ESTARL REPORT
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PGM OF SASKATCHEWAN

I would like all our Sisters and Brothers to know how honoured I was to hold this office for Sister Glenda MWGM and Brother Lon MWGP. How exciting!!

I visited the OV Sessions of Alberta, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and PEI before I became ill in my third year and couldn't make it to BC and Yukon or New Brunswick.

Each Grand Jurisdiction was very gracious in allowing me to speak at their sessions and some even asked me to participate in their ESTARL worship service which was a very kind and thoughtful gesture!

I have just been asked to participate in the ESTARL service at General Grand in Myrtle Beach as our US Chair of ESTARL is not well enough to fulfill his duties. I will proudly do my very best!

Every Grand Jurisdiction is still very active in raising funds for our ESTARL awards and they are still being presented. However, getting information about them out to prospective recipients is more difficult and with fewer applicants every year. This is a common theme throughout the country. I was able to gather many ideas on how to deal with these problems and pass them on to ESTARL officers.

Thank you to the Saskatchewan subordinate chapters for their consistent dedication to this charity and to its continued support!

On a personal note: Thank you to you all for your cards, prayers, love and gifts. I love you all! ❤️

ASSINIBOIA #8

Sister Cheri Cowan, PGM – Reporter

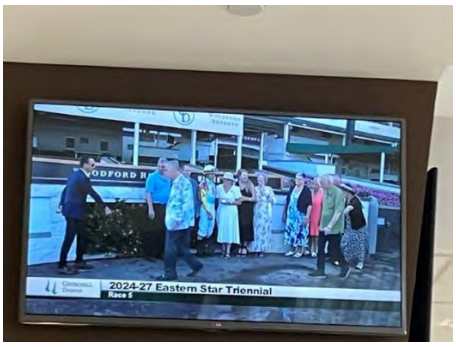
Hello star gazer aficionados. So excited to have the opportunity to share the news from Assiniboia chapter #8. As you may know Assiniboia is blessed to have been accepted to begin amalgamation with Mizpah #1.

Stay tuned to the next issue for a look back at our history.

Since our last submission, Sister Margaret Ann WM contacted the Seniors centre and several members met for an honour night for Melva Layman and Ann Triska.

Later, Sister Elaine Lucas received her 55-year pin.

At the end of June, some Saskatchewan members attended an orientation for GGCCM in Louisville Kentucky, hosted by Sister Billie Bradford RWAGM and Brother Michael E Berry RWAGP.



This was a trip beyond expectations with extra tours and shows to ramp up excitement for their General Grand Chapter 2024–2027.

We experienced flight cancellations on the way home so we used our best skills to make alternate arrangements. Poor me, I had to spend an extra day sightseeing with Sisters Donna Sanders and Laurie Costello. Hopefully WestJet comes up with travel reimbursement.

One of our events was a night at the races complete with supper and special race in honour of The Order of the Eastern Star.

As the Homecoming of our WGM and WGP nears, we are keen with excitement in anticipation of all of the festivities. Some Assiniboia members were able to have a glimpse of the jocularity as we attended the official visit at Corinthian Chapter. Who knew Pink Flamingos could be such fun.

Here is hoping that harvest is a good one. Some bins are bulging, some couldn't feed a mouse, but the farming spirit carries on; feeding the world. Just like the farmers, OES has heart. Hope to see you all at the Homecoming. If not in person, at least in spirit.

CORINTHIAN #89, GOVAN

Brother Bruce Farrer, PGP – Reporter

Corinthian's report this time is not so much about what we did but mainly about what we didn't do or hoped to do. At our Official Visit in August , we had hoped to present Sister Ruth Scott with her 70 year pin but she was unable to attend.

We had planned to hold the stated September meeting on our regular 4th Saturday but because the Homecoming is on that date we will have our meeting a week before, on the 21st. At that time, we also hope to hold a Book, Bake and Lottery Ticket Sale starting at 9:30 in the morning followed by our meeting at 1:00.

Grey Cup lottery tickets have already been distributed and are now being sold by our members. A date has not yet been determined when Corinthian has planned to serve a meal at Ronald MacDonald House in Saskatoon, but you won't see a single Corinthian member there. Instead, we plan to have black cats, bats, witches, and perhaps robotic pumpkins preparing and serving the food.

