FEZ SEZ December 2019

Greetings from your Potentate!

First of all, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow members of the 2019 Divan. Our sense of being a team with the goal of helping both our charity and our Fraternity grew over the year.



I'd like to thank Malcolm MacKenzie for his support and consistently behaving like a gentleman. He always acted in the best interests of the Shrine, and I look forward to lending him a hand in the future, wherever I may be needed.

I'd also like to thank Jim Brown, for his sense of humour; Ken Wigmore for his calm, thoughtful attitude; Jim Hendry for always immediately understanding me when I drifted into accountingease" when I tried to clarify my thoughts regarding the financial wellbeing of our building. Thanks to Allan Dickson for his enthusiasm; and Gordon Brewer for his contribution as Recorder, Glenn Hacke for his work with the Divan in obtaining the best deals for us as we addressed our roof repairs, and now as he works on an effective, modern, security system. I also want to say thank you to my aides, your contributions are absolutely essential to our success.

Pat Fergusson is such a wonderful resource for us Shriners, Her knowledge of our system and books are an essential part of our success as a group. Charlene is super to work with, and I thank her for her dedication. Susanne Martin stepped up as a volunteer in the office and made a very important contribution. And our maintenance staff consisting of Frank, Mike, and Jeff who keep our facility spotless!

Thanks to the past Potentates for their support, and especially to Rick Nixon who has been my mentor for these past many years, and to Bob Newman for his time, talents and friendship.

The world has changed dramatically since 1978 when our Shrine was built. At that time, we were in the country, but now the general public has easy access to our site. Just this year of 2019 we have had three intrusions by criminals, with the third one involving a threat of the use of a deadly weapon against our staff. Things are only bound to get worse.

Important Dates

Dec. 23 to Jan. 1 **Shrine Office Closed** (Re-opens Jan. 2)

Dec. 31, 2019

New Years Eve Party

Jan. 17-18, 2020

AGM, Divan Installation and **Nobility Ball (Potentate's Ball)**

Feb. 27-29, 2020

Winter PNSA Calgary

Mar. 20, 2020

DON Installation

Mar. 24, 2020

Potentate's Trip Presentation

Apr. 9-16, 2020

Potentate's Trip

Apr. 17, 2020

300 Club Dinner/Casino Night

Apr. 23, 2020

Stated Business Meeting

Apr. 25, 2020

Daughter's of Nile Ceremonial

Al Azhar Shriners

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Greetings from your Potentate! (continued)

I'm very encouraged that all the members of the Divan are very frugal when it comes to our finances. You have all heard that we are having some "red ink" over the last few years, but I have a great deal of hope now, for the future.

The renovations, started years ago are now completed. The rental of our facility definitely contributes to our bottom line, and we believe that it the facility will be available the entire year starting 2020, and will contribute even more than ever before. Thank you, Jaclyn, for your contribution to our financial well-being.

We received a consultant's report in 2018 that lays out the maintenance requirements for the Shrine Centre. The costs we face will be substantial every year to come.

We are working on establishing an new income source that will provide us with sufficient cash flow to keep us safe for years to come, being an RV and boat storage facility.

And although with any project, there are obviously going to be problems to overcome, we can continue to move ahead and get this income stream working for us.

And a very special thank you to my wife, Carol Francis who worked very hard with me this year, and has pledged to Malcolm that we will continue to help him if and when he needs us. And we are actively involved in a Spring 2020 art show and sale, with a local gallery planning on showing the professional paintings it sells, with many great artists helping and contributing.

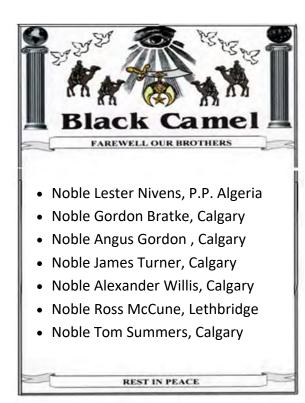
We are also working on a new fundraiser that will call on civilian volunteers to work with us to go door to door asking for funds for our charity, and planting a tree in their honour when they make a donation to our Patient Transportation Fund. So Shriners are not just talking about the environment, but we're actually going to do something about it. Every tree planted will absorb huge amounts of CO2 from the atmosphere, and improve the environment!

After all, our institutional calling is to help sick children; this tree project will help all the children of the current and future generations.

And lastly, I want to thank you all, Nobles, for the hard work you've all contributed. We couldn't accomplish a thing without you.

A very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year to each of you.

Neil Webb Potentate 2019



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Recorder Ramblings

Al Azhar Shrine has marked off another decade on the Calendar for the Temple. We have had some great times and bad times during this period.

It started in 2010 with III. Sir Eldon Wells as Potentate when we still had a Circus with lots of fun and activity by the Nobles.

In 2011, it was our last circus at the Saddledome, still fun and activity but the public did not show.

In 2013, it was the PNSA in Lethbridge with III. Sir Gordon Brewer as Potentate. With the hard work of the committee members and all units pitching in, it was a great success. Proud to be a Shriner that weekend.

