



The Star Gazer

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FROM THE EDITORS



Wishing you a Relaxing and Rejuvenating Summer!
Star Love, Sisters Jean and Marianne



FROM OUR WORTHY GRAND MATRON SISTER LYNNE MOFFATT

Well, it has been a busy time since Grand Session with two official visits and visiting three out-of-province Grand Sessions (Minnesota, British Columbia-Yukon and Alberta).

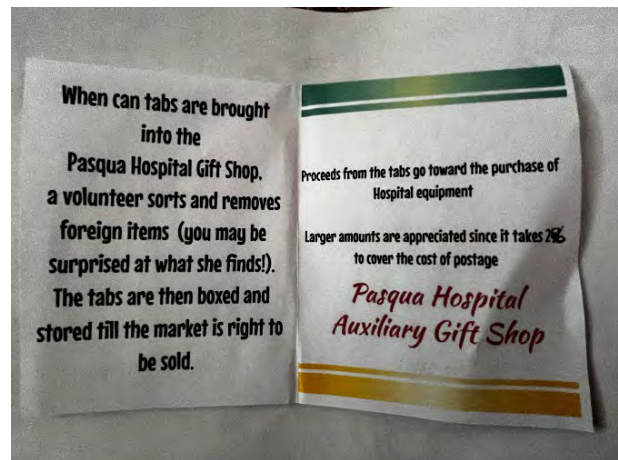
I believe it was 32 members who turned up to the Alberta Grand Session and sang *It's a Wonderful World* and surprised Sister Kim McMinis by singing the Last Saskatchewan Pirate. It is amazing how we all belong to the same organization but do things so differently. I met a lot of really nice people.

I am looking forward to the next Official Visits and getting time to sit on my deck and read. Remember my virtual door is always open and you can contact me at wgm2024.2025@gmail.com I believe the one in the Trifold is incorrect. Hoping to see you along the Star Trail!

GRAND CHAPTER POP CAN TABS REPORT

Sister Donna Sanders, GGCCM, PGM

“I received a nice card from the Pasqua Hospital Volunteers after my last donation of over 800 lbs. of pop can tabs from Saskatchewan OES Chapter collections. Thank you all so much for your efforts! Keep up the good work!”



MIZPAH #1, MOOSE JAW

Brother Lloyd Pethick, PGP – Reporter

Mizpah Chapter #1 is very honoured to have and to support our own members Sister Lynne Moffatt & Brother Ray Moffatt (PGP) as Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan.

Other Grand Officers from Mizpah Chapter #1 include:

- Sister Margaret Tatarinoff (Grand Treasurer),
- Sister Susan (Sue) Butz (Grand Conductress & Grand Treasurer Emeritus),
- Sister Amy Moffatt (Special Page of the Worthy Grand Matron), and
- Gillian Moffatt (Special Page of the Worthy Grand Patron).



2024 Saskatchewan Grand Chapter Officers

We wish them all a wonderful and harmonious Grand Chapter Year.

At Mizpah Chapter's first regular meeting of the year on March 18th, WGM Sister Donna Rederburg, presented Grand Representative Commissions to Sister Maxine Olmsted (Kansas), Sister Lynann Pethick (Maine) and Brother Lloyd Pethick (Connecticut).



l-r: Sisters Maxine Olmsted, Donna Rederburg, Lynann Pethick and Brother Lloyd Petrick

Our Chapter continues to have our Star Luncheons on the second Tuesday of each month. A good time of fellowship for all. Mizpah Chapter Official Visit will be held on August 19th at 7:30 p.m. Supper at 5:00 p.m. Cost \$15.00. Contact: Sister Lynann Pethick @ 306-631-4129 for tickets.

The Homecoming of the Worthy Grand Matron & Worthy Grand Patron will take place on Saturday September 28, 2024, at 2:00 pm. There will be entertainment and skits with Supper to follow at 5:00 pm. More details to come.

Special Birthdays and Anniversaries for June, July & August are...Happy 70th to Sister Joan Paquin, Brother Lorna & Sister Judy Tilson (68 years), Brother Lloyd & Sister Lynann Pethick (57 years) & Brother Paul & Virginia Tysdal (40 years).

