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**Al Azhar Shriners were honoured by the Little Britches Parade Committee for their support of High River over the many years.**

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## FROM YOUR POTENTATE

Dear Nobles and Ladies.

Well, where does the time go?

So far, the first (nearly) half of the year has flown by. I can hardly believe that it has been more than a month since we opened up the parade season on a cold day in High River, Alberta. Al Azhar Shriners were the focus of this parade and we received some great coverage in the media with reference to the theme of the High River parade, "Salute to Shriners". I had the honour of riding in the car of the president of the Vintage Car unit, Sean Gough. I was able to enjoy the parade, along with my children, in Sean's Cadillac. My only suggestion for Noble Sean is that he spend some money on a better heater.

June has been busy with parades and this will continue right up through July and into August. I hope to see many of you out at these parades. Many thanks to Noble Andy Pokolinski for his tireless efforts and great leadership in organizing the Al Azhar attendance at all of these parades.

Your Divan has been very busy as well. Most notably, Assistant Rabban Ernie Hilland attended "AR School" in Tampa, Chief Rabban Karl Fraser attended the Montreal hospital seminar, and we sent our public relations chair, Noble Alan Dickson, to Tampa to attend the "public relations seminar". Noble Alan returned with some great ideas and enthusiasm, although they did not help him with his poor taste in hockey teams and soccer teams.

Your three elected representatives (myself, Karl Fraser and Ernie Hilland) are about to head to Tampa, Florida to attend the annual sessions of Shriners International. We will be working hard on your behalf. Unfortunately, we all leave on July 1, which means that none of us will be able to attend Canada Day parades. Fortunately, we will all be back for the Stampede Parade, one week later. We have invited the newly installed Grand Master, James Ratchford, to join us in Tampa.

Your Divan has completed several of our collective visits to our Shrine Clubs, most recently to Big Country Shrine Club and Lethbridge Shrine Club. We will continue this throughout the year, particularly to those clubs who meet on Wednesdays, as some of the Divan members ride their horses on Wednesdays at this time of year.

Lastly, I wish you and your family an enjoyable and relaxing summer. I will look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at parades over the summer or at the PNSA in Billings, Montana.

If you have not had a chance to see the new changes at our campground, please do so. We will be adding up to 12 more campsites and there is plenty of room for more Shriners to become seasonal campers.

Have a great summer!

Yours in the Faith,  
Byron Nelson  
Potentate, Al Azhar Shriners

## RECORDER'S RAMBLINGS

Nobles:

In 2013, the Divan approved several Al Azhar Policies and Procedures and these were distributed to Club/Unit Leaders and Secretaries in 2014. Since there have been several personnel changes over the past 2 years, I will use this forum to continue to remind Clubs/Units of some of them.

1. For expenditures of "unrestricted funds" by clubs/units
  - A "sole source" purchase or contract award for an approved expenditure may be given for expenditures LESS THAN \$5,000 providing past purchase or contract performance has been acceptable.
  - For purchases and contracts EXCEEDING \$5,000, at least two quotes MUST be solicited.
  - Purchase and contract award should be done on the basis of price and technical specifications. Preferential purchase and contract award to a Fraternal Member may be given IF it is within 10% of the lowest bid.

Copies of the above policy are available from the Recorder. More to come next issue.

Al Azhar now RECYCLES

In accordance with new Calgary By-laws, Al Azhar Shrine Centre now recycles and has recycling containers in place. All clubs and units using the Shrine Centre for events etc are requested to use the recycling containers in the Oasis, Fireside and Ed McMullen Ballroom. Recyclable items are posted over the recycle bins.

Yours in the Faith

Brian Shimmons PP, Recorder

## LOST IN THE DESERT

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

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## CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Nobles and Ladies

Am I the only one.....

..... that thinks that if each Noble were to recruit one Noble in 2016 we could double our membership in one year? I hope not.

..... that knows what a fabulous time you can have volunteering at the Shriner's PGA event during October in Las Vegas? Ask anyone that has been there or better yet, ask Ill Sir Gordon Brewer how to register.

..... that runs in to people dressed in camouflage in a department store because I didn't see them?

..... that realizes what a positive impact the Ladies are having on keeping the Shrine exciting? Thanks to all the Ladies for your support.

