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Potentate's Message

The past few months have been very busy for the Divan and Nobles. Since the last Fez Sez, we have nearly completed the renovations Audio portion was done this past week. Touch ups to be completed shortly.

We had a very successful The Bay promotion and become the leaders for the Shrine in Canada. We received an additional cheque this week for 936.00 extra as top leaders in Chinook Bay store. Hopefully more to come. Special thanks to all the Shriners and their wives who took time and worked at all The Bay Locations in southern Alberta.

Spartan Races took place on the June 9 and 10th weekend in Red Deer and have been very successful for our Shrine Center. Due to this event in Red Deer, Shriners have been given the charity of Choice for Spartan across Canada. Next Spartan Races will be in Calgary August 11 and 12.

The staff at the Shrine Center have been busy preparing the grounds for the summer season having the lawn put in shape for the summertime.

Over 50 Shriners and Masons ladies and men accompanied us on the Shrine/ Masonic trip to Ireland from May 15 to May 28th. It was a great time for all of us. We had two buses and toured the island over the 13 days. Many thanks to Most Worshipful Sir Gordon Berard and his wife Martha for all their help in organizing and attending the trip. Special thanks to all those who came along and enjoyed the time on the tour.

BBQ on July 6th at 1:30 for Imperial Sir Jim Cain & Lady Patsy Come out and welcome our incoming Imperial Potentate and his Lady

(See more information in this issue)

We had a successful Lobsterfest on June 3rd at the Shrine center which was well attended by the Nobility. Everyone had a great feed of Lobster. Thanks to Evan and Joni Schmitke, Rob and Lisa Sceviour and Illustrious Sir Karl Frazer for cooking and showing us how to crack the lobster. Many thanks to the Tin's group for cooking the steak and serving the trimmings. As Always done perfect





We have Imperial Sir Jim Cain and his Lady Patsy coming to Calgary for a short visit and attend the Calgary Stampede. There is a Special BBQ being held out in the parking lot after the parade on July 6^{th,} so we can meet Imperial Sir Jim and Lady Patsy. This will be Free hamburgers and pop for the afternoon. Each Shrine units will have a short presentation during the afternoon.

Three of us from the Divan will attend the Imperial sessions in Daytona Beach from July 14th to July 19th. This promises to be an interesting session as there are a lot more motions to be reviewed.

Immediately following Imperial we will be attending the East West Shrine Game in Great Falls Montana on Saturday, July 21st. We have two young high school players from Calgary who will play for each side during the game. This has been a long-standing event and great to have two Calgary players to represent Calgary and Al Azhar in this Shrine East West Game. All Proceeds go to the Shriners Hospital for children.

In August, we have the Al Azhar Golf on August 13 and then off to Casper Wyoming for Summer PNSA.

Please join us on the events that you can as we would love to have as many as possible from Al Azhar Temple attend the Shrine Functions. Throughout the Fez Sez we have dates and schedules of the summer events to happen for Shriners and their families.

Both Lady Pat and I wish to say thanks to all who have helped us make the year so wonderful and we look forward to the back half of the year with many more events to come.

Best Regards,

Ernie Hilland 2018 Potentate

RECORDER'S RAMBLINGS

Nobles; summer has finally arrived, parade season is well underway and the building renovations are nearly completed. You may have noticed that we have relocated some of the offices due a requirement for more usable workspace and the administration staff now have a new lunch room. The Recorders office is now temporarily located in the old Potentate's office upstairs. We are continuing to work towards a more efficient, workable environment so please bear with us as we try to make some much needed adjustments.

This year as usual will be a busy one for everyone involved in the various parades and events. Upcoming events to keep in mind are, the visit of Imperial Sir Jim Cain – July 5 to July 8; Imperial Session – July 14 to 20 July; Shrine East West Football game – July 21; Spartan Races – August 11; Al Azhar Annual Golf Tournament – August 13; and of course PNSA in Caspar, Wyoming, August 15 to 19, just to name a few. Hopefully, some of you will be able to participate and support Al Azhar during this busy time of year.

