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**III. Sir Karl Fraser, Potentate 2017, and Lady Wendy**

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## FROM YOUR POTENTATE

Dear Nobles and Ladies.

To start, we would like to thank all of the Nobles and Ladies for attending our Potentate's Evening at the Grey Eagle Resort. "What a Party" to begin 2017, first in a long time when had to ask people to stop dancing and leave at 11:30PM.

We began the year with The Hitman Game on Jan 2 and although not the best date, right after New Year, we had great support from the Al Azhar Clubs and Units. The Hitmen supported The Shrine Hospitals with a donation of \$3,500

January 6<sup>th</sup>, joined with Chief Rabban Ernie Hilland & Lady Pat, we headed south to Helena Montana and Algeria Shriners Ceremonial and Installation with our friends, Ill Sir Tracey Prescott and Lady Janet who showed us how to celebrate "Big Sky Style" with a performance by the Ringling 5 Cowboy Band.

January 14<sup>th</sup> again with Ernie & Pat, off to north to Edmonton and Al Shamal Shriners attending their AGM and Potentate's Ball with Ill Sir Fred Susun who provided us with some great Northern Hospitality.

Returned home for a week to finalizing details for Al Azhar's AGM and Potentate's Evening on January 21. We would like thank all our Assistants for the work they did in making this event so successful. Also a Big thanks to our visitors from Algeria, Al Shamal and Gizeh Shriners who joined us to make this a lasting memory. Doing this all, staying on budget and have a great time.

West to Vancouver on January 28<sup>th</sup>, supported with Ernie and Pat to visit Ill Sir Joe Trerice and Lady Mary Rose for Gizeh Shriners, we attended, for the last time at their existing Temple Location (property sale will be finalized later this year) and observed the Internet Meeting with all the Shrine Club on Video attending. We also managed getting in a little Chinese Food, Shopping at the Burnaby Mall and even a Movie – La La Land.

February started with The Divan Retreat at the Fireside Lounge, where the old and new members of the Divan meet with our Ladies and start their journey up the line. It was nice to have all 7 places on Al Azhar Shriners Divan occupied for 2017.

The balance of February was quickly taken-up with The Potentate's Trip. 14 Nobles and Ladies were off on February 10 flying to Lima - Peru and the next morning to Cusco – Peru for 2 days to acclimatize to the elevation at 11,150 Ft before traveling by train to Machu Picchu at an elevation of 8,000 ft, What a Place! (some photos attached) We flew from Cusco to Lima – Peru and then on to Santiago – Chile where we joined 7 more Nobles and Ladies. We travelled together to Valparaiso to board The Crown Princess. This took a little longer than expected, as the Port workers decided on a Strike Day. We all managed to get on board and set sail around the Southern end of South America. On the second day, Wendy and I hosted a Group Cocktail Party at the Skywalkers Nightclub Level 18. Everyone enjoyed meeting the whole group, but I think it was more about getting a free drink from Karl, which was even better with the rocking and rolling at the top of the ship in 20 ft. waves that we had for the first few days.

Feb 17 to March 1. started in Puerto Montt – Chile and a visit to a Traditional Rancho, but just as we were about to leave the ship, the Port Workers, after the 1<sup>st</sup> Bus loads loaded, again decided to have a Strike Day, we continued into the city for a walk about and later heard that some passenger did not get off the busses for 2 hours. A day at Sea and we arrived at the Amalia Glacier and the Strait of Magellan. Punta Arenas for a City Drive and Museum stop. Ushuala – Argentina with a ride on the Southernmost Railway originally used to haul prisoners to the mountain area for wood cutting, as well a visit to the Southernmost Post Office. Calm seas got us sailing around Cape Horn; some of the most dangerous waters in the world, turned us north to the Falkland Islands. The group divided and took several different tours to see up close the Majestic King, Rockhopper and Gentoo Penguins, all of which were only a few feet away – Amazing!. Puerto Madryn where we found a local Deli and Crab feast for only \$ 20 ea. (picture attached)

Montevideo – Uruguay with a trip to the Santa Rosa Winery where we got a lesson on making Sparkling Wine ( Champagne – but only the French can call it that ) where with the bottle neck down had to turned ¼ turn each day for 1 Month. Our Host treated us to a fabulous traditional lunch with Sparkling, White and Red Wines. Wendy and Susanne found the right size barrel to quench their thirst on a hot day – picture attached. The last 2 Days spent in Buenos Aires – Argentina with a River Boat Tour around the Tigre Delta and a last day tour City Tour with Tango Show and You Guessed It – More Wine and Food. Attached is our Group Picture in the Skywalker Lounge.

