## REGINA #7

Sisters Donna Sanders, General Grand Chapter Ambassador to Quebec, PGM and Marianne Woods, WM – Reporters

Hello from Regina #7! 2025 has been so cold with so much snow!! Wait 5 minutes and the weather changes!

Regina Chapter No 7 has been off for January and February but during that time, we have been working on fundraisers by catering meals for the Scottish Rite and at the Shrine Temple. Betty Cumming, Shirley Hill, Jean Thibeault, Marian Hutchinson Laurel Dutton, Mary Ann Couse and Marianne Woods are such fun to work with!

Sisters Marion, Jean, Shirley, Betty, Donna and Laurel

We have also been meeting for our monthly luncheons throughout January and February.

Members of Regina #7 and special guests Terry and Stuart

Sister Betty Cumming, PM, our Sick and Visiting Convenor, recently received this photo of Sister Joyce Gillies, PGM from her daughter. Sister Joyce is doing well.

Sister Joyce, PGM

Sister Laurie Costello Lloydminster No 76 and Sister Donna had the pleasure of attending a meeting at St. Hilda's Chapter No 27 in Didsbury Alberta where Sis Barbara Hartman MWGM of Australia was present. It was a night of fun! Sister Barbara is originally from Alberta.

Pure joy! Donna Sanders, Barbara Hartman, Warren Wright, Lorna Richmond

We just had our first meeting in March of the 2025 year and look forward to seeing you at Grand Chapter!

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## LLOYDMINSTER 76

Laurie Costello – Reporter

Chapter 76 Lloydminster is begging forgiveness for the late arrival of our Fall contribution to the Star Gazer, but because we had so many activities we are hoping that combining it with the early winter edition is acceptable!

In early September , we hosted the Official Visit of our WGM and WGP Lynne and Ray Moffatt, It was an unseasonably hot evening, but with the wonderful fellowship, we were able to overlook the heat!

Sister Grace Hill, PM received her 65-year membership certificate while her daughter, Sister Laurie Costello was recognized with her five-year membership certificate.

Grace Hill PM, Lynn Moffatt WGM, Cheryl Rann PGM

After the meeting, a wonderful meal was presented by Sister Colleen Hozack, GGC Committee member and PGM. It proved to be a lucky evening for a group of sisters out of Saskatoon who cleaned up on “a few” the prizes! Sister Cheryle Svab PM from Mizpah #1 in Moose Jaw, won the grand prize of a beautiful quilt, made and donated by Sister Robin Isabelle PM.

*The Hands Across the Border* event took place just down the highway in Vermilion Alberta the next day. It was well attended by a contingent from Saskatchewan. Sister Kim McMinnis is a dual member of Lloydminster Chapter 76 and Queen Esther Chapter in Vermilion, and of course this year she is WGM of Alberta. Sister Colleen Hozack is also a dual member of Lloydminster and Vermilion, and to our great benefit, provided yet another amazing meal, topped off with delicious homemade pie!

Grace Hill PM #76. Laurie Costello #76,
Bev Otsuka PGM #4. Cheryl Svab PM #1

In October, the Triennial Assembly was held over the course of one week in Myrtle Beach South Carolina and it was attended by Sister Kim McMinnis, WGM AB /dual member of Chapter 76 Lloydminster, and Laurie Costello, Chapter 76 member. It was a very busy week of meetings, activities, and socializing.

Sister Glenda Winchester MWGM and Brother Lon Lowry MWGP closed their three-year Triennium, with the installation of Sister Billie Bradfield MWGM and Brother Michael Berry MWGP for the 2024-2027 term.

Sisters Colleen Hozack PGM and Cheryl Rann PGM have been honoured with three-year appointments in the General Grand Chapter. Sister Cheryl is on the Regenerative Medicine Committee.

**A point of interest**

Born and raised **Lloydminster** native., **Dr James Till** is pioneer in biomedical research. He and Ernest McCullouch are best known for demonstrating, the existence of **stem cells**, which we all know has been a game changer in medicine. So, it seemed very fitting that a Sister from Lloydminster #76 is part of this special and illustrious committee!

Sister Colleen is on the Service Dog Committee and will be directing her efforts over the Triennial by fundraising for this amazing initiative.

