



Al Azhar Shriners, 5225 – 101 Street NW, Calgary, Alberta T3L1S4

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Potentate's Message

As this is the last Fez Sez of the 2018 year, I would like to say thanks to each Noble and Lady of the Al Azhar Shriners. For Pat and I, this has been a wonderful time as we travelled and volunteered along side so many great Nobles and their Ladies.

We have enjoyed the visits to each and every club and unit as we went thru the year. Many Nobles and their Ladies took extra care to see that we were well looked after and at the same time supported the Shriners cause of helping Children with special needs.

From the beginning of the year and all thought-out, we have been treated so very special. Many have taken up the challenges of handling special events without asking for help and have done a very good job of making these events the best in Al Azhar Shriners history.

The Spartan races netted The Shriners Hospital for Children in Montreal \$45,000.00 due to the tireless efforts of Red Deer and Calgary Shriners, their Ladies and friends. Thanks to all those people who helped in so many ways to make us the top Temple.

Our Golf group did an amazing job this year and doubled the proceeds from last year, all for the Montreal Shriners hospital.

The Beatles night at the Shrine in the fall netted us over \$5000.00 for the building fund thanks to the Vintage Car group who went out and set up the whole event.

Lady Pat and I had planned on doing so many things but time or other circumstances did not allow us to do the things we wanted. However, we did enjoy our time this year and hopefully we made a difference so that we can proceed ahead with other things.

May we wish each and every Noble and their Lady and families Merry Christmas and all the very best in the New Year and in the years to come. This was a journey in life that many never get to experience; however, it has been great and no regrets as we think of all the many great events we went to which more than outweigh some of the challenges we have encountered.

Thanks to the 2018 Divan and appointed Nobles and their Ladies who worked with us during this year and at every occasion. We could never have accomplished things without your help and guidance.

Merry Christmas and all the very Best in 2019 Illustrious Sir Ernie and Lady Pat.

Message from the Chief Rabban, Neil Webb

Our Shriners Ball in January will take place at the Sheraton Cavalier Hotel, at Barlow and 32nd Street NE, the same venue as last year.

There will be a "Meet and Greet" on Friday the 18th, and the AGM will take place on Saturday the 19th at 9 am. The Annual Necrology will follow.

Lunch will be available, and we look forward to your attendance.

After lunch, the Divan will announce our plans for 2019, as presented at the Chief Rabban's meeting previously. This will take us to a break, and we will reconvene for the Fezzing Ceremony At 4:30 pm.

Dinner will be served at 6 pm, with entertainment at 7 pm by an eighteen-piece orchestra playing dance music. There will also be surprise entertainment by two different performers.

Our plans for renovations to the Shrine Centre lower level are in place, and will begin early in 2019, with a target completion date of March 15th. We envision that the renovations will greatly increase revenues, enabling us to implement an on-going plan for maintenance and repairs to our Shrine Centre into the foreseeable future.

We are looking forward to exploring alternate and additional fund-raising opportunities, to turning our public relation outwards to new potential Masons and Shriners to swell our ranks and keep our Philanthropy and Fraternity viable into the future. A big thank you to the many well-wishers who have encouraged me this past year, and the Past Potentates who have approached me with kind words and greatly appreciated advice.

Carol and I would like to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and Seasons Greetings to our many non-Christian Nobles, as well!

To all the Nobility:

Seasons Greetings in advance.

It has been a very active year for the Divan and satisfying to see a continuous improvement process towards how the fraternity is being operated. The renovations are progressing as planned despite the hiccups along the way.

This year I was involved with: organizing the Shrine Golf Tournament event; helping the Insurance Committee do a review; helping the Children's Wish Society to organize their event; participating in numerous parades throughout the summer; as well as PNSA in February and of course the East/West Shrine game.

My wife Rose and I have enjoyed all the club visits and events we have attended over the year, as well as the friendships we have gained on our journey through the Divan. I encourage others to take up the challenge.

