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Greetings from the Potentate!

You will soon see the display cases in the main floor area back in use. Lady Kathy Galbraith is working hard to tell the history of the Shrine by carefully arranging items she will be putting on display, assisted by Lady Carol Francis.

The display case on the opposite wall has been dedicated to the Daughters of the Nile, and they too are in the process of up-dating their display.

Noble Ted Currie, who has many years experience in this regard, is helping to establish a comprehensive Emergency Response Plan for the Shrine.

This will entail a review of First Aid Kits placement, Fire Extinguisher placement, and the establishment of evacuation plans and rendezvous points (Muster Points) so we can ensure that everyone is out safely and accounted for.

We are in the process of developing a Five-year plan for the Shrine, examining what we are doing, and making sure we respond to changing circumstances. This committee is being spear-headed by Noble Martin Alcock.

We are also in the process of establishing a Fund-Raising Committee to come up with ideas big and small to ensure we have a "Plan B" in case our current major source of income ceases to be available to us.

In addition, we are establishing a "Futures Committee" where we will be asking for ideas that will keep our newest members and their families engaged and established as long term members.

Our renovations downstairs are nearing completion, and it is our hope that we will be able to attract brides-to-be to use our facilities to provide us with on-going income to keep our "home", the Shrine Centre, in good repair into the foreseeable future.

I will continue to be available to any and all Shriners on a casual basis every Wednesday morning at 10:30 am for an informal coffee break and chat. All are welcome.

We have a few other exciting developments that are on-going. As these progress, I'll keep you posted in future editions of the "Fez Sez."

Neil Webb, Potentate 2019

POTENTATE'S BALL 2019



III. Sir Neil Webb, Potentate and Lady Carol

Our New Oriental Guide, Noble Ken Wigmore and Lady Jo-Anne





Right Worshipful Ken Cheel, Deputy Grand Master

and Lady Daphne



Tammy Stevens, Queen 2018, Sakkara Temple, Daughters of the Nile No. 115, and husband Dan





Dancing to the sounds of Sentimental Journey



Piping in the Head Table



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RECORDER'S RAMBLINGS

Nobles:

Thanks to all Shriners who attended the March 16, 2019 special meeting, your dedication to Al Azhar Shrine is appreciated.

Taking on a new position is exciting but also a little intimidating. With the help of III. Sir Brian Shimmons, the transition should be much easier.

I will try to fill the position to the best of my ability and work with the Divan and Nobility for the betterment of Al Azhar Shrine.

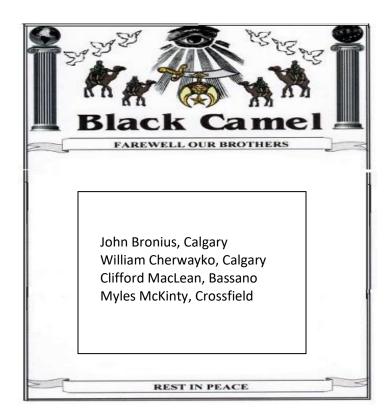
Thanks to all Past Recorder's for your dedication to Al Azhar Shrine during you years. Very much appreciated.

The Office Door will be always open for a coffee so please drop by.

In closing want to leave you the following which Noble Any Pokolinski wrote. "The chronic problem of declining membership is evident as reflected by the Al Azhar membership numbers. We must work together to encourage our BRETHERN in FREEMASONRY to join the World's Greatest Philanthropy and only we as Shriner's can bring in new active members to our Fraternity"

Yours in the Faith
III. Sir Gordon Brewer
Recorder





SUPPORT YOUR CRAFT LODGE ... THAT'S WHERE SHRINERS COME FROM

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

An important facet of being a Shriner is to be aware of what is happening in our Temple. One of the best ways is to attend a Stated Business Meeting (SBM) which occurs several times a year.

Before the meeting at 6:00 PM the Tins usually serve dinner. Those that have attended know what an incredible feast they prepare at a very reasonable cost. The Ladies are most welcome to attend and during the SBM there is a Lady's function held on a timely topic in a separate room.

