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## **Our Mounted Patrol leading off the Shrine contingent in the Banff Canada Day Parade**

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## Potentate's Message

March ended with my attending The 300 Club Dinner and I am happy to report that I seemed to have overwhelming support in the room, as a mighty cheer was given when my name was removed from the board, like other Nobles and guests, no money in my Jeans, just a warm feeling of giving to the cause. This goes to prove that being at the top gets you no special treatment, when you are dealing with Lady Luck.

April took us to the AMP Jiggs Dinner with a Corn Beef Dinner and Great Crowd in the Fez Dome. With a gap in our schedule, we took a little time off in Los Cabos Mexico, where I trained as a Marshal at Puerto Los Cabos Golf Course – for my life after as a Past Potentate.

April 26 and 27 brought Divan Meeting, Trustee Meeting and 1<sup>st</sup> Stated Business Meeting of the year, our chance to keep the Nobility up to date on the First Quarter of 2017.

May began our final process of selecting a replacement for Rich our Business Manager for the last 22 Years.

I would like to thank Rich for all his hard work and efforts in making The Shrine Centre home to so many memories - Weddings and Events that we will all remember. "THANK YOU"

May 6 - we joined the Vintage Car Club for a Tribute to Elvis by Adam Fitzpatrick and Roy Orbison by Joe Kelso – What a successful and entertaining event. To those not there, you missed something great.

It was a surprise on May 11, when having dinner with Wendy's Dad, Ken Atkinson in Airdrie that he had received his 50 Year Pin as a Member of Al Azhar Temple. I think this may make me a Legacy Member of The Shrine and I also would like to congratulate Ken on his 50 Years of Service in Al Azhar.

We attended the Daughters of the Nile Spring Ceremonial and Dinner on May 13 and again thank Queen Peggy Murry and Officers for their hospitality.

Our Parade Season kicked-off with the Little Britches Parade in High River on May 20, "WHAT A GREAT TURN OUT" of Units from Al Azhar.

May 25 to 29 - Off to the Great White North – Whitehorse, Yukon - hosted with our Gizeh friends - Ill Sir Joe Trerice and Lady Mary Rose Metcalfe. We were joined there with Ill. Sir Tracey Prescott – Algeria Shriners and Ill Sir Russ Graves – Calam along with other Shriners for The British Columbia & Yukon 2017 Ceremonial. Great Weather, Entertainment, Friends and a Crowd of about 180 helped 7 Candidates down the mud waters of the Yukon to become new Shriners.

June began with us enjoying a sunny parade in Black Diamond in the morning, picked up H.P.&P Malcolm and P.P Gord Brewer for a road trip to Medicine Hat Shrine Club where we met with C.R. Ernie & Pat and C.R Tim and Shelly ( Algeria Temple ) for their Annual Lobster Cook. "Thank You "to all the member of Medicine Hat Shrine Club for your hospitality at this fun event.

Driving back to Calgary and the next day for the Al Azhar's Lobster Cook made for an early morning. With Bob Scevious and myself Boiling 124 Lobster and Mitch cooking 90 Steaks, Evan and Jonni with Lisa assisted by all of the Divan Ladies and Potentate Aides setting up and serving and the balance of the Divan Smashing – Bashing and make a Real Mess - joined by 200 + guests make this a Great Feast. Thank You All for helping and coming out to support this Temple Event.

As per my Email of June 9, I am excited to introduce you to Jaclyn Labchuk. She is our new General Manager - Sales and Marketing for The Calgary Shrine Centre. Jaclyn brings over 20 years of experience as a caterer and event planner, 9 years experience in building and growing a business with an operating budget of over \$1.2 million, and 5 years of corporate account management and sales. Jaclyn will be transforming our revenue generating business in the Centre. She will be building a new rental/catering program that will offer more options in order to broaden our client base and increase revenues. She will be overseeing changes to the facility in ensure that it reaches its potential.

June 8 to 11 put us in Red Deer for the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. It was my pleasure to bring greeting from Al Azhar Shriners to all the Masons of Alberta. Joined with Fred Susun – Potentate Al Shamal Shriners a presentation of the Grand Masters Fez was made to R.W. The Grand Master Gordon Berard, who is also P.P. 2008 of Al Azhar.

For those who have been asking about the Potentates Sign at our Road Entrance – Yes it has finally happened. My thanks to Bob Graham for helping me mount the new Metal Sign.

Okotoks Parade on June 17 continued a summer of sunshine and hot with a good turnout of Al Azhar Units.

