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## FEATURING THE 2017 CEREMONIAL

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It is proposed that The New Electronic Khartum Khronicle will be published four times a year and will be dedicated to promoting the purposes and objectives of Khartum Shriners and Shriners International, and those of the Masonic fraternity and affiliated orders.

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## 1. A Message from the Editor



This is the fifth Khronicle I have put together. It is hard to believe that number.

The first three were a very satisfying print version that had a class and substance that made the production of them a reality.

This is the second electronic version and I am still trying to accept the medium. Perhaps my age is showing.

I have had some misgivings over the frequency of the publication of the “New Electronic Khartum Khronicle”. The number was somewhat arbitrarily chosen in a very brief conversation I had with my Publisher, Illust. Sir Chibu Uson.

Although I have done some canvassing of the troops to get some idea as to how they feel about the frequency, there has been no real feedback. But my other supervisor, our Recorder, seems to feel that we should go with the idea of a quarterly Khronicle, so if the articles keep appearing, I will continue with the plan and plan for a Khronicle in December, to complete this year. And thereafter, I will publish quarterly, March, June, September and December.

So Nobles, even though I may not send you too many notices, **PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the New Electronic Khartum Khronicle will be published four times a year, March, June, September and December, with deadlines for publication to be the 10<sup>th</sup> day of each of those months.

I welcome your submissions. I will likely publish all that are submitted, provided of course, they are polite.

Hope you enjoy the current edition of the “New Electronic Khartum Khronicle”.

(And a Happy New Year to our Jewish Nobles)

Noble Allan Cantor, Editor.

## 2. Potentate's Message



Illustrious Chibu Uson, Potentate, Khartum Temple

Well, we still have a few of weeks of summer left. Hopefully, we will continue to have great weather.

Thanks to Noble Allan Cantor and the Nobles who contributed articles and photos for this second electronic issue of the Khronicle. If you want to, you can print your own copy. If you want to receive a hard copy, please contact the Recorder to arrange for it. There is a cost to getting a printed copy.

The Chief Rabban, Assistant Rabban and I attended the 143rd Imperial Session of Shriners International from July 9 to 13 in Daytona, Florida, where the new Imperial Potentate, Illustrious Sir Gary Bergenske, launched IMRU, a Membership Referral Program. The goal is to have 12,000 new Nobles worldwide created between the 2017 Imperial Session and the 2018 Imperial Session. Khartum's share is 27 new Nobles, which with your assistance we can easily meet.

We have the Fall Ceremonial on Saturday, October 28, 2017. Please arrange to have your candidates submit the necessary paperwork to the Recorder by Friday, October 13. There will be information about the Ceremonial weekend in this issue of the Khronicle. Lady Mae and I look forward to being with you and your Lady at the Fun Night on Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. The Ceremonial and Potentate's Ball & Fezzing are on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. If you know of any Master Mason who might be interested in starting his Shrine career, please send his contact information to one of our Membership Co-Chairmen, Noble Denis Lorteau or Noble Doug McKechnie, who will follow up with him. And by the way, you can also download a Petition for Initiation and Membership from our website. at [www.khartumshriners.org](http://www.khartumshriners.org).

The Premises Committee continues to look into the various alternatives regarding Khartum's facilities, with the objective of helping ensure Khartum's viability. It will have a report to the Divan which will in turn present a recommendation to the Nobility for approval.

There are still almost two (2) months before the final draw of the Ford '67 F-100 Truck Raffle on Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. If you have any sold tickets, please send in the stubs and monies promptly to the Office. And please get more tickets to sell.

We have had a successful and enjoyable participation at the Red River Exhibition (RREX), in spite of the rainy and cold weather on most days. Thanks to Noble Lorne Gregorash, Lady

Shirley Gregorash and Illustrious Sir Jack Hildebrand for coordinating this project. We look forward to continuing and expanding this partnership with RREX in the future.

The parade season is almost over. Thanks to the Units, Clubs and Nobles who participated in the various parades and help make Khartum visible in the communities.

Thanks also to the Ruff Riders, the Divan and the Ladies who attended and participated in the 2017 MSA Summer Session in Bloomington, Minnesota. We had "Dino" (Noble Denis Lorteau) who did really well in his very first Clown competition. The Ruff Riders were drenched during the Motor Corps competition but they still had a lot of fun and dried themselves quickly. Pencil in your calendars the 2018 MSA Summer Session from August 16 to 18 in Deadwood, South Dakota.

Lady Mae and I wish you and your families all the best for the rest of the summer. God bless, Shriners International, Shriners Hospitals for Children and Khartum. Thank you for all that you do for the kids.

### 3. The Imperial Potentate and our Potentate



Every weekend before the start of the Imperial Session, the Potentates and Chief Rabbans have a picture taken with the incoming Imperial Potentate. This is the picture taken on July 8, Saturday, in Daytona, FL of Illustrious Sir Chibu Uson and Imperial Sir Gary Bergenske.

Following is some information about our new Imperial Potentate, Imperial Sir Gary Bergenske.

Imperial Sir Gary was raised a Master Mason in 1994 at Eola Lodge #207 in Orlando and that same year became a member of Bahia Shriners in Orlando, where he is now a lifetime member. He served as Potentate of Bahia in 2005 and is the founder of the Bahia Historical and Educational Museum in Orlando. He is an associate member of Zor Shriners in Madison, Wisconsin and is also a perpetual lifetime member of the Orlando Scottish Rite with the rank of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor. Imperial Sir Gary currently serves as a certified member of the Advisory Council of Florida DeMolay. He has been elected to receive the prestigious DeMolay Honorary Legion of Honor Award and was named an Honorary Member of DeMolay's International Supreme Council by the Grand Master of DeMolay at Imperial Session in 2017. He is an emeritus member of Shriners International, a lifetime member of the Cabiri

International and a member of the Royal Order of Jesters, The Order of Quetzalcoatl, Lions International, and the Loyal Order of Moose.

