

JON SIGURDSSON CHAPTER
Winnipeg, Manitoba

Chapter Name	Jon Sigurdsson
Chapter Number	MB - 0329
Location	Winnipeg, MB
History of Name	Our chapter chose the name, Jon Sigurdsson, to honour Jon, Sigurdsson. Jon Sigurdsson was the great Icelandic patriot and statesman who stood in the forefront of Iceland's struggle for independence. Jon Sigurdsson studied all the sides of the questions of how Iceland could be liberated from Danish rule, and be accomplished peacefully. Through his research of documents, he proved that Denmark had no legal right to rule Iceland. He brought forth his requests quietly and peacefully, but always forcefully and with dignity. Jon Sigurdsson did not live to see his dream realized he died in 1879. Iceland gained their independence June 17, 1944.
Motto	<i>United We Stand</i>
Charter Date / Bestowal Date	This chapter was organized March 20, 1916 and the charter was granted May 2, 1916.
Most Important Project Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Printing of "Veterans of Icelandic Descent" books – W.W. I 1923, and W.W. ii – 1990 (supplement 1995) • Our scholarship program
Local Projects Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Icelandic Dept. at Library of University of Manitoba • Food Banks • Women's shelters • Scholarships to university students • Classroom in inner city school
Municipal Projects Supported	
Provincial Projects Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children's camps • Laura Secord Book Awards
National Projects Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snack Pack, National Services • Student Emergency Fund • International Peace Gardens • Operation Eye Sight • Canadian Disaster Fund
Unique Feature of Chapter	When Jon Sigurdsson Chapter first began the members were all Icelandic – Canadians. Over the years, we have been always thought of as an Icelandic Chapter, but we have always welcomed Canadian women.
Fundraising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 annual Bridge & Whist Luncheons & Bake Sales • Occasional Raffles. Sales of Handmade Hasti Notes • In the past, sales of our Veteran Books

Meetings	2 nd Saturday of month, except January, June, July and August Held in Board Room of Betelstadar (Senior's Complex), except December. <u>Christmas meeting</u> at Scandinavian Culture Centre
Contact Person	Deanna Islietson, President
Chapter Web Site	