

**International Peace Garden Pilgrimage
August 14-15, 2026**



January 2026

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE ORDER

Dear Sisters & Brothers,

We are excited to invite you to join us for the International Peace Garden Pilgrimage of our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Billie and Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Mike. It will be held on August 14th -15th 2026. This is a casual weekend no glitz, bring your jeans, capri, shorts and Star shirts.

Our gathering this year will be based out of Minot, North Dakota and out of Boissevain, Manitoba and our schedule of events is listed at the end of this letter. A registration/meal form is included with this letter. Please ensure that each Star member completes a form (one form per person). Should you be travelling with a non-member, that person is most welcome to join us. You can order meals for that person on your form (just request 2 of the meals you want).

The Airlines for Minot Airport, hotels and other information is listed in the pamphlet. You must make your own hotel booking. If you are flying, please fill out that information on the registration form. If you are driving, there is a fee to get into the Peace Garden so please be prepared.

Day Pass	\$10.00 per person per vehicle
Military Day Pass	\$8.00 per person
Annual Membership	\$50.00
Shuttle Van	\$100.00 (max 20 people)
Tour/Coach Bus	\$225.00

We have contracted buses for those staying in Minot who wish to use it. To reserve a seat, simply include it on your registration form. The bus fee includes admission to the Garden.

Please join us for a time of friends, fellowship and fun!! Let's "Dream, Imagine and Believe" in the grandeur of the International Peace Garden and our wonderful Peace Chapel.

Shine on Stars,

Your Historical Landmarks – International Peace Garden Chapel Committee

Brenda Gaulke (WI), Co-Chair

Karen Tuttle (NH)

Darlene Spooner (ND)

Cheri Cowan (SK)

Maralice Blagden (MB)

**2026 INTERNATIONAL PEACE GARDEN PILGRIMAGE
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

FRIDAY AUGUST 14th 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. Meet and greet at the Granville Community Center where you can pick up your Registration Package. Granville is about 30 mins from Minot, ride share please. Supper will be offered courtesy of the White Buffalo Bar & Grill, Owners Darnell PGM and Doug PGP Woodall (ND).

STAYING in CANADA – Stay tuned for an informal get together in Boissevain on Friday evening.

SATURDAY AUGUST 15th

YOU MUST HAVE YOUR PASSPORT or ID Without this you will not be able to return to your home country!

MINOT 8:00am SHARP: Buses and private vehicles will load and leave Minot and head to the Peace Garden. This is just a bit over 2-hour commute so bring a snack & beverage for on the bus. You will also want to wear the most comfortable shoes you own.

PEACE GARDEN CHAPEL 10-11am Registration package pickup

CHAPEL 11am, Church service will be held in the Chapel. The Chapel is small but there will be lots of extra seating outside under a canopy/tent.

After Church pick up your box lunch and eat it anywhere you prefer in the Garden.

The early afternoon is open for you to tour the Garden. There are so many wonderful spots to see and the flower beds are outstanding. Listen to the Carillon bells and pause to see the 9-11 tribute. The north side of the Garden is less developed (tour by car or bus) and gives opportunities to see native wildlife such as moose and deer.

4:00pm Saturday afternoon Buses leave for Boissevain, Manitoba which is about a 15 minute drive from the Garden. Tour the many murals around the town and arrive at the Royal Canadian Legion.

4:30pm social time

5:00pm dinner followed by fun and ends with a vesper service and farewells.



Billie Bradfield
Most Worthy Grand Matron



Michael E. Berry
Most Worthy Grand Patron

OES Pilgrimage - International Peace Garden

August 14th and 15th 2026

AMERICAN MEMBER REGISTRATION

Deadline: July 30, 2026

- NOTES:**
- 1. DON'T FORGET YOUR PASSPORT** If you do not have a passport you will need: driver's license, birth certificate, marriage license or Nexus card (CA).
 - You are required to make your own hotel reservation – please see the hotel information
 - A Separate Registration form is required for each person attending**

Name:	Jurisdiction
OES Title	Phone
Address:	City
State/Province	Zip/Postal Code
Email	Your hotel

