

Section Two of December Star Gazer

ASSINIBOIA #8

Sister Cheri Cowan, PGM – Reporter

Greetings from the Balmy South. The members of Assiniboia Chapter wish all their Sisters and Brothers and all of their Families a blessed Christmas and a joyous New Year.

Assiniboia Chapter #8 met prior to their October meeting on the 19th with a bag lunch social hour. We were blessed to have Sisters Ann Triska a 72-year member and Gwen Adamack a newly decorated 50-year member join us for lunch. Much excitement was generated over the sharing of pictures celebrating the fellowship of over 100 years. It was a special meeting for all the members as side liners are a rare and delightful blessing. We were all happy to hear about the travel plans of members.

Sister Llyne Lambert GGCCM Canadian chair of Service Dogs and PGM and Brother Bruce Lambert PGP were excited to join the service dog cruise in November. Sister Marie Costain Worthy Matron took the trip of a lifetime as she journeyed first for a bus tour in Florida and then a Panama cruise from East to West. She was away 22 days. Sister Cheri Cowan PGM was busy planning for her train trip to the Quad Star exchange in Fargo North Dakota. She met and stayed with other Sisters and Brothers from Saskatchewan in Fargo on October 27th. We look forward to seeing pictures and hearing tales of their wonderful adventures.

For members around the province we want to remind you our stated meetings have reverted back to the third Thursday at 1:00 with a bag lunch social hour at 12:00. Our installation will be on the 2nd Thursday in December at 1:00 with lunch at noon. Call ahead if you plan to attend so we can make sure there is plenty of food to go around.

Update: New flash, this breaking news just in. Sisters Cheri Cowan PGM and Angela Oleskiw PGM were the only two Saskatchewan members at the quad exchange in Fargo ND as winter storm prevented several other members from attending. Both Sisters Angela and Cheri took alternate routes and dates to travel and as a result were able to arrive in Fargo. The

trip was purely pleasure and the Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron was there to announce GGCCM appointments

The following Saskatchewan members will serve during the 2024-2027 Triennial:

- Donna Sanders – Ambassador to Quebec
- Angela Oleskiw – Eastern Star Journal
- Ray Moffatt – Heart
- Cheri Cowan – Landmarks – International Peace Garden Chapel
- Cheryl Rann – Regenerative Medicine
- Colleen Hozack – Service Dogs

With this crew, Saskatchewan will be well represented, and our Sisters and Brother are most likely to have a fabulous time travelling around the world for the next triennial.

The following photographs are from our journey. Angela drove to her Mom's the week before, so she missed the storm. Sister Cheri booked a sleeper car on the train out of Wolfe Point. It was 13 hours late arriving in Fargo, but the scenery was fantastic and so was the nap time. I met so many interesting people on the train as food and beverages were included in the cost of the ticket. I would definitely travel by train again.



Sister Cheri's sleeper



Zoo in the Snow



The Costume Party

We wrapped up the visit with a church service and a presentation on the significance of Masonry. After the exchange I stayed an extra day and toured the Norwegian centre in Moorhead Minnesota. The train trip home was gorgeous and much more timely.

**Submitted by Llynne Lambert GGCCM
Canadian Chairman, Service Dogs**

Some members attended the Service Dogs Cruise on November 4, we were excited to join the 6000 passengers aboard the Mardi Gras ship cruising from Port Canaveral with stops at San Juan, Amber Cove on the island of Dominican Republic, and Grand Turk, Bermuda. We were thrilled to meet and greet 150 Eastern Star members and friends who were also sailing in support of our OES Service Dogs charity. Bruce and I were eager to dine with our new friends, members from South Carolina. Many new friendships were developed, and ideas were shared regarding differences in our jurisdictions. The ship was enormous with 18 floors, numerous outdoor pools, mega gathering areas, outstanding entertainment, and of course unlimited places to eat. It was easy to get around the ship, but at times difficult to find our fellow Saskatchewan travelers. We enjoyed spending quality time with Lynne and Amy Moffatt, Donna Rederburg and Mary Lee Cunningham.