Imperial Sir Gary served three successful years as Chairman of the Shriners International all-star college football event, the East-West Shrine Game®. During his years as a member of the boards of directors, he has served on numerous committees, including as Chairman of the Public Relations, Fraternal Strategic Planning, Information Services, Insurance, Protocol, and Capital Evaluation Committees. In addition, he has served as the Liaison Officer to the Shriners Hospitals for Children in Erie, Springfield, Houston, Galveston, Portland, Honolulu and Spokane. He served on the Executive Committee of the Imperial Membership Committee for 14 years, and was a charter member of both the TRAC and PACE Teams. He has also been an inspirational keynote speaker and presenter at Imperial conferences for Oriental Guides, Assistant Rabbans, Public Relations, Donor Relations and Membership.

During the time he was a member of the Imperial Membership Executive Committee, Imperial Sir Gary came up with the idea of having a Shriners mascot to not only promote the fraternity but to also attract younger generations, which resulted in the development of Fez Head Fred. While serving as Membership Chairman of Bahia Shriners, he created and developed the Mentor Program to get new members involved. Shriners now use this program throughout the world.

In 1985, Imperial Sir Gary purchased J & J Metro Moving and Storage, which he has owned and operated for the past 30 years. In addition, he is a motivational speaker and has written three books. His books discuss ways to “Build a Better Life” and “Become a Better Leader” and are available in more than 10 countries, where they are making a positive difference in people’s lives.

In his down time, Imperial Sir Gary loves traveling, the outdoors, hunting, old cars and Harley-Davidsons. Sir Gary and his wife, First Lady Anne, have six children – Carrie, Lisa, Jason, Jami, David and Jared – and are often referred to as the “Bergy Bunch.” They have 11 grandchildren who regularly brighten their days.

#### 4.

#### **Musings of the Recorder.**

By Noble Mark Fenny, Recorder of Khartum Temple

There has been a lot happening in Khartum World in the past twelve months. I thought this might be a good opportunity to remind people of what we have accomplished.

We are still hamstrung with our financial problems. Focused mainly on our cash flow problems and that of course is caused by fundraising activities which have not met expectations, and the costs associated with maintaining the Shrine Centre, which has been further compounded by an aging and diminishing membership base. The good news is that thanks to the efforts of Ill. Sir Jack Hildebrand PP and Ill. Sir Chibu Uson our variable expenses are lower than they have ever been. I have no trouble suggesting that they are under control. Unnecessary travel, entertainment, personnel and other expenses have been eliminated or severely curtailed.

Last year Ill. Sir Jack Hildebrand saw the writing on the wall, and dragged the Strategic Plan out of the garbage can and with the aid of the Divan and Jimm Simon brought it back to life. In the

fall of 2016 the Strategic Planning Committee agreed that there were four objectives which had to be met if we were going to move forward and there would be any hope of avoiding a financial failure. Ill Sir Chibu and the new Divan jumped on board and we have been making slow but steady progress. The top four priorities are as follows:

1. Find a solution to the drag the finances of Khartum has been on the Shrine Centre. To that end the Property Committee has been meeting and reviewing a very long list of options, concluding, that the best option for Khartum was to find a way in which to put together the Masons and Shriners in the same building. There are other options we may pursue as well but that would be our first choice. Ultimately the final recommendation(s) will need to come back to the members for approval.
2. We need to find a way to better use technology to reduce expenses and communicate with our members. This goes hand in hand with increasing transparency. To that end we have borrowed a page out of Gizeh's playbook and adopted a software program that will allow the various clubs and individuals to participate in meetings held anywhere in Khartum's jurisdiction. This also means that the participating clubs can vote at these meeting including voting on all motions, including elections. With the help of Noble Allan Cantor the Kronicle has been resurrected in an electronic format, and for the most part eliminating the need for printing and mailing. For those who do not have access to email or the internet, we still print a limited number of copies in house and mail them to those members. Finally, the website has been revamped with the help of Noble Jonathan Cortes and we now have a site which is current and we can use to communicate both internally and externally as well as using it to market Shrine Centre and to sell merchandise (e.g. raffle tickets) online. Members' are now receiving more information than ever before, with minutes of the divan, Unit Council and Stated meetings all being available electronically.
3. In order to obtain the support of the Nobility they need to know what is going on. To that end they need to understand what the challenges are that Khartum is facing. We are now communicating financial reports on a regular basis. In addition, thanks to the efforts of Nobles Doug Collins and Wayne Kramble a new and easier to understand financial report has been developed so that even people with a limited background or understanding of financial reporting will be able to see what is happening.
4. We need to stabilize, retain and grow our membership. Progress in this area has been limited. It requires the involvement of all members of the Nobility and this just doesn't seem to be happening.

In order to support these and other initiatives we have a number of new committees:

1. Property and Premises.

2. Technology and Communications.
3. Financial Advisory Committee (to make recommendations regarding the financial challenges facing Khartum and assist with other matters such as budgets).
4. Leadership Search Committee (charged with the responsibility of reviewing the skill sets necessary to manage the affairs of Khartum and make appropriate nominations for the elected position on the Divan and to assist the Chief Rabban when with regard to the appointed positions).

The 2018 budgeting and fund raising plans are currently under way.

Clearly, we are not where we would like to be, but progress is being made. The elected Divan is assuming the role of a Board of Directors for a not for profit organization and Khartum on the business side is beginning to look more and more like a business.