Things started to change around 2017. We started to see major changes to the Shrine Centre: the Foyer, the Fireside and Main lounge and Downstairs were being transformed. We were looking at a new concept in Shrine history. From a wood finish to a more modern look.

From 2017 to 2019, things kept changing around the Shrine. During this construction period things were slow and more problems appeared on the maintenance side because of the buildings age. We managed to work through some of the problems, but we still have major problems to look at.

First and very important, is our membership losses are very high. We have to address this very quickly in 2020. We need all Nobles to help in this matter.

Second, we need to bring back the Nobles to the building for pleasure. This has to be addressed by all Nobles and Divan to get an even balance. Rentals and Nobles usage.

Third, we have to reach out to all of Calgary to see where we can assist in having them use our facility for events. We do have a great VENUE here so we have to promote it where we can. We need funds!

These are my thoughts, please give them a look over and help Al Azhar go into the next decade to be more prosperous.

Wishing all a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEARS to all Ladies and Nobles.

From Pat, Frank, Jeff, Mike, Charlene, Susanne, Jaclyn and myself.

Yours in the Faith,

III. Sir Gordon Brewer, Recorder



Just Joking

A devoted wife had spent her lifetime taking care of her husband. Now he had been slipping in and out of a coma for several months, yet she stayed by his bedside every single day.

When he came to senses, he motioned for her to come near him.

As she sat by him, he said, You know what? You have been with me all through the bad times. When I got fired, you were there to support me. When my business failed, you were there. When I got shot, you were by my side. When we lost the house, you gave me support. When my health started failing, you were still by my side. You know what?"

"What dear?" she asks gently.

"I think you bring me bad luck."

Chaplain's Corner

One of my clients through the Alzheimer's Society is a retired hockey Goalie Coach. He has had experience at all levels including NHL (Stanley Cup champions), Women's Hockey (Olympic Gold Medal winners) and WHA (Memorial Cup champions). He is extremely well qualified to do his job and I thought it would be the easiest job in the world. All you have to do is tell the goalie to keep the puck out of the net! Not so easy. Behind the scenes you have to deal with club management, be in tune with the proper equipment to do the job, maintain the agility and skills of the goalie in addition to creating a mentally sound player.

My friend is interesting in that he does extensive preparation behind the scenes and he clearly thinks before he speaks. Both of which resulted him achieving the level of success he was fortunate to attain.

Our Shrine Temple is in a similar situation. The Divan has done extensive behind the scenes work to assure the Nobility that we have a sound relationship with the headquarters in Tampa by forwarding the necessary documents. Our current Divan has done extensive work to ensure our building is a properly operating and functioning to meet our needs and have a solid revenue stream. Our Divan offer a lot of opportunities to keep the Nobility involved and with the current membership survey I am sure they will pinpoint more opportunities. To keep the Divan team is at a high level, our new Oriental Guide will be in Tampa to fine tune his skills to be an effective OG.

I attend the Stated Business Meetings and am impressed by the Integrity of the Divan in keeping the Nobility informed of the progress being made to our Temple to meet the challenges we all face in the current economic crisis. Our Divan is like a Gold Medal winning Goalie Coach!

In the Light of Grace Noble R. Dean Cowan Chaplain 2019 -2020

PS: I made a New Year's resolution last January to lose 10 pounds. As this is being written in early December I only have 18 pounds to go! May you have a safe and happy holiday season.

Please note: All 2019 donations for the Shriners Hospital and the Patient Transportation Fun must be at the Shrine Office by December 20, 2019 and dated no later than December 31, 2019 or we can't issue a tax receipt for 2019.

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Congratulations to the new 2020 Divan!

Nobles we are pleased to advise you of the newly elected Al Azhar Shriners Divan for 2020:

- Noble Malcolm MacKenzie has been elected as Potentate
- Noble Jim Brown Chief Rabban
- Noble Allan Dickson Assistant Rabban
- Noble Ken Wigmore High Priest & Prophet
- Noble J. R. Beauregard Oriental Guide
- Noble Jim Hendry Treasurer
- Noble Gordon Brewer Recorder

Noble Malcolm MacKenzie was also elected a Imperial Representative for 2020, along with III. Sir Byron Nelson, P.P.

Nobles Glen Hacke, Bill Sheppard and Rob Martin were all elected to serve a three year term on the Board of Trustees.

We congratulate all the above and look forward to working with them in the New Year.

The Installation of Officers will be held along with the Annual Meeting at the Shrine Centre in Calgary on Saturday January 18th at 9 am, followed by the Nobility Ball (previously the Potentate's Ball).

Just Joking

A new Mercedes owner was out on an interstate for a nice evening drive. The top was down, the breeze was blowing through what was left of his hair and he decided to open her up.

As the needle jumped up to 80mph he suddenly saw a flashing red and blue light behind him. "There ain't no way they can catch a Mercedes," he thought to himself and opened her up further. The needle hit 90, 100 110 and finally 120 with the lights still behind him.

