

# AL AZHAR SHRINERS NEWSLETTER

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## *The* **FEZ SEZ**

### JANUARY 2012

**Dear Nobles and Ladies,**

This will be my last newsletter report to you. In some ways, I thought this time would never come, and in other ways it seems that my first newsletter report was only yesterday. It has been, to say the least, an eventful year, with many major things happening. Certainly, from a financial point of view, the major item was the water and sewer connection across the lagoon. This was very expensive, but it was a necessity. I am sure that government action would have required us to do this in the near future.

In the spring, we produced what may well have been our last circus. Due to a number of unfortunate events, the circus was what I referred to as an artistic success and a financial disaster. One good thing that came out of the circus was the exceptional co-operation among all the clubs and units. Let me express my gratitude to all those involved.

On a brighter note, my congratulations to those responsible for Al Azhar winning the Best Overall Sweepstakes Award at the P.N.S.A. this year. A job very well done to say the least!!

I have a number of thank yous to express. Firstly let me express my sincere gratitude to a very hard working group, my Potentate's Assistants. Without the efforts of these Nobles and their Ladies, my job would have been much more difficult.

Thank you also to the members of the 2011 Divan. There existed within this group a great spirit of co-operation, which eased the task of leading Al Azhar through 2011.

We are fortunate to have a dedicated and capable staff, who have all been a pleasure to work with. Thank you to all of our staff members for the exceptional contribution.

And a special thank you to my Lady Elsje for everything she has contributed this year. Without her by my side, I would not have made it through the year.

And last, but certainly not least, to the Nobility I say thank you for your support and your contributions through the year. It has been an honor to serve you as your Potentate. You have given me a year which I will never forget.

For one and all, I thank you and I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

öFaith, Hope and Charityö  
John B. Thorpe, Potentate.

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## MEETING DATES

### Units

Provost Corps 9:00 a.m. 4th Saturday  
Air Corps 7:30 p.m. 2nd Wednesday  
Arab Patrol 7:00 p.m. Mondays  
Clown Unit 7:30 p.m. 1st Thursday  
Directors Staff 7:30 p.m. 4th Thursday  
Legion of Honor 10:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday  
Mounted Patrol 6:00 p.m. Wednesday  
Oriental Band 7:30 p.m. Thursday  
Sabre Patrol (Call Swordmaster for date)  
Greeters As called  
Tin Lizzie Corps 7:30 p.m. 3rd Tuesday  
Vintage Cars 7:30 p.m. 3rd Tuesday

### Shrine Clubs

Alpine Shrine Club 1st Tuesday  
Big Country Shrine Club 4th Tuesday  
Calgary Shrine Club 2nd Friday  
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

## DIVAN 2011

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## HAPPENINGS

**AGM & POTENTATE'S INSTALLATION  
& CAMEL HERDERS BREAKFAST**  
Saturday, January 21 @ Shrine Centre

**PNSA WINTER SESSION**  
Medford, OR Feb. 14-16

**SAKKARA TEMPE, D.O.N. No. 115**  
Shrine Centre @ March 17

**PNSA**  
Nanaimo, BC May 17-19

## **RECORDER'S RAMBLINGS**

Happy New Year to all the Ladies and Nobles of Al Azhar!!

A reminder that the Annual General meeting and Potentate's Ball is only a couple of weeks away. Nobles, please mark your calendars for Saturday, January 21 at 9:00 A.M. for the meeting.

Of course, earlier, at 7:00 A.M. that morning is the Camel Herder's Breakfast and meeting.

An ad elsewhere in this issue gives the details for that event which is always well attended and appreciated.

The tickets for the Potentate's Evening are available here at the Shrine Centre. Please call and book your tickets A.S.A.P.! Chief Rabban Kent and Lady Kathy have a great evening planned and look forward to your attendance.

Nobles and Ladies, this will be my final message to you as your Recorder. It has been a very rewarding and extremely enjoyable seven years serving you as the Recorder for Al Azhar.

The visits and calls from you, the Nobility and Ladies of Al Azhar have been the best part of my job, and that I will miss the most.

We have seen many changes over the past seven years, the building and grounds have been improved by your divans during this time, and it has been a pleasure to serve with the many divan members and Potentates who have passed through the various positions over the past seven years.