Dues, Dues, Dues. Nobles, the problem still exists. We have a number of members that have outstanding dues. We now have newer, easier methods to make payments. Contact Cinde for assistance and please make every effort to bring your dues up to date.

Membership continues to be an issue. Although, we are getting some new Shriners there does not seem to be enough to counteract the losses. Make it a point to spread the word about our good work and through your efforts we will be able to attract some good men into our fraternity.

Enjoy the summer season. It seems to get shorter and shorter every year. My door is always open and if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Yours in the faith;

Noble Andy Pokolinski Recorder.



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NOBLES AND LADIES PLEASE NOTE!!

Save the date June 28th at 7:00 p.m.

There will be a presentation for the Joint Al Azhar, Al Shamal & Grand Lodge Tour – April 9th, 2019 to Portugal.

The presentation will be held on the lower level. Come out get more information from the tour provider for what promises to be a great trip!

Common Shrine Terminology for a Shriner in Good Standing!

The use of the phrase "Member in Good Standing" generally refers to a member of the Al Azhar Shrine who meets all of the obligations of membership including the **current** payment of annual dues as as evidenced by the possession of a valid Shrine Dues card.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Nobles and Ladies

When I first entered the automotive business in 1969 I was lucky to have a mentor that shared much of his wisdom with me. At the time I was 22 and thought I knew everything about life. Boy was I wrong! A favorite saying from that time was "You can't put an old head on young shoulders". This is a pretty profound statement.

One thing my mentor told me was that I am allowed to take as much out of society as I want, but I have a greater obligation to repay more than I receive.

I am proud to be a Shriner and this is just one facet of my repayment plan. I have friends that are Nobles and gift their time and talent to all sorts of community events and organizations. By being a Shriner you too are repaying society.

Recently, Ryan Straschnitzki, a 19 year old hockey player from Airdrie entered the Shine Hospital in Philadelphia after being paralyzed from the chest down in the Humboldt bus crash. There have been a lot of news articles and much discussion in the media about the hope that Ryan has that he will recover. As a result, there have been many questions asked of me and I'm sure of other Nobles, as to exactly who the Shriners are.

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

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
Julio de Guzman Calgary
George Perry Calgary

Your 2018 Divan

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The Grand Master Trip / Shrine Trip May 2018

Thanks to many people who attended the trip to Ireland in May. We had 57 people in total attend and a great time was had by all. Seems a few wanted to stay as the landscape was very nice. Bill Sheppard has a lot of pictures if you wish to see more of the countryside. One picture shown here was a highlight of the trip when we stayed in a castle just outside of Donegal. This castle was just completed remodeled in the past years and was a very nice place to stay.

Many great memories as we travelled together!

Thanks, Illustrious Sir Ernie and Lady Pat









Ryan, our Humboldt Hockey Player who is at Shriners Hospital in Philadelphia

Ryan was flown to Shriners Hospital in Philadelphia on May 31st on a special Medevac plane which was funded by the Al Azhar Shriners. Ryan has lost control of his lower body from the Bus accident near Humboldt. So far, Ryan has been receiving treatment from our Shriners hospital and has been showing signs of improvement with a long way to go. I am in constant contact a few times a week with Ryan's Dad to check and see how things are going. Ryan's dad, Tom commented on the wonderful care that Ryan has been receiving from the Shriners hospital. He states that they are very special people and been extra special to Ryan with care and kindness.

Treatment will be another few weeks at this time and not sure when he will return.

The NHL has sent all of the Humboldt Broncos boys to the Awards night in Vegas all expenses paid including Ryan. This includes his father, Tom, and a special nurse from Shriners Hospital to assist Ryan. The picture here is Ryan in Los Vegas with our Shriners Kid, Alex whom most of you have seen on TV. Ryan's dad said you wouldn't believe the amount of joy that Ryan felt when he seen the other teammates in Vegas.