"What in the world am I doing?" he thought and pulled over.

The cop came up to him, took his license without a word, and examined it and the car. "I've had a tough shift and this is my last pull-over. I don't feel like more paperwork so if you can give me an excuse for your driving that I haven't heard before, you can go!"

"Last week my wife ran off with a cop," the man said, "and I was afraid you were trying to give her back!"

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Holiday Wishes

Message from the High Priest & Prophet

Thank you for your support in 2019 as we worked together to raise awareness in our communities of our Fraternity & Philanthropy. Lots of kilometers were travelled in southern Alberta meeting with the Nobles and Ladies from Red Deer to Medicine Hat and lots of stops in between! There was also a trip to the winter PNSA in Wilsonville, OR that was informative and entertaining. It's an honour to serve on our Divan and we are grateful for the encouragement over the past 2 years and look forward to continuing the journey of a lifetime!

Michelle, Allan Jr. and I would like to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and all the best for 2020!

YITF, Noble Allan Dickson



Remember to support Imperial Sir Jeff Sowder's membership programme!





Holiday Wishes

A message from the Al Azhar Staff and Office

The Al Azhar Staff and Office would like to thank everyone for their support over this year. We wish you and your families safe travels, a very Merry Christmas and all the best for 2020!

TRUSTEES VACANCY

The Al Azhar Shrine requires a Noble to fill a

(1) year position on the Trustees Committee.

If you have questions about the position please

email recorder@al-azhar.ab.ca.

To be considered for the position, interested parties

must email their name to the recorder

Elections to be held on Saturday, January 18, 2020.

by Tuesday, January 7, 2020.

Discounted Hotel Rates for Shriners

Sandman Hotel & Suites \$109 - \$139 Cdn/nt + tax Call 1-403-202-6503 Code: Al Azhar Shriners www.sandmanhotels.com

Sheraton Four Points
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Call 1-888-627-8621
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www.fourpointscalgarywest.com

Milestones: We congratulate Charlie Dyson for receiving his 70 year jewel pin and being the oldest Shriner in North America at 104 years young.

On Wednesday, November 13, 2019 a small group of admirers and followers gathered at Prince of Peace Retirement Lodge to honor and celebrate Mr. Ashlar (Noble Charlie Dyson) receiving his 70th year jewel. In attendance was our Grand Master of Alberta M.W.B. Ken Cheel, our D.D.G.M. for Alpha District R.W. Bro. Trez McCaskil and fourteen supporters and admirers.

Free Masonry and Shrinedom run deep and long in the Dyson family. One hundred years ago, Charlie's father became a Free Mason, followed by Charlie, and Charlie's brother on September 23, 1949. Charlie was raised to Master Mason on November 24, 1949 and over the years has made a full commitment to his lodge and Freemasonry. In general, Charlie was:

- Master of Ashlar Lodge #28 on November 28, 1957
- D.D.G.M on November 4, 1972 and installed into the office at the Grand Lodge communication on June 9, 1973
- An Honorary Life member of Perfection Lodge #9
- Appointed Grand Representative for Grand Lodge of Peru 1970
- Installed into Shrine in 2003
- Raised two sons and one grandson into Freemasonry (Paul, David and Kevin) and two into the Masters Chair.

Charlie has always been recognized as a knowledgeable and supportive of the Craft. It was not uncommon to see his support (often at the last moment) to fill a chair or give a lecture which he always performed to perfection. In 2003, at the ripe age of 91, Charlie travelled across the Hot Sands in support of son David who became Potentate of Al Azhar in 2005. He became a member of the Patrol Arabs Social wing and remained active until age 98. Not many people can say they have had three Imperial Potentate's visit them in the past years.

On behalf of Ashlar Lodge #28, the Al Azhar Shriners, All Masonic Brothers and Shriners, we wish R.W. Bro. Charlie Dyson and the Dyson family many more miles in their masonic travels.

Sincerely, Crawford Caswell





As far as we know, at 104 Charlie is the oldest Shriner in North America!



Remembrance Day 2019









Remembrance Day 2019







Unit Meeting Dates

Air Corps 2nd Wednesday of month at 7:30 pm

Athletic Club Every 3 months, Dates TBA

Clown Unit 1st Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm

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 4th Saturday quarterly at 9:30 am

Sabre Motor Patrol Quarterly at the call 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

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

Lethbridge 1st Wednesday of the month

Medicine Hat 3rd Wednesday of the month

Red Deer 3rd Wednesday of the month

Wild Rose 1st Wednesday of the month

Club/Unit Information Update

We need your 2020 Club/Unit Executive information for the next Membership Directory.

If you haven't already sent in changes please email them to office@al-azhar.ab.ca before January 2, 2020

Deadline for Articles in the Next Fez Sez

Articles or information for the next Fez Sez should be emailed to office@al-azhar.ab.ca by March 1, 2020.

Thanks.