Service Dogs Cruise



WM Margaret Ann Ferguson, AM Cheri Cowan, Secretary Elaine Lucas, Conductress Peggy Klein, Chaplain Lynn Hartness, Esther, Melva Layman, Warder, Shirley Burgeson and Sentinel Walter Hutchinson.

Assiniboia Chapter has seen a lot of changes over this past year. Sister Margaret Ann has moved to Moose Jaw and Sister Elaine Lucas PM has found a new home as well in Moose Jaw. We are looking forward to welcoming our snowbirds back in March. Best of the Season to everyone.

PRINCE ALBERT #16

Sister Dorothea Herron, PM – Reporter



Grand Family 2022-23 taken at Grand Chapter 2023

Since the vote to amalgamate with Saskatoon #4, amalgamation plans are proceeding. The official amalgamation ceremony should take place early in the New Year.

At our September meeting two of our long-term Sisters were elected to receive an Honourary Life

Membership. Sister Ruth Hill is an eighty-two-year member, living in Langley, B.C. The distance precluded an opportunity to deliver hers in person, thus it was mailed to her. However, some of members were able to deliver one to our seventy-eight-year member, Sister Effie Cook, who resides at Country Villa in Weldon. She was appropriately surprised, and we had a delightful visit with her.



Sister Effie Cook receiving her Honorary Life Membership for 78 years as a Star

Worthy Grand Matron Donna Rederburg, Worthy Grand Patron George Frederick and several members of the Grand Family attended on September 23 for our Official Visit. WGM Donna was escorted to the various Star Points where she was given a factoid re prairie lilies, along with a stem of a prairie lily and a contribution toward her project.



Official Visit with Prince Albert Officers and the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron



Official Visit with the Grand Family

She then presented to Sister Gerry Howat her sixty-year membership and certificate. Gerry was also presented with yellow roses.



Sister Gerry Howat receiving her 60-year certificate

In recognition of their loyalty to duty and attention to detail - over a long period of time - we took the opportunity to say Thank you to our Secretary Sister May Barr and Treasurer Sister Norma Lintick. They have managed our records and finances with stellar results, so it was only appropriate to honour them with yellow roses.



Presentation to Sisters May Barr and Norma Lintick

Our Martha, Sister Debora Adrian presented her son, Parker, for baptism at Calvary United Church. A few days later, he attended Chapter meeting with his Mom, at which time she read an article about Martha (part of a series that we borrowed from Texas Grand Chapter, via Grand Representative Sister Marg Dowling - thanks Marg).



Sister Debora Adrian and Parker

Although we are very proud that Grand Adah aka Sister Carla Simsic is "one of ours", we did not show our pride until the November meeting. At that time we gave her an Adah pin, along with flowers.



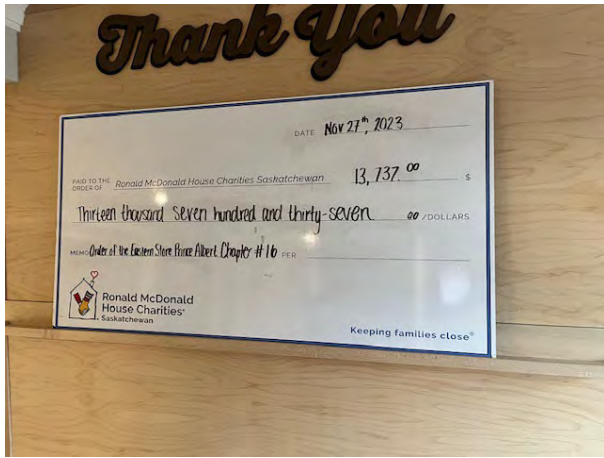
Sister Carla honoured at November meeting

WGP George Frederick attended our November meeting, at which time he presented to Sister Linda Galloway her commission as Grand Representative for Arkansas in Saskatchewan.