Overwhelming joy for Ryan and his family and every one of the Shriners should be very proud to see that we are giving this care to this young lad. I will keep more posts as he receives more treatments.

Illustrious Sir Ernie



PATIENT UPDATE

Emka Vargova

May 21^{st} , 2018 was Emka's 6^{th} Birthday. This is one year after Emka arrived in Montreal as an invalid in a stroller

New Noble Irwin Vines, his Lady Olga and Emka's entire family will be eternally grateful to the Shriners for her miraculous recovery.

Here is Emka today!

The picture below was sent to us In June of 2017 while Emka was going through treatment at the Canadian Shriners Hospital for Children





If you would like to see Emka enjoying her new mobility check out the attached videos:

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In May 2018 we were pleased to present simile membership certificates to our three new Nobles from Mount Lebanon Lodge #54 in Calgary. The same evening Worshipful Brother Marlon Barce (also a Noble of Al Azhar) presented a cheque for \$500 to our Shrine Society from funds raised at the Lodge's recent pistol shoot at the firing range.

Noble Tim Jackson put together a great team of volunteers for the Spartan Race in Red Deer; including potential candidates from Beacon Lodge! To volunteer for the Spartan Race in Calgary (August 11th & 12th) be sure to contact Noble George Lister.

The Membership Team is available to provide

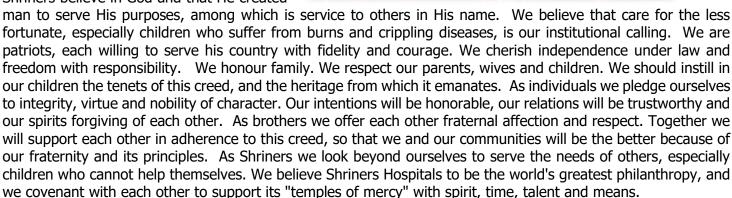
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education on Shriners International to your lodge – just reach out to one of us to make arrangements!

Our annual Hot Sands Ceremonial is just around the corner on September 28th & 29th. Be sure to submit petitions for new candidates to our Recorder and register them on WebFez at www.beashriner.com

It is paramount we 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



YITF,

The Membership Team (Recruitment, Retention & Restoration)

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

YOUR AD COULD BE HERE

Shrine Centre advertising

for printing in our newsletters.

Cost is as follows:

Business Card - \$40.00

1/4 Page - \$60.00

1/2 Page - \$100.00

Full Page - \$200.00

Articles are to be sent by e-mail to:

office@al-azhar.ab.ca,

or sent in on a disk to our mailing address.

For more information call the

Shrine Centre at (403) 239-0030

Upcoming Events

IMPERIAL SIR'S VISIT

July 5th -9th, 2018

GARDEN PARTY

August 26, 2018

THE BEATLES TRIBUTE BAND

September 8, 2018

MONTANA EAST WEST GAME

July 20-22, 2018

SHRINE CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT

August 13, 2018

AL AZHAR STATED BUSINESS MEETING

September 20, 2018

PORK AND BEEF ROAST BBQ

July 22, 2018

P.N.S.A.

