The Star Gazer

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FROM THE EDITORS

Star Love, Sisters Marianne and Jean

Saskatchewan Members enjoying BC & Yukon Grand Chapter

FROM OUR WORTHY GRAND MATRON AND WORTHY GRAND PATRON
Sister Jenny Guest and Brother Dave Hartley

Sister Lynn Maas WM, Sister Michelle Woroniuk and Sister Margret Jensen receiving their 25 year pins at Regal #132

Western Canada 2025/2026 WGM
Manitoba Pat Shuttleworth
Alberta Bonnie Nelson
Saskatchewan Jenny Guest
BC Yukon Cheryl Rikley

.MIZPAH #1, MOOSE JAW

Brother Lloyd Pethick, PGP – Reporter

The meetings of March & April were extra busy for the Chapter with loads of correspondence since December 1st and with the granting of five (5) Demits. The Chapter also presented Sister Lynne Moffatt with an Honorary Life Membership. WGM, Sister Lynne presented Grand Representative Commissions to: Sister Andrea Klassen (Massachusetts), Sister Amy Moffatt (Arizona) and Sister Gillian Moffatt (Nevada). Congratulations, we hope you enjoy corresponding with your counterparts.

Sister. Barbara Webb (PGM) presented Brother Paul Tysdal with Brother Jack Webb's Past Patron pin which he appreciated very much. WGP, Brother Ray Moffatt then presented Brother Paul Tysdal with a Grand Representative's Commission to New Mexico.

l-r: Sister Lynne Moffatt, WGM, Brother Paul Tysdal, PP, and Brother Ray Moffatt, WGP

Mizpah Chapter was very, very busy with the planning and the hosting of the "Kindness Becomes You" Grand Chapter Session held April 24th to 26th in Moose Jaw. It was a real success with 141 members attending.

Many, many thanks to the Grand Chapter Committee Members and to all those who assisted in any way.

Many good and wonderful compliments were received. Sister Jenny Guest & Brother Dave Hartley were installed as Worthy Grand Matron & Worthy Grand Patron for 2025-2026. We wish them and their Grand Officers a Joyous, Safe & Harmonious Grand Chapter Year. Grand Officers from Mizpah Chapter are Sister Margaret Tatarinoff (Grand Treasurer) and Sister Susan (Sue) Butz (Associate Grand Matron & Grand Treasurer Emeritus)

The "Meet & Greet" area was a great place for members to just relax, have a coffee and cookie and to just visit.

This area also hosted the 50-Year and plus Members Tea which was extremely enjoyed by all.

Our Chapter continues to take rose bowl flowers to all our shut-ins & members for any special occasions or when they have been sick or in hospital. Our Star Luncheons held the 2nd Tuesday of each month are still well attended and also a good time of fellowship.

***"What Is What"* in our Chapter.…**
-June 16th Mizpah Official Visit (7:30 pm)
-Wheel of Fortune tickets fundraiser (April to July).
-All Members BBQ - August
-Bakeless Bake Sale fundraiser (re: donations)
-Chapter Raffle tickets fundraiser (August to November)

We wish all Sisters & Brothers and their Families, a Wonderful, Safe & Happy Summer.

So let us cherish every hour,
and savor summer's vibrant power

ACACIA #3, BIGGAR

Sister Urla Tyler, PM – Reporter

Presentations done at Acacia Chapter Biggar March 2025

PGP Eric Rann, Donna Foster, Grand Representative of Saskatchewan in Virginia, Lynne Moffatt, WGM, Ray Moffatt WGP, Debbie Robinson WM, Carol Fowke-Burns, Grand Representative of Saskatchewan in Washington

Sister Carol Fowke-Burns receiving her two year commission as Grand Representative of Saskatchewan on Washington from Sister Lynne Moffatt WGM at March meeting of Acacia #3, Biggar

Sister Donna Foster receiving her two year commission as grand Representative of Saskatchewan in Virginia from Lynne Moffatt WGM at Acacia's march meeting. Looking on is Sisters Carol Fowke-Burns and Debbie Robinson WM

Sister Carol Fowke-Burns, Grand Representative of Saskatchewan in Washington with her counterpart Sister Lynn Hunt, Grand Representative of Washington in Saskatchewan and Grand Adah, Sister Debbie Robinson

Members from Acacia attending Grand Chapter in Moose Jaw: l-r: Cheryl Rann GGCCM Regenerative Medicine; Most Worthy Grand Matron Billie Bradfield; Grand Matron and PGM Bev Otsuka; Grand Ruth Robin Isabelle; PM Carla Simsic; Grand Adah Urla Tyler; Donna Foster; PM Linda White; PM Carol Fowke-Burns; PM Marion Kelly; Worthy Matron Debbie Robinson

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SASKATOON #4

Sister Bev Otsuka, PGM - Reporter

Our Chapter celebrated their 111th Birthday at our March 1st meeting with cake and coffee cut by WM, Patricia Meddins and WP, Robert Huisman. Sister Patricia offered a lovely verse:

I am your Chapter
and this day is my 111th Birthday
For 111 years I have enjoyed,
Your Faith, Love and Loyalty

I've seen each Matron in the East.
Work hard to guide my destiny.
I've seen our Golden Chain grow strong,
Each link a vital part of me.