We are always looking for skilled individuals; BE PART OF THE SOLUTION; volunteer to help out!

## 5. **Khartum Shriners Ceremonial**

### **Saturday, October 28, 2017**

### **Honouring Illustrious Sir Harry Rosenbaum**



Illustrious Sir Harry Rosenberg, Potentate, 2012

#### **Potentate's Message by Chibu Uson Potentate & CEO 2017:**

"Illustrious Sirs, Nobles, Ladies and Guests

Welcome to Khartum Shrine 2017 Ceremonial honouring Ill. Sir Harry Rosenbaum.

The weekend festivities start with Friday night and will feature the “Pajama Party” Fun Night at the Khartum Shrine Centre.

We will greet the Candidates on Saturday morning at the Khartum Shrine Centre.

Saturday morning Our Ladies will attend the First Lady’s “Panda Bear Brunch” at the Viscount Gort followed by the afternoon Ceremonies at Khartum Shrine Centre.

On Saturday night the Potentate’s “Pandemonium” Ball will take place at Breezy Bend, 7620 Roblin Blvd. Headingly.

It would be our pleasure to see you all at these events while enjoying the great fellowship and camaraderie.

Lady Mae and I thank you for making this weekend a very special event for all our new Candidates and Guests.”

### **NOBLES PROGRAMME**

#### **FRIDAY OCTOBER 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2017**

6:00 p.m. “Pajama Party” Fun Night Khartum Shrine Centre

#### **SATURDAY OCTOBER 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2017**

8:00 a.m. Candidate Registration Shrine Centre

8:30 a.m. Director’s Presentation to Candidates Shrine Centre

9:00 a.m. Indoctrination and Unit Presentations: 2<sup>nd</sup> Section  
Shrine Centre

11:00 a.m. Candidates assemble for Lunch, Shrine Centre

11:30 a.m. Candidates and Executive Lunch, Shrine Centre

12:30 a.m. Attitude Adjustment Preparation of Candidates  
Shrine Centre

12:45 p.m. Assemble for presentation of 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sections  
Shrine Centre

1:00 p.m. Portrayal of 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sections  
at the Shrine Centre by the Ritualistic Unit of Khartum Shrine

2:15 p.m. Assemble for Memorial Service  
Shrine Centre

2:30 p.m. Memorial Service  
Shrine Centre

4:30 p.m. Attitude Adjustment



The Fezzing Ceremony will take place at the Potentate's Ball

**LADIES PROGRAMME**

**FRIDAY OCTOBER 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2017**

6:00 p.m. "Pajama Party" Fun Night  
Khartum Shrine Centre

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2017**

10:30 a.m. Reception Candidates Ladies and  
11:00 a.m. Lady Mae's "Panda Bear Brunch"  
Viscount Gort - 1670 Portage Ave.

1:00 p.m. Assemble for Portrayal of 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sections  
at Shrine Centre  
by the Ritualistic Unit of Khartum Shrine

2:30 p.m. Memorial Service  
Shrine Centre

4:30 p.m. Attitude Adjustment

**POTENTATES BALL**

4:45 p.m. Doors Open for General Reception

5:00 p.m. Cocktails

6:00 p.m. Grande Entry

7:00 p.m. "Pandemonium" Ball Dinner Breezy Bend,  
7620 Roblin Blvd. Headingly

Fezzing Ceremony at the Potentate's Ball

**REMINDER OF PROCEDURES:**

**DURING PRAYER:**

The FEZ should be removed and held in the right hand over the heart.

**SALUTE:**

The Military Salute is used when reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and during the playing or singing of the National Anthems of Canada, the United States, Mexico, Panama, Philippines or Germany. (If uncovered, come to attention and face the flag. DO NOT salute, place the right hand over the heart.)

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG:**

A Noble who is wearing his FEZ will execute a right -hand salute when the Colours are within six paces of him, he will not remove his FEZ. After the Colours have passed, he should drop his right hand. In the case where the same Colours pass the same point again, as frequently happens in a Ceremonial procession or in display drills, the Colours need not be saluted a second time. When not wearing a FEZ, the right hand should be held over the heart.

**WEARING THE FEZ:**

The FEZ must be worn with the emblem directly centered on the head and worn in it's proper shape without crushing, creasing or alteration. ONE FEZ PIN is allowed to hold the tassel in place. Other ornamentation is prohibited.

**THE SALAAM:**

A Noble addressing the Potentate while he is presiding in the East should always give the Salaam. The Potentate should give the sign of the Order in return. The Salaam is given by the leader of a Uniformed Unit that is performing for the Potentate, and the Potentate give the sign of the Order in return. No other Unit member "Salaams".

**SALUTATIONS:**

A Potentate or Past Potentate is always addressed as "Illustrious Sir". The prefix "Past" should not be used when addressing a Past Potentate. Members of the Elective Divan should be referred to by the title of their office, or by Noble.