Attending the Vintage Car Show & Shrine on June 24<sup>th</sup> at the Century Downs Racetrack and Casino turned out to be a great success with more cars, lots and sunshine and fun including the Shriners Feature Race. Congratulations to the Vintage Car Unit on another great event showing us all to the public and the work we do at our hospitals.

It was an honor to attend on June 25<sup>th</sup> The Formal Dinner celebrating Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> and UGLE 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries at our Shrine Centre, thank you to Noble Alan Dickson for his efforts in putting this event together – Job Well Done.

Canada Day July 1 found Units in Banff, Canmore and Airdrie, followed by the Calgary Stampede Parade on July 7; with the Divan riding on the Wagon with Justin pulled by his Pair of Reliable Draft Horses and joined with 6 Shrine Units.

Off to Daytona Beach on July 8 for the 2017 Imperial Sessions. Wendy and I were joined with Divan Members Ernie and Pat Hilland and Malcolm Mackenzie as well as Representative Byron Nelson. If you think it was hot in Alberta this summer, going for Breakfast there at 7:30AM, it was already above 90 Degrees F. We had a great time at the Canadian Breakfast on Sunday and Hosted Dinner for Al Azhar Nobles attending Imperial Sessions at Joe's Crab Shack on Tuesday Night. Al Shamal Divan joined us to make it an Alberta Night Out.

Karl

Potentate, Al Azhar Shriners

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## RECORDER'S RAMBLINGS

Nobles:

Where did the summer go! The hot weather and the smoke are just a distant memory now. I know we are all looking forward to the cold days of Fall (not!).

There were many resolutions passed at Imperial this past July and the significant ones are contained in this edition of the Fez Sez.

Also included in this edition of the Fez Sez is a reminder of Imperial rules and AGLC regarding alcohol and participation in Shrine events and casinos. Please read them and abide by them.

Yours in the Faith  
Brian Shimmons PP, Recorder

### LOST IN THE DESERT

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

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**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, September 28, 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 April SBM
3. Financial, Investment and Membership Reports
4. Balloting on Candidates
6. Hospital Reports
7. Trustees Report
8. General Business
  - Ratification of the Divan's favourable ballot on candidates
  - Update/approval of Facility Improvement Items
  - Ratification of the Divan's approval of Candidates
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:  
Brian Shimmons, Recorder

Yours in the Faith  
Karl Fraser, Potentate

There will be cocktails and dinner (beef-on-the-bun) before the meeting starting around 6pm. Ladies are welcome.

There is no Ladies program this time.

**SHRINERS INTERNATIONAL RULES REGARDING ALCOHOL & DRUGS**

Article 8.3

Alcoholic Beverages. The consumption of alcoholic beverages during parades and ceremonials is forbidden to those Nobles participating therein

**AGLC RULES REGARDING ALCOHOL & DRUGS**

28.16 Volunteer staff is prohibited from consuming liquor, being under the influence of liquor or using illicit substances.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE ABOVE RULES AND GOVERN YOURSELVES ACCORDINGLY**



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

### Nobles and Ladies

Canada is now 150 years old and it seems like just yesterday was Canada's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in 1967. It is important for the Shrine units to participate in all of the parades they can as the huge crowds will be in attendance to recognize Canada's special year. I realize most of the dates are just being set now but stay on top of your unit or club's participation schedule. Also, once you do have it please notify the office with a move-out form so that you are properly insured.

Despite being in about 30 countries, 42 states and all 10 provinces, I had not been further north than Lamont, Alberta or James Bay off of Hudson Bay in Ontario until recently. The Alzheimer's Society asked me to speak in Yellowknife, NWT in early March. While my commitment was only one day, I did extend my visit to a week so that I could acquaint myself with the local culture and see the Aurora Borealis or as they are known, the Northern Lights.