The SBM last fall was held during III. Sir Ernie Hilland's year. During the meeting there was a 100% open discussion on the status of our 40-year-old building and the issues raised are no one's fault as it is reality. I own a 70-year-old house so I can fully understand! All the questions presented to the Divan were answered and there were a lot of discussion. I felt so appreciative of the Divan's transparency in the handling of the situation that I sent a "Thank You letter" to them. III Sir Neil Webb and his Divan are 100% on board to achieving a resolution to the many issues facing them this year. I am 1,000 percent confident that the Divan will make tremendous strides in achieving their goals.

Tampa is doing an incredible job of promoting our fraternity and its work. There have been a lot of news articles and much discussion in the media about the Shrine's involvement in NASCAR, America's Got Talent had a former patient that achieved some success, recording artists, actors and actresses, etc. As a result, there have been many questions asked of me and I'm sure of other Nobles, as to exactly who the Shriners are.

Now is an excellent time to express your feelings of repaying society by telling others of the exact work we do. In particular, if you are discussing it with a Mason, I hope it will encourage him to join us and give all of the children hope that no matter what their illness or handicap. As Shriners we will try and give it to them and their family.

In the light of Grace, Noble R. Dean Cowan Chaplain 2019

LOST IN THE DESERT

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

Name Last known location

George Perry Calgary

Your 2019 Divan

Potentate Neil Webb H: 403-295-2980 E: neil.webb@shaw.ca Chief Rabban Malcolm MacKenzie H: 403-255-2393 E: stonepine1@shaw.ca Assistant Rabban Jim Brown H: 403-242-1488 E: jim rose@telusplanet.net HP&P C: 403-608-0707 E: allan dickson@shaw.ca Allan Dickson Oriental Guide Ken Wigmore H: 403-782-2593 E: Ken@EPGServices.ca Treasurer Jim Hendry H: 403-281-3814 E: jim.hendry@shaw.ca Recorder **Gordon Brewer** W: 403-241-7713 E: recorder@al-azhar.ab.ca



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 25, 2019 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
- 3. Financial, Investment and Membership Reports
- 4. Receive and Accept the 2018 Financial Review
- 5. Balloting on Candidates
- 6. Hospital Reports
- 7. Trustees Report
- 8. General Business
- 9. Notices of Motion (See next page for details)
- 10. Other Business as per the Potentate

Wear your fez and a smile (Also bring your 2019 dues card. You need it for admission!)

Attest: Yours in the Faith
Gordon Brewer, Recorder Neil Webb, Potentate

There will be a no host bar at 6:00 p.m. and dinner prior to the meeting at 6:30 pm. The dinner will be roast beef and the cost is \$25.00 per person. Ladies are welcome and there will be a speaker for the ladies while the stated meeting is on. **Please be sure to RSVP** to the Shrine Centre if you plan to attend the dinner and/or ladies' program

NOTICE OF MOTIONS — 25 APRIL 2019 STATED MEETING Initiation Fee and 2020 Annual Dues

We are all aware our membership has decreased over the years with our expenses continuing to rise; therefore, each year we are experiencing a shortfall of thousands of dollars. At the last stated meeting of 2018 the finances were presented to the Nobility which showed the need to review and increase our initiation fee and annual dues as this had not been done for approximately 12 years.

At the AGM a power point presentation was given by a Divan member that showed the initiation fees & annual dues from local lodges compared to Al Azhar Shrine. Initiation into lodges were in the region of \$300 - \$500 plus a pro-rated portion of the annual dues which were between \$200 - \$400. Current documentation shows Al Azhar initiation at \$75 + prorated portion of annual dues + the cost of a fez & fez case – with annual dues of only \$150.

There was a positive discussion at the AGM regarding where our fees needed to be in 2019 / 20 and beyond. It was agreed that the initiation fee should be increased to \$400 + prorated portion of the annual dues (fez & fez case not included). It was suggested that clubs & units could provide the new Noble with a fez & fez case to encourage him to participate with their club / unit. It was also agreed that the annual dues be raised to \$200 (less than \$1 per week increase) with a notice of motion being required for both. Imperial fees for hospital and per capita not included.

It is suggested that these fees be reviewed and voted on annually.

Article 5

Initiations, Fees, Per Capita, Hospital Levy

Point 5.1 Initiation Fees

I, Tony Gize will move or cause to be moved that the initiation fee be increased to \$400.00 and that the dues be prorated at the time of payment. If carried, to take effect 1 January 2020.

Point 5.2 Dues

I Tony Gize will move or caused to be moved that the dues for Al Azhar be raised to \$200.00 per year. If carried, to take effect 1 January 2020.