Regards Jim Brown High Priest & Prophet 403-850-5041

From our house to your house:

Season's greeting to you and your family at this special time of the year. May you all have a happy and healthy holiday and safe and prosperous New Year.

As you are all aware 2018 has been a most difficult year for the Divan from a cash flow perspective. We are dealing with a 40+ year old building which is not conducive to meet the needs and wants of the younger generations. Therefore, the Divan, after consultation with designers, building operation managers, our clientele and several other experts in this field made the decision in 2017 to proceed with upgrades to our building.

As well the 40-year-old building has needed a lot more attention during the year than was originally anticipated in our 2018 Budget. We had several major problems dealing with the sewer system, mold removal, HVAC, etc.

We have a great facility, but it needs to be used more in order to generate additional income for us. Your Divan is working hard to develop our existing customer base plus reviewing other potential customers and sources of income.

Thank you all for your support during 2018 and we look forward to your continued support in 2019.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Jim & Cheryl Hendry Treasurer Al Azhar Shriners.

2018 Shrine Classic Golf Tournament

The financial results were much improved but just another step towards our longerterm goals of support for the Canadian Shriners Hospital in Montreal. The organizing committee has already started planning the tournament for next year so please mark your calendar for August 12, 2019 and save the date for this worthwhile event.

All members of Al Azhar are encouraged to participate in whatever way they are able, and we can always use volunteers both before and on the day of the tournament. All units can participate and play a role in supporting this important fundraising Charity event for the Shriners Hospital for Children. Many hands make light work for everyone. Please let John Bradford know if you can join his team of Volunteers.

We look forward to sharing our golf best stories in the months ahead.

Malcolm J MacKenzie Assistant Rabban 2018



Al Azhar Shrine Patrol



Friday, 06 April, 2018 Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres: 6pm Dinner: 7pm

Al Azhar Shrine Centre

Fun Stag Poker Night and Prime Rib Dinner - \$125.00

1st Ticket Drawn wins \$200.00

% way Ticket wins \$500.00

Every 15th Ticket drawn wins a prize

Last Ticket Drawn wins \$4,000.00

For tickets contact Noble Andy Pokolinski 403-254-8169 or any Shrine Patrol member

Free transportation home until 12:15 Casual dress Open to Non-Masons and Non-Shriners

RECORDER'S RAMBLINGS

Greetings Nobles and Ladies, I hope this message finds everyone in good health.

I would like to congratulate and welcome all our new Nobles and their Ladies on becoming members of our great organization. I hope that all of you enjoy your journey with the Shriners. Congratulations to everyone involved in organizing the wonderful Ceremonial day for our candidates. It was an exceptional day and it will truly be remembered as one of the finest ceremonials to take place in Al Azhar. Congratulations to Ill Sir Ernie Hilland for his hard work, perseverance and for selecting and putting together the "Hillbilly Degree". Even though the weather did not co-operate I believe that everyone in attendance appreciated the time and effort it took to make this day such a success.

This year is rapidly coming to a close and Al Azhar still has a lot of members who have not paid their dues. We have Nobles who are two years in arrears and they are in danger of being suspended. To make the situation worse, the 2019 dues notices have been received and will become due January 1, 2019. Your Divan has worked tirelessly to resolve this situation with limited results and now time is of the essence. Please make every effort to bring your dues up to date.

The main level renovations are in the final touchup stages and we are getting ready for the lower level renovations. Once again, we ask for your patience during this work period and some events and meetings may have to be rearranged and rescheduled. The previous sewer issues seem to have come under control and we are in the process of finishing up the problems with the heating in the Shrine Centre. Since I started the position of Recorder the repairs have seemed endless, but again we are playing catchup with a 40-year-old building but there is a light at the end of the tunnel. Please be patient and bear with us and we will reap the benefits going forward. As you may be aware, we are going through a staff shortage. I again ask for your patience and cooperation during this time. The heavy workload has become very demanding on Pat and at times due to the present situation the office hours have become irregular. I would like to thank Suzanne Martin for her time and effort in helping us out during this time of need.

