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Date & Time: Thursday, July 24, 2025 @ 7:02 pm

Location: Zoom Meeting

Members Present:			
Bernice Guiler, P.G.M.	Rodney Muir, P.G.P.	Barbara McGregor, W.G.M.,	Richard Arding, W.G.P.
Dawn Forbes, A.G.M.	Jim McGregor, A.G.P.	Lillian Gohn, Gr. Sec.	Marilyn Taylor, P.G.M.
Melissa Brown, Gr. Cond.	Debra Bechamp, Assoc. Gr. Cond.	Helen Delaney, R.W. Gr. Trustee	Anson Sinanan, Gr. Sentinel
Paul Hooper, P.G.P.	Ken Ulch, P.G.P.	Barbara Thorburn, P.G.M.	Susan Purdy, P.G.M.
Susan Martin, G.C.C.M.	Lynn Alexander, P.G.M.	Barb Ward, P.G.M.	
Jennifer Gohn, G.C.C.M.	Margaret Milligan, G.C.C.M.	Dianne Rowan, G.C.C.M.	
Members Absent: Marilyn Mitchell, P.G.M.: Les Hills, P.G.P.: Janice Parker, G.C.C.M.: Jane Zimmerman, P.G.M			

1.0 Welcome:

Bernice Guiler, P.G.M., Chair: Welcomed everyone. As more things came up, they wanted to get it dealt with before Grand Chapter.

Rodney Muir, P.G.P., Co-Chair: Welcome and wanted to take care of business before Grand Chapter.

2.0 The Lord's Prayer was given in unison.

3.0 Remarks:

Barbara McGregor, W.G.M.

Richard Arding, W.G.P.

4.0 Acceptance of Agenda:

Remove: 5.6 since it was a duplicate of 5.2

Add 6.2: Website costs.

♦ **Motion:** Moved by Barb Thorburn; seconded by Marilyn Taylor to accept the amended agenda.

Carried

5.0 Unfinished Business

5.1 Distribution of Proceedings:

Many questions came forward regarding distribution of complimentary copies to Grand Executive Members and Grand Chapter Officers. There was an amendment rationale presented in 2017 to amend the distribution list that was to go into effect in 2018. With the backlog in completion of Proceedings, it has not come forward until now. There was nothing added to the Constitution or Policies and Procedures reflecting any change. Being part of the rationale and not an amendment, any change to the traditional distribution was not approved.

If we are not sharing printed copies to the specific members as previously done, we need to communicate this to those members affected and clarify to the membership in general. Also, the additional copies for everyone over the years was not accounted for in the current budget.

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Constitution Section 108 – Annual Proceedings states – “Any Chapter or Member of the Order may purchase a copy or copies of the Annual Proceedings at a cost to be determined by the Printing and Purchasing Committee and all orders shall be sent to the Office of the Grand Secretary not later than sixty days after the close of the Annual Session.”

To continue the complimentary copies would add approximately another \$2000 to the budget. It was stated that we need to continue to reduce costs as much as possible, however the change in distribution should not be retroactive and there is a need to make any change known to the membership going forward.

MOTION: Moved by Helen Delaney, seconded by Marilyn Taylor that we do not provide complimentary copies for the Grand Chapter Officers and Grand Executive Committee members with the exception of copies to the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and the Grand Secretary's Office for the 5 years – 2019-2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025.

Further discussion ensued and some were not in agreement since it was not previously communicated to membership of any change in distribution.

AMENDMENT TO MOTION: Moved by Helen Delaney, seconded by Marilyn Taylor that we do not provide complimentary copies for the Grand Executive members with the exception of the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Secretary Office and the appointed Grand Chapter Officers for the years 2019-2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025.

To eliminate any confusion, the Amendment to the Motion and the Original Motion was rescinded by Helen Delaney and in agreement the seconder, Marilyn Taylor.

MOTION: Moved by Helen Delaney, seconded by Marilyn Taylor that complimentary copies of proceedings will be provided to the nine(9) appointed Grand Chapter Officers, the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and the Grand Secretary Office for each of their respective years from 2019 through to 2024 inclusive. No complimentary copies to the Grand Executive Committee Members. CARRIED.

MOTION: Moved by Marilyn Taylor, seconded by Helen Delaney regarding the 2024-2025 Proceedings, only copies for the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and the office of the Grand Secretary will be complimentary. CARRIED.

5.2 Proceedings Template & Speakers Listing Forms:

MOTION: Moved by Susan Martin, seconded by Paul Hooper that we accept and approve the Proceedings Template and Speakers Listing Forms and that a letter of appreciation be sent to Natalie Muir for her efforts and a great job! CARRIED.

