

The FEZ SEZ

April 2020 Revised

Greetings from your Potentate!

I have attempted to write to all Nobles of Al Azhar for some time now and every day the streaming news, changes my thoughts. I will share with you as of today!

Your Divan for 2020 was installed on January 18, 2020. Since then the world has changed and not all for the best. After just 60 days and only 300 days to go in our Divan term, it is hard to imagine what else is in the cards for us to address. While my own thoughts are positive, we all will need to put our shoulder to the wheel on every constructive opportunity going forward, both personally and within the Shrine.

The first item is to be thankful for a successful Mid Winter PNSA hosted by Al Azhar at the end of February. We luckily avoided the drama of the Pandemic in the nick of time. For all the relentless support, we accomplished the task with generous compliments from all member Shrines in PNSA, including the two Imperial Officers.

We are proud of the members of the units who stepped up, including the AMP, the Patrol and of course The Tins, who supplied the food and the manpower, without complaint. The team that handled the Transportation needs of many Guests, worked tirelessly, starting as early as 3 am to deliver their support.

The big opportunity will be the renewal of the Al Azhar Shrine going forward.

We have not heard of any members contracting the COVID 19 virus to date and we sincerely hope it stays that way. Our members are especially vulnerable as the target age group to be protected. Everything we can do to avoid exposure with anyone, is necessary, until we can see our way clear to reconvene as a Fraternity and as Shriners. It will require perseverance and commitment to stay away from the social contact that we enjoy so much, until we receive a clear informative signal of adequate health safety for our members. The Shrine Centre and the Office staff will function remotely, until the pandemic situation improves.

Your Divan will continue to work off-line, while we have the time, to provide the direction and the recommendations to address our latest priorities identified during the recent Unit / Club workshop held on February 1. Please follow the Health recommendations provided by the various Governments (Municipal, Provincial and Federal). Our mutual future could depend on it.

Sincerely,
Malcolm J. MacKenzie
Potentate



Important Dates

We will let you know via email if these dates are rescheduled.

April 23, 2020

Stated Business Meeting

(May be rescheduled)

April 25, 2020

Daughter's of Nile Ceremonial

(May be rescheduled)

May 22, 2020

Al Azhar Captains Meeting

(May be rescheduled)

July 3-12, 2020

Stampede Parade & Stampede

August 7, 2020

Al Azhar Captains Meeting

August 12-15, 2020

PNSA Summer Session

September 24, 2020

Stated Business Meeting

October 4-11, 2020

Hospital PGA Tournament

November 13-14

**Al Azhar Ceremonial
& Joint Installation**

December 5, 2020

Al Azhar Divan Elections

December 6, 2020

Children's Christmas Party

August 9, 2021 (New date)

Shrine Golf Tournament

Recorder Ramblings

Yes we have started the second decade of the 21 century. The installation is over and the divan has settled into their role as Stewards of Al Azhar Shrine. I want to thank all for stepping up and carrying on in their new position. Thank you J R Beauregard and we welcome you as our Oriental Guide wishing you and Lady Leigh a very pleasant journey.

Ill. Sir Malcolm Mackenzie has had the first work shop which did bring out a lot of concerns from the Nobles in attendance. I want to assure you we are working on your ideas and will have answers for you. At this point we have challenges facing us to get together. Please be patient.

The PNSA winter sessions was very successful and the Recorder's office has had nothing but accolades from all who were in attendance. Thanks goes out to the Shrine office Staff, who worked together to bring this to completion. An excellent job by all.

Our maintenance staff did a great job in rearranging the set up if it was needed, I thank you all for your work. They even looked after a reception in the Fireside and Lakeview lounge.

Mounted Patrol great job on the meet and greet on Thursday had a lot of compliments, on how well it was done. Great evening was had.

Al Azhar Patrol for both breakfasts, great job. There was even a question on how you could get the eggs just right. Thank you for a fantastic job.

Tin Lizzie Corps as usual a wonderful lunch menu. Good choices and all Nobles had no problem eating the great menu. Well done to all who helped.

To all Units and Clubs of Al Azhar thank you for your donations, this went a long way in reducing our bottom line and not taking a hit on our general funds. Thank you all for your support.

With the challenges we have ahead at Al Azhar please be patient.

We are looking for more revenue streams so let me know via email at brewpogo@telus.net. I will be working from home and at present not connected to my recorder@al-azhar.ab.ca.

The Divan needs your support more today than any other time.

Stay safe and we will reach our goals.

Let us all work together for a fantastic future I know we can do it.

Yours in the Faith, Ill. Sir Gordon Brewer, Recorder



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Chaplain's Corner

As many of you know from an e-blast, I passed out getting up from a nap on the Sunday of Family Day weekend. As I fell to the floor, I got a black eye (my first!) from hitting the night table and numerous scrapes and bruises from hitting a stool and garbage can on the way down. I lay on the hardwood floor unable to sit up, kneel, stand or rollover without difficulty for 19 hours before being found by a friend and a neighbor. I constantly drifted in and out of consciousness and had hallucinations. There was a telephone on the night table but I was unable to reach it.

When I arrived by ambulance on Family Day at the hospital, I was surprised how quick they reacted to getting me stabilized and administered every test known to man. Apparently, if you are immobile like I was, something comes out of your bones and enters your bloodstream causing issues with your internal organs that can be fatal after a couple of days. I was diagnosed with a bacterial blood infection in my bladder that the ER doctor said "Would have brought down a race horse". I have a few organ issues they are monitoring and after two weeks I was discharged to continue my recovery at home.

You may ask, "What did you learn from all of this?"

First off, if you or your Loved One lives alone as I do, be aware each day what they are up to. Secondly, if your family is out of town, make sure they know who your neighbours and friends are that they can call or contact if there is an issue. I know that this sounds silly but they need to know your correct address if they ask the RCMP to do a welfare check. In addition they need to know who your local key holders are and the exact location of any hidden key outside.

I now have a Life Line (LL) that I wear 24 hours a day including showers. They range in price from about \$30 to \$70 per month depending if they have GPS for locating you or fall detection. I chose LL which is a Canadian company rather than say TELUS that use off shore phone operators. LL is a Canadian based with headquarters in The Netherlands. They have my complete medical history and contact information for my family. In my case my being found would have been a matter of minutes rather than hours.

I told Ill. Sir Malcolm my dream is that I don't have to do a Black Camel at a Stated Business Meeting and I am sure if you take the correct steps my dream will come true!

In the Light of grace,
Noble R. Dean Cowan
Chaplain 2020.

2020 DIVAN

Potentate

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What is a Volunteer?