To everyone, all the best for a joyous holiday season.

Yours in the faith; Noble Andy Pokolinski 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

Name	Last known location
Julio de Guzma	an Calgary
George Perry	Calgary



Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers Saturday, January 19, 2019 – 9:00 am Sheraton Cavalier, 2620-32 Ave NE, Calgary, Alberta

IMPERIAL CODE – Section 325.11

- (a) **Electioneering:** A candidate for an elected office in a Shrine temple may print, publish and circulate during the year he is seeking the elected office, a resume consisting of his educational background, his vocational history, and his Masonic and Shrine record. Except as provided in the prior sentence, the printing, publication, circulating or distributing of resolutions, letters, telegrams, tickets and email or other devices, by a unit, club, noble or group of nobles, suggesting, recommending, opposing, or continuing the name of proposed candidates for office in the temple is prohibited.
- (b) **Expenditures Prohibited:** The expenditure of money for gifts, favors, or entertainment on behalf of a candidate for elected office is prohibited.
- (c) Violation: For a violation of (a) or (b), the Imperial Potentate may suspend any offending noble, and he may declare the election of officers void and order a new election.
- (d) Notice: At least one week prior to the annual meeting or any election, the temple Recorder shall mail to each member a notice thereof containing this section. A Noble may not be admitted to his own or any other temple unless he exhibits to the temple to which he desires admittance, an official Shrine card for the then current year.

Signed: Illustrious Sir Ernie Hilland Potentate Attest: Noble Andy Pokolinski, Recorder

Wear your Fez and be sure to have your 2019 dues card

Your 2018 Divan

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Message from the Chief Rabban Neil Webb

Plans are in place for the coming year regarding the Annual General Meeting and Potentate's Ball. The format will be as follows:

Saturday, January 19th, 2019 will be the Al Azhar Annual General Meeting held at the Sheraton Cavalier in Calgary (corner of Barlow and 32nd Ave) from 9:00 am until noon followed by the Necrology.

Lunch is available from 1 -2 PM by prior registration.

January 18th and 19th,2019 will be the Potentate's Ball weekend to be held at the Sheraton Cavalier in Calgary at the corner of Barlow and 32nd Avenue.

Friday, January 18th will be a Meet and Greet from 7 PM to 10 PM. There will entertainment for the evening.

Saturday, January 19th begins at 9:00 AM with the Annual General Meeting, Necrology at 12:00 noon (This is open to both Ladies and Men and will be less than an hour), and Men's and Ladies Luncheons at 1:00 P.M.

At 4:30 pm the Fezzing Ceremony begins, Cocktails will follow, and the banquet will start at 6:00 PM just down the hall on the same level in the hotel. There will be special entertainment for the evening as well (Sentimental Journey – 18 Piece Orchestra.)

Please join us for a fun and memorable weekend.





2019 Al Azhar Potentate's Ball Weekend



To: Past Potentates, Guests, Ladies and Nobles all

Please Join Potentate Elect Noble Neil Webb and Lady Carol on their special weekend as they become Potentate and First Lady of the Al Azhar Shriners for 2019. We have planned an exciting fun filled weekend as follows:

<u>January 18th, 2019</u>	7:00 pm to 10:00 pm	Meet and Greet
<u>January 19th, 2019</u>	9:00 am to 12:00 Noon	Annual General Meeting
	12:00 Noon	Necrology Service
	1:00 pm	Ladies and Men's Luncheons
	4:30 pm	Fezzing Ceremony
	5:30 pm	Cocktails
	6:00 pm to 10:00 pm	Potentate's Ball and Entertainment

All Events will be taking place at The Sheraton Cavalier, Barlow and 32 Avenue in Calgary Alberta