..... who wonders if regular dogs think "Oh, oh. It's the cops" when they look at a police dog?

..... that knows how important it is to belong to a unit? If you know a Noble that is not coming out, why not take them to your unit to see how much fun being a Shriner is?

..... that wonders why you go through a security process on the ground to be sure you have no weapons and then the airline gives you a metal knife at 38,000 feet if you are in First Class?

..... that is grateful to our Divan for the sacrifices of time and yes money to volunteer in running our Temple? Make sure you say "Thank you" and don't forget to "Thank" Pat and Cinde for running the office in such an efficient manner!

..... that hopes you have an awesome summer and your travels are both enjoyable and safe? Keep Shrining.

In the light of Grace,  
Noble R. Dean Cowan  
Chaplain 2016



## SPARTAN RACE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

SHC-Canada benefits from the Spartan Races. Nobles, Ladies and friends volunteers are needed for the Calgary Spartan Race on August 13 and the Red Deer Spartan Race on September 3 & 4. For more information on volunteering, contact Brian Shimmons ( [recorder@al-azhar.ab.ca](mailto:recorder@al-azhar.ab.ca) ) or James Olesko ( [jamesolesko@hotmail.com](mailto:jamesolesko@hotmail.com) )



## 4H CHARITY STEER

June 4 was a stellar day for our Canadian Shrine Hospital. The charity steer that was put up by the Millarville 4H Steer Club was auctioned at the Stampede grounds this afternoon. Cooper the steer, weighed in at 1,377 pounds and went for \$4.50 a pound. The auctioned amount of \$6,197 is being donated directly to the Canadian Shriners Children's Hospital in Montreal. Our thanks to the young people who are members of the Millarville 4H club for recognizing our philanthropy. These are terrific young men and women and will be the backbone of their chosen fields as a result of their experience with 4H. If you ever get a chance to meet one of these young people, shake their hand and thank them for their support. They are certainly deserving of that thanks.



## FIRST LADIES REUNION



June 12, 2016. Another perfect day for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "First Ladies" of Al Azhar reunion. Lady Victoria Shimmons once again opened her home for a delightful afternoon. Eleven Ladies spent the afternoon relaxing and catching up on old times. Lady Pat McCulley 1995; Lady Linda Nixon 1997; Lady Thora Stefanchuk 1999; Lady Lynn Dyson 2005; Lady Elsje Happel-Thorpe 2011; Lady Kathy Galbraith 2012; Lady Victoria Shimmons 2014; Lady Wendy Newman 2015. Also joining the festivities were Lady Wendy Frazer (Lady of Chief Rabban Karl Fraser); Lady Pat Hilland (Lady of Assistant Rabban Ernie Hilland) and special friend to all, Lady Dianne Border.

Lady Victoria and Lady Elsje prepared a lovely luncheon with refreshments. As we enjoyed the repast we reminisced about years gone by, the friendships we built, and we shared wonderful stories of those no longer with us. Many laughs made the day even brighter. We agreed to keep in touch and look forward to getting together again next year.

*First Ladies Reunion Committee.*

## **Public Relations**

The 2016 Public Relations Conference was held May 4 – 5 at the Renaissance International Plaza Hotel in Tampa, Florida and Al Azhar was represented by Noble Allan Dickson. The conference was jam-packed with helpful information for our hospital and fraternal public relations representatives to take home and share with their staff and fellow nobles. During the event, a broad range of informative topics was covered:

- Marketing and Public Relations Overview
- Making the News: Attracting the Media's Attention
- Creating a Successful Public Relations Program at Your Temple
- Working Together: Shriners and Hospital Collaboration
- Video Content Creation
- Hospital/Temple Collaboration – Support Clubs
- Membership
- Social Media

On the second day, attendees were invited to a dinner party, where Momo Sutton (see photo below), a patient ambassador for Shriners Hospitals for Children — Tampa, shared her inspirational story. The dinner was a fantastic way to spend the final evening of the conference, and everyone enjoyed the experience.



We are looking at improving our community awareness and need your assistance to provide the contact details of people you may know in multi-media (print /on-line, radio and tv). We ask that you contact Noble Allan Dickson with this information.