ACTION: Letter of Appreciation sent to Natalie Muir on behalf of the Grand Executive Committee.

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5.3 Chapter Order Form and Recreation of Demit Form:

Grand Executive had not seen these forms previously. The form the Grand Secretary uses did not have Worthy Matron's signature spacing and was brought to the Grand Secretary's attention.

MOTION: Moved by Marilyn Taylor, seconded by Barbara Ward that we continue to use the original ½ page form and any further changes needed will be reviewed at the Grand Executive November 2025 meeting. CARRIED.

ACTION: Copy of the original demit form to be circulated to the Grand Executive Committee Members for review.

It was noted that the Worthy Grand Matron is responsible that updated forms are current on the website.

5.4 Financial Planning – Euchre-Rama Fundraiser:

MOTION: Moved by Dawn Forbes, seconded by Jim McGregor, that the proposed flyers be accepted by Grand Executive. CARRIED.

Noted – need to change to current dates on flyers when used.

5.5 F.N.H.F. Update:

Letter shared that was sent to Bruce Condie, President and the F.N.H.F. Committee members. This was for our committee's information only.

The F.N.H.F. will hold their Annual Meeting at the upcoming Grand Chapter Session.

Barbara Thorburn updated Grand Executive at the meeting with the members of the Special Committee and F.N.H.F. We were happy with the incredibly positive outcome. Feel that positive inroads have been made with this joint effort. The proposed updated By-law No. 6 has been approved by the Special Committee, and the proposed By-law was shared with the Secretaries of the Subordinate Chapters for further distribution to the membership for review prior to voting at the Annual Meeting.

Bernice Guiler, Chair extended thanks on behalf of the Grand Executive Committee to the ladies on the Special Committee for their work and efforts.

5.6 Membership Tent Card:

MOTION: Moved by Marilyn Taylor, seconded by Susan Purdy that the Membership Tent Card be approved enabling the Membership Committee to have the Cards printed and available for distribution at the upcoming Grand Chapter Session. CARRIED

5.7 Membership Tent Card

◇ **Motion:** Moved by Marilyn Taylor, seconded by Susan Purdy to allow the Membership Committee to print the proposed membership tent cards.

◇ CARRIED

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6.0 New Business

6.1 Estate of Jessie Dundas, Suk Law Letter:

Reviewed request letter to facilitate further administration of the estate bequeath designating the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star as the sole beneficiary. With no acting estate trustee, the lawyer who has done the groundwork and is familiar with the estate is requesting the Grand Chapters' consent/direction on proceeding with the probate and distribution of funds.

MOTION: Moved by Helen Delaney, seconded by Melissa Brown that Barb McGregor reply to the letter to the Suk Law firm; potentially inquiring as to what legal fee costs could be allocated to Grand Chapter and if any info is needed from us for them to proceed. CARRIED.

6.2 Website Renewal:

It was proposed that Wix should be contacted regarding the recent communication received regarding the increase of our plan going from \$401.15 to \$757.46 USD taking effect on August 22nd, 2025. Suggested that the Web Master should not be responsible for payment on their personal credit card. Current renewal plan is for 2 years. Possibly explore pricing for different plan renewal, monthly or one year. Due to the short timeline, going forward could be beneficial to investigate alternate database plans e.g., Google, Go Daddy, or other potential plan providers. Timely decisions must be made as we cannot lose our website.

MOTION: Moved by Barb Thorburn, seconded by Debra Bechamp that Rodney Muir investigate the possibility of Google offering non-profits free hosting. CARRIED.

ACTION: Rodney Muir to investigate alternative hosting providers and costing.

MOTION: Moved by Susan Martin, seconded by Dianne Rowan that David Doherty, the Webmaster, reach out to Wix regarding the recent communication and price increase, giving him authority to renew for one year since time is limited, or two years if necessary, purchasing the best plan for our money. CARRIED.

ACTION: David Doherty to contact Marilyn Taylor for credit card information to cover the WIX plan purchase.

OTHER DISCUSSION:

Needed to get the proceedings on the website ASAP so they can be reviewed in preparation for approval at the upcoming Grand Chapter Session. There are 3 proceedings ready. Debra Bechamp to coordinate with Lillian Gohn to acquire the pdf file USB sticks of Proceedings to upload to the website. Debra should add a caveat sharing that these Proceedings are proposed in draft form on the website prior to approval at the Grand Chapter Session.

Marilyn Taylor will need to add \$2000 to the financial budget to cover the Proceedings.

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MOTION: Moved by Marilyn Taylor, seconded by Helen Delaney that \$2000 will need to be added to the Budget to cover the cost of the complimentary Proceedings. CARRIED.

