The Star Gazer
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FROM THE EDITORS

Star Love during this Season of Lent
Sisters Marianne and Jean

FROM OUR WORTHY GRAND MATRON AND WORTHY GRAND PATRON
Sister Lynne Moffatt and Brother Ray Moffatt

Well, it looks like spring is going to arrive and with it comes Grand Session. I hope to see a lot of you there and that we have time to get reacquainted. Brother Ray and I are once again on the Star Trail handing out Grand Representative Commissions. We have handed out two at Acacia Chapter #3 and will be handing out more in Saskatoon.

It has been a fun and very busy year for us but rewarding too. We have had a lot of help this year and I really appreciate all the advice and suggestions. Members have been willing to help out whenever they were asked. You are a great bunch of stars.

Mizpah #1 supported the Cancer Committee by having a sewing day.

Sister Shirley Doherty

Sister Cathy Forester

Sisters Elaine Haaf and Dianne Sanborn

Front Row: Sisters Lynne Moffatt WGM, Lynann Pethick
Back Row: Sisters Cathy Forester, Shirley Doherty, Dianne Sanborn, Elaine Haaf

Cathy Fiddler (sister of WGM) who lives in Calgary and has made 14 bags so far

Celina Moffatt (granddaughter of WGM and WGP), who helped by cutting out material.

Sister Jenny Guest, AGM held a sewing day at her home on February 1, with the help of Regal #132 members.

Sister Jenny, AGM

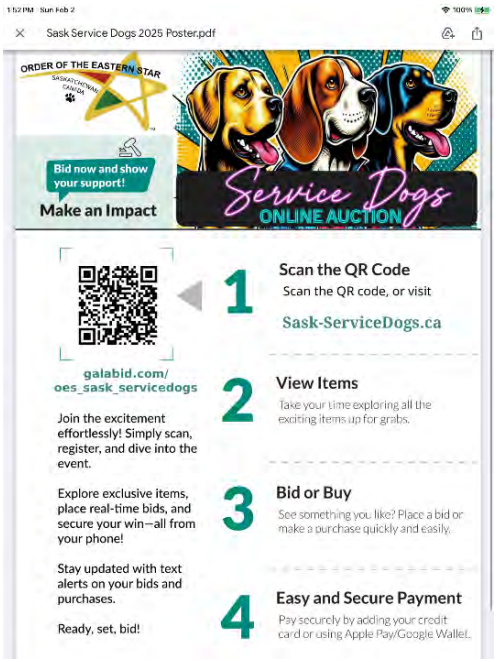
Sister Michelle Woroniuk

Sisters Jana McDoyfall and Margaret Jensen

Those who volunteered included Judy Brown, Michelle Woroniuk, Jana McDoyfall, Lynn Mass, Margaret Jensen and Jenny Guest.

As far as I can tell, a total of 35 bags have been made as of February 1, with more to be completed in the near future. Thanks to all who participated in this worthwhile cause.

Here is some information on the Service Dogs Online Auction.



Our Official Visits were great with lots of laughter and fellowship. The highlight of course was meeting the shut ins. They have such wonderful stories.

We are looking forward to more laughter and fellowship at Grand Session. See You there!!!

.MIZPAH #1, MOOSE JAW

A *"BIG HELLO"* to all our Eastern Star Members far and wide from Mizpah Chapter #1.

WM, Sister Cheryle Svab & WP, Brother Stuart Doherty wish to invite you all to their First Regular meeting on March 17, 2025, as our Chapter gets back into meetings and activities for the coming year.

Our days are getting longer, and we are all anxiously looking forward to the warmer Spring weather after this terrible frigid cold February. The Installation of the 2025 Officers was held on December 2, 2024, immediately following the regular meeting under the direction of Installing Officer, Sister Bev Otsuka and her team. A good number of sideliners were in attendance.

Mizpah Member updates:

Passing of Sister Elizabeth Ross (Assiniboia) on Dec. 30, 2024.

Sister Judy Tilson suffered a stroke in mid-December, but is recovering very, very well. She is now at home.

Sister Cheryle Svab (WM) had back surgery on Jan. 29th, has been having good and bad days, but improving each day and looking forward to welcoming everyone at her First Meeting on March 17th.

Brother Vern Mittelholtz celebrated his 100th Birthday on March 6th and also received his 45-year certificate.