My one regret is that our total membership numbers continue to fall despite the great efforts put forward by your executive and the many talented nobles who have served as membership chairmen.

We must all continue to work at promoting our philanthropy to our brothers in all the concordant bodies. PLEASE take every opportunity to talk about the Shrine and our fraternity when you're with friends, business associates and of course your lodge brothers. It would be a tragedy to see our noble group ultimately fall and cease to exist, and become but another footnote in history.

I would like to thank our admin staff, Pat and Cinde for their help in making this job much easier, also our Catering Manager Ritch, our maintenance staff, Marcel and Josh who are all dedicated workers for us.

I know that you will continue to support them and my replacement for Recorder in the coming years.

Some of you know that I have been working at putting together an offsite storage area for necessary file retention as well as an archives area in our garage here on the grounds to ensure we retain a record of our history here at Al Azhar. My plan is to continue to do this, strictly as another volunteer, and I will be asking some of you for help in developing and maintaining these records.

Finally, a heartfelt thanks to all of you, the Nobles and Ladies of Al Azhar for your assistance and support over the past seven years.

I will always treasure this time as the most rewarding part of my Shrine and Masonic journey.

Garth Border  
Recorder

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## FIRST LADY'S PAGE

### FIRST LADY'S FAREWELL & A YEAR IN REVIEW

As our year draws to an end, both John and I have been reflecting on the past 7 years that he has served on the Divan of Al Azhar, and in particular this past year. It has been my honor to support him as he worked his way up to become Potentate. We have so many memories, so many new friendships, so many people to thank. We faced a few challenges along that path, but always with a sincere dedication to the Shrine philanthropy & that of helping our children. FAITH, HOPE, AND CHARITY. We never lost sight of our goal and with the help of so many of you; we accomplished so much and were successful in many ways.

A special thanks goes out to all the folks who eagerly stepped up and donated to my BLING Keychain fundraiser. I am proud to be able to say I raised over \$4,400.00 which will be divided between the Al Azhar's Transportation Fund and the Montreal Hospital, and am thrilled that I was able to achieve my goal. The Jewellery Sale and Exchange at the Fall Ceremonial raised over \$1,900.00, which I used to provide new leather furniture for the Shrine center foyer. I know how much you ladies will like being able to sit down to remove your winter boots & or wait for someone. Thank you all for your support. We really made a difference.

Special thanks goes out to our Assistants, who for the past year, were there helping us, supporting us, and assisting us as we travelled on this journey. We couldn't have done it without you.

My sincere best wishes go out to Kent and Kathy Galbraith as they take over the reigns of Al Azhar in January. I wish them both much success and happiness.

To all of you, thank you. I sincerely hope you found peace, happiness, and good health during the holiday season.

Lady Elsjé



## **GREETINGS FROM THE CHAPLAIN**

When Lady Doreen and I go to church, there is one hymn that I really enjoy. It is called "As the Grains of Wheat" Whenever we sing it, I get visions in my head of what the lyrics.

The part that creates the greatest impression is "As the grains of wheat are scattered on the hill are gathered into one to become our bread: So may all the people from all the ends of earth, be gathered into one in you" Doesn't it create a great image in your mind?

Shrinedom is expanding to all the ends of the earth and has truly become International. Shriners when combining our efforts by gathering into one can have a huge impact on the Creator's children. We have been so blessed that we forget there are children out there with many issues that need addressing.

In 2012, let us truly gather into one and become the bread that feeds these needs.

May the Creator Bless You for all your hard labours. Have a happy and healthy 2012!

