The November 2019 (Revised) FEZ SEZ

Greetings from your Potentate!

We have all been aware of the bad news in the last few years... how we seem to be operating in the red time after time.

The good news is that we have explored ways to turn this around, and stop the financial "bleeding".



We have established a new committee, the "Fundraising and Alternate Income Streams" committee.

The Committee is currently doing a test on a fund raising project that asks for donations door to door to help Shriners and help the environment at the same time, by collecting money to plant trees in various areas of the Earth. Our first focus will be to have trees planted on our behalf in the recently devastated areas of the Amazon, which was ravaged by fire.

If it works in our test area, we will blitz all of Calgary.

Our second fix is to bring in a constant flow of money by renting out two small parcels of land, one to a soccer club, and the other parcel to be established as an RV, boat and trailer storage facility.

This totally new business model will turn our situation around completely. These two new sources of business income will now ensure that we will be able to operate in the black, going forward.

The much needed repairs to the roof are under way, and will stop us from having a nasty surprise of water damage to our building.

We are implementing other fund raising ideas as well, and will keep you posted as time goes by!

Thank you all for your ongoing support for these projects and repairs.

There is obviously hope for us yet. Neil Webb, Potentate 2019

Important Dates

<u>Nov. 3, 2019</u> Hitmen Game

Nov. 11, 2019 Remembrance Day Service

> Nov. 23, 2019 Joint Installation

Nov. 24, 2019 Grey Cup Party

Nov. 28, 2019 Stated Business Meeting

<u>Dec. 1, 2019</u> Children's Christmas Party

> Dec. 6, 2019 Santa Claus Parade

> > Dec. 7, 2019 Divan Election

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

Dec. 31, 2019 New Years Eve Party

Al Azhar Shriners

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Recorder's Ramblings

Congratulations to the new Nobles who travelled to the Al Azhar Shriners Oasis of Calgary in the Desert of Alberta on Sept. 14, 2019.

I want to encourage the New Nobles to find a Unit to belong too. You will always get more enjoyment if you are participating and being active around the Shrine. The directory you were given that night has all the information to seek out a Unit to participate or Club you would like to attend. Always fun times when visiting.

We did enjoy putting the first and second sections on for you and hope you enjoyed the same. Remember you can now sit back at the next Ceremonial and witness the Newest Members travelling the desert. We look forward to having you obtain one new member for Al Azhar!

I want to thank the twenty **AI Azhar members and friends who travelled to Las Vegas for the Shriners Hospital Open FedEx Cup.** The weather co operated and was a great tournament to watch. Kevin Na won the tournament on the second play-off hole. Over 10,000 people were on the course Saturday.

Next year the tournament is October 4 to October 11, 2020 at Summerlin Las Vegas. Come and join us for a fun filled week. Please keep this in mind and call me, Ill. Gordon Brewer for information at: 403-850-9656 or email recorder@al-azhar.ab.ca.

Any Noble wanting to run for a Divan office position please let the recorder know asap. Note: A police check is required for all Divan positions.

A few dates to remember

November 4, 2019Day Light Savings changeNovember 11, 2019Remembrance day Service at the Shrine
Be at the Shrine at 10:00 am.November 20, 2019Red Deer Shrine Club InstallationNovember 27, 2019Foothills Shrine Club InstallationNovember 28, 2019 SStated Business meeting at 7:30 pm sharp

Yours in the Faith III. Sir Gordon Brewer Al Azhar Shrine Recorder



Please remember The Calgary Shrine Centre when doing an event. Jaclyn Labchuk 403-239-0317 jaclyn@calgaryshrinecentre.com

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Chaplain's Corner

I belong to a number of 'groups' including my church, community association, antique car clubs, investment groups and fraternal orders. In addition a lot of people know I am involved in teaching square dancing (an incredible way for a single man to meet quality ladies!).

In every case, including the dancing, we are having trouble attracting new members. I maintain that while it is EXTREMELY important to RECRUIT new members but it is ever more important to RETAIN the members we have. Sure the Black Camel causes membership loss but inactivity or demits are a major loss of members as well.

How can we reduce departing members?

First, when we get a new member involve them immediately in your club or unit. Immediately means NOW. Assign a member or two to be in contact with the new Shriner. Have him and possibly his partner out to see exactly what we do. Don't lose touch with them.

