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Potentate's Message

July 22 - The Air Corp hosted their Annual Pig Roast that was attended by most of the Divan.
Monday July 24, had us in the RV driving to Seattle for the PNSA, with a stop over to visit Wendy's
Mom in Kelowna. Arriving on Wednesday, we set-up our Hospitality Room, that continued until Saturday
Night, it was the visiting spot for Imperial Divan, PNSA Potentates, Divan and Al Azhar Nobles. At one
point, I think we had 40 Guests for elbow room only.

July 27 - Thursday had us playing at the Nile Golf Course, where we made-up about 75% of the Golfers. That evening, we attended our last Counterparts Dinner and a farewell to all the Nobles who we have enjoyed working with over the last 5 Years.

Friday was competition day, when we watched Al Azhar Oriental Band and Air Corp perform. Later in the day we attended in the Evening Parade. "Fast Eddie" had his Jag cleaned and polished so that the Divan could ride in the parade. Saturday finished with a few of us playing 9 holes of golf, again at the Nile Golf Course, an afternoon Cocktail Party in the Nile Potentate's Office followed by the Presidents Banquet. Quite a Head Table with 15 of 17 Potentates attending.

Started back home July 30, with a stop to see Noble Jim Croft in Keremeos BC, on to the Castlegar RV and Golf Course for 2 nights and 18 Holes, up to Balfour and the only FREE BC Ferry ride across the Kootenay Lake. Not much to see with only 1 Km visibility due to Forest Fire Smoke. This took us to Nanton on August 4, for 3 days of camping with Al Azhar nobles and a great Fish & Chip Fry supervised by Robert Sceviour, AKA "The Lobster Crew". What a great way to end a 2 Week Road Trip.



Al Azhar Golf Tournament started with close to 150 Golfers on August 14 at NOON, but after only 5 Holes, MOTHER NATURE took over and due to lightening had to be stopped. But not to be out done, we continued inside with the balance of program as planned. Thank you to all the sponsors, golfers, guests and volunteers that made our First Annual Event a SUCCESS, despite the weather and we look forward to next year. Also thanks to Malcolm Mackenzie for heading up this event with his Golf Committee Team and Pinebrook Golf Club who provided all entries with a free round of Golf until 2018.

August 15-16, joined by Ernie Hilland, Malcolm Mackenzie and Bill Shepard we ventured north to Belvedere Golf and Country Club for the Al Shamal Potentate's Golf Tournament. Fred Susun and Al Shamal Nobles provided a Fun Day with Good Friends.

August 18 got Wendy and I playing in The Wild Rose Shrine Club - Larry Guenther Memorial Golf Tournament, thanks to Alan Long, Bob Newman and all the Nobles from Wild Rose for your hospitality and steak dinner.

Sakkara Daughters of the Nile evening with the Supreme Queen Karen Keuther on August 22 was another opportunity to thank all of the Ladies for the work they do and their contributions to our Shriners Hospitals.

The months of July and August have also been busy around the Shrine Grounds with the start of the ATCO Pipeline Project. Drilling and pipe installation has now been completed from the AMP Grounds under The Bow and up to Hwy #1, as well as, from our front entrance under our parking lot and the football field to the eastside of the West pasture. Trenching work will continue on the stream crossing east of the AMP Clubhouse as well as west of the Football Field to the west end of our property. Atco has reinstalled the Outdoor Riding Arena complete with new Steel Pipe Rails, chain link fences and gates. They have also completely sodded the open field south of the outdoor arena. All has gone well and the majority of the work will be finished this year.



Sept 1 to 4th – Camping at Bow River Campground with Al Azhar Nobles, that included a Fall Pot Luck Dinner and the Cochrane Parade on Labor Day where we had a great turn out of Units – Thank you all for attending.

Thanks to the Al Azhar members who attended the Highland Games on Sept 2.

Sept 15 Al Azhar Shrine Centre hosted the Children's Wish Foundation – we hope to continue this great event in the future.

Sept 29 – 30 – Indian Summer Ceremonial was another super event that include the Friday Night Mixer and Tong Degree, Saturday – Pancake Breakfast, Ritual Work, Ladies and Men's Lunch, a Fun afternoon - 2nd Section and Ladies Vin Gogh, Evening cocktails with the Bob Costigan Presentation, Dinner, Shriners Hospital Patient Presentation by Irwin Vines and Dancing to Eric Electric. But most importantly welcoming 14 new Nobles into Al Azhar.



Oct 11 got us out helping at the Foreigner Concert selling CDs and Raffle for Signed Guitar. Thanks for those who got to see a great show while raising about \$ 1,300 for the Montreal Hospital.





Oct 18 Al Azhar Divan and Ladies hosted our Annual Special Ladies Tea where the Divan served a lovely lunch to all the ladies.

Oct 24 was the start of Calgary vs Spokane Shriner Cup Challenge – Thanks Emmanuelle and Morgan for attending, as well as all the Units that make this annual event a great success – I guess we will have to go to Spokane next year and get the "Cup" back.

Lastly, as you all have been notified, I would like to thank Brian Shimmons for his work as our recorder over the last 3 Years.

I have appointed Andy Pokolinski as Recorder until Elections on January 20, 2018.

Fraternally,

Karl T. Fraser

Potentate

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RECORDER'S RAMBLINGS

Nobles:

As you may or may not be aware Ill. Sir Brian Shimmons has resigned as Recorder of Al Azhar. The Divan have asked me to fill in as Interim Recorder until the election of officers on January 20th, 2018. I would like to thank Ill. Sir Brian for his contributions to Al Azhar over the past years and also for his assistance in helping me adjust to this new position.