I've seen the members come and go
Some not for long my work did share
A few who brought me into life
Still watch over me with loving care

I've tried my best to make our Star
A place of warm fraternal love
I've tried to teach each candidate
The lessons sent from God above

I've sent the sunshine into homes
I am your chapter, and I pray
Where suffering and pain held sway
You'll think of me in all you do
I've tried to comfort aching hearts
For by the way you live your life
Whose loved ones have been called away I will be judged, for I am you.

The WGM, Sister Lynne Moffatt presented Sister Carla Simsic, PM with a Grand Representative Commission to the Territory of Puerto Rico in Saskatchewan. Our congratulations to Sister Carla. She certainly works hard as our Chapter Secretary as well as other things….

As we passed the gavel to another at Grand Chapter in Moose Jaw, we wish to thank Sister Lynne Moffatt and Brother Ray Moffatt for their leadership and dedication to the Order this past year. We look forward to Sister Jenny Guest and Brother Dave Hartley as they take on their new role as Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. As a Chapter we are here to provide any kind of assistance that we can to our Grand Chapter. We are pleased to announce the appointments of Sister Kayla Ingram as Grand Esther, Sister Linda Galloway as Grand Ruth, Sister Anita Ingram as Special Page to the WGP and Sister Merle Sawatsky in charge of Fundraising and the newest member of the Grand Trustees and Sister Donna Rederburg as Chair of Trustees for one year.

Sister Sylvia Berreye receiving a 60-year certificate (61) and an HLM from Saskatoon #4 for all of the many years that she has contributed to our Chapter by the WM, Sister Patricia Meddins.

In May, right after Grand Chapter, the Chapter had their BBQ in Rosthern so that both the members from Prince Albert and Saskatoon could attend. We were pleased to welcome the WGM and WGP, Sister Jenny and Brother Dave to our gathering.

An unusual phenomenon two sets of sisters (4) in our line of officers in Saskatoon #4: WM Sister Patricia Meddins (Wilson) and Carol Anne Wilson as AM. Following is Anita Ingram (Haroldson) as Conductress and Phyllis Byers (Haroldson) as Associate Conductress.

Not a sight one would see anywhere – we wish them all the best as they continue in their respective positions.

Sister Norma Wilson, 70 year member…..!

We are so proud of our Sister Norma Wilson, a member of Saskatoon Chapter #4 who has celebrated her 70 wonderful years in Eastern Star. Sister Norma was initiated into Prince Albert #16 on June 5, 1955 where she was an active member. She then affiliated with Saskatoon #4 in 1968 where she became Worthy Matron in 1984.

In April of 2025, our MWGM, Sister Billie Bradfield joined Sister Norma at the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan at the 50-year plus tea. Norma has been an active officer up to this year where she still acts and fills in when visiting other chapters. She is most proud this year sitting in the East beside her daughter, Patricia as Worthy Matron and watching her second daughter in the West, Carole- Anne, as Associate Matron. We join with others in congratulating her on a lifelong adventure of **70 years** as an active member of the Order of the Eastern Star. WGM, Sister Jenny Guest, presented Sister Norma with her 70-year certificate and pin at the June meeting.

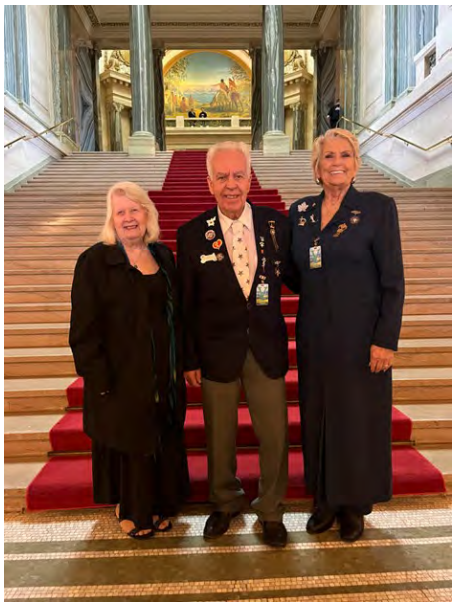
In May, many of us were involved in the Grand Chapter Fashion Show with the proceeds directed to OSI-Can with the Worthy Matrons acting as models. Our WM participated happily as shown in our picture. Great attendance, great time and proceeds went to a great project.

REGINA #7

Sister Donna Sanders, GGC Ambassador to Quebec, PGM and Sister Marianne Woods, WM–Reporters

Hello from Regina No 7!
We have been busy!!