August 15-9, 2018

AL AZHAR CEREMONIAL

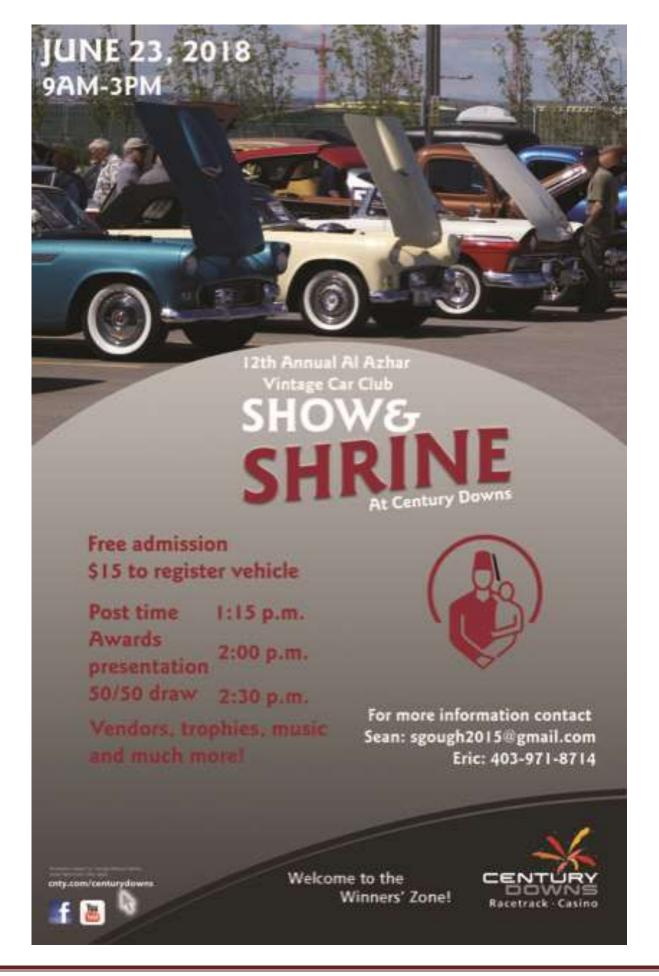
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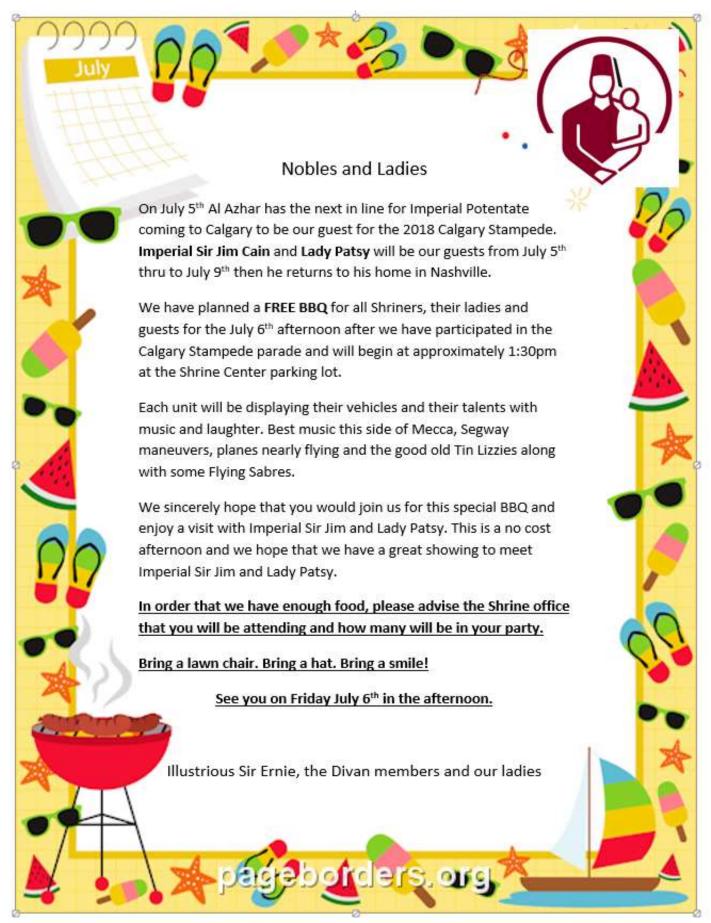


20 – 22 July / Great Falls, MT

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

Pot Luck for Sides (BYOS)

