



Sisters Donna and Marianne



Sister Donna Sanders, GGCCM, PGM with Sister Glenda Winchester, MWGM

At our May meeting, we were pleased to welcome several members from Saskatoon #4 to fill offices. We also celebrated Brother Erskine Sandiford's Birthday and were pleased to know that Sister Marilyn Peters also has a May Birthday!

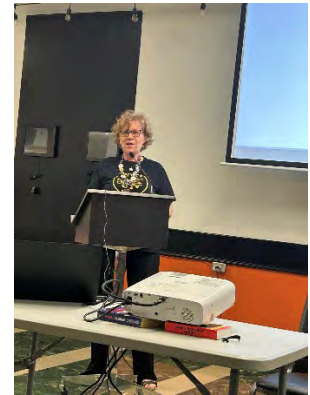


Sister Marilyn and Brother Erskine

Regina #7 was pleased to host a Fundraiser Happy Hour at the Shrine Temple in April in support of Service Dogs. WGM Sister Lynne and WGP Brother Ray were able to attend, and Sister Llynne Lambert, GGCCM – Canadian Chair for Service Dogs, made a presentation.



Service Dogs Display



Sister Llynne Lambert



Sister Dale Yeo and Sister Lynne, WGM



Sisters Mary Ann, Shirley Marianne & Larry Couse

And here is our beautiful member, Sister Joyce Gillies, PGM. Doesn't she look wonderful?



Saturday, July 6 is our Official Visit at 1:30 pm. Lunch at 11:00 am, \$15.00. Please RSVP to Sister Marianne at 1-306-541-9358 or marianne@osac.ca by July 1 if you are coming for lunch. Hope to see you there!

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, we have moved our meeting days back to the third Thursday. We have a bag lunch before the meeting and begin our meeting at 1:00 pm. We love visitors, so call Sister Margaret Ann WM if you plan to attend so we can make sure to put out the welcome mat.

Since our last report in March, we were busy preparing for the Grand Chapter and the first official visit of our WGM and WGP Sister Lynne and Brother Ray Moffatt.

During Grand Chapter in Saskatoon, we were honoured to have Sister Lynne and Brother Bruce Lambert take part in many official responsibilities from the opening of sessions to Bible and Emblem ceremonies. Our own sister Cheri Cowan PGM teamed up with Sister Barbara Hoffman PGM to line up all the distinguished guests for introductions and it was an honour for our own Sister Cheri to be the installing officer for Sister Lynne and Brother Ray: our newest WGM and WGP.

We began preparations for our official visit by preparing baskets and gathering items for our penny parade. Some dedicated members met to give the hall a really thorough cleaning and to decorate for the official visit. It was a labour of love with so much care and attention to welcome our guests and to ensure there was plenty of pomp and ceremony to honour the Grand Officers, Grand Trustees and WGM and WGP.

Sister Lynne WGM has asked us to refer to the members as a team, as opposed to a family, but whatever you call them, we were blessed to have them in our midst. The big winners of the two baskets full of china were Sister Mary Ann Couse and Sister Cheri

Cowan. Many thanks to everyone who participated in our fundraising endeavours.

Sister Margaret Ann Ferguson WM, Sister Lynne WGM and Brother Ray WGP were happy to visit Sister Ann Triska PM at East Side Court. Sister Lynne WGM presented a Grand Representative appointment to Sister Shirley Burgeson PM to Montana. Sister Shirley was asked to take Brother Jack Burgeson his 40-year pin. Brother Bruce Lambert Grand Trustee received his 40-year pin.

Many thanks to all the visitors who helped to make this event so special.



Official Visit of Assiniboia # 8 - Officers, Visitors and Grand Chapter Officers with Sisters Lynne, WGM and Brother Ray, WGP

Since the Official Visit, members have been busy travelling to various Grand Chapters. Sister Lynne and Brother Bruce Lambert attended the Grand Chapter in BC and 11 members from Saskatchewan attended Manitoba's Grand Chapter.



Manitoba Grand Chapter Officers



Saskatchewan Members attending Manitoba Grand Chapter

Currently Sisters Cheri, Llynne and Brother Bruce are heading to Alberta to join 18 other Saskatchewan members at Olds College for their Grand Chapter.

LLOYDMINSTER #76

Deborah MacDonald – Reporter

Lloydminster Chapter #76 will have their Official visit of Sister Lynn Moffat and Brother Ray Moffat our WGM and our WGP on Friday, September 6, 2024, at 7 pm. A Roast Beef Supper will be at 5 pm at a cost of \$25/plate.

Hands Across The Border, Vermilion Alberta will be held Saturday September 7, 2024, at the Vermilion Seniors Centre, 5324-50 Avenue Vermilion, Alberta.

The Official Visit of Sister Kim McMinis, WGM of Alberta, Meeting at 2 pm, Steak Supper to follow. We are so proud that Sister Kim McMinis is a dual member of Lloydminster Chapter #76. We are extremely excited and pleased to be able to support our Sister.

