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Potentate's Weekend February 2 & 3, 2018



April 2018

Potentate's Message

Wow, the year is flying by and I wonder if I am going to have time to accomplish all the great things that we as Shriners should be doing.

Firstly, it was the most humbling thing that one can experience. The Potentate's Ball weekend was a weekend that I could only dream. Thanks to everyone who helped in the weekend and all the Nobles and Ladies that came thru the snow and helped me celebrate the event that was so dear to my heart. As Lady Pat and I started to work on the night, we wanted to have a weekend to have fun and have our dear friends enjoy. If we started with names of those who helped make the weekend so special, I would run out of room in this writing. Thanks ever so much to all those who helped make the night the highlight of my life.

Special thanks to our Potentate's Aides group for all your help and especially the attendance at our first meeting as Lady Pat and I tried to explain our vision for the year.

The beginning of this year has been a challenge as we started and are currently nearing the end of a renovations update on the main floor of The Shrine Center. This has been disruptive for members and staff; however, the work is nearly complete and time to get the rooms rented as quickly as possible. Thanks to everyone and each group for being patient as we struggled thru the mess over the past few months.

This July, during Stampede we have Imperial Sir Jim Cain and Lady Patsy arriving on July 5th to be with us for the weekend. Many have met Imperial Sir Jim and Lady Patsy. They have always wanted to be here for the Stampede and finally this year we do not have an overlap between Imperial Sessions and Stampede week. A big BBQ is planned at the grounds on July 6th afternoon and we want to see everyone there to meet Imperial Sir Jim and Lady Patsy. Stay tuned for the weekend schedule. Truly, they are great people from Tennessee and we want everyone to visit with Imperial Sir Jim and Lady Patsy for the afternoon. Mark your calendar!

We have done a Promotion of selling coupons with THE BAY in all southern Alberta stores and await to tally what we have made in funds. The Bay and The Canadian Shriners partnered across Canada for a charity day. The exposure and fund raising are very much a trial for us as we partner with The Bay. Thanks to each of you who helped "man" a table at each store. I hope you had fun as well as sold the coupons for the Shriners Hospital in Montreal.

Noble George Lister and Nobles Tim Jackson and Ken Wigmore are taking a big lead with another exclusive Canadian Shrine event. We have partnered with Spartan Races and will be asking for help for these two 2-day events in June and August. We need 20 people for each two-day event. We then get credit for the time and funds go directly to The Shriners Hospital in Montreal. Another great start of a great partnership in fundraising.

In May we start the parade season and look forward to having all the units parading at the various towns in true fashion. Sean Gough is our 2018 Parade Marshal. Sean and his team will be asking for your help in making each parade the best.

The Potentate and Grand Master's Trip to Ireland is planned for May 15th to May 28th. We have 57 people attending and look forward to a great time as we visit Ireland.

Some events coming up are The Lobsterfest planned for June 3rd, and Imperial Sir's visit during Stampede week along with these others, Shriners International Day, June 6th, Vintage Cars Show and Shrine, June 23rd and East -West Shrine Game in Montana, July 21st.

Thanks ever so much for all your support to Lady Pat and myself. I do hope we can have a fun year and enjoy some great times together.

May I also say thanks for the many sympathy cards we have received regarding my father's passing April 1^{st} . I really appreciate all the cards and emails we have received. Thanks for the flowers which we received in the few days from all of Al Azhar. This was very special!

Yours in the Faith, Ernie Hilland Potentate, Al Azhar

> This year we have the <u>Memorial Tree Program</u> at Al Azhar Trees can be purchased from The Shrine Center for \$1000.00 plus GST Planting will take place during late May or early June Plans are underway to have a Father's Day Memorial Service and Luncheon Please call Illustrious Sir Kent Galbraith and Lady Kathy for Information Illustrious Sir Kent and Lady Kathy are planning the day's events and taking the tree orders. Like the previous year the Nobles names will be engraved on the Memorial Pedestal

PayPal, Cheques, Cash, Debit, Visa or Mastercard

These are your options for payment through the Shrine Centre at this time. We are working with our bank to also accept e-transfers in the near future.

We get many questions from our members, renters, and fundraising supporters regarding these payment options.