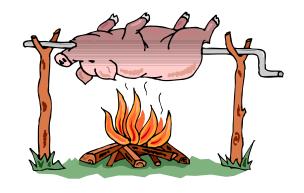
Time: 1:00 pm

Dress: Picnic Casual

Where: On the grass at the Shrine Centre

Bring a Friend or neighbour

Our Units will be in attendance for photos





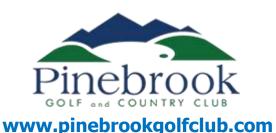
2018 Shriner Classic Golf Tournament

Monday August 13, 2018

Pinebrook Golf and Country Club

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







Shriners Hospital for Children Canada

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

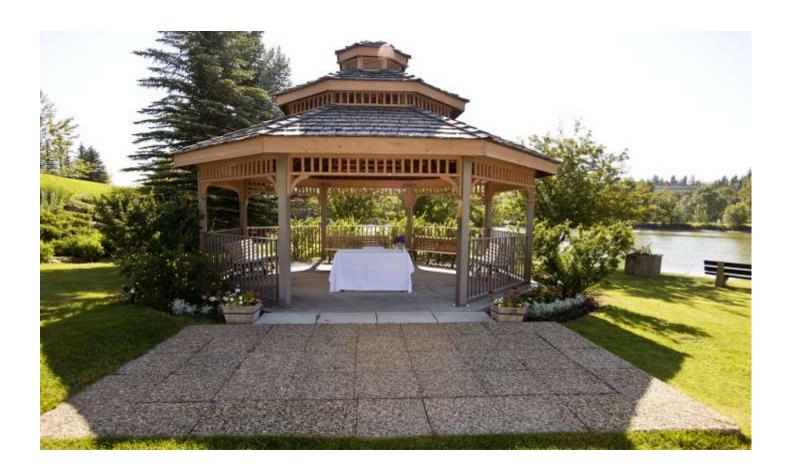
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Payments can be made by Visa, MC, Cheque, Cash, Debit in person at the Shrine Centre office or by PayPal, and E-transfer by using e-mail office@al-azhar.ab.ca (Cheques payable to: "Al Azhar Shriners") Credit Card type _Visa/MC_ Card number (Please call (403) 239-0030 to pay by Credit Card)

To Register: contact Pat Fergusson (403) 239-0030



Please Save this Date

Ills. Sír Erníe Hílland and Lady Pat Cordíally ínvíte you to a Famíly and Friends Garden Party Sunday, August 26, 2018

1-4 PM

Lower Ballroom and Gardens at Shrine Centre Family Games, Contests and more Invitation and more Information to follow

The Beatles Tribute Band ¶

All. You. Need. is. Love" ¶



Saturday September 8, 2018

Price: \$37.50 per person

(includes Burger and Chips served at 6:00 pm)

Time: Door & Cash Bar Open 5:30 pm

Show: Starts 7:00 pm

For Tickets: Call 403-239-0030

Where

Al Azhar Shrine Centre 5225 - 101 St NW Calgary AB

Unit/Club Meeting Dates & News

Al Azhar Units

Air Corps 7:30 p.m. 2nd Wednesday

Athletic Club (Rutters) contact the Ramses for dates

Clown Unit 7:30 p.m. 1st Thursday

Directors Staff 7:30 p.m. 4th Thursday

Greeters - as called

Legion of Honour – 9:30 am 3rd Saturday (Horton Legion)

Mounted Patrol - 6:00 p.m. Wednesday

Oriental Band - 7:30 p.m. Thursday

Provost Corps - 9:00 a.m. 4th Saturday

Sabre Patrol (Call Swordmaster for date)

Shrine Patrol - 7:00 p.m. Mondays

Tin Lizzie Corps - 7:30 p.m. 3rd Tuesday

Vintage Cars - 7:30 p.m. 3rd Tuesday

Medicine Hat Clown Unit - Last Monday of month

Al Azhar Shrine Clubs

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

Big Country Shrine Club - 4th Tuesday Foothills Shrine Club - 4th Wednesday

Lethbridge Shrine Club - 1st Wednesday Medicine Hat Shrine Club - 3rd Wednesday

Red Deer Shrine Club - 3rd Wednesday

Wild Rose Shrine Club - 1st Wednesday

Wild Rose Shrine Club



On June 4 members and friends of the Wild Rose Shrine Club journeyed downtown to help with "Brown Bagging for Calgary's Kids". This program has been in operation for over ¼ of a century and provides a simple and nutritious lunch school children of all ages in Calgary.