CORINTHIAN #89, GOVAN

Brother Bruce Farrer, PGP – Reporter

Corinthian's Worthy Matron, Merle Sawatsky, PM, and Worthy Patron, Gerald Griffiths, PP, have a fun year planned with their "Love and Laughter" theme. Their fun emblem is 'Thumper', the rabbit from Bambi, who says, "If you can't say somethin' nice,

don't say nuthin' at all". We have a full slate (except for the Associate Patron) of happy, smiling officers doing great work. Even Brother Gerald and Brother Bruce have a little "HeeHaw" time under the Good of the Order. You should join us to hear the great music and laughter.

Sister Cheryle Svab has been busy taking orders for our OES jean jackets. If you are interested in buying one, please contact Sister Cheryle at 306-631-4598.

Congratulations to Sister Kayla Ingram who is convocating from the University of Saskatchewan with a Bachelor of Education degree. Well done!!

Corinthian Chapter could boast that at all three meetings this year we have had all the chairs filled, but there would be one small detail missing. Once we know who is going to be unavailable, we invite someone from another Chapter to fill in. Our fellow sisters and brothers have been very accommodating, so every meeting is like the old friendship nights we used to have with the opportunity to visit with members from many other Chapters.

Throughout the year we might end up with a number of our regular members being away, attending Grand Chapters or visiting their counterparts in jurisdictions to which they were given Grand Representative commissions. Out of our membership of 31 we have a total of 12 Grand Representatives – Cheryle Svab (Nevada), Grace Griffiths (Virginia), Gerald Griffiths (Missouri) Kayla Ingram (Nebraska), Dona Dumont (Oklahoma), Betty Abrey (West Virginia) Bruce Farrer (Utah), Bernice Scott (Ontario.), Lorraine Sobchyshyn (B.C. & Yukon), Jeanie Daigle-Lunney (New Mexico), Hitomi Suzuta (Italy), Jo anne Knobbe (Arkansas).

The two couples who belong to our Chapter were both away for the May meeting, but not because they were Grand Representatives (although three of them are.) The Griffiths were in the process of moving to new accommodations but still in Humboldt and the Farrer's were celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

In the previous month, Cathy Farrer reached another 50-year event as she celebrated the 50th anniversary of her joining Eastern Star in Qu'Appelle Chapter 88. She

was presented with her 50-year certificate and pin by the WGM.



l-r: Sisters Merle Sawatsky, WM, Bernice Scott, Bev Otsuka, Cathy Farrer, Betty Abrey and Gerald Griffiths, WP – 50-year Plus members

The Star Points and the Associate Matron then presented an addendum to honour all the 50 Plus members, Cathy Farrer, 50 years, Bev Otsuka 53 years, Betty Abrey 57 years and Bernice Scott 64 years. At each station, the four members were each presented with red roses and a poem was read.



l-r: Brother George Frederick, Sisters Betty Abrey and Donna Rederburg. Sister Bety received her Grand Representative Appointment to West Virginia at the April meeting

At the same meeting Judith Brown, Grand Electa was escorted to the East and given a gift, a Corinthian cookbook.



l-r: Sisters Bernice, Bev, Cathy and Betty, 50-year plus members



Sisters Judith Brown, Electa and Donna Sanders, Adah

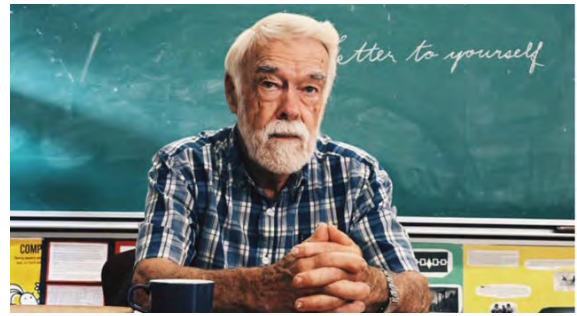
Another special anniversary was celebrated in May when Ruth Scott's family and Eastern Star members honoured her on the occasion of her 90th birthday. Pictured here are Betty Abrey, Ruth's daughter (and OES Sister) Tannis Patterson, Donna Sanders, Merle Sawatsky and Ruth's sister-in-law (and OES Sister), Bernice Scott.



The members of Corinthian Chapter offer congratulations to Bruce Farrer, on the release of a documentary entitled El Metode Farrer, which was premiered on the opening night of a 10-day film festival held in Valencia, Spain on May 3rd.



The documentary features an assignment Bruce gave each year to his Grade 9 students to write a 10-page letter to themselves which he would deliver to them in 20 years. Over a period of 47 years about 1500 letters were written and delivered.



Not only were the Farrer's given a free trip to Valencia, but they were also provided with free accommodation and meals at their hotel during their 6 day stay in Spain. Hopefully the documentary will eventually be broadcast in Canada but that depends on the responses of the North American networks.



Documentary director Ramiro Acero, Bruce at the podium and Esther Morente, Director



Bruce and documentary director, Esther Morente on Opening Night

Since Sister Donna is a dual member of Corinthian #89, and Regina #7, it is only right to include these photos! This quilt was made and given to Sister Donna by Merle Sawatsky after she was diagnosed. Aren't Star Sisters special forever friends!!



