On December 27th, The Noteables caroling group that Sister Marianne is part of visited and provided entertainment to Sisters Eileen Moffatt and Verna Coates and the residents.

l-r: Sisters Verna, Eileen and Marianne

That's all for 2025! God's Blessings for 2026!
Star love to all!

LLOYDMINSTER 76

Laurie Costello – Reporter

Season's greetings to all from #76 Lloydminster! No doubt everyone was entrenched in preparations for the Christmas season, and we were no exception here in Lloydminster.

Our biggest news at #76 in Lloydminster has been that we have received EIGHT petitions for affiliation in recent months. It is very exciting to enter into a new year with this strong showing of support! We are thrilled to welcome the following members to #76:
Bev Otsuka, Saskatoon #4
Amber West, Norman #41, Oklahoma
Carol Fowke-Burns, PM, Acacia #3, Biggar
Jesse Carr GS, Queen Esther, #22, Vermilion, AB
Carol Fulton, Queen Esther, #22, Vermilion, AB
Jerry Fulton, Queen Esther #22, Vermilion, AB
Caryl Lamothe, Queen Esther #22, Vermilion, AB
Shawn Lamothe, Queen Esther 2, Vermilion, AB

#76 hosted a quilt retreat at the end of October, which was attended by quilters and crafters alike. Thank you to Colleen Hozack who pulled double duty by providing lovely meals for us. McTavish - one of the mischievous puppies from Alberta OES managed to find his way to the event, to everyone's delight!

Sisters Carol Fulton and Colleen Hozack

Sisters Carol Lamonthe, Grace Hill, Kim Fuller, Kim McMinnis, Idella Barr, Colleen Hozack, and her sister Eileen!

Sister Colleen Hozack
and Guest Brenda Chisholm

Colleen's Sister Eileen and Sister Idella Barr

Sister Grace Hill

Sister June Campbell has been recognized for the monumental achievement of receiving her 80 year certificate. Congratulations Sister June on this amazing milestone.

Looking ahead we are finalizing plans for our traditional Shriners kids and grandkids craft day. As well we are working on details for a fundraiser in February for service dogs. Watch for further details!

To everyone, we send our Star Love this Christmas Season, and Blessings for the Year Ahead!

"Never a Christmas morning,
Never the old year ends,
But someone thinks of someone
Old days, old times, old friends."

And a Happy New Year!

CORINTHIAN #89, GOVAN

Brother Bruce Farrer, PGP – Reporter

Corinthian Chapter has had a challenging time holding meetings on the scheduled days. Due to inclement weather and unsafe travel conditions we've had to obtain two dispensations to meet on alternate days, which meant that some members were unable to attend. Thanks to members from other Chapters, we were able to fill required offices and complete the installation of our offices on December 15th. Our congratulations and best wishes to Sister Grace and Brother Gerald Griffiths who are now in the East.

Corinthian Officers for 2026

Corinthian Officers and Installing Officers

We have had an eventful fall. Sister Merle Sawatsky headed the group who organized an enjoyable and profitable fashion show in Saskatoon in September. A few of our members volunteered to model some outfits.

In October we were pleased to honour Sisters Tannis Patterson and Merle Sawatsky who celebrated their half century in our Order. So how did we honour them? Well first of all by making them provide the noon lunch, which was based on an Oktoberfest theme so they served a typical Oktoberfest meal. Then we made them dance around the Chapter room. Actually, they volunteered to provide lunch but instead of being escorted to the Star Points in the usual way to receive some flowers they danced a polka from Star Point to Star Point, while the Chapter heard each Star Point officer summarizing the various ways (and there were many!) that they contributed to OES activities during each of their five decades in the Order.

L-l-r: Our WGM, Sister Jenny Maas, Sister Janet Haryett, WM, Sister Tannis Patterson, Sister Merle Sawatsky, Brother Bruce Farrer, WP and our WGP, Brother Dave Hartley

Dancing around the Chapter Room
Tannis and Bruce

Bev Otsuka receiving her Honourary Life Membership and Rod Stafford with his Honourary Membership, flanked by the WM and WP of Corinthian and WGM Sister Jenny and WGP Brother Dave

Sister Marilyn Bodner also reached her 50-year mark but was unable to attend so our WGM Sister Jenny Maas and WGP Brother Dave Hartley visited her in Lanigan and presented her with her pin and certificate.

Below, you will see a picture of Sister Merle Sawatsky presenting our Worthy Matron, Sister Janet Haryett, with her 40-year pin.

Sisters Merle and Janet

At the end of October, a number of us went to Ronald McDonald House in Saskatoon to provide a meal for the guests there.