In the light of Grace,  
Noble R. Dean Cowan  
Chaplain 2011

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## ***Sakkara Temple No. 115 Daughters of the Nile***

***Cordially invites you to the  
Open Installation of Officers***

***Saturday, March 17, 2012***

***Al Azhar Shrine Centre***

***Calgary, Alberta***

***2:00 p.m.***

***Linda Cathrea, Princess Royal***

# *AL AZHAR 2012 POTENTATE'S EVENING*

*Honouring*

*Noble Kent Galbraith*

*Lady Kathy*

*The 2012 Divan and their Ladies*

*Saturday, January 21, 2012*



Al Azhar Shrine Centre

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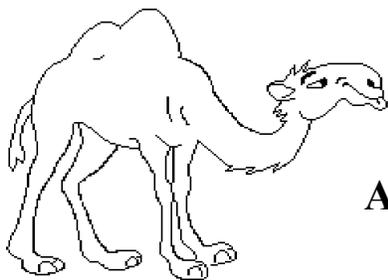
# Schedule of Events

## Friday January 20, 2012

Meet and Greet ó Shrine Centre 6:30 p.m. ó 10:30 p.m.  
Hospitality Suite ó Four Points Sheraton 10:00 p.m. ó 11:30 p.m.

## Saturday January 21, 2012

Camel Herders Breakfast ó Shrine Centre 7:00 a.m.  
Annual General Meeting- Shrine Centre 9:00 a.m.  
Ladies Coffee Party ó Four Points Sheraton 8:30 a.m. ó 10:15 a.m.  
Ladies Shopping ó Cross Iron Mills 10:30 a.m. ó 2:00 p.m.  
Fezzing ó Shrine Centre 4:30 p.m.  
Cocktails ó Shrine Centre 5:30 p.m.  
Dinner ó Shrine Centre 6:30 p.m.  
Entertainment



### **CAMEL HERDERS BREAKFAST**

**AL AZHAR SHRINE CENTRE  
JANUARY 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012**

7:00 A.M.

Cost: \$35.00 new Candidates (meal included)  
\$20.00 members

For tickets please call  
the Keeper of the Pile,  
Noble Howard Langdon 620-7149

## AL AZHAR MOUNTED PATROL

The Al Azhar Mounted Patrol (AMP) held its Installation of Officers Dinner and Dance on November 4, 2011. There was a good attendance of Nobles and an enjoyable evening was had by all. The following Nobles were installed for the year 2012.

President	Noble Wayne Jones
Captain	Noble Ken Weller
1 <sup>st</sup> Lieutenant	Noble Jim Norrie
2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant	Noble Glen Hacke
Directors:	Noble Len Van As
	Noble Mark Lawson
Secretary:	Noble David Hanna
Treasurer:	Noble Warren Nelson, PP

Noble Wayne & Lady Peggy Jones started off the year with the Annual Wine & Cheese Christmas Party held at the Club House on December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011. As in the past there was a good turnout. The appetizers, prepared by our lovely ladies, were delicious and enjoyed by all. Everyone toasted the Christmas Season with fun and fellowship.

The AMP would like to welcome two new members. Noble Jeff Diegel and his Lady Allison and Noble Andrei Pietras and his Lady Mirka. We are sure the new Nobles will enjoy the activities of the Mounted Patrol and look forward to seeing them at many functions in the future.

On behalf of the Members of the AMP we wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Healthy, Happy and Prosperous 2012.

Fraternally,

Roy Jardine



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ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**

AL AZHAR SHRINERS will hold its Annual Meeting  
on Saturday, January 21st, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. sharp, at the  
Shrine Centre, 5225 ó 101 Street N.W., Calgary for the transaction of business as follows:

- |                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| 1. Receiving Annual Reports | 4. Nominations and elections of Officers          |
| 2. Receiving Visitors       | 5. Electing Trustees and Imperial Representatives |
| 3. General Business         |   |

**Wear your fez and a smile**

Attest:  
Garth Border, Recorder

Yours in the Faith  
John Thorpe, Potentate

Imperial Council Law:

**ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND IMPERIAL REPRESENTATIVES**

Articles 24 and 25, the Imperial by-laws

324.5 Notice of Meetings. Unless a longer time is specified in these By-laws, not less than one week's notice must be given of the time and place of all meetings and ceremonial sessions.

325.4 When elected. Each Temple must elect its Officers and Representatives at its Annual Meeting.

325.5 Ballot. Election of Officers shall be by separate written ballot and by a majority vote of those present and voting. A blanket ballot is prohibited.

325.6 Time of Election. Nominations must commence not later than 9:00 p.m. and when that hour arrives all other business must cease and none may be transacted until the election is concluded.