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Upcoming Events 2019

Dec 23 Shrine Office Closed Dec. 23, 2019 - Jan. 1, 2020 (Office will reopen Jan 2, 2020)

Dec 31 New Years Eve Party and Casino (Shrine Centre)

7 pm to 1 am. Cost: \$50 pp until Dec. 20, 2019 or \$60 pp at the door. For tickets between

Dec 20 and Dec 31 contact Wayne Capper at 403-680-1027.

Upcoming Events 2020

Jan 17	Nobility Ball (Potentate's Ball) Hospitality Reception
	at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel Calgary West
Jan 18	Shrine AGM, Installation and Nobility Ball (Potentate's Ball)
	at the Calgary Shrine Centre

Feb 15 WaWa Gala (Saskatoon)

Feb 27 Winter PNSA Feb 27–29 (Shrine Centre)

Mar 21 DON Installation

Mar 24 Potentate's Trip Presentation

March 28 Foreigner Concert (Volunteers needed)
March 29 Foreigner Concert (Volunteers needed)

Apr 9-16 Potentate's River Cruise

Apr 17 300 Club Dinner and Fun Casino Night

Apr 25 DON Ceremonial
July 3 Stampede Parade
July 3-12 Calgary Stampede

Just Joking

A man suffered a serious heart attack and had open heart bypass surgery. He awakened from the surgery to find himself in the care of nuns at a Catholic Hospital. As he was recovering, a nun asked him questions regarding how he was going to pay for his treatment.

She asked, "Do you have health insurance?"
He replied in a raspy voice, "No health insurance."
The nun asked, "Do you have money in the bank?"
He replied, "No money in the bank."

The nun asked, "Do you have a relative who could help you?" He said, "I only have a spinster sister, who is a nun." The nun became agitated and announced loudly, "Nuns are not spinsters! Nuns are married to God."

The patient replied, "Then send the bill to my brother-in-law."

Websites

Members

www.al-azhar.ab.ca

Imperial

www.shrinershq.org

Shriners Village

www.shrinersvillage.org

Be a Shriner Now

www.beashrinernow.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

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for printing in our newsletters.

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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.

Save the date for these important events...

New Years Eve Party and Fun Casino on December 31, 2019

At the Shrine Centre from 7 pm - 11 pm. Tickets are \$50 each and available from Wayne Capper email wecapper@shaw.ca or phone 403-680-1027 until Dec. 30 or at the door for \$60 pp. A light snack, party favours and entertainment will be provided. Please register early so we can plan for food.

AGM, Installation and Nobility Ball (Potentate's Ball) on January 18, 2020

Save the date for the Al Azhar Annual General Meeting, Installation and Nobility Ball (Formerly the Potentate's Ball) on January 17-18, 2020. Tickets are \$85 pp and are available by calling 403-239-0030 or emailing the form on page 15 to office@al-azhar.ab.ca until January 9, 2020. Event details and a registration form are on the next few pages.

Mid Winter PNSA in Calgary February 27 - 29, 2020

Save the date for the Al Azhar Mid Winter PNSA in Calgary February 27 - 29, 2020. Registration is \$200 and available at https://ShrinePNSA2020.planningpod.com until February 17, 2020. Event details and a registration form are on the next few pages.

300 Club Dinner and Fun Poker Night on Friday, April 17, 2020

Save the date for the Al Azhar Shrine Patrol's annual 300 Club Dinner and fun poker night on Friday, April 17, 2020 starting at 5:30 pm. The event is open to all Shriners, Mason', non-Mason's and Non-Shriners. Tickets are \$125 and include a draw entry. Tickets will be available starting January 6, 2020 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 Golf Tournament

Save the date for the Al Azhar Shrine annual Charity Golf Tournament on August 10, 2020 at Pinebrook Golf and Country Club. Hope to see you there!

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AL AZHAR SHRINERS SOCIETY OASIS OF CALGARY, DESERT OF SOUTHERN ALBERTA

ANNUAL MEETING

on Saturday, January 18, 2020 at 9:00 am 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. Election of a one year Trustee
- 3. Financial, Investment and Membership Reports
- 4. Balloting on Candidates
- 5. Hospital Reports
- 6. Trustees Report
- 7. General Business
- 8. Other Business as per the Potentate

Wear your fez and a smile

(Also bring your 2020 dues card. You need it for admission!)

Attest: Yours in the Faith

Gordon Brewer, Recorder Neil Webb, Potentate

All appointments by a Potentate expire at end of his term

For the information of all Nobles, when a Potentate's term of office expires, all appointments made by him during this administration terminate. Appointments include, but are not limited to, Potentate's Staff, the Appointive Divan, Ambassadors, Membership Representatives, Chairman of Committees and their members, Appointive Officers and Ceremonial Divan.

On occasion, it is mistakenly believed, or assumed, by some Nobles that their appointments are permanent. This is not the case. Each Potentate, when he is installed in office as chief executive of a Temple of the Mystic Shrine must make his own appointments including the 1st and 2nd Ceremonial Masters, Director, Marshal, Captain of the Guard Outer Guard and Chaplain.