With the assistance of volunteers the staff make lunches which consist of sandwiches, fruit, vegetables and healthy snacks which are then distributed to the schools throughout Calgary. The operation is run so efficiently that between three locations an average of 4,200 lunches are made daily for the kids. The staff at the centres does some preparation for the volunteers who arrive at 7:45 am and are done making lunches and complete clean-up by noon.

Brown Bagging for Calgary's Kids is a registered charity and supports itself by donations from the general public as well as corporations. This organization provides such a valuable service to assist in the all-round well-being of young people in this City.

Should any other Clubs or Units be interested in helping out with this tremendous group you can check them out at https://bb4ck.org.

In lieu of our June meeting the club held their 3rd annual Family and Friends Barbecue was attended by over 40 people including several members of the Divan who tested the cooking skills our club. As at the writing of this article we are not aware of the Divan complaining of any adverse effects of the meal.

We have parades and a golf tournament coming up to keep us active in our efforts to ensure our exposure within the community continues to grow and flourish.

AL AZHAR SHRINE MOUNTED PATROL



The Mounted Patrol conducted a Celebration of Life for departed member, Roy Jardine on June 9, 2018. The ceremony was arranged by the Mounted Patrol at their clubhouse and officiated by Ill. Sir Byron Nelson, President of the AMP. There was a march-in of the Mounted Patrol including a horse with its empty saddle and black shroud. The ceremony included uniformed members of The Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) which Noble Roy proudly served in for a number of years.

The ceremony featured 4 uniformed infantry members acting as Centennials around a saddle podium. Remembrances were presented by Ill. Sir Eldon Wells, who served under Roy in the army as well as from Ret. Major General Barry Ashton of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry who also served with Roy in the Lord Strathcona's. Noble Roy Wilson, Past President of the AMP spoke about Roy's years with the Mounted Patrol.



The Ladies of the Mounted Patrol provided a delicious meal served outside and attended by some 130 people. Many of Roy and Inez's family and friends were able to give Roy a good send-off. Ill. Sir Ernie Hilland closed the ceremony, providing some proper words of parting for Noble Roy.

So long Noble Roy, till we meet again, may you rest easy.

Legion of Honor

The Legion of Honor participated in the Al Azhar Shriner's Open House April 14, 2018. The table displayed an electronic and static photo album containing a bit of the LOH history. The table was manned by 1st Lieutenant Noble JR Beauregard and Past Commander Noble Omar Giroux.



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The May 19th High River Parade, kicked off the parade season for many units of Al Azhar Shriners. The Legion of Honor proudly displayed their new trailer banner, which coordinated with the recent banners purchased by other units. The jeep was in great form, sporting fewer flags for a new and improved look. Driver 1st Lieutenant Noble JR Beauregard was joined by Commander Ill Sir Eldon Wells, PP; Past Commander Noble Terry Dean, and Provost Noble Jorge Rojas.

On June 2nd Ill Sir Kent Galbraith PP and 1st Lieutenant Noble JR Beauregard attended the 1292 Lord Strathcona's Horse RCACC 84th Annual Ceremonial Review, at the Museums of the Regiments and presented a \$5000 cheque for the upcoming Cadet Summer Training Camp. Lady Inez Jardine also presented the first annual Cpt. Roy Jardine Perseverance award.

June 9th the Legion of Honor was pleased to participate in the Celebration of Life for Noble Roy Jardine. Commander III Sir Eldon Wells, PP and 1st Lieutenant Noble JR Beauregard led the procession of family members, dignitaries, cadets and members of the Mounted Patrol. Commander Eldon shard a story about the first time he met Noble Roy and how their paths crossed again as Al Azhar Shriners. It was a memorable day for everyone.

Now that summer is in the air, we look forward to seeing everyone at upcoming events and parades throughout Southern Alberta.



Have a wonderful summer.

