The Star Gazer

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FROM THE EDITORS

Have a Blessed Christmas!
Sisters Marianne and Jean

FROM OUR WORTHY GRAND MATRON AND WORTHY GRAND PATRON
Sister Lynne Moffatt and Brother Ray Moffatt

Dear Star Members:

While the weather outside is cold, let the warmth of Christmas surround us. Let us enjoy time with our family and friends extending an invitation to those who have no one. Ray and I want to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

SPREAD KINDNESS – LIVE IN LOVE YEAR 2024 WGM SPECIAL PROJECT – ALZHEIMER SOCIETY OF SASKATCHEWAN
Sister Donna Rederburg, PGM
Brother George Frederick, PGP

In November, Sister Donna Rederburg Jr PGM and Brother George Frederick Jr PGP presented a cheque for $9,255 to Rebecca Snider, Manager of Major and Planned Gifts- Alzheimer Society of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon. This was the second installment of money raised during their "Spread Kindness – Live in Love Year (SK LILY)" for the WGM Special Project. Along with the $6,000 presented at their 2024 Grand Session Informal Opening, for a final total of $15,255 raised for the SK LILY WGM Special Project – Alzheimer Society of Saskatchewan.

Sister Donna and Brother George would like to pass on their heartfelt ***"thank you***" to all Saskatchewan OES members for their generous support of their SK LILY WGM Special Project

by selling raffle tickets and pins; attending, volunteering and donating silent auction items at their 2024 Celtic Ceilidh fundraiser; donated items for the 2024 Grand Chapter Session Silent Auction; Subordinate Chapter donations; and members' private donations to the SK LILY WGM Special Project. When all Star members act together to support WGM Special and other charitable projects, we make a difference in the lives of many individuals throughout Saskatchewan.

Sister Donna PGM, Brother George PGP and Rebecca Snider, Alzheimer Society of Saskatchewan.

INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS REPORT
SISTER THEA HOWE, GGCCM
INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS (132)
2021-2024

Nevada Grand Chapter October 6 -9, 2024

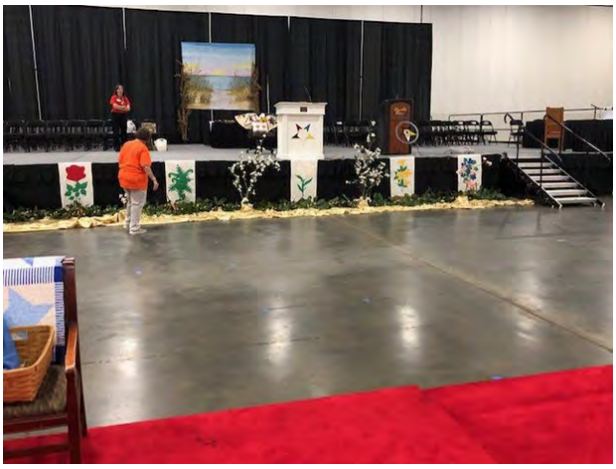
Several Saskatchewan members attended the 118th "Live in Harmony, We are all Family" Session in Las Vegas, Nevada. Sister Thea Howe, GGCCM International Headquarters, PGM, Grand Secretary and Brother Brian Thornhill, Jr. PGP of Nevada were honoured to present the Canadian flag at the Opening Ceremony.

Sister Cheryl Svab, Grand Representative of Nevada in Saskatchewan presented the Saskatchewan flag along with her couterpart Sister Sheila Gross, Grand Representative of Saskatchewan in Nevada. Brother Clarence Van Horn PGP carried the flag.

The new core of officers were installed for the 2024-2025 year with Sister Linda McNaught WGM and Brother Jim Phelps WGP starting the "Let Your STAR Light Shine" year.