We are selling Wheel of Fortune tickets (\$2 each or 3 for \$5) till the end of July. Contact: Sister Lynann Pethick (306-631-4129). Then from August to November, we have a Christmas Raffle, with various prizes. These are also \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Please contact Sister Dianne Sanborn (306-631-6474) or Sister Cheryl Svab (306-631-4598) if you would like some tickets.

We wish each and every one
a Wonderful, Safe, & Happy Summer.



A Summer Blessing for you all.....

Blessed are you - summer....a season of long days and short nights, you pour forth light from your golden orb, energizing the earth and calling forth growth.

Blessed are you - summer....with your generous gift of heat. Your warm breath animates creation, encouraging all growing things to stretch toward the sun.

ACACIA #3, BIGGAR

Sister Urla Tyler, PM - Reporter



Sister Urla Tyler, PM presented Sister Vera McNeil PM with the second prize limited edition print of Calvin Cornish from the Service/Guide Dogs draw at Grand Chapter.

Also, the first prize of the draw went to Sister Nancy Stewart – a \$250 valued gift basket of wine, wine glasses, Royal Doulton figurine, and gift cards. And Sister Urla Tyler won the third prize of a beautiful clay and glass black pendant necklace. Imagine! All three prizes to Acacia!!



Sister Bev Otsuka, PGM, Sister Carla Simsic, PM, from Acacia No. 3 in Saskatchewan, Sister Wally Campbell from Acacia Chapter No. 46 in Arizona, and Sister Idella Barr, PGM also from Acacia No. 3 chapter. They all met and attended the Grand Chapter of Manitoba in May.

Soup and sandwich fundraiser luncheon with seven different soups, open faced buns and dessert!! Yummy!!! Below are pictures of our successful soup and sandwich luncheon held in April. We fed 78. Great day of fellowship and visiting in the community.



Sister Carla Simsic, PM affiliated with Acacia at our April meeting becoming a dual member and we heartily welcome her!



Sister Urla Tyler, PM, Grand Adah and Sister Robin Isabelle, PM, Grand Ruth were presented with wrist corsages from Acacia Chapter from WM Linda White (centre) at Grand Chapter installation ceremony on April 27.



Honourary Life Memberships were presented to (left) Sister Elizabeth McMahon and (right) Sister Vera McNeil in recognition of their many years of Dedication and Service to Acacia Chapter No. 3 and the Order of the Eastern Star. WM Linda White made the presentations at the March meeting.



The 2024 Grand Chapter officers' team who attended Regal Chapter No. 132 Official Visit on May 13.



An Honourary Life Membership was also presented to Sister Myrtle Roninton, PM (seated) in her home, pictured left to right: Sisters Vera McNeil, Myrtle Robinson, Elizabeth McMahon and WM Linda White.

SASKATOON #4

Sister Bev Otsuka, PGM - Reporter

It has been a very interesting time for our Chapter this spring going into the summer months. Without a full summer in recess, we have had to alter our way of thinking. In March, we were to celebrate our 110th Birthday as a legally constituted Chapter but "Mr. Weatherman" had a different idea for us. We did meet with fourteen members who braved the storm to come out to make sure we had our meeting, including Rick

and Linda Galloway who came from PA. (they also had another engagement in the city, but they were there and helped out even midst the storm!!) Our out-of-town members stayed in the warmth of their homes and waited until April for the next Star meeting.

We also celebrated with the following people who received their PROFICIENCY Certificates/updated Mary Lee Cunningham (4), Carla Simsic (4,3), Janet Haryett (89,4), (Cheryle Svab (1,89) Bev Otsuka (4,3) (Instructor/Examiner). Cindy Johnston (4) took some classes but will continue in the upcoming year.



Sisters Bev Otsuka and Mary Lee Cunningham



Sisters Carla Simsic, Donna Rederburg and Janet Haryett



Sisters Cheryle Svab and Donna Rederburg

We enjoyed our Birthday cake and ice cream at the April meeting and did our share in celebrating a long existence together.



