



# The Star Gazer

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## FROM THE EDITORS



Wishing you a Blessed Easter!  
Star Love, Sisters Jean and Marianne



## FROM OUR WORTHY GRAND MATRON AND WORTHY GRAND PATRON, Sister Donna Rederburg and Brother George Frederick

It has been a busy time for both me and Brother George these past few months as Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

Since November 2023, we have presented over 30 Grand Representative Commissions to Saskatchewan Eastern Star members. We feel this has been a great honour and privilege for us, as Worthy Grands, to present members with these Grand Representative Commissions. When making these appointments in 2023, we considered members that have not had a Grand Representative Commission or had not had one recently, and/or members who were very active in their Chapters. We cannot express how wonderful it is to make these appointments and present them to our Saskatchewan Eastern Star members.





Daughters at Saskatoon Masonic Temple with other Saskatchewan Fraternal Families (Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan OES WGM, WGP and Grand Officers; Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan Grand Master and Grand Lodge Officers; WAWA Shriners Potentate).



On January 20<sup>th</sup>, we attended the WAWA Shriners 2024 Annual Meeting and Potentate's Ball with Sisters Kim and Thea as our guests. We had a great time renewing old friendships and making many new friends at the Potentate's Ball.



We attended a Special Starette Circle on January 27<sup>th</sup> in Regina at the Associate Grand Conductress' home. Thank you so very much for hosting a wonderful Circle Tea and allowing us the great honour of attending and celebrating Sister Luba and Brother Adrian Tatarinoff who are longtime and dedicated OES members. We enjoyed Sister Luba Tatarinoff, PM telling us about her many Starette Circle and OES experiences. It was an amazing afternoon!

On January 6, we and some of our SK LILY Grand Officers attended the Installation for Bethel #16 Job's



The Celtic Celidh took place on Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Celidh was a fun social event and successfully raised funds for the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan and the WGM Special Project – Alzheimer Society of Saskatchewan. It was wonderful to see Eastern Star members, Masons, and visitors enjoying themselves in renewing old friendships and making new friends too!

In February, there were two Amalgamation Ceremonies that I, as Worthy Grand Matron, officiated. The first Amalgamation Ceremony was held on February 3<sup>rd</sup> at Saskatoon Chapter No. 4 Stated meeting where Prince Albert Chapter No. 16 amalgamated with Saskatoon Chapter No. 4. The second Amalgamation Ceremony was held February 12<sup>th</sup> on Regal Chapter No. 132 stated meeting where Accession Chapter No. 96 amalgamated with Regal Chapter No. 132. I would like to thank all assisting Officers, members of these Subordinate Chapters and visitors for their assistance and support.

Brother George and I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Grand Officers and everyone else who bought tickets, volunteered, and supported our fundraising raffles, silent auction, 50/50 and bag draw. We would especially like to take this opportunity to thank our Grand Secretary, Sister Thea, and her kitchen crew (Sisters Mary-Lee, Kim, Judy, Jana, Jean, Angela, and Thea's brother John) for a great meal with lots of desserts provided by Sister Lynne Associate Grand Matron, Sister Mary-Lee Grand Trustee and Brother George, Worthy Grand Patron. Thank you to our entertainers: Scottish Country Dancers (who donated \$100 to the Worthy Grand Matron's Special Project), and Bridge City Rovers.

On February 16<sup>th</sup>, WGM was invited by the Saskatoon Shrine Club to attend the Mafia Night at the Shrine Speakeasy. It was a great night of fun with Shrines, Masons and Eastern Star members. In the spirit of the night and Saskatoon Shrine Club fundraising, the WGM took a hit out on the WGP! What fun the WGM had but the WGP has promised to get even someday! It been a fun filled year for the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron – lots of laughter which is great!





PS: Please check out our New Official Website and Facebook page for more information and pictures!

[www.grandchapterskoes.com](http://www.grandchapterskoes.com)  
<https://www.facebook.com/GCSaskOES>

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### The Ruling Power

*“And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, the lesser light to rule the night. He made the stars also.” Genesis 1:16*

I would also like to announce our Celtic Cheer Raffle winners: Norma Wilson - the Celtic Cheer Basket (value \$350), Dominic Parent - the Scotch Basket (value \$125), and Chuck Rigder - the Wine Basket (value \$75).

We would like to invite all Saskatchewan Eastern Star member to the 107<sup>th</sup> “Spread Kindness...Live In Love Year” Grand Session from April 25-27, 2024, at the Hilton Garden Inn in Saskatoon. This Session will be the Official Visit of our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Glenda Winchester to Saskatchewan. You can register online and download the tentative schedule for the Session on the new official Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan OES website at <https://www.grandchapterskoes.com/grand-chapter-session.html>.