A volunteer is defined as a person who does something, especially helping other people, willingly and without being forced or paid to do so. While receiving a well deserved thank you is always appreciated, and should be extended for your hard work and dedication, expecting or asking for a pay back negates the value of being a volunteer.

In the last number of years we have notice a trend both in our own organization and by others in society where many volunteers have begun to ask the question – what's in it for me? It seems that many expect a reduction in costs to them, or a lavish party etc. for their part in volunteering.

Many of our members who have volunteered over the years will tell you that what is in it for you is the pride you can take in helping others, making this world a better place and being a part of a group or organization where assisting others provides you with fellowship, friendship, and a feeling of being needed or wanted.

Let's all remember why we belong to the Shriners International. It is easy to see the benefits to those children whose daily lives are improved so much by your dedication. For our newer members volunteering for the various events it is a great way to be involved and get to know the other members of Al Azhar.



Please note:

Due to the social distancing restrictions, the Shrine Office and Event Centre will be closed until further notice. There will be no meetings or events held there until the Centre re-opens.

Office staff will be working from home and available via phone at 403-239-0030 (leave a message) or email at office@al-azhar.ab.ca. We thank you for your cooperation during this time and we will notify you via email when it re-opens. Also note, the Shrine office will be closed on Fridays between July 1 and September 4, 2020.

Thanks

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Discounted Hotel Rates for Shriners

Four Points by Sheraton

Calgary West

8220 Bow Ridge Cres. NW

\$129 - \$169 Cdn/nt + tax

Phone 1-800-368-7764

or 1-403-202-4419

info@fourpoints-calgary.ca

Code: Al Azhar Shriners

fourpointscalgarywest.com

Sandman Hotel & Suites

Calgary West

125 Bow Ridge Dr. NW

\$109 - \$139 Cdn/nt + tax

Phone 1-800-726-3626

or 1-403-288-6033

Code: Al Azhar Shriners

sandmanhotels.com

Unit Meeting Dates

Air Corps	2nd Wednesday of month at 7:30 pm
Athletic Club	Every 3 months, Dates TBA
Calgary Clowns	1st Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm
Dinosaur Patrol	4th Tuesday of the month
Directors Staff	4th Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm
Greeters	At the call of the President
Legion of Honor	Quarterly Dates TBA at 10:30 am
Medicine Hat Clowns	1st Thursday of the month
Medicine Hat Patrol	2 times per year, Dates TBA
Mounted Patrol	Wednesdays at 6:00 pm
Oriental Band	Thursdays at 7:00 pm
Patrol	Mondays at 7:00 pm
Provost Corps	Scheduled at the call of the President
Sabre Motor Patrol	3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm at the request of the Swordmaster
Tin Lizzies Corps	3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm
Vintage Car Club	3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm (not July, August, December or January)
Med Hat Clowns	Last Monday of the month

Shrine Club Meeting Dates

Alpine	4 times/year at the call of the President
Big Country	4th Tuesday of the month
Foothills	4th Wednesday of the month (not July, August, November or December)
Lethbridge	1st Wednesday of the month (not July or Aug)
Medicine Hat	3rd Wednesday of the month
Red Deer	3rd Wednesday of the month (not July or Aug)
Wild Rose	1st Wednesday of the month (not July or Aug)

Notes:

1. The addresses for these meetings are in the Shrine Directory.
2. Meeting dates and locations may change due to the restrictions.
3. If any of your dates change please email office@al-azhar.ab.ca.

Directory 2020

2020 Membership Directory will be mailed to members mid April.



Articles for the Next Fez Sez

At this time we aren't sure when the next Fez Sez will be released.

If you have articles or information for the next Fez Sez please email them to office@al-azhar.ab.ca (put FEZ SEZ in the subject line)

Thanks.

2020 Events that MAY be rescheduled

Apr 23	Al Azhar Board of Trustees Meeting
Apr 23	Al Azhar Stated Business Meeting
Apr 25	DON Ceremonial
May 8	Masonic Grand Chapter Conv. (Red Deer, Alberta)
May 22	Al Azhar Captains Meeting
June 11-14	Masonic Grand Lodge Comm. (Edmonton, Alberta)

2020 Dates As Scheduled at this time

July 3	Stampede Parade
July 3-12	Calgary Stampede
July 5-9	Imperial Sessions (Kansas City, Missouri)
Aug 7	Al Azhar Captains Meeting
Aug 10	Shrine Golf Tournament (Pinebrook Golf Club)
Aug 12-15	PNSA Summer Session (Spokane, Washington)
Sept 9	DON Supreme Queen visit
Sept 11	300 Club Dinner/Fun Casino (rescheduled from April 11)
Sept 18-19	Masonic Tri-Jurisdictional (Havre, Montana)
Sept 24	Al Azhar Board of Trustees Meeting
Sept 24	Al Azhar Stated Business Meeting
Oct TBA	Special Ladies Luncheon
Oct 4-11	Shriners Hospital Golf Tournament (Las Vegas, Nevada)
Nov 13-14	Al Azhar Ceremonial and Joint Installation
Nov 15	Potential Christmas Concert with Scott Woods Band
Nov 22	Grey Cup Party
Nov 26	Al Azhar Board of Trustees Meeting
Nov 26	Al Azhar Stated Business Meeting
Nov 29	DON Feast and Festival
Dec 5	Al Azhar Divan Elections
Dec 6	Shrine Children's Christmas Party

Ways to Pay Your Dues

You may not be able to pay your dues in person right now, but there are many other ways to pay your dues.

- By E-Transfer or PayPal email office@al-azhar.ab.ca
- By Credit Card call 403-239-0030 and leave a message
- Mail a Cheque 5225-101st Street NW, Calgary T3L 1S4
- Setup Pre-Authorized Debit call 403-239-0030 for details. You will need to set this up with your bank.

Websites

Members

www.al-azhar.ab.ca

Imperial

www.shrinershq.org

Shriners Village

www.shrinersvillage.org

Be a Shriner Now

www.beashriner.com

Grand Lodge of Alberta

www.freemasons.ab.ca

Southern Alberta Shriners

www.abshriners.com

Al Shamal Shriners

www.alshamalshriners.org

Shrine Event Centre

www.calgaryshrinecentre.com

Advertise in the Fez Sez newsletter!

Business Card - \$40.00

1/4 Page - \$60.00

1/2 Page - \$100.00

Full Page - \$200.00

Articles are to be sent by

email to: office@al-azhar.ab.ca.

For more information call the Shrine Centre at 403-239-0030.

Milestones - Charlie Duffin receives his 50 year jewel January 13, 2020.