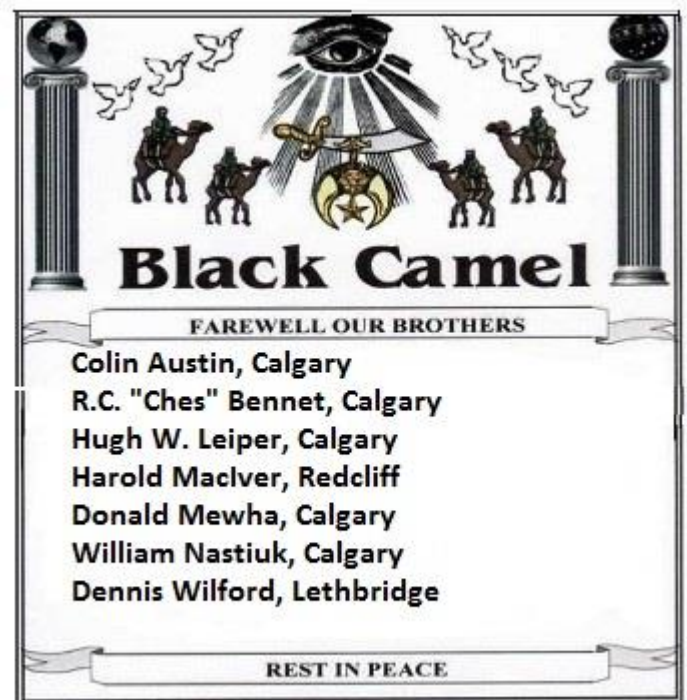
My visit profoundly affected my pre-conceived ideas of what I would see. Yellowknife is a modern city that was only established in 1937 when gold was discovered in the area. It has about 20,000 people speaking 28 different languages. It is situated on the shores of Great Slave Lake which is the 9<sup>th</sup> largest freshwater lake in the world. It reaches depths of up to 5,000 feet.

Unfortunately, gold mining ended about 15 years ago and has been replaced by diamond mining. The diamonds are the highest quality in the world. The mining industry pays high wages so everything up there is expensive. I paid \$29 for fish and chips and between \$14 and \$16 for a glass of wine. The reason of course is that everything has to be imported. Healthcare is basic at the local hospital while serious conditions are airlifted to Edmonton for treatment there.

Having been to Iceland 3 times for 27 days in March to see the Northern Lights, I felt this would

be a great opportunity. Over the week I spent 12.5 hours scouting the lights on clear nights but to no avail. To me this whole thing was hard to believe! I came away with the knowledge that Canada is more than the 10 provinces. This visit showed me that while I tend to travel to Europe 3 or 4 times a year, the world we live in here in Canada is also pretty incredible. Safe travels during this coming holiday and parade season.

In the light of Grace  
Noble R. Dean Cowan  
Chaplain



## Public Relations

The 2017 Public Relations Conference was held May 3 – 4 at the Airport Marriott in Tampa, Florida. Al Azhar was represented with 5 other Canadian temples, plus the PR team from Montreal. The conference was jam-packed with helpful information for our hospital and fraternal public relations representatives to share. During the event, a broad range of informative topics was covered:

- Marketing and PR Overview
- Social Media
- Creating a Successful PR Programme at Your Temple
- Membership



Canadians at the PR Conference

On the second day, attendees were invited to a dinner party, where patient ambassador Riley Desin shared his inspirational story. The dinner was a fantastic way to spend the final evening of the conference.



Noble Allan Dickson, his son Allan Jr & Lady Michelle with Riley Desin and his parents.

June 6th was Shriners International Awareness Day - a few of the Calgary Nobles with petitioners / candidates for our Temple gathered at a pub to enjoy fellowship and create awareness of who we are and more importantly *what we do!*



For the 5th year in a row, the Mayor of Calgary has once again declared June 24th as Freemasons Day and we ask that you support this by inviting your families & friends to the open house at Freemasons Hall (330 12th Ave SW, CALGARY) from 2pm - 8pm. A few of the units will be displaying their mini-cars & planes - we will also have a booth promoting our Fraternity / Philanthropy.

Other great opportunities to be involved in the community this summer are the Spartan Races in Red Deer & Calgary as well as the Hudson's Bay promotion in September. On Saturday September 2nd, the Nobles, families and friends of the Sabre Motor Patrol will once again be grilling haggis and square sausage at the annual Calgary Highland Games. Should you wish to volunteer with them, please contact one of the Sabre Motor Patrol members. More information for the Games can be found on their website <http://calgaryhighlandgames.org/>

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

Thank you for your continued support!  
Yours in the Faith,

Noble Allan Dickson  
2017 Public Relations Chairman





On Sunday, 24 June 2017 the Sabre Motor Patrol hosted a formal banquet to celebrate Canada's sesquicentennial and modern Freemasonry's tercentennial anniversaries. Approximately 150 brethren with their ladies attended this historic event. Local Masonic dignitaries included our Grand Master and Past Potentate, Most Worshipful Brother Gordon Berard; Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother Kenn Culbertson and many other past and present Grand Lodge Officers. Al Azhar Shrine Divan was represented by our Potentate, Illustrious Sir Karl Fraser and Nobles Ernie Hilland, Neil Webb, Malcolm MacKenzie and Jim Brown as well as many other past and present Divan members.