You can pay over the phone by credit card, mail your cheque or drop by the office with your payment in any of these forms. Credit card regulations restrict us from accepting Credit Card information by e-mail or fax to prevent fraud.

If you wish to use **Pay Pal** and do not already have an account you will need to open one – click on the link below and follow the instructions to get set up: <u>https://www.paypal.com/welcome/signup/#/email_password</u> - if you already have an account simply use our e-mail address <u>office@al-azhar.ab.ca</u> within the PayPal program to send the funds.

If you have any problems getting set up we would be happy to assist in any way.

Chaplain's Corner

When I was in minor hockey I got lots of shots on goal but I wasn't getting goals. Makes you sort of wonder why.

Now that the Stanley Cup is beginning you may also wonder why some players will excel and others have some success but not what you would expect. The difference is because they don't have a clear vision of what a goal is.

In your imagination, there is the goal net but there is a goalie standing in front of the net. When a goal is scored it is into the area that the goalie is not blocking. Sounds simple enough. You see when I was playing minor hockey my shots were at the goalie and not the openings. I had a coach that recognized this and made me a goalie. I was a decent goalie and blocked shots by players that went on to win the Stanley Cup such as Peter Mahovlich or played for our National team such as Terry Caffery. I think the difference between them and I was I discovered girls! And they were focused on a hockey career.

When setting your goals in life make them realistic. If the goal of your club or unit is to get 30 new members that is admirable but a more realistic goal might be a lower number such as 5 or 7. While the goal is attainable it has to be higher than would be if possible with little or no effort. Can you imagine if each club or unit got this kind of increase what it would mean to Al Azhar membership?

Someone may set a goal of winning a million dollars. This unfortunately is not a realistic goal as the odds are incredibly high. A more attainable goal might be to put your extra change each day in a bucket and at the end of the year roll your coins and donate these funds to the Montreal hospital. A challenging goal but also a realistic one where our Children are the winners! To accomplish your goals, however, you need to know how to set them. You can't simply say, "I want" and expect it to happen. Goal setting is a process that starts with careful consideration of what you want to achieve, and ends with a lot of hard work to actually do it.

In the light of Grace Noble R. Dean Cowan Chaplain 2018

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
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A girl was visiting her ditsy friend, who had acquired two new dogs, and asked her what their names were.

The friend responded by saying that one was named Rolex and one was named Timex.

Her friend said, 'Whoever heard of someone naming dogs like that?'

'HELLLOOOOOOO.....,' answered the friend. 'They're watch dogs'!

RECORDER'S RAMBLINGS

RECORDERS RAMBLINGS – March 2018

Nobles, the New Year is upon us and I would like to congratulate Illustrious Sir Ernie Hilland on being elected as Potentate of Al Azhar for 2018. Also, congratulations to the elected Divan. I personally would like to thank everyone for your vote of confidence in electing me as Recorder. I will strive to do my best for Al Azhar and to support the newly elected Divan.

Although it is a new year, the same recurring themes come up from year to year, the collection of dues and of course membership. Your Shrine dues were due January 1, and for those Nobles who have not yet remitted their dues I encourage you to do so as soon as possible. There are various methods to pay dues and Cinde will be more than happy to assist you.

In order to ease the heavy workload of our Executive-Assistant, Pat Fergusson, it would be greatly appreciated if matters pertaining to payment of dues, requests for social function tickets or personal updates/changes and any general business be referred to Cinde on a regular basis. I feel that Pat is inundated with matters than can be handled by Cinde freeing up Pat to devote her time towards more pertinent matters. In order to prevent confusion and errors, registration forms that are required for certain events such as the Potentate's weekend or ceremonials, will be completed and submitted by the individuals wanting to attend not the office staff. The office staff will be available to assist if you have any difficulties.

Noble Allan Dickson has devoted a lot of time and energy in developing a membership drive that is second to none. Everyone's support is needed so that Al Azhar can benefit from these new initiatives and programs. New members are our future so talk to friends, fellow masons and promote our philanthropy. It is up to us to ensure the future of Al Azhar.