**JUST
ONE**

Milestones
Karl Fraser celebrates 40 years

Milestones - Ken Weller turns 75 years young



2019 Shrine Milestones

Alexander P Varro	50 years
Cody A Whiteside	50 years
F. William Wright	50 years
Bill Anderson	45 years
Ron Beirnes	45 years
James Santa Lucia	45 years
Bruce MacLaren	45 years
Donald B Russell	45 years
Karl T Fraser	40 years
Richard D Odland	40 years
Gary Bain	35 years
Donald P Derrick	35 years
Donald E Fox	35 years
Peter E Johansen	35 years
Clarence H Kraft	35 years
Art Laing	35 years
Iqbal Lalani	35 years
Howard E Langdon	35 years
Lloyd F Lawson	35 years
Ronald R Moore	35 years
Henry E Retzlaff	35 years
E. N Russell	35 years
R. Neil Thiessen	35 years
Cameron A Clark	30 years
Terry Dean	30 years
Leonard C Defreese	30 years
Irwin D Endicott	30 years
Bruce S Hilton	30 years
Don C Althen	25 years
Chris D Brancaccio	25 years
J. C Davis	25 years
Bradley R Diegel	25 years
Donald B Dougan	25 years
Gerald D Feschuk	25 years
Dennis W Fischer	25 years
Omar P Giroux	25 years
Edward J Jakubowsky	25 years
James E MacFarlane	25 years
E. H Mikkelsen	25 years
Brian Segouin	25 years
Gordon R Smillie	25 years
Richard Trombinski	25 years
George Alan Ward	25 years
N. J. Webber	25 years
Kenneth McLaughlin	20 years
Ronald D Moore	20 years
Rogelio Redoble	20 years
Clayton E Bailey	15 years
John G Nagy	15 years
Sean P Gough	10 years

2019 Milestones cont.,

C. Mark McDonnell	10 years
Allan S. Dickson	5 years
David R. Johnson	5 years
Thomas R. Sorbie	5 years

2020 Shrine Milestones

Stanley A Lissack	61 years
Marven R Bishop	59 years
Allan V Watson	59 years
Douglas W Brown	58 years
James M McCulley	57 years
Kenneth J Atkinson	55 years
James R Black	54 years
J. D Ingram	54 years
Stanley S Schumacher	54 years
William P Batycky	53 years
Alexander P Varro	51 years
Cody A Whiteside	51 years
James D McNeill	50 years
Oswald M Treutler	50 years
Irvine R Nowak	45 years
Norman F McLeod	40 years
Terrence W McNeill	40 years
Leslie A Prior	40 years
William C Tough	40 years
Dale A Schotanus	40 years
Robert G Armstrong	35 years
Gordon P Berard	35 years
J. Garth Border	35 years
N. A Christensen	35 years
Kenneth Glatiotis	35 years
J. M Johnston	35 years
Gordon F Jones	35 years
Floyd W Anderson	30 years
Douglas W Bradley	30 years
Norman D Brain	30 years
Stanley J Homer	30 years
Douglas L Jacques	30 years
Ameer M Keshavjee	30 years
Robert K Liddell	30 years
Wayne S Marty	30 years
Malcolm J MacKenzie	30 years
Arthur A Szabo	30 years
Keith R Wellock	30 years
R. Kim Gunn	25 years
Martin W. R Jones	25 years
Gordon F Jones	25 years
Stewart V Munro	25 years

2020 Milestones cont.

Jack L Williams	25 years
Gordon B Brewer	20 years
Kenneth D Brown	20 years
Guy R Cochrane	20 years
John P Cook	20 years
Ron Fujikawa	20 years
D.K. Galbraith	20 years
Stephen J Hargrove	20 years
Gordon R Lucas	20 years
Frank A Poissant	20 years
Clay Poland	20 years
Christopher D. Smith	20 years
Carmen W Wallace	20 years
Kenneth D Weller	20 years
Brian G Baird	15 years
James M Brown	15 years
Dexter B Bragas Sr.	15 years
Evaristo B Cabalce	15 years
David C Hochman	15 years
D. Marc Levine	15 years
Lyle A MacPherson	15 years
David E Mospany	15 years
Richard T Tumanon	15 years
Ejvind Villadsen	15 years
Wayne E Wilderman	15 years
Richard Carrier	10 years
Vernon J Cheredaryk	10 years
Randall D Crossman	10 years
Norman O Finstad	10 years
Kees van Ittersum	10 years
Mark E Ross	10 years
Robert J Sceviour	10 years
Brian Shimmons	10 years
Eric B Skagen	10 years
Donald R Strate	10 years
Kevin P Walker	10 years
Jens Baun	5 years
Gordon Bristow	5 years
Larry A Carr	5 years
James E Dunsmore	5 years
Norman A Ink	5 years
Gerard R Gegajo	5 years
Kim D Greenizan	5 years
Ken Hawrelko	5 years
Terry L Murray	5 years
Terrance J Morris	5 years
Tobiah S Stewart	5 years

Support Your Craft Lodge

New Years Eve Party - December 2019





New Years Eve Party - continued



The Shriners Fraternity Mission Statement

The Mission of the Shriners is to be:

The Premiere Fraternal Organization for men of good character

Committed to providing attractive, quality programs and services for its members, their families and friends in a spirit of fun, fellowship and social camaraderie

Foster self improvement through leadership, education, the perpetuation of moral values and community involvement.

Serving mankind through the resources of its great philanthropy, the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

The Story of the "Editorial without Words"

The photo known as the "Editorial Without Words" is probably one of the best recognized symbols of Shriners Hospitals, yet it was taken almost by accident. Randy Dieter, the photographer, recalled that in 1970, he had been on assignment covering Hadi Temple's annual outing for handicapped children at the now-defunct Mesker Amusement Park in Evansville, Indiana.

"I was taking shots of the midway and was using my telephoto lens," Dieter said. "I saw a local Shriner walking by carrying a little girl in one hand and her crutches in the other. My camera wouldn't fire. Then they were too close for my lens. I ran past them, but the camera jammed. I had to take my last shot as they walked by. It was the end of the roll. If I had to think about it, I wouldn't have come up with something like that. Fate guides you."

"It still seems unreal," said Bobbi Jo Wright, the little girl in the photo. "I have many wonderful memories of the years I was a patient at the St. Louis Shriners Hospital and remember all the fun activities. I was born with cerebral palsy, which resulted in many orthopedic problems that made walking difficult. I had many surgeries at the St. Louis Hospital. They greatly improved my ability to walk."

Bobbi Jo received her B.A. in English from Anderson University. She is active in her church and teaches Sunday School. "I use a cane when I go shopping," she said. "If I'm walking on grassy areas, I use crutches."