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Formal order forms for Proceedings will need to be recirculated to the membership. Past Grand Matrons will check with their Grand Chapter Officers to see if they would like a printed copy or USB stick of their respective year's Proceedings.

7.0 Date of Next Meeting: Date of Next Meeting: Friday, August 22, 2025, at 4:00 pm.

8.0 Adjournment: 8:54 pm

9.0 Mizpeh Benediction was given in unison.

Respectfully submitted by:

**Debra Bechamp
Associate Grand Conductress**

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ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR GRAND CHAPTER OF ONTARIO GRAND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



MINUTES from FRIDAY, AUGUST 22, 2025

Location: Delta Hotel, 655 Dixon Road Toronto

Directors Present:			
Bernice Guiler, P.G.M., Chair	Rodney Muir, P.G.P., Co-Chair	Barbara McGregor, W.G.M.,	Richard Arding, W.G.P.
Dawn Forbes, A.G.M.	Jim McGregor, A.G.P.	Lillian Gohn, Gr. Sec.	Marilyn Taylor, Gr. Treas.
Melissa Brown, Gr. Cond.	Debra Bechamp, A.G.C.	Anson Sinanan, Gr. Sentinel	Helen Delaney, R.W. Gr. Trustee
Marilyn Mitchell, P.G.M.	Paul Hooper, P.G.P.	Barbara Thorburn, P.G.M.	Ken Ulch, P.G.P.
Susan Purdy, P.G.M.	Les Hills, P.G.P.	Lynn Alexander, P.G.M.	Barb Ward, G.G.C.C.M.
Jane Zimmerman, P.G.M.	Susan Martin, G.C.C.M.	Margaret Milligan, G.C.C.M.	Dianne Rowan, G.C.C.M.
Jennifer Gohn, G.C.C.M.	Janice Parker, G.C.C.M.		
Members Absent			

1.0 Welcome

- Bernice Guiler, P.G.M., Chair: Bernice welcomed everyone and voiced her wish to have a productive meeting and stated that it was good to see Marilyn Mitchell in attendance.
- Rodney Muir, P.G.P., Co-Chair: Rodney also welcomed everyone.

2.0 The Lord's Prayer was given in unison.

3.0 Remarks:

- Barbara McGregor, W.G.M.: Barb welcomed us and thanked everyone for sharing thoughts and for being supportive throughout the year
- Richard Arding, W.G.P.: Richard expressed his thanks and appreciation for the help and stated he enjoyed working with each of us.

4.0 Acceptance of Agenda:

- Add to the Agenda: 10.3 Proficiency
- MOTION:** Moved by Dianne Rowan; seconded by Jim McGregor: That the Agenda be accepted as Amended.
CARRIED.

5.0 Approval of Previous Minutes: Meeting June 14, 2025; ZOOM Meeting July 24, 2025.

- MOTION:** Moved by Barbara Thorburn; seconded by Lynn Alexander: That the Meetings from June 14, 2025 and the ZOOM, July 24, 2025 be accepted with the corrected dates. **CARRIED.**

6.0 Business Arising from the Previous Minutes: June 14, 2025 and July 24, 2025.

Note: Business arising that pertains to a 'specific' Committee, will be listed under that section.

- Completed:** Audio Company: From June 14, 2025 Barb McGregor – NDA. **Update:** It has been signed and is on file with the Gr. Sec.
- Completed:** Fundraising event - 'special seating' in the Gr. Ch. Sessions. From Feb. 8, 2025.
Barb McGregor **Update:** P.G.M.'s and P.G.P.'s will serve as the Pages.
- Completed:** Digital Magazine Proposal for Grand Chapter Cheryl Petruk. From June 14, 2025.
MOTION: Moved by Marilyn Taylor; seconded by Lynn Alexander: That Janice Parker send a letter to Cheryl thanking her for her ideas and explain that we plan on keeping it in house with our newsletter and Constant Contact initiative for now. **CARRIED.**
- Ongoing:** Tartan Material. From June 14, 2025
It was reported that the gentleman who made our Tartans material had passed away. *Another source has been found. The price for the material would be \$90.00/m. + shipping and handling.
- As per Carried Motion: Dawn Forbes/Barb McGregor: A Flyer to be included in the Secretary's packages to ascertain the number of members who would like to purchase tartan material.
ACTION: Dawn will send out a letter to the Chapters in October with the Tartan information.
- An additional Gr. Ex. meeting will be held in April, 2026. Date TBA.

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7.0 Correspondence

- None received.

8.0 Grand Executive Committee Reports:

- * NOTE: All Committee Chairs and Sub Committee Chairs were required to submit their Year End Report to the Gr. Sec. to be included in the Short Report.