The Potentate has the power and authority under Imperial Shrine law to replace every appointee; or he may, if he believes it to be in the best interest of the Temple, retain all appointees by re-appointment.

Traditionally many Nobles of demonstrated ability are continued in office or appointment. But this is at the will and pleasure of the incoming Potentate.

If a Noble is to continue in his appointed office or position by re-appointment he will be notified by the incoming Potentate to that effect.

Should any Noble not holding an appointment by the current Potentate wear a fez carrying a title bestowed upon him by a previous Potentate, the Nobles wearing that fez does so in violation of the Imperial Code.

Al Azhar Shrine Presents Casino Royale Themed New Years Party



Tuesday December 31, 2019

Fun Money Casino

Tables open at 7 pm to 11 pm

Light snack served at 11pm

DJ and Dance from 7PM to 1am







Tickets \$50

Cash Bar, Party Favours and a fun night for all.

Bring your best James Bond

Event Registration Form

Nobility Ball (Potentate's Ball) 2020

Please join us January 17 & 18, 2020 in Calgary, Alberta, Canada

First Name:

Last Name:

Lady's Name:

Temple:

Title:

Phone:

Email:

Schedule of Events

Friday, January 17, 2020

Friday events will be held at: The Sheraton Four Points Hotel Calgary West 8220 Bow Ridge Cres. NW, Calgary

Hospitality Room - Presidential Suite

7 pm - 11 pm Hospitality Room reopens

Saturday, January 18, 2020

Saturday events will be held at:

The Al Azhar Shrine Centre 5225-101 Street NW, Calgary

9 am - 11 am AGM - Valleyview Ballroom

Divan Pictures - Fireside Lounge

3 pm - 6:13 pm Fezzing Ceremony with Social Hour

to follow in the Fireside Lounge

Dinner - Lakeside Ballroom with 6:30 pm

Entertainers and DJ to follow

Meal is a plated dinner with Prime Rib, Salad, Maple Glazed Carrots, Garlic Mashed Potatoes and Lemon Cake. Dress is format or business attire

Comments:

Or send payment via E-transfer or Pay pal to

Discounted Hotel Rates

Sandman Hotel & Suites Calgary West

\$109 to \$139 CDN/night + tax (depends on room) 125 Bow Ridge Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta When booking give the name Al Azhar Shriners; code 268849. Phone: 1-403-202-6503

Four Points by Sheraton Calgary West

\$119 + tax for Traditional Queen Room 8220 Bow Ridge Crescent NW, Calgary Email Sara Bibi Colbourne dosm@fourpoints-caleary.ca In subject put: Hotel for Al Azhar Shriners Nobility Ball and state dates you need a hotel for. If you do not get confirmation then call: 1-403-288-4441 or 1-888-627-8621 and ask for Sara.

If you have questions regarding this event: Phone: 1-403-239-0030 or Email: office@al-arhar.ab.ca

Email this form	n to: <u>office</u>	Wel-azha

Register by January 6, 2020

then call 1-403-239-0030 to pay by credit card

If Dietary Restrictions: email office@al-azhar.ab.ca

\$85 Cdn

Per person for Saturday dinner (No GST charged)

Registration Information Required:

office@al-azhar.ab.ca in the subject line please include names of attendees. Temple and Title.

Office	

Credit Card #:	
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Name on Card:	
Address of Cardholde	r: Address/City/Prov/Postal
# of Tickets:	Ticket Price: \$85 CDN (100 GST)

Event Registration Form

Mid Winter PNSA 2020

Please join us February 27 – 29, 2020 in Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Schedule of Events

More details to follow closer to the event

Thursday, February 27, 2020

3 pm - 6 pm Registration

6 pm Hospitality Cocktails

7 pm Welcome BBQ

Friday, February 28, 2020

7 am - 8 am Continental Breakfast

8 am - 12 pm Meetings
 12 pm - 1 pm Lunch
 1 pm - 4 pm Meetings

7 pm Counterpart Dinners*

Saturday, February 29, 2020

7 am - 9 am Continental Breakfast

9 am - 12 pm Meetings
 12 pm - 1 pm Lunch
 1 pm - 4 pm Meetings

6 pm Hospitality Reception

7 pm Banquet Dinner

Note: The Friday night Counterpart dinner is not included in the registration price.

Discounted Hotel Rates Before Jan 27, 2020

Sandman Hotel & Suites Calgary West

\$109 to \$139 CDN/night + tax (depends on room) 125 Bow Ridge Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta Contact Kayla Sotto – General Manager When booking mention: Al Azhar Shriners

Phone: 1-403-202-6503

Email: GM_CALWEST@sandman.ca

Four Points by Sheraton Calgary West

\$119 + tax for Traditional Queen Room 8220 Bow Ridge Crescent NW, Calgary

Phone: 1-888-627-8621

When booking mention: Al Azhar Shriners Pacific Northwest Shriners Association

\$200 CDN per person

Note: This price includes all event activities except the Counterparts Dinner on Friday night.