325.8 Nominations. Candidates of officers and Representatives must be placed in nomination from the floor. Nominating committees are prohibited.

325.10 Representatives.

- (a) Where a Temple elects more than one Representative, all candidates must be balloted for on one written ballot.
- (b) Each member voting must vote only for the total number of Representatives to be elected; otherwise his ballot cannot be counted as a vote.
- (c) A majority vote of those present and voting is necessary to elect each representative.
- (d) Only those candidates who received a majority vote shall be declared elected.
- (e) Successive written ballot must then be taken in the same manner on other candidates until all Representatives are elected.
- (f) If more candidates receive a majority vote than the number of Representatives to be elected, then those receiving the greatest number of votes shall be declared elected.
- (g) Blank ballots or ballots containing any markings other than the name of a candidate nominated from the floor are not votes and are not to be considered for any purpose.

325.11 Election regulations.

(a) Electioneering. A candidate for an elected office in a Shrine temple may print, publish and circulate during the year he is seeking the elected office, a resume consisting of his educational background, his vocational history, and his Masonic and Shrine record. Except as provided in the prior sentence, the printing, publication, circulating or distribution of resolutions, letters, telegrams, tickets, email or other devices, by a unit, club, Noble, or group Nobles, suggesting, recommending, opposing, or containing the names of proposed candidates for office in the temple is prohibited.

(b) Expenditures Prohibited. The expenditure of money for gifts, favors, or entertainment on behalf of a candidates for elected office is prohibited.

(c) Violation. For any violation of (a) or (b), the Imperial Potentate may suspend any offending Noble, and he may declare the election of the Officers void and order a new election.

(d) Notice. At least one week prior to the annual meeting of any election the Temple Recorder shall mail to each member a notice thereof containing this section.

The Imperial Council Law requires that you present your card for attendance at this meeting.

# January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 New Year's Day	2	3 Alpine Shrine Club Meeting	4 Lethbridge / Wild Rose SC meetings AMP Meeting	5 Clown meeting Oriental Band	6	7 Al Shamal & Bagdad's Potentate's Evenings
8	9 Patrol	10 Air Corps	11 Air Corps Meetings AMP Meeting	12 Oriental Band	13	14 Legion of Honor 10AM Algeria Potentate's Evening, Helena, MT
15	16 Patrol	17 Tin Lizzie/ Vintage Car / Big Country SC meetings	18 Med. Hat /Red Deer SC Meetings AMP Meeting	19 Oriental Band	20	21 Al Azhar AGM & Potentate's Evening Shrine Centre
22	23 Patrol	24 Big Country S.C.	25 AMP Meeting	26 Oriental Band	27	
29	30 Patrol	31				



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**Sakkara Temple No. 115  
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**2012 Apple Pie Project**

**SET UP:**

Sunday, January 22, 2012  
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

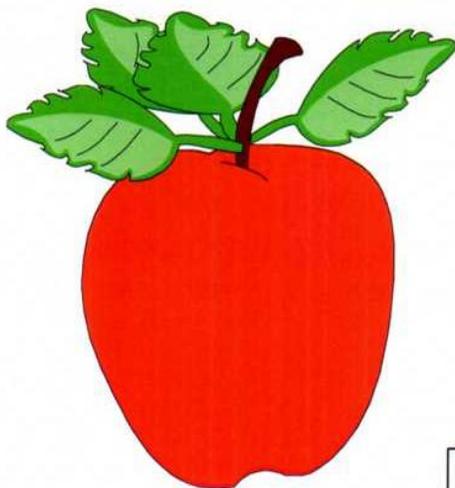
**APPLE PEELING:**

12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday, January 22, 2012  
Sunday, January 29, 2012

**PIE MAKING & APPLE PEELING:**

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Monday, January 23, 2012  
Wednesday, January 25, 2012  
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JOINT INSTALLATION 2011



## **PROVOST CORPS**

The Provost Corps has been busy in the last quarter of the year, with the fall ceremonial, joint installation and our annual Christmas gathering.