The photo below provided by Noble Eric Skagen includes some of the Brethren who attended ... many of whom are not yet Shriners!!! *We have a number of quality members in the Craft to invite to participate and be involved in our Shrine Fraternity and Philanthropy! **I am Committed Now, R U?!***





## IMPERIAL SESSION

The following are the significant items that were approved at this year's Imperial Session:

- All Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children fees will be paid in US dollars. This has the effect of increasing annual dues for Canadian Temples.
- All Temples will elect members by a majority vote of written ballots cast. This has the effect of eliminating the "three black balls" rule.
- A Petition from Nobles and Master Masons in Bolivia and from Nobles and Master Masons in Sao Paulo, Brazil to form new Shrine Temples was approved. The effect of this will be to expand Shriners International presence in South America.
- Lawrence J. "Larry" Liebe was elected as Imperial Outer Guard.

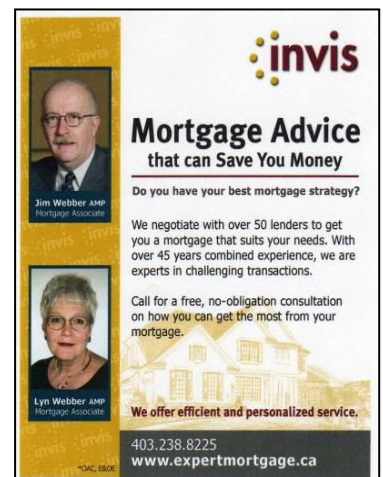
## BAY GIVING DAYS

Last Spring, Chief Rabban, Ernie Hilland and Oriental Guide. Jim Brown along with Noble Allan Dickson and their wives went to The Bay, Market Mall and sold The Bay Giving Day coupons for \$5.00 each to the general public for the afternoon. The total earnings for the day were \$350.00 and then just a few weeks ago, The Bay also gave us a cheque for \$981.00 extra for the help and being top seller's among the Charities who helped during The Bay Giving Day that day. The \$981.00 came to us from the HBC Employees charities fund as we were top sellers.

There was another HBC Giving Day on Friday, Sept 15th and we appreciated the support.

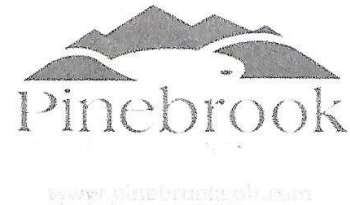
There will be more Bay Giving Days in 2018.

Ernie Hilland  
Chief Rabban





Shriners Hospital for Children Canada



The 1<sup>st</sup> Al Azhar Shriners Charity Golf Classic Tournament on August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 was attended by 97 golfers, many volunteers and dinner guests. Thank you to the sponsors who contributed money, silent and live auction items and items to use as gifts.

### **2017 Al Azhar Shriners Charity Golf Classic Sponsors**

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Auction Items: Malcolm MacKenzie, Gwen Hargrove, Kleyson/Mullen Group, Calgary Flames, Greengate Garden Centre, Byron Nelson, Woseley Mechanical Group, Capri Pizza and Restaurant, The Lighthouse Pub, Carrie Korithoski, Bob Graham, Marly Hannah & Big Rock Brewery, Wayman Services Corp, First Impressions, Al Hannah, Jackie Parker Holdings, Inglewood Golf & Country Club, and Pinebrook Golf & Country Club

Raffle Item: Fred Susan – Westmount Jewelers

A special thank you goes out to all the fantastic Volunteers, The Al Azhar Shrine Centre and the Pinebrook Golf & Country Club for all your help. A Big THANK YOU to Speed Detection Coordinator Bob Killen with the Calgary Police Service Traffic Section for measuring the fastest drive and to CTV's Shaun Frenette for stopping by to interview Al Azhar Potentate Karl T. Fraser.

To all the golfers, unfortunately, no one can control the weather. But we hope you had a good day, enjoyed a great meal and took home a few auction items. Your participation was greatly appreciated!

Thank you!