How are you travelling: Car ___ Bus___ Air ___ Do you need pick-up/drop off: Yes ___ No___

LANDING IN	Arrive Date/Time	Depart Date/Time	Arrival	Flight #	Dep
Minot					
Other					
Other					

	No Tickets	Price /ticket	Cost
Registration (<i>includes both days</i>)		\$20	
Bus fee (<i>for members staying in Minot</i>)		\$35	
Friday evening in Granville <i>Brisket sandwich and trimmings</i>		\$25	
Saturday noon: Box lunch: <i>Sandwich: Ham or Turkey (circle one) Cheese: Yes No (circle one) veggies, cookie, water</i>		\$20	
Saturday dinner (buffet) <i>roast beef, chicken breast, vegetable, salads, bun, dessert, tea/coffee</i>		\$25	
TOTAL		//////////	

Allergies/Food Intolerances: _____

Registration & meal payment by cheque mailed or by etransfer to the appropriate email address

Send to: Darlene Spooner 312 8th Ave N, Casselton, ND 58012 USA
Email: darfromthestar@gmail.com Phone: 701-361-8661

Pilgrimage of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron

Sister Billie Bradfield and Brother Michael “Mike” Berry **Canadian hotel information - Boissevain, Manitoba**

Accommodation has been blocked for members wishing to stay in a hotel in Canada. A block of 19 rooms at the **Canadian Wilderness Inn in Boissevain** and additional rooms have been blocked at their sister hotel in Killarney (approx 15 minute drive from Boissevain). Booking for either location can be made through the Boissevain contact information. Please say that you are booking in the **Eastern Star** block. The price of rooms varies from \$115 to \$130 per night plus applicable taxes. This is based on whether you need a room that has 1 queen, 2 queens, 1 king and beyond to a family room with a queen and bunk beds.

Contact: Canadian Wilderness Inn Boissevain, 306 Mountain Road, 1-204-534-7155

Alternate accommodation: **Boissevain** is available at the **Home Hotel**. Rooms are not blocked however the hotel can be reached at 1-204-534-3221
Brandon is approximately 1 hour’s drive from the Peace Garden. Multiple hotels are available in Brandon.

Surveyors for the Canadian Pacific Railway were impressed with the Turtle Mountain region and noted it would become a chief point of settlement in the coming years. The site of the town of Boissevain was decided in 1885 and by 1886 there was a blacksmith shop, a post office and two grain warehouses. Landmark buildings include St. Matthew's Anglican Church, built with locally found granite walls and St. Paul's United Church built with local sandstone. Like many towns in the west, Boissevain's prosperity came with the railway. Since that time the town has grown to a population of 1,577 (2021). Points of interest include:

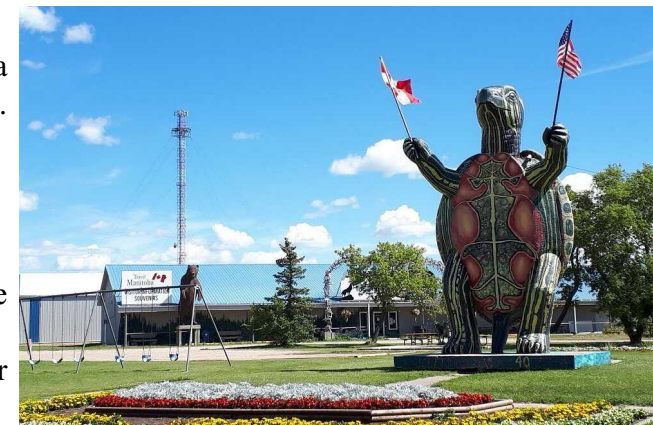
Murals - more than 20 different murals have been professionally painted on the sides of buildings throughout the town. These can be viewed either by walking or driving in the downtown area .

Tommy Turtle is a 28 ft, 10,000 pound Western Painted Turtle statue located across from the Wilderness Inn. It symbolizes the town’s link to turtle mountains and includes a picnic area.