Saskatchewan GGC appointments for 2024-2027. Our contingent of Past Grand Matrons from Saskatchewan back in June, in Louisville Kentucky. Donna Sanders, Cheryl Rann, Angela Oleskiw, Colleen Hozack, Cherie Cowan

Sister Laurie Costello has the honour to be the Escort for Donna Sanders, General Grand Chapter Ambassador to Quebec for the Triennium, and is looking forward to “watching and learning” as they attend various Eastern Star functions!!

Sisters Laurie Costello and Donna Sanders

Sister Grace Hill PM and her daughters, Sister Lynda Greuel and Sister Laurie Costello, presented a framed picture of King Charles III, to the Masonic Hall in Lloydminster, in memory of long time OES member, Shriner and loyal Masonic Lodge member Hugh E Hill, husband and father of aforementioned OES members.

Lynda Greuel, Grace Hill and Laurie Costello all from Lloydminster #76

In November, in conjunction with Masonic Kids Christmas party, we hosted our third annual Kids Craft Day.

Sister Colleen Hozack, PGM, Sister Judy Harrison, and Sister Laurie Costello helped out with the crafts and cookie decorating. Even Jolly Old St. Nick made an appearance….the event was

well attended, and lots of fun! Sister Colleen Hozack provided a delicious spaghetti dinner for the group.

Judy Harrison, and Jolly Old St. Nick

Breanna Johre, daughter of Judy Harrison, Judy Harrison Kim McMinnis and Colleen Hozack

Oh What Fun!

We held our stated meeting and installation in December. Inclement weather did not dampen our enthusiasm!

After a lengthy hospital stay and a transitional move to a facility outside of Lloydminster, Sister Glenda Campbell, PM has finally been moved back to Lloydminster and now resides at the Dr. Cook Extended Care facility.

Brother Rick Rann PGP had his long-awaited surgery in January and by all accounts he has come through this successfully. It has been wonderful to see him mobile and active, and of course we are once again enjoying the fruits of his labours in the kitchen!!

As a group, we have started proficiency studies and are finding it to be an educational and engaging experience!!

Sister Kim McMinnis, WGM of Alberta, attended a stated meeting in Didsbury on January 21 where Sister Barbara Hartman, MWGM of Australia was in attendance. Sister Donna Sanders GGC Ambassador to Quebec, from Regina Chapter 7 and Govan 89, along with Laurie Costello, Chapter 76 in Lloydminster, were also in attendance. Of note, Sister Barbara Hartman was originally from Hanna, Alberta and many years ago, she and her husband took a teaching contract in Australia. They loved it so much that they decided to stay!

On such a blustery night, we were warmly welcomed by the members of St Hilda's in Didsbury, including Lorna Richmond, PGM of Alberta/WM and Warren Wright WP. It was a cold and snowy night, so it was a timely reminder to Sister Barbara that she had indeed made a very good decision to choose to "stay warm" so many years ago!

Kim McMinnis, Barbara Hartman, Lorna Richmond

Pure joy! Donna Sanders, Barbara Hartman, Warren Wright, Lorna Richmond

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**CORINTHIAN #89, GOVAN**

Brother Bruce Farrer, PGP – Reporter

Corinthian Chapter last met on December 14 and will not have their first meeting of 2025 until March 22, so we do not have much news.

I am sorry to report that the outdoor steps of the Temple were cleared of snow and there was no opportunity for our members and guests to put on their snowmobile suits and use their toboggans to zoom down the steps across the street and end up in the vacant lot across from the Temple. We presume that everyone left their toboggans or snow carpets in their cars. We're sure everyone was extremely disappointed.

We were fortunate to have members from Saskatoon Chapter #4 and Mizpah Chapter #1 in Moose Jaw travel to Govan to help Sister Cheryle Svab, Installing Officer, perform the Installation ceremony. As soon as all the Star Points have returned to Saskatchewan in the spring the Star Points will be installed.

Installing Officers: Back Row left to right: Carla Simsic Patricia Meddins , Dianne Sandborn , Lynann Pethick, Lloyd Pethick , Lorraine Sobchyshyn , Bev Otsuka
Front row, left to right: Merle Sawatsky, Cheryle Svab, Janet Haryett, Bruce Farrer

Newly Installed Corinthian Officers Standing left to right: Sharon Clarke, Kayla Ingram, Cheryle Svab, Merle Sawatsky, Lorraine Sobchyshyn, Judy Brown, Donna Sanders, Cathy Farrer
Seated (left to right)Grace Griffiths, Janet Haryett W.M. Bruce Farrer W.P., Gerald Griffiths.