At our last three meetings we have enjoyed an addendum. In June it featured our Landmarks, In July it was a Starpoint addendum and for the Official Visit in August it featured flamingos.

As well, at the August meeting a Worthy Matron's pin was presented to our present Worthy Matron Sister Merle Sawatsky, by her sister, Lesley Parkin. The pin, which will be worn by future Worthy Matron's of Corinthian, was once worn by Lesley's grandmother, Maria Reid, a Charter Member of Corinthian and our Worthy Matron. in 1937.

Congratulations were extended to Sister Cathy and Brother Bruce Farrer on missing the May meeting. Well, not exactly for that....they felt they had a good excuse as May 25th, the day of our stated meeting, was the actual date of their marriage 50 years before, so they were celebrating their anniversary with family and friends.

YORKTON #92

Sister Ruby Lee, PGM – Reporter

Where has the summer gone? Seems like the days are flying by and I wonder what, if anything, has been accomplished. Our members are busy with family activities and due to distance rarely see one another between meetings. We did host three very successful hot dog BBQs at the Yorkton Superstore on May 17, June 13 and June 20. These events were hosted by our dedicated volunteer members. Our Stanley Cup pool was a sellout. Thank you to our dedicated members who helped make these projects a financial success.

Our Chapter meetings are held the second Saturday of each month except for January and July. We gather for lunch provided by members prior to the meeting. This is always a fun, social time with an amazing variety of tasty food. Everyone is welcome to attend and join in the festivities.

In June, we were delighted to honour Sister DeAnne Needham, PM with the presentation of her 50-year pin and certificate along with a beautiful bouquet of roses. We were pleased to have Brother Cam McDonald, PP from Minnedosa Chapter in Manitoba visit us for this meeting.

After our summer vacation, we gathered in August for our regular Chapter meeting. We were honoured to have visitors once again at our meeting – Sister Mildred Rinke, PGM of Alberta and Brother Wayne Rinke, PGP of Alberta.

The Altar was draped in honour of Brother Kevin Pizzey, Grand Sentinel.

Plans and preparations were made for the upcoming Official Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Lynne Moffatt and the Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ray Moffatt, PGP. Members were encouraged to have their items in early for the Silent Auction and to identify and place a starting bid on each item. Our Banquet was held at 12:00 pm in the lower hall.

REGAL #132 – SASKATOON

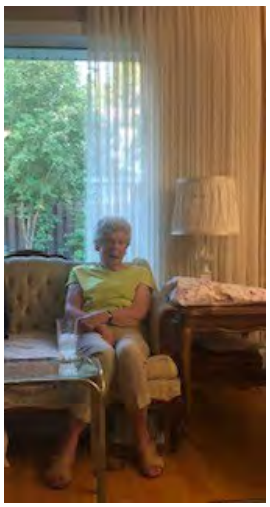
Sister Thea Howe, Thea Howe, GGCCM-IHQ, PGM, Grand Secretary – Reporter

Our summer has been full of activity. Some of our members volunteered at Ag in Motion in July and at the Saskatoon Ex at the beginning of August.

We lost our dear Brother Kevin Pizzey, Grand Sentinel at the end of July. Our chapter room will feel the void that he leaves, especially his beautiful voice which led us all. Our Sister Lizbeth Hernadez moved away to Ottawa to be closer to her family as her daughter leaves Saskatchewan for university in Ontario.

Some of us had a very enjoyable afternoon visiting with our dear Sister Dorothy McLeod. The things you learn about members while visiting. Sister Dorothy has penned a book about the history of the Anglican Church Camp, Okema near Christopher Lake. Our WM Sister Jennifer Whalley spent many summers there as well, so a great reminiscing took place.

We had a lovely evening in celebration of a milestone birthday for our Sister Lucille Eddolls, PM. Thank you to Sister Dona Dumont PM for opening her home for the celebration.



We look forward to presenting Sister Frances McManus PM with her 60-year pin at our September meeting.

We hope your fall harvest is bountiful and we wish you a blessed Thanksgiving.

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