Sister Linda Galloway receiving her Grand Representative Commission for Arkansas

Recently, Brother Rick Galloway PGP and Sister Linda Galloway presented to Marcelline Zimmer of Ronald MacDonald House a quilt and a cheque to be used in the construction of a new Ronald MacDonald House to be built in Prince Albert. These funds were the total of: the collapsing of the Robert Tebbertman Scholarship Fund of some \$3234.00, the proceeds of the Saskatchewan Memorabilia and Products' raffle (which was won by Sister Colleen Hozack PGM) of some \$503.00, and a donation of Chapter funds of \$1000.00.



Donation to Ronald MacDonald House
in Prince Albert

LLOYMINSTER #76

Deborah MacDonald, Reporter

The chapter has a new date and time of monthly meetings. Lloydminster Chapter #76 now meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 5:30 pm. Our new Holiday months are January and July. We wish all of our Sisters and Brothers a very happy festive season and Best Wishes in the New Year.

CORINTHIAN #89, GOVAN

Brother Bruce Farrer, PGP – Reporter

Corinthian Chapter has had a number of members who recently have been ill or who will be undergoing additional medical treatment. We're wishing them all improved health. In addition to that, most of us have developed another condition which could be diagnosed as "raffleitis." During the last half of 2023 we have sold or are still selling tickets on a total of 23 raffles with most (but not all) of the proceeds going to our own Chapter's charities. At our official visit we sold tickets on 13 baskets, and completed the raffle on 2 quilts, then we sold the usual Grey Cup Lottery tickets, and at each meeting we have a toonie draw. As well, we are still selling tickets on the Ceilidh Cheer Raffle.

Another money raising project, however, has not involved a raffle. We are now selling jean jackets, which are proving to be a popular item with many Star members from our own and other Chapters and as well other jurisdictions.

In September we went to Strasbourg to help serve a noon luncheon to their local seniors, which was an enjoyable task, especially since we didn't have to go to the work of providing or preparing the food. The following month we did provide and prepare the meal when nine of us went to Ronald MacDonal House in Saskatoon to provide a dinner. We prepared about 40 meals and as usual enjoyed working together and after the meal was served, we had the opportunity to sit at various tables and visit with some of the families staying there.



l-r: Bev Otsuka, Judy Brown,
Kayla Ingram, Gerald Griffiths, Bruce Farrer,
Grace Griffiths, Cheryle Svab, Betty Abrey,
Merle Sawatsky

Later on in October, Brother Bruce Farrer drove to Salt Lake City to attend Utah's Grand Chapter and meet his counterpart, Kathy Liddell. Similar to Saskatchewan's last Grand Chapter they held a Rock and Roll night. Even though the band didn't play any polkas Brother Bruce and a former Utah Grand Organist proved that a fast jive tune will also serve as a polka if you can dance that fast.



Sister Kathy Liddell and Brother Bruce

Another October event was the granting of an Honourary Life Membership to our 60-year member, Sister Margretta Murney. We discovered that additional honour was conferred on Sister Donna Sanders when she was informed that she will become a GGCCM as Ambassador to Quebec in the next triennium. Congratulations to Sister Donna, who is presently serving as Canadian Chair on ESTARL

A third honour was conferred on Sister Cathy Farrer who after a number of delays, received a Queen Elizabeth Platinum Jubilee Medal from her MLA, the Honourable Don McMorris.



Sister Cathy receiving the Queen Elizabeth Medal

At our November meeting an additional honour was conferred on Sister Grace Griffiths, who was presented with a Grand Representative Commission to Virginia.



Sister Grace receiving her Grand Representative's Commission to Virginia

YORKTON #92

Sister Ruby E. Lee, PGM - Reporter

Our Official Visit of WGM Sister Donna Rederburg and WGP Brother George Frederick was held on Saturday, September 16, 2023. It was a joyous event preceded by a scrumptious potluck luncheon, Afghan raffle and silent auction. The visiting and laughter reminded me of days gone by. Fierce, friendly bidding took place over some of the items on the auction table. The interaction was delightful!