Noble Tony Gize Membership Development Chairman



MEMBERSHIP



Relationships, Recruitment, Retention & Restoration

We have added a page to introduce our newest Nobles so we can get to know each other better. This month we are meeting two Nobles who are on our 2019 Membership Development Team. Nobles Tony Gize (Chairman) and James Mutzeneek.



Name: Tony Gize Spouse: Charlene

Children: Dustin - 18 and Owen - 15

Place of Birth: Montreal, QC Residence: Airdrie, AB

Career: Owner of Airdrie Canvas Tent and Awning

www.airdriecanvas.ca

Freemasonry

2015: Initiated into Freemasonry

2015: Joined RAM

Shriners

2018: Joined Al Azhar Shriners / member of Sabre Motor Patrol

2019: Chairman, Membership Development Team

Tony joined Freemasonry after longing for personal growth and in search of Brotherhood. He enjoyed the Craft so much that he went onwards to RAM. The Shrine has always intrigued him as a young

man and finally joined Al Azhar Shriners in 2018. He loves this fraternity and all we do for personal growth, friendships we form and the love of helping others when in need. What an honour it is to be part of this international fraternity & philanthropy!



Name: James Mutzeneek Spouse: Kimberlev

Children: Katelyn (28 yrs) & Nicole (26 yrs)

Place of Birth: Edmonton Alberta Residence: Calgary Alberta

Career: Sheet Metal Journeyman (32 yrs)

Owner of Rosedale Sheet Metal (17 yrs)

www.rosedalesheetmetal.ca

Freemasonry

2017: Joined Crescent Lodge No. 87 2018: Junior Deacon at Crescent Lodge 2019: Senior Deacon at Crescent Lodge

Shriners

2018: Joined Al Azhar Shriners

2019: Joined Vintage Car Unit / Membership Development Team

He joined Freemasonry in 2017 after meeting several Brothers. It was amazing for him to learn that Freemasons gave so much to their communities through charitable work and donations. He knew that he had to be a part of Masonry because of the shared values and

wanted to be involved with the betterment of society. A few of the Brethren from Lodge invited him to a meeting at the Shrine Centre to see what it was about, and he was flabbergasted at the amount of money raised and donated to the SHC and various local charities during that meeting. He knew at that point he needed to be a Shriner. James is very proud to be involved with the Shrine and will proudly carry on the traditions of the great men that have proceeded him.



MEMBERSHIP



Relationships, Recruitment, Retention & Restoration

Below is a list of our newest Nobles who have joined the Shrine over the past few years that include their Lodge and Sponsors. Be sure to extend the hand of fellowship and introduce yourself if you meet them at Lodge or at a Shrine event. Unfortunately, from the list we have lost Nobles Lee Athias and Allan Ripley to the Black Camel.

First Name	Last Name	Lodge	Sponsor 1	Sponsor 2
2019			•	•
James	Free	Bow River	Allan Dickson	Jens Baun
Jeff	Irwin	Bow River	Allan Dickson	Rob Martin
2018			-	
Ricky	Billington	Bow River	Allan Dickson	Rob Martin
Tarek	Hamida	Calgary	Andrew Fraser	Jim Brown
Donnell	Lucena	Cornerstone	Bernard Uy	Victor Pascual
James	Mutzeneek	Crescent	Bill Sheppard	Eric Donoghue
Tony	Gize	Crossfield	Moe El Bast	Bob Newman
Hal	Gordon	Crossfield	Bryan Williams	Andy Pokolinski
Bradley	Hibbs	Eureka	Ken Wigmore	Clayton Ross
Robert	Allen	Gleichen	JJ O'Connell	Peter Williams
David	Gold	Gleichen	JJ O'Connell	Arian Karaj
Jayson	Marshall	Gleichen	JJ O'Connell	Arian Karaj
Irwin	Vines	Mosaic	Gordon Berard	Moe El Bast
Francis	Barte	Mt Lebanon	Roger Redoble	Dennis Cera
Ricky	Ramil	Mt Lebanon	Roger Redoble	Dennis Cera
Manny	Tagulao	Mt Lebanon	Dennis Cera	Roger Redoble
Eric	Inoferio	Perfection	Allan Dickson	Neil Webb
Brent	Nelson	Renfrew	Byron Nelson	Stu Davidson
Rory	Wood	Renfrew	Mitch Legault	Robert Sceviour
Allan	Ripley		Andy Pokolinski	Wayne Capper
2017				
James	Dobson	Airdrie-Wildrose	Arnold Murray	Carl Russell
Vaughn	Finnson	Ashlar	Allan Dickson	John Bradford
Frederick	Morgan	Ashlar	David Hochman	John Bradford
Paul	Burton	Aviation (GLBCY)	Allan Dickson	Sean Staddon
Christopher	Sitter	Bow River	Allan Dickson	Rob Martin
Lee	Athias	Gleichen	Brad Trotter	Mitch Legault
Gunnar	Godhe	Gleichen	Brad Trotter	Mitch Legault
Ryan	Hogan	Gleichen	Brad Trotter	Mitch Legault
Arian	Karaj	Gleichen	Brad Trotter	Mitch Legault
John	Kocsi	Gleichen	Brad Trotter	Mitch Legault
John	O'Connell	Gleichen	Brad Trotter	Mitch Legault
Todd	Purcell	Mosaic	Allan Dickson	Rob Martin
David	Rogers	North Star	Wayne Rinke	Brant Irwin
Hector	van Vierssen Trip	St Mark's	Doug Clark	George Lister