If you have been at the Shrine Center lately you have probably noticed that the renovations are well underway and nearing completion. Hopefully, in the near future everyone will benefit from the new looks and enjoy the use of our upgraded facility.

Thanks to everyone who has popped in to say hello and offer their encouragement. My door is always open to everyone and if you haven't noticed I do enjoy having an enlightening conversation.

Yours in the faith;

Noble Andy Pokolinski Recorder

YOUR AD COULD BE HERE

Shrine Centre advertising for printing in our newsletters. Cost is as follows + GST: 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

Your 2018 Divan			
Potentate	Ernie Hilland	H: 403-995-5552	E: hillande@shaw.ca
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H. P. & P.	Jim Brown	H: 403-242-1488	E: jrblogistics@telus.net
Oriental Guide	Allan Dickson	C: 403 608-0707	E: allan_dickson@shaw.ca
Treasurer	Jim Hendry	H: 403-281-3814	E: jim.hendry@shaw.ca
Recorder	Andy Pokolinski	W: 403-239-0030	E: recorder@al-azhar.ab.ca

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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 26, 2018 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. Financial, Investment and Membership Reports
- 3. Balloting on Candidates
- 4. Receive and Accept the 2016 Financial Review
- 5. Hospital Reports
- 6. Trustees Report
- 7. General Business

Notice of Motion

Notice #1: To withdraw from the Investment Fund a maximum of \$150,000 to fund Al Azhar Shrine Centre's operating income shortfall over the course of the next few weeks.

Notice #2: To withdraw from the Investment Fund a maximum of \$200,000 to cover the expenses incurred to complete the Capital Budget Allocations for the current renovations to the Shrine Centre.

Wear your fez and a smile

(Also bring your 2018 dues card. You need it for admission!)

Attest: Andy Pokolinski, Recorder Ernie Hilland,

Yours in the Faith Ernie Hilland, Potentate

Nobles and Ladies there will be a roast beef dinner for \$20.00 per person at 6:00 p.m. prior to the meeting, Ladies are welcome. Please be sure to RSVP to the Shrine Centre if you plan to attend the Dinner (403) 239-0030. There will also be a Ladies program during the time of the Stated Business Meeting

Dress for the Stated Business Meeting is Business Casual or Club/Unit Uniform – Please note!! <u>NO JEANS</u>

Upcoming Events

AL AZHAR SBM	POTENTATE'S & GRAND MASTERS TRIP	LOBSTERFEST
April 26, 2018	May 15-28, 2018	June 3, 2018
INTERNATIONAL SHRINE DAY	VINTAGE CAR CLUB SHOW & SHRINE	IMPERIAL SIR'S VISIT
June 6, 2018	June 23, 2018	July 5 & 6, 2018
SHRINE EAST WEST GAME – MT	SHRINE CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT	PNSA
July 20 - 22, 2018	August 13, 2018	August 16 – 20, 2018



20 – 22 July / Great Falls, MT

Did you know that Al Azhar Shriners has been involved in the prestigious Montana East West Shrine Football Game for years?! Each year 2 players are selected from Calgary and area schools to participate in this world class game!

This summer we are looking at traveling to Great Falls, MT to support this great event! Should this be of interest to you and your family / friends please contact Nobles Jim Brown (jrsblogistics@telus.net) or Allan Dickson (allan_dickson@shaw.ca). More details to follow.

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

Date:	Sunday July 22nd, 2018	
Price	\$25.00 Adults	
	Free for Children under 12	
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Time:	1:00 pm	Torial The
Dress:	Picnic Casual	
Where:	On the grass at the Shrine Centre	
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	Our Units will be in attendance for pho	otos