Secondly, listen to not only what a potential member or existing Noble says but engage them in your unit. People want to be heard and you may learn some fresh ideas.

Third, inactivity is a club killer. If you haven't heard from a member find out why. If their interest is not kept at a peak you will soon lose them. I am heavily involved with running support groups for the Alzheimer's Society. We keep detailed attendance records and call if someone misses 3 meetings and then follow up again if they miss the next meeting. There may be a valid reason, so we do make other online resources available to help them out.

Fourth, people want to be appreciated. They are not content to just belong. If they exceed the clubs expectations a kind word and a card or certificate will go a long way in keeping them involved.

Fifth, people love perks! Don't be afraid to give them extras at a meeting such as entertainment, dessert, flowers for the ladies, etc.

Finally, keep the morale up in the unit so it is a positive experience to attend a club or unit function. People hate negativity and they lose Interest.

Good luck retaining your members!

In the light of Grace, Noble R. Dean Cowan, Chaplain 2019

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

2019 DIVAN

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Recorder

III. Sir Gordon Brewer home: 403-241-7713 office:403-239-0030 recorder@al-azhar.ab.ca

Upcoming Events 2019

Nov 3	Hitmen Game 2 pm (Saddledome)			
Nov 9	Mounted Patrol Installation & Christmas Party (Fez Dome)			
Nov 16	DON Christmas Feast (Shrine Centre)			
Nov 11	Remembrance Day Service 10 am (Shrine Centre)			
Nov 20	Red Deer Shrine Club Installation			
Nov 23	Joint Installation 2-4 pm (Shrine Centre)			
	Wine and Cheese, Cost: \$20 pp			
Nov 23	Airdrie Wild Rose Install./Christmas Dinner (Woodside Com. Ctr)			
Nov 24	Grey Cup Party 3 pm (Shrine Centre)			
Nov 27	Foothills Shrine Club Installation Dinner 6 pm (Darcy Ranch)			
Nov. 28	Stated Business Meeting 7:30 pm (Shrine Centre)			
Nov 29	Vintage Car Christmas Party (Danish Canadian Club)			
Nov 30	Clowns and Sabres Christmas Brunch			
Dec 1	Children's Christmas Party 8:30 am (Shrine Centre)			
Dec 6	Santa Claus Parade			
Dec 7	Divan Election 9 am (Shrine Centre)			
Dec 11	Mounted Patrol Wine and Cheese (AMP Clubhouse)			
Dec 23	Shrine Office Closed Dec. 23, 2019 - Jan. 2, 2020			
Dec 31	New Years Eve Party and Casino (Shrine Centre) 7 pm to 1 am			
	Cost: \$50 pp, Order Tickets by Dec. 6, 2019 via Shrine Office			
	Call: 403-239-0030 or Email: office@al-azhar.ab.ca			
	Note: Tickets must be picked up by Dec. 20, 2019			

Upcoming Events 2020

- Jan 17 Hospitality Reception
- Jan 18 Shrine AGM, Installation and Potentate's Ball (Shrine Centre)
- Jan 25 Robbie Burns Night
- Feb 15 WaWa Gala (Saskatoon)
- Feb 27 Winter PNSA Feb 27—Mar 1 (Shrine Centre)
- Mar 20 DON Installation
- Mar 24 Potentate's Trip Presentation
- Apr 9-16 Potentate's River Cruise
- Apr 25 DON Ceremonial
- July 3 Stampede Parade
- July 3-12 Calgary Stampede
- July 5-9 Imperial Sessions (Kansas)
- Aug 10 Shrine Golf Tournament (Pinebrook Golf Club)

Please Note: The Shrine Office will be closed from Dec. 23, 2019 until Jan. 1, 2020. (the office will re-open at 8:30 am on Jan. 2) Al Azhar Shriners Society Stated Business Meeting will be held on Thursday, Nov. 28, 2019 Meeting 7:30 pm sharp At the Shrine Centre 5225 – 101st Street NW Calgary, Alberta T3L 1S4



Transaction of Business:

 Potentate's Welcome and Introduction of Past Potentates, Visitors and Club/Unit heads
Necrology

3. Financial, Investment and Membership Reports

- 4. Balloting on Candidates
- 5. Hospital Reports
- 6. Trustee Reports
- 7. General Business
- 8. Notices of Motion
- 9. Other Business

Wear your Fez and a smile! Bring your 2019 membership card for admission!

