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FROM THE EDITORS

Star Love, Sisters Marianne and Jean

MIZPAH #1, MOOSE JAW

Brother Lloyd Pethick, PGP - Reporter

A *"BIG MIZPAH CHAPTER No. 1 HELLO"* to all our Eastern Star Members near, far and wide.

Our New WM, Sister Gillian Moffatt & WP, Brother Ray Moffatt (PGP), wish to invite you all to our meetings and activities for the coming year.

I know everyone is eager and anxiously looking forward to Spring and Summer.

The Installation of the 2026 Officers was held on December 13, 2025, under the direction of Installing Officer, Sister Cheri Cowan (PGM) and her team.

2026 Mizpah Officers

Mizpah Member updates ….

The Chapter was saddened by the loss of PGP Brother Ernie Butz on January 28th. Our thoughts are with Sister Sue and we wish her the best as she plans for her upcoming year as Worthy Grand Matron. We congratulate Sister Sue & Brother George (PGP) on their "Follow Your Dreams" Grand Chapter year beginning in May as well as Mizpah Grand Officers Sister Lynann Pethick as Grand Electa, Sister Margaret Tatarinoff as Grand Treasurer and Sister Barbara Webb (PGM) as Special Page to WGM.

Sister Judy & Brother Lorne Tilson spent the winter months in Belise and returned home at the end of February.

Brother Vern Mittelholtz celebrated his 101st Birthday on March 6th with a Party put on by the Home. They enjoyed it very much. On April 21, they will celebrate their 78th Anniversary. All our best to two wonderful people. Sister Dorothy was

admitted to hospital March 13 and still in there. We wish her well.

Brother Vern Mittelholtz, PGP

Sister Dorothy and Brother Vern

Sister Shirley & Brother John Burgeson celebrated their 70th Anniversary on March 7. The Chapter sent them a card and Bouquet of flowers to help brighten their day.

Sister Shirley Doherty, Sister Lynne Moffatt (PGM) & Sister Cathy Forester have another 20 or so bags with necessity items in them for the Cancer Clinic in Regina.

PGP Brother Ray Moffatt had knee surgery on March 3rd and we wish him a speedy recovery.

Years of Service awards:
-Sister Darleen Smith (April) – 70-year Certificate & Pin
-Brother Lloyd Pethick (PGP) – 35-year Certificate

Our Chapter continues to take rose bowls to all our shut-ins & members for any special occasions or when they have been sick or in hospital.

Our monthly Star Luncheon's held on the 2nd Tuesday are still well attended and a great time of fellowship.

***"What Is What"* in our Chapter.…**

-Regular Meetings are 3rd Monday from March to November.
-April 30 to May 2, Grand Chapter Session (Saskatoon).
-June 15th Mizpah Chapter Official Visit (7:30 pm)

Wheel of Fortune tickets fundraiser (March till June).

Hope you all had a Very Happy Easter!
See you at Grand Chapter!

ACACIA #3, BIGGAR
Sister Urla Tyler, PM – Reporter

Acacia Service Dog fundraiser raffle is ready. Tickets are available from Acacia members.

Planning information table for Town and Country Fair Days in Biggar June 13-14.

We're Getting ready for three initiates for May 19's official visit!

We've been busy with our usual business and everyone is reasonably well and healthy.

All the best to our Sister chapters as spring will be round the corner soon we hope!!!

SASKATOON #4

Sister Bev Otsuka, PGM - Reporter

The year is swiftly flying by and hopefully our winter is in the rear view mirror…. We were very pleased to accept the affiliation petitions of Michelle Woroniuk and Betty Cumming with balloting and affiliation in the next couple of meetings.

February was celebrated by having a Valentine's Day Tea held in the home condo of our WP, Brother Joe Zbeetnoff. We didn't have a huge turnout, but the ones that were there had a great time. We enjoyed our visitors from the condo as well as our sisters from Acacia #3 in Biggar. We shared our tea, treats and many stories and laughter.

Making profits is important but laughter and friendship is by far the most important and that day proved that as everyone had a great time.

In March we celebrated our 112th birthday in the Chapter.

Sister Carole Ann Wilson, WM
and Brother Joe Zbeetnoff, WP

A lunch and cake were enjoyed by all before our meeting at noon.

In March and April, we affiliated our new members, Sister Michelle Woroniuk (89) and Betty Cumming (7). We were very pleased to welcome both our Sisters into our Chapter and hope that they feel very much at home. Sister Michelle is already at the Organ and Sister Betty is being installed as Adah. "No grass is growing under their feet!" We share these Sisters with Corinthian #89 in Govan and Regina #7.