April 2018

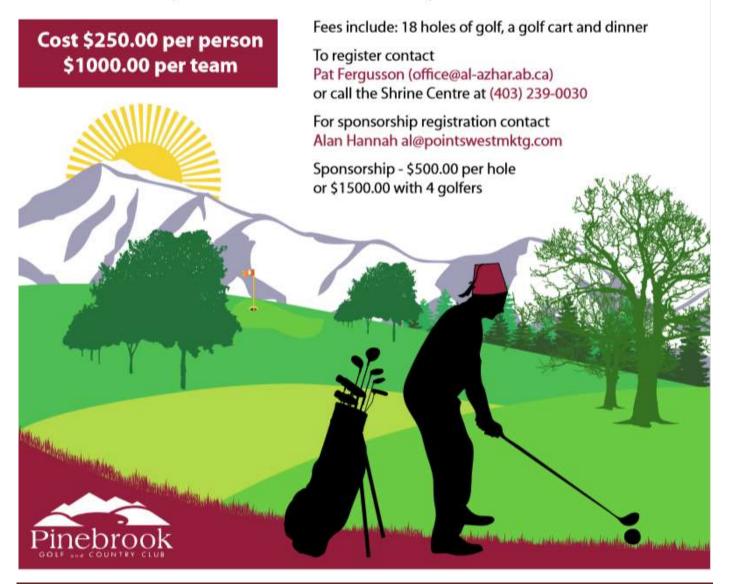


2018 Shriner Classic Golf Tournament

Monday August 13, 2018

Pinebrook Golf and Country Club

166 Pinebrook Way SW, Calgary All proceeds for the Shriners Hospitals for Children







AL AZHAR SHRINERS

2018 Shrine Charity Golf Tournament Monday, August 13th, 2018

Pinebrook Golf and Country Club

166 Pinebrook Way SW

REGISTRATION

Registrations at 11:00 a.m. Lunch at Noon – Tee off at 1:30 p.m.

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PLEASE NOTE!! Mulligans, Lazy Boy and Ball Speed tickets will also be available for purchase at the registration desk.

Payments can be made by Visa, MC, Cheque, Cash, PayPal, and E-transfer or by Debit in person at the Shrine Centre office – 5225 – 101 Street N.W., Calgary (Cheques payable to: "Al Azhar Shriners") Credit Card type _Visa/MC_ Card number (Please call (403) 239-0030 to pay by Credit Card) **Registration proceeds for the Canadian Shriners Hospital for Children**. To Register: contact Pat Fergusson (403) 239-0030 or e-mail office@al-azhar.ab.ca before August 6th, 2018

www.beashrinernow.com

2018 Shrine Charity Golf Tournament Monday, August 13th, 2018

Registrations for foursome (Two Man best ball format)

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2018 Shrine Charity Golf Tournament Monday, August 13th, 2018 Pinebrook Golf and Country Club 166 Pinebrook Way SW

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Additional sponsorships available for Golf Carts, Lunch or Dinner – 1 spot available for each

- ****** All sponsorships are on a first-come basis
- ** Sponsor forms are to be completed and sent to Shrine Centre no later than August 6th
- ** Payments can be made by Phone (403) 239-0030, Fax (403) 239-4334,

by Pay Pal or e-mail office@al-azhar.ab.ca

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2018 PNSA - CASPER, WYOMING EVENTS SUMMARY

EVENT REGISTRATION FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE



CASPER SHRINE CLUB WILL OPEN EVERY DAY

Yard Games & Social Opportunities To Be Announced-

TOURISM

Casper is home to many historical attractions, museums, parks, trails, galleries and microbreweries. There is a lot of shopping, good eats & activities if you're looking to break away with the family for a few hours. Tourist information will be provided in your Registration Packet, but if you want to get a head start on scoping out Casper, visit www.visitcasper.com





Wyoming novelties, locally crafted fashion, jewelry, candy & unique gifts will be showcased & available for purchase!





DARW

We are hoping to fill the Terrace area with booths, so be ready to do some shopping! And don't worry about how you will get your new treasures home! The UPS Store will take care of your needs right there, from the Ramkotal

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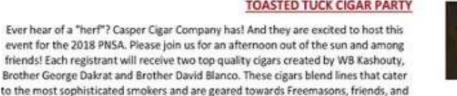
\$40.00 Buy In = \$350 Chip Value Rebuys limited to (3) at \$40,00ea Each Re-buy is also worth additional \$350 in chip value Absent Players - All players must be dealt into the hand and their blinds/antes forced into the pot whether they are at the table or not. If the player is not present by the time his second card is dealt, his hand will be ruled dead.