2018 ANNUAL HOSPITAL REPORT

This past year has been busy as far as patient appointments. There have also been two exceptional cases with patients that we have provided transportation and care for. The first being, an Airdrie boy and player from the Humbolt Sask. Hockey Team who was involved in a horrific vehicle accident and was paralyzed from the waist down. We transported him to the Philadelphia Hospital by air ambulance for examination and treatment. The second person was a young girl from Calgary, who was involved in a head-on collision, during holidays in Texas, where three members of her family were killed. She ended up with a severe spinal cord injury. We flew her to Sacramento Hospital, in business class due to her inability to move her legs and the need for extra room.

The expenses for both these patients were considerably more than what our other patients cost. I am pleased to say that both these patients are doing fine. They are gaining strength and are adapting to their disability.

Here are the statistics for appointments the last three years, (give or take a few):

2016 Spokane: 20, Montreal: 10, Sacramento: 1, Boston: 2

2017 Spokane: 12, Montreal: 14, Sacramento: 1, Philadelphia 3

2018 Spokane: 10, Montreal: 18, Sacramento: 1, Philadelphia: 2, Boston: 1

2018 NEW PATIENTS PROCESSED: 7

As you can see by these numbers, the total number of appointments are close. The numbers to Montreal have increased by approx. 24% and decreased 17% to Spokane. The answer to this is that some patients that were going to Spokane, are no longer needing treatment or are over the age mandate. We have had an increase last year in new patients and they have been sent to Montreal.

West Jet provided air fare tickets for 11 return flights for a patient and guardian to Montreal and the other 7 return air fare tickets were paid out of our transportation fund. It is essential that we continue to keep a healthy balance in our transportation fund.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who have assisted me in processing applications, transportation and patient support.

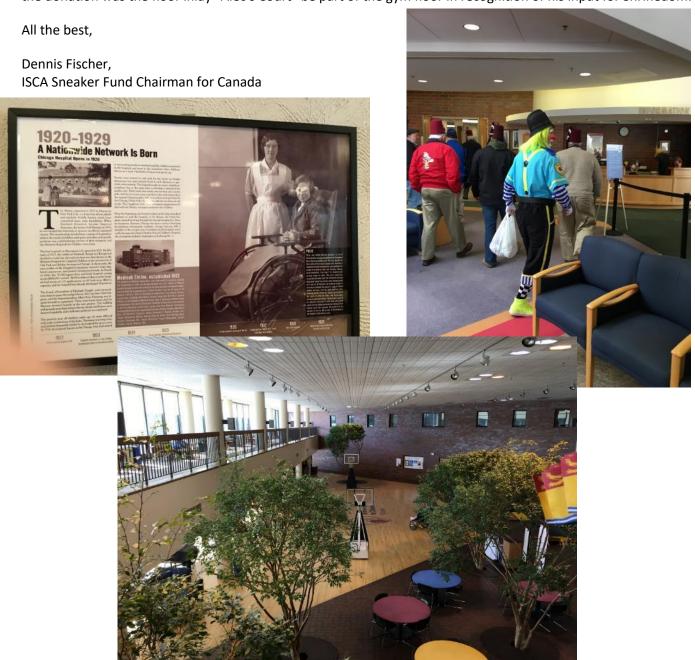
Ill. Sir, Dave Dyson, Hospital Chairman

SNEAKER FUND REPORT

I thought it would be nice to share a few photos of the interior of the Chicago Shriners Hospital from my recent visit to ISCA Mid Winter in Chicago.