We hope that it will be a productive and enjoyable Grand Session and *that everyone will spread loving kindness to members and Distinguished Guests to commemorate our year of “Spread Kindness...Live In Love Year (SK LILY)”*.

The early Masonic Lodges of the Orient, known as the first most reverent intellectual and honoured of all organizations, established laws of principles that Robert Morris indoctrinated into our Order, because they established and represented the very fulfillment of the laws of God. The Holy Writ established the three “ruling bodies.”

In the beginning people worshiped with their eyes toward the East because the rising sun made its appearance in the East, and it gave forth the reasonable source of all things.

The vegetation, humanity of life depended upon the rays of the sun for growth and strength, and as it set in the evening it became a period of rest and learning. The third source appeared as the stars spreading over the universe as a canopy of wisdom, justice, and love. Science states the moon changes shape but the stars remain in formation.

Though the intrinsic teaching of the Masonic principle and precept, Robert Morris evolved the design of an invisible Court between this earthly life and the life beyond. He designed the three highest officers as exalted dignitaries. The fourth was added in 1928 to complete the square of balance.

The Treasurer, Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, and Secretary form the East wall, the Conductress on the centre South, Associate Conductress on the centre North. These are the elected officers into whose hands are placed the harmony and growth of a Chapter. They guard the Star’s Holy Ground.

The Worthy Matron was designated as the ruler of the house, the Matron of all, who teaches the great lesson

Donna Rederburg WGM  
 George Frederick WGP

of love and truth, gives relief to the destitute and distressed, comfort and protection to those in need.

The Worthy Patron, the messenger of intelligence and seven ties that bind, sees that the officers are proficient in their work, sees that the laws are obeyed and is the authority of the Masonic regulation of our membership fulfilment.

These two officers form a triangle with the open Bible on the Altar, a symbol of authority, wisdom, and justice. Those elected to the two important stations should be thoroughly capable of presiding without prejudice or partiality, governing with equal justice to all, using wisdom and discretion in their words and deeds.

The Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron are the leaders and examples to the membership and by their actions, words and deeds not only are they judged but the Order is judged. They hold the authority and disciplinary powers as the base of the triangle with the open Book and no one should disturb this harmonious vibration between God and man by passing between the Altar and the East unless designated to do so by the Ritual. Since the East is the “source” of authority, instruction and discipline, the teacher of wisdom, justice, and love, so should the officers emulate the virtues of their power and office.

The Secretary and Treasurer are elected and hold in their hands the records and financial status of the Chapter.

The West is the symbolization of the farewell of the effulgent sun, the lowering of the curtain of time, day, and life. The Associate Matron and the Associate Patron are at the period of rest preparing for a step onward and upward, versing themselves in law, principle, precept, and order. With their faces toward the light, they portray the peace, harmony, and strength toward the growth of membership and wisdom.

There is a third officer stationed near and not elected, yet, most important, the guardian of the portals of the gateway. Upon this officer rests the responsibility to see that security of a Chapter is not violated and unbroken, and labours for the peace and harmony of the Chapter.

In the original work of the Order, the Officer of the centre South was inspired by Kings 1:10. This Officer, the Conductress, is most important as she symbolizes the invisible guide to every person who seeks admission to the Order. She is, as the Holy Scripture tells, a “light which lighteth every soul.” Her work is all symbolic of truth. The Conductress leads the candidate toward the light, she presents the instruments used in building the Temple of Higher Self, thus helping to make the first impression lasting.

In ancient times, travellers were guided by the North Star, symbolizing a guide out of darkness, dispelling all fear. So, it is with the Associate Conductress in the centre North. When she appears to the candidate seeking light outside, she symbolizes Faith, Trust, and Hope. The candidate appreciates the advice given in the preparation room. The Associate Conductress should possess qualities of capability, a charming personality that will assure a seeker of light the seriousness of the steps ahead. The North is the office to be considered before the person. It is the first step upward and onward.

These eight elected officers compose the “Ruling Square” of a Chapter, in which the OES Square enfolds the Star with-in the beauty, peace and harmony of fraternal love of Sisterhood and Brotherhood symbolizing Truth, Honour and Justice in love and friendship, and should always be composed of those whose trustful dependability has been proven and whose bond of trust and respect is sustained by every member of the Order.

May each of us here today, with God’s help, live our Order’s Obligations, and be a living example of His love and truth.

Taken from: Let There Be Light  
by Beulah H. Malone  
Past Grand Matron and Past Grand Secretary  
Grand Chapter of Oklahoma OES

## MIZPAH #1, MOOSE JAW

Brother Lloyd Pethick, PGP – Reporter

WM Sister Sue Butz & WP Brother Paul Tysdal, along with all the members of Mizpah Chapter # 1, sends a BIG HELLO to all our Eastern Star members far and wide. Our days are getting longer, and I know we are all anxiously looking forward to Springtime. Sister Sue & Brother Paul invites you all to our First Regular meeting of 2024 on March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. At Mizpah's Regular meeting on December 4<sup>th</sup>, Sister Marjorie Pritchard was escorted to the East and presented with a poinsettia plant and card signed by the members. She has been our Organist for the past 10 years and is taking a well-deserved retirement at 92 years old. Thanks, Sister Marjorie, for your dedication and for all your wonderful music.