Thank You for all the Nobles and Ladies who travelled with us on this Trip of a Life Time. We are planning to have a get together in the Fireside Lounge to show all the pictures taken on this Great Trip. We will advise the date and all the Nobility is welcome to attend with a Cash Bar Open.

Just back and still warm, I was on the Ice with The Rutters at the AMP, chucking frozen plastic milk jug on a Hill of Ice. If it wasn't for the Fire Pit, More Burgers and Hot Dogs, Great Company and Energy from the Kids Running About – I sure I would have Frozen My A\_\_ Off. Thanks Malcolm - HP&P helping me representing the Divan and The Rutters for a Chilling Experience.

Attending The Official Opening of Christine Meikle School, shows how the work of a dedicated Calgary Lady and Her Family over many years has resulted in an amazing facility for challenged children in Calgary.

We headed south again and after some questioning by US Custom about Crabs in Montana, Wendy and I with Ernie and Pat travelled to Cut Bank Montana to the Tri-County Shrine Club – Crab Crack Dinner. Some 200+ guested managed to consume 520 Lbs on Snow Cab, thanks to Ill Sir Tracey Prescott and Lady Janet for treated us to more great Montana Hospitality.

Just a reminder about a few upcoming events April 27 – Stated Business Meeting, May 6 – Vintage Car Elvis Night, June 20 - High River Parade, May 25 – Gizeh Whitehorse Ceremonial , June 4 – Lobster Cook, June 24 - Vintage Car Show & Shrine, June 25 – Masonic 300/150 Years Dinner

As I have rambled on too long, I will close this message, with my congratulations and best wishes for a successful year to Peggy Murray - Queen and her Officers that were installed in the Sakkara Temple No. 115 – Daughters of The Nile and her Officers

Yours in the Faith,

Karl

Potentate, Al Azhar Shriners

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## Potentate's Trip Pictures



Machu Pichhu



Machu Pichhu



Crab Feast



Penguins



Santa Rosa Winery



Cocktail Party

**AL AZHAR SHRINERS SOCIETY  
OASIS OF CALGARY, DESERT OF SOUTHERN ALBERTA  
STATED BUSINESS MEETING**

**AL AZHAR SHRINERS SOCIETY** will hold its Stated Business Meeting  
on **Thursday, April 27, 2017 at 7:30 pm sharp, at the  
Al Azhar Centre, Calgary for the transaction of business as follows:**

1. Potentate's Welcome and Introduction of Past Potentates, Visitors & Club/Unit Heads
  2. Necrology in Remembrance of those who have passed since our January AGM
  3. Financial, Investment and Membership Reports
  4. Receive and Accept the 2016 Financial Review
  4. Balloting
  5. Hospital Reports
  6. Trustees Report
  8. General Business
- Review and approval of a revised 2017 Al Azhar Shriner Society Budget  
(Revised budget is a result of reception and disbursement of ATCO Pipelines funds)
9. Other Business as per the Potentate

**Wear your fez and a smile  
(Also bring your 2017 dues card. You need it for admission!)**

Attest:  
Brian Shimmons, Recorder

Yours in the Faith  
Karl Fraser, Potentate

There will be cocktails and dinner (beef-on-the-bun) before the meeting starting around 6pm. Ladies are welcome. Please call the office to RSVP for catering numbers

During the Stated Business Meeting, Lady Wendy Fraser has invited a special speaker from the Children's Wish Foundation (Susan Gordon) to share the story of the happiness they give to children with the Ladies. Coffee, tea, wine, nibbles will be available to the Ladies. Please call the office if your Lady is planning to attend so we can know the numbers.