The two sisters were installed into their stations at the April meeting after the Ceremony of Affiliation.

Sisters Carole Ann, Michelle, Betty and Brother Joe

Sister Jenny Maas WGM and Brother Dave Hartley WGP stopped by at our April meeting on their way out of town to deliver and present Grand Representative Commission to FIVE of our deserving members:

Sister Patricia Meddins, Sister Anita Ingram, Sister Betty Cumming, Sister Phyllis Byers and Sister Bev Andres. WM Carole Ann Wilson and Brother Joe Zbeetnoff WP on either side

We were pleased to have our Sister Chapter represented by their WM, Sister Angela Bothner and WP, Brother Chris Howe at our meeting as well. Sisters Mary Ann Couse (7) GC filled in for our Electa and Sister Idella Barr (3,76) PGM filled in as Installing Marshal. Sister Margaret Jensen (89) was also in attendance.

REGINA #7

Sister Marianne Woods, PM – Reporters

Regina #7 was in recess for January and February, and enjoyed our March meeting in the Blue Room, with Acting Worthy Matron Sister Melinda Nagy, PM presiding. Our Worthy Matron Sister Donna Sanders enjoyed a beautiful vacation and was missed by her Sisters and Brothers.

We were deeply saddened by the passing of our Brother Lloyd Ramsdell, PP, who passed away peacefully on January 6, 2026. Brother Lloyd was Worthy Patron to Sister Mary Ann Couse in her year as Worthy Matron. The Altar was draped in Lloyd's memory at our March meeting.

His best and most honored role was that of a member of the Masonic Lodge and the Wa-Wa Shriners and Eastern Star. Lloyd was a member of the Wa-Wa Shriners Drill Corp and loved every minute of it, making numerous life-long friendships. All social events, fundraisers, and trips were so very memorable for him.

Brother Lloyd Ramsdell, PM

Sister Marianne, PM had the pleasure of visiting Sister Eileen Moffatt, PM on the occasion of her 102nd birthday in April. Congratulations Eileen on being 102 years young!

We are delighted to share the news that we have moved to the Red Room on the main floor of the Regina Masonic Temple where we held our April stated meeting on our new date – the second Saturday of the month! Thank you to Sisters Donna and her sons, and Sister Jean for their help in moving our paraphernalia and treasured possessions and finding room for everything. We enjoyed a wonderful time of fellowship and were delighted to have visitors from Mizpah #1, Moose Jaw and Saskatoon #4, several of whom served as officers for us. Below is a photo to celebrate our first meeting in the Red Room!

Officers and Visitors at April meeting (missing: Sisters Llynne Lambert, PGM and Carole Ann Wilson, WM)

We look forward to seeing you at Grand Chapter in Saskatoon and along the Star Trail,

Happy Trails!

LLOYDMINSTER 76

Laurie Costello – Reporter

2026 began with our Chapter being dark in January, with our new year meeting dates commencing in February.

GGCM, (Service Dogs), PGM and current Lloydminster Chapter 76 WM Sister Colleen Hozack was honoured to present Sister June Campbell with her 80-year certificate! Such tremendous dedication, we all extend our congratulations to Sister June for achieving this milestone.

Our Chapter has been so fortunate to have a number of dual members join us, and consequently for the very first time in 7 years we

have installed a full slate of officers! We are looking forward to the fellowship in the year ahead. We continue the practice of sharing a meal before our meetings, time which is welcomed by all in attendance.

Visiting with our Sisters and Brothers

Sister Donna Sanders GGC Ambassador to Quebec and Sister Laurie Costello travelled to Australia and New Zealand in March. While in New Zealand, they met for lunch in Porirua, with members from the last remaining OES chapter in New Zealand. It was a short but enjoyable visit. To be welcomed halfway across the world by our sisters and brothers in the Order, reminded us of the beauty of the Eastern Star, and the ties that bind us together.

Our day was capped off by the sticker shock of filling up the gas tank at $3.39 per litre in NZ dollars. That converts to about $ 2.71/litre in Canadian dollars!

CORINTHIAN #89, GOVAN

Brother Bruce Farrer, PGP – Reporter

Corinthian Chapter has not been meeting for three months so we have little to report; however, our March meeting was a busy one as we had an initiation and to make it even better it was a Brother and still better than that, he was under 80! Well actually he was still in high school pretty well only a couple of decades ago.

We didn't waste any time putting him to work either. Within 24 hours of his initiation Brother Patrick Haryett had joined other Corinthian members on March 29th working at a Fashion Show in Saskatoon.