This is a transition period and you will notice some changes as to the information passed on to members and some new systems that I feel will definitely improve the communications between the Divan and the members of Al Azhar as well in time, an improved Club Runner website. All I ask is your patience with me during this learning period. Nothing happens overnight. I do not want this to be misinterpreted as electioneering, but I do plan to let my name stand for election as Recorder in 2018 and with the opportunity to attend Imperial Recorders Instruction Sessions in Tampa in order to become more proficient with the responsibilities of this position, all that I can promise you as this time is that in the interim I will give it 110% and my best effort to carry on the duties of this important position.

The responsibilities, duties and commitment as Recorder are huge and again I will give it my best effort to ensure that these requirements are carried out to the best of my abilities. I would like to thank everyone that come in to visit and those who called or emailed their offers of assistance during this time of transition.

I would like to express a sincere thank you to the staff of Al Azhar, Pat, Cinde, Jeff, Frank, Marcel, Jaclyn and Octavia for accepting me as their partner in operations. Have no fear, I will be calling on many of you for your expertise and assistance.

In closing, the chronic problem of membership is ever present. Al Azhar is presently losing more members than it is gaining. Let us all make the supreme effort to bring in "new and active" members so that we can look forward to energizing Al Azhar Shrine in the future.

On my behalf, it has been an honor and pleasure to serve in various capacities in Al Azhar and to work with many of you during my time as a Shriner. I look forward to continuing this relationship into the coming years and again, all I can ask for is your support.

Yours in the Faith Andy Pokolinski Interim Recorder

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AL AZHAR SHRINERS SOCIETY OASIS OF CALGARY, DESERT OF SOUTHERN ALBERTA STATED BUSINESS MEETING

AL AZHAR SHRINERS SOCIETY will hold its Stated Business Meeting on Thursday, November 23, 2017 at 7:30 pm sharp, at the Al Azhar Centre, Calgary for the transaction of business as follows:

- 1. Potentate's Welcome and Introduction of Past Potentates, Visitors & Club/Unit Heads
- 2. Necrology in Remembrance of those who have passed since our September SBM
- 3. Financial, Investment and Membership Reports
- 4. Balloting on Candidates
- 6. Hospital Reports
- 7. Trustees Report
- 8. General Business
- 9. Other Business as per the Potentate

Wear your fez and a smile (Also bring your 2017 dues card. You need it for admission!)

Attest: Yours in the Faith
Andy Pokolinski, Appointed Recorder Karl Fraser, Potentate

There will be cocktails and dinner before the meeting starting around 6pm. Ladies are welcome and there will be a wine and cheese for the ladies while the stated meeting is on. Please be sure to RSVP to the Shrine Centre if you plan to attend the dinner and/or the wine and cheese.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE ABOVE RULES AND GOVERN YOURSELVES ACCORDINGLY

This recommendation is provided to the Nobility in advance of the November 23, 2017 Stated Business Meeting as an addendum along with the Building Improvements List for Al Azhar Shrine Centre as presented on September 28, 2017.

Subject:

Reference to the Building Improvements List for Al Azhar Shrine Centre as presented at the September 28/17 Stated Business Meeting.

Notice was given to the Nobility of the First Phase for 2018 Renovations in the amount of \$300,000. The Divan has proceeded with 4 of the first six items considered to be urgent and required now, namely the Design fees, Reserve Fund Study, the Back-door replacement and the upgrades to phones and Wi-Fi.

- 1: The Building Maintenance Committee of the Divan is recommending that we create a separate account for the Reserve Fund for all Building and Maintenance and renovations that may be required. Initial Reserve funding will come from a portion of the ATCO money received up to \$300,000 and the balance of the requirements will come from the Investment account or other fund-raising activities of the Shrine that are specifically approved in advance and designated for the Reserve Fund. An annual Budget will be presented to the Nobility for approval.
- 2: The other items listed in Phase 1 of the building Improvements are to be implemented in 2018.

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	Re-Paint and add Acoustical Panels	\$20,000.00				
	Landscaping upgrades (\$5000.00 per year for 3 yrs)	\$5,000.00				
	Handicap upgrades (Lower rooms)	\$2,500.00				
	Board room Kitchen nook upgrade + Lighting	\$20,000.00				
	Outside Door Replacements (5 Doubles, I single)	\$15,000.00				
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	Parking Lot (repair, reseal and line painting)	\$25,000.00		~		
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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Nobles and Ladies

Sunday, June 18thwas not only Father's Day but was an historic occasion for Al Azhar. On the brow of the hill to the east of the offices a grove of 13 assorted trees were dedicated to 13 Nobles who have gone before us and are in the presence of the Supreme Architect of the Universe.

As I arrived, there were 5 members of the Mounted Patrol holding Canadian flags at the gate to the Temple grounds forming an honour guard. I think that this really set the mood for the classy day it was to become. There were about 125 people gathered on the hill at 11:00 AM. I said to Illustrious Sir Karl "We should have the fountain going" and he replied "It is on a timer" and just as he said that, it came on. I then pointed out it was overcast but warm and just like that the sun came through!

There were some chairs for those requiring them and the sound system was excellent. The trees were dedicated and a few families took the opportunity to take group pictures not only by the trees but also the gorgeous garden beds that have been landscaped in what was previously an uninteresting grassy area.

The crowd then went inside and I did a Necrology service recognizing the 13 Nobles. Following this, there was an opportunity for a family member to say a few words about their Noble and in the case of the Aylesworth family there were 4 trees dedicated. This was followed by a delicious light lunch and fellowship.

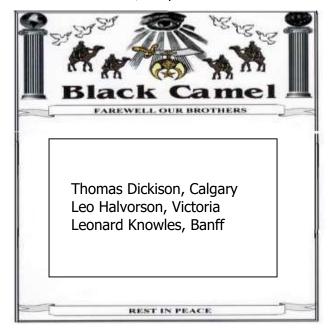
There is an impressive plaque that will be put in place at a later date but it was safely aboard a ship in Vancouver harbour awaiting transit to Al Azhar.