**Your 2017 Divan**

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## RECORDER'S RAMBLINGS

Nobles:

To the Nobles that have paid their 2017 dues, you will receive a 2017 "dues sticker" to put on your plastic dues card shortly. If you have paid and have not received your 2017 "dues sticker" by the end of March, contact the Shrine Office and we will determine the problem.

For those that have not paid their 2017 dues, remember ... you can pay your dues by cheque, credit card or debit. You can phone in credit card information to the Centre to pay. Cheques can be mailed or dropped off at the Centre. Debit payment must be done in person.

I hope all Nobles are aware that they can view their "Shine member data" through WebFez. All that is needed is your Shrine ID number that is on your dues card. This will allow you to review it for correctness. Some errors can be corrected by members themselves; other errors require the assistance of Al Azhar staff or myself to get corrected. I encourage all Nobles to sign in to WebFez and review their "Shrine member data".

Each year, Al Azhar loses 20-30 members to death, demits or suspensions. Al Azhar needs to recruit 20-30 new members each year to "break even". Better than "break even" should be our goal. If each of our "super active" members could recruit one new member, we would gain 40-50 new members a year and Al Azhar would start growing again.

Yours in the Faith  
Brian Shimmons PP, Recorder

### LOST IN THE DESERT

If you have a current address or phone number for any of the following please contact the Recorder's office

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## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

### Nobles and Ladies

Canada is now 150 years old and it seems like just yesterday was Canada's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in 1967. It is important for the Shrine units to participate in all of the parades they can as the huge crowds will be in attendance to recognize Canada's special year. I realize most of the dates are just being set now but stay on top of your unit or club's participation schedule. Also, once you do have it please notify the office with a move-out form so that you are properly insured.

Despite being in about 30 countries, 42 states and all 10 provinces, I had not been further north than Lamont, Alberta or James Bay off of Hudson Bay in Ontario until recently. The Alzheimer's Society asked me to speak in Yellowknife, NWT in early March. While my commitment was only one day, I did extend my visit to a week so that I could acquaint myself with the local culture and see the Aurora Borealis or as they are known, the Northern Lights.

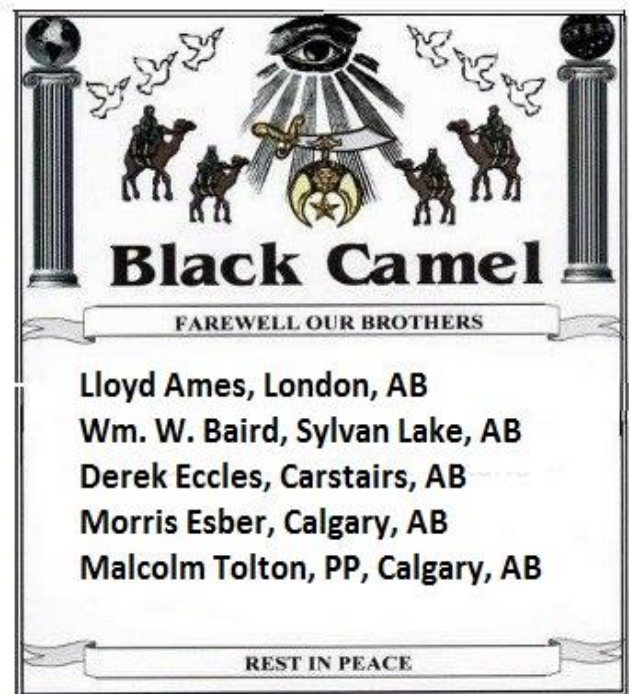
My visit profoundly affected my pre-conceived ideas of what I would see. Yellowknife is a modern city that was only established in 1937 when gold was discovered in the area. It has about 20,000 people speaking 28 different languages. It is situated on the shores of Great Slave Lake which is the 9<sup>th</sup> largest freshwater lake in the world. It reaches depths of up to 5,000 feet.

Unfortunately, gold mining ended about 15 years ago and has been replaced by diamond mining. The diamonds are the highest quality in the world. The mining industry pays high wages so everything up there is expensive. I paid \$29 for fish and chips and between \$14 and \$16 for a glass of wine. The reason of course is that everything has to be imported. Healthcare is basic at the local hospital while serious conditions are airlifted to Edmonton for treatment there.