There is nothing so rewarding as to have a personalized tour of such a fabulous facility and to witness the tradition of care provided for the children. The Chicago Shrine Hospital attends to over 1,000 out patients a month along with a current 256 full time care patients. The Chicago Hospital is the home of our latest spokesman and figure head "Alec", now 16 years old he has made quite an imprint throughout Shrinedom.

If you look at the gym floor photo your will notice an inlay "Alec's Court", this gym floor was provided through a personal donation of 1 million dollars from a man and wife who seen Alec's commercial, their one stipulation for the donation was the floor inlay "Alec's Court" be part of the gym floor in recognition of his input for Shrinedom.





YOUR AD COULD BE HERE

Shrine Centre advertising for printing in our newsletters.

Cost is as follows:

Business Card - \$40.00

1/4 Page - \$60.00

1/2 Page - \$100.00

Full Page - \$200.00

Articles are to be sent by e-mail to:

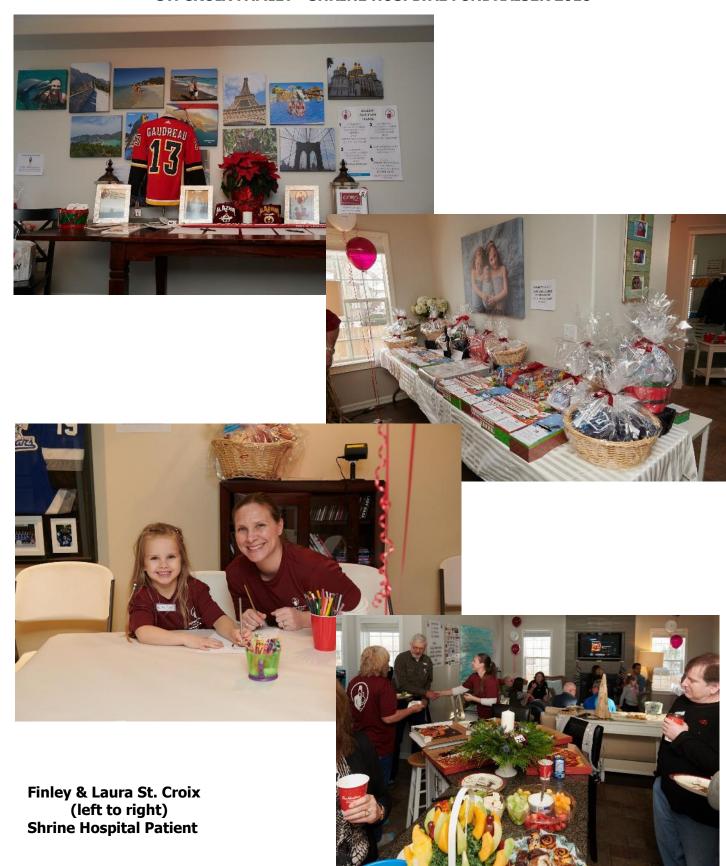
office@al-azhar.ab.ca,

or sent in on a disk to our mailing address. For more information call the

Shrine Centre at (403) 239-0030



ST. CROIX FAMILY - SHRINE HOSPITAL FUNDRAISER 2018





Tin Lizzie Corps donation to the John Howard Society

Foothills Shrine Club Installation



2019 AMP JIGGS DINNER







Ill. Sir Kent Galbraith PP was delighted to present to Noble Eric Skagen, Temple Photographer, a Special Thank You card and Cash Calendar from the Air Cadet League of Canada (Alberta). Noble Eric photographed all the pictures contained in their 2019 Cash Calendar which celebrates 75 years of the Air Cadet League of Canada. Congratulations Noble Eric for your wonderful photography.



A Plaque was presented to Noble Henry Retzlaff on being a Mason and Shriner for 60 Years.