WGM Lynne. WGP Ray, WM Cheryle and WP Stuart with Brother Vern

Vern and Dorothy with Vern's 45-year member certificate and 100th year birthday certificate.

WGM Sister Lynne presented Sister Dorothy with a certificate of appreciation and recognition for all the cancer bags she has made over the years.

Sister Dorothy & Brother Vern will celebrate their 77th Anniversary on April 21st. WOW, such a milestone!

Sister Shirley Burgeson will receive her 55 year member Certificate as well.

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 Luncheon's held 2nd Tuesday's are still well attended and also a good time of fellowship.

"*What Is What*" in our Chapter.…

-Regular Meetings are 3rd Monday from March to November.

-April 24 to 26: Grand Chapter (Moose Jaw).

-May 24: School of Instruction (Govan)

June 16th: Mizpah Official Visit (7:30 pm).

-Wheel of Fortune tickets fundraiser (April to July).

-Bakeless Bake Sale fundraiser (re: donations)

ACACIA #3, BIGGAR

Sister Urla Tyler, PM – Reporter

Since our last report, Acacia has been busy with regular business.

On January 10, Sister Jean Scarlett-Cooper, PM was presented with her Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan 60-year membership pin and certificate at her home by Sister Bev Otsuka, PGM, and Sister Marion Kelly, P.M. from Acacia. She was thrilled to see them and receive the pin.

At our February meeting, (the coldest day of winter so far, -38C) WGM Sister Lynne Moffatt and WGP Bro Ray Moffatt, GGCCM for Heart travelled to Acacia to present two 2-year commissions as Grand Representatives to Sister Donna Foster to Virginia and Sister Carol Fowke-Burns, PM to Washington. What a surprise for them!

Sister Donna Foster
Grand Representative of Saskatchewan in Virginia

Sister Carol Fowke-Burns, PM
Grand Representative of Saskatchewan in Washington

Bro Rick Rann, PGP; Sister Donna Foster, WGM Sister Lynne Moffatt; WGP GGCCM Heart Bro Ray Moffatt, WM of Acacia Sister Debbie Robinson; Sister Carol Fowke-Burns, PM

SASKATOON #4

Sister Bev Otsuka, PGM - Reporter

2025 has arrived like a lion this year with cold weather and lots of snow. The Chapter has continued to meet on the first Saturdays of the month despite the weather. Inside our small Chapter our membership continues in a strong and warm way embracing what is important – our relationship with one another and our commitment to the Order.

Our Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron, Sister Patricia Meddins and Brother Robert Huisman are using the bunny rabbit as their fun emblem this year. When I looked up the definition of a bunny, one says *"A bunny often represents emotions such as tenderness, love and gentleness. Their presence can evoke a sense of comfort and nurture, encouraging you to be more compassionate toward yourself and others."* We can only hope that our visitors feel those emotions when they walk into our Chapter room.

We have begun another session of Proficiency classes under the direction of our Associate Matron, Sister Carole Anne Wilson. To date we have seven members taking the classes.

Instructor: Carole Anne Wilson;
Examiner: Bev Otsuka.

We invite other members to join us at any time to discuss, learn and have fun doing it! Our aim is to have all of our members participating in proficiency at one time or another.

Our WM is in the process of visiting our shut ins and extending a cheer visit to them. She also is planning a trip to Prince Albert to visit a few of the members there who are unable to get out to meetings in Saskatoon.
We were honored to have Sister Kayla Ingram, appointed as Grand Esther for 2025-2026 as well as Anita Ingram, as Special Page to the WGP, appointments from the AGM and AGP. We look forward to the Grand Chapter in Moose Jaw this coming year and invite anyone who wishes to be in the drill team to contact Sister Bev Otsuka and/or the Choir, contact Sister Merle Sawatsky.

We have been well represented at Grand Chapter this past year with Mary Lee Cunningham as Chair of the Grand Trustees, Carole Anne, Anita Ingram and Marilyn Peters as appointed Grand Officers. We were very saddened and devastated with the untimely passing of Sister Marilyn Peters this past year. She was our Treasurer, Grand Officer and a huge support of the activities of Saskatoon Chapter #4. We miss her presence and positive attitude and offer support to Lorne and his family as they build their lives without her.

As this will be our last Star Gazer before Grand Chapter, 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 the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron roles. As a Chapter we are here to provide any kind of assistance we can to our Grand Chapter.