Friday Night Meet & Greet	X <u>20.00</u> each =	
Ladies Luncheon Saturday 1:00 P.M.	X <u>25.00</u> each =	
Men's Luncheon Saturday 1:00 P.M.	X <u>25.00</u> each =	
Pote's Dinner and Entertainment	X <u>79.00</u> each =	
(\$85.00 Per Pe	(\$85.00 Per Person if registering after the deadline below)	

Dress Code: Men – Formal Attire or Uniform, Ladies – Cocktail or Long Dress Total

Payments can be made by Visa, MC, Cheque, Cash, Debit in person at the Shrine Centre office. Payment can also be made by calling (403) 239-0030 to pay by Credit Card. PayPal and E-transfer can also be made by using e-mail <u>office@al-azhar.ab.ca</u>.

Make Cheques Payable to: <u>Al Azhar Shriners</u> and mail together with your registration to: Al Azhar Shriners, 5225 – 101 Street NW, Calgary, AB. T3L 1S4

Last Name	First Name	Lady's Name	
Temple	Title/Club	Telephone #	

<u>Registration Deadline is January 4th, 2018</u>. Please e-mail your forms to <u>office@al-azhar.ab.ca</u> or call our office 1-403-239-0030. THE HOTEL NEEDS TO KNOW NUMBERS OF DINERS IN ADVANCE

Sheraton Cavalier room block information: Special Room Rates for Guests, Limited number of rooms. Please call the Sheraton Cavalier Directly at 1-403-291-0107 (quote **Al Azhar Shriners 2019**) or use the booking web site for this event: (Copy and paste in your web browser) Rate \$119.00 + Tax

https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1808146956&key=A4D4E0A

We do hope that you and your Lady will join us on this special occasion. **Noble Neil Webb and Lady Carol**



November 2018



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: <u>office@al-azhar.ab.ca</u>, or sent in on a disk to our mailing address. For more information call the Shrine Centre at (403) 239-0030

Upcoming Events

AL AZHAR 2019 POTENTATE'S WEEKEND January 18 & 19, 2019 AL AZHAR ANNUAL MEETING January 19, 2019 – 9:00 a.m.

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SAKKARA TEMPLE, D.O.N. O. 115 INSTALLATION March 23, 2019

Sakkara Temple No. 115 "2019 Apple Pie Project"

Jan 13th – 25th, 2019

Jan 13th Set-up 9:00 am Peeling 11:00 am Mon, Wed, Fri, Sun Only 8:30 am – 3:00 pm

To Order pies (\$8.00 each) contact: Cherie Musselwhite (403) 255-3666 cherie@musselwhite.com Debra Leek (587) 434-7239 dchleek@gmail.com Special Birthday wishes to Noble Charlie Dyson who turned 103 years young on Friday November 23rd Charlie is the oldest member of Shriners International

Father of Illustrious Sir Dave Dyson







Noble Charlie with Imperial Sir Jim Cain during his visit

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

Legion of Honor

Nov 11th, 2018 marked the 100th anniversary of Canada's Hundred Days and the Armistice. Also, 2018 marks the 65th anniversary of the Korean War Armistice, the 10th anniversary of National Peacekeepers' Day, and the 75th anniversary of the invasion of Sicily and the beginning of the Italian Campaign in the Second World War. 2018 also marks the 25th Anniversary of the Al Azhar Legion of Honor.

Celebrating the momentous Military events that were recognized throughout 2018 the Legion of Honor was delighted to display the Cenotaph they commissioned from the Bowness High School at this year's Remembrance Day Service. A very special thank you is to be extended to Noble Howard Langdon for connecting the Legion of Honor with Bowness High School and Past Commander Noble Omar Giroux who took on this project to be completed this year.

The Remembrance Day service was well attended and donations to the Veterans Association Food Bank were greatly appreciated. Once again, we would like to thank Past Commander Noble Omar Giroux for organizing the program and the many who laid a wreath in memory of those serving in our armed forces and those that paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.