Yours in the Faith: Neil Webb, Potentate Attest: Gordon Brewer, Recorder

Unit Meeting Dates

Air Corps	2nd Wednesday of month at 7:30 pm		
Athletic Club	Every 3 months, Dates TBA		
Big Country	4th Tuesday of the month		
Clown Unit	1st Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm		
Directors Staff	4th Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm		
Greeters	At the call of the President		
Legion of Honor	Quarterly Dates TBA at 10:30 am		
Medicine Hat Clowns	1st Thursday of the month		
Medicine Hat Patrol	2 times per year, Dates TBA		
Mounted Patrol	Wednesdays at 6:00 pm		
Oriental Band	Thursdays at 7:00 pm		
Patrol	Mondays at 7:00 pm		
Provost Corps	4th Saturday quarterly at 9:30 am		
Sabre Motor Patrol	Quarterly at the call of the Swordmaster		
Tin Lizzies Corps	3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm		
Vintage Car Club	3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm		
Med Hat Clowns	Last Monday of the month		

Deadline for Participation in the Joint Installation Nov. 15, 2019

If your club or unit would like to participate in the Joint Installation on Nov. 23, 2019 you must let the office know no later than Nov. 15, 2019. email office@al-azhar.ab.ca Thanks.

> Deadline for Articles in the next Fez Sez Dec. 9, 2019

Articles or information for the next Fez Sez should be emailed to office@al-azhar.ab.ca by December 9, 2019.

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Shrine Club Meeting Dates

Alpine	4 times/year at the call of the President
Big Country	4th Tuesday of the month
Foothills	4th Wednesday of the month
Lethbridge	1st Wednesday of the month
Medicine Hat	3rd Wednesday of the month
Red Deer	3rd Wednesday of the month
Wild Rose	1st Wednesday of the month

You are cordially invited to the Al Azhar Mounted Patrol

Installation of Officers

Saturday, November 9, 2019

Al Azhar Mounted Patrol Fezdome

Tickets: \$50 per person Cash or cheques payable to Al Azhar Mounted Patrol

> Cocktail (cash bar) 5:30 pm Dinner 6:30 pm

RSVP to Lloyd Lawson by Nov. 3, 2019 at 587-577-0234 or lloydmaureenlawson@gmail.com

Casual Western attire

GREY CUP PARTY

AL AZHAR SHRINE CENTER

Bring a friend or 2

Sunday Nov. 24, 2019 Doors open at 3pm. <u>4pm kick off</u> Al Azhar Fire Side Lounge Bring your favorite football snack to share

CASH BAR







Al Azhar Shrine Patrol

Breakfast with Santa

Sunday, 01 <u>December</u>, 2019 Al Azhar Shrine Center With Miss Molly and her Elves



Breakfast served at 8:30 am Adults: \$10.00 Children 10 years and under: Free Call: *Noble John or Lady Lynn Bradford* 403-272-5846



Al Azhar Shrine Presents

Casino Royale Themed New Years Party



Tuesday December 31, 2019 Fun Money Casino Tables open at 7 pm to 11 pm Light snack served at 11pm DJ and Dance from 7PM to 1am







Tickets \$50

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

Bring your best James Bond



MASONIC TOUR OF MALTA - OCTOBER 4- 14, 2020

Join the fully escorted and guided tour of Malta, October 2020. Follow the trail of the Knights Hospitallier of St. John



to Malta. This tour is custom organized for those who want to experience Medieval history of the Knights of Malta. Exclusive to this group are for behind the scenes with escorted guides. *The National Library* with resident Librarian to view treasures and archival

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> Private visit to the Upper Fort St. Angelo with



Knight Resident of Fra John Critien and a private visit to the Upper Fort St. Angelo.



The highlight of the day - After closing of public tours for the day, an exclusive private tour of the *Co-Cathedral and the Crypt* of the resting place of Grand Masters dating back to 1534

The Historical tour has a full schedule of many sites to include the Grand Masters Palace, the Armory the "Old

Capital" of Mdina and the Hospitaller Citadel in Victoria, Gozo. Nine nights four star sea view accommodations with seven nights in Malta at the Waterfront Hotel and two nights at the Hotel Calypso in Gozo.