The Installation of the 2024 Officers was held immediately after the regular meeting with Sis. Sue Butz as Worthy Matron & Bro. Paul Tysdal as Worthy Patron. We wish them and their Officers all the best for a great year in 2024.



2024 Mizpah Officers

Congratulations to Sister Cathy Forester on receiving the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medal.

Our Christmas Baking Walk netted \$1154 while the Christmas Raffle made profit of \$1142. Raffle winners were: 1<sup>st</sup> prize (Vase) Sister Dianne Sanborn's daughter Holly & 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize (quilt) to Sister Cathy Forester's daughter Gwen.

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.

## Other "What Is What" in our Chapter...

*Sister Luba Tatarinoff received her 50-year pin & certificate and Brother Adrien received his 45-year certificate, at a Tea, held at the home of WM Sister Sue Butz on January 27. WGM Sister Donna & WGP Brother George were present to do the honours. Sister Luba reminisced of her years in Eastern Star - - putting on teas, banquets, socials, etc. to raise funds for the Chapter and for all the wonderful friendships she has made over the many years.*



l-r: Sisters Donna, WGM, Luba, PM, Brothers Adrian, PP and Brother George, WGP

- \*- Sister Barbara Webb celebrated her 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday on Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>.*
- Sister Dorothy Mittelholtz celebrated her 96<sup>th</sup> Birthday Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>.*
- Bro. Vern Mittelholtz celebrated his 99<sup>th</sup> Birthday on March 6<sup>th</sup>*
- Sister Elaine Lucas receives her 55-year certificate.*
- Sister Frances Glascock celebrates her 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday on March 24<sup>th</sup> and also receives her 65-year certificate.*
- Brother. Dan Olmsted celebrates his 65<sup>th</sup> Birthday on March 30<sup>th</sup>.*
- Sister Bev Hammond celebrates her 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday on April 1<sup>st</sup>.*
- Sister Dorothy & Brother Vern Mittelholtz will celebrate their 76<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on April 21<sup>st</sup>.*

- Sister Bonny Taylor receives her 55-year certificate in May.



*A Wonderful & Blessed  
Happy Easter to You All*

**ACACIA #3, BIGGAR**

Sister Urla Tyler, PM - Reporter

Pictured below is Mary Lee Cunningham, Grand Trustee, presenting Nancy Stewart with a two-year Grand Representative Commission of Saskatchewan in Illinois at our February 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. Congratulations Nancy!



Sisters Mary Lee, Grand Trustee and Nancy Stewart, Grand Representative of Illinois in Saskatchewan

**SASKATOON #4**

Sister Bev Otsuka, PGM - Reporter

The Installation of Saskatoon Chapter #4 took place on December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 with Sister Patricia Meddins, PM as the Installing Officer.



Subordinate Officers (Bev Otsuka PGM, WM and Rob Westfield PP as WP)



Installing and Assisting Officers  
(Sister Patricia Meddins, PM and AM –  
Installing Officer)

The first Meeting of Saskatoon Chapter in January was held on the third Monday, after which the meetings will change to the first Saturday of each month at 1 p.m. with Holiday Months occurring in May and July.

It was voted on in January to give Ms Christina Olson from Biggar a cheque for \$500 to assist in her purchase of a protheses to replace her lower arm after a bout of flesh-eating disease.

This was in addition to the \$500 that Acacia #3 had provided for her the month before. We were very

pleased to be able to assist in helping a young person locally. Christina has 3 special needs children, 2 with high functioning Autism and one with Down Syndrome and is doing all of this as a single mom.



Sisters Carla and Bev with Christina Olson, Biggar

**VERY IMPORTANT MEETING** in the history of our Chapter: This is the first time we are meeting on a day other than our usual Monday evening. It did seem a bit different having an afternoon meeting rather than our usual Monday night routine. It was very appropriate that we begin this new phase in our life with the following:

The Amalgamation of Prince Albert #16 and Saskatoon #4 took place on February 3 at 1 pm with the WGM, Sister Donna Rederburg in charge of the ceremony alongside some of her Grand Officers. We were very pleased to welcome the members of Prince Albert #16 into our Chapter and provide them with whatever assistance we can to make them feel a part of the Chapter. With the decision to change meeting times and go from evening to afternoon, we are hoping to help with both our out of town and our older members attend and enjoy their friendships within the Chapter.



Both Chapters together (4 and 16)



Prince Albert #16 members who were able to attend the amalgamation



Grand Officers in attendance