The Legion of Honor is pleased to announce their incoming executive:

Commander	 Noble JR Beauregard
1 st Lt Commander	– Noble Jorge W Rojas
Acting Adjutant	– Lady Kathy Galbraith
Treasurer	– Ill Sir Kent Galbraith PP
Quartermaster	 Noble Henry Retzlaff

We wish to thank Commander III Sir Eldon Wells for his leadership and commitment throughout 2018. The Legion of Honor wishes all Nobles and their families the very best during the upcoming Holiday Season.



TIN LIZZIES



October 2018 **Commanders comments**: It has been a great year and we welcomed 5 new members to the unit. We also lost one with the passing of Jim Grace, a member who participated in the unit. We always seem to need volunteers for parades and catering/BBQ business so please support your incoming executive for 2019, Commander Bill Williams, Deputy Commander Robert Goss, First Lieutenant Al Hannah, Second Lieutenant Arian Karaj, Treasurer Andrew Fraser, Secretary Kevin Johnson

"on the move"

A great team that helped all the time. Also, we had the support of many of the past commanders Evan, Kurtis, Rob, Wade. Thanks for a great year.

What have we been doing: Where were you in the summer of 2018? We have been all over, parades in Calgary, Carstairs, Nanton and Cochrane. We have participated in other events: kids' day, pig roast, hero's challenge, ceremonial and catered Fairy day, Jim Cain BBQ, Rockford Lodge BBQ, Inertia BBQ, Probus club dinner, Calgary 23 ladies night as well as a couple of stated bus meetings at the Shrine. Are you thinking maybe you would like to drive a car in a parade, 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. If you Interested please contact current commander Jim Brown at 403-850-5041 or the new officers.

<u>UPCOMING EVENTS</u>: 1292 Army Cadet Club Dinner Dec 16th as well as Christmas functions. For Meat Sale information contact Nobles Andrew Fraser and Evan Schmitke.

We are busy but that does not mean we do not have time for some fun. Here we are giving cheques out at the Ceremonial to our charity recipients, from the left, Brown Bagging for kids, Roofs for Youths, Children's Wish and Kidsport.





When we have a minute, we always support the local industry, as Noble AI, made a Timmy's run in this photo. Fez's off for Noble AI. Respectfully submitted; Tin Lizzie PR, Noble Andrew Fraser

November 2018

Foothills Shrine Club

The Foothills Shrine Club continues to thrive in High River. For those of you who don't know, we are "the" social unit of Al Azhar in Southern Alberta. Even the current Potentate, Noble Ernie and Lady Pat enjoy a little down time spending an evening with us. We don't drive little cars, we don't paint our faces and we sure don't wrangle horses. We meet once a month, the 4th Wednesday of the month at the High River Masonic Hall for dinner with our Ladies and enjoy the company of our Shriner families. We would welcome anyone who is interested in joining us. Call the Secretary for times and dates.

The Foothills Club helps kick off the season's parades with the Little Britches Rodeo Parade, traditionally held on the May Long Weekend. This is the one where we all find out what we have forgotten about parading from past experiences. It also lets the Divan remember how to ride a horse. The lodge is always open the morning of the parade, so all units can prepare and dress and come back after the parade for the usual beef on a bun and a few libations.

One other thing to remember is a trademark of the Little Britches Rodeo Parade – it will rain at some point of this parade! Either as the parade begins, just before it ends or somewhere in between. So, remember if you are going to participate in this parade, make sure you bring your rain gear.

We also close the parade season with the High River Santa Claus parade, so mark your calendars for Friday December 7th. Come on out and enjoy an evening in small town Alberta. Visit George Lane Park and see the lights and after the parade come on down to the Lodge Hall and enjoy a bowl of chili!

Sadly, the Black Camel visited our club twice in 2018 taking Nobles Rudy Vallee and Ill. Sir John Thorpe. Rest in Peace Brothers. You will be missed. Our condolences to the families of these two Nobles.