Sister Lynne Moffatt WGM, Bro Ray Moffatt WGP and Sister Donna Sanders GGC Ambassador to Quebec, PGM were introduced at the Sask Legislature on April 14!! Exciting!



Our Sister Mary Ann Couse had her shoulder surgery and was healing well enough to accept the portrait of King Charles III presented by Donna Sanders.

For Easter we phoned our shut ins and had lovely conversations.

Grand Chapter in Moose Jaw was well attended. Brother Rod Stafford was Grand Warder and Sister Donna Sanders was GGC Ambassador to Quebec and gave a report.

Rod and Donna sang in the Grand Choir along with Marianne who narrated two special songs. Several participated in the Drill Team.

Brother Rod did a lovely tribute to Sister Donna at the Honour Luncheon for GGC Appointees.

Our Sister Gilda Treleaven Graham was honoured as a 50-plus year member on Saturday afternoon.

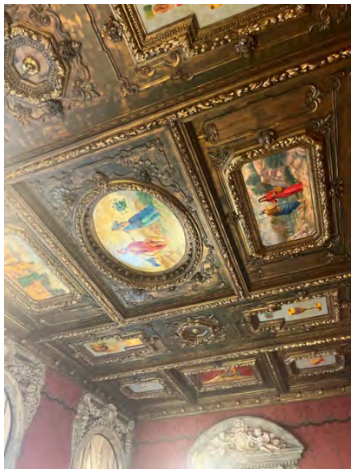
Sister Mary Ann Couse was Associate Grand Conductress for the Grand Session, and on Saturday evening was installed as Grand Conductress and Sister Marianne Woods was installed as Grand Chaplain!!!

Sisters Laurie Costello and Donna Sanders made 150 “Heighland Coo” cupcakes for the installation! Yummy!

Sister Donna Sanders was awarded an HLM in the Sask Union of Nurses for her 53 years of service for the union.

Sister Donna toured the Belmont Mansion OES Headquarters in Washington DC in May.

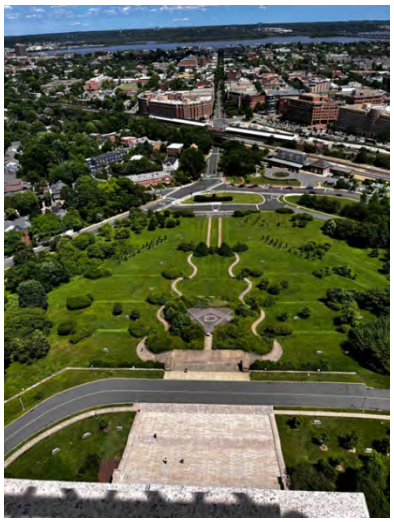
Gorgeous marble fireplaces with gold leaf



The 5 Star points are painted on the ceiling

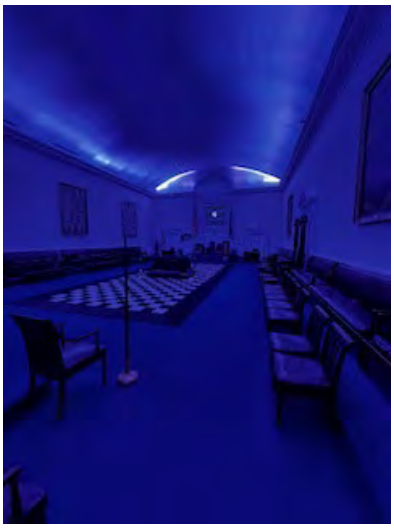
The elegant marble entrance staircase

Then to the huge Masonic Temple in Alexandria, Virginia. It is where George Washington was WM for Lodge 22 and where Martha Washington Chapter No 1 OES still meets!!



View from the top of the 9th floor balcony!!

This bronze statue of George Washington is 17 ft tall and 7 tons!



The Blue Room

Our Brother Fred Clarke PMWGP and PGM of Nova Scotia and PEI

Sister Donna celebrated her 75th birthday on June 1st. Happy Birthday from your Sisters and Brothers from across the province!

We had a small but mighty group at our June meeting and met for a visit and tasty lunch in the library of the Masonic Lodge. Thanks to Sister Dianne Sanborn from Mizpah who subbed for us!

No 7's OV is October 4th and all are Welcome!!

LLOYDMINSTER 76

Laurie Costello – Reporter

We remain quite an active Chapter, and are so very thankful for our dual members, and those who voluntarily attend our monthly meetings! As one of the 'new kids on the block," I really enjoy learning from such a wonderful group of sisters. In March, Sister Idella Barr, PGM and Sister Bev Otsuka PGM visited our shut ins, Dorothy Elliott and Glenda Campbell, prior to the stated meeting.

Sisters Cheryl Rann, GGCM for Regenerative Medicine, PGM, and Idella Barr, PGM provided a wonderful meal which we enjoyed together.