6. **Announcements:**

# HALLOWEEN FUN DAY

**Sponsored by: Jobs Daughters, Klassy Klowns, Ruff Riders and Sports Cars**

**CHILDREN'S GAMES, HAUNTED HOUSE,  
CLOWNS AND MORE!!!**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2017**

**1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.**

**KHARTUM SHRINE HOUSE**

**1155 WILKES AVE.**

**KIDS UNDER 5 ARE FREE, KIDS UNDER 12 - \$5.00**

**ADULTS ADVANCE PAY \$9, PAY AT THE DOOR \$10**

**To pre-purchase tickets call Dee at the Shrine House at 204-925-1430**

**Meal: Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Chips, Drinks and Dessert**



**7. Fundraising:**

Khartum Shrine conducts a number of fundraising events each year. Those Nobles conducting these activities this year were invited to contribute articles about these activities. The following responded:

- (a) **Shrine ExShuttles at the Red River Exhibition.**  
By Nobles Lorne Gregorash and Jack Hildebrand

During this past year there had been a number of discussions concerning the Shrine assisting the Red River Exhibition (the Ex). Noble Lorne Gregorash had a number of discussions with the CEO of the Ex, Garth Rogerson, who suggested the Shrine could help the Ex with shuttling people from main parking lot to main gate and that the Ex would supply the golf carts. Also, the Ex needed help with the beer gardens. He also requested any Shrine Bands could perform.

There were a total of 27 shuttle shifts to cover, each shift was 3 hours long. There were a total of 51 Nobles, Ladies, family and friends that covered these shifts, some putting in 6 hours, covering two shifts. There were four carts on the go for all shifts and on three days there were five carts.

The Ex supplied all carts, at a cost of \$50/Per cart per day, totaling \$2,150.00. There were see-through bottles for tips on every cart.

Total tips collected was \$ 4,219.85, plus the Ex provided \$2,000.00 for operating the shuttle. Total \$ 6,219.85 was raised.

We are looking forward to next year and looking after the overflow parking lot as well, which means more spots to fill. We would like to start now looking for advertisers/sponsors who would like to help with the cost of the carts, as we will need more of them.



**(b) Christmas Cakes**  
By Noble Gary Sunders

Summer is almost over and I hope all enjoyed doing what you wanted to do. We are now about one month away from the start of our annual Christmas Cake fundraiser. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your support in past years and trust that Khartum can count on your continued support once again. Following this message are the guidelines for the fundraiser and schedule for distribution of cakes to nobles. If you have any questions in regards to the Christmas Cake fundraiser please contact me at 204 256-0811.

For your information, the sale of Christmas Cakes by the Shrine started in the mid 90's after the onion sales didn't do so well. The cakes are baked by Weston bakery. The recipe is not unique to Shrinedom. In the past years we have ordered 291 cases (3492 cakes) and have sold out, making approximately \$17 000. We have 79 cases dropped off in Dryden, (these go to Kenora 30 cases, Dryden 39 cases, and Sioux Lookout 10 cases).

#### 2017 Christmas Cake Pick-Up Dates for Unit Reps

Monday, October 9 6 P.M. - 8 P.M.  
 Tuesday, October 1 P.M. - 8 P.M.  
 Wednesday, October 11 6 P.M. - 8 P.M.  
 Monday, October 16 " 6 P.M. - 8 P.M.  
 Tuesday, October 17 6 P.M. - 8 P.M.  
 Wednesday, October 18 , 6 P.M. - 8 P.M.

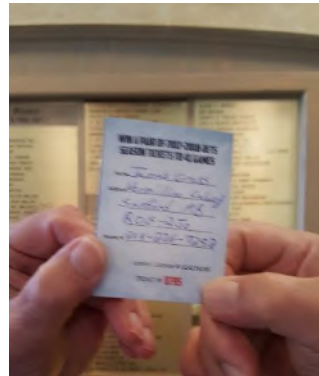
#### 2017 Christmas Cake Information

1. To ensure that everything runs smoothly, unit/clubs must have only one representative. All transactions must be made through this representative.
2. Christmas Cakes can only be picked up by unit/club representatives according to the above schedule.
3. A form has been provided for the unit/club representative to keep a master list of cakes sold by individual members of your unit/club.
4. A form has been provided for individual unit/club members to keep a list of all the people to whom they have sold cakes.
5. The selling price of Christmas cakes is \$20.00 a box. AU unit/clubs will remit \$20,00 per box to Khartum Shrine House. The dollar rebate per box will be paid out to Unit at end of Fundraiser.
6. All money collected must be turned over to the unit/club representative only. All cheques should be made payable to the unit/club.
7. The unit/club representative will turn over all money collected to your unit/club treasurer. The unit/club treasurer will then pay Khartum Shrine House with one cheque.
8. A cheque from your unit/club made payable to Khartum Shriners along with one remittance slip for the Christmas Cakes should be placed in an envelope and marked for the Christmas Cake
9. All money (or Christmas Cake sales must be turned in by December 31, 2017.
10. If you have any questions, please contact Gary Saunders P.P. at 204-256-0811

**(c) Jet Season Ticket Raffle**

The annual raffle of Jet Season Tickets has now been completed and the winning ticket was drawn by Illus. Sir Chibu Uson on September 15, 2017. The winner holding ticket No. 795 was Mr. James Gross

And here is the draw taking place and the winning ticket



**(d) Truck Raffle**



A truck raffle was held this year, under the direction of Noble Brent Gillespie. The Truck is a 1967 Ford F100 pickup that has been restored and modified. Virtually every nut, bolt, metal etc. has been either painted, chromed, or powder coated. The drivetrain has been updated to a late model mustang. The engine is a fuel injected 5-liter engine with a 4 speed overdrive automatic transmission. Tickets are \$40.00 and our draw date is October 27th.





## 8. Geoff Grey and the East West Shrine Bowl

The East-West Shrine Game is the USA's first college all-star football game and was started by the Shriners in 1925. At the 92nd East-West Shrine Game held at Tropicana Field in St Petersburg, FL in January 2017, Manitoba had a representative player, Geoff Grey, pictured here with the Imperial Potentate.