MOTORCYCLE RIDE AND POKER RUN



Story, Wyoming is a neat little town nestled off the interstate between Buffalo and Sheridan, at the foot of the Big Horn Mountains. Bring your motorcycle to PNSA and enjoy a day of riding as we take to the open road. We will have lunch at a quaint getaway called Wagon Box Inn, breathe some mountain air, then return to Casper in time for the Banquet Saturday Night, Want a sneak peak? Visit www.wagonboxinn.com!

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2018 PNSA - Casper, Wyoming Schedule of Events Thursday August 16th - Saturday August 18th



Host Hotel: Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center

ivest Rooms and Guest Room Suites available, business center, exercise room, complimentary shuttle (within 15 mile radius), free parking, free wireless internet, complimentary hot breakfast Gam-10am daily, pool with Castaway Bay Indoor Water Playland. AAA Diamond Rated. When making your reservation, ask for Shriner PNSA Rate of \$89.00

800 North Poplar Casper, Wyoming 82601 Phone - (307) 266-6000 / Fax - (307) 473-1010 www.ramkotacasper.com



Alternate Accommodations: Quality Inn & Suites by Choice Hotels

100% smoke free, guest Rooms and Guest Room Suites available, business center, state of the art wireless internet, fitness center, free parking, complimentary full "hot" breakfast beginning at 5am daily and all rooms feature flat screen TV. Choice Preferred Platinum Award Winner. When making your reservation, ask for Shriner PNSA Rate of \$71.99 (\$99.99 for suites)



821 North Poplar Casper, Wyoming 82601 Phone - (307) 266-2400 / Fax - (307) 266-1146 www.qualityinncasper.com

Oasis Hosted By Casper Shrine Club

1501 West 39th Street Casper, WY 82601 307-234-6154





2018 PNSA - CASPER, WYOMING REGISTRATION



All Nobles & Ladies Must Register. Registrations Submitted Without Fees Cannot Be Processed. Cancellation Fees May Apply

Registration Includes: Pasta Bar Mixer w/ Live Entertainment Thursday Night, Bar B-Que Mixer w/ Live Entertainment Friday Night, Mens/Ladies Lunchean Friday & Banquet Saturday Night. Shuttles Will Be Available- Routes To Be Pasted At Registration. Must Be Registered Attendee To Participate in All Competitions & Activities.

Registration Does Not Include: Hatels/Lodging, or Transportation to/fram Cauper

Noble:	Last Name:	M.L	First Name	
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TEAM AL AZHAR GOLF LAS VEGAS

To all Nobles and Ladies going to Vegas.

A meeting is planned for Friday September 25 at 7:30pm in Oasis Lounge. Just to make sure who will be travelling and when to expect arrival. Also a get together is planned for Team Al Azhar in Vegas.

Hope all can make it.

Gordon Brewer, P.P.

Sylvan Lake Family Home available for vacation Rental.

Beautiful 3-bedroom family home on Sylvan Lake in Summer Village of Norglenwold available for summer/fall rental. 1 king bed, 1 queen bed, 2 twin beds plus 2 sofa beds. This is not a cottage! Three bedrooms, 2 half baths, one full bath, laundry room, pool table, Wifi.

Minimum rental 6 nights/7 days \$1550.00, plus \$500.00 refundable security deposit.

For more information call Jackie 403-230-0829. Photos available on request.







Congratulations to our 6 new Nobles who were initiated into our Ancient and Noble Fraternity on Friday, February 2nd 2018! Thank you to their sponsors for inviting them to join the World's Greatest Fraternity and Philanthropy! As usual, the Ritualistic Cast put on a memorable performance!



Pictured above are Nobles Francis Barte III, Brent Nelson, Ricky Ramil, Manny Tagulao, Irwin Vines and Rory Wood being escorted through the Cold Sands Ceremonial. Below, Illustrious Sir Ernie Hilland sharing words of wisdom to our newest Nobles that the Hot Sands of the Desert are awaiting their journey on 28 & 29 September!!





Nobles Francis Barte III, Ricky Ramil and Manny Tagulao have their Fez placed on their heads by Illustrious Sir Ernie Hilland and given a rose for their Ladies from our First Lady, Pat Hilland.