The Mayor of Calgary has once again declared June 24th as Freemasons Day and we ask that you support this by inviting your families & friends to the open house at Freemasons Hall (330 12th Ave SW, CALGARY) from 4pm - 8pm. A few of the units will be displaying their mini-cars & planes and we will also have a booth promoting our Fraternity / Philanthropy.

On Saturday September 3 2016, the Nobles and families from the Sabre Motor Patrol will once again be grilling haggis and square sausage at the annual Calgary Highland Games. Should you wish to volunteer with them, please contact one of the Sabre Motor Patrol members. More information for the Games can be found on their website <http://calgaryhighlandgames.org/>

Thank you for your continued support!

Noble Allan Dickson  
2016 Public Relations Chairman

## GRAND MASTER AND POTENTATE CUBAN EXCURSION

Please join MW Bro. James Ratchford and Ill Sir Byron Nelson for their gathering November 14-21, 2016 in beautiful Varadero, Cuba



### Details:

7 nights all-inclusive Paradisus Jr. Suite Premium at the 5 star Paradisus Princessa Del Mar “adult only” resort from \$1823 plus taxes (\$391) per person. (Other options available)

Non-stop flights      Depart Calgary November 14 at 8:35am Arrive Varadero 4:10pm  
                                 Depart Varadero November 21 at 5:25pm Arrive Calgary 9:15pm

Early booking prices available only until April 18, 2016

All arrangements may be confirmed through John Gold at the Vision Travel Group

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**130 million thanks!**

## **The *Exceptional Care for Exceptional Kids* Campaign is a resounding success**

**Montreal, May 11, 2016** – As the ***Exceptional Care for Exceptional Kids*** Campaign comes to a close, the entire Shriners community extends a huge thank-you to its exceptional donors. The Campaign raised an extraordinary \$130,650,327, exceeding the goal of \$130 million. The funds supported the construction of the new Shriners Hospital for Children® – Canada, which opened on October 5, 2015, and the Francis Glorieux Chair in Pediatric Musculoskeletal Research.

“Our goal was not only attained but surpassed thanks to the outstanding leadership of our Imperial Potentate Jerry G. Gantt alongside Richard J. and Carolyn E. Renaud, Peter Letko and Deborah Josephson, M.D., our National Campaign Co-Chairs,” says Mr. Gino Berretta, Chairman of the hospital’s Board of Governors. “None of this could have been accomplished without the dedication and support of all the business and Shriner volunteers who actively shared our goal to raise funds. Today, we can celebrate the realization of our new “dream” hospital thanks to the overwhelming generosity of over 6,000 donors!”

“Over the past little while, people have been thanking us for volunteering to chair the ***Exceptional Care for Exceptional Kids*** Campaign. While it has been an honour to lead this historic five-year initiative, our time as Co-Chairs has shown us that the success of the campaign has been a true collective effort,” says Richard Renaud. “Thanks to every single donor, we were able to construct this beautifully designed and spacious hospital and acquire top-notch medical equipment. Our donors enabled us to open a state-of-the-art research centre which will accelerate discoveries in musculoskeletal disorders. Thanks to all of them, children and families from across Canada, parts of the United States and around the world have access to cutting-edge paediatric orthopedic care.”

“Our new hospital is a beautiful and functional building, one that we can be so proud of within our network of hospitals,” says Dale W. Stauss, Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Shriners Hospitals for Children. “I wish to congratulate our volunteer corporate leaders and staff members who have led the ***Exceptional Care for Exceptional Kids*** Campaign to successful fruition.

### **History of the *Exceptional Care for Exceptional Kids* Campaign**

The five-year ***Exceptional Care for Exceptional Kids*** Campaign began in 2011 and launched publically on May 13, 2014. It was the first-ever capital campaign undertaken by the Canada

Shriners Hospital and the most successful campaign every undertaken by the network of 22 Shriners Hospitals for Children, which are located in Canada, United States and Mexico.