2024 marked the 70th anniversary of Sister Ruth Scott's initiation in Corinthian Chapter. Sister Ruth was unable to attend the Official Visit to be presented with her pin and certificate so on December 22nd members from Regina and Qu'Appelle gathered at Ruth's home at Qu'Appelle House in Regina to honour her on this special occasion.

We also took the opportunity to sing some Christmas carols, before we headed home. Sister Ruth's mother, Sister Gladys Roland, was also a member and PM of Corinthian and when Ruth's daughter, Tannis, was initiated in 1975, there were then three generations belonging to Corinthian Chapter and attending the meetings in Govan.

Left to right Sister Cathy Farrer, Mackenzie Farrer, Sisters Donna Sanders, Ruth Scott, Joanne Knobbe, Brother Bruce Farrer, Sister Emily Farrer

Sister Donna Sanders, GGC Ambassador to Quebec presenting Sister Ruth with her 70 year pin

Singing Christmas Carols together

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**YORKTON #92**

Sister Ruby Lee, PGM – Reporter

Our December meeting was held on December 14, 2024. As per our usual custom of gathering prior to our meeting, our members enjoyed a sampling of many Christmas goodies. We are spread throughout several locations so this is a

lovely time to visit and catch up on recent events and happenings. Lots of chatter and laughter fills the air.

Our December Chapter meeting was followed by the Installation of the 2025 Officers. The Installing Officer was Sister Ruby E. Lee, PGM assisted by Sister Angela Oleskiw. GGCCM, PGM, Brother Roderick Lee, PGP, Sister Susan Bear, PM, Sister Nancy Leson, PM and Sister Sally Bishop, PM.

Sister Kathy Gordon, PM – Worthy Matron; Brother Wayne Stephens, PP – Worthy Patron; Sister Marjorie Orr, PM – Martha; Sister Karen Wilson, PM Treasurer;
Sister Gladys Lehtissari, PM – Ruth; Sister Ruby Lee, PGM – Associate Conductress; Sister Sophie Sajotos, PM – Esther; Sister Nancy Leson, PM –Marshal; Sister Susan Bear, PM –Conductress; Sister Cathy Toth, PM – Sentinel; Brother Roderick Lee, PGP – Organist; Sister Lorraine Poitras – Chaplain; Sister Angela Oleskiw, GGCCM – Associate Conductress; Brother Earl Greiner, PP – Secretary; Sister Maxine Greiner, PM – Warder; Brother Joseph Poitras – Member

To be installed: Brother John Zondervan, PGP – Associate Patron; Sister DeAnne Needham, PM – Adah; Sister Judy Stone, PM – Electa

What a delight to have a full slate of officers!

Worthy Matron, Sister Kathy Gordon and Worthy Patron, Brother Roderick Lee. PGP along with Sister Cathy Toth, PM – 40 year member and Brother Wayne Stephens, PP – 25 year member

Our Chapter does not meet in January so our first meeting of 2025 was held February 8. A delicious Valentine lunch was enjoyed prior to our meeting. We were extremely pleased that so many braved the frigid temperatures along with the abundance of snow to be in attendance.

We are enjoying a reprieve from the extreme winter temperatures at present but no one knows what March will bring us. Happy St. Patrick's Day to one and all – Irish or not!

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## REGAL #132 – SASKATOON

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

This year has proved to be a very chilly start to 2025!! Our meeting nights were met with a blizzard and fridged temperatures but we finally managed to get everyone installed into their respective stations. In January, we were kept busy catering to lunches.

Since the last newsletter we were so pleased to present Sister Lucille Eddolls PM with her 50-year pin and certificate.

Sisters Lucille and Thea

Shrine Club Mafia night – Jr PGM Sister Donna paid for the pie to serve Brother George Jr PGP in the face.

I am told that not many attendees were spared with the "whipped cream" look face! Just have to remember the proceeds go to a good cause!

Some of our chapter members accompanied Sister Angela Bothner PM to Ronald McDonald House on February 12th in memory of her son Carter's birthday. We made over 300 cookies that morning.

If you are celebrating a birthday, do plan on attending our meeting as we never know what our Associate Grand Patron, Brother Dave Hartley will get up to!!

We are glad of the spring weather we are having although it makes the roads and sidewalks treacherous. Please be careful out there! We will see some of you at Grand Chapter.

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Lloydminster #76-Laurie Costello
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Thanks for the articles and pictures. Members, please contact your Chapter Reporter with news.

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