The presentation was done January 23rd, 2019 at the Foothills Shrine Club

Upcoming Events

300 CLUB DINNER

April 5, 2019

Shrine Classic Golf August 12, 2019 **AL AZHAR SBM**

April 25, 2019

PNSA - Coos Bay OR

August 24 – 27, 2019

Steak & Lobster

June 2, 2019

Al Azhar Ceremonial

September 13 & 14, 2019

Pig Roast

August 11, 2019

SHC Vega Golf

Sept. 30 - Oct. 6, 2019



The Al-Azhar Shrine Patrol 300 Club Stag Dinner and Fun Poker Night Friday, April 5, 2019

Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres 6:00 pm

Prime Rib Steak Dinner with Vegetables and Dessert at 7:00 pm

Free Transportation home within Calgary until 12:15 am

Casual Dress

Al-Azhar Shrine Centre 5225 – 101 Street NW Calgary, Alberta

Invite your friends:
Tickets are open to Shriners, Masons,
Non-Masons and Non-Shriners
Tickets \$125

Tickets include a draw entry

1st Ticket Wins \$200

½ Way Ticket Wins \$500 Last Ticket Wins \$4,000



If questions please call Noble John Bradford at 403-272-5846 or email AlAzharShrinePatrol@shaw.ca

Purchase tickets in any of the following ways:

1. Via credit card go to the website:

https://300ClubTickets.planningpod.com

- 2. Via phone: Call John Bradford at 403-272-5846
- 3. Via e-transfer payment to <u>AlAzharShrinePatrol@shaw.ca</u> Include your

First and Last Name and Phone number.

Use security question "What city is Al-Azhar located in?"

Use security answer as Calgary

Shrine <u>Air</u> Corps (Prop Club)

Beef and Pork Pig Roast BBQ Bring your own side dish (BYOS)

Date: Sunday - August 11th, 2019

Price \$25.00 Adults (Kids under 12 are free)

Time: 1 pm - 4 pm

Dress: Picnic Casual

Where: Waterfront Area - on the grass at the

Shrine Centre 5225-101 Street NW

Who: Bring a Friend or Neighbour

Our Units will be in attendance for photos

To pay by credit card go to:

www.ShrineAirCorps.org
click on Prop Club Events then Pig Roast link

To pay by etransfer:

E-transfer payment to treasurer@shrineaircorps.org
Use security question: What city is Al Azhar in?
Use security answer: Calgary

If you have questions contact:

Martin via email: secretary@shrineaircorps.org

Unit/Club Meeting Dates & News

Al Azhar Units

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 3rd 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

Al Azhar Shrine Clubs

Alpine Shrine Club – 4 times/year at the call of President

Big Country Shrine Club - 4th Tuesday

Foothills Shrine Club - 4th Wednesday

Lethbridge Shrine Club - 1st Wednesday

Medicine Hat Shrine Club - 3rd Wednesday

Red Deer Shrine Club - 3rd Wednesday

Wild Rose Shrine Club - 1st Wednesday

DIRECTORS STAFF



Over the last 10 years, the Directors Staff unit has been carried along by the dedication of a few Nobles and many volunteers at our Ceremonials. Thank you to all those who have worked with us and helped out!

This unit has a Casino and we are key members of the Ceremonial setup, cast and 2nd section. We do not need to meet every month; however, we need quorum to make decisions and keep our Casino license. This is becoming increasingly difficult when only a limited amount of people show up for a meeting.

We **NEED** your participation and help! A commitment of 5 meetings a year, and some man power to help out with planning and running our Ceremonials would be greatly appreciated! The Directors Staff is a great 2nd unit to join as we are not as busy as some of the bigger units. We are also great for Shriners with tight schedules. Our dues are \$10/year! Our goal is to have at least 10-15 regular members out, we can then plan for the future, parade ideas and have some fun together!

I look forward to seeing many of you there, please contact me if you have any questions! Otherwise, invite everyone at Al Azhar to join us and help turn this unit back into a vibrant group!

Have a successful day, Kurtis Frederick Director

LEGION OF HONOR

The Legion of Honor held its first 2019 meeting on February 23rd. The new slate of Officers was presented and were installed by Ill. Sir Neil Webb and Chief Rabban Noble Malcolm MacKenzie.