“With our children and their families in mind, we created a warm and welcoming hospital,” says Imperial Potentate Jerry G. Gantt. “The building itself is beautiful, each floor designed to reflect a different region of Canada from the Atlantic to the Pacific and the Great North; each floor is designed to be a place of healing, a haven for the children and families who turn to us for care. But it is much more than a building. It is a place where researchers work side by side with clinicians to find the cause of bone disorders and endeavor to find better treatments and new cures. It is a place where we will offer new state-of-the-art services such as movement analysis and pediatric simulation training. A place where we will focus on improving the lives of the children we treat, the care they receive and the training we provide to up-and-coming healthcare professionals.”

The construction of the new hospital began in April 2013. The new building is almost three times larger than the former hospital, which was located on Cedar Avenue in Montreal.

The new Shriners Hospital for Children – Canada features a range of new services and technologies including 22 single-patient rooms, four surgical suites including one designed specifically for back surgery and a 200-seat education centre to enhance the hospital’s teaching mission.

**Al Azhar pledged \$300,000 to the campaign and contributed \$630,000**



# Three of our Patients are Spartans!

## Our Patients Prove Obstacles can be Overcome



Our hospital has three young patients, all in high school, ready to take on Spartan Races this year, proving physical disabilities do not necessarily mean limitations.

We are inviting you to join them and Canada Shriners Hospital-Spartan Race charity team! Whether for a team building exercise or simply as committed citizens, corporate or individual, your fundraising efforts and participation will help more kids walk, run... or even complete Spartan Races!

### A little more about our patient Spartans:

#### Jeffrey

Last year, Jeffrey, now 17 and in secondary 5, proved that obstacles can be overcome finishing not one but four Spartan Races... with a prosthetic on his right foot and no right hand. He has a new goal this year: completing a “Trifecta” – running a 5 km, a 13 km and a 20 km Spartan Race. Jeffrey says he’ll run races until his team raises \$10,000 for the hospital! Watch this Spartan Race promotional video featuring Jeffrey to get inspired: <https://vimeo.com/152210619>

#### Aurélie

Aurélie just turned 14, is in secondary 2, and was born with a leg length discrepancy. By the age of 12, her left leg was 50 millimeters shorter than her right. She underwent major surgery and eight months of painful leg lengthening. The result? She’s back to all her favourite sports and despite her young age, is challenging herself to an adult Spartan Race this July.



## Philippe

Philippe, 18, was born with cerebral palsy. He's been a patient at Canada Shriners Hospital since he was a baby and has undergone four surgeries and hours of physiotherapy. When 5 years old, Philippe had a selective dorsal rhizotomy and spent two months at the hospital recovering and learning how to walk again. He later had a heel chord extension, a hamstring release and Botox in both legs. The cerebral palsy has also meant an intellectual disability and ADHD, but Philippe has learned to manage it and is challenging himself to a Spartan Race this year.

### Join Canada Shriners Hospital's Spartan Race team!

- Each individual who agrees to raise a minimum of \$200 for the hospital gets a *free entry* into the Spartan Race of his/her choice (junior or adult race).
  - Get a *free* Shriners Hospitals for Children – Canada/Spartan Race team t-shirt.
  - All funds raised will go to Canada Shriners Hospital and will help us change the lives of children.
  - Choose to raise funds individually or as a group.
  - Junior Spartan Races are designed specially for kids as young as 4 (5 in Western Canada).
- Run for us in Montreal, Quebec City, Ottawa, Toronto, Calgary, Edmonton and Red Deer!  
To get your free entry and start fundraising, email [moncommunications@shrinenet.org](mailto:moncommunications@shrinenet.org)



### What is a Spartan Race?

A challenging obstacle course, often on mountain terrain. However, the goal is not to win, but simply to finish! You can even get help along the way. Jeffrey had friends helping him with obstacles he had trouble with. Adults can choose from various difficulty levels.

See more about Spartan Races at <https://vimeo.com/155003057>

### Be a Spartan Race Volunteer for Calgary & Red Deer

Al Azhar is looking for Nobles, Ladies, family members and friends to staff registration decks, water stations and finish lines for the Calgary and Red Deer races.

Calgary Spartan is August 13. Red Deer Spartan is September 3 & 4.