Registration Information Required:

First Name:			
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2020 Shrine Charity Golf Tournament - August 10, 2020

Plans are already underway for our next Shrine Golf Tournament at Pinebrook Golf Club on **Monday, August 10, 2020.** Please save the date so you can join us. The Golf Committee is meeting regularly and finalizing plans for the next event. **If you would like to participate as a sponsor, golfer or volunteer please email office@al-azhar.ab.ca** and we will make sure you get the information. We hope you continue to support this worthwhile cause.

Prices for the 2020 Golf Tournament are as follows:

•	Individual Golfer (Golfing, Cart, Dinner, Lunch and Tax Receipt)	\$300
•	Golf Team of 4 (Golfing, Cart, Dinner, Lunch and Tax Receipt)	\$1200
•	Platinum Sponsorship (Exclusive signage on a hole with a prize, 4 Golfers (Cart, Dinner, Lunch and Tax Receipt)	\$2500
•	Gold Sponsorship (Non-exclusive signage on a hole, 4 Golfers (Cart, Dinner, Lunch and Tax Receipt)	\$2000
•	Silver Sponsorship (Non-exclusive signage on a hole and Tax Receipt)	\$1000
•	Bronze Sponsorship (Non-exclusive signage on a hole)	\$500



Save The Date for 2020!

The 2020 Shrine Charity Golf
Tournament will be August 10, 2020
at Pinebrook Golf Club. See you there!



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Hitmen Hockey Game - November 3, 2019

On behalf of the Divan

I would like to thank all the volunteers who came out to the Hitmen Hockey game and manned the displays on the concourse handing out brochures and information. Helping kids in and out of the Sabre/Tins cars. The on ice units during the second intermission from the Air Corps, Clowns, Sabres and Tin Lizzies thanks for the dedication a job well done.

We also would like to thank the coordinators Andrew Fraser, Ernie Hilland and Susanne Martin for their efforts in making this a successful event. Our photographer Eric Skagen stayed upright this year so we should get some good shots.

The game had over 8000 tickets sold and we would also like to thank the Shrine Clubs and units for helping to support this venture.

Regards Jim Brown















A huge thank you for the tickets to the Hitmen game.

The last time the DeMolay boys attended the annual Shrine sponsored game was in 2016, and there was 4 of them. This time around, there were 28 in total, a combination of DeMolay, Jobies, prospects and parents. Indeed, with this introduction to DeMolay and Jobies, they could be looking at five new members. The added enthusiasm will spell well for all involved. Again thank you so much. Don





Hitmen
Hockey Game
Nov. 3, 2019











Membership



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Has Your Directory Information Changed?

We will be working on the next 2020 Al Azhar Membership Directory in January 2020. If you need to update your information that will be printed in the directory please email Charlene at office@al-azhar.ab.ca by January 15, 2020. In the email tell us what information you need changed, and the clubs/units you belong to. Thanks.

Do You Want To Advertise In The 2020 Membership Directory?

If you, or someone you know, is interested in advertising in the 2020 membership directory please email Charlene at office@al-azhar.ab.ca before January 15, 2020. This year advertisers will not only get their hardcopy ad in 600 membership books, but for no additional charge the ad will also appear online at the www.abshriners.com website and in a PDF version of the directory.

If you previously advertised in the 2019 directory, the prices will be the same as you paid last year. If you haven't advertised before the **2020 Membership Directory advertising prices are as follows:**

Black and White - Business Card Ad (Black and White)	\$100
Black and White - 1/2 Page Ad (appx. 3.5" x 3")	\$125
Black and White - Full Page Ad on inside tab (appx. 3.5" x 6.5")	\$175
Colour - Full Page Ad on Inside tab (appx. 3.5" x 6.5")	\$225
Colour - Full Page Ad on Inside of Front or Back Cover (appx. 3.5" x 6.5")	\$275
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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.

Wild Rose Shrine Club

Wild Rose Shrine Club has been busy with our Children's Christmas Party, adult Christmas Party and Installation. The preparation of the committee ensured the program went off without a hitch and the contribution of some of our Ladies in wrapping, planning and executing of all the plans guaranteed a flawless celebration.

Aid Rose Shrine

There were close to 20 kids from our club members and friends and the Jolly Ol' Man in Red paid us a visit. He handed out gifts to the children as they sat on his knee and chatted. Hot dogs, ice cream, beverages, smiles and laughter were in abundance.





The adult Christmas party was very well attended and we had an great representation from our Divan and their Ladies. An exceptional turkey dinner was followed by the installation of our new President Noble Bryan Williams and the executive.

Our annual "Santa Claus Photos" at Airdrie WalMart are again taking place Friday evenings, Saturday, and Sunday during the last 4 weekends leading up to Christmas. We take photos of the kids and the parents leave with a picture and, usually, a smiling child. We do this for donations and it assists us in our local philanthropic efforts. We have taken pictures of kids ranging from 3 weeks to 92 years old so put on your fancy duds, or ugly Christmas sweater, paste on a smile and come get your pictures done with us.