Having been to Iceland 3 times for 27 days in March to see the Northern Lights, I felt this would

be a great opportunity. Over the week I spent 12.5 hours scouting the lights on clear nights but to no avail. To me this whole thing was hard to believe! I came away with the knowledge that Canada is more than the 10 provinces. This visit showed me that while I tend to travel to Europe 3 or 4 times a year, the world we live in here in Canada is also pretty incredible. Safe travels during this coming holiday and parade season.

In the light of Grace  
Noble R. Dean Cowan  
Chaplain



## **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

Looks like the great weather is finally here ... hope I haven't gone and jinxed it!

Spring is a time of renewal and the same for us at Al Azhar Shrine!

We have some great events planned or in the process of planning that will make your choice to join the World's Greatest Philanthropy more rewarding!

As mentioned in a previous issue of Fez Sez, I was surprised to find out how many Nobles had not yet visited one of our Shrine Hospitals for Children. We would like to make arrangements for a group to visit our nearest Hospital in Spokane for the long weekend in May and a second opportunity in August where the Hospital will have an official Fraternal Open House from the 19th - 21st. Please email me directly if this is something you are interested in. In June we have a couple big events; the 6<sup>th</sup> is Shriners International Day and 24<sup>th</sup> is the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary for modern Freemasonry with events taking place in Banff, Heritage Park and at the Masonic Temple on 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. On behalf of the Grand Master-Elect and Potentate, the Sabre Motor Patrol will be hosting a formal banquet at the Shrine Centre with tickets being sold through the Calgary and Area lodge secretaries (see attached promotional flyer in this issue of Fez Sez). We will be looking for volunteers to help with the Spartan Races in both Red Deer (22-23 July) and Calgary (12-13 Aug), so please mark those dates in your calendar / mobile device!

Please notify us of any upcoming Third / Master Mason Degrees, so we can make an effort to get out and support our Craft Lodges en masse! Lastly, please inform your Lodge education officer, Worshipful Master or Secretary we are available to present informative education on our Fraternity and Philanthropy. I look forward to seeing you at future visits to Club / Unit meetings or at Lodge. Thank you for your positive examples!



Picture above is from the Hudson's Bay promotion at Market Mall in Calgary. This is a fundraiser and PR event they recently started in Ontario so thought we would try it out and it was a great success! With approval from Hudson's Bay, we hope that next year we will be able to include more Nobles from different parts of our Oasis to participate.

Yours in the Faith,  
Noble Allan Dickson  
Public Relations Chairman



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## SHC Canada News



### **Jacques Boissonneault, new Administrator, Shriners Hospitals for Children - Canada**

The leadership of Shriners Hospitals for Children® is proud to announce the appointment of Jacques Boissonneault as the new Administrator of Shriners Hospitals for Children - Canada. Mr. Boissonneault will take office on June 12, 2017.

"It's such a great pleasure to join an organization focused on excellence and whose international reputation is undeniable. I understand that Shriners Hospitals for Children - Canada is a large family, people who lead with heart and passion, and the special organizational culture ties in with my values. I want to thank the Board of Governors and leadership of Shriners Hospitals for Children for their trust." says Mr. Boissonneault, new Administrator of the Canadian hospital.

Recognized as an outstanding leader, Mr. Boissonneault dedicated 35 years of his professional life to the health and social services network of Quebec, including 24 years in administrative functions. He was the Manager of the Center for Health and Social Services (CSSS) of the Vallée-de-l'Or from 2004 to 2007, then at the CSSS of the Haut-Saint-François until 2011. He was appointed President and CEO of the Health and Social Services Agency of Abitibi-Témiscamingue from 2011 to 2015 and then President and CEO of the Integrated Centre for Health and Social Services (CISSS) in Abitibi-Témiscamingue until he joined the team at Shriners Hospitals for Children - Canada. Mr. Boissonneault holds a Master's Degree in Health Administration, he is also an excellent strategist and a mentor who takes pride in encouraging talent.