To volunteer contact the Brian Shimmons at [recorder@al-azhar.ab.ca](mailto:recorder@al-azhar.ab.ca) or James Olesko at [jamesolesko@hotmail.com](mailto:jamesolesko@hotmail.com)

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Date	Location	Arrival	Departure
Wednesday, February 15, 2017	SANTIAGO (VALPARAISO), CHILE CHECK IN STARTS AT 0100P CHECK IN 1:00PM-5:00PM	--	06:00 PM
Thursday, February 16, 2017	AT SEA	--	--
Friday, February 17, 2017	PUERTO MONTT, CHILE Tender Required WHEELCHAIR ACCESS LIMITED	07:00 AM	06:00 PM
Saturday, February 18, 2017	AT SEA	--	--
Sunday, February 19, 2017	AMALIA GLACIER, CHILE (SCENIC CRUISE SCENIC CRUISING)	07:00 AM	08:00 AM
Monday, February 20, 2017	PUNTA ARENAS, CHILE Tender Required WHEELCHAIR ACCESS LIMITED	07:00 AM	07:00 PM
Tuesday, February 21, 2017	USHUAIA (TIERRA DEL FUEGO), ARGENTINA	12:00 PM	08:00 PM
Wednesday, February 22, 2017	CAPE HORN (SCENIC CRUISING) SCENIC CRUISING	08:00 AM	09:00 AM
Thursday, February 23, 2017	FALKLAND ISLANDS (STANLEY) Tender Required WHEELCHAIR ACCESS LIMITED	08:00 AM	06:00 PM
Friday, February 24, 2017	AT SEA	--	--
Saturday, February 25, 2017	PUERTO MADRYN, ARGENTINA	07:00 AM	05:00 PM
Sunday, February 26, 2017	AT SEA	--	--
Monday, February 27, 2017	MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY	08:00 AM	05:00 PM
Tuesday, February 28, 2017	BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA OVERNIGHT	08:00 AM	--
Wednesday, March 1, 2017	BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA	05:00 AM	--

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## Upcoming Events

### PARADES, PARADES, PARADES

July to September

### MONTANA SHRINE BOWL

July 16, 2016

### STAMPEDER PRE-GAME SHOW

September 24, 2016

### SHOW & SHRINE

June 25, 2016

### BEEF/PORK ROAST

July 24, 2016

### FALL CEREMONIAL

October 1, 2016

### RITE TO LEARN GOLF

June 26, 2016

### PNSA (BILLINGS)

August 3-7, 2016

### JOINT INSTALLATION

November 19, 2016

### STAMPEDE PARADE

July 8, 2016

### SUPREME QUEEN VISIT

August 22, 2016

### LEOPARDS A LEAPING

November 20, 2016



**JULY 8 – 17, 2016**

7:00pm • Montana Tech • Butte, MT

**July 16, 2016**



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

**Date:** Sunday July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**Price** \$25.00 Adults

Free for Children under 12

**Pot Luck for Sides (BYOS)**

**Time:** 1:00 pm

**Dress:** Picnic Casual

**Where:** On the grass at the Shrine Centre

Bring a Friend or neighbour

Our Units will be in attendance for photos



## PNSA 2016 - Billings, MT



Cool times are to be  
had at the 2016, Pacific  
Northwest Shrine  
Association!

August 3-7, 2016



## JOINT INSTALLATION



NOVEMBER 19, 2016

COCKTAILS @ 6:00pm

INSTALLATIONS @ 6:30pm

DINNER @ 7:00pm



## SAVE THE DATE

NOVEMBER 20, 2016

Sakkara Temple No. 115

## "Leopards-a-leaping" Turkey Dinner and Silent Auction

Al Azhar Shrine Centre

Silent Auction starting at 5:00pm  
Turkey Dinner at 5:30pm

\$25 per ticket

Children 5-12 \$10  
Children under 5 free

This event is open to all - bring your friends and family

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Tickets: Jackie, 403-230-0829

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## PROVE OBSTACLES CAN BE OVERCOME

Aurélien, Jeffrey and Philippe are proving that obstacles can be overcome. The three patients at Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Canada are taking on some of the toughest obstacle courses in the world: Spartan Races.



### JOIN THEM AND CANADA SHRINERS HOSPITAL'S SPARTAN RACE TEAM!

**Get a free entry into the Spartan Race of your choice (junior or adult) if you agree to raise at least \$200 for Canada Shriners Hospital.**

The money you collect will help more kids walk, run... or maybe even complete a Spartan Race!