Imaginative Maltese dining experiences with a special Saturday evening to dine and take part and enjoy a late evening at the colourful the Candle Light Birgufest.

10 day / 9 night custom tour is specific for those who want to pursue the history of the Knights Hospitallier. Enjoy a day into the countryside and take in the Sunday market and seafood lunch at the fishing village of Marsaxlokk. The itinerary has been updated to maximize the historic and culture of Malta. Land only price is \$2969 CAD per person, double occupancy. Because the tour is being organized in Malta the rates are initially quoted in Euros and adjusted in Canadian currency as of September 1, 2019. Group airfares are being offered from Calgary, Edmonton and Toronto which are estimated at this time and are reflected on the booking form. Some meals, gratuities and travel



insurance are extra costs. A Fraternal Visit with local Masons is also being proposed and not arranged until a the group has been finalized for the tour.

An up to date and adjusted itinerary is attached. Booking form and terms and conditions is now ready and will be sent upon request. Booking deadline is October 31,2019 with a <u>New Lower Deposit</u> - non-refundable deposit of \$250.00 CAD which includes deposit for hotel space. Hotel is only being held until October 31, 2019. <u>Non-refundable deposit</u> will not be processed until a group has been established of which written notification will be given. Please contact - Murray Pay – 403 286-8557 / cel 587 437-0437 – email <u>murraypay43@shaw.ca</u>

Please Note – As of 2019 the crypt is under restoration and is forecasted to be open for 2020. Meals at Restaurants are to showcase the Maltese cuisine and will be listed on the itinerary with booking forms at that time

Special Thanks to Noble Gerard Ayo



This month we would like to **recognize and thank Noble Gerard Ayo** for his service with the Royal Canadian Air Force. Noble Ayo is a member of King George Lodge #59 in Calgary and joined Al Azhar Shriners in 2015. Shrine Centre Remembrance Day Service Nov. 11, 2019

Be at the Shrine Centre 5225-101st Street NW Calgary, Alberta for 10:00 am



Ayo is currently posted in Cornwall, ON. Even with a hectic military schedule, he has found time to visit Karnak Shrine Temple and attend lodge! Photos above are with Illustrious Sir Andre Cayer (2019 Potentate) and brethren at St. John's Lodge #21.

Remembrance Day Wreath Laying Nov. 11, 2019

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Relationships, Recruitment, Retention and Restoration



Joint Fall Ceremonial

On September 13 and 14 we held a Joint Fall Ceremonial with the Al Shamal Shriners at the Shrine Centre in Calgary. On those dates 9 new candidates and cold sands Nobles walked the hot sands of the desert.



Al Azhar Candidates

- Noble Jeff Irwin
- Noble Mike Mechrek
- Noble Matthew Walkey
- Noble Darwin Durnie
- Noble Glen Tubillara
- Noble Darrel Sundholm
- Nobel Jason Grant

Al Shamal Candidates

- Noble Jonathon Chedore
- Noble Terry Schultz

We welcome all our new members!

If you have quality candidates please tell them about the website www.beashrinernow.com



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Used Jewellery Fundraiser

During the Fall Ceremonial on September 13 & 14, Lady Carol held a used jewellery sale that raised funds for the Patient Transportation Fund.

Special thanks to everyone that donated items, purchased jewellery or helped with the event!

Special Ladies Luncheon - October 16, 2019

The Shrine hosted approximately 25 Special Ladies for a luncheon on October 16, 2019. Thanks to the Divan for serving lunch as well as Gary Bain, Roger Highman and Gary Long who drove ladies to/from the event.



Daughters of the Nile Fall Ceremonial 2019





Pie Making October 2019

The Daughters of the Nile Pie making factory (with over 30 volunteers/day) was busy in October making 3014 apple pies. Funds raised will go to the Convalescent Relief and Endowment Funds.



This Noble is usually on the other side of the camera! A shot of Eric helping to peel apples for Sakarra Temple's pie project.