I would like to recognize III Sir Kent Galbraith and Lady Kathy and Noble Ernie Hilland along with the others who worked so hard to make it the tremendous success that it was.

I understand there have been expressions of interest from 5 other families that would like to dedicate trees next year. If you know of someone that wants further information have them get in touch with the office.

Have a safe and happy holiday season.

In the Light of Grace, Noble R. Dean Cowan, Chaplain 2017



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

Bill Canning Airdrie
Julio de Guzman Calgary
Dale Hackinen Airdrie
George Perry Calgary
Raymond Camerino Calgary

Al Azhar Memorial Tree Gove

On June 18, 2018 The Al Azhar Shriners had a dedication ceremony for several Nobles who have passed away in the past years. Several months previous, the Maitland Family approached the Al Azhar Divan asking if the Al Azhar Shriners were interested in making a Memorial Tree Grove on the property. After discussion, a location right east of the main building was chosen and Shriner's families were approached to have trees placed for their loved one from the years gone by.

Thru the work of Lavinia Maitland and son John and their family, thirteen trees were planted in memory of several Past Potentates and Nobles who enjoyed and worked hard for the Al Azhar Shrine. A park bench and a beautiful flower bed was also placed in the area by the Maitland Family. A Monument was purchased, and the names of the Nobles engraved into the pedestal.

The dedication ceremony was set up and put together by Illustrious Sir Kent Galbraith and Lady Kathy. The day was truly a wonderful ceremony. The families of those who placed trees were able to be there and see what has been done in honor of their loved ones.

Illustrious Sir Karl Frazer and the Divan wish to thank The Maitland Family, Illustrious Sir Kent and Lady Kathy and the families who placed trees in the Memorial Tree Grove. This truly is a highlight of the year and for many years to come.

Special thanks to the following families: Aylesworth, Maitland, Nelson, Reimer, van der Lee, Whitenett and Williams. The Legion of Honor and the Gray Family placed a tree in memory of Morris Esber. Your support to make this grove so beautiful is very special for all Shriners and families.

Please see the pictures below and next time you are at the Shrine Center property, please take a few minutes to walk thru the area.

Should you wish to place a tree in the area in memory of your Noble, please ask for a brochure at the Shrine Office. We hope to add more each year and have a Dedication and Reflection Day on Father's Day.



2017 - 2018 Membership Goal

First of all, congratulations to Nobles Brad Trotter and Mitch Legault for sponsoring 5 new Nobles who went through the Ceremonial this past September! Noble Brad received a phone call from Illustrious Sir Jeff Sowder – Imperial Assistant Rabban and Chairman of the Membership Executive Committee to thank him for his efforts and let him know he was the top-line sponsor for the most newly initiated Nobles in North America for the month of September. Brad has only been a Noble for one year and is setting a great example!

Did you know that at the Imperial Session this past summer, Imperial Sir Gary Bergenske's goal is to create 10,000 new members? He came up with that number by adding the best year from each Temple in the past five years. Al Azhar's best year in that time was in 2015 when we created 31 new members. At the Ceremonial this past September we initiated 11 new Nobles, so only 20 more to go!

At the recent Membership Conference in Tampa, there were lots of great speakers who shared positive information on the three R's: recruit, retain and restore. Here are some of the ideas from the conference:

New Clubs

Some suggestions of recently added Clubs are: day light units and lodges (for retired or shift workers), Mystic Brewers (beer group), Cycling Club, Gun Shooting Club, Fishing Club, Sports Club (utilizing our Oasis Bar to host UFC fights, Hockey Night in Canada, Soccer, etc.), Shutter Bugs (Camera enthusiasts), Scotch / Cigar / Wine Tasting Club Please reach out to me or a member of the Divan leadership team to let us know your interests to get you and other engaged and active as no doubt there are others who have similar interests! We need to check our local by-laws to see how many members are required to start a new club...but we will work with you!



In the photo from the conference evening fellowship session is Noble Allan Dickson with Nobles and their ladies from – Wa Wa and Gizeh Temples.

Work with Grand Lodge

We are in the process of putting together a Degree Team and a list of Nobles that can support our local lodges with Degrees – how many times have we heard that Lodges need help due to a Brother being unable to attend because of last minute work / family commitments etc. or they don't have a brother to perform a certain lecture? We are the ones they should be turning to for support. If we are supporting the lodges for their degrees, no doubt over time they will allow us to give presentations for their education nights on who we are and what we do!!

We can also assist local lodges with fundraising efforts and social events. By the way, we are doing a great job in having lodges use our facility for their BBQ's and family events! We need to focus on helping the Lodges rather than focusing on recruiting Master Masons to join our ranks.

We can also work with GL on revitalising members who have been suspended for NPD. If they have not paid us, there is a good chance they haven't paid their mother lodge either!

At the Annual Communication, District Meetings or other events we can host a Hospitality Suite. Have literature available, video presentations of our patient ambassadors, Nobles available for questions etc.

Earning the Lapel Pin



The new I AM RU lapel pin will *NOT* be given out. It will be earned by the sponsors for new petitions that are received / accepted / initiated or bringing back less active non-paying Nobles.

I'm a Noble, Now What?!

We need to continue educating our Nobles and their families of who we are and what we do and get them involved and engaged! We are looking at adding a regular quarterly meet 'n greet sessions on a Saturday for members and their families to fellowship and get to know each other. We are a family organization and need to focus on bringing families into our clubs / units.

A Plan & Strategy

We are looking for enthusiastic Nobles to be part of the membership team, representing each of the 7 Masonic districts from Red Deer south to Medicine Hat and everywhere in between. Should this be of interest to you, please reach out to me. With a clear plan, strategy and the participation of each Noble and spouse we can easily attain and surpass the goal set for us!!