Junior Spartan Races are specially designed for kids between 4 and 13 (5 and 13 in Western Canada).

Run for us in Montreal, Quebec City, Ottawa, Toronto, Calgary, Edmonton and Red Deer!



## Want to Help Prove Obstacles Can Be Overcome?

17-year-old Jeffrey, a Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Canada patient, finished not one but four Spartan Races last year... with a prosthetic on his right foot and no right hand. This year, Jeffrey will run races until his team raises \$10,000 for our hospital!

### What is a Spartan Race?

A challenging obstacle course, but the goal is to finish, not to win! You can even get help along the way. Adults choose from various difficulty levels. Junior Spartan Races offer kids as young as 4 (5 in Western Canada) specially designed obstacle courses just for them.

### Where are the Spartan Races?

We're a charity partner in: Montreal, Quebec City, Ottawa, Toronto, Calgary, Edmonton and Red Deer.

### Want to run a Spartan Race and raise funds for us?

Agree to raise a minimum of \$200 for Canada Shriners Hospital and get a **free entry** into the Spartan Race of your choice (junior or adult race).

### Interested in volunteering?

We need volunteers on each race day. Volunteer as a family (ages 14+!).

### Could you be our next spokesperson?

We're looking for current or former patients across Canada willing to try a Spartan Race (adult or junior race) and become our next media spokesperson!

### Join him and Canada Shriners Hospital's Spartan Race team!

**The goal:  
have fun!**

To get your free entry and start fundraising, email [moncommunications@shrinenet.org](mailto:moncommunications@shrinenet.org) or go to [exceptionalcare4kids.com](http://exceptionalcare4kids.com)



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To get a free entry, volunteer or for information:  
[moncommunications@shrinenet.org](mailto:moncommunications@shrinenet.org)  
or go to [exceptionalcare4kids.com](http://exceptionalcare4kids.com)

## 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 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday (Horton Legion) Mounted Patrol - 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Oriental Band - 7:30 p.m. Thursday Provost Corps - 9:00 a.m. 4th Saturday Sabre Patrol (Call Swordmaster for date) Shrine Patrol - 7:00 p.m. Mondays Tin Lizzie Corps - 7:30 p.m. 3rd Tuesday Vintage Cars - 7:30 p.m. 3rd Tuesday Medicine Hat Clown Unit – Last Monday of month	Alpine Shrine Club – 4 times/year at the call of President Big Country Shrine Club - 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday Foothills Shrine Club - 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday Lethbridge Shrine Club - 1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday Medicine Hat Shrine Club - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday Red Deer Shrine Club - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday Wild Rose Shrine Club - 1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday

### **SHRINE PATROL**

Parade season is here and the Calgary Stampede is just around the corner. As usual the summer season is busy for all of the Shrine units with parades, BBQ's and all types of social functions. The Patrol will again be supporting Al Azhar by participating in numerous parades throughout the area including Canmore and Banff on July 1<sup>st</sup>. As well the Patrol will be preparing breakfast for a number of Stampede functions during Stampede week.

On Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, Captain Andy Pokolinski and Illustrious Sir Robert Newman had the great pleasure of presenting a check in the amount of \$4,150.00 in support of the Airdrie Boys and Girls Club and on April 13<sup>th</sup>, Captain Andy also presented a check in the amount of \$4,150.00 to support the Calgary Veterans Food Bank. Well done to all of the members and ladies of the Al Azhar Shrine Patrol for your tireless efforts and hard work doing fundraising to support these local clubs and charities.

The next quarterly meeting of the Patrol will take place on Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 with supper at 6:30 pm. If anyone is interested in finding out about the Shrine Patrol we would welcome you to any Monday night practice sessions or meetings.

The Patrol would like to wish everyone a safe holiday and parade season. As Shriners and Freemasons we are all busy but let us take time to enjoy the friendship and companionship that this wonderful organization affords us. Have a great summer.

Noble Andy Pokolinski  
Captain, Shrine Patrol 2016





**Cheque presentation to the Airdrie Boys & Girls Club by the Al Azhar Patrol**



## **AL AZHAR MOUNTED PATROL**

The AMP have been busy practicing their ride every Wednesday Evening. Once again our lovely ladies prepare a hot meal which is served following the ride practice.