2019 Shrine Charity Golf Tournament Pinebrook Golf Club August 12, 2019

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



Shrine Charity Golf Tournament 2019





How quickly the time has flown since the Shrine Charity Golf Tournament

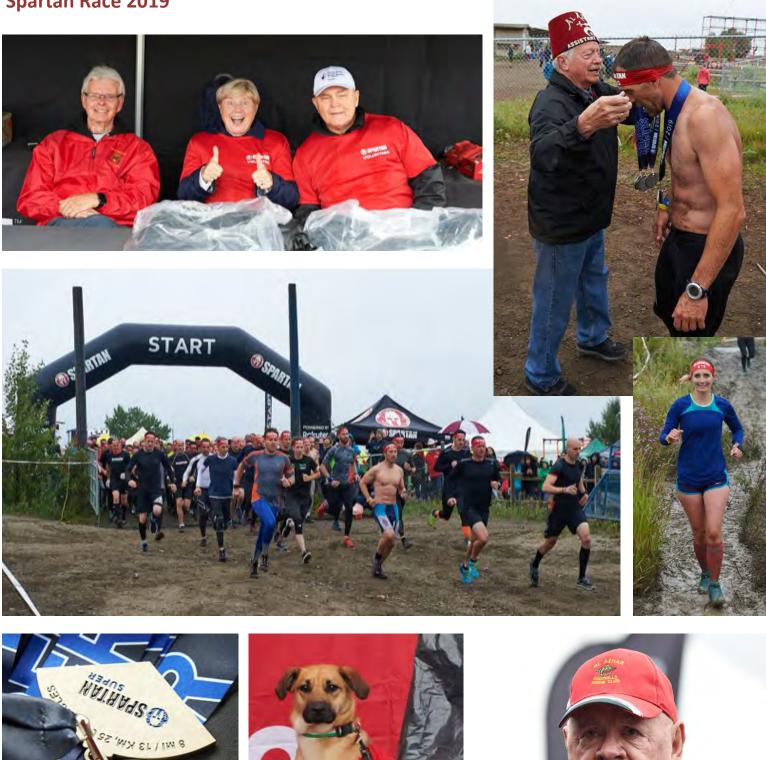
At this time the Shrine Charity Golf Committee would like to thank all the golfers that took part in this year's Golf Tournament at the Pinebrook Golf and Country Club course. An additional thanks goes out to all the volunteers who also donated their time that day as well.

We gratefully acknowledge the sponsorship from different vendors, as well as the organizations and Shriners that contributed to the hole-in-one prizes, raffles and the silent auction donations. These will all go a long way to helping children who attend the Shriners Hospital for Children in Montreal.



Plans are already underway for next year, so please save the date on <u>August 10, 2020</u> so you can join us again. We hope that you will continue to support this worthwhile cause.

Spartan Race 2019









Medicine Hat Stampede Parade Winners

The Al Azhar Shriners in Calgary & Medicine Hat we recognized as winners in the 2019 Medicine Hat Stampede parade. The Calgary Shriners Club took home first place in the Comic (open) class, followed by the Medicine Hat Al-Azhar Shrine Club in 2nd place and Fred Holt in 3rd place. Congratulations to all the Nobles who participated.



Cochrane Parade



Cochrane Parade





















Air Corps

With Fall in the Air, all of our planes are in the hanger for the winter. Over the winter we are going to be reconditioning the seats in the planes and repainting the small wings. A big thank you to all those that helped with our casino at the end of August, especially those that came in at the 11th hour to fill in.

We have picked our executive for 2020:

- Captain Jeff Irwin
- Secretary (Air Corps & Society) Martin Alcock
- Treasurer of Air Corps Ron Beirnes
- Treasurer of Society Ron Down

We are happy to welcome the following new members:

- Robert Allen
- Tony Gize
- Mike Mechnek
- Jeff Irwin
- Allan de Los Angeles

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









Shrine Patrol

Greetings to one and all from the members of the Shrine Patrol. Another busy summer season has come and gone and now it is the season for Club Installations, Unit Joint Installations and of course Christmas and turkey dinners.

The annual Breakfast with Santa will take place on Sunday, December 1, 2019 commencing at 8 am. Once again, we will be entertained by Miss Molly and Ho, Ho. This event books up pretty quickly so make sure you call Noble John Bradford or Lady Lynn Bradford at 403-272-5846 to book your place. The cost for breakfast is \$10.00 for adults and children 10 years and under are free. Entertainment, presents. and a visit from Santa will make this a very special event.