Please add *quality men who qualify* for membership to the Shrine Referral Programme website:

beashrinernow.com/referral

This is a great time to be a Shriner! We have all the tools available to share our story with *everyone*. Locally we have a great facility and a leadership team to move our Temple into the 21st century and beyond! We need to ensure the next generation of Nobles has a solid foundation – just as we have from the legacy left behind for us from the previous generations!

Lady Michelle, wee Allan and I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and all the best for a happy & healthy 2018!

Yours in the Faith,

Noble Allan Dickson PR & Membership

Upcoming Events

JOINT INSTALLATION	SUGAR PLUM & PIXIE D	UST CHRISTMAS FEAST	STATED BUSINESS MEETING
November 18, 2017	November 19, 2017	(SOLD OUT)	November 23, 2017

AL AZHAR AGM AL AZHAR POTENTATE'S BALL WEEKEND 300 CLUB DINNER

January 20, 2018 February 2 & 3, 2018 April 6, 2018

Wild Rose Shrine Annual Christmas Party

November 24 6 PM

Woodside Seniors Club, Airdrie

(411 Woodside Drive)

\$30 per person

Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings

Santa will be there!

Door Prizes!

Fun for all ages!

Cash Bar

Bring your friends and family





RSVP by Nov 20 Norm Ink 403 980 3005 Bob Newman 403 874 3495





Al Azhar Shrine Patrol

Breakfast with Santa

Sunday, 03 December, 2017

Al Azhar Shrine Center

With Miss Molly and her Elves

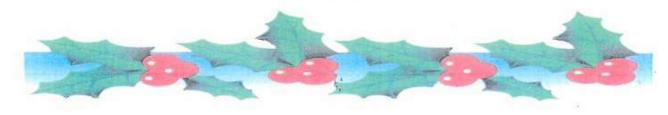


Breakfast served at 8:30 am

Adults: \$10.00 Children 10 years and under: Free

Call: Noble John or Lady Lynn Bradford

403-272-5846





Sakkara Temple No. 115 Daughters of the Nile

2018 Apple Pie Project

Al Azhar Shrine Centre

Set up: Sunday, January 14 - 9:00 am

Peeling: 11:00 am

Pie Making & Apple Peeling: 8:30 am - 3:30 pm

Monday, January 15

Wednesday, January 17

Friday, January 19

Sunday, January 21

Monday, January 22

Wednesday, January 24

Friday, January 26





Apple Pies \$8.00 each

To order pies please contact

Jill Hendry 403-281-3814

jshendry@shaw.ca

or

Cherie Musselwhite 403-255-3666

cherie@lamaisonmfg.com

Members, Family and friends are invited to assist us in our "FUN" draising.

"We get Pie with a little help from our friends"



Message from the Chief Rabban Ernie Hilland

Plans are different this coming year regarding the Annual General Meeting and Potentate's Ball.

The format will be as follows:

Saturday, January 20th, 2018 will be the Al Azhar Annual General Meeting held at the Al Azhar Center from 9:30 am until noon. There will be beef on a bun lunch for all Nobles at noon for those attending.

Immediately after the lunch, from 1 -3 PM, the new Potentate will outline Divan plans for the 2018 Year. This will be a detailed review of all aspects of the Al Azhar Center and a great chance to have good discussion regarding the Shrine Center. The members of the Divan will also speak regarding the various duties that they have looked after and will be part of for the coming year.

We hope the afternoon meeting will be completed within two hours

<u>February 2nd and February 3rd, 2018 will be the Potentate's Ball to be held at the Sheraton Cavalier in Calgary at the corner of Barlow and 32nd Avenue.</u>

Friday, February 2nd will be a Mixer from 7 PM to 10 PM. There will be two funny 30 minute special events for the Ladies and Nobles during the Mixer. They are a surprise so don't miss out on a great few hours.

<u>Saturday, February 3rd</u> begins at 9:30 AM to 10:15 AM with a <u>Cold Sands Ceremony</u> for both Men and Women to attend as we welcome new Al Azhar members into the Shrine. This is very special and has not been done for several years at Al Azhar.

Then to follow immediately at 10:30 AM to 11:15 AM we have a **Special Memorial Service** for the Nobles who have left us. This is a new never seen service in a new format. This is open to both Ladies and Men both and will be less than an hour.

There will be a **Men's and Ladies Luncheon at 12 Noon** following the Memorial Service.

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.

<u>Please join us for a new format, fun filled weekend of Fellowship, Remembrance Good</u>
<u>Food and Fun.</u>



2018 Al Azhar Potentate's Ball Weekend To: Nobles and Ladies

Please Join Potentate Elect Noble Ernie Hilland and Lady Pat on their special weekend as they become Potentate and First Lady of the Al Azhar Shriners for 2018. We have planned an exciting fun filled weekend as follows:

February 2nd, 2018 7-10 pm Al Azhar Social Evening with Special Shrine Entertainment 9:30 – 10:30 am COLD SANDS Ceremony for new Candidates

10:45 – 11:45 am Necrology Service

12:00 Noon Ladies and Men's Luncheons

4:30 pm Fezzing Ceremony

5:30 pm Cocktails

6:00 – 10 pm Potentate's Ball and Entertainment

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

Registration Deadline is **January 20th, 2018**. Please e-mail your forms to <u>office@al-azhar.ab.ca</u> or call our office 1-403-239-0030.

_____ Signature ___

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 2018**) or use the booking web site for this event: (Copy and paste in your web browser)

https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1703168488&key=2A03C0AB

We do hope that you and your lady will join us on this special occasion.



Name on the card

2018 Trip to Ireland



We've had great success with our upcoming Trip and don't want to miss you. Join Ernie & Pat Hilland and Gordon & Martha Berard on the special trip to Ireland on **May 15**th **to 28**th, **2018**.