As you are aware we inducted 12 new members into the Shrine in the fall, and during the pause between the lunch and the second section, the Provost was challenged with finding an activity for the candidates. Mark McDonnell rose to the occasion, and had them working on writing Haiku, a form of Japanese poetry. The candidates were well amused and we chose to print one of them that reflected the occasion:

Some made a Mason,  
Having grown from Child to Man,  
Learn to live greatlyö.

At the joint installation we inducted five nobles as officers of the Provost corps, our Captain for the coming year is Noble Laurie Dirks, First Lieutenant Noble Bruce Corenblum, and yours truly is the Second Lieutenant. Nobles Ray Nelson and Neil Webb were re-elected to Quartermaster and Secretary/Treasurer respectively, and Noble Chuck Allot is the Master of our Quad fleet.

Our annual Christmas gathering was again held this year at the Glenmore Inn, and was well attended, despite the inclement weather. We were pleased to present 30 year service awards to Nobles Ken Turner and John Windsteig at the event. Congratulations to both of them on behalf of the corps and all members of Al Azhar.

We would like to extend our best wishes to all Nobles and Ladies for the Festive Season, and we wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year. Our immediate plans include the Potentate's evening in January, plus volunteering to assist with the Director's staff Casino.

Respectfully,

Noble Martin Alcock  
Second Lieutenant



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Jim Scott.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Scott".

## **MEDICINE HAT SHRINE CLUB**

Well another Installation Night, Ladies Night and Christmas Party has come and gone. A good time was had by all. We had about sixty eight people attend.

Everyone that I talked to really enjoyed themselves. There is actually some talk as to what we should do next year which I think is great because it gives us old geezers something to look forward to.

The President, Vice President, Secretary and Directors have been duly installed. I will list them with their phone numbers so you can contact them if there is a particular item that you want brought up.

We were happy to see the Potentate, Illustrious Sir John Thorpe and First Lady Elsje attended as well as Chief Rabban Kent Galbraith and Lady Kathy. The Mayor Norm Boucher and his lady Sanja were also there to support Noble John Hamill. Those who weren't there we missed you!

### **Here is your new Executive for 2012**

President Noble John Hamill	(403) 526-7196
Past President Noble B. Scory	(403) 548-2111
Vice President Noble L. Helfrich	(403) 529-6882
Secretary Noble Ric Carrier	(403) 504-1923
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### **Directors**

Noble Cliff Leachman	(403) 488-4342
Noble Tim Oland	(403) 526-5486
Noble Vern Cheredaryk	(403) 527-2510
Noble Harold MacIver	(403) 548-6558

The newly installed Executives of the Medicine Hat Shrine Club hope you all had a Very Merry Christmas and wish you all a Happy New Year. May the coming year bring you health, wealth and much happiness.

Remember our Masonic Virtues of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

Ted Flemmer, Publisher.



***CUT-OFF FOR NEXT  
FEZ SEZ  
TBA***

## **Al Azhar Long Term Plan Getting Better for the Kids**

Over the course of 2011, your Divan spent some time developing a Long Term Plan for your Temple. The following Long Term Plan was approved by your Divan at its November meeting.

All units and clubs are requested to develop their own Long Term Plan in support of it.

### **Our Membership and their Involvement**

Membership has risen to 950 (represents ~25% of Southern Alberta Master Masons)  
More Shrine ògatheringsö  
More unit òdegree teamsö

### **Our Building & Grounds**

Building is modernized  
There is increased utilization of our Building  
Our facility makes a profit (\$10,000 to \$20,000 per year. Profits are used for capital improvements)

### **Public exposure and recognition**

We have fund raising òpartnershipsö with 5 charitable organizations  
Citizenship ceremonies in our Building  
Regular òmail-outsö to òappropriateö community groups

### **Support of our philanthropy (Canadian Hospital and Transportation Fund)**

We raise over \$100,000 per year for the Canadian Hospital  
We hold òclinicsö in Southern Alberta every 2-3 years

### **Administrative structure (Recorder, Building Manager etc.)**

We have a smaller administrative structure

### **Strength of our Units and Shrine Clubs**

All our Clubs and Units are growing  
All units have a òproject/functionö in support of our Shrine  
Units are collaborating to support all parades in Southern Alberta

Brian Shimmons HP&P

## **HOSPITAL REPORT**

This year has been somewhat slow for new patients. We have processed approximately 10 new patients to date. Thank you Mike Maitland, Don Wellwood, Bill Kostenuk and Tino Devalter for going out to these patients homes to help fill out their applications.