General Grand Chapter 51st Triennial Assembly in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina October 28 to 31, 2024

Saskatchewan members can be proud that the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan was on display for the world to see. The chair back banners which were on display at the "Spread Kindness – Live in Love Year" Grand Chapter in Saskatoon at which time our MWGM, Sister Glenda Winchester requested they be used at the 51st "Worldwide the Family of God Marches Together", Triennial Assembly.

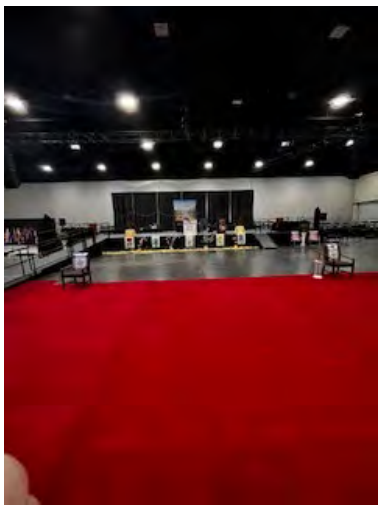


There were 32 resolutions discussed at GGC. Several were withdrawn, four were amended and passed and eighteen passed and six failed. The most noted resolution to pass was the membership qualifications for degrees. Changes to the Ritual and the Red Book will be supplied by the RWGS.

Some Saskatchewan members enjoying some time at the beach!!

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER REPORT
SISTER DONNA SANDERS
GGC AMBASSADOR TO QUEBEC, PGM

These are pictures from General Grand Chapter 2024 in Myrtle Beach South Carolina. Laurie Costello and I had so much fun singing in the choir!! Meeting old friends and making new! So glad I could go!!!



This is the General Grand Chapter Room in Myrtle Beach

All the GGCCM got to march in a very special spiral

The Brazilian group, Donna and Alma Bane

These are the Romanian Sisters who have been coming to General Grand Chapter for the past 15 years!

The Canadian flag being presented in the Flag Parade

The Hawaiian Sisters doing a dance

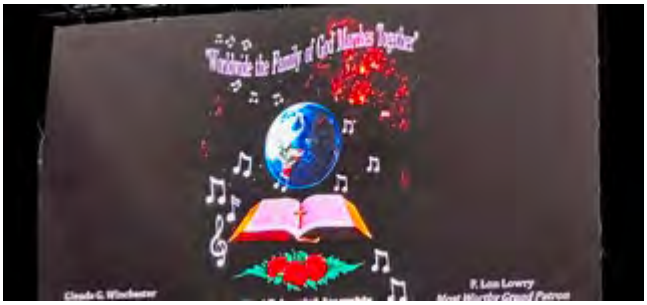
WGM and WGP of Scotland (the Burtons)

MWGM Sister Glenda and MWGP Brother Lon

Llynne Lambert being given recognition for her work with Service Dogs.

Sis Debbie Dhayer RWAGM's Halloween Party

Sister Laurie Costello, Lloydminster Chapter and Sister Donna in the Horseshoe!!



The Banner for the Triennium

John PMWGP & Barbara Grobler with Sister Donna

Sister Donna in front of the hotel with a plaque thanking Canadians for rescuing 6 US diplomats

Closing ceremony officers returning badges of 2021-24

A dear friend of Sister Donna's
Sister Annelle Hammond from Georgia playing while sitting on her suitcase.

Mike Berry MWGP's backdrop for the Installation

MIZPAH #1, MOOSE JAW

Brother Lloyd Pethick, PGP - Reporter

It has been another great and very busy year for members of Mizpah Chapter #1. Our Chapter has been and is very supportive toward our Worthy Grand Matron Sister Lynne Moffatt & Worthy Grand Patron Brother Ray Moffatt with their many visits around the Province, as well as out of country. Plus, they still retained their stations as Organist and Sentinel in our / their own Chapter.

The Homecoming held on September 28th was a great and wonderful event. There were 58 in attendance. Many Chapters participated with a short skit or some form of entertainment. The Theme was "Splish-Splash…Come to the End of Summer Bash" and dress theme was Beachwear or Summer casual. A BBQ supper and all the fixings along with socializing & fellowship followed.