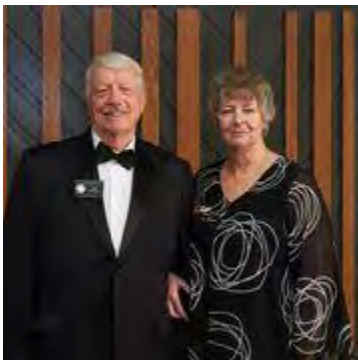
Today, the famous photo is an integral part of the Shriners Hospitals logo, and has been reproduced on stained-glass windows, mosaics, tie tacs, pins, and in statues. A larger-than-life replica of the "Editorial Without Words" stands outside the International Shrine Headquarters building in Tampa. Photographer Randy Dieter, now retired, served as graphics editor for the Kentucky Post.

The Shriner who was unexpectedly immortalized carrying Bobby Joe was Al Hortman. Formerly of Evansville he was living in Georgia until his passing on December 6th, 2009. In the original photo of Hortman carrying the child is Hortman's daughter, Laura, who was herself a patient at the Shriners Hospital in St. Louis. After Laura began receiving treatment at Shriners, Hortman joined the Shrine.

"No Man Stands So Tall As When He Stoops To Help A Child"



Al Azhar Potentate's (Nobility) Ball - January 18, 2020



Al Azhar Potentate's (Nobility) Ball - January 18, 2020 continued



Shrine Public Relations and New Website

While the beginning of the year was just two months ago I think we are still close enough to the New Year to still look towards change and rejuvenation.

A major focus that you will all see this year is a rejuvenated communication strategy for Al Azhar.

It is important that we have an effective way of communicating to our Nobility (our internal audience) as well as our external audience.

YOU need to know what is going on within YOUR Shrine as well as our 22 health care locations and Shrine International. An informed Noble is an engaged Noble. **The greater knowledge that you each have about the growing international organization you are proud members of the better prepared you each will be to help bring in new Nobles.**

The public needs to learn more about why we do what we do and understand better what our Fez stands for and more about the world's greatest philanthropy. Those men wishing to find out how they can become a Shriner can find information to help them on their path.

Our new website and social media presence will help the public understand what 'those guys with the red fez do' and what the world's greatest philanthropy the Shriners Hospital for Children means. 'Fez Sez' will also get rejuvenated.

This new communication strategy will allow our marketing, public relations and membership efforts to be coordinated to help each to be more effective.

Everyone likes to be communicated to in different ways. Some Nobles are comfortable with new technologies and social media while others aren't. How we communicate and make information available needs to cover a wide spectrum. Information needs to be accessed easily and be clear, informative and concise, correct and kept up to date.

Making all these changes will take some time yet there will be a determined focus to do all this as quickly as possible. If you have any expertise and can help, please let me know.

Are you excited? I hope so. I am!

Noble Shayne Eldridge
Public Relations

Has Your Directory Information Changed?

The new 2020 Al Azhar Shrine Membership directory will be mailed out to members mid April.

With the state of the world it is more important than ever to stay in contact with each other. Please use the directory to phone or email other members. Let them know you are thinking about them and maybe offer your help to those that can't get out themselves. In these times we need to help each other!

If your directory information changes please email those changes to office@al-azhar.ab.ca by February 1, 2021. In the email tell us what information you need changed, and the clubs/units you belong to. Thanks.

Al Azhar hosted the Mid Winter PNSA February 27 - 29, 2020



On behalf of the Officers of the Pacific Northwest Shrine Association, thank you Al Azhar for your hospitality during the recent winter session in Calgary. I am not sure where to start to thank everyone involved in hosting the excellent event. **Everyone from the Office Staff, Van Drivers, breakfast and lunch preparers, audio crew and Nobles behind the scenes showed the visiting Nobles a real “Calgary Shrine” experience.** The leadership shown by the Illustrious Sir Malcolm Mackenzie, who was assisted by Illustrious Sirs Gordon Berard, Gordon Brewer and Ernie Hilland made the session flow with ease.

In my years involved with the PNSA, I don't believe I have ever seen or heard of volunteers getting up in the middle of the night to drive to the airport to pick up and drop off Nobles. Nor, a crew working the early morning shift to make sure a hot breakfast was served. I still don't know how they cooked trays of eggs without breaking the yolks. How about the Horse Patrol hosting a “Welcome to Al Azhar” dinner Thursday night? I am not sure how many Nobles were involved with the preparation of the lunches, but the meals were ready on time, well proportioned and hot. The office staff and catering were a tremendous help with putting together everything needed to be prepared for the meeting, and I hope all of Al Azhar knows how fortunate you are to have this support staff working for you.

On a personal note, it was especially heartwarming for me to again have the opportunity to say hello to some of my friends from Calgary whom I had not seen for many years. One nice surprise was to be able to visit briefly with Illustrious Sir Bruce Maclaren and many Past Potentates that I have known for as many as 20 years.

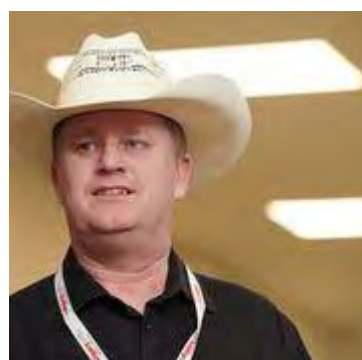
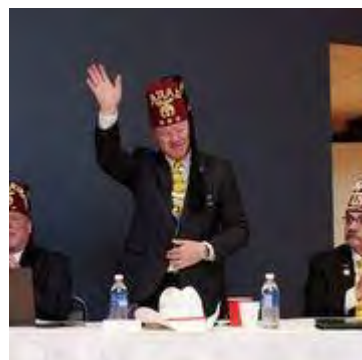
**Thank you,
Al Azhar,
for hosting this
session. You have
set the bar high
for those to follow.**

I look forward to seeing many of you at future sessions so you can enjoy knowing that you made a difference.

**Yours in the Faith,
Larry Tipton PP
Executive Director PNSA**



Mid Winter PNSA in Calgary February 27 - 29, 2020



Mid Winter PNSA in Calgary February 27 - 29, 2020



Mid Winter PNSA Calgary Feb 27-29, 2020



The Summer PNSA is in Spokane, Washington Aug 12-15, 2020

Save the date for these important events...

300 Club Dinner and Fun Poker Night rescheduled to Friday, Sept 11, 2020

Save the date for the Al Azhar Shrine Patrol's annual 300 Club Dinner and fun poker night. Originally scheduled for Friday, April 17, 2020, it has been rescheduled for Friday, September 11, 2020 at the Shrine Centre (5225-101st Street NW, Calgary). Tony Spoletini (CFL Alumni of the Year) will be the guest speaker and Master of Ceremonies.