8.1 Jurisprudence: Chair – Barbara Ward: Report Received.

- Amendments were circulated.
- It was noted that a Candidate's Nomination Form to stand for Grand Sentinel, was received after the closing date. No other Nominations for that Office had been received, therefore Nominations for Grand Sentinel will be open to the floor until 10:00 a.m. on Monday, August 25, 2025.

8.2 By-Laws: Chair – Lynn Alexander: Report Received.

- Lynn noted the error on Page 24 of the Short Report. Elliot Lake Chapter #324 initiated 1 Candidate on August 7, 2025, not 2 as printed. Lynn stated that she had advised a Chapter that their Bylaw changes were submitted late and therefore will be dealt with in the new year. Lynn thanked those on the Committee.

8.3 Finance Committee: Chair – Les Hills: Report Received.

- **As per Carried Motion:** Susan Martin/Barb Ward: Les Hills, Helen Delaney and Debra Beauchamp appointed to conduct the Audit Review. **Update:** The Audit Review will be done in the new year.
- The 2027 Hotel Contract with the Delta Hotel and Conference Centre:
 - Melissa Brown, Associate Grand Conductress, stated that the tentative dates for Grand Chapter in her year, 2026-2027 will be August 19 to August 25, 2027. Once confirmed, they will need to be approved at this Grand Chapter Session and be re-negotiated immediately. **Post Meeting:** The proposed dates of August 19 to August 25, 2027 were approved by the membership.
- Les thanked those on the Committee.

8.3A Treasurers Report: Marilyn Taylor: Report Received.

- The Budget was reviewed.
- The Finance discussion will take place on the floor at Grand Chapter.
- There was a discussion on whether or not to get a land line for the Grand Secretary
 - **MOTION:** Moved by Susan Martin; seconded by Janice Parker: That we subscribe to VOIP (Voice Over Internet Protocol) and budget \$860 for the Telephone and Internet Service. **CARRIED.**
- Marilyn will complete an analysis of the Banking Charges, for the November 2025 meeting.
 - **MOTION:** Moved by Helen Delaney; seconded by Barb Ward: That Marilyn Taylor, Gr. Treas. forward outstanding cheques to the Kidney Foundation. **CARRIED.**
 - * Note: Monies donated to the W.G.M./W.G.P. Charity is credited to their year up until the 30th of June, the following year. (22 months). Donations received after that date will still be forwarded to the chosen Charity.
 - **MOTION:** Moved by Barb Ward; seconded by Paul Hooper: That all references to the Constitution be removed from the Chapter Order Form and the Amendment Leaflet. **CARRIED.**
 - **MOTION:** Moved by Barb Ward; seconded by Marilyn Taylor: That I we approve the new Chapter Order Form **CARRIED.**
- Debra Beauchamp offered to have the Constitution printed and spiral bound by her Printer. This will be discussed at the November 2025 Meeting.
 - Moved to adopt the revised Budget.

8.4 Governance: Policies & Procedures: Chair – Susan Martin: Report Received.

- Moved by Susan Martin to accept the Governance; Policies & Procedures Report.
- Susan noted that based on the changes in the new Policies & Procedures Manual approved by the Gr. Ex., the August 2025 copy needs to have the word 'Draft' removed.
 - **MOTION:** Moved by Susan Martin; seconded by Barb Ward: That Susan will forward the new P & P Manual to all of the Gr. Ex. and the email will include a 'read receipt'. **CARRIED.**

8.5 Printing & Purchasing Report - Chair Lillian Gohn: Report Received.

- **MOTION:** Moved by Marilyn Taylor; seconded by Melissa Brown: That the remaining Stickers available to update the Rituals, be offered first to those Chapters who have already submitted their Order for New Rituals. **CARRIED.**

8.6 Chapters U.D.: Richard Arding:

8.7 Appeals & Grievances: Richard Arding:

8.8 Pre Registration: Chair – Barbara Thorburn: Verbal Report given.

- Barb reported a total of 345 Ontario members and 64 Out of Jurisdiction members have pre registered to date.