In late last year, the Club appointed a committee to seek out some worthy charitable organizations that would benefit from a donation from The Foothills Shrine Club General Funds. The committee looked at a number of organizations, mainly of course ones that would benefit children. The committee also looked at the financial background of the organizations to determine where they might already have received funding and the level of their administrative costs. We also looked at opportunities throughout the Foothills area recognizing that our members are spread out over a huge area.

With these things in mind, we made the following donations in October 2018:

- 1. The Children's Wish Foundation joining a couple of other Al Azhar units to increase the impact of donations.
- 2. The four foodbanks of Nanton, High River, Okotoks and Black Diamond/Turner Valley received a check for \$500 each. Typically, these four organizations are staffed by local retirees and volunteers who give a tremendous amount of their time to this very vital facet of our communities.

- 3. The United Church in Okotoks provides a school lunch program that ensures that hungry students receive a nourishing lunch every day they are in school. It is widely recognized that hungry kids are often disruptive in class, have very poor grades because they have trouble concentrating and often are bullies. This program is run strictly by volunteers, they pay no staff whatsoever and they do not receive any funding from corporations or government departments. The program expands every few weeks as it becomes known that it is operating and the work it is doing. They do benefit from local businesses that provide them with bread and other food stuffs that are nearing their best before dates. Because this is a volunteer organization with no funding, we presented a check to Brian Olsen who heads up the program for \$2,000. Unbeknown to us, they had just had a request to add another half dozen students to the program and our timing then was very crucial.
- 4. Rowan House Society is an organization that provides transitional housing for families that are seeking shelter from an abusive situation. Some of the Shrine units have supported this organization in the past. At the present time, they are planning an innovative solution in a new structure forms in Okotoks. Because of the work they do and the children that they protect through their services, we presented a check for \$2,500 with the express request that it be directed to the Okotoks area and their plans.
- 5. The last donation was made to the Jumpstart Program of Canadian Tire through the local Canadian Tire in High River. This is a unique program. All the administration is covered by Canadian Tire which means that every dollar that is contributed from organizations like ours goes to the children it was designed to benefit. As well there are matching grants made by Canadian Tire based on a number of factors. It is interesting that the Canadian Tire Store in High River in the past year was one of the highest contributing stores in Canada. All contributions to the local Jumpstart Program and the matching funds are spent locally helping boys and girls to be able to play sports or enroll in courses that they would have otherwise not been able to obtain. Our contribution to this program was \$1,500 and we will be following up to see how the funds were spent.

This Committee has now been charged with looking further into the community and within Al Azhar to spend the funds we received from our last Casino.

And now we are prepared to meet the challenges of next year – 2019 with a new Executive;

President	- Ill Sir Brian Shimmons
Vice President	- Noble Roger Higham
Treasurer	- Noble C. Dixon Luten
Secretary	- Noble George Garbutt
Casino Chair	- Noble John Hart
Quartermaster	- Noble Don Wellwood
Immediate Past President	- Noble Dave Mospany

A very Merry Christmas to all Members and their Families of Al Azhar Shriners and the all. the Best for 2019

Wild Rose Shrine Club

The Wild Rose Shrine Club has recorded another year of activities, events and fellowship. Looking back, we had good days and not so good days. One a positive note our fundraising was most successful thanks to Noble Mark McDonald for organizing our casino. Thank you, Mark, as always, a fine effort.

Another hi-light of the year was our Larry Gauthier Memorial Golf tournament. Despite the early winter weekend over 50 golfers and family members enjoyed the day. Many thanks to Noble Gary Long and the many sponsors who contributed generously, everyone in attendance took home a prize. To make this day special Lady Edith, surviving wife of Larry, was in attendance along with three generations of the Gauthier family.

2018 was not a steller parade or move out year, our fleet of wee buses had mechanical problems and we were reduced to one bus being roadworthy. The parades that the one bus did appear in only happened because Nobles Jim and Carl, the Starsky and Hutch of the WRSC, towed the trailer and equipment to the events. Thank you, Nobles, along with Noble Norm Ink our faithful driver.