Yorkton's Official Visit meal

What a delight it was to see Chapter chairs filled with a near complete core of officers and many visitors on the sidelines. Each dignitary was escorted, introduced and welcomed with an appropriate verse. Sister Susan Bear, PM provided a musical selection for each WGM, Sister Donna Rederburg and WGP, Brother George Frederick.



Sister Ruby Lee, PGM and Roderick Lee, PGP with the Grand Family



Yorkton Officers with the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron

Regular business was conducted in an orderly fashion followed by the WGM presenting Sister Maxine Greiner, PM with her 60-year membership certificate and pin. Sister Maxine is a dual member of Assiniboia No. 8.



Sister Maxine receiving her 60-year pin and membership certificate
Sister Angela Oleskiw, PGM was presented with a

Grand Representative Commission to San Paulo, Brazil by the WGM and PGM, Sister Cheri Cowan.



Sister Angela receiving her Grand Representative Commission to San Paulo, Brazil with Sisters Donna, WGM and Cheri, PGM

A Chapter donation was presented to the WGM & WGP for their special project – Alzheimer's. The recognized stations this year by the WGM and WGP were the Chaplain and the Secretary. The meeting was followed by pictures, visiting and the claiming of the Silent Auction acquisitions.

October was another special meeting for our Chapter as we were thrilled to welcome Sister Karen Wilson, PM and Brother Wayne Stephens, PP back to our Chapter by the ceremony of Reinstatement.



Welcome back to Sister Karen, PM and Brother Wayne, PP

The altar was draped in memory of Brother Jack Smith, PGP. Brother Roderick Lee, PGM had served as Grand Marshal for Brother Jack and Sister Connie

Wilson Pinnow, PGM. A Grey Cup Pool had been prepared by Brother Wayne as a fundraiser for our Chapter.

Chapter members enjoyed a delicious pizza party prior to our November meeting. Regular Chapter business was conducted including a petition for affiliation from Sister Sophie Sojtos. Elections were held and all required positions were filled. Sister Ruby Lee, PGM, WM shared an enlightening article "A Life That Matters". In summary, the good parts of your life don't just happen by chance.

Our installation of Officers will be held on Saturday, December 9.

The Officers and Members of Yorkton Chapter No. 92 wish each and every one a blessed Christmas season. May you have the Gladness of Christmas, which is Hope; the Spirit of Christmas, which is Peace; the Heart of Christmas, which is Love.



REGAL #132 - SASKATOON

Sister Thea Howe, Thea Howe, GGCCM-IHQ, PGM, Grand Secretary - Reporter

We have had a busy fall. We have catered to several lunches, and we held our annual turkey supper to raise funds to help pay our assessment(rent). We are grateful that so many members come out to help and support this fun day. Special thanks to Sister Angela Bothner PM and Sister Jenny Guest GC for convening this successful fundraiser.

In October we held our stated meeting later in the month due to Thanksgiving. In November we remembered those who so bravely fought for their country.

December meeting ended with the Installation of 2024 Officers. We welcome Sister Jennifer Whalley as a first time Worthy Matron along with experienced Worthy Patron, Brother Rob Reiersen, who has lost track of how many times he has served his chapters as WP but well into double digit.

Our chapter was pleased to present our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother George Frederick, with an Honourary Life Membership to Regal Chapter. We were also delighted to present Sister Donna Rederburg, Worthy Grand Matron with an Honourary Membership to our chapter.



l-r: Donna Gudjonson WM, Donna Rederburg WGM, George Frederick WGP, Dennis Skuce WP

We have completed all the steps for amalgamation with Accession Chapter No 96 (Melfort) and look forward to the Amalgamation Ceremony in the new year.

On behalf of all Regal Chapter members we wish you the merriest Christmas and all the very best in 2024.

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