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- 8.9 Registration and Credentials: Chair – Janice Parker: No Report available, until Registration and Credentials close on Tuesday night.
- 8.10 Proceedings: Chair - Lillian Gohn: The Report received was discussed.
- **Completed**: The Proceedings for the following years: 2021 – 2022; 2022 – 2023; 2023 – 2024.
 - OTHER DISCUSSION: From ZOOM Mtg. June 14, 2025
 - **Completed**: Debra Bechamp acquired the pdf file USB sticks of Proceedings from Lillian Gohn and uploaded all of the Proceedings to the website. Debra added a caveat sharing that these Proceedings are proposed in draft form on the website prior to approval at the Grand Chapter Session.
- 8.11 Parliamentarian: Karen Ewart.
- 8.12 Service Dogs: Chair – Margaret Milligan: Report Received.
- Margaret stated that there was nothing more to add.
- 8.13 Membership: Chair – Jennifer Gohn: Report Received.
- Membership Tent Cards have been printed and are available to the Membership.
 - Post Grand Chapter, Jennifer Gohn and Jane Zimmerman will continue to work on 'Membership Matters'
 - Ploughing Match: Sept. 15th, until the 20th. Location: West Niagara Agricultural Fairgrounds, Grassie Ont.
 - **MOTION**: Moved by the various Committee Chairs; seconded by Melissa Brown: That all Reports be accepted.
- CARRIED.**
- 8.14 Reports from Sub Committees
- A. F.N.H.F. Sub Committee.
- The F.N.H.F. will hold their Annual Meeting at the upcoming Grand Chapter Session.
1. Chapters Requiring Guidance: Chair – Barbara Thorburn: Nothing to Report
2. Elections: Chair - Paul Hooper: Report Received.
- Due to the ONCA regulations, there have been changes made to the way the Elections are conducted for positions on the Gr. Ex. Committee and the Gr. Sec. Both positions will likely require at least 2 ballots. All Candidates standing for those 2 offices have been advised of the changes.
3. Computer Resources & Website Committee: Webmaster – David Doherty: Report Received.
- Post Meeting: David has recently sent the receipts to the Gr. Treas in order to be paid for the domain he purchased for Gr. Ch.
 - Website Renewal: From Zoom Mtg, July 24, 2025:
 - **As per Carried Motion**: Barb Thorburn/Debra Bechamp that Rodney Muir investigate the possibility of Google offering non-profits free hosting. **ACTION**: Rodney Muir to investigate alternative hosting providers and costing.
 - **As per Carried Motion**: Susan Martin/Dianne Rowan that David Doherty, the Webmaster, reach out to WIX regarding the recent communication and price increase, giving him authority to renew for one year since time is limited, or two years if necessary, purchasing the best plan for our money. **ACTION**: David Doherty to contact Marilyn Taylor for credit card information to cover the WIX plan purchase.
4. Financial Planning: Chair - Jane Ball:
- Euchre-Rama Fundraiser: From ZOOM Mtg. June 14, 2025.
 - The Flyers are now being distributed.
5. Newsletter Committee: Chair - Maria Doherty:
6. Historian: Catherine Ferguson:
7. Masonic Relations: Chair – William Chatwell:
8. Proficiency Testing: Chair – Susan Purdy:
- ***Correction to the Meeting held on June 2025**: Susan Purdy did submit a Report stating "There have been 15 completed proficiency tests at this point. A few still in process; 5 awaiting oral results and 2 to complete the written portion."
 - Aug. 13, 2025 Proficiency Report: There have been a total of 24 tests successfully completed for the year.
9. Youth Committee: Chair – Bonnie Arnew:
- Annual Dragon Boat Festival: The Youth Committee was given \$1500 from the Grand Chapter Youth account to help cover the cost of the Registration Fee. **Update**: Unfortunately, there were not enough participants, therefore the cheque will be returned to the Gr. Ch. Treas.
 - Pizza Party at the Gr. Ch. Session on the Sunday afternoon: Bonnie Arnew will be advised that the Pizzas must be ordered through the Hotel and submit the Receipt to the Gr. Sec. for reimbursement. *Outstanding to date.*
10. Archives: Chair – Susan Maltman: Report Received. All information will be given to the incoming COA Chair.
11. Care/Hospital Visiting: Chair – Lynda Speck:
12. Expense Review: Chair –
13. District Alignment Review: Chair – Paul Hooper:

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14. Master Data Base Committee: Chair – Rodney Muir:

15. Grand Chapter Sessions, 2027: Chair – Jane Zimmerman:

➤ **MOTION:** Moved by Lynn Alexander; seconded by Barb Thorburn: That all Report be accepted. **CARRIED.**

9.0 Unfinished Business:

9.1 Estate of Jessie Dundas, Suk Law Letter: From ZOOM Mtg. June 14, 2025

- **As per Carried Motion:** Helen Delaney/Melissa Brown; that Barb McGregor reply to the letter to the Suk Law firm; inquire re. legal fees potentially allocated to Gr. Ch. and if any info is needed from us for them to proceed with the Estate of Jessie Dundas. Barb McGregor sent a letter to the Lawyer from SUK Law as requested.