Irvin Goodon International Wildlife Museum: A collection of 300 full-mount animals from North America and New Zealand set in interactive, natural scenes. Open 10:00am to 6:00pm (7 days/week) tickets Adults \$7. Located at 298 Mountain Street (just East of Tommy Turtle). For group tours, tel: 204-534-6662.

Nine Hole golf Course 3km south of Boissevain. To book a round, tel:204-534-2365

Lions Campground: For those who prefer to camp, the Boissevain Lions campground is open mid-June to the end of August. Sites can be booked at 204-534-6192. Rate with hydro, water and sewer \$30/day. There is also a campground in the Peace Garden. Information is available at tel: 1-204-534-2510. Power & water \$38.50/day, electricity only \$33.50/day.



General Grand Chapter Historic Landmarks Committee 😊

International Peace Garden's Pilgrimage Clothing Orders

ND Tough – Mallory V- website ndtough.co

- To order new travel/casual wear please shop the following
- ndtough.co go to the three dashes in the upper left-hand corner and pick SHOP
- in the search bubble put OES so the choices will come up.
- Options available are: Men's polo shirt with pocket, unisex zip sweatshirt, women's V- neck t-shirt and Unisex standard t-shirt. The clothing is the Bella-Canvas brand that is so popular right now. The fit true to size there
- Your color choices are a heathered blue or heathered purple.
- The Shooting Star emblem will be on the front upper left chest and the HLC logo will be on the left sleeve.
- Please order on-line as these items are mailed directly to you.
- If you don't have computer access, please ask someone from your Jurisdiction to enter the order for you and item will be mailed out.

Base price for all items is \$17.00.

T-shirts \$17.00 all sizes.

Men's polo \$ 17.00 + \$10.00 = \$27

Zip up Hoodie \$17.00 + \$22.00 = \$39

Shipping \$

The HLC International Peace Chapel committee would like you to wear your shirts to the Peace Gardens **Saturday August 14, 2026.**

Don't forget your Passport!!



August 14 -16, 2026



Minot Area Transportation

Minot International Airport | MOT

motairport.com
305 Airport Road, Minot, ND 58701
701-857-4724

TransportMe Taxi Services

701-310-5340
info@tranxportme.com

Rental Cars

Alamo	Avis
Alamo.com	Avis.com
Enterprise	Hertz
Enterprise.com	Hertz.com
National	
Nationalcar.com	

Hotels

Clarion Hotel & Convention Center

2200 Burdick Expressway E, Minot
701-807-1124

Hampton Inn & Suites

1400 N Broadway, Minot
701-838-1400

Quality Inn & Suites

3916 N Broadway, Minot
701-390-1820

Things To Do



Stave Church at the Scandinavian Heritage Park

Scandinavian Heritage Park

120 S Broadway, Minot

Roosevelt Park Zoo

1219 E Burdick Expressway, Minot

Dakota Territory Air Museum

100 34th Ave NE, Minot

Minot Restaurants

Ebenezer's Eatery 300 E Central Ave
10 North Main 10 Main St N
The Starving Rooster 30 1st St NE
Iron Horse 21 E Central Ave

Off the Vine 15 Main St S
Bones BBQ 437 N Broadway
The Station 1303 S Broadway
Badlands Grill 1400 31st Ave SW

Bottineau

Hotels

Cobblestone Inn & Suites

1109 11th St E, Bottineau
701-534-2121

Super 8

1007 11th St E, Bottineau
7010-228-2125

Things To Do

Tommy Turtle Park

1001 10th St E, Bottineau

Lake Metigoshe State Park

2514 2nd St E, Bottineau

Sky Dancer Casino & Resort Hotel

3965 Sky Dancer Way ZNE, Belcourt
701-244-2400



Masonic Island on Lake Metigoshe

Bottineau Area Restaurants

Marie's 605 Main Street, Bottineau

Pride Dairy 517 Thompson St, Bottineau

Doghhouse Saloon 507 Main St, Bottineau

Norway Steakhouse 815 11th St E, Bottineau

Reid's Place 211 Main St, Dunseith

Dale's Truck Stop 612 Main St, Dunseith

Borderwalk Café 612 Main St, Dunseith