## Upcoming Events

### STATED BUSINESS MEETING

September 28, 2017

### INDIAN SUMMER CEREMONIAL

September 29/30, 2017

### SHRINE HOCKEY CHALLENGE

October 24, 2017

### JOINT INSTALLATION

November 18, 2017

### STATED BUSINESS MEETING

November 23, 2017

### AL AZHAR AGM

January 20, 2018



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## Unit/Club Meeting Dates & News

Al Azhar Units	Al Azhar Shrine Clubs
<p>Air Corps 7:30 p.m. 2nd Wednesday  Athletic Club (Rutters) contact the Ramses for dates  Clown Unit 7:30 p.m. 1st Thursday  Directors Staff 7:30 p.m. 4th Thursday  Greeters - as called  Legion of Honour – 9:30 am 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday (Horton Legion)  Mounted Patrol - 6:00 p.m. Wednesday  Oriental Band - 7:30 p.m. Thursday  Provost Corps - 9:00 a.m. 4th Saturday  Sabre Patrol (Call Swordmaster for date)  Shrine Patrol - 7:00 p.m. Mondays  Tin Lizzie Corps - 7:30 p.m. 3rd Tuesday  Vintage Cars - 7:30 p.m. 3rd Tuesday  Medicine Hat Clown Unit – Last Monday of month</p>	<p>Alpine Shrine Club – 4 times/year at the call of President  Big Country Shrine Club - 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday  Foothills Shrine Club - 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday  Lethbridge Shrine Club - 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday  Medicine Hat Shrine Club - 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday  Red Deer Shrine Club - 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday  Wild Rose Shrine Club - 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday</p>

### AIR CORPS

Hello to all. By the time everyone reads this edition the parades will be done. The Air Corps had a busy summer which started in Okotoks and ended in Cochrane. The weather this year was by far the best we have seen for the parades.

Our annual pig roast was well attended and thanks to all that came as well as to the people that helped out with the cooking and preparing the wonderful meal that was served and enjoyed by all. Thanks to all the ladies that brought an item for the table. Big thanks to Gayle Weigel for calling the widows. Next year we hope to see everyone again.

This fall the Air Corps is in need of new members as we all are suffering from a drop in numbers. If you are a member of a unit and you wish to check us out by all means come to a meeting.

The Air Corps casino dates are January 23 and 24 so if anyone wishes to help give Martin Alcock a call (587-889-8809) so we may put you on our roster.

To all keep your wing tips up

In faith

**Ron Down (Captain Emeritus)**

### MOUNTED PATROL

The AMP held very few activities during the summer months at the Mounted Patrol grounds due to the ATCO Gas construction. We anticipate the ATCO job will be done sometime this fall.

The Unit wrapped up their, after practice, suppers, at the end of June, with a very successful "pot luck", with over 40 in attendance.

Four new members joined the Unit this year and we are very proud to have them join our membership.

Over the summer, we had the privilege of celebrating an 80<sup>th</sup> birthday and some wedding anniversaries, including a 61<sup>st</sup>. Congratulations to all.

The Unit participated in the following Parades: Black Diamond, Okotoks, Crossfield, Banff, Calgary Stampede and finished up the parade year at Cochrane. The Executive and Members would like to thank everyone who re-arranged their BBQ's and other social events that would have been held at the AMP Grounds, due to the ATCO work. We certainly appreciate your patience and look forward to hearing from you next year.

Noble Roy Jardine

## **ANNUAL BEEF & PIG ROAST**

Another great event sponsored by the Air Corps!





## **WILDROSE SHRINE CLUB**

The Wild Rose Shrine Club enjoyed a busy and successful 2016. Our nobles led by President Noble Gary Long worked hard to make each event a success. Our wee buses appeared in six parades the most moveouts in our club's history, This was only possible because noble Tyler Pelletier took on the assignment to direct the transportation and enlist the drivers. A great job. Thank you Tyler.

Our big fundraiser "Santa at the Walmart" did raise the most in contributions and donations in the eight years. We have worked with the wonderful people at the Airdrie Walmart location. We did extend our Visit Santa times and our nobility did work multiple shifts to cover the event. We also did receive tremendous support from our Divan and some Past Potentates. Thank you ... Without your support this profitable and fun time would not have been possible.

Thank you to all our Santas with special thanks to Nobles Barry Buchanan and J.R. Beauregard for their outstanding contribution.

This event has raised awareness in our community as to what our purpose is and we did share our facility with the Airdrie Kiwanis Club both organization enjoying a mutual relationship pursuing each other's charity.