Back row l-r: Sisters Betty Abrey, Judy Brown, "Brother" Ronald, Sister Merle Sawatsky
Front row l-r: Sisters Bev Otsuka and Janet Haryett and Brother Bruce Farrer

Also in October, another group drove to Strasbourg to serve the Toonie luncheon to about 100 seniors in that community. That turned out as a bonus for our Grey Cup lottery sales. Sister

Bernice Scott who has had a number of "vacations" in the hospital, wasn't able to sell her usual number of scores for the lottery, so we set up a table at the Strasbourg luncheon and as soon as the guests heard that we were selling tickets on behalf of Bernice, many of those loyal Strasbourg supporters rushed over to the table to buy their tickets. Thanks to the work of all our members but especially to a few persistent and innovative members we sold all the scores. Winners this year for the scores at the end of each quarter were Brenda Fritzler of Govan, Ken Sobchyshyn of Wadena, and Bev Stangeland of Saskatoon. Larry Doetzel of Strasbourg won $250 for buying the ticket that had the final score.

In November, we said Goodbye to a dear Sister, good friend and loyal 71-year member, Sister Ruth Scott, who died at Qu'Appelle House in Regina at the age of 91 years. Our Chapter was honoured to be asked to perform the Eastern Star funeral rites for her. Her daughter, Tannis Patterson took the office of Adah at the funeral ceremony.

YORKTON #92

Sister Ruby Lee, PGM – Reporter

We are living in a winter wonderland. The fresh snow makes everything look so fresh and clean.

Things have been quiet at Yorkton Chapter since the last report. We have held our regular monthly meetings and enjoyed our times of fellowship prior to our meetings. Our last two meetings were very chilly as we had no heat in the upper level. My understanding is that the furnace has been replaced so we will be way more comfortable at our next meeting.

Our Grey Cup Pools were a sellout and a profitable fundraiser.

Worthy Matron, Sister Kathy Gordon accepts tabs from a centurion at Yorkton Nursing Home.

Sister Elaine Low, PGM enjoying some beautiful fall flowers.

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Officers installed were Sister Susan Bear, PM as Associate Matron, Brother Roderick Lee, PGP as Organist, Sister Judy Stone, PM as Martha, Sister Sally Bishop, PM as Adah, Sister Ruby Lee, PGM as Conductress, Sister Nancy Leson, PM as Associate Conductress, Sister Karen Wilson, PM, as Treasurer, Sister Maxine Greiner, PM, as Warder, Brother Wayne Stephens, PP, as Worthy Patron and Brother Earl Greiner, PP, as Secretary. Sister Kathy Gordon will remain Worthy Matron until her replacement is installed.

We always enjoy our time of fellowship prior to our meeting. Our Chapter room was warmer this time despite the frigid temperatures outside but we are still awaiting the installation of the new furnace.

May the gifts of peace, hope and joy be yours at Christmas and throughout the year ahead.

REGAL #132 – SASKATOON

Sister Thea Howe, PGM,
Grand Secretary – Reporter

We were pleased to host our WGM Sister Jenny Maas and our WGP Brother Dave Hartley at the Official visit in October followed by the Halloween/Homecoming gathering. Several members participated in some games and a "silly

fashion show" presented all in attendance some unique creations.

The Remembrance Day service held annually at SaskTel Centre was different with the change in their policy, which the concordant bodies were not allowed to participate as they had done in past years. Several members attended the Remembrance Day service in Delisle instead. Sister Jenny Maas WGM laid the wreath along with our Sister Angela Bothner AGC on behalf of Regal Chapter.

l-r: Sisters Jenny, Angela and Brother Dave

At our November meeting, we held our elections and look forward to the year ahead.

Our major fundraiser, a turkey supper was held at the beginning of December. It is always a great evening with good food, good company and great fellowship.

We held our Installation in December and will install those Officers who were unable to participate at our January meeting.

We wish everyone all the best in 2026!

PAST APPOINTED GRAND OFFICERS (PAGO)

Sister Marianne Woods, President

Those of you who are Past Appointment Grand Officers know that the Loving Cup is presented to the PGM who has the most PAGO represented at the Annual Luncheon every year. This year, PAGO will be having their luncheon with the Grand Representatives Association, but we will have our Annual Meeting prior to the Grand Representatives Luncheon.

The Loving Cup was not returned at last year's Grand Chapter, and I am writing to ask if anyone knows the location of it. It is stored in red velvet sack. If you know the whereabouts of it, please contact me at mariannewoods1955@gmail.com

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Lloydminster #76-Laurie Costello
Corinthian #89, Govan-Bruce Farrer, PGP
Yorkton #92-Ruby E. Lee, PGM
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