



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **\$4000 Donation made to CT scanner campaign by Veritas Chapter No. 128, O.E.S.**

Veritas Chapter No 128, Order of the Eastern Star (O.E.S.) donates \$4,000 to the CT scanner campaign of the Middlesex Hospital Alliance.

Over the past 2 years, the O.E.S. Special Project Committee sold tickets for a number of items and accepted personal donations to help fundraise for the new CT scanner at Strathroy Hospital.

“The CT is something that the town has needed, we are proud to support our local hospital and this important service,” said Carol Featherstone, Worthy Matron of the Strathroy Order of the Eastern Star. “My husband needed a CT scan and I believe that it helped to save his life.”

CT scans can detect life threatening illness and injury by taking cross-sectional images of muscles and organs. Prior to the CT being installed in Strathroy, patients in the region had to wait between 8-20 weeks to receive a scan and travel, sometimes by ambulance to other health centres. Now scans are performed conveniently in Strathroy, providing a much quicker diagnosis and treatment for patients. Over 5230 people have received a CT scan at Strathroy Hospital since it was installed just over a year ago.

“Thanks to the Order of the Eastern Star for making this valuable contribution to the CT scanner campaign,” said Lorna Campbell, SMGH Foundation Board Chair when she was presented with the gift of \$4,000. “Please accept our deep gratitude for your generosity as it will return the same to many patients who need a CT scan at our local hospital.”

Veritas Chapter in Strathroy has been active for 83 years, and is always ready to welcome new members. They meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month except July and August in the Fraternal Hall, 15 Centre St. in Strathroy. If you would like more information, please call Carol at 519-245-3166.

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**Photo caption: Pictured (left-right)** Lorna Campbell, SMGH Foundation Board Chair; Carol Featherstone, Worthy Matron; Stephen Freymond, Worthy Patron; and Yvette Ross, Chair, Special Project Committee Veritas Chapter No. 128 Order of the Eastern Star. Absent from photo – Shirley McNeil.

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**About Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital Foundation**

Through community philanthropy, Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital Foundation supports patient care as a charitable organization dedicated to raising funds for the delivery of quality health care to the people of Strathroy and surrounding communities. The SMGH Foundation was incorporated as a registered charity in 1989 with the objective to encourage, manage and receive donations that support the needs of the hospital. The Foundation conducts a full complement of philanthropic programs, including an annual campaign, memorial gifts, special events, capital campaigns and planned giving.

**About Order of the Eastern Star**

O.E.S. is the largest fraternal organization in the world to which both men and women may belong. Though its teachings are based on the Bible, the order espouses no religion and is neither secret nor political. Its members are comprised of men who belong to the Masonic Fraternity and women with specific Masonic relationships, i.e. husband, father, brother, son, etc.