The annual 300 Club is presently being reviewed by the Shrine Patrol and an announcement will be made on its status in the very near future.

At the September Quarterly meeting the election of officers for 2020 took place with the following results:

Captain	Noble Wayne Capper	
1 st Lieutenant	Noble Eric Skagan	
2 nd Lieutenant	Noble Greg McQuarrie	
Treasurer	Noble Larry Carr	
Secretary	Noble John Bradford	
Drill Master	Noble Wayne Capper	
ClubRunner Editor	Noble Andy Pokolinski	

The members of the Shrine Patrol would like to thank the elected officers for accepting their positions also a special thank you to those whose term is now completed.

The next quarterly meeting will be held on Monday, January 13, 2020 with supper at 6:30 pm. Regular practices will be announced once the dates are finalized. If anyone is interested in finding out about the Shrine Patrol we would welcome you to any Monday night practice session or meeting.

We look forward to seeing everyone during the 2020 Shrine season. **MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL.**

Noble Andy Pokolinski, Past Captain

For Captain Larry Carr



Patrol Intact Breakfast













Mounted Patrol

Now that the not so nice summer is over, and fall is turning into winter, things at the Mounted Patrol are not so busy. The Unit had a busy summer with parades and activities. The AMP participated in parades at High River, Black Diamond, Okotoks, Calgary Stampede, and Airdrie.

The Captain's Party was held on September 21, 2019 hosted by Nobel Mark and Lady Holly Lawson. Their guests were treated to a delicious beef on a bun with all the trimmings.

Congratulations go out to Associate Member Noble Kent and Lady Kathy Galbraith on their 50th Wedding Anniversary. An Anniversary Party was held at the Club House and attended by many well-wishers. Another note of interest, Noble Kent Galbraith celebrated 25 years as a member of Vancouver Quadra Lodge AM&FM, in Victoria, BC. Noble Kent accompanied by Noble Stan Homer attended the presentation. Congratulations Kent.

On October 19, the AMP held an Octoberfest Party at the Club House. The event was well attended and German sausages on a bun were enjoyed by everyone. Thanks go out to Noble Lloyd and Lady Maureen for hosting this event. During the evening III. Sir Karl Fraser was presented with his 40 years of Service Certificate as a member of the AMP. We wish Karl many more years in the saddle.

The AMP members with like to thank those who stepped up and loaned heaters while the Fez Dome boiler was being repaired. Your help was so very much appreciated.





Airdrie Parade



Ill. Sir Karl Fraser receives his 40 year membership

The AMP are planning the following events over the next couple of months. The Installation of Officers will be held on November 9, 2019 at the Fezdome. Also, our Annual Wine and Cheese Party will be held on December 11, 2019 at the Club House, hosted by Noble President-Elect Mark and Lady Holly Lawson.

As the year 2019 is coming to a close, the Executive and Members of the Al Azhar Mounted Patrol would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season and a safe and healthy 2020.

Noble President Lloyd Lawson



Father's Day Outing



Shawn Mol with the Shrine Centre Statue

Shawn Mol and his grandfather, aunt, niece and girlfriend came to the Shrine Centre to get a photo beside the sculpture the Sabre Patrol presented to the Shrine Centre on Jan 21, 1984. Shawn's uncle, Roger Darroch made the sculpture and Shawn was the boy pictured in the statue.

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

Legion of Honor

Under the organization and direction of Past Commander Noble Omar Giroux, the Remembrance Day Service will be held on November the 11th at the Shrine Centre. Donations to the Veterans Association Food Bank will be greatly appreciated. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

We wish to thank Commander JR Beauregard for his leadership and commitment throughout 2019. His dedication and time taking the Jeep and Trailer to the many parades and events throughout the summer has been greatly appreciated by the members of the Legion of Honor. The Legion of Honor continues to meet quarterly at the Royal Canadian Legion #285.



The Legion of Honor wishes all Nobles and their families the very best during the upcoming Holiday Season.



