

## Grace Shane Bursary for Cancer Education

Supports doctors and other medical personnel for continued medical training and research. Many oncologists in British Columbia are recipients of this bursary for training and research.

**ESTARL** (Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership)

These bursaries have been awarded to students for the past 40 years to assist them in preparing for careers in religion as a Minister, Missionary, Director of Church Music, Director of Religious Education, Youth Leadership or other related fields and are not restricted to Eastern Star members

## Elizabeth Bentley Bursaries

Students receive Bursaries to assist in their Academic studies. This Award is for persons related to an Eastern Star member

## Erma Boyce Library Fund

Monies from this fund provide continuous and updated materials to the libraries at each cancer centre and are used to educate and assist patients with their treatment and decision making process. Books, TV's, VCR's, and tapes in the patients' rooms provide comfort, emotional and spiritual support.

## OES Auxiliary

Equipment such as wheel Chairs and other physical aid equipment is stored in depots located in Burnaby, Duncan, Chilliwack, Prince George and Courtney for the use of Eastern Star members and their relatives.



At Ladysmith, BC  
These brave  
volunteers came  
from different  
Chapters in British  
Columbia & Yukon  
to raise money for  
cancer dressings

## The Order of the Eastern Star In B C & Yukon Is Committed to Supporting

In addition to these commitments

**The BC Cancer Agency & the BC Cancer Founda-**

### SPECIAL PROJECTS

Upon their Installation the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron announce their special project for their coming year.

Some projects have included specialized or research equipment for use at various cancer centers; the purchase of Spinoza Bears for children living with cancer; purchase of medical equipment; outfitting hospital quiet rooms; summer camps for children with cancer; to name a few.



A gift from the heart! A talking & cuddly Spinoza Bear



Presentation of cheque to BC Cancer Foundation

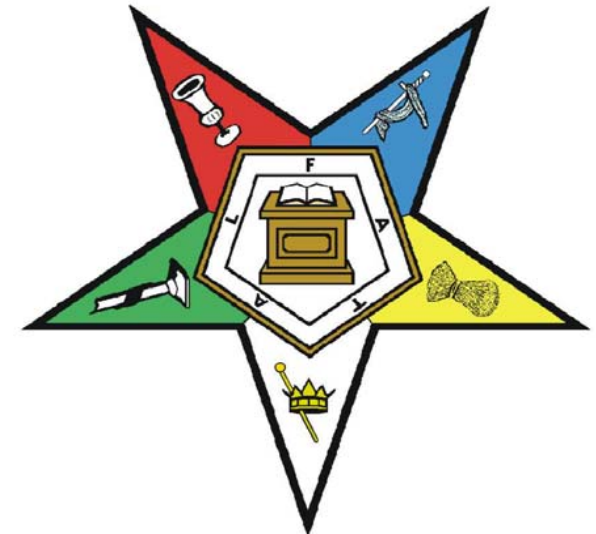
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# THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

The Order of the Eastern Star was founded in 1867, is a fraternal organization of men and woman who are either Master Masons or related to one. From its humble beginnings, it now proudly claims over one million members through out 20 countries, making it the largest such organization in the world.

The Order was founded by Dr. Rob Morris, Poet Laureate of Masonry, as was his predecessor, Robbie Burns. The individual members form a group called 'a chapter' and meet on a regular basis for business meetings, socials, fund raising projects and to support each other in friendship.

In British Columbia and Yukon, the chapters meet annually at 'Grand Chapter' located in various provincial cities to make and renew friendships; coordinate area projects; elect Provincial officers; and enjoy social activities. The elected chair of Grand Chapter is called the Worthy Grand Matron and the officers are called the Grand Officers, each with individual roles and responsibilities. This worldwide organization allows its members to have caring friends wherever they travel.

Worthy Matrons & Worthy Patrons from the BC & Yukon Chapters at Grand Chapter



## Who can belong?

Master Masons in good standing and women with Masonic relationships over the age of 18 who have a belief in the existence of a Supreme Being, Though its teachings are based on the Bible, the Order of the Eastern Star espouses no religion and is neither secret nor political.

## THE MEANING OF MEMBERSHIP

The Order of the Eastern Star raises over one million dollars annually to benefit humanity. Many national and local charities are among the projects supported by its members. Through this fraternal service to humanity its members strive to build a better, more fulfilling way of life for all. "Members of the Order of the Eastern Star are dedicated women and men who sincerely reflect the spirit of fraternal love and a desire to work together. The moral and social purposes of the Order are designed to build character, to promote friendship and harmony among the members, and to practice charity. The Order provides them the opportunity to give a part of their time to the many projects that benefit all mankind.

As Eastern Star members, we are proud of our Order's heritage, our commitment to cancer, the welfare of the cancer patients and our support of the major cancer centers in British Columbia. The BC Cancer Agency can attest to this. Thousands of members have contributed their time, energy and wisdom in unselfish service to the Order. It is through this fraternal service to humanity that together we build a better life for all.



Period costume worn at Vancouver 100th anniversary



Rock 'n Roll Dance Fund Raiser

## Our Projects

Our Cancer Dressing Stations were started in 1945. We have cancer dressing stations through out British Columbia & Yukon including many in hospitals, where these dressings are made by our members. Since 1945, there have been over 20 million dressings made and they are provided free to cancer patients through the Provincial Cancer Outpatient Clinics, Home Care Nurses or their doctors. The money used to purchase the material for these dressings is raised by donations from the Chapters and their members.

On average our Grand Chapter raises over \$100,000 annually to be used for our various cancer projects. Many special donations "In Memoriam" are also made. Money is raised for these charities through individual donations, cancelled stamps, bazaars, bake-sales, garage sales pub nights and many other creative projects. A members' participation in these projects is optional, but very rewarding.

## Foster Secretaries Association - Cancelled Stamps

To date the Foster Secretaries cancelled stamp project has raised over \$379,000 which was donated to cancer. We cut and prepare cancelled stamps for sale and some of the proceeds are used to purchase supplies to make and donate dressings for cancer patients.



Making cancer dressings

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