Geoff Gray is from the University of Manitoba Bison's and played on the West Team as an Offensive Guard. Geoff signed as a priority free agent with the Green Bay Packers. He is the second U of M Bison's player to get an NFL spot in as many years after defensive lineman David Onyemata, who played in the 2016 West Team, signed with the New Orleans Saints last year.

Each year, players and coaches visit the Shriners Hospitals for Children in Tampa, FL during game week to meet the patients and gain a greater understanding of the importance of game. During the inspirational and humbling visit, the teams experience a day they will never forget. Whether dancing to music, playing games or simply sharing stories with one another, the instant friendships that form between the patients and players are a testament to the motto of the Game, "Being more than just a game".

The East-West Shrine Game is the USA's first college all-star football game and was started by the Shriners in 1925. So, for more than 90 years, some of football's greatest athletes and coaches have contributed to the tradition of the East-West Shrine Game. Players like Gale Sayers, Tom Brady, John Elway, Allan Page, Dick Butkus, Brett Favre, Gino Marchetti and Walter Payton, along with coaches Don Shula, Dick Vermeil, Paul "Bear" Bryant and Jerry Glanville, to name a few, have supported the East-West Shrine Game.

The East-West Shrine Game continues to be an important part of America's football tradition, giving top college players a chance to showcase their talents to NFL scouts and a national television audience. Join us for an exciting day of football!

The 93rd East-West Shrine Game is on January 20, 2018 at Tropicana Field, St Petersburg, FL.

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## **9. Chaplain's Corner** By Noble Norm Pohl

The role of the Khronicle is to provide the opportunity to share how and what we as Shriners are doing as Khartum Shriner's, "Having Fun Helping Kids".

There was a time not so long ago when it appeared that we would not have a Khronicle. But thanks to Noble Allan, a 35 year member of the Ritualistic Unit, unit president in 2008 and 2009, volunteered to take on the role of Editor. So, thank you Allan for the gift of your remarkable talent to ensure the continuation of this all-important publication.

On a more personal note, congratulations to Noble Allan and his lovely Lady Gloria on the celebration of their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary which was celebrated on Saturday August 26<sup>th</sup> in the Synagogue with friends and members of the Shaarey Zedek Congregation. The esteem and high regard that Noble Allan and Lady Gloria are held in was reflected in the near capacity crowd in attendance for this special celebration.

Now I draw your attention to the importance of our annual Fall Ceremonial on Saturday October 28<sup>th</sup>. In addition to the members of the Divan, the Fall Ceremonial depends on the help and support from the combined help of more than 100 Nobles and Ladies of Khartum.

According to our historian, Ritualistic Noble Ross Johnston, this is a brief history of our Fall Ceremonial. Khartum's first Ceremonial took place at the Lakehead on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 1963 and the second on October 17<sup>th</sup> in that year, at the old Winnipeg Auditorium which is now known as the Archives Building.

So on Saturday November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 as has happened each year for the past 54 years, the Nobles of the Ritualistic Unit, including 7 new Ritualistic members from Sioux Lookout, will be presenting the 2017 Fall Ceremonial once again that meaningful pageantry in full costume. This will all happen under the direction of Ceremonial Director Noble Bob James, assisted by the



Nobles of the Chanters with their Director Gerry Krawchuk and Pianist Noble Gordon Fardoe, and Nobles of the Oriental Band, makeup artist Noble Dave Logan and his assistant. It is a Ceremony that adds layers of depth, dimension, drama and distinction for new candidates. It is for the New Noble what the MM degree is to the new Freemason. The ceremonial contains elements of integrated music, poetry choreography and symbolism, to stimulate the emotion of the men taking on the role of a Noble in Khartum. It provides the opportunity for each new Noble to make a statement of his intention to assist in giving hope to children with special needs. The performance presented in the Ceremonial symbolically provides each candidate with two questions, "What do you have for me that I need?" And, "What do you want, from me in my life that I can offer you?"

The great French sociologist, Emile Durkhiem, wrote about the importance of Ceremonials and rituals, expressing the opinion that it is the ritual of familiarity of the Ceremony that enhances its power. And so, it may seem very familiar, yet it is that familiarity that according to Emile Durkhiem is what gives it its power.

You are invited to attend in the Activity Room, may it be filled with Nobles Friends and Family members to witness the induction of candidates for Khartum Shriners. It is an opportunity for us to unite in our Noble cause in love and friendship that makes us a family and in that love and friendship that indeed makes us a family.

Blessings to all and a special blessing to the new Nobles.

# **10. Hospital Report** By Noble Don Thomson, P.P.

As of August 31, 2017, Khartum Shriners have provided for 178 patient visits (including 12 new patients) at a cost of about \$138,200.00. I am pleased to say that we did not have to transport any patients back on a medivac as reported last edition.

Of the 178 Patient visits 117 (66%) Twin Cities, 51 (28%) Canada, 6 (3%) Boston and 4 (2%) Philadelphia. The patient visits from each area are: Lakehead Shrine Club 56 (Twin Cities 53 (3 new); Canada 3), Lake of the Woods 4 Canada (2 new), Winnipeg & Area 90 (Twin Cities 52, Canada 34 (5 new), Philadelphia 4), Interlake Shrine Club 6 (Twin Cities 3, Canada 3), Selkirk Shrine Club 3 (Twin Cities 2 Canada 1 (new), Brandon Shrine Club 4 (Twin Cities 4, Canada 1 (new), Pembina Valley 11 (Canada 5, Boston 6) and Dauphin Shrine Club 3 (Twin Cities).

Earlier this year Trish, one of Khartum's patients from the Lakehead Shrine Club area, held a toy drive and donated a mountain of toys (approximately 4,000) to the Twin Cities Hospital for their patients. Unfortunately, there was not a Shriner at the hospital that day to accept these or thank her for the donation.