Corinthian #89 March meeting with our newest member Brother Patrick Haryett

This time although Sister Merle Sawatsky helped organize it and the rest of our members who were there just volunteered to help out, the proceeds went to OSI CAN. As you can see in the following picture, our WGP Brother Dave Hartley, and our newest member, Brother Patrick Haryett, both of whom have Scottish heritage, were appropriately attired to escort the various models on and off the stage.

Brother Patrick and Brother Dave

Due to illnesses, a few of our members were unable to take part in the initiation ceremony but thanks to our friends from other Chapters we had all the offices easily filled. We were pleased to welcome our WGM Sister Jenny Maas, and WGP Brother Dave Hartley to our meeting.

Congratulations and best wishes to the Corinthian members who received their Grand Representative commissions at our March meeting – Sisters Janet Haryett (Wyoming), and Lorraine Sobchyshyn (Ontario) and Brother Bruce Farrer (Texas.) We hear that Brother Bruce's counterpart, Brother Tommy Griffin and his wife have already registered to attend our Grand Chapter this month.

YORKTON #92

Sister Ruby Lee, PGM – Reporter

Just changed the page on our wall calendar – it says April. The sun is shining brightly, the wind is blowing like crazy, but the snowbanks are not going away. Have seen a few geese in the area so I guess spring will arrive eventually. Our Chapter

does not meet in January, so we have only had two meetings since our last report. We continue to meet for lunch and a time of fellowship prior to our meetings. This is so important as we come from many places so do not see each other in between our meetings.

A seven-foot high snowbank outside our house

At our February meeting, we were so pleased to have heat – new furnaces have been installed in the Masonic Temple. The Altar was draped in memory of Brother Ernie Butz, PGP. Our members are preparing a Spring Garden Basket for the Grand Chapter fund raiser.

In March, despite the bitter chilly weather, we were pleased to install Sister Angela Oleskiw, GGCCCM as Worthy Matron, Sister Lorraine Poitras as Chaplain, Sister Kathy Gordon, PM as Marshal, Sister Marjorie Orr, PM as Ruth and Sister Sophie Sajtos, PM as Esther. Sister Angela had just received clearance from her Doctor to remove her neck brace, so we are incredibly pleased about that. Resolutions will be discussed at the next meeting.

Looking forward to seeing many at Grand Chapter.

REGAL #132 – SASKATOON

Sister Thea Howe, PGM,
Grand Secretary – Reporter

In February, several officers were under the weather, our WM Sister Angela was not able to attend so it was a special pleasure for me to act as Worthy Matron alongside my son, Brother Chris as Worthy Patron. How many can say mother and son served as WM and WP for a meeting?

Sister Jenny our WGM presented Brother Peter Turanich with a Grand Representative commission to Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and provided Sister Heather Jackson PM with an extension to her British Columbia and Yukon commission.

Dave Hartley WGP, Jenny Maas WGM,
Peter Turanich AP, Thea Howe PGM,
Chris Howe WP, Heather Jackson PM

Sister Angela WM arranged to make cookies at Ronald McDonald House in memory of her son Carter. Sisters Vivian Skuce PM, Thea Howe PGM, Kim Frederick PM and MacKenzie Lehner joined WM Angela for a morning of baking cookies then we individually wrapped each cookie.

Sisters Thea, Angela, Kim, Vivian and Friend MacKenzie Lehner

Sister Vivian and MacKenzie

In March, we enjoyed a fundraising event of Irish Stew. Sisters Heather Jackson PM, Jennifer Whalley PM, Kim Frederick PM, and Vivian Skuce, PM.

Sisters Heather and Jennifer

Thea Howe PGM, Angela Bothner WM spent the afternoon preparing the potatoes, biscuits to accompany the Irish stew then made rice pudding and bread pudding for dessert. Our new neighbour, Sister Grace Griffiths WM of Corinthian No. 89 stopped for a takeout and offered her assistance in serving the meal.

Sisters Grace and Kim

We had a special birthday party at the home where our Sister Dorothy McLeod resides. Sister Jean Scarlett-Cooper PM (3) and Sister Betty Cumming PM (7) were able to join us before they had to entertain the other residents, singing in the choir.

Sister Dorothy, the birthday girl joined her OES Sister Lucille Eddolls PM (add the photo of the two)in the PLUS ONE club!!

Sister Dorothy McLeod

Sisters Dorothy and Lucille

Sister Lucille is 45x2 PLUS one and the birthday girl, Sister Dorothy became 49x2 PLUS one that day.

Our AGP, Brother George Frederick and our WM Sister Angela joined in the celebration!!

We had birthday cake and cinnamon buns to help celebrate the special occasion.

On behalf of Regal members, we wish you a Happy Mother Day and enjoyable spring !

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