➤ **MOTION:** Moved by Helen Delaney; seconded by Barb Thorburn: that SUK Law be contacted and given the approval to act on our behalf as our representative. **CARRIED.**

➤ **MOTION:** Moved by Barb Thorburn; seconded by Dawn Forbes: that Barb McGregor continue to be our liaison with SUK Law, for the Estate of Jessie Dundas. **CARRIED.**

9.3 **Completed:** Proceedings Template & Speaker's Listing Forms: From Zoom Mtg. June 14, 2025.

ACTION: Janice Parker to send a letter of appreciation to Natalie Muir for producing the Proceedings Template and Speakers Listing Forms.

9.5 Chapter Order Form and Recreation of the Demit Form: From Zoom Mtg. June 14, 2025.

- **As per Carried Motion:** Marilyn Taylor/Barbara Ward: that we continue to use the original ½ page form and any further changes needed will be reviewed at the Gr. Ex. November 2025 meeting.

ACTION: Copy of the original demit form to be circulated to the Gr. Ex. Comm. Members for review.

ACTION: The Worthy Grand Matron is responsible that updated forms are current on the website.

10.0 New Business

10.1 Inventory of Grand Secretary's office in preparation for the move and then contacts the Gr. Trustees.

▪ **ACTION:** The Gr. Sec. packs all documents, files and furniture of the Office.

▪ **ACTION:** The Gr. Trustees, once contacted, will arrange for the movers to take everything to the newly elected Gr. Sec. address.

10.2 Report re. OES. Melissa Brown

▪ A discussion took place. No action was required.

10.3 Proficiency Certificate: Dawn Forbes

▪ Reminder: Status of Proficiency Certificate

As per SECTION 115 ELIGIBILITY FOR OFFICE (d) During their term of office, elected Grand Chapter Officers, Directors of the Grand Executive Committee must hold a current Proficiency Certificate. **NOTE:** The Proficiency Renewal Test must be taken prior to the expiry date of the Proficiency Certificate. If the expiry date has passed, the Proficiency Test must be taken.

11.0 Final Remarks:

▪ Bernice thanked everyone for their support throughout the year.

▪ All others said thank you for everyone's support.

12.0 Date of Next Meeting: **TUES., August 26, 2025: To be held immediately after the afternoon session.**

13.0 Adjournment:

➤ **MOTION:** Moved by Helen Delaney: To adjourn at 8:15 pm. **CARRIED.**

14.0 Mizpeh Benediction was given in unison.

Respectively Submitted: Janice Parker

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ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR GRAND CHAPTER OF ONTARIO GRAND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



MINUTES

Date & Time: **TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2025 – Commenced at 5:15 pm.**

Location: **Delta Hotel, 655 Dixon Road Toronto**

Directors Present: First Half of the Meeting (Incoming Titles applied)			
Barbara McGregor P.G.P., Chair	Richard Arding, P.G.P., Co-Chair	Dawn Forbes W.G.M.,	Jim McGregor, W.G.P.
Melissa Brown, A.G.M.	Debra Bechamp, G.C.	Lillian Gohn, Gr. Sec.	Marilyn Taylor, Gr. Treas.
Anson Sinanan, Gr. Sentinel	Helen Delaney, R.W. Gr. Trustee	Marilyn Mitchell, P.G.M.	Paul Hooper, P.G.P.
Barbara Thorburn, P.G.M.	Ken Ulch, P.G.P.	Susan Purdy, P.G.M.	Les Hills, P.G.P.
Lynn Alexander, P.G.M.	Barb Ward, G.C.C.M.	Jane Zimmerman, P.G.M	Susan Martin, G.C.C.M.
Bernice Guiler, P.G.M.	Rodney Muir, P.G.P.	Margaret Milligan, G.C.C.M.	Dianne Rowan, G.C.C.M.
Jennifer Gohn, G.C.C.M.	Janice Parker, G.C.C.M.		
* Joined in the 2 nd Half of the Mtg.: John Sperrino, A.G.P.: Gay Rust, A.G.C.: Scott Laing, Gr. Sent.: Muriel Brown, Gr. Sec., Rosemarie Delahey, G.C.C.M.			
* Left in the 2 nd Half of the Mtg.: Lillian Gohn, Anson Sinanan, Susan Purdy, Margaret Milligan, Jennifer Gohn			
Members Absent:			

1.0 Welcome

- Bernice Guiler, P.G.M., Chair: Bernice welcomed everyone.
- Rodney Muir, P.G.P., Co-Chair: Rodney also welcomed everyone and expressed his hope for a good year.

