# TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

You are invited to join us at the 113<sup>th</sup> Grand Chapter Session "**True Patriot Love**" being held at the Oliver Parks and Recreation Complex, 6359 Park Drive, Oliver, BC from June 3<sup>rd</sup> to June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

We look forward to seeing you there!
Sister Alice Mathews, Worthy Grand Matron
Brother Larry Holthe, Worthy Grand Patron

#### CHURCH SERVICE - to be held outdoors

Sunday, June  $2^{nd}$  at 1:30 pm at the Oliver Parks and Recreation Complex.

We extend a warm invitation to all members, friends and guests to join us for a special Church Service conducted by Brother Brian Evans. The offering will be donated to ESTARL.

#### **CANCER CONFERENCE**

Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, at 9:00 am

Oliver Parks and Recreation Complex in Meeting Room  ${\bf 1}$ 

All members are invited to this conference, under the direction of Sister Stacey Jordan-Knox, PGM, Director of Cancer Activities and Sister Pat Haywood, PM, Assistant Director of Cancer Activities.

#### ATTENTION GRAND CHAPTER DELEGATES

It is your duty to attend all Grand Chapter Sessions to exercise the privilege and responsibility of representing your Chapter.



**CHAPTER SECRETARIES**, please read this invitation to your members to this point and have copies available for your members as required. Thank you.

#### **TENTATIVE PROGRAM**

#### Monday, June 3, 2024

9:00 am Cancer Conference
12:30 pm Bible and Emblem Laying Ceremony
12:45 pm Introduction True Patriot Love Grand Family
1:00 pm Processional and Formal Opening
2:00 pm Nominations Open
Presentation of Civic Leaders, Charities,
Concordant Bodies & Flag Ceremony

Presentations to Cancer and BC Guide Dog Services

7:00 pm Processional

Presentation and Formal Introductions

**Choir Presentations** 

8:00 pm Nominations Close

## Tuesday, June 4, 2024

8:30 am Processional

9:00 am Introduction of Worthy Matrons, Worthy

Patrons, Associate Matrons, Associate Patrons, Chapter Secretaries and Chapter

Treasurers

9:45 am Cavalcade of Flags

10:30 am Introduction of Golden Stars

11:00 am Choir Selection

**Business of Session and Reports** 

1:00 pm Registration Closed

1:45 pm Call to Order, Introduction of Committee on

Arrangements

Interim Report of Registration and Credentials

Committee

2:00 pm Election of Grand Officers

Memorial Service

## Wednesday, June 5, 2024

8:30 am Processional

Presentations, Business of Session, Reports

1:00 pm Processional

Business of Session, Final Reports of the Registration & Credential Committee Farewell of the Worthy Grand Patron Farewell of the Worthy Grand Matron Retiring of Badges & 2023-2024 Grand Officers

7:00 pm INSTALLATION CEREMONY of

2024-2025 GRAND OFFICERS

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

**REGISTRATION:** All members are required to pay a registration fee of \$60.00 Canadian and present a current dues card. <u>PLEASE PRE-REGISTER</u>. If you do not preregister, you <u>must</u> produce credentials, signed and sealed by your Chapter Secretary as these are <u>not</u> available at Grand Chapter. **EXCEPTION:** Golden Stars (50 years and over members) who attend the Tuesday morning session to be presented only, must register, but do not pay a registration fee.

**REGISTRATION TIMES:** The Registration Committee will be on duty in the Parks and Recreation Complex during the following hours:

Saturday, June 1 2:00 pm until 5:00 pm Sunday, June 2 10:00 am until 5:00 pm Monday, June 3 9:00 am until 4:00 pm Tuesday, June 4 8:00 am until 1:00 pm\*\*

If you arrive and Registration is not open, there will be a number posted for you to call.

\*\* Registration is closed on Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 1:00 p.m. until elections are concluded.

#### **DISTINGUISHED GUESTS:**

- Pre-registration is required for all Distinguished Guests
- Hotel reservations must be made directly with the Hotel
- Tickets for ALL organized breakfasts, lunches, banquets and the All Members Banquet must be purchased using our ticket form which is to be submitted by the indicated deadline of May 15, 2024. Tickets will NOT be available at Grand Chapter.

All Banquet and Registration forms can be obtained from the BC & Yukon Grand Chapter website www.bcgrandchapter.com

**REPORTS:** All members giving a report, address, welcome or response are requested to file a typewritten or electronic copy with the Grand Secretary in advance or immediately upon presentation. Please do not use abbreviations.

**GIFTS:** There will be no formal presentations of gifts.

#### **SOCIAL EVENTS**

All tickets must be purchased in advance; there will be no ticket sales at Grand Chapter.

#### Saturday, June 1, 2024

5:30 pm 2023-2024 GRAND OFFICER BANQUET

Grand Officers and Escorts (by invitation only)

#### Sunday, June 2, 2024

10:00 a.m. RUSTY KEYS & FOSTER SECRETARIES

**BREAKFAST** (open to current and past

Secretaries & Treasurers) Oliver Masonic Hall

#### Monday, June 3, 2024

5:00 pm PAST GRAND ASSOCIATION BANQUET

(open to all Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons of this and other Jurisdictions and

their guest)

Savvio's Restaurant, Oliver.

#### Tuesday, June 4, 2024

11:30 am PAGO LUNCHEON - details to follow

(open to all Past Appointed Grand Officers and

guests)

5:00 pm All Members Banquet - Canada, eh?

Dinner at 6:00 pm

Dress code: please wear casual attire in the theme of Red and/or White. More details to follow (open to all members and guests).

#### Wednesday, June 5, 2024

7:00 am 2024-2025 GRAND OFFICERS and ESCORTS

**BREAKFAST** (by invitation only – contact

AGM/AGP for more info)

10:30 – 4:30 WINERY BUS TOUR – Visit five local wineries

\$100 per person, light lunch is extra \$15, be prepared to buy some delicious Okanagan Valley wines! Contact Sister Arlene Johnston

for more info 250-718-2142

11:30 am GRAND REPRESENTATIVES LUNCHEON

Oliver Masonic Hall (open to all present and former Grand Representatives of this and

other jurisdictions and guests)

#### PRACTICES

All practices will be in the Grand Chapter room.

#### Sunday, June 2, 2024

10:00 - 11:00 **Memorial Practice** 11:00 - noon **Grand Choir Practice** 

3:30 - 4:30 pm '23 - '24 Grand Officers and Escorts -

Introductions

4:30 - 5:00 pm Opening & Flag Ceremony 7:00 pm Cavalcade of Flags (Grand

Representatives of this and other

Jurisdictions)

#### Monday, June 3, 2024

9:30 am Grand Officers, Grand Pages, Grand Ushers,

Processional

10:30 am Emblem Ceremony

## Wednesday, June 5, 2024

Immediately following the close of morning session.

2023-2024 Grand Officers & Escorts, Retiring of the Badges and outgoing march

2024-2025 Grand Officers & Escorts and Installing

Officers

Due to the limited time between sessions and the installation, please be on time for your practice(s). For those of you taking part in the closing of "True Patriot Love" Session and the Installation of the 2024-2025 Grand Officers, please bring lunch or have someone bring you lunch (food trucks will be available on site).

#### **COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS 2023 – 2024**

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# The Grand Chapter of **British Columbia and Yukon** Order of the Eastern Star



invites you to the

## 113th Annual Session of Grand Chapter "True Patriot Love"



June 3<sup>rd</sup> - June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## **Oliver Parks and Recreation Complex** 6359 Park Drive Oliver BC V0H 1T0

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