Another event of note was arranged by Past Potentate Bob Newman. Our secretary who was so instrumental in the founding of our club and continued in that capacity for 10 years or more, Noble Clay Bailey and his Lady Priscilla are now residing in a senior and extended care facility in Calgary. Clay, although frail of health, welcomes visitors. Several Nobles and Ladies visited the Baileys in a private dining room for an arranged dinner, with Clay donning the fez of the president and presided over a business meeting. The act of fraternalism was so warmly portrayed that evening and the speech of thank you and appreciation given by Clay bought tears and lumps in the throats of those in attendance. A very special part of being a Mason and a Shriner is being, brothers.

Looking forward to 2019 our new executives will be duly sworn in and a new member from the last ceremonial, Noble Hal Gordon, has joined our unit and has quickly been put to work.

Finally, a sad note to report Aug 4 the visit of the Black Camel to our oasis, Noble Rod Long passed away. Rod was in his 91st year, his 62nd as a Shriner. Always an inspiration to be around, loved being a Shriner, and generously gave "to help those kids" he always did say. We will miss Noble Rod and our sympathy to Lady Lillian and family. We wish to relay a thank you and appreciation to the nobles who formed an honor guard at the service from the Long family.

Thank you, Nobles.

This is the latest from out Airdrie way again thank you to the members of our divan for another year of support. The scribe who can not type.



MEMBERSHIP



Recruitment, Retention & Restoration

A man spent his life as a rancher / shepherd, doing the hard work of raising cattle and sheep in the rugged Rocky Mountains. He shared with family and friends the challenges and hazards associated with raising sheep. He described that in early spring, when snow on the expansive mountain range had mostly melted, he placed the family herd of approximately 2,000 sheep in the mountains for the summer. There, he watched over the sheep until late fall, when they were moved from the summer range to a winter range in the desert. He described how tending a large flock of sheep was difficult, requiring early days and late nights-waking well before sunrise and finishing long after dark. He could not possibly do it alone.

Others helped tend the flock, including a mix of experienced ranch hands assisted by younger hands who were benefiting from the wisdom of their companions. He also relied on two old horses, two colts in training, two old sheepdogs and two or three sheepdog pups. Over the course of the summer, the man and his sheep faced wind and rainstorms, sickness, injuries, drought, and just about every other hardship one can imagine. Some years they had to haul water all summer just to keep the sheep alive. Then, every year in late fall, when winter weather threatened, and the sheep were taken off the mountain and counted, there were usually more than 200 that were lost.

The flock of 2,000 sheep placed in the mountains in early spring was reduced to less than 1,800. Most of the missing sheep were *not* lost to sickness or natural death but to predators such as mountain lions or coyotes. These predators usually found the lambs that had strayed from the safety of the flock, withdrawing themselves from the protection of their shepherd.

Would you consider for a moment what is described in context with Al Azhar Shrine? Who is the shepherd? Who is the flock? Who are those who assist the shepherd?

In the same way that the man tended his sheep with the assistance of young and old ranch hands; the Potentate also requires assistance in the challenging labour of caring for our membership.

The shepherd shared another important element in the watch care of sheep on the range. He described that lost sheep were particularly vulnerable to the dangers of predators. In fact, up to 15 percent of his and his team's total time was devoted to finding lost sheep. The sooner they found lost sheep, before the sheep drifted too far from the flock, the less likely the sheep were to be harmed. Recovering lost sheep required much patience and discipline.

Over the years at Al Azhar we have lost dozens of members for various reasons – quality men who have "drifted far from the flock". We need your assistance to bring them back and share the good news of who we are and what we do! Let us make a greater effort in binging back Nobles to our Shrine Temple and **restoring**

them to full membership. Let's get them involved with a club, unit or a project that utilizes their skills, talents and expertise. *Together we can do this!*

The Membership Team would like to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah and all the best for a healthy and prosperous 2019!