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"We are delighted to welcome Jacques Boissonneault to Shriners Hospitals for Children - Canada. Throughout his extensive career, he has demonstrated exceptional commitment to innovation in health care practices and system improvements for patients, families and healthcare providers. He has a strong passion for excellence in the provision of exceptional healthcare with a proven ability to work collaboratively with families, physicians, multidisciplinary teams, communities, and government partners. I believe Jacques's leadership skills are an excellent fit for our organization and he will be a tremendous asset to our hospital ", states Bill Miller, Chairman of the Board of Governors of Canada Shriners Hospital.


Thanks to his deep understanding of the needs of the population, his remarkable skills and his management expertise, Jacques Boissonneault will have, without a doubt, the ability to develop the vision, innovation and high-quality care that are the trademark of Shriners Hospitals.




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## Upcoming Events

### STATED BUSINESS MEETING

April 27, 2017

### SAKKARA CEREMONIAL

May 13, 2017

### AL AZHAR LOBSTER COOK

June 4, 2017

### VCC SHOW&SHRINE

June 24, 2017

### STAMPEDE PARADE

July 7, 2017

### VCC ELVIS/ORBISON TRIBUTE NIGHT

May 6, 2017 (SOLD OUT)

### HIGH RIVER PARADE

May 20, 2017

### GRAND LODGE

June 9/10, 2017

### FREEMASONS DAY BANQUET

June 25, 2017

### IMPERIAL SESSION

July 8-13, 2017

### GRAND CHAPTER R.A.M

May 13, 2017

### GRAND CHAPTER O.E.S

June 2/3, 2017

### OKOTOKS PARADE

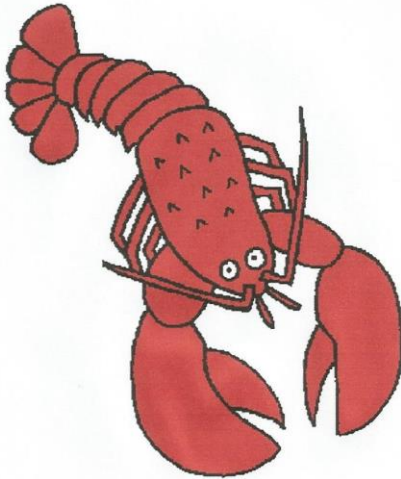
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### CANADA DAY PARADES

July 1, 2017

### BEEF & PORK ROAST

July 23, 2017



### AL AZHAR LOBSTER COOK

JUNE 4, 2017

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## 11th ANNUAL SHOW&SHRINE

Saturday June 24th

9:00 A.M. to 3 P.M.

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Food and Refreshments - Fun For the Whole Family

Awards Presentation 2:00 P.M.

50/50 Draw 2:30 P.M.





## BE A PART OF HISTORY! CANADA'S 150<sup>TH</sup> & MODERN FREEMASONRY'S 300<sup>TH</sup>

Celebrate with the *Grand Master, Al Azhar Potentate & some members of the Grand Line and Divan on Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> of June!* Lodges may purchase a table of 8 for \$640 through a lodge officer with a lodge cheque received no later than *April 20<sup>th</sup>*. While table purchases are currently limited to one per lodge, additional tables may become available. Please enquire if you would like your lodge considered for a second table. This event has limited seating and *WILL SELL OUT QUICKLY* – we suggest you act swiftly to enjoy this historic formal banquet! This is a private event with admittance for members of the Craft and their ladies.

Table reservations or questions email: [yycsmp@gmail.com](mailto:yycsmp@gmail.com)  
Please make Lodge cheques payable to: Sabre Motor Patrol

Cocktails from 4pm, Dinner & Programme at 5pm

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## Shrine Air Corps (Prop Club) Beef and Pork Roast BBQ

**Date:** Sunday July 23rd, 2017

**Price** \$25.00 Adults

Free for Children under 12

**Pot Luck for Sides (BYOS)**

**Time:** 1:00 pm

**Dress:** Picnic Casual

**Where:** On the grass at the Shrine Centre  
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## Unit/Club Meeting Dates & News