The 300 club dinner has been an annual Shrine Patrol Charity Fundraiser for over 40 years. It is open to all male Shriners, Non-Shriners, Mason's, non-Mason's and supporters of the Shrine Patrol.

The event includes an optional fun Poker night (Dealer and Table Choice) with no take for the house. There will also be a live auction for an autographed football jersey! You'll have the chance to win prizes through a 50/50 draw and Calcutta Draw (a winner every 15th ticket drawn) first ticket wins \$100 and last ticket drawn wins \$3000.

Tickets are \$125 and include hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, a 7 course Prime Rib Dinner, Wine, Fun Poker Night, entry into all the Draws and lots of prizes! Tickets are available at <https://300ClubDinner.planningpod.com> or over the phone by calling John Bradford 403-272-5846 or Gary Bain at 403-650-9995.

2020 Shrine Charity Golf Tournament has been rescheduled to 2021

With the current COVID-19 situation, the golf committee has made the difficult decision to reschedule the 2020 Golf Tournament until **August 9, 2021**. We believe social distancing restrictions may not be lifted by August 2020, and we don't want to put any Shrine member or the public at risk. By rescheduling to 2021, we hope to run a high caliber tournament like we are known for. **If you would like to participate as a sponsor, golfer or volunteer please email office@al-azhar.ab.ca. We hope you continue to support this worthwhile cause on August 9, 2021!**



**The Shrine Charity Golf
Tournament has been
rescheduled to 2021!**

Our new date will be

August 9, 2021

at Pinebrook Golf Club.

Save the Date!

We hope to see you there!



Membership



Relationships, Recruitment, Retention and Restoration

Who benefits? If you are a detective, or a fan of detective novels you've probably heard the expression - Who Benefits? A good detective will ask "Who benefits from a crime". **It is also a similar question to ask of the Al Azhar nobility - who benefits from an increase in membership? The answer is we all do!**

There is a direct relationship between the number of Nobles we have and our ability to provide the fraternal experience we are looking for.

Fewer Nobles means:

- Less men of good character to interact with
- Fewer Social events (and higher costs to attend)
- Less funds raised to support the children that need our help

More members means MORE fun and MORE help for the children! It really is that simple.

Do you know how many members we have here at Al Azhar? As of the end of 2019 we had 484 Nobles. At the end of 2015 we had 627 Nobles - a decrease of 143. **We have lost on average 32 Nobles each year since 2015. This is a trend that we cannot sustain!**

There is a direct relationship between the number of our Nobles who are active and involved in their Craft Lodges and our membership. There is no stronger a recruiting tool than a single Noble talking to a fellow Brother in his Lodge about the Shrine. Nothing is more powerful than that personal relationship. Therefore, to increase the positive opportunities Al Azhar offers we as Nobles have to remain active in our Craft Lodges.

You can help! We will have a Ceremonial this fall. **NOW is the time to start talking to your fellow brethren about joining the Shrine! Remember 'Just One!'** Talk to the Worshipful Master of your Lodge about having a presentation about the Shriners Hospitals for Children and to learn more about why we do what we do. Who will benefit? Your Shrine and the children!

Fraternally yours,

Tony Gize

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Reflections on Being a Shriner

Sometimes we need to go back and reflect occasionally, why you are a Shriner.

Over time the meaning can sometimes get lost on some, if not many of us. Always remember why we do what we do. Kids with missing limbs can have prosthetics for their hands or feet because they got to a Shrine hospital. Burns, disfigurements and grafting can last decades and the costs could cause serious financial difficulties for their families. Thanks to Shriners, no families go bankrupt. Our kids get the best health care available. Instead of being in a hospital built for emergencies, overcrowded and impersonal these kids are greeted with smiling Shriners and stuffed animals, clowns, recreation rooms, video games and support councillors. Facilities designed for smaller people that are still growing. A big difference!

Many of us have experienced that situation in a parade where a person on the street yells at you "Thank you for what you do!" You can be proud knowing what you have done and will continue to do. Yet they are not thanking us for being in the parade. Not being cool wearing that Fez and driving a fun vehicle. They are thanking us for the hospitals, our fund-raising, all the time - nights and weekends spent so the child who lost both feet in a lawnmower can walk, a girl with no hands can now rock climb or a burn victim can now walk down the street without stares all the while their family can support them without losing financially.

That is what they thank us for. **Be there for your club, unit and Al Azhar!**

(Adapted from the Algeria newsletter)

Did You Know?

Do you own a business and have some vehicles or trailers. You can order 20" x 30" magnetic truck decals that promote the Shriners Hospitals for Children. A great way to help share the word about the World's Greatest Philanthropy! There is no cost to you!!!

You can order these from Shriners Village. Go to Shop >> Marketing Materials >> Materials Ordering System Select Al Azhar Temple Then Browse the Catalog.

The decals are on page two. Select the quantity you want to order. While you are at it, if there are any other promotional items you would like to order go ahead. Perhaps order some BeAShrinerNow brochures for your companies waiting room or front desk.

When ready, View the Cart. Enter all data needed.

If you are not on a committee, select 'Other'.

You can have these items shipped direct to your business.

A great way to help support the Shriners Hospitals for Children!



Children's Breakfast with Santa
Christmas Party - Dec 2019



Red Deer Shrine Club Installation 2019



Air Corps

Spring is almost here and I bet everyone is excited for this years parades. The Air Corps is planning a move out for July 18-19, 2020 to the Cold Lake Air Show. If you or your unit has gone or been involved in any of the air shows we have done in the past, then you know it is a good time as well as an excellent opportunity for us to be with the public to tell the many stories of being a Shriner. We are looking to take our large trailer and the Hospital trailer, and any other units that might wish to join us.

Call me for info or google the Cold Lake Air Show to see what it is all about. The Air Corps is also doing the same parades as last year and we are looking at teaming up with the Sabres to hold a cook out at the Shrine Centre. Stay tuned.

Hoping to see you all soon.

Fraternally,

Ron Down (Past Captain Emeritus)
403-608-6989
rundown@shaw.ca



Legion of Honor

The Legion of Honor had its first meeting of the New Year on Feb 22, 2020. The turnout was great with 28 Nobles and their ladies present for the installation of Officers by Potentate III. Sir Malcolm MacKenzie and Assistant Rabban Allan Dickson.

Congratulations to the new Legion of Honor executive.