We now have approximately 40 active patients going to Spokane, and 22 going to other hospitals such as Montreal, Salt Lake City, Boston, Portland, Sacramento and St. Louis.

In the past we have had up to 150 patients going to our hospitals. A lot of those patients have completed their treatments and are now enjoying a better life, which is all for the good.

Our Care Coach has made many trips to Spokane this past year and is continuing to provide excellent transportation, with very little or no stress to our patients.

I would like to thank our drivers, Richard Sigurdson and John Bradford for their dedication and their excellent handling of our patients and the Coach. I would also like to thank Kurtis Frederick and Tom Edgar for stepping in to drive our patients with a van when our card coach was unavailable. Special thanks to all the Hosts that have assisted on our trips to Spokane. Please let me know if you would like to be a Host. It gives you a great sense of gratification in assisting our patients and gives you an opportunity of seeing our hospital in Spokane.

This year our Hospital Patient Transportation Fund has provided transportation, housing, meals and medical supplies to our patients with a total cost of over \$134,000.00. All this would not be possible without the help and support of our Nobles and Ladies, Units and Shrine Clubs. Keep up the good work in raising funds for our great philanthropy. We must also thank WestJet for their generosity in providing travel vouchers for our patient's transportation program through WestJet Cares for Kids Partnership Program. I would encourage all Nobles to consider using WestJet for their travel needs.

In closing I would ask that we all continue to find new patients so that they too can enjoy a better life.

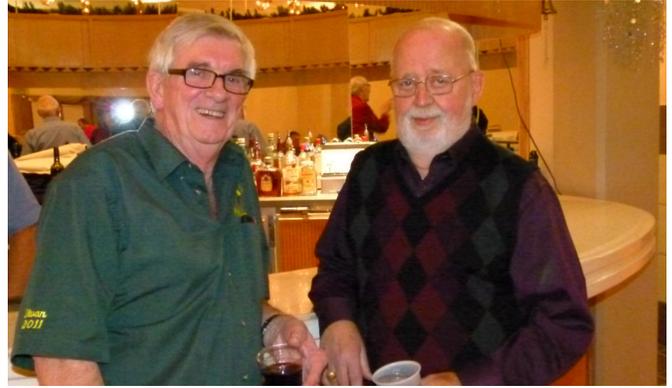
Dave Dyson, Hospital Chairman

## AL AZHAR CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, December 17 the festive season was in true sprits. Good Nibbles and fellowship was shared by all. The event was hosted for the first time by the Tin Lizzie and Air Corp.

Jamesø Jambalaya and Randy's special blend Chili warmed the cockles of everyone's heart as can be seen by James taste testing and approved by Illustrious Sir John and Assistant Rabban Gord

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## **WILD ROSE SHRINE CLUB**

The year is now finished, however the Wild Rose Shrine Club worked hard at a fund raiser at the Walmart with our Noble Santa from December 16<sup>th</sup> on as in past years. This was another opportunity to showcase Shriners making children smile and raising funds to help our kids through the year ahead.

Another most successful fund raiser was completed as we drew for the miniature car with over 200 tickets having been sold by our hard working Nobles led by Noble Derek Eccles. The draw was made on December 22<sup>nd</sup> during our Santa Days at the Mall. Thank you to everyone who supported this fund raiser by purchasing ticket. This successful venture could not have been possible without the cost of the car and expenses provided by Immediate Past President, Noble Dick Buchanan and Noble Hugh Hamilton or their businesses ó Air Alta Insurance and the Alberta Registry. We also thank our Airdrie good news paper THE SCOOP.

Our new Executive have been duly installed: President Mark McDonnell along with 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Noble Ken Campbell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Noble Peter Proudlock and Nobles Roger Anderson and Clayton Bailing returning as Treasurer and Secretary. 2012 will be a great year headed up by these capable Nobles. Retiring Noble Dick Buchanan wishes to thank the Nobles of the Wild Rose and our Divan and especially Oriental Guide, Noble Bob Newman. We would be remiss if we did not thank Noble Dale Hackinen as he directed our bus drivers and the most parade appearances this year. Thank you Noble Dale.