We have only <u>7 rooms left</u> and would like to see them all spoken for as soon as possible.

The trip is 13 fun filled days touring around Ireland in two buses. We have some wonderful stops and great dinners planned for the 13 days. High Tea for the ladies, a medieval supper, the Titanic exhibition, golfing, brewery and distillery tours are all part of the trip. Hotels are all 5-star. There is a group party planned at one of the hotel and is included in the price of the tour. Royal Irish Tours a premium tour group are our hosts.

The price of \$3699.00 includes the Ireland trip, all breakfasts, most dinners and some tours. <u>The flights are a separate cost</u> as many would like to go on to other places when they have gone this far.

The flight deals are coming and we don't want to miss.

If you would like to join us, please call **Tracey Zipp** at AMA on 17th Avenue, Calgary. Tracey can be reached at **403-218-3881**.



The trip is open to Alberta Shriners and Masons.



Look forward to seeing you on the trip! Chief Rabban Ernie Hilland & Lady Pat



Grand Master Gordon Berard & Lady Martha

Nobles and Ladies We have a special request

Our directory is in poor shape and needs some TLC. May we ask each and every one to check your Al Azhar Shriners Directory and update the information reviewing the following information please: Name, Ladies Name, Full Address with Postal Code, Home phone number, Cell number, Work Phone numbers, email address, occupation (if retired what your career was) and your Shrine Membership Number.

May we also ask if you would reply with the units or clubs that you belong to at present. We are trying to attain better records for each member. Maybe we could use your career expertise at times to improve buildings and methods of doing things in a better way.

Please reply with the information to the Shrine Center at office@al-azhar.ab.ca

Thanks, Ernie Hilland, Chief Rabban

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

1/2 way Ticket wins \$500.00

Every 15th Ticket drawn wins a prize

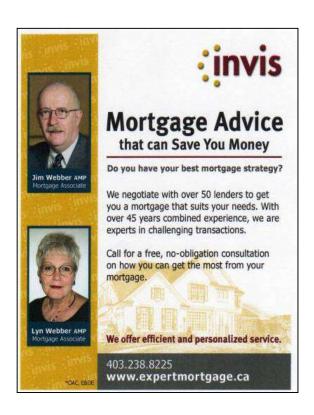
Last Ticket Drawn wins \$4,000.00

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





Renovations:

- Development your basement
- Modernize your kitchen
- · Upgrade to a gargeous bathroom
- Add a gym, bar or theater or specialty room
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Call Kurtis at 403-650-2694 for a free no-obligation quote!

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

AIR CORPS

The Air Corps attended the Hitmen Game and we had a great time.

The new Executive for 2018 is as follows:

Captain Air Corps/ Society Noble Joe Pimlott Treasurer Air Corps Noble Ron Beirnes Treasurer Air Corps Society Noble Ron Down Secretary Air Corps/ Society Noble Martin Alcock

We would welcome any Noble from another Unit if they wish to affiliate with the Air Corps they would be most welcome. We would also welcome any new Al Azhar members.

I wish all the Nobility and their Ladies a very Merry Christmas and a Very Happy 2018.

Yours in the Faith

Ron Down Shrine Air Corps



WILDROSE SHRINE CLUB

Another year comes to a close 2017; it now gives Wild Rose Shrine Club a time to reflect and review our progress and accomplishments throughout the year. As the "old Blue Eyes song did say" It was a very good year. Our participation in parades and increased membership lead the way. Our get-togethers were well attended and everyone contributed to an overall success. Noble Al Long who occupied the chair as President of the club worked tirelessly on behalf of the membership. Noble Tyler Pelletier, Noble Kim Greenizan and Noble Norm Ink who occupied positions on the executive certainly deserve our gratitude for a great year. In 2018 we turn the corner with a new President, Noble Kim Greenizan, aided by Noble Tyler Pelletier, Nobles J.R. Beauregard, Noble Norm Ink and Noble Gary Long. We will continue to adapt to the needs of the membership and strive to always contribute to the community in Airdrie. Our Club believes in Community participation and our support of the Boys and Girls Club and the underprivileged families and youth of Airdrie. We express our gratitude to the Divan this year and their continued support. Whether it be their attendance at our Annual Golf Tournament of being a partner in the many events we conduct during the year. In particular is our continuing partnership with Wal-Mart and our fundraiser for the Shriners Montreal Hospital. The recipient of this event is our Children who experience that treasured visit with Santa. This will be our tenth year of a very special and unique fund raiser which highlights a time *for our kids*. Through this event and our participation with Air Scares a major fundraiser for the Boys and Girls Club in Airdrie, we have increased public awareness of the Shrine and introduced many men into masonry. We continue to reach out to our Craft Brothers in the area and strive to work together for the well-being of the Community.

We have recently sent an e-blast out to all on our forthcoming Shrine Annual Christmas Party on the 24th of November. This year we have extended an invitation to all of Al Azhar to join us in this Christmas celebration. We would be pleased to have any guest join us on this evening. On behalf of Wild Rose Shrine Club we extend season greetings to every Noble within Al Azhar and wish their families the best of the festive season.

Your scribbling scribe out Airdrie way! Norman Brain

Photo Below:

Jim Wigglesworth, Noble James Dobson, Noble Carl Russell & Marlin Ahkazawa



From our "Early beginnings" "2007" →





We are pleased with the positive direction our unit is moving. One of our Nobles sponsored 3 candidates who went through the recent Fall Ceremonial as well as two others who did the cold sands ceremony - and eventually walked the hot sands of the desert!



Lead by Illustrious Sir Gary Bain, the two newest members of the SMP; Nobles Vaughn Finnson and Chris Sitter courageously drove during



the intermission at the recent Calgary Hitmen hockey game - we are pleased to inform everyone there were no casualties or damage! Both new Nobles were thrilled to participate in their first event - especially in front of their families and friends who were in the stands! The SMP sold / donated 82 tickets for the game!