Over the past few months our Membership Team has provided education on Shriners International to lodges in Calgary, Crossfield and Lethbridge. Speak with your Worshipful Masters and Secretaries to invite us out to your Lodge. It is paramount we recognize and invite quality men into our Fraternity who live the tenets of Freemasonry; Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth and by the Shriners Creed: Shriners believe in God and that He created man to serve His purposes, among which is service to others in His name. We believe that care for the less fortunate, especially children who suffer from burns and crippling diseases, is our institutional calling. We are patriots, each willing to serve his country with fidelity and courage. We cherish independence under law and freedom with responsibility.

We honour family. We respect our parents, wives and children. We should instill in our children the tenets of this creed, and the heritage from which it emanates. As individuals we pledge ourselves to integrity, virtue and nobility of character. Our intentions will be honorable, our relations will be trustworthy and our spirits forgiving of each other.

As brothers we offer each other fraternal affection and respect. Together we will support each other in adherence to this creed, so that we and our communities will be the better because of our fraternity and its principles. As Shriners we look beyond ourselves to serve the needs of others, especially children who cannot help themselves. We believe Shriners Hospitals to be the world's greatest philanthropy, and we covenant with each other to support its "temples of mercy" with spirit, time, talent and means.

YITF,

The Membership Team (Recruitment, Retention & Restoration)

Nobles Allan Dickson (Chairman), Jeremy Dahms, Vaughn Finnson and Bernard Uy.

(A great website to share and register quality candidates is www.beashrinernow.com)

Donations by the Al Azhar Shriners (Patrol) Society



Ill. Sir Bob Newman, P.P. & Patrol Captain With John Rathwell, CD from the Royal Canadian Legion Poppy Fund and Veterans Food Bank (above and to the Right)

Calgary Women' Emergency Shelter (Right) Ann O'Donnell, Director, Resource Development & Communications – Far right



Joanna Domes, Manager, Resource Development YWCA



Brown Bags 4 Calgary's Kids, Bethany Ross & Ill. Sir Bob (Below)



April 2018

Unit/Club Meeting Dates & News

Al Azhar Units	Al Azhar Shrine Clubs
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 rd 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	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
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AIR CORPS

If the weather stays like it has been with lots of snow, we will have to put skis on the planes for the High River Parade.

The Air Corps has put their parade list together and I'm sure you will see us out and about.

The Air Corps had a successful Casino and thank you to all that volunteered.

Our 5th Annual Pig and Beef Roast is set for Sunday July 22nd at 1:00 p.m. Tickets are the same as last year at \$25.00 per person, children under 12 free. Tickets are available from Cinde or Pat at the Shrine Centre or any Air Corps member. I'm already praying for good weather.

Bring a friend or their family and show off your Shrine Centre.

Yours in the Faith Ron Down



LEGION OF HONOR

The Legion of Honor is preparing to celebrate its 25th Anniversary. In April 1993 the Legion of Honor received its Charter from the International Legion of Honor providing Al Azhar Shriners the opportunity to recognize it's veterans from all Military forces. Our first Commander was Noble Brock Baker and the original Charter membership of 33 grew to 79 members.

We are very proud of our members and their contributions and we look forward to recognizing the Legion of Honor membership during their 25th year.

Please visit our table at the April 14th Open House to view our album and video. Noble JR Beauregard will have the Legion of Honor jeep and trailer displayed to showcase our new canvas.

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 21st at the Calgary Law court. Our flag bearers will be Commander II. Sir Eldon Wells, P.P. and Noble 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. For further information visit Law Day Calgary - https://www.todocanada.ca/city/calgary/event/law-day-2018-calgary.

Last month the Legion of Honor was saddened to hear of the passing of Noble Roy Jardine. Noble Roy was an active member who shared many military stories and represented the military with great pride. The members of the Legion of Honor extend their deepest sympathy to Lady Inez and the Jardine family.

Foothills Shrine Club

Jan/18

Starting the year off was the Chinese New Year: all the Chinese food you could eat. Club tables were dressed up by Victoria. Tong hats were supplied by the one and only The Oriental Band, what a great evening. Ah Sooooooo. Dress was Mandarin great for the ones who dressed the part lots of fun.