Al Azhar Units	Al Azhar Shrine Clubs
<p>Air Corps 7:30 p.m. 2nd Wednesday  Athletic Club (Rutters) contact the Ramses for dates  Clown Unit 7:30 p.m. 1st Thursday  Directors Staff 7:30 p.m. 4th Thursday  Greeters - as called  Legion of Honour – 9:30 am 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday (Horton Legion)  Mounted Patrol - 6:00 p.m. Wednesday  Oriental Band - 7:30 p.m. Thursday  Provost Corps - 9:00 a.m. 4th Saturday  Sabre Patrol (Call Swordmaster for date)  Shrine Patrol - 7:00 p.m. Mondays  Tin Lizzie Corps - 7:30 p.m. 3rd Tuesday  Vintage Cars - 7:30 p.m. 3rd Tuesday  Medicine Hat Clown Unit – Last Monday of month</p>	<p>Alpine Shrine Club – 4 times/year at the call of President  Big Country Shrine Club - 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday  Foothills Shrine Club - 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday  Lethbridge Shrine Club - 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday  Medicine Hat Shrine Club - 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday  Red Deer Shrine Club - 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday  Wild Rose Shrine Club - 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday</p>

### **SHRINE PATROL**

Thank you to everyone who came out and supported the annual fundraiser for the Al Azhar Shrine Patrol. Over 200 guests attended the 300 Club Stag Poker Night and a good time was had by all. On behalf of the members of the Patrol, I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks and we look forward to your continued support in the future. THANKS TO EVERYONE!!!!

As with most units, the Patrol is always looking for new members. If you are a Shriner and would like to find out more about the Patrol please feel free to talk to any unit member or join us at a regular meeting or practice. All our information is available on the Shrine Patrol Club Runner website.

Noble Andy Pokolinski, Immediate Past Captain

### **SOME HAPPY GUYS AT THIS YEAR'S 300 CLUB EVENT**



## AIR CORPS

You can see our Potentate in his Cam Clark Ford Expedition.



4th Annual Beef and Pork Roast is Sunday July 23 starting at 1pm at the Shrine Centre. Tickets are \$25 and are available now from Pat or Cinde. This is a great event to bring a friend or other Masons so they may see our Shrine Centre. (see poster in the fez)

The Air Corps has committed to the parades they wish to go in with the highlight of going to PNSA in July in Seattle.

Fraternally  
Ron Down  
Air Corps

## ORIENTAL BAND (cont'd)

About 14 bandsmen will be attending PNSA in Seattle July 27 to July 29 2017 and, as usual, the band will be in fine form.

Several bandsmen will also travel to Las Vegas for the Las Vegas Shriners Hospital for Children Open, Nov 2nd to Nov 5, 2017

Also thanks to Noble Barry Davey for returning to the Band.

Clay Frotten  
Sultan 2016

## ORIENTAL BAND

We have the last remaining remnant snowbirds returning from the Deep South, welcome back our nobles Dixon Lutten and George Garbutt from their respective R/V parks.

These two nobles were also involved in fundraising with the Foothills Shrine Club in Yuma. They toiled in the hot sun running the Shriners Camp Kitchen and served well over 565 Meals ... great job and well done. Here is the happy couple!



The Oriental Band donated their surplus instruments to the Panama Shrine Club who are starting an Oriental Band, Thanks to Noble Chris Tsaros for undertaking this worthy cause....they should have them as this is being written.

Our Fez's off to Noble Chris Tsaros who will be installed as President of ASOB effective July 5, 2017. He is planning an ASOB Executive meeting in October and Mid-Winter Strategy Session at Al Azhar Our charitable donations will be: Boys & Girls Club Calgary, Pace Kids Calgary, Wish Foundation Calgary. They will receive \$2,000 each.

We are also fine tuning up our band instruments for upcoming parades: High River, Black Diamond, Okotoks, Canmore, and the wrap up in Cochrane.

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## **WILDROSE SHRINE CLUB**

The Wild Rose Shrine Club have always been generous with their funds, donating them to many worthy charities in Airdrie. Recently, they made a much needed donation to the Airdrie Food Bank.