If you haven't joined a unit yet and are looking for a fun bunch of Nobles to enjoy fellowship & philanthropy with your family (lots of alliteration ... we are somewhat intelligent too!) - reach out to one of our members!

Wishing you and your families a Merry Christmas and all the best for a great 2018!

TIN LIZZIES

Got a fez, maybe you would like to drive car in a parade, and then you should be thinking about joining the Tin Lizzie unit. Not only do we keep busy at a number of parades we run a catering unit that has supported a number of divan events as well as we have just completed another Grand Lodge Dinner and Ceremonials. Think about how you could contribute and join one of the busy units at Al-Azhar. Interested please contact new commander Jim Brown at 403-850-5041 or any other unit member

UPCOMING EVENTS: Xmas parade in Airdrie, Banff and High River.

We are busy but that does not mean we do not have time for some fun. We have just completed the Shrine Hit Man Hockey North South Challenge; the tins were honoured to be invited to drive on the ice as well as a static display on the concourse. Special guests were Emmanuelle Rondeau, Director of Public



Noble Al Hannah



Noble Peter Fisher

Noble Andrew Fraser



Guests Emmanuelle and Morgan along with two guys

New executive Commander Jim Brown; Deputy Commander Bill Williams; First Lieutenant Robert Goss; Second Lieutenant Al Hannah; Treasurer Andrew Fraser; Secretary Kevin Johnson congrats to all.

Calgary Board of Education has assisted the Shrine in several ways, and we have recently signed an agreement of joint support. CBE appears to be interested in working with the Shrine , we have tins in being redesigned and repaired as well as we are working on a major fund raising project to be advised.. It will have a restored custom pickup truck to be raffled off for the joint benefit of the CBE and the Shrine. Look out for the announcement as we all will be looking to buy raffle tickets for this truck.

A Big Hats off to the unit, and all the other volunteers from the shrine and outside who went home feeling just a little bit better as to what they accomplish this summer on our special days.

Missing from last fez says: Here we are, presenting a cheque to the Packids foundation Nobles Jim Brown and Gordon Brewer handing over to the representative of the Packids Foundation Ms Mackensie.



Respectfully submitted Tin Lizzie PR,

Noble Andrew Fraser

SHRINE PATROL

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

The annual Breakfast with Santa will take place on Sunday, December 3, 2017 commencing at 8 a.m. 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 Braford at (403) 272-5846 to book your place. The cost for breakfast is \$10.00 for adults, children 10 and under are free. Entertainment, presents and a visit from Santa will make this a very special event.

The annual 300 Club Stag Poker night will be held on Friday, April 6, 2018. Tickets are \$125.00 and can be purchased from any member of the Shrine Patrol. A prime rib dinner including all of your beverages as well as a good time awaits you. We look forward to your continued support of this annual fundraising event for the Patrol.

At the September Quarterly meeting a new slate of officers were elected by the membership as follows:

Captain Illustrious Sir Robert Newman

1st LieutenantNoble Larry CarrQuartermasterNoble Lyn MartinTreasurerNoble Jim WebberSecretaryNoble John Bradford

Drill Master Noble Captain Wayne Capper

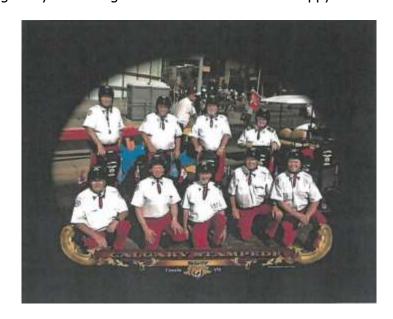
300 Club Advisor Noble Andy Pokolinski

The next quarterly meeting will be on Monday, January 15, 2018 with supper at 6:30 pm. Regular practice nights are the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 7 pm. For more information check out the Patrol website at Club Runner Al Azhar Shrine Patrol. If anyone is interested in finding out about the Shrine Patrol we would welcome you to any Monday night practice sessions or meetings.

In advance we would like to welcome the new Divan for 2018 and a special thank you to Illustrious Sir Karl Fraser for an excellent year.

We look forward to seeing everyone during the 2018 Shrine Season. Happy New Year to all.

Noble Andy Pokolinski Al Azhar Shrine Patrol



PROVOST CORPS

The Provost Corps fourth meeting was held at the Shrine Centre on Saturday October 28, 2017 and there were 8 regular members in attendance. It was a pleasant surprize that both Noble Neil Webb our Assistant Rabban and Noble James Brown our Oriental Guide were in attendance. The meeting commenced at 9:30 a.m. with Captain Larry McKinley at the helm.

Following Captain McKinley's opening address where he advised the group that after the past two years he would not be seeking re-election as Captain of the Provost Corps

Items discussed during the meeting were the financial status of the Provost Corps, proceeds of the sale of our scooters, configuration of the new golf cart to fit the trailer better, assistance to the Legion of Honor for Remembrance Day Ceremonies, Casinos and parades, parades for 2018, Provost Corps social events, recruitment and annual Christmas party, winterization and storage of the golf card and trailer and the upcoming Joint Installation on November 18th.

The new executive for 2018 were elected as follows:

Captain – Noble Jorge Rojas 1st Lieutenant – Noble Chris Brancaccio 2nd Lieutenant – Noble Ken Turner All other previous appointments remain in effect

Noble Neil Webb, Assistant Rabban, spoke of the Divan's support to ensure that the Provost Corp continues to survive and be an important asset for the Shrine activities.

Captain Larry McKinley spoke of the need for more active recruitment with visitations to Lodges to advise them of the Shrine and the Provost Corps. He will endeavour to pursue this initiative with district Lodges.