The 2019 LOH executive is:

Commander Noble JR Beauregard - mtandt@live.ca

1st Lt. Commander - Noble Jorge W Rojas - jorgerojas@shaw.ca

Treasurer - Ill Sir Kent Galbraith PP - callkent@telus.net

Acting Adjutant - Lady Kathy Galbraith - callkent@telus.net

Quartermaster - Noble Henry Retzlaff - heretzlaff@gmail.com

The membership would like to thank Ill. Sir Eldon Wells PP for his leadership and commitment as Commander during 2018.

Noble David Hongisto received a plaque from the Legion of Honor members in recognition and appreciation for his support and holding a number of positions in the Al Azhar Legion of Honor and as Commander of PNSA-LOH. Noble David has been a Charter Member of the Al Azhar Legion of Honor since Feb. 26, 1993.

Ill. Sir Neil presented a WWII helmet to the Legion of Honor Remembrance Day co-ordinator, Noble Omar Giroux. The helmet will be displayed on the newly acquired cenotaph during the Al Azhar Remembrance Day Service.

Once again, the Legion of Honor has accepted an invitation to carry the flags for the Calgary Law Day being held this year on April 13th at the Calgary Law court. Our flag bearers will be Ill. Sir Neil Webb and Commander JR Beauregard. Law Day is an annual event, swearing in and welcoming new Canadian citizens to Canada and the Calgary area. A number of educational sessions and resources will be part of the day's events and open to the public.

The Legion of Honor meets 4 times a year and new members are always welcome. For further information please contact Commander Noble JR Beauregard.

(Picture Caption)

Commander JR Beauregard presented a cheque for \$4000.00 to the Veterans Association Food Bank on behalf of the Legion of Honor.



April 2019

MOUNTED PATROL

The Al Azhar Mounted Patrol wrapped up the 2018 season with the Installation of Officers at the Fez Dome on October 16, 2018. A prime rib dinner was enjoyed by all in attendance.

The following Nobles were elected to serve for the ensuing year:

President Noble Lloyd Lawson Captain Noble Mark Lawson 1st Lieutenant Noble Stuart Davidson 2nd Lieutenant Noble David Vlasak Noble Ken Weller Director Noble Brent Nelson Director Director Noble Andre LeBlanc Noble Doug Clark Treasurer Noble Gary Van Exan Secretary

On December 12, 2018 the Annual AMP Wine Cheese Event was held at the Club House. Hosted by Noble President Lloyd Lawson and Lady Maureen. A very social evening was enjoyed by all in attendance. During this social event AMP presented a cheque to "Believe in the Gold". Believe in the Gold helps families with out-of-pocket expenses whose child is undergoing cancer treatment.

The Annual Boxing Day get-together was held at the Club House on December 26, 2018. Even though the weather was very cold, everyone enjoyed the outdoor activities as well as the delicious snacks.

Due to the severe cold weather the Family Day event didn't see many in attendance partake in the outdoor activities. However, everyone enjoyed the fellowship and delicious chili prepared by Lady Maureen. All and all it was a fun day regardless of the weather.

The AMP ride members have started practicing on Wednesday evenings. The Wednesday Night Suppers will start on April 10th, provided by our dedicated AMP Ladies

The Mounted Patrol also made donations to the following in the amount of \$30,000.00 Veterans Association Food Bank Children's Cottage
Air Cadets
Shrine Hospital Ladder of Smiles

Submitted on behalf of Noble President Lloyd Lawson



Teigan Homer a Future AMP Ride Member

ORIENTAL BAND

Greetings from the Al-Azhar Oriental Band! As usual the band that plays "The Sweetest Sounds This Side of Heaven" has been very busy. We participated in a number of parades - High River, Black Diamond, Okotoks, Canmore, Nanton and Cochrane. The inclement weather at a couple of the parades has the band looking at a cover for the trailer to help keep our music from sounding soggy! Look forward to seeing this new look at future parades.

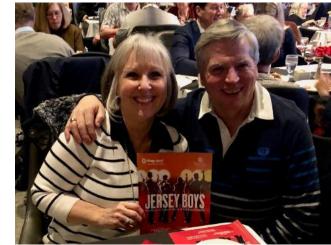
A number of the lads have helped out running the bar at various events and we also played at the

Saddledome for the Calgary Hitmen Hockey Challenge.

Playing our great music is only part of what we do. We love socializing with our band mates and our wives. We had a fun BBQ at the Cochrane Residence (thank you to Noble Guy and Lady Lyn!). We enjoyed great food and music when we visited Stage West to see 'Jersey Boys'. We've had a few nights out at local sports bars as well. In the summer we had a BBQ after a parade at Noble George (and Lady Ann) Shaw's farm - again thank you!