On April 2, 2016 the AMP held their Annual Jigs Dinner at the Fez Dome. Over one hundred people attended and a good time was had by all. The corned beef seems to get better every year. Many thanks to all the cooks for their good work.

On March 25, the AMP presented a cheque to the #22 Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps (RCSCC) Undaunted. The donation went to support the purchase of new equipment for their air rifle marksmanship program. This new equipment will allow a greater number of cadets to train in the marksmanship program at a more competitive level. Last year the Corps competed in the Provincial Competition and were very proud to place first. The Corps also competed and placed 6<sup>th</sup> in the National Competition. This year the Corps had the opportunity of training a much larger group of cadets and were able to send three times the number to the Calgary Zone competition, where they placed first. The AMP were also very pleased to be able to present a cheque to the "Calgary Meals on Wheels Hot Soup Program". The following is a brief history of the Hot Soup Program presented by Lady Lynn Homer, a former Director of Calgary Meals on Wheels.

*Lady Lynn wrote: the programme was set up in 2000 to provide a nutritious lunch to elementary school children. Twice a week Calgary Meals on Wheels provide lunch to 12 elementary schools throughout Calgary. The programme is fully funded by private donations and is provided at no cost to the students. The soups are homemade and hearty in nature, which contains lots of protein as well as vegetables. Can you imagine going to school each day knowing you won't have anything to eat? You have to watch others eat their lunch and then make excuses why you don't have a lunch. No lunch, certainly impacts your performance at school.*

*The Hot Soup Programme has given the participating students increased attention span, less sick days, more energy and initiatives. Decrease in behavioral problems, and an increase in school grades.*

On June 5, 2016 the AMP held a Family day BBQ. There was a great turn-out. The weather co-operated, the steaks were wonderful and a good time was had by all.

AMP Members participated in a number of parades so far this year. Namely, High River, Black Diamond, Crossfield, Airdrie, and Okotoks. They are also planning on attending a few more parades before the season is over.

In closing all Members of the Al Azhar Mounted Patrol wishes all the Al Azhar Nobles and their families a very healthy and happy summer.



Cheque presentation to "Meals on Wheels"



Ill Sir Warren Nelson receives his AMP Life Membership



AMP assembled at the Family BBQ on June 8, 2016

## AIR CORPS

OUR FIRST PARADE IS UNDER OUR BELTS WITH A GREAT TURNOUT AT HIGH RIVER. NOW WE FOCUS ON JULY WITH THE STAMPEDE. THE AIR CORP WILL BE AT THE PARADE AS WELL AS WE DO TWO BREAKFASTS, ONE AT THE WILLIAM ROPER HALL ON TUESDAY JULY 12TH AND THE KIDS DAY AT THE GRANDSTAND ON WEDNESDAY JULY 13TH. THE TINS WILL B E JOINING US.

THE AIR CORPS (PROP CLUB) **3RD ANNUAL PIG ROAST** IS SLATED FOR **SUNDAY JULY 24 RAIN OR SHINE** AT THE SHRINE CENTER ON THE GRASS. WE START **SERVING** AT APPROX **1PM**. COME EARLY TO SEE THE PIG ON THE SPIT. **TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SHRINE CENTER OR AT THE DOOR ADULTS \$25 CHILDREN UNDER 12 FREE**, BYOS (**BRING A SIDE DISH IF YOU WISH**) WE WILL PUT ALL ITEMS ON THE BUFFET TABLE. WE WILL HAVE A BEER WINE POP AND WATER BAR. SEE THE POSTER IN THIS ISSUE OF THE FEZ. I HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE. THIS IS A **GREAT EVENT TO BRING A FRIEND OR NEIGHBOR SO YOU MAY SHOW OFF THE SHRINE CENTER.**

Fraternally  
Ron Down - Captain

Greetings from the Wild Rose Shrine Club

Pleased to update the latest as we are half way through 2016 our tenth year since the formation of the W.R.S.C. It is said time goes by so quickly when you are having fun most appropriate for the Nobility of this club.

Since the formation of this Shrine club we have become known to be unique when it does come to raising money for our children. Our annual Santa photo with kids at the Walmart has been successful and the 2015 event yielded the most donations to date. We have gained much from this not only about money but have gained a profile in our community or one can say word gets around.