The meeting closed at 11:15 am in peace and accord. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 2018. The members will be advised accordingly.





ORIENTAL BAND

The Oriental Band at the May 4th, business meeting presented cheques to our selected charities; Boys & Girls Club of Calgary: Pace Kids of Calgary; Rowan house of High River; . At a later date we presented a cheque to the Children's Wish Foundation.

A contribution was also made to the New Brighton School of Calgary to purchase 4 plasma cars for the school students TASC program; Thanks to Noble George Garbutt.

Elvis evening - Oriental Bands members; Pasha Henry Retzlaff, Treasure George Lister, Sultan Dave Mospany for attending the Bar thanking them for their time and service and a great evening. Thank you to the ladies; Eva, Eileen, Patti for selling the tickets, made our attending more enjoyable. Also a sold out function.

High River Parade was well attended, thanks to all the Oriental Bands men for performing and their ladies for attending. Thanking Noble Robert Sceviour for his expert safe driving skills in driving our truck in the High River Parade.

Black Diamond Parade was also well attended. Thanking all bands men for participating and their ladies for attending. Thanks to Noble George Shaw for his safe driving skills in driving our truck and trailer in the parade.

Al Azhar Shrine sponsored a Steak & Lobster, was fantastic. Well attended. Thank you Noble George Garbutt, Sultan Dave Mospany and assistance from Noble Musical Director Art Laing for attending the Bar to this sold out function. Thanks to Lady Margaret Garbutt & Lady Patti Mospany for selling the tickets, again made our job easier, and enjoyable.

Oriental Band attending and playing at the Calgary Hitman Game, great success. Codos to the Band for playing so well.

Oriental Band members attending the Shrine Hospital for Children Open in Las Vegas, great time and friendships made.

Oriental Band Election of Officer: For 2018

President / Sultan: Dave Mospany Vice President / Emir: Clay Frotten Bar Manager / Pasha: Henry Retzlaff Treasure / Grand Vizier: George Lister Calif / Secretary: George Garbutt

Musical Director: Art Laing Quartermaster: Brian Shimmons

Divan Rep: Ernie Hilland

Performed at the Ceremonial, Put on the Tong Degree great success, well done ahssssssssooo.

Performed in Seattle PNSA, great time had by all, great job on the attendees.

Black Camel:

Noble Leo Halverson/ Rest in peace Brother.

Attended parades: High River, Black Diamond, Okotoks, Nanton, Canmore, Cochrane

Sultan

Dave Mospany

LEGION OF HONOR

The Legion of Honor was delighted to make cheque presentations during the month of October.



Commander Terry, Noble Omar Giroux and Noble Roy Jardine presented a \$5000 cheque to the 2137 Calgary Highlanders Army Cadet Corp

On behalf of the friends of Col, Belcher, Barry Ashton received a \$5000 cheque from Commander Terry Dean and Noble Roy Jardine at the Mewata Officers Mess.



Chief Rabban Ernie Hilland, Commander Terry Dean Noble JR Beauregard and Noble Henry Retzlaff present a \$5000 cheque to the Royal Canadian Legion #285 Poppy Fund. Appreciation for the donation was expressed by Marie Illingworth – Poppy Chairperson.

On Friday November 10th Legion of Honor members Commander Terry Dean, Noble JR Beauregard, Chief Rabban Ernie Hilland and Lady Pat attended the Springbank High School Memorial Service. What an Impressive Presentation! A mixture of tradition and talent of the students made for an excellent Memorial Service. The school band gave a flawless performance, Army, Navy and Air Force Cadets presented the flags in true military style. Student presentations of monologues, songs and recital made for an enjoyable tribute to Canada's military, a brief wreath laying ceremony concluded with speakers taking the podium. The Honorable John Barlow MP on behalf of the Government of Canada, MLA Leena Sharon Aheer, Alberta Government and our own Noble JR Beauregard dispensing the myth of Vets being "old soldiers" I think this impressed the young audience. If anyone gets the chance to attend one of these school memorials, take it, you will be pleasantly surprised. — Commander Terry Dean



RCMP, Chief Rabban Ernie Hilland, Commander Terry Dean and Noble JR Beauregard, standing in front of the Legion of Honor jeep at Springbank High School.

The Remembrance Day Service is a yearly highlight for the Legion of Honor. We thank Past Commander Noble Omar Giroux for his continued commitment to organizing this very commemorative event, honoring those who serve and those that have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. This year we were pleased to welcome: From the right. Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons Grand 1st. Principal. Most Excellent Companion John Bronius. Grand Lodge Alberta. Grand Master Most Worshipful Brother. Gordon Berard Grand Secretary. Right Worshipful Brother Bill Kostenuk. York Right College North America Grand Governor Alberta. Right Eminently Distinguish Brother DAVID Hongisto, and Potentate Ill. Sir Karl Fraser



From Right to Left: Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons Grand First Principal, Most Excellent Companion John Bronius, Most Worshipful Grand Master Gordon Berard of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Grand Lodge of Alberta Grand Secretary, Bill Kostenuk York Rite College of North America Grand Governor of Alberta, Right Eminently Distinguished Brother, David Hongisto and Al Azhar Potentate, Illustrious Sir Karl T. Fraser.

Piper Master Councilor Cameron Rose. Stampede Chapter -DeMolay brought a very emotional moment to the service, playing the Royal Canadian Lament.

This year we would like to extend a special thank you to Noble Roy Jardine for sharing his story of his tour of duty during the Korean War.

Those in attendance, once again, supported the Veteran's Food Bank with non-perishable food and very much appreciated cash donations.

Vintage Car Club

Hello everyone!

Well it's been awhile since we've sent something into the Fez Sez, so here is a recap of the unit activities over this year which might take up a couple pages or so for your reading pleasure....

Overall, the Vintage Car Club had another busy and successful year.