- Commander - Noble Jorge W Rojas
- 1st Lt. Commander - Ill. Sir Edward Jakubowsky, PP
- Treasurer - Ill. Sir Kent Galbraith, PP
- Acting Adjutant - Lady Kathy Galbraith
- Quartermaster - Noble Henry Retzlaff

Commander Jorge presented Oriental Guide, Noble JR with his 2019 Past Commander's medal and thanked him for his support and leadership last year.



The Legion of Honor was also pleased to be flag bearers at the PNSA and Law day New Citizenship court April 18th.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Legion of Honor please contact Commander Jorge W. Rojas for details.



Presentation to Noble Jim Santa Lucia



Presentation to Noble Henry Ratzlaff



Presentation to Noble Clarence Kraft

Legion of Honor continued

Presentation of Medals - were made by Ill Sir Malcolm MacKenzie and Commander Jorge W Rojas. These are years served as of 2020.

Attending

ID #	Member	Joined	Years Served	Commander
9	David Hongisto	Feb 26, 1993	27	1996
16	Henry Retzlaff	Mar 2, 1993	27	2016
45	Jim Santa Lucia	April 21, 1993	27	
47	Clarence Kraft	April 21, 1993	27	
71	Andrew Bogle	June 21, 1993	27	2002, 2009
82	Charlie Frew	Sept, 15 1994	26	2010
85	Omar Giroux	Mar, 15 1995	25	1998, 2013

Not in attendance

ID #	Member	Joined	Years Served	Commander
21	Allen Richards	Mar 10, 1993	27	2002, 2003, 2004
54	Doug Bedford	April 21, 1993	27	1997
86	Andy Sands	May 17, 1995	25	2007



Presentation to Noble Charlie Frew



Presentation to Noble Omar Giroux



Presentation to Noble David Hongisto



Presentation to Noble Andy Bogle

Oriental Band

Al Azhar's favourite Oriental Band continues to be an active part of Al Azhar Shrine.

We don't parade during the late fall and winter season (unlike my old band at Mocha Shriners where they tend to March in more Santa parades than summer parades!) yet we maintain active with practices (yes we do practice!) and social events.

We went to Stage West to see 'Mama Mia' (our new song is 'Dancing Queen' - just kidding!) and recently had a Ladies Appreciation night at Windsor Rose pub. Our ladies were given flowers and gifts and a nice night out as a token of our appreciation for their support. Long-time band member Noble Henry Retzlaff was also given an award!

Welcome to our two newest members - Nobles Jim Brown and Ron Higham. Glad to have you both part of the band! And we hope you both have a speedy recovery from your recent injuries.

We are looking forward to our upcoming parades this season and would like to have YOU with us! Be part of our fun and play the 'Sweetest Sounds This Side Of Heaven'? You don't need to know how to read music or play an instrument. Sounds hard to believe yet it is true - just listen to us! Also there are no membership fees and the uniform and instrument is free! This is too good of a deal to pass up. If you are interested contact our Band Director Noble Art Laing at 403-931-2572 or aclaing@telus.net

Yours In The Faith
Noble Shayne Eldridge



Shrine Patrol

Photos from the Shrine Patrol Installation on November 30, 2019.



Shrine Patrol continued

Photos from the Shrine Patrol Installation.



Mounted Patrol

The Mounted Patrol held a Wine and Cheese Party on December 11, 2019 hosted by Noble Mark Lawson and Lady Holly. During the evening the AMP presented Paulo Deoliveira with a Shriners Hospital Certificate of Appreciation, honoring him for all he has done for the AMP over the years. Paulo is the son-in-law of Noble Stan and Lady Lynn Homer.

The AMP wrapped up 2019 by holding their annual Boxing Day get-together at the Club House on December 26, 2019. It was well attended and a good afternoon was enjoyed by all.

During December 2019 the Mounted Patrol were pleased to make donations to the Canadian Cancer Society and the Kidney Foundation of Alberta.



Nobles Glen Hacke and Wayne Jones present a cheque to the Kidney Foundation of Alberta on behalf of the AMP



Nobles Wayne Jones and Glen Hacke present a cheque to the Canadian Cancer Society on behalf of the AMP

On December 15, 2019 Noble Ken Weller was honoured at a 75th Birthday Party held at the Shrine Center. Congratulations Ken, on attaining three quarters of a century. Many happy returns.



Noble Ken Weller at his 75th birthday

Mounted Patrol continued

On February 6, 2020 the AMP were saddened to learn of the passing of Lady Dorothy Wilderman at the age of 94. She was preceded by her husband Noble Giles Wilderman, long-time AMP ride member. Dorothy is the daughter of Past Potentate (1954) Gaylen Jones. Dorothy and Giles were married 64 years at the time of Giles passing. Dorothy was dedicated member of the AMP Ladies Wednesday Night Suppers, helping with our delicious suppers for over 50 years. She is survived by her daughters Gayle and Judy as well as several grandchildren. Our sympathy and prayers are with the family during this sad and trying time.

On February 16, 2020 the AMP held their Annual Family Day get-together. The weather co-operated and several participants played a round of "snow golf" on the Lake, which was enjoyed by the players as well as the spectators.

The Annual AMP Jiggs Dinner was supposed to be held on April 4, 2020 at the Fez Dome. This event has been called off due to the social distancing restrictions but we hope to reschedule it at a later date. Viewing of the new upstairs bathroom will be included in the cost of the ticket. Ha. Once a new date has been decided we will let you know. If you have questions contact Doug Clark at 403-274-2221 Lloyd Lawson at 587-587-0234.

The AMP are looking forward to another year of parades and move-outs.

Respectfully submitted,
Noble Mark Lawson, AMP President.



**Noble Mark Lawson presents Paulo Deoliveira
with a Shriners Hospital certificate of appreciation**

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Medicine Hat Shrine Club

This is your Shrine Club's Roving Reporter informing you of what is happening around the Club. Just a reminder that the Medicine Hat Shrine Club is "Dark" until the middle of March when activities for the year begin again.

Al Azhar Hospital Chair for Medicine Hat, Illustrious Sir Eldon Wells, PP had a recent trip to the Shrine Hospital for Children in Spokane, taking a patient there for an assessment. Although the club is dark this activity goes on. He was joined by Noble Rick Nixon, PP of Calgary. This is a quick story about their trip.

I hope that all the Medicine Hat Shrine Club Members and their Ladies had a great Christmas and will have a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,
Ted Flemmer

Spokane Hospital Visit - Jan 2020 our New Friends

January 1, 2020 offered the start of a new year and the meeting of new friends. Illustrious Sir Eldon Wells called and asked me to ride shotgun to the Shriner's Hospital in Spokane as he had a new patient to transport for an evaluation appointment.