2.0 The Lord's Prayer was given in unison

3.0 Remarks

- Barbara McGregor, W.G.M.: Barb welcomed us and thanked everyone for sharing thoughts and for being supportive throughout the year.
- Richard Arding, W.G.P.: Richard thanked everyone for attending.

4.0 Acceptance of Agenda

- The Agenda circulated was incorrect. The correct one will be used for the Minutes.
- **MOTION:** Moved by Jim McGregor; seconded by Jane Zimmerman: That the Agenda be accepted as Amended. **CARRIED.**

5.0 Approval of Previous Minutes: From Friday, August 22, 2025 to be prepared ASAP

- **MOTION:** Moved by Dawn Forbes; seconded by Paul Hooper: That the Minutes from Friday, August 22, 2025, be deferred until the November Meeting. **CARRIED.**

5.1 Unfinished Business

5.2 F.N.H.F. discussion.

- Barb Thorburn, G.C.C.M., gave a report on behalf of the Committee appointed by the W.G.M., from within the members of the Gr. Ex.: Objective - to assist the F.N.H.F. in bringing By-laws #6 in compliance with the O.N.C.A. regulations.
 - Our meetings with the F.N.H.F. were very productive and cooperative, resulting in changes made to the By-laws that were presented later in our Gr. Session for the members to approve. *The vote was CARRIED.*
 - By-laws #6 required several changes to be made for them to be in compliance.
- The Gr. Ch. of Ont. is now compliant and has received our Certification and filed our Re-stated Articles of Incorporation.
- Bruce Condie, President of the F.N.H.F. spoke after Barb. His comments referred once again to issues that we had believed were settled and he stated that the Committee would like a formal apology addressed in a letter.

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- Marilyn Taylor, Gr. Treas. and one of the members on the Committee, then addressed the claims made by Bruce and backed up our position with facts that had been agreed to by both the F.N.H.F. and our Committee regarding By-law #6.
- 5.3 Policies and Procedures**
 - All current Gr. Ex. Members have received the new P & P Manual from Susan Martin. The email included a 'read receipt'.
- 5.4 Gr. Sec. Move**
 - The move to the newly elected Gr. Sec.'s office must be completed within 30 days.
 - Lillian Gohn will deal with all Correspondence and Issues pertaining to that office until the transfer is completed.
 - A Committee, consisting of the Gr. Sec., Gr. Treas., Helen Delaney, Les Hills, Debra Bechamp and the Trustees, will assist with the turnover.
- 6.0 Appreciation and Well Wishes: From the Retiring W.G.M./ W.G.P. To the Retiring Members**
 - Barbara McGregor, W.G.M.: Barb thanked everyone for their efforts and contributions during the year.
 - Richard Arding, W.G.P.: Richard thanked them and stated that he looks forward to seeing all in his travels.
- 7.0 Remarks from the Retiring Committee Members**
 - Susan Purdy stated that it was great working with everyone as a whole in order to make things better.
 - Margaret Milligan noted that she will miss everyone.
 - Lillian Gohn sent best wishes to the incoming Chair and Committee Members.
 - Anson Sinanan apologized for having to resign due to health issues. He will miss everyone.
 - Jennifer Gohn stated that she had enjoyed working with each of us. She also stressed the need to build on our foundation in order to grow.
- * The retiring members left the room and the newly elected members joined us at 5:40 pm.**
- 8.0 Welcome: from the Incoming Chair Persons**
 - Barbara McGregor, W.G.M., Incoming Chair welcomed our new members and noted that she is ready to help them in any way.
 - Richard Arding, W.G.P., Incoming Co-Chair
- 8.1 Handouts to be distributed - Grand Secretary**
 - The Grand Executive Member List; Code of Conduct and Policies and Procedures Manual; Agenda to be handed out. It was noted that the documents are also on the OES Website.
 - ACTION:** Lillian Gohn, Gr. Sec., to email all required documentation. The email will include a 'read receipt'.
- 9.0 Election to be held for Secretary of the Grand Executive Committee for the ensuing year.**
 - **MOTION:** Moved by Jane Zimmerman; seconded by Barb Thorburn: That Janice Parker remain as the Committee Secretary for the ensuing term. **CARRIED.** Janice accepted the position.
- 10.0 Announcements of the 2025-2025 Committees**
 - Dawn Forbes, W.G.M. Elect congratulated and welcomed the Committee Members.
 - The 2025-2025 tentative list of the Committees was announced. Dawn will email a complete list ASAP.
- 11.0 New Business**
- 11.1** The Title of 'Gr. Sec. Emeritis' was approved from the floor and given to Lillian Gohn.
 - **MOTION:** Moved by Paul Hooper; seconded by Bernice Guiler: That the Title of 'Gr. Treas. Emeritis' be put to the floor for a vote at the Tues. night session for the past serving members: Jeanie Lee, Gary Bayes, Don Thonton, Marilyn Mitchell **CARRIED.** Helen Delaney will make the motion from the floor.
- 11.2 Grand Executive Confidentiality**
 - Everyone was reminded that discussions taking place at our meetings are confidential and are not to be shared with anyone! Including spouses, partners etc. A private and separate email address was requested.
- 11.3 Meetings for the 2025-2026 term.**
 - **MOTION:** Moved by Dawn Forbes; seconded by Barb Ward: that Meetings for the upcoming term, will be held in Nov. 2025; Feb. 2026; Apr. 2026; Jun. 2026 and at the Aug. Gr. Ch. Sessions. **CARRIED.**