Gary Long
Wild Rose
Shrine Club



Air Corps

The Christmas season is in full swing. 2019 went so fast and I think 2020 will be an interesting year to be a Shriner. The planes are in the hanger for the winter and the Air Corps are going to do some maintenance on them including reconditioning the plane seats and repainting the small wings.

There has been a little tension lately within our Shrine. Remember our main purpose is to parade and to secure funds for our Children's Hospitals. Every member has a voice.

A big thank you to all those that helped with our casino at the end of August, especially those that came at the 11th hour to fill in.

We have picked our executive for 2020 they are:

Jefff Irwin Captain

Martin Alcock Secretary for both CORPS and Society

Ron Beirnes Treasurer Corps
Ron Down Treasurer Society

We are happy to welcome new members to the Corps:

Robert Allen

Tony Gize

Mike Mechnek

Jeff Irwin

Allan de Los Angeles

The Air Corps is always looking for new pilots, so if you are interested please inquire. We will be going to PNSA in Spokane, Washington, and we would love to take six planes.

I would like to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year.

Ron Down, PC



Shrine Patrol

Our Christmas Break is quickly approaching. I would like to thank the members of the patrol for electing me as Captain again. I would also like to thank them and their ladies for all the work that was put in to have our very successful Breakfast with Santa. The Breakfast hosted 183 adults and 110 children to a Breakfast cooked and served by our Patrol Nobles. Next year's Breakfast with Santa will be on Sunday, December 6th. Mark it in your calendar so no one gets missed.

Our 300 club evening with be held on Friday April 17, 2020. Tickets are \$125 and we will have a few surprises for this year's event including a VIP Special Guest MC. The patrol practices and socializes on Monday nights starting at 7pm, our first practice for 2020 will be on January 6th.

A picture is worth a thousand words, here is a few thousands words courtesy of Noble Eric Skagen.

Captain Elect Noble Wayne Capper









Oriental Band

Greetings from the Oriental Band!

Christmas now is only a few sleeps away! From the Oriental Band family, best wishes to all the Nobility and their families for a safe and happy Christmas season!

Not a lot of activity since the last Fez Sez. Our trailer is now stored away for the winter season and I'm sure the band members continue to practice those sweet songs plus a new song that we are learning for the ASOB Jamboree. Who said you can't teach Oriental bandsmen a new song!!!



We recently held a Wine & Cheese in the Fireside Lounge. At this event, we were honored to have in attendance representatives from three local community groups who we presented donations to: Rowan House, Veterans Association Food Bank, AA Ringette Calgary Foundation. Each group greatly appreciated the donation and provided us with details of the excellent work they do to improve the lives of those they support.

Along with these donations, we also had our 2020 Executive installed by Ill. Sir Neil Webb, Noble Malcolm McKenzie and Noble Jim Brown. Thank you to these Divan members for being there! Congratulations to all and congratulations to the recently elected and appointed Divan for 2020. We look forward to working together with you to the benefit of the Shriners Hospitals for Children.



Our 2020 Executive is:

Sultan - Noble Clay Frotten

Emir - Noble Shayne H. Eldridge

Pasha - Noble Dave Mospany

Caliph - Noble Ken McLaughlin

Grand Vizier - Noble George Lister

Band Music Director - Noble Art Laing

Imm. Past Sultan - Noble Art Laing

We are looking forward to our upcoming parades next 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 Music Director - Noble Art Laing at 403-931-2572 or aclaing@telus.net. Al Azhar is your Temple and we need new Nobles. Remember 'JUST ONE' next time you are in Lodge. Ask one of your fellow brethren 'Have you thought about being a Shriner?'. It's that easy to start the conversation!

Yours in the Faith
Noble Shayne Eldridge

Oriental Band continued





A married couple was watching volleyball game at a beach when the wife spotted a couple in the bleachers. They were being very affectionate. The girl was running her hands all over the boyfriend and nibbling on his ear. He had his hands on her chest.

Looking at them, the wife said to her husband "I don't know whether to watch them or the game."

Husband said, "Better watch them!
You already know how to play volleyball."

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Mounted Patrol

The Al Azhar Mounted Patrol completed another successful year under the leadership of Noble President Lloyd Lawson. The Installation of the new Officers for 2020 was held at the Fez Dome with over 60 in attendance. A delicious roast beef dinner was served, catered by Candlelight Catering. During the evening Potentate Neil Webb installed the following AMP Executive for the ensuing year.