Unfortunately, two of our members have had some serious medical issues yet fortunately both are working towards a recovery. Best wishes to Noble Clay Frotten and Chris Tsaros!

Congratulations to our Officers for 2019 Sultan - Art Laing Emir - Clay Frotten Caliph- Ken McLaughlin Grand Vizier - George Lister Pasha - Dave Mospany Quartermaster- Brian Shimmons Music Director - Art Laing





Looking to be part of our fun and play the 'Sweetest Sounds This Side of Heaven? You do not need to know how to read music or play an instrument. Sounds hard to believe but it is true - just listen to us! Also, there are no membership fees and the uniform is free! Plus, lots of help and encouragement to be successful. This is just too good to pass up! If you are interested contact our Band Director - Noble Art Laing at (403) 931-2572 or aclaimg@telus.net

.....And don't forget that Al-Azhar needs new Nobles so remember to let your Masonic brethren know how much fun you have and why you are a Shriner and ask them 'Have you thought of becoming a Shriner?'

Yours In The Faith Noble Shayne Eldridge



WILD ROSE SHRINE CLUB

Wild Rose Shrine Club recently donated funds to local charities and non-profit agencies in Airdrie. The proceeds of which came from both Casino Distribution and Fraternal Fund raising. Such agencies as the Boys and Girls Club of Airdrie, the Food Bank, Nose Creek Museum, and the Victims Assistance Society were named recipients. A formal presentation will occur in the near future.

The Wild Rose Shrine Club has also pledged a sum \$4,500. (Forty-five hundred dollars) to the Al Azhar Centre to defray some of the costs associated in the replacement of the roof on the main building. It is appreciated that this repair is quite costly and support from all Units and Clubs is vital.

To this end, wild Rose Shrine Club formally challenges all other clubs and units to contribute to this needed repair.

Wild Rose Shrine Club is actively promoting community involvement in Airdrie. We have booked a booth at the Airdrie Lifestyles Home Show on April 27th and 28th. It is our intention to reach out to the community at large, identifying both the Shrine, our philanthropy and the work with children who we directly support. Most recently we have developed a partnership with the Bethany Care Center in Airdrie. It remains our position in assisting them in the development of an Art Therapy program for their resident. We are currently looking at ways to support them financially.

Through our Fraternal Fundraising Chair, Noble Tony Gize, we have established a contact with a local fruit and vegetable tore to provide fresh produce to the Airdrie Food Bank. We hope this will occur on a weekly basis. Members of Wild Rose will personally pick up the produce in Calgary and deliver the goods to the Food Bank who will distribute the produce to needy families in Airdrie.

As a forerunner to our Annual Golf Tournament on Sunday, August 25th, I am pleased to report that we have established a contact with the Calgary Stampeders who have offered autographed helmets and jerseys in support of our Tournament. We invite all to attend, come join us on the links.

About the Wild Rose Shrine Club, a note of appreciation to the Buchanan's, Lady Gina and Noble Barry a fine effort to arrange an 82nd birthday party for our past secretary Clay Bailey and Lady Priscilla. The event was held at The Sky Point the care facility where both now reside. Although Clay is not mobile, he is still witty and so appreciated to see the Nobles who did attend. Thank You Gina and Barry. On a sad note at press time Noble Myles McKinty has passed away. Our condolences to Lady Ann and children. In addition, so many nobles attended a very touching Masonic service for Noble David Switzer. Brother David was active in all concordant bodies and was our second president in 2006. We send our warm wishes to Lady Fran.

Your Humble Scribe, Noble Norm Brain, and our globe-trotting club reporter Wild Rose Shrine Club



Noble Clayton Bailey, Past Secretary of the Wild Rose Shrine Club, Lady Priscilla and members of the Wild Rose Shrine Club at Sky Point care facility of Noble Clayton's 82nd Birthday



We thank our SHC partners. Please support them!









PETITION FOR INITIATION AND MEMBERSHIP



AL AZHAR SHRINERS

TO THE POTENTATE, OFFICERS AND NOBLES OF <u>AL AZHAR SHRINERS</u>, SITUATED IN THE OASIS OF <u>CALGARY</u>, DESERT OF <u>SOUTHERN ALBERTA</u>

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