Remembrance Day Wreath Laying

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Vintage Car Club

Following our successful 13th Annual Show & Shrine the Vintage Car Club members were primed for attending parades throughout Southern Alberta. The Lacombe parade was very well attended by Al Azhar and Al Shamal Shrine units and everyone was cheered on by an enthusiastic crowd. Following the parade we attended a BBQ hosted by Oriental Guide Noble Ken



Wigmore and Lady Joanne. Everyone enjoyed great food, cool refreshments and their wonderful hospitality.



The cars are now being cleaned and tucked away for the winter. We look forward to upcoming events and all too soon, the holiday season. The members of the Vintage Car Clubs extends their Best Wishes to all Nobles and their families throughout the upcoming Holiday Season.

Ill. Sir Kent Galbraith. PP Past President VCC.



Vintage Car Club Show and Shrine











Oriental Band

Now Greetings from the Oriental Band!

With fall upon us (although it seems more like winter at times) we don't have any parades until the Spring. With one exception - High River in early December.

Our parade trailer has a new cover to help keep some sun and rain off us and we took some time to spruce it up a bit. We've had some great comments.



Speaking of our better halves, some of them belong to Sakkara Temple. They have been helping out with the Apple Pie project where they make 3,000 pies over a few day period. It takes a lot of work and it can be quite tiring. One afternoon when I felt they could use some encouragement, I suggested I could play some recordings of Oriental Band music to help inspire them! I was shocked when no one wanted to take me up on my offer!!!!! Oh well, perhaps next year after we have learned a new song!

We've continued to participate in a few parades and run the bar at a few events and we played our sweet sounds at the recent Ceremonial. Along with our wives, we enjoyed a fantastic end of summer BBQ at the Laing residence. Art and Sandy are amazing hosts and we all had a great day. A big thank you to both of you!

We are looking forward to participating in the Winter PNSA here in Calgary as well as the ASOB Jamboree in Billings Montana and the PNSA session in Spokane Washington.

We are looking forward to our upcoming parades next season and would like to have YOU with us! Be part of our fun and play the 'Sweetest Sounds This Side Of Heaven'? You don't need to know how to read music or play an instrument. Sounds hard to believe yet it is true - just listen to us! Also there are no membership fees and the uniform and instrument is free! This is too good of a deal to pass up. If you are interested contact our Band Director Noble Art Laing at 403-931-2572 or <u>aclaing@telus.net</u>

Al Azhar is your Temple and we need new Nobles. Remember 'JUST ONE' next time you are in Lodge. Ask one of your fellow brethren 'Have you thought about being a Shriner?' It's that easy to start the conversation!

Yours in the Faith, Noble Shayne Eldridge

Foothills Shrine Club

The Foothills Shrine Club (FHSC) has been very active this year. Members, Ladies and guests enjoyed the following social events:

- Chinese New Years
- Valentines Night
- St. Paddies Night
- Foolish Chicken Night
- Steak Night
- Fall Harvest Night

And they will conclude with the Club's Christmas Party and Installation in November.

The Club was able to participate in many parades in the Foothills region starting with the Little Britches Parade in Okotoks. Their parade season will end with the High Santa Claus Parade in December.

The FHSC Society gave \$23,000 to 11 local charities in addition to donations to Shriners Hospital Canada and the Al Azhar Patient Transportation Fund.

FHSC Nobles, Ladies and families should be proud of their accomplishments in 2019

Ill. Sir Brian Shimmons FHSC President 2019



FHSC Cheque Presentation to the Boys and Girls Club of the Foothills



FHSC Cheque Presentation to Okotoks School Lunch Program



FHSC Cheque Presentation to Rowan House



FHSC Cheque Presentation for the High River Food Bank



FHSC Cheque presentation for the High River District Health Foundation



Websites

Members www.al-azhar.ab.ca

Imperial www.shrinershq.org

Shriners Village

www.shrinersvillage.org

Be a Shriner Now www.beashrinernow.com

Grand Lodge of Alberta www.freemasons.ab.ca

Southern Alberta Shriners www.abshriners.com

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Wild Rose Shrine Club Update

Ahoy Nobles all. Your scribe out Airdrie way as he reports from the Crowsnest high over the deck of the good ship Wild Rose. Looking in review of the 14th year of our units existence and the opportunity to look back from where we set sail and about to drop anchor on the year 2019. Our voyage did encounter some choppy waters and a slight list to port. Fortunately our new Commander did take the helm chartered a positive course. The commander / president Ill. Sir Bob Newman did have to make some difficult decisions and enact some captains orders. Please to report all cargo and canons secured on deck and full speed ahead. Our gratitude to our noble president and his dedicated executive all is well on our bridge. Favorable winds began to propel us early in the year as many crew/nobles worked hard to bring about many successes. Noble James Dobson headed up the parade and bus program and set a new record for parades appearances. This milestone happened because nobles Tony Gize and J. R. assisted with refurbishing and transportation to parades. Thank you nobles! Special thanks to 'always there to help' Norm Ink.