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11.4 Schools of Instructions: Nov. 8 and Nov. 15, 2025. Locations TBA

12.0 Date of Next Meeting: November 22, 2025 at 10 am. **Location:** Delta Hotel, 655 Dixon Road Toronto

13.0 Final Remarks (if any). None were given

14.0 Adjournment: 5:57 pm.

15.0 Mizpeh Benediction was given in unison.

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In Memoriam

**LOVINGLY DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF THE
SISTERS AND BROTHERS
OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER
SISTER JURISDCITIONS
AND SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS
WHO ENTERED THE HIGHER LIFE
2024- 2025**



*In heaven's light, you now reside,
Forever in our hearts, you'll abide.
With angel's embrace, we'll never regret,
Your love, and kindness we'll never forget.
Your smile, your voice, so glad we met.
Sleep well our angel.*



IN MEMORIAM

Past Grand Patron Brother James Williamson

of the Grand Chapter of Ontario Order of the Eastern Star



Surrounded by his loved ones, Jim passed away peacefully on April 10, 2025, beloved partner for 30 years of Sister Pam Parker, at Grand River Hospital in Kitchener, Ontario.

Brother James served as Worthy Grand Patron 2014–2015 “Centennial Legacy” Year with Sister Barbara Thorburn as his Worthy Grand Matron.

Watch Words: It's all about each other

Mottos: Have dues card: will travel

Cherish our history, plan our destiny Ontario OES,
Yours to Discover, Travel safe with miles of smiles.



Brother James will be remembered for his gentle manner, lots of smiles and many years of dedication to serving on the Grand Executive Committee and sharing his knowledge of Finance.

Sincere sympathy is extended to James' partner Sister Pam, Stepchildren Melissa Parker and Craig Parker and Granddaughters Julianna and Rachael Henderson, and to the members of Preston Springs Chapter #208 and District #20.

*The Star in the East with its bright golden ray,
If taken through life as our guide
Will lighten the labyrinth of life on our way,
And comfort and cheer us beside.*

*And may we all feel when we meet above
And have passed through the gates ajar,
That we have been guided by perfect love,
And the gleams of our Eastern Star.*



We request that this Memorial be read at the first meeting following receipt and recorded in the minutes of each Subordinate Chapter of This Grand Jurisdiction and the Altar Draped for the remainder of the meeting and the next stated meeting.

Barbara McGregor
Worthy Grand Matron

Richard Arding
Worthy Grand Patron

Lillian Gohn
Grand Secretary

GRAND CHAPTER OF ONTARIO



IN MEMORIAM

Past Grand Matron

Sister Shirley Anne Lamond
of the Grand Chapter of Ontario Order of the Eastern Star

Passed Away April 16th, 2025, beloved wife of William (Bill) Lamond

Worthy Grand Matron 1990-1991 "The World of Love and Happiness" Year with the late
Brother Lloyd Churchill serving as her Worthy Grand Patron

Watchwords: "Love" and "Happiness"

Aims: To increase "Love" for our Families, our Country and our God

To Promote: "Happiness" in our Chapters **Emblem:** Heart **Fun Emblem:** Bunny

Sister Shirley will be remembered for her unwavering positivity, tremendous ability to always see the good in every situation and every person, was incredibly proud and passionate about her membership with Eastern Star, loved her social gatherings and her love of her family and friends. Sister Shirley loved bunnies and had a collection reaching up to 300 bunnies.



There is a long and winding road
Along which each must go.
It leads beyond the hills of time
Into the sunset glow.
But only for a little while,
Our loved one's leave our sight,
For just beyond the hills they wait
In God's eternal light.



Sincere sympathy is extended to Shirley's husband Brother Bill, son Ken (Barbara) Lamond, daughter Judy (Amie) Dawson, son Doug (Nancy) Lamond, Grand children and great grand children and to the members of Erie Chapter #19 and District #1.

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