Feb/18

We celebrated Valentine's Day with a remarkable table setting by Victoria. The Club sponsored the cheese spread and their favorite bottle of wine was a hit. Cupid was ramped up for the evening.

Mar/18

Things got better and better with St Patrick's Day,

Ill. Sir Gary Bain, P.P. to set the evening up he surprised us with the bread Bowls for the ample supply of stews to stimulate your appetite. Great spread Gary well done. And, of course, we had Victoria's awesome table setting with respect to St Patrick.

For all the work that goes on behind the scenes we have to recognize the Nobles and Ladies for their tireless work. I cannot name all the Ladies or Nobles but you know who you are, thank you. And our tireless Bar bender: John Hart Tks.

Foothills Shrine Club President David E Mospany **ORIENTAL BAND** (Redacted from an article which appeared in the January edition of the Na Khabar Express, a publication of the Association of Shrine Oriental Bands, Chris Tsaros

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Nobles All,

On November 18, 2017 the newly formed Abou Saad Shriners Oriental Band in Panama City Panama, helped us make history by becoming the first oriental band to be chartered outside the Continental U.S. and Canada.

This historic event was the culmination of a one-year journey. Managing this project to completion gave me the opportunity to experience firsthand how our Shriner bonds transcend borders.



It all started with an email to the Association of Shrine Oriental Bands (ASOB) inquiring if there was a possibility to acquire used instruments for a new band in Panama City, Panama (Abou Saad).

After the usual hand wringing and the hope that someone did answer the call, a second request arrived a number of weeks later

My call to action was answered from different corners of the Oriental Band domain. First to answer the call was my own band the Al Azhar Shriners OB in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Led by our Band Director Art Laing the band made the decision to provide a complete set of instruments for 18 musicians.

Jeff Moores, past ASOB President contributed surplus uniforms from Melha his OB. Alas the momentum built to this point was suddenly disrupted by the first major obstacle in the journey. Shipping the instruments from Calgary to Panama required a long journey by truck to Eastern Canada, and then on to a cargo ship for the journey down to Panama. Total shipping costs amounted to US\$2100.00.

At the annual ASOB planning meeting I made an appeal to my fellow ASOB executive members for help. The call for contributions to cover the cost was met within 5 minutes. Joining me in making sizeable contributions were:

Joe Brewton (recently deceased), Ralph Jubb, Don Moores and A.J. Di Caro. Total raised was US\$1800. The remaining US\$300 was contributed by the Abou Saad Oriental Band members.

I am very grateful to Potentate Ricaurter (Ricky) Arrocha his Divan and all the members of the Abou Saad Oriental Band for the care and hospitality afforded to me my lady Carmella and the ASOB delegation that accompanied me. We had a great time in Panama with tours of the Panama Canal and other Panama City highlights.

A special thanks to Lady Sandra Stanziola the Administrative Assistant for Abou Saad Shriners. Over our journey together in helping to get the instruments from Canada to Panama, I became convinced that Lady Sandra, knew how to part waters and move mountains.

Thank-you lady Sandra for all your invaluable efforts.

When you get a chance visit the Abou Saad Shriners and play with the band. Those of us who offered music workshops during our stay were impressed with the resident talent in the band, the incredible drive and fantastic attitude evident. They are fun to hang around with. We offered new music to them which was well understood to the extent that the band performed brilliantly at the evening ceremonial. And yes a few of us did affiliate with Abou Saad. I think the extra fancy shirts is what did it.

AL AZHAR SHRINE PATROL

300 CLUB DINNER

















Commander's comments: Good Day all, let's get ready for our

upcoming parade season we now have five new members, step up and welcome Carl Russell, Lee Athias, Arian Karaj, James Dobson and JJ O'Connell. I would like to see our entire membership share in the parading experience. If you are driving or on the support team we always need some assistance in every task we perform. Let's make 2018 one of your best years as a Tin Lizzie. Are you thinking maybe you would like to drive car in a parade, and then you should consider joining the Tin Lizzie unit? Not only do we keep busy at a number of parades we run a catering unit that has supported a number of divan events as well as we have just completed another Grand lodge Dinner and Ceremonials. Ask yourself how you could contribute and join one of the busy units at Al-Azhar. Are you Interested please contact current commander Jim Brown at 403-850-5041.