I drove to Fort MacLeod, parking at the Tim Horton's and ordered a coffee while I waited for Eldon to arrive from Medicine Hat. As my coffee was brewing, I introduced myself to Brad Provost and asked if I could be allowed to leave my vehicle on their well-lit lot overnight as I was catching a ride to the Shriner's Hospital in Spokane WA. Brad could not have been more kind, he immediately responded with a firm yes and allowed me to park directly in front of the main doors. My first new friend of 2020 and a friend for all Shriners, Mr. Brad Provost.

When Eldon arrived, I met two more new friends, 14-year-old Maison and his mom, Dawna. After introducing ourselves we loaded up with Tim Bits and headed to Spokane. Traffic was light and the roads in pretty good winter driving condition all the way to the US border crossing. At the border were met by a very pleasant customs official who on learning that our destination was Shriner's Hospitals for Children, advised Maison's mom that she "was in good hands as Shriner's are good people."

**Noble Rick Nixon, PP, patient Maison,
Dawna (his mom), and Noble Eldon Wells, PP
outside the Spokane Shriners Hospital**



Spokane Hospital Visit - Jan 2020 Continued

Eldon skillfully and safely transported us to the Ruby River Hotel in downtown Spokane and which is located only minutes from the hospital. The staff at Ruby River greeted us with warm smiles and the promise of assistance for any needs we might have during our stay. Conveniently, the hotel has on premises dining which made our stay just that much easier.

January 2, 2020 offered an 8:15 am meeting at the Shriner's Hospital for Maison and his mom. On arrival security redirected Eldon to the covered parking structure located some distance away from the "Rockstar" parking spot in front of the building that Eldon had selected. While Eldon discussed "where he always parked" with security, I had the privilege of escorting our patient and his mom into the building. Eldon rejoined us after re-parking in the hospital's covered facility.

Security in the building required photo ID from each of us and in return we were given photo ID "stick on" patches that were to be worn at all times while we were in the building. We were then escorted to the patient admission area by Noble Chris who made signing in for our new patient and his mom a breeze. Maison's appointment lasted about an hour and a half with a recommendation that he return in 6 months for further evaluation.

As the day was still young Eldon decided that we could get home by early evening and with that we went to the covered parking facility to retrieve our vehicle but not before a photo or two in front of Shriner's Hospital for Children, Spokane.

For me, new friends, as well as a welcome reminder as to why we are Shriners and why we wear the red Fez. Nobles, if you are offered the opportunity to ride along with one of our patient transportation volunteers, say yes! The trip will prove a very rewarding and a very satisfying experience.

Noble Rick Nixon, PP



Noble Rick Nixon, PP, patient Maison, Dawna (his mom), and Noble Eldon Wells, PP

Tin Lizzies Installation



Vintage Car Club



Vintage Car Christmas Party

Noble Doug Clark and Lady Elizabeth's visit to Shrine Hospital in Mexico - Dec 2019

In December 2019, Noble Doug Clark and Lady Elizabeth visited the Shrine Hospital in Mexico bringing knitted dolls and support. This is the thank you letter they received and on the next page are photos from the visit.



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December 15, 2019

*Noble Doug and Lady Elizabeth Clark
Al Azhar Shriners
Calgary, Alberta
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Dear Noble Doug and Lady Elizabeth Clark:

We are pleased to receive your visit today with our patients, and thank for the knitted dolls that you brought for them.

The party offered to them is also for our guests as a token of our gratitude for their support and contribution in benefit of the young population that we serve.

Please receive our best wishes for a Merry Christmas, and a new year blessed with many good things for you and your loved ones!

Cordially yours,

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Noble Doug Clark and Lady Elizabeth’s visit to Shrine Hospital in Mexico - Dec 2019



WaWa Shrine/Mason Gala in Saskatoon





International Shrine Clown Association (Sneaker Fund)

Greetings Al Azhar Shriners, as the ISCA Canada Sneaker Fund Chairman it gives me great pleasure to put forward notice to all members that once again to congratulate the **Al Azhar Calgary Shrine Clown Unit in being the recipients of the International Shrine Clown Association “Top Donor Award for Canada” for their generous donation to the Canada Sneaker Fund.** Be it known that their significant donation will be utilized in our Canadian Shriners Hospital for Children for the support of hospital vital research program underway for the advancement of techniques and treatment of children in our Shrine hospitals. The International Shrine Sneaker Fund for Canada contributes thousands of dollars each year to vital research underway at our Montreal Shriners Hospital.



All Canadian contributions stay in Canada and are used predominantly for Osteogenesis Imperfecta (Brittle Bone Disease in Children) research. Many of you know Shrine Clowns for their merry entertaining personalities, however there is a serious side the men with funny painted faces. It is the clowns such as the Al Azhar Calgary Clowns Assoc. and Al Azhar members that through their hard work and fund raising for a very special program known as “The Sneaker Fund” that ensures the advancement of treatment for children in our Montreal Hospital. I would ask of all Al Azhar Shrine members that the next time you meet up with your Calgary Shrine Clowns to offer up a well deserved “Thank You” to each of them for their generosity and outstanding contribution to the “Sneaker Fund”.

In the latter as the ISCA Canada Sneaker Fund Chairman it was my intent to conduct a formal presentation at Al Azhar Calgary Clown’s April meeting to make presentation to the Clown members of the ISCA “Top Donor Award for Canada” for the “Sneaker Fund”. It most certainly was my intent to have a presentation with Calgary Clowns on my return from the International Shrine Clown Association Mid Winter conference in San Antonio, Texas.

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My deepest apologies goes out to all for not being able to make presentation of this award and thank all for their prestigious accomplishment and generosity in being the recipients of this award. Who was to know that all our lives were to be complicated by such a traumatic health issue in that of the coronavirus, which has placed restrictions on all in this situation of isolation from one another.

May I say on another note that all **ISCA members were treated like royalty by our host Alzafar “Nemnuf” Shrine Clowns of San Antonio, Texas. In my opinion one could not have been welcomed more or personally catered to better than what we received from the gracious members of the Nemnuf (fun men spelled backward) Clown Unit.** Talk about a hardy Texas welcome by all, y'all received the best of the best throughout our stay in the great state of Texas and in the hands of the Nemnuf Shrine Clowns. The ISCA Mid Winter convention and competition recognized a large contingency of clowns competing in our competitions from across the United States, Canada and of course Texas. I do believe Ken “Dizzy” Gillespie our new ISCA President for 2020 could not have chosen a better place for a clown convention.