We were approached to stage another children's photo shoot, this time an Easter time photo for kids with the Easter Bunny. Pleased to report our Nobility voted "let's do it!" Bri Mor Developments sponsored us by donating space at their Yankee Valley Crossing Mall in Airdrie complete with financial support such as signage and advertising. Great people to work with and eager to help because we assist children. Again a challenge but our nobles worked hard and achieved much. A special thanks to Past Potente Newman who rallied the troops as all shifts were filled and we appreciate the support of our Divan, especially our High Priest and Prophet Alfred Tiong. He not only was our greeter but bought his entire family and joined in the fun. Thank you Alfred.

In addition to our Easter Bunny, Noble Barry Buchanan worked every shift. A great effort and truly made the event happen. Special thanks to our colorful face painting clown Peter Proudlock ... the kids loved his artistry and it was a wonderful touch to the Easter theme. Thank you nobles all.



**Easter Time Photos in Airdrie**

*More of the WRSC article on next page*



The year is half over, however, we have done some parades and there are more to attend, and we appreciate Noble Tyler Pelletier having quickly mastered the skill required to not only drive the wee buses but arrange to have fellow drivers. Thank you Tyler, a new noble and great asset to our club. As a good year unfolds under the fine leadership of President Gary long and his executive and on their behalf I wish to say a sincere thank you to noble Clay Bailey as he does retire from a ten year term as our first and outstanding Secretary. It is said and true without his hard work and most efficient input the WRSC would not have happened, as the first president I truly agree. Thank you Clay

Norm Brain

## **FOOTHILLS SC**

### Nobles and Ladies

Thank you everyone who came out on Little Britches Parade Day and helped make the theme of the parade Salute to Shriners a success. That, along with the advertisements for the Montreal Hospital in the Herald and on TV made it a real plus to let people know what we do.

I especially want to thank those Ladies who helped out at the door, in the kitchen ensuring that the food was served and who made sure that everything was washed and put away.

And as usual, thanks to the Nobles who manned the bar.

Thank you all. We have earned a reputation for a first class affair each May long weekend.

As some of you know, Leo Halvorson was moved from High River to Victoria by his brother so that he was closer to family. We have been able to obtain an address for him and in a letter from his brother, I learned that he still maintains an Alberta cell phone number, (403) 815-5932. According to his brother, Leo has a local land line in Victoria that he rarely answers, but he is always quick to answer his cell phone. If anyone has the time, perhaps they could call Leo occasionally to brighten his day. This would be a local call from here since it is a 403 Alberta number.

A major event will take place on June 14 at the Calgary Stampede Grounds. That is the day that the steer from the Millarville 4H Club will be auctioned off with the proceeds going directly to the Montreal Shriners Hospital. Noble Barry Davey and Lady Emma's granddaughter is a member of this club. All Shriners are being encouraged to attend the auction, wearing uniforms and Fez to support this important event. Please mark your calendars.

And speaking of the Montreal Shriners hospital, I have spoken of the other Foothills Shrine Club in Yuma that I have joined and our activity selling burgers in the various RV parks. The Ladies group, which Lady Margaret has also joined, run a 50/50 draw at each cook out and they usually send the profits of this venture to Florida for the hospitals. This year the decision was to send their profits of \$4,100 U.S. directly to the Montreal Shriners Hospital in recognition of the opening of the new hospital and that the majority of the members of the Shriner Diner are Canadians. At current exchange rates, that amounts to a donation of somewhere in the area of \$5,300 CDN.

Es selamu aleikum!

Fraternally,

Noble George A. Garbutt

President 2016

Foothills Shrine Club



# SHRINERS HAVING "FUN WITH A PURPOSE"

## SIGNING THE AL AZHAR – CBE PARTNERSHIP



## HIGH RIVER PARADE



## HIGH RIVER PARADE



## BLACK DIAMOND PARADE





## CROSSFIELD PARADE



## VULCAN PARADE



## OKOTOKS PARADE





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



**Calgary Stampede**

# PETITION FOR INITIATION AND MEMBERSHIP



## AL AZHAR TEMPLE

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

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

City

Province

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

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

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

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