Star Sister Lorna Richmond knit Donna toques! This one's a crown!!

YORKTON #92

Sister Ruby Lee, PGM – Reporter

Another very breezy day here at Fishing Lake which makes it feel chilly and not a great day to be outside. I am finding it hard to believe that three months have already passed since our last report. Retirement is very busy.

Our March meeting was preceded by a lovely luncheon provided by Sisters Lorraine Poitras and Cathy Toth. Worthy Grand Matron Donna Rederburg was in attendance and three Grand Representative Commissions were presented: Sister Nancy Leson – Oregon, Sister Judy Stone – New York, and Sister Cathy Toth – Delaware.



l-r: Sisters Judy, Nancy and Cathy with Sister Donna

The Resolutions which are being presented at Grand Chapter were read by our Worthy Patron, Brother Roderick Lee, PGP, and discussed by our Chapter members.

Our April Meeting was preceded by a delicious lunch provided by Sisters Judy Stone and Sally Bishop. We welcomed Sister Sophie Sojtos, PM as our newly affiliated member – so nice to have you join our Chapter!

Our Chapter has two fundraisers in the works. We are selling squares on a Stanley Cup pool and we are making plans for three hot dog BBQ's which will be held at the Super Store in Yorkton in May and June.

Sister Gladys Lehtissari, PM was presented with her 50-year Membership Pin and certificate by WGM Donna Rederburg.



l-r: Brother Rod Lee, WM, Sister Gladys Lehtissari and Sister Kathy Gordon, WM

Yorkton Chapter was well represented at our Grand Chapter Session held in Saskatoon April 25–27, 2024.

We are very proud of our attendance and our involvement in the operation of the Grand Chapter duties. Our Worthy Matron, Sister Kathy Gordon helped with the decorations and also looked after the Silent Auction and Basket Raffle Tickets.



MWGM Sister Glenda Winchester
And Kathy Gordon, WM

Brother Roderick Lee, PGP opened as Session with his WGM Sister Barbara Webb, served as Chair on the Finance Committee, and shared his musical talents as Installing Organist for the 2024-2025 year.

Sister Angela Bothner, PM, served on the Jurisprudence Committee. Sister Susan Bear, PM shared her beautiful voice which added joy to our gatherings.

Sister Ruby Lee, PGM served as Grand Chapter Page to our MWGM, Sister Glenda Winchester and Installing Grand Conductress.



Sister Ruby, PGM with Sister Glenda, MWGM

Brother John Zondervan, PGP served as Assistant Grand Sentinel and Installing Grand Secretary. Sister Judy Stone, PM was able to meet her Grand Representative Counterpart from New York. Sister DeAnne Needham, PM served as Grand Warder for the SK Lily Session. Sister Janet Zondervan, Grand Secretary Emeritus was present for all sessions.

Our May meeting was preceded by a taco party, complete with Mexican decorations, hosted by Sisters Angela Oleskiw, PGM and Sister Susan Bear, PM. Great excitement and fun was enjoyed by all present as some were experiencing their very first taste of tacos. Our Chapter meeting was well attended. It is exciting to have our officer chairs filled and to have good participation from our members. Our fundraisers are progressing nicely.



REGAL #132, SASKATOON

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

At our March meeting we initiated Sister Lizbeth Hernandez Ronquillo. Sister Donna Rederburg WGM presented her with her membership certificate at our March meeting. Sister Lucille Eddolls was presented with a Grand Representative Commission to Ohio. Sister Shelley Mikkelson PM received her 25-year certificate and pin from Sister Donna Rederburg, WGM



Sisters Shelley and Donna

We were saddened to drape the altar with the loss of Sister Shirley Anderson PM who joined Eastern Star in Lanigan 76 years ago. She served rural Saskatchewan as a public health nurse. As a widow left with two young children, she met and married a widower Brother Andy Anderson who had five young children. They raised this blended family in the Drake area.

We also draped the altar for Sister Rowena Mackeracher who joined the Order in Swift Current. Sister Rowena was also a Registered Nurse. She leaves to mourn her passing five children, twelve grand children and fifteen great grandchildren. A funeral service will be held at the Eston United Church on June 22 at 2 p.m. for both Sister Rowena and her husband, Brother Colin.

We initiated another member to our Chapter on April 8th; Sister Melissa McGillivray pictured here with our WM Sister Jennifer Whalley, our WP Brother Ron Reiersen and our WGM Sister Donna Rederburg and our WGP Brother George Frederick.



Our Official Visit was held on May 13th, Sister Lynne Moffatt WGM presented our WP, Brother Ron Reiersen with his 50-year certificate. He had received his pin at Grand Chapter.



Official Visit of the WGM and WGP with Grand Officers and Regal #132 Officers

As summer approaches, we will be busy volunteering at the Ag in Motion event with all concordant bodies in Saskatoon to raise funds for our Temple. Sister Kim Frederick PM and I look forward to being at Masonic Youth Camp in July. We wish you all an enjoyable summer!! See you on the Star Trail!!

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