In closing, a quote from immediate Past President Dick Buchanan: "Where have we been? Where are we going? Which is more important? It's the future we have before us! My concern is how do we build. Why did we become Shriners? Was it for the kids or hospitals! Or was it for developing memberships that will last a lifetime? To be a member is not to be a Shriner, it's more, it's to make lifetime friendships with a purpose. To help kids with life's afflictions and make them whole. Have fun doing it. Involve our families so we have family, a Masonic Family. Make

sure your commitment is there. Have you made a new friend in the Shrine? Make it your purpose and have fun along the way.

To all have a Happy New Year and wonderful health in 2012.

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## **B.C. boy undergoes 'magnetic' scoliosis surgery**

By Pamela Fayerman, Postmedia News November 11, 2011 (Calgary Herald)

Beckem Nimmo turned six on Thursday and he now has the distinction of being the first person in North America to have a magnetic rod implanted along his spine to correct a severe curvature.

Now it's up to his parents, Hayley and Mike, to rotate the internal rod by holding an external magnet over his back. The rotation will extend the rod - it will lengthen as Beckem grows. This process is expected to gradually straighten his spine.

Each turn is minute - only about 0.2 millimetres, or about six millimetres per month.

The Langley, B.C., boy will not feel the rod turning and "it all happens faster than brushing your teeth," said Arnaud Soubeiran, the French engineer who created the device thanks to a decade of advances in medical magnet technology.

The "revolutionary" operation to improve Beckem's life-threatening scoliosis was just the 53rd in the world and was performed in Portland, Ore. The surgeon who implanted it is a Canadian who has been working at the Shriners Hospital for Children in Portland since 1993.

Dr. J. Ivan Krajbich, an orthopedic surgeon who worked at the Hospital for Sick Kids in Toronto, said the conventional approach to scoliosis involves repeated operations to implant growing rods, each time requiring a general anesthetic.

But because of Nimmo's underlying congenital impairments, he felt the new Phenix Rod was a better option since it requires only one surgical procedure.

The device has not yet been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. So the hospital obtained approval to use it on compassionate grounds.

Beckem's parents are thrilled their son was chosen as the first North American recipient.

"It is such a simple, yet brilliant concept. I'm just glad we're not the first ever," said Beckem's mother, Hayley Nimmo, in a telephone interview from Portland, where the family will remain for up to a week while Beckem recovers.

Hayley said although her son had been under the care of spine specialists at B.C. Children's Hospital, when she learned about the two-year waiting lists for scoliosis surgery, she searched for other options. An introduction to a Gizeh Shriner from Burnaby, B.C., named Bob Irving, paved the way for treatment in Portland. The hospital there is not only renowned for its altruism, but has one of the largest complements of pediatric orthopedic surgeons in the U.S.

It was during a routine consultation with Krajbich that the Nimmo family first learned about the magnetic rod.

The surgeon had attended an international medical meeting where he learned about it from a former colleague at Toronto's Sick Kids who was implanting the device in his patients in Australia.

Krajbich said he was exhilarated by the meeting and determined to offer the intervention to a suitable candidate.

"Beckem is such a great candidate for this special rod because of his age, size and the severity of his spinal curve. His additional medical issues made repeat procedures requiring general anesthesia particularly difficult," Krajbich said.

"I also felt his parents would be perfect to handle this. I was confident in them," he said. The Nimmos impressed him as intelligent and cooperative, traits they will now need since they must turn the rod daily after receiving instruction from the engineer who created it.

Hayley said her son was born with a rare neurological disorder that has caused numerous impairments and developmental delays - so many, in fact, that he has 14 different "amazing" medical specialists at B.C. Children's Hospital.

Although his life expectancy has been estimated at anywhere between 12 and 20 years, the Nimmos are hopeful the magnetic rod will prolong his life as it spares him the damage and complications to his lungs and other organs from the invasive scoliosis.

Read more:

<http://www.calgaryherald.com/health/undergoes+magnetic+scoliosis+surgery/5694924/story.html#ixzz1fm6EYfaD>

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