TIN LIZZIES

"on the move"



<u>Our Editor's comments:</u> Good Day all, car not yet ready? Would you like to see our entire membership share in the parading experience? If you are driving or on the support team we can always need some assistance in every task we perform. Let's make 2018 one of your best years as a Tin Lizzie.

What have we been doing: Parade in High River May 19, Parade in Black diamond June 2, Parade in Beiseker, June 9th (Photos attached) by the time you read this Parade in Okotoks June 16. 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 will support other Shrine events. Are you Interested please contact current commander Jim Brown at 403-850-5041.

<u>UPCOMING EVENTS:</u> We need extra help for the International Fairy Day at the Shrine where the Tins will be selling burgers/dogs/chips/pop/water to those in attendance. And again as June 6th will be a busy day at the Shrine with Parade downtown in the morning and again providing food and beverages for the Divan guests. Any unit members wanting to volunteer contact the Commander. Stampede week, will have our unit at Bowness on the 7th, William Roper House on the 10th, Stampede Park Kids day on the 11th, Carstairs on the 14th. Our Meat sale is 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. July will be a busy month as we support the variety of shrine based events and August as well all the way until the long weekend in Sept, so grease those wheels, inflate the tires and get out to see your Tin Lizzies in action.

We are busy but that does not mean we do not have time for some fun.





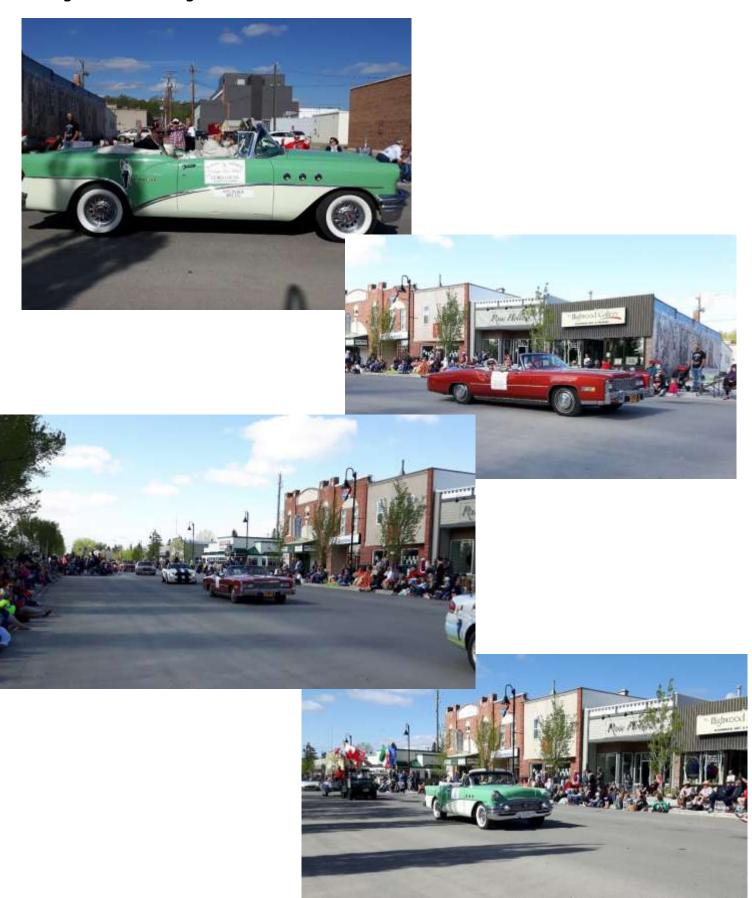


Thanks to Eric and Unit members Peter Fisher and Al Hannah for their photo contributions.

"Diplomacy is the art of telling people to go to hell in such a way that they ask for directions." — **Winston S. Churchill**

Respectfully submitted Tin Lizzie PR, Noble Andrew Fraser

Vintage Car Club in High River Parade



We thank our SHC partners. Please support them









PETITION FOR INITIATION AND MEMBERSHIP



AL AZHAR SHRINERS

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

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