Unfortunately, we started the year out on a sad note with the loss of a dear friend and brother, Derek Eccles on Feb 26, 2017. A great celebration of life was put on by his loving wife Janis and family in May and was well attended by many – he will be missed.

We did however add one new member and familiar face to the unit – Malcolm McKenzie, High Priest & Profit back in April. Malcolm has a beautiful 76 Lincoln Mark IV (going from memory here and could be off a bit, but it is a great big old Lincoln!) and is a great addition to the club!

Elvis & Roy Orbison night

This year we did a little something different with the club and put on a fantastic evening of entertainment with Elvis and Roy Orbison who belted out tunes from the 50's and 60's for a couple of hours. With a sold out show and full house of Pretty Women in the audience, Roy crooned away and brought back memories of old for many. That, and Elvis even put on a little jumping and gyrating show during the evening which also may have clicked on a bulb or two for some from days gone by – depending on how close he came to those as he worked his way through the crowd \odot



Special thanks go out to Kent and Kathy Galbraith for spearheading up this event and for all the other special ladies who helped get set up for the event and keep things organized! We'd also like to thank the Oriental band members who helped out behind the bar as well.



Tribute artists Adam Fitzpatrick (Elvis) and Joe Kelso (Roy Orbison) with Kent & Kathy, and MC Bob Dewet in front of "Elvis" 59 Caddy. Illustrious Sir Karl Fraser and Lady Wendy with the legends of Rock n Roll. See if you can guess who our very own Elvis look-alike is...????

Parades

Parade season was another fun one for the unit this year with good turnouts starting at High River again and ending with Cochrane. The weather cooperated pretty well for us this year and no major issues or breakdowns for the ole classics – well except maybe for Noble Gord Lucas in Cochrane who had an army of "mechanics" tinkering under the hook trying to fix a generator issue prior to the start of the parade. Ha. Gotta keep the car now Gordie – you have put too much into it fixing things over the last few years!







A few pics from the Okotoks parade -lined up and ready to go. Noble Lucas standing beside his beautiful 55 Buick Special while likely purposefully blocking the view behind him of the much larger, classier, and most iconic car ever built in the 50's (and some might say of all time....), an awesome 1959 Cadillac Series 62 red convertible!! The Divan salute.

Show & Shrine

This year we changed things up a bit and held our 11th annual Show & Shrine at the Century Downs Racetrack and Casino. We had a unique opportunity to try out this new venue and it definitely helped to increase exposure and awareness within the community of our event and what we all as Shriners work towards. It attracted more of the public to our show, due to the visibility of the location and its ease of access. It also allowed for a larger slate of vendor entries and vehicle registrations, which helped to generate increased revenues for our Transportation Fund.









We had a great turnout of classic cars, trucks, and vehicles of all kinds including resto mods and some homemade interesting creations. In all, about 236 paid entries, and a number of our member's cars brought the total number of vehicles to around 250 or so. For more pictures of the day and all of the fantastic vehicles please contact Eric Skagen.

The Show & Shrine was a great success and Karen Brittain and her team at Century Downs were a pleasure to work with. A special thanks to Lane Kranenburg and the Stampede Stage Committee team as well as to all of the members and volunteers who made this another truly fun and entertaining event for all!



Springbank Air Show

Several of our members brought out their cars to help the Air Corps raise awareness about the Shrine and our Hospitals during the Springbank Airshow July 29 & 30 and had a great couple of days watching the air show and meeting with the public.

Horse Racing

As a follow up to our Show & Shrine at the Century Downs, we also had an interesting opportunity to raise some more funds for the Shrine as we worked with Fred Gillis and the Alberta Standardbred Horse Association (ASHA). Fred was looking for a creative way to introduce 11 drivers from different countries during the start of the first leg of the World Driving Championship held at Century Downs Racetrack & Casino on Aug 12th (first time ever held in Western Canada). We worked with Fred and assembled 7 of our vintage car convertibles to come out and parade the different drivers in the back of the cars around the track, passing by the audience in the grand stands as they were introduced. We also had some small statured navigators in the cars with us who were part of the Calgary Boys & Girls Club and who carried the flags of the drivers' countries. All in all it was a neat experience and a lot of fun for all.



But that's not all! So Fred is a very nice and easy going guy. He loved the idea of using our cars to introduce the drivers and was very appreciative of the unit's efforts to make this happen with relatively short notice. Fred has worked with other groups such as the Children's Hospital in Edmonton, Ronald McDonald House, and other community based not for profit organizations to donate a large share of the winnings that he makes from racing his horse during the year to those special causes he cares about. When Fred suggested this to us vs a straight donation for helping him out, we jumped at the chance to be part of the action and go as a group to watch the horse race. Fred indicated that he would donate 34 of the horse's winnings during the month of September to us and the only stipulation was that we had to turn out as a group to cheer the horse on. Wow, what a lot of fun it was and at the end of the day, in the two races the horse named **Outlawintriguedbyu** ran in, she placed 3rd in the first race and won the race the 2nd time out. The Vintage Car Club came away with a \$2225.00 cheque from Fred and the ASHA and will be donated on his behalf to the Montreal Children's Hospital.

Already looking forward to next year and seeing how we can help Fred out again and continue the great

relationship.



Hitmen Hockey Oct 24

Nobles Eric Skagen and John Bradford brought out their old classics to the game – 59 Pontiac and a 62 T-Bird. Thanks to both for bringing out the iron and at least the weather was much better to bring out the cars vs the wintery conditions back in early Jan!



We had a fun, exciting and busy year as a unit. We met number of people, made some new friends, made some money, and definitely had fun along the way.

Thanks to all the members of the Vintage Car Club for your help and support this year, and I wish everyone a Merry Christmas, a great holiday season, and all the best for the New Year in 2018.

Cheers,

Sean

President, Vintage Car Club

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