We have just completed our Casino, and Noble Gord Brewer, extend his thanks to all those that supported this endeavour. What's new, watch out for the ongoing changes at the Shrine Center!

UPCOMING EVENTS: We shall see you at the Shrine Open House, that is on April 14th, from 2-4 pm., unit members wanting to volunteer contact the Commander. Our Meat sale is back on and orders are starting to come in, support your unit and get the orders from friends and family. Meat sale information contact Nobles Andrew Fraser and Even Schmitke. Meat Sale booking sheet is being distributed by pat at the office. Get your orders in now, we expect run the sale all summer through to the fall. Support the tins, buy meat! The summer parade season as well some catering events will soon be upon us. First up will be parades in High River, Black diamond, Bassano, Beisiker, watch for the notices. A parade practice, TBA, next general meeting April 17th. We are busy but that does not mean we do not have time for some fun.



Special Thanks goes out to Heather Hansma of "The Flag Shop" for their support of the Tin Lizzie Unit, they can be reached at <u>Calgary@flagshop.com</u> for all your flag needs.

Respectfully submitted Tin Lizzie PR, Noble Andrew Fraser

WILD ROSE SHRINE CLUB

Spring we hope has finally arrived, 2018 will go down as a harsh Canadian winter. With the weather it created a situation of low attendance at our meeting in both January and February. March certainly improved with our president Kim Greenizan outlining our events and agenda for another busy year for Wild Rose Shrine Club. We will continue to attend as many parades as possible and dedicate our time to fund raising. Our social calendar is always active, starting with our Spring Breakfast, a unit BBQ, ladies night and our annual Golf Tournament. We end the year with our festivities at Christmas and our Santa Claus at Walmart which is a highlight of the year. Lead by our strong executive we will certainly make it happen. Noble Carl Russell is the newest member of the executive in 2018 occupying the 2nd. Vice President's position. He was recently installed at our April meeting by the Chief Rabban Neil Webb, who is our appointed Divan Representative. I would like to back track a little to a very Special guest who attended our March meeting. Mr. Noah Jensen, aged 11 years and a patient of our Shriners Hospital who attended our meeting along with his parents. He spoke on his incredible journey within the Shrine Hospital dealing with his birth deformity of deformed feet. In non-medical terms he was born with club feet which hampered normal activity. Initially he was treated in Calgary but unfortunately with little improvement. He was then referred to our Montreal Shrine Hospital and then onto Seattle, Washington. His prognosis remains excellent, his treatment is ongoing with the eventuality of regaining normal function in both feet. As emotional as his presentation was it was a reminder to us all of the reason why we dedicate our time in support of our children. He expressed his gratitude to "all Shriners" for their continuing support and kindness and give him the physical ability to enjoy a normal life. To us, Noah represented everything we strive to be as Shriners, and how important our Children, our Hospitals and our Philanthropy has become.

At the close of our April meeting Noble James Dobson unveiled a storage case for our "Big Fez" which as some of you are aware it's a replica of our Fez which we use on a number of Fund Raising activities. Our appreciation was extended to Noble James for his contribution and workmanship on our new Fez case. Initially we used the Big Fez for display purposes at Wal-Mart during our visits with Santa over the years. This past year was our 10th. consecutive year for Wild Rose to host our visits with Santa. In our first year we recovered all expenses and enjoyed the many visits from the kids and their families. The club rallied around the event and it gained new life. It was a family affair, everyone contributed to the success of the event. As I sit back and think about the number of hours we have all contributed, it gives me a sense of personal pride to say thank to everyone over the many years. We continue to have stories every year, from parents who identified themselves as a Shriner Child, to other family members who stopped by to express their gratitude. I say again to all our Nobles of Wild Rose. *thank you for the memories.*

From that retired OLD Elf who was always to skinny to be Santa. Noble Norm Brain, your Humble Scribe.

Photos of Kim Greenizan, newly elected President being presented with the gavel by Ill Sir Bob Newman (left) Ill. Sir Ernie Hilland with Walmart Representative presenting a Certificate of Appreciation (Right)





April 2018

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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