Happy Birthday, Saskatoon #4!

We were pleased to honour our Grand Officers in April, Sisters Mary Lee Cunningham as a Grand Trustee, Sister Carla Simsic as Grand Adah and our WGM Sister Donna as WGM, who was absent that month (attending Regina #7's meeting). In her place we celebrated with Sister Michelle Woroniuk (132), Grand Organist. We were very proud of all of our members for taking on these roles in Grand Chapter and representing Saskatoon Chapter #4 in such a great way.

At the end of April, many from our Chapter attended the annual Grand Chapter session to celebrate our WGM's "Spread Kindness – Live in Love" year. We were very pleased to celebrate with four of our

officers being installed into the 2024-2025 year; Sister Mary Lee Cunningham as Chair of the Gr. Trustees, Sister Anita Ingram as Grand Chaplain, Sister Marilyn Peters as Grand Martha and Sister Carole Anne Wilson as Grand Electa. We wish them nothing but a happy and successful year with Sister Lynne Moffatt as WGM and Brother Ray Moffatt as WGP.

May was a holiday month for our Chapter, but it didn't stop our members from helping out at various chapters, Regina #7, Corinthian #89, Acacia #3, Lloydminster #76 during their "free" time. We look forward to getting back into our own Chapter room in June. Some of us from #4 had the opportunity to witness the official visit of Sister Lynne Moffatt and Brother Ray Moffatt at both Assiniboia #8 and Regal #132 with Acacia coming up on June 18th.

Eleven of us from various areas in Saskatchewan went to the Grand Chapter of Manitoba and enjoyed a wonderful few days together. Many of us look forward to our gathering again in Olds for the Grand Chapter of Alberta. Sister Kim McMinis, a dual member of Lloydminster 76 and Vermillion will become the WGM for 2024-2025 and many of us will be there to cheer her on.



Saskatchewan Eastern Star Members at Manitoba Grand Chapter

REGINA #7

Sisters Donna Sanders, GGCCM, PGM and Marianne Woods, PM - Reporter

Greetings from #7! The months of April, May and June have been filled with many blessings.

On April 6, Sister Eileen Moffatt, PM, celebrated her 100th birthday with a Celebration at College Park I and a beautiful dinner. Several members of Regina #7 were able to attend, and Sister Marianne celebrated Sister Eileen in song.



Sister Eileen Moffatt, PM



l-r: Sisters Jean Thibeault, Joyce Brown, Verna Coates and Gilda Treleaven-Graham



l-r: Sisters Betty Cumming, Amber McLeod and Jean Thibeault



Sisters Jo Anne Knobbe and Dale Yeo



The Birthday Girl Herself!

Several of our members were able to attend Grand Chapter in Saskatoon. We were extremely proud of our Grand Chapter Officers – Sisters Jean Thibeault, Grand Marshal, Gilda Treleaven-Graham, Grand Martha and Mary Ann Couse, Grand Trustee.

The icing on the cake was when our Sister Mary Ann Couse, WM was elected as Associate Grand Conductress! Sister Mary Ann was installed on Saturday evening and our Sister Jean Thibeault did her work beautifully as Installing Marshal. Sister Donna Sanders, GGCCM, PGM took part in the Bible and Emblem Ceremony and Sister Marianne sang “Bread of Heaven” to honour Sister Lynne, WGM and Brother Ray Moffatt, WGP.

Sister Marianne was honoured to sing several of MWGM Sister Glenda Winchester’s songs during the Session. Sisters Llynne Lambert, Thea Howe and Donna Sanders, GGCCM’s, were celebrated at the Honours Luncheon on Saturday, and Sister Donna joined Marianne to sing “It is Well With My Soul.” A precious moment indeed!



l-r: Sisters Gilda, Mary Ann and Jean



Head Table, Honours Luncheon for GGCCM Members



l-r: Sisters Gilda, Marianne and Jean



Sisters, Donna, Llynne, Thea, GGGCM’s with Sister Barbara Webb, PGM, Mistress of Ceremonies, Honours Luncheon