Pictured are Trish & Fezzy Bear with Toys

However, in recognition of her achievement and hard work Khartum Shriners donated a plaque recognizing this achievement. On August 31, 2017 members of the Lakehead presented Trish with her plaque.



(left-right) Lakehead Shrine President Noble Bob Willett, Deputy Chief of Staff Noble Michael Abbott, Patient Trish, Noble Stephen Abbott and Deputy Outer Guard Noble Bill Davis.

Trish's mother sent the following note *"OMG Trisha could barely contain her excitement ,and yet she was so shy ...Thank you so so much, she was so excited to see the big red hats ...she squealed as they got out of the cars ...you totally made a little girl's dreams come true , she got to shake hands with the man in the big red hat ....She looked at me and said that was a very very*

*long drive for them to come and see me all the way from Minneapolis ....haha .....will explain to her that Shriners are everywhere ...Thank you again Trisha sends the biggest hug ever*

Nobles and Ladies in a “small” way this is Trish’s way of paying it forward something her and her family can be very proud of achieving.

Another way our patients have assisted Khartum Shrine is by participating in our annual cash calendar. Over the last few years some of our patients (past & present) have been featured in the calendar. The write-ups are opportunities for you to see what you have done to help each of these patients achieve a better quality of life. In 2018 the calendars will feature 4 patient stories.

In May Shriners Hospitals for Children - Canada proudly inaugurated the Air Canada Foundation's Patient Lounge. The lounge located, next to the main waiting room, is designed to reduce stress for the patients during waiting time before, during or after a medical appointment. The space will also help ease the pressure on parents who often have to travel with the patient's brothers and sisters for an appointment. The lounge is a family-oriented space equipped with two Starlight Foundation gaming consoles, toys, games and activities geared to different ages. The playroom is supervised by child care specialists and volunteers, who provide a safe and fun environment for ambulatory patients.

At the inauguration, the Air Canada Foundation and the hospital launched "Wings of Courage," a new program that will start in September. Air Canada pilots will participate in activities with children and present them with certificates and medals in recognition of their bravery in their fight against illness.

Ms Priscille LeBlanc, Chair of the Air Canada Foundation, said *“As the health and well-being of children is the cause closest to our hearts, the Air Canada Foundation has had a proud and longstanding partnership with Shriners Hospitals for Children. The hospital's impeccable reputation for transforming children’s lives by providing exceptional health care in a patient and family-centered environment aligns perfectly with our foundation's goal of helping connect sick children to the medical care they need. On the occasion of today's inauguration of the Air Canada Foundation Patient Lounge, we salute the team at Shriners Hospitals for Children for their dedication and care of exceptional children.”*

On Friday, June 16, the thrilling Wonder Race took place in the heart of downtown Montreal. Built on the model of *The Amazing Race*, the contest pitted teams of young professionals from prestigious companies against each other. Through 10 stages, this exciting race tested the physical and intellectual abilities, and general knowledge of each teammate. Kickoff of the race took place at the Percival Molson Memorial Stadium at 1 p.m.

At the start of the race, the 45 teams received a clue pointing them to their first destination, where they had to solve a problem as quickly as possible. When that task was complete, another clue directed the team to its next destination, and so on, until the 10 scheduled events were completed. Participants experienced five hours of challenges with many twists and turns before crossing the finish line.

By supporting the race, businesses and the public are helping Shriners Hospitals for Children — Canada offer first-line and ultra-specialized orthopaedic care to children. The 45 teams and all volunteers made it possible to raise \$65,000 to benefit Shriners Hospitals for Children — Canada. Members of the organizing committee, including Olympic medalist Joannie Rochette, are young professionals who share a passion for philanthropy.

On Monday August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Shriners Hospitals for Children Canada held their 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf tournament at the St-Raphael Golf Club. This year the event had over 200 golfers raised in excess of \$357,000.00 with the help of volunteers and patients Carter, Zita, Greta, Justin and others. Also on hand were former Montreal Canadian players Stephane Richer and Sergio Momesso as well as Imperial Potentate Imperial Sir Gary Bergenske & Lady Anne Bergenske and the Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Shriners Hospitals for Children Imperial Sir Jerry Gantt and Lady Lisa Gantt. The organization committee lead by Gino Berretta and Benito Migliorati did an excellent job making the day and event a success.

Charity Navigator, America's premier independent charitable organization evaluator, has awarded Shriners Hospitals for Children with its prestigious Four-Star Charity award. Such distinction recognizes Shriners Hospitals for Children for its sound fiscal management and commitment to accountability and transparency. Only 25 percent of the evaluated charities have received the coveted 4-star award, thus signaling that Shriners Hospitals for Children outperforms the majority of charities in America. The Four Star rating is Charity Navigator's highest possible rating, indicating that Shriners Hospitals for Children adheres to best practices and executes its mission in a financially efficient way.

Founded in 2001, Charity Navigator has become the nation's largest and most utilized evaluator of charities. Charity Navigator's rating system examines two broad areas of a charity's performance; their financial health and their accountability and transparency. *Forbes*, *Business Week*, and *Kiplinger's* financial magazine, among others, have profiled and celebrated Charity Navigator's unique method of applying data-driven analysis to the charitable sector. We evaluate ten times more charities than our nearest competitor and currently attract more visitors to our website than all other charity rating groups combined, thus making us the leading charity evaluator in America. Our data shows that users of our site donated more than they planned to before viewing our findings, and in fact, it is estimated that last year Charity Navigator influenced approximately \$10 billion in charitable gifts.