YEAR IN REVIEW



Myrna Sheppard, Lynn Bradford and Eva Retzlaff 2018 Pie Project for Sakkara Temple, Daughters of the Nile



Al Azhar's Divan at the 2018 Potentate's Banquet



Mounted Patrol Family Day Fun

Inga and Noble Bob Graham hamming it up



Inga Pollhaus at the Mounted Patrol Jiggs Dinner





Winners at the 300 Club Dinner

November 2018



Our Legion of Honor proudly displaying their Unit during the Information Day (J.R. Beauregard & Omar Giroux)

The Mounted Patrol presentation during the Imperial Sir's Visit



Imperial Sir Jim Cain & Illustrious Sir Ernie Hilland





Legion of Honor members Ill. Sir Kent Galbraith, Noble J.R. Beauregard and Lady Inez Jardine at a presentation to the Royal Canadian Army Cadets



Noble Art Foss needed some help at the High River Parade

Nobles Rob Martin and Rod Duncan clowning around with the Wild Rose Shrine Club members at High River

Our Mounted Patrol showing off their riding skills



Our Premier Unit the Patrol Segways



Our proud team at the 2018 Spartan Races

Shriners Hospital Patient and Ambassador Jeffrey Beausoleil with friend Michel Sirois, who completed not one, but three Spartan Races that week! Way to go Jeffrey and Michel



Beatles Night! What great fun and music Well worth the price of admission





Donation presentation to the Chinook Guild of Fibre Arts in honor of all of Susanne Martin's hard work this year volunteering in the Shrine Centre office. The donation is for a very good cause and was greatly appreciated



Donation to Rangers Soccer Club by Al Azhar Mounted Patrol



Shrine patient Matthew Pentelichuk and family at the Fall Ceremonial



Al Azhar New Nobles at the Fall Ceremonial Welcome Nobles and Ladies!



Shrine Patient Ryan Straschnitzi at the Shrine Hitmen Hockey Game



Farley, Hitmen Mascott with Ryan's younger brother

2018 Remembrance Day Services



Noble Omar Giroux Coordinator for the 2018 Remembrance Day

Noble Andy Bogle of the Al Azhar Legion of Honor





Presentation to Inez Jardine by New Mounted Patrol President Noble Lloyd Lawson



Joint Ceremonial for 6 Shrine Temples in Spokane, Washington



New Nobles Tony Gize and Robert Allen receiving their Initiation certificates at the November Stated Business Meeting



Noble Randy Crossman, Sabre Motor Patrol receiving a certificate for a donation to the Shriners Hospital for Children from Ill. Sir Bill Miller, Chairman of the Board of Governors



(Retired) Noble Doug Clark reviewing the Tecumseh Cadets while presenting a cheque from the Al Azhar Mounted Patrol



Ken Culbertson, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Alberta with Tammy Stevens, Queen of Sakkara Temple, D.O.N. No. 115, Connie Martin-Regan, Queen of Al Amira Temple, D.O.N. No. 157 and Illustrious Sir Ernie Hilland, Potentate

Sakkara Temple

Ceremonial



Sakkara Temple Dancers



Ambassadors Unit



Sakkara Patrol

November 2018



Foothills Shrine Club Installation





Vintage Car Club Installation



Installation at Medicine Hat



Shrine Patrol Breakfast with Santa crew



Noble Shayne Eldridge and Family

New SHC Patient Julie Mitchell and family with Noble Tony Gize

November 2018

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

From the Divan and Staff of Al Azhar

The Staff have enjoyed another year of working with our Nobles, Ladies and Patients and look forward to working with you again in the New Year.

<u>PLEASE NOTE!!</u> The Shrine Centre office will be closed from the evening of December 20th until the morning of January 2nd for the holiday season.

November 2018

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>

I, the undersigned, hereby declare that I am a Master Mason in good standing in ______Lodge

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