## **TIN LIZZIES**

Nobles boy have we been busy, so busy in fact we missed the yearend deadline for the FEZSEZ. So we shall start off with a quick update on 2016, the Tin Lizzie's have been rolling. Over 50% of our cars have been getting some updates and new parts. We have attended almost 24 parade/events this year. We have been asked to provide catering services for over 12 events this year including the Grand Masters BBQ in Edmonton, as well as the Tri-jurisdictional meetings in Drumheller where we provided food services for all three days. Some special days were the static displays at William Roper Hull house, Kids Day at Stampede Park, Shriners Hockey and Highland Games display. Yes, with parades prior to, during and after the Stampede we get very active. Again our participation at a Casino night has led to major donations to the Shrine and the PTF.

Our catering efforts have increased last year and we have also improved our identity with new chef's jackets and hats, along with getting three noble certified with proper governments accreditations. Our catering efforts have resulted in increased revenue and have led to several corporate clients donating extra funds to the Shrine. We already have planned several other catering events this year and are looking forward to even more. We are always open for volunteers to assist in this area, so when you get the chance contact the commander to see what events still have places available to help.

That does not mean we do not have time for some fun. Calgary Board of Education has assisted the Shrine in several ways, and we have recently signed an agreement of joint support. CBE appears to be interested in working with the Shrine, we have tins in being redesigned and repaired as well as we are working on a major fund raising project to be formally announced this year. It will have a restored custom pickup truck to be raffled off for the joint benefit of the CBE and the Shrine. Look out for the announcement as we all will be looking to buy raffle tickets for this truck.

New this year we have made a donation to the CBE Christine Merkle school for special needs children, it is always great to support good groups who sometimes get overlooked by the big need charities. Photo attached shows from left Nobles Jeremy Eberwein (Commander), Jim Brown, Ernie Hilland, & Erik Skagen donating a cheque to Principal Sandra Mann.



As a result of Casino efforts, we were also able to support the Children's Cottage and the Pack Kids program. We shall be out there, looking to see you all at the static displays as well as the parade season. Interested in joining the Tins contact our commander Noble Jeremy Eberwein, our come by the shrine and check us out.

Respectfully submitted Tin Lizzie PR, Noble Andrew Fraser

## LEGION OF HONOR



2017 marks the 150th anniversary of Confederation and April 9<sup>th</sup> marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge. The following link will provide you with history, videos and the events that celebrate our men and women in uniform and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

<http://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/history/first-world-war/vimy-ridge/100-anniversary>

### Member News:

Noble Roy Jardine when he received his Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Medal



Noble Roy Jardine has participated in two speaking/presentation events as of late. In October, he was the guest speaker at the Royal United Services Institute luncheon. His talk was regarding his "Year in Korea 1952-1953" He spoke at length on the last battle of the war May 2/3, 1953. He was the Crew Commander with the Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) "B" Squadron. His tank was in the line of fire by the Chinese.

On December 1, 2016 he, along with other members of the Al Azhar Mounted Patrol presented a cheque to the John A. Hamilton Navy League Cadet Corps. He spoke to the Cadets briefly, remarking on their deportment and how being a member of a Cadet Corp would be useful to them in the future, etc. Thank you Noble Roy for continuing to share your story and supporting our local Cadets.

The Legion of Honor is delighted to welcome Noble John Hamill and Noble Brian McNarland to our membership.

Our next meeting will be held at the Horton Rd Legion #285 on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1030 hours. Please join us.

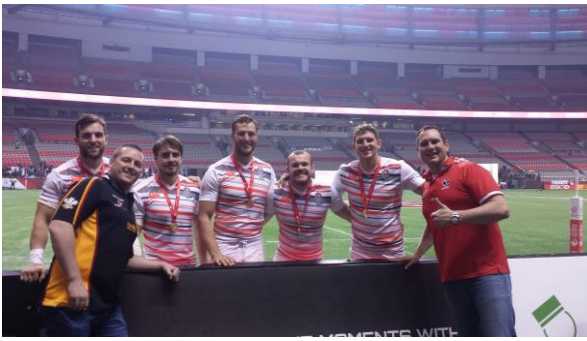
## **THE AL AZHAR ATHLETIC CLUB "THE RUTTERS"**