“We are honored to have attained Charity Navigator's highest distinction. This four star designation is so coveted because it distinguishes Shriners Hospitals for Children from more than 1.5 million American charities,” said John McCabe, executive vice president, Shriners Hospitals for Children. “Charity Navigator differentiates charities like ours for being an efficient and transparent organization. This gives donors greater confidence in the charitable decisions they make. Receiving this rating gives Shriners Hospitals for Children even more credibility among our donors and displays our commitment to living our mission and helping transform the lives of as many children as possible.”

This is the third recognition that Shriners Hospitals for Children has received in the past year in the philanthropy category. Shriners Hospitals for Children was ranked the 91st largest charity in

the world by The Chronicles of Philanthropy and the 53rd largest charity in the U.S. by Forbes magazine.

Shriners Hospitals for Children is a Health Care System incorporating our 22 Shrine Hospitals located in North America, (1 Canada, 1 Mexico, 1 Hawaii and the remaining 19 in continental USA). They provide specialized care in the areas of Orthopedics, Cleft Lip and Palate, Spinal Cord Injuries and Burn Care. Shriners Hospitals accept Children from Infancy to age 18 if in the opinion of our physicians we can provide each child with a better quality of life. If you know of a child who we could help provide them with a better quality of life or health please have them contact your hospital chair at 204 925-1439 or email [khartumhospital@mymts.net](mailto:khartumhospital@mymts.net) and I will follow up with them.

Let us not lose sight of the fact as a philanthropy we have fun and help Kids. On behalf of Shriners Hospitals for Children and the children you help, I thank you and your ladies for everything you do; your love, compassion and support is greatly appreciated and does not go unnoticed.

## 11. Morden Parade.

Khartum Shriners recently participated in the parade of the Morden Corn & Apple Festival. We had a good number of Nobles from Winnipeg, Selkirk and Brandon join the parade.







The Grand Master, M W Bro Tom Love, other Grand Lodge of Manitoba officers and representatives from the various Appendant and Concordant Bodies (the Masonic Family) also took part in the almost two-hour long parade.

The weather was perfect then and there were a lot of people along the route. Of course, we had to buy some corn and stopped by Syl's for lunch. All in all, it was a wonderful day.

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### **Ruff Riders**

By Noble Dennis Handford



The Ruff Riders participated in 10 parades this summer: Transcona, Lac du Bonnet, Fraserwood, Selkirk, Pinawa, Winnipeg Beach, Gimli, Midwest and Morden. We still have one parade left in Beausejour.

As usual we had our oasis at Noble Doug and Lady Peggy Seel's after the Gimli parade, the food was tasty and lots to choose from, and the weather couldn't have been better! Our guests were Grandmaster Tom and Lady Donna Love as well as Noble Brent and Lady Colleen. Some of the members from the Ruff Riders made the trip to Mid West in August, a good time was had by all. Noble Hamish and Noble Doug competed in the competition and won. Congratulations to both of them!

After the Morden parade we went to our oasis at Noble Rick and Lady Barb's daughter and son in laws. The food was great and the weather participated again making it a fun day! The last parade is in Beausejour the Ruff Riders are invited to Noble Curtis and Lady Dawn Rossman's for the oasis. I know all will have fun as they hosted last year for this parade and everything turned out great. We are anticipating good weather on that day as well.

The Unit wants to say THANK YOU to all that made these oases so successful!

We are now selling our Grey Cup tickets and taking orders for our Xmas cakes too. We are thrilled to have our calendar picture for 2018 featuring Jersey who was a patient at the Canadian Hospital in Montreal. We will be having our annual dinner for Ladies night at Rae and Jerry's this coming October 26th. Also, we would like to THANK Noble Hamish's Lady Francie for always being patient with the time she takes in doing all the pictures whether it is for parades, parties, or calendars. She always does a great job!!

As fall is approaching we are always looking to increase our members in the Ruff Riders. If anyone is interested please don't hesitate to come to one of our meetings. Our meetings are held starting in September every second Tuesday of the month.

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### **Khartum Shriners Hillbillies Unit**

By Noble Ken Galaschuk



Hi ya'all... from the newest Unit of Khartum: "Khartum Shriners Hillbillies".

Hope you all had a great summer and the best part "no mosquitoes" to speak of. Hard to believe we're already in September. The Hillbillies had fun and attended several of the parades this past summer. We received a lot of attention from the crowds with great comments and many photos taken. As stated before, we are a very versatile unit with no specific uniform other than the traditional "Hillbilly" attire of coveralls, overalls and the like along with the traditional Hillbilly floppy hats, corn cob pipes, etc. Members or as we call 'em "Kuzzinz" can walk or ride as they choose as we are also a man power or motorized unit. Any personal "safe" vehicles such as old cars, trucks, scooter, go-karts, old bikes, etc., etc., can be used which would be subject to approval for public safety concerns. As you can see the sky is the limit with this Unit and there is no specific purchase of particular vehicles or clothing, etc. or surprise expense that members would have to incur. No two Hillbillies are alike! We are always looking for new members and all Nobles of Khartum Shriners are welcome to join us, so if you are looking for a Unit that's fun & different, "just ask" our "Keeper of the Quill" (Secretary) Kuzzin Herb by calling 204 667-9496 and he'll be glad to answer any other questions you may have and has applications to join us.

Till the next time, "Ya'll come back now...hear!"



14.

**Komedians**

By Nobles Guy Arbez and Murray Botterill

It was a busy summer for the Komedians in 2017.