In addition we did an Easter bunny photo op with the Bimor Development at their Airdrie Yankee Valley location, This company did provide space, financial support and made a sizeable donation to the Shriners Children Hospital. Our first meeting of the new year conducted by our duly installed President, Noble Alan Long, along with his executive Nobles Tyler Pelletier and Kim Greenizan, outlined the events and goals for 2017. In addition, we received two new members Noble Carl Russel and Scot Huston who affiliated from Gizeh Temple in Vancouver. Again thank you Noble Gary for a great year,

Norman Brain

## **LARRY'S SHRINE TOURNAMENT**



## **TIN LIZZIES**

Got a fez, maybe you would like to drive car in a parade, 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 in Red Deer.

Think about how you could contribute and join one of the busy units at Al-Azhar. Interested please contact current commander Jeremy Eberwein at 403-612-9303, and deputy commander Jim Brown at 403-850-5041

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

Our official parade schedule is almost over, last one being Cochrane, but we have a ceremonial as well as two xmas parades coming up in Airdrie and Banff. We shall be at the Hitman Game both on the concourse as well as on ice.

Last Friday we participated in the children's wish society coming to the Shrine and the tins played a big part by putting on the lunch with support from other units. I cannot express how it feels to see the look on these children's faces as well as their support teams as they experience in some cases a wish come true. Hats off to the unit, the other volunteers as well as all those from the shrine who went home feeling just a little bit better as to what they accomplish that day. Special Thanks to Lizzie, Jim Brown who as well as act as deputy commander and Oriental guide lead the charge from the Shriners to make this day what it was.



The Tins at the Wish Foundation Day at the Centre



## FIRST LADIES LUNCH

The First Ladies of Al Azhar held their third annual luncheon on Sept 8<sup>th</sup> in Bragg Creek. Lady Victoria Shimmer's once again prepared a delightful lunch. The delicious seafood casserole, mixed vegetable salad and rolls, were followed by a fantastic selection of sweets. The table was set in festive fall décor reminding us that summer is over and how quickly the busy parade season flew by.

We were pleased to have Lady Pat Hillande, Lady of Noble Ernie Hillande, Chief Rabban and our newest Divan member Lady Rose Brown, Lady of Noble Jim Brown, Oriental Guide joins us. It was a wonderful opportunity for us to have a chance to meet and chat with Lady Rose and we look forward to seeing her often at the Shrine Festivities.

On behalf of all the First Ladies of Al Azhar and our guests, thank you Lady Victoria for your fabulous repast and warm hospitality.

Lady Kathy Galbraith

## HIGHLAND GAMES 2017

Again this year, the Sabres were active at the Calgary Highland Games.





## **WISH FOUNDATION DAY AT THE CENTRE**

On September 15, the Al Azhar hosted a Children's Wish Foundation gathering at the Shrine Centre. The children, parents and sponsoring organizations had a great time

The Divan would like to thank everyone that participated in the event on Friday.

The kids were thrilled to be serenaded during lunch by the Oriental Band ( some of the kids were even dancing to the music) as well as the special kids getting to ride the horses courtesy of the Mounted Patrol. The Tins did the BBQ and the lunch was funded by the Mounted Patrol, Tin Lizzies and the Vintage Car Units.

The Air Corps and Tin Lizzies also had there parade units on display. Kids had their pictures taken in them. Our other volunteers doing the cooking and serving were

Carl & Lilian Russell

Zena McKinley

Robert Goss

Andrew Fraser

Jim & Rose Brown

We did get some coverage by CTV and CBC.

A special thank you also goes out to our official photographer Eric Skagen. Also thanks to Jaclyn Labchuk General Sales Manager and our maintenance staff for the help setting up and tearing down after the event.

Susan Gordon from Children's Wish could not stop talking about us.

Jim Brown

Al Azhar Shriners (Oriental Guide)



Air Corps Planes are always a big hit



So are the horses

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



# PETITION FOR INITIATION AND MEMBERSHIP



## AL AZHAR SHRINERS

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

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

# \_\_\_\_\_ located at \_\_\_\_\_  
City Province/State

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

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

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

Were you ever a DeMolay? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, what was the Chapter name and Location \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate if you have had Military or Police experience \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No If yes please specify \_\_\_\_\_

Profession or occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously applied for admission to any temple of the Order? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, what temple? \_\_\_\_\_ When? \_\_\_\_\_

Residence Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Province Postal Code

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Street City  
Province Postal Code

Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Hat Size \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Wife's name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Print Full Name Here \_\_\_\_\_  
*Name in Full, initials not sufficient*

Recommended and Vouched for on the Honor of Noble \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_  
Noble \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_