The Rutters are pleased to report that they resurrected the curling event on March 4 this year. In the immortal words of Jack Nicholson from the Shining, ... WE'RE BACK!!!! Opting for a more family friendly event this year, we curled with coloured milk jugs and everyone had a great time. All of the Rutters pitched in to help make this event a success for those that came out to support us. We would like to also acknowledge the support of Illustrious Sir Karl Fraser and other members of the Divan and Shrine that came out to join us. The weather was a bit uncooperative but the fire, food, and music were appreciated by all. We thank the Mounted Patrol for wagering the clubhouse on the winner of the event and not having enough guys young and brave enough to get out on the ice to face us. We promise we will take good care of it.



Following up on our intent to pursue sports related travel, as one of our units primary objectives, a bunch of us attended the Vancouver 7's Rugby tournament on the weekend of March 10. After a hard pub crawl on Friday with the Calgary Rams Rugby Club, we attended the tournament on Saturday in Fred Flintstone/Water Buffalo costume. Everyone still loves the Flintstones. And on Sunday, a couple of our members were lucky enough to get down to field level to meet a number of the players. This required a bit of trickery to get past diligent security, but we pulled it off.





We will be having another fundraising event soon. And we are hoping to arrange more events in the near future, with the intent to give everyone more notice of what we plan to do. We will soon be arranging our annual meeting at the Lighthouse Pub in southeast Calgary. It has the best French Fries in town and we highly recommend it. If you mention to the owner you are a friend of the Rutters, he assures us he will buy you a drink if you order a plate of his delicious French fries.

The Rutters are a unit that meets sporadically, and are often engaged in short term fights with one another, over small or perceived slights. Meaning, we are just like every other unit in the Shrine. Please contact any of us if you are interested in joining our unit. The mandatory requirements are you have a high tolerance for verbal abuse that is not ill intended and a strong liver.

Kevin P McGuigan

### **FOOTHILLS SHRINE CLUB**

The Foothills Shrine Club has always been generous donating to local charities. This year, they chose Rowan House, a facility that provides shelter for women at risk and their children.



## 2017 AGM/POTE'S EVENING PRESENTATIONS



Presentation of a donation from the Widows Sons to SHC-Canada at the AGM



Presentation of a donation from the Wildrose Shrine Club to Al Azhar



Presentation of a donation from the Vintage Car Club to the Patient Transportation Fund



Presentation of a donation from the Medicine Hat Shrine Club to the Patient Transportation Fund



Presentation of a donation to Al Azhar from the Shrine Patrol



Presentation of a donation from the Red Deer Shrine Club to the Patient Transportation Fund

# 2017 AGM/POTE'S EVENING

## **THE BALL**



The set-up



The Centrepeices



Well filled banquet room



Well filled banquet room



Head table awaiting "The Boss and his Lady"



"The Boss and his Lady" arrive

**We thank our SHC partners. Please support them**



# PETITION FOR INITIATION AND MEMBERSHIP



## AL AZHAR TEMPLE

TO THE POTENTATE, OFFICERS AND NOBLES OF AL AZHAR TEMPLE, SITUATED IN THE OASIS OF CALGARY, DESERT OF SOUTHERN ALBERTA

I, the undersigned, hereby declare that I am a Master Mason in good standing in \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge  
# \_\_\_\_\_ located at \_\_\_\_\_

City

Province

Which is a Lodge recognized by or in amity with the Conference of Grand Masters of North America. Furthermore, I have resided at my current address for not less than 6 months, as required by the Bylaws of The Imperial Council. I respectfully pray that I may be made a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, and become a member of your temple.

If I be found worthy, and my request granted, I promise to conform to the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of The Imperial Council and the Bylaws and Ceremonies of your temple

Birthplace \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Were you ever a DeMolay? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, what was the Chapter name and Location \_\_\_\_\_

Profession or occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously applied for admission to any temple of the Order? \_\_\_\_\_

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Recommended and Vouched for on the Honour of Noble \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

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