International Shrine Clown Association (Sneaker Fund) continued

While most competitors left after the Mid Winter competition my wife and I chose to spend some added time in Texas seeing how it isn't every day that we visit there. It was while Marion and I were still in San Antonio that we received a personal invite from Noble Rick Reyes, High Priest and Prophet of Alzafar Shrine Temple and a Nemnuf Shrine Clown for us to be their special guests to their Gala Shrine Ceremony which included the installation of their Potentate Marty Bartlett. Here again one cannot say enough about the hospitality we received that evening from the Potentate, Divan and Nobles of Alzafar Shrine Temple and of the Nemnuf Shrine Clowns. There is no doubt in my mind that the members of Alzafar Shrine Temple are some of the finest Shriners that one could ever meet. The entire membership did more than welcome us into their fold, they also made us feel as though we were part and parcel of the membership. All of which made me feel as though I wanted to become a member of Alzafar Temple being that they were such grand group of Shriners or at least a member of the Nemnuf Shrine Clowns. What can I say other than one was overwhelmed at the overall enthusiasm and comradre throughout the entire membership. The evening was based on a Mardi Gras theme along with the grand Mardi Gras theme throughout their main ballroom. One main highlight that evening for all was that the Alzafar Shrine Executive had brought in a special point of interest for all, which was the Inaugural Bible of George Washington, founding President of the United States of America and a fellow Mason. Again Marion and I were so very privileged to have our photograph taken with George Washington's bible that evening.

In closing I would once again like to Thank everyone who had contributed to our Canadian Sneaker Fund in 2019 with the wish for your continuing support in 2020.

Smiles and Chuckles,

Dennis (Nitro) Fischer,
ISCA Canada Sneaker Fund Chairman
Medicine Hat, Alberta
403-527-5215

Just Joking

Mr. and Mrs. Brown have two sons. One was named Mind Your Own Business and the other was named Trouble. One day the two boys decided to play hide and seek. Trouble hid while Mind Your Own Business counted to 100. Mind Your Own Business started looking for his brother then a policeman approached him and asked, "What are you doing?" "I'm playing a game," the boy replied. "What is your name?" the policeman questioned. "Mind Your Own Business." Furious the policeman inquired, "Are you looking for trouble?" The boy replied, "Why, yes."

III. Sir Malcolm MacKenzie
meets Potentate Jeff Sowder of Midian Shriners



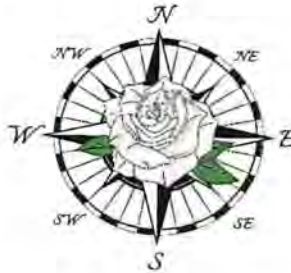
Daughters of the Nile Letter regarding the Supreme Queen Visit 2021

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November 30, 2019

Al Azhar Shriners
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Dear Illustrious Sir Neil and Members,

I write to you on behalf of Donna Kramer, Past Queen, Supreme Princess Tirzah, Supreme Temple, Daughters of the Nile. Daughters of the Nile and Shriners International have shared a close relationship for over 100 years working together for the children. We thank you for allowing us to share in your philanthropy, Shriners Hospitals for Children®.

As you may already know, Daughters of the Nile in Alberta are anticipating a very exciting 2021. Tradition prevailing, the International Head of our Organization (known as the Supreme Queen, Daughters of the Nile) will be from Al Amira Temple No. 157, Edmonton. Donna Kramer will be installed as Supreme Queen (equivalent of your Imperial Potentate) in June 2021 at our Annual Supreme Session in Calgary; Donna is a member of Sakkara Temple No. 115, Calgary, as well. Due to the number of attendees, this Supreme Session will be held at the Calgary Telus Convention Centre. However, Donna and the entire 2021 Supreme Session Planning Committee are proudly anticipating the participation of Regional Shriners in the “True North” Session as we welcome women from across North America as well as Germany, Honduras, and Brazil.

In our Organization, the cost of hosting the Supreme Session falls to the planning committee, and we are tasked with raising nearly \$250,000 before our Session begins. These funds are needed to cover logistical costs of the Session. To raise those funds, we are forging ahead with new fundraisers, and including our Fraternal Family for donations or sponsorship of an event, and selling merchandise at all opportunities.

It is our hope that Al Azhar Shriners and Units would like to help us host this amazing Session. There are many avenues you can pursue to help us reach our goal:

- Become a 2021 Session Sponsor. We are offering the following sponsorship levels for our Session; \$100 Silver Level, \$250 Gold Level, and \$500 Platinum Level. For contributions received on or before January 31, 2020, your group will receive special designation as a ‘Nile Treasure’ at our Session, with acknowledgement in our Installation Program so that all our members may see our deep connection with our Shriners. This opportunity is also open to any


Daughters of the Nile Letter continued

individual Shriners, or friends of Shriners, who would like to wish Donna and the Officers of the Supreme Temple, Daughters of the Nile success in the year 2021-2022;

- Invite us to sell our Donna's Compass Rose wares at your next event; and
- Volunteer with our Session – many opportunities are available including Airport Greeters and Men's Activities to name a couple. I am sure as we get closer to the event we will have a better idea of where the gentlemen will be needed.

Regardless of your ability to contribute, we sincerely hope you will join us as Donna is installed Supreme Queen, Supreme Temple, Daughters of the Nile, on Thursday, June 24, 2021. We look forward to seeing a wealth of Alberta friends at the Installation. Our Organization is so proud of our association with the Masonic Family and Shriners Hospitals for Children®, and we look forward to the honour of hosting you!

Fraternally,



Elaine Booth, Past Queen, Sakkara Temple No. 115
General Chairman 2021 Supreme Session Committee

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Lemon Blueberry White Chocolate Scones

2 Cups flour

½ Cup cold butter

1 Tbsp baking powder

1 tsp salt

½ Cup white chocolate chipits

½ Cup blueberries

¼ Cup sugar

Grated rind of one lemon

½ Cup sour cream

1 egg

Fresh lemon juice (enough to fill 1 cup when added to sour cream and egg.

Glaze:

3 Tbsp Fresh lemon juice and 1 cup icing sugar mixed

Brush or drizzle on when scones are cooler.

- Mix flour, sugar, baking powder, salt and butter until butter is in small pieces.
- Add blueberries and white chocolate.
- Mix sour cream, egg and lemon juice and stir into flour mixture until it holds together.
- Divide in two and pat down into two circles about ¾ inch thick.
- Cut six pie shapes from each circle.
- Bake on parchment paper at 400 degrees until lightly browned
(bake in the middle rack because the bottoms burn easily due to the white chocolate).

The smell will let you know when they are getting close to being done.

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