Edith Guenther and Bob Newman at the Wild Rose Golf Tournament.

The Wild Rose again participated in new events, cooking for the Royal Arch in Drumheller and are looking into new fund raising venues. The winds continue to blow most favorably in the autumn months. Two new nobles crossed the sands and joined The Wild Rose, we welcome Mathew Walkey and Mike Mechrek. In addition we are so pleased to have John Emmons and lady Maria. Noble John has a long masonic background serving as Master of two lodges, welcome all. All though our year is winding down we still have work to do and fun to enjoy. Noble J. R. chairman of Santa at Walmart with the kids and photos, reminds all nobility to register to make this the best yet, Hal Gordon is busy renovating Santa's stage chair and decor. This is our biggest fund raiser of the year and this year have expanded the number of weeks, please all nobles sign up. In the fun and fellowship area we again have the children's party and appreciation to our ladies happening Nov. 23 at Woodside Community center in Airdrie. This year the evening will consist of dinner and the installation of our 2020 executive, a great evening to be had. As the year does draw to a close we thank our Potentate Neil Weber and his Divan for their support through out this year, so appreciated. Another thank you to those who again arranged our Larry Gauthier Golf Tournament. The day was a huge success and does again allow us to enjoy the fraternal equation of our being. Nobel Larry has given us the opportunity to pause and give thanks to a departed and greatly missed brother. So my harties let us muster and end our year and cruise into harbour with all flags unfurled. Stop the press late bulletin, Airdrie group called A Hundred Men Who Give A Dam each year hold evening to raise funds to aid local charities.

Organizations such as Wild Rose are invited to attend and do presentations to receive \$10,000 dollars. The evening of Oct. 22 Wild Rose was invited to compete. Four charities did presentation followed by a vote. We did not win the ten thousand but enjoyed being part and a huge thank you to Nobles Giza and J.R. an outstanding presentation In addition for those nobles who were there to cheer tour nobles thank you we did pose a presence in our community. Food great also. Your old salt and scribe from Airdrie and district. Aye Aye, James Dobson and our Gary Long

busses at the Lacombe Parade



Big Country Installation

Congratulations to everyone that became a new executive member on October 22, 2019.











Tin Lizzies "On the move"

November 2019 **Our Editor's comments:** Good Day all, do you own a car? This answer is yes; your unit is caring for them for you. "BUT" we cannot keep all of them going without your support. Parade season is almost over. This year we have NOT been as fruitful as we could have been. To see a line of tins moving down the parade route is a sight we need to see again. So let's get back on track. Come by a meeting and see what we are up to next year we hope to have transport for all those members without car and have difficulty getting in and out. We shall make it easy for you to still enjoy the parade with a minimal effort. What say you?

What have we been doing: While parades have had limited success out catering efforts has been good to us and supportive of the community! We are still planning a lunch for the Royal Arch as well as their 100th anniversary dinner in December. We have come up with a solution to securing a multi-passenger golf carto be set up for next year's parade season. The entire unit may not be rolling but we shall be looking at Xmas parades in High River, Banff and Airdrie. Are you thinking maybe you would like to drive car in a parade, how active is your unit, and then you should consider joining the Tin Lizzie unit? Are you Interested please contact current commander Bill Williams at 403-225-0537 or the new officers.





Our good friend J.R., is about to arm wrestle Kevin for some pancakes.

We will be at the Hitman Game.

Whatever the cause, we look to do what we can, and be proud of our unit, Shrine and Family. Get in contact with us and keep the Tins on the move.

Respectfully submitted Tin Lizzie PR, Noble Andrew Fraser





PETITION FOR INITIATION AND MEMBERSHIP



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