Grand Officers attending Homecoming

A Special Meeting took place on November 9, 2024, with Assiniboia Chapter #8 amalgamating with Mizpah Chapter #1. The Members of Assiniboia were introduced in the West. Acting Worthy Matron Sis. Cheryle presented each with a white carnation and a "Welcome" song was sung by WGM Sister Lynne Moffatt followed by a hardy round of applause.

Their membership into Mizpah Chapter will be cherished very, very much. A courteous and cordial *"Welcome"* to them all.

Those present at Amalgamation Meeting

Luncheon following Amalgamation

Our Chapter fundraisers, the Wheel of Fortune, Bake Sale & Christmas Raffle were all a huge success.
Our monthly 2nd Tuesday Luncheons continue to be a good time of fellowship and get-together for our members. It is an outing for those unable to attend our night meetings.

In November presentations were made to:
- Sister Judy England - 60 year pin & certificate
- Sister Frances Glascock - 65 year certificate.

Our Chapter has been very saddened this year by the loss of 3 Stars ….Sister Luba Tatarinoff on April 15th, Sister Bonny Taylor on July 30th and Brother Adrien Tatarinoff on October 27th. Grand Chapter grieved the loss of Brother Kevin Pizzey (Gd. Sentinel) and Sister Marilyn Peters (Gd. Martha), as well as GGC Sister Marlene Wilds (Worthy Grand Electa of S. Carolina). A Memory

Cross Ceremony was held at our November meeting for all the above Deceased members.

The last regular meeting of Mizpah #1and the Installation of The New Officers took place on December 2nd with Sister Cheryle Svab as Worthy Matron & Brother Stuart Doherty as Worthy Patron and their core of Officers leading our Chapter into their 116th year. Congratulations for a great year ahead.

Worthy Matron Sister Sue Butz & Worthy Patron Brother Paul Tysdal "Thanked" their Officers and Chapter for all the support during this past year. Mizpah Chapter is in recess for January and February with our next regular meeting to be held on March 17, 2025.

"Be the fruit of the spirit which is …. Love, Peace, Forbearance, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self-Control."

Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year to All ….from members of Mizpah Chapter #1

ACACIA #3, BIGGAR

Sister Urla Tyler, PM – Reporter

Plans were made in October to have a soup/sandwich lunch at our local New Horizons hall, but due to lack of helpers we had to cancel, we are all aging and other commitments unfortunately. We'll see what happens in the spring!

Our October meeting was a friendship meeting. Each month we all have to wear a bit of a colour decided by Worthy Matron Linda White or be fined. So far, members are fine free!!! December meeting is red.

Several members have been travelling to chapters Official Visits and Hands across the Border in August, September and October and made it to the WGM/WGP Homecoming in Moose Jaw. All new and old friendships have been rekindled and developed into lifelong friendships. Great organization!

We draped the altar in memory of Grand Sentinel Kevin Pizzey, Grand Martha Marilyn Peters and Brother Donald Finan, P.P. (formerly North Battleford Chapter #2) of Acacia Chapter #3. We will miss them amongst us. Sick and visiting is continuing by members in Biggar, Saskatoon, Unity and North Battleford with cards and flowers being sent. Brother Les White just had knee surgery and is awaiting the second knee surgery in a few months. Members placed Remembrance day wreaths in Biggar, Unity, North Battleford and Saskatoon.

We have Secret Pals this year and all was revealed at the December meeting on the 16th. Monthly, we collect eyeglasses, lenses and cases for Lions Eye Bank, we take used stamps with whole envelopes for cancer research and pop can tabs for hospital equipment.

July 11th was the 90th birthday party for Sister Vera McNeil, PM; December 7 was the 90th birthday party for Sister Linda Ard, P.M. at Meota; Sister Myrtle Robinson, PM just celebrated her 96th birthday and just moved into the Biggar long term care facility, all are doing wonderful.