President Noble Mark Lawson
Captain Noble Stu Davidson

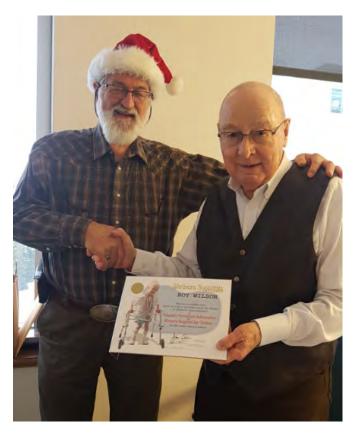
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Director Noble Ken Weller
Director Noble Andre LeBlanc
Director Noble Brent Nelson
Treasurer Noble Doug Clark
Secretary Noble Larry Handy

The Shrine Children's Christmas Party was held on December 1, 2019 at the Shrine Center. Noble Mark Lawson was happy to chauffer Santa to the event in a "one horse open sleigh".



The annual AMP Wine and Cheese was held at the Club House on December 11, 2019, starting at 6:00 PM hosted by Noble President Mark and Lady Holly Lawson. This was a pot luck appetizer event.



In December 2019 Noble Stan Homer, on behalf of the Al Azhar Mounted Patrol, presented Noble Roy Wilson with a Voluntary Permanent Subscription in Shriners Hospitals for Children for his years of dedication to the AMP. Noble Roy joined the AMP in 1987, and served as Unit President in 1992. In the late 1980's Noble Roy had a vision of a state-of-the-art riding arena for Al Azhar. Through Roy's hard work and perseverance the Al Azhar Fezdome became a reality. After many hours of fund raising, hard work, grants, etc., the ground breaking ceremony was held on December 30, 1989, with completion of the building in 1990. Nobles we owe a lot of gratitude of Noble Roy and his vision, as 30 years later the Fezdome still stands in all its glory.

Mounted Patrol continued.

The AMP is looking forward to hosting the following events over the next couple of months.

- Weather permitting the Annual Boxing Day get-together will be held at Club House on December 26, 2019.
- Family Day social at the Club House on February 17, 2020 (weather permitting). If all goes well, we will hold a "winter golf" tournament on the Lake. In the past, this has proved to be a lot of fun. So, golfers come out and enjoy the challenge. It will be interesting.

Nobles, Ladies and Children you are all welcome to come out and enjoy these fraternal events at the AMP.

As 2019 is coming to an end, the Executive, Nobles and Ladies of the Mounted Patrol would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Safe 2020.

Respectfully submitted,
Noble President Mark Lawson

Mounted Patrol Thank You

Thank you to all who offered to, or did loan the AMP electric heaters during the past couple of months. The response from the Nobility was great and we appreciate it.

We are pleased to report that our new custom built heat exchanger arrived at the Fezdome in November and is now installed and up and running.

Thank you again,

Stan Homer (the Sailor)
Al Azhar Mounted Patrol



Red Deer Shrine Club

A few snapshots of the Red Deer Shrine club installation.













Red Deer Shrine Club Installation













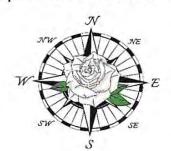
Daughters of the Nile Letter regarding the Supreme Queen Visit 2021

Daughters of the Nile Supreme Session 2021

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November 30, 2019

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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

Christmas Stuffing Recipes - Recommended by Pat

STUFFING

9 CUPS FRESH BREAD CUBES 1 CUP BUTTER

3/4 CUP CHOPPED ONIONS 1 1/2 CUPS CHOPPED CELERY

2 TSP SALT (CAN USE JUST ONE) 1/2 TSP PEPPER 1 TSP THYME 1 1/2 TSP SAGE

CUT OR RIP BREAD INTO CUBES IN A LARGE BOWL. IN A SEPARATE POT SAUTE ONIONS, CELER IN BUTTER UNTIL THE ONION IS CLEAR. LET THE MIXTURE COOL SLIGHTLY.

COMBINE SPICES IN A SMALL DISH. PUT 1/3 OF BREAD CUBES INTO THE POT OF BUTTER, ONIONS AND CELERY. MIX UNTIL BREAD IS COATED, THEN POUR EVERYTHING FROM THE POT INTO THE LARGE BOWL WITH THE BALANCE OF THE BREAD CUBES.

ADD SPICES SLOWLY AS YOU MIX IT WELL.

PACK MIXTURE INTO BASEBALL SIZE BALLS AND PLACE BESIDE ONE ANOTHER IN A BUTTERED OVEN SAFE DISH WITH A LID. (OR USE TO STUFF TURKEY OR CHICKEN)

COOK COVERED AT 350° FOR 45 MINUTES, THEN 15 MORE MINUTES UNCOVERED TO MAKE THE EDGES CRUCHY.

MUSHROOM STUFFING

2 450 GRAM BOXES RITZ CRACKERS CRUMBS (FINE)

1 CUP FINELY CHOPPED CELERY

1 CUP FINELY CHOPPED ONION

2 TINS MUSHROOM SOUP

1 SOUP CAN MILK

1 CUP SLICED MUSHROOMS

MIX ALL OF THE ABOVE AND PLACE IN A GREASED CASSEROLE DISH OR INSIDE TURKEY. IF BAKING IN A CASSEROLE DISH COOK FOR APPROXIMATELY 1 HOUR AT 300°.



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