The Komedians took part in various parades this past summer, all across the province, bringing joy to all. Thanks to all of the Nobles who took part in the parades and helped make them so successful. Special thanks goes out to all those Nobles who transported the unit's fire engine to all of the events as well. The fire engine requires quite a bit of TLC in its golden years so we are appreciative of all the effort that goes in to keeping it up to snuff! Many Nobles also attended the MSA this past summer with their ladies and by all accounts it was a very enjoyable event. Coming up soon is the Komedians Fall BBQ and Social titled the No Elephants BBQ. It will be held on September 24, 2017 at the Kimberley Masonic Hall.



## 15.

**Patrol**

By Noble George Einarson



Hello Nobles –

It's great to have our Khronicle up and running!

The Patrol has been very active over the spring and summer months attending. Circuses, Parades, Teddy Bears' Picnic and The Red River Exhibition event.

Our long serving Executive Nobles have been dedicated to making sure our Flags have been on display thanks to the enthusiastic support of the marching Nobles and their Ladies.

Our executive include:

President and Quarter Master .....	Noble	Carl Hrechka
Captain .....	Noble	Wayne Hudson
Assistant to the Captain .....	Noble	Wilf Blommaert
Treasurer .....	Noble	Jun Magasino
Secretary .....	Noble	George Einarson
Chief of Staff and Liaison .....	Noble	George Kuch

As mentioned all of these Nobles have been on the Executive for many years and have been very active in all our endeavors. Would like to high light one of our Nobles who has on outstanding record of support to Khartum Temple and our Patrol.

Noble Carl Hrechka our President attends all of our Parades, is on Patrol at many of our Circuses; picks up cans with the Kan Van, took part at the Red River Exhibition for all ten days, attends Council meetings, Unit Council meetings and is on hand every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays every month for our Patrol meetings. Congratulations Noble Carl for your service to the Shrine! Well done.

Plans are under way to once again celebrate Ladies Night on December 8<sup>th</sup> at the Shrine House. And as in past years invitations will be extended to the Fife and Drum, the Oriental Band and to several special Nobles who have marched with the patrol at many community parades and circuses.

Our Chief of Staff and a Noble of the Patrol George Kuch is searching for a six person golf cart for the coming year, once on hand he will install flags and a sound system. His trailer has been upgraded and is ready for a new cart. Good Luck Noble George in your reach!

The Patrol had a very strong turnout at the Winnipeg Beach parade and a large number of flags for the Gimli parade. We also took several pictures for use in the Khronicle and the Shrine Calendar. So the “tradition” continues for Khartum’s most senior marching unit on parade! Over 100 years and counting

Also Grey Cup tickets are now available from any Patrol Noble at the bargain price of \$2.00 for everyone – so get them before they are all gone, and the prizes are great.

Many of our towns and communities celebrated Canada's 150 anniversary and the Shrine was a big part in their parades and activities! It always a positive element as Khartum Temple units participate and get together with the parents, children and seniors in their home locations.

To many many people the Red Fez means fun, parades, circuses and help for our children. We hope you have had a fantastic summer and productive fall and winter. Merry Christmas and all the best in 2018!

# **16. Khartum Sports Car Unit** By Noble Garry Saunders

Thank you to the unit members who were able to attend the summer parades. It’s always nice to see as many as possible out to support the Shrine and the local communities.

Welcome to our new associate member: Noble Hamish Barrit

Noble Gary Saunders P.P., representing the Sport Car Unit, spend the weekend in Morden at the Corn and Apple festival selling truck raffle, and Jets tickets, bringing in \$4000.00. A “Tip of the Fez” to Noble Jack Edgar and Lady Verna for hosting Noble Gary and assisting at the booth for the weekend. Noble Jack and Lady Verna having been supporting us in this way for 5+ years. Also thanks to Nobles Hamish Barrit and Brent Gillespie for their support in getting the truck to and from the location.

Our 18th annual Grey Cup party will be held at the Shrine House (1155 Wilkes Ave.) co-hosted by Khartum Sport Car and Ruff Riders Units, on Sunday, Nov.26, 2017. Door opens one hour before kickoff. Tickets are \$25.00 each and available from: Noble Gary Saunders P.P. (204 256-0811)

Noble Hamish Barrit(204 253-0293 ) and from Dee at the Shrine House office.

Ticket price includes an opportunity to watch/enjoy the game, and great food provided by Evolve Catering. There will also be awesome auction prizes, 50/50 and door prizes. Come out and enjoy.

We welcome new members and at this time we do have one “Bradley” car for sale. For more info call Noble Gary at 204 256-0811.

Thank you to the Khartum Ruff Riders for inviting the Nobles and Ladies of our Unit to join them once again to celebrate the Holiday Season at their annual Christmas Dinner. To each and every one, Merry Christmas and our best wishes for a Happy/Healthy New Year

## **17.**

### **Skooters**

By Noble Lorne Britton, President

Summer 2017 was a pretty short parade season for the Skooters.

The first parade on Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup> we rode out via River Road to the Selkirk Fair and Rodeo Parade. The Unit then rode to the Royal Manitoba Yacht Club for a Unit lunch with family members.

On Sunday, July 23rd, Potentate Illustrious Sir Chibu Uson, the Skooters and Vintage Cars participated in the Safe Ride along with government representatives and City of Winnipeg Police Officers. It is an opportunity for the Police to practice traffic control and escort during a non-stop parade of vehicles. We travel from the Manitoba Legislature to Portage Avenue, to Empress Street, back to Maryland Street and south to The Pony Corral on Grant Avenue. This is always a blast for us as we never put a foot down from start to finish.

On sunny Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup> we trailered to the Gimli Icelandic Festival. The Unit once again chose to meet at the Royal Manitoba Yacht Club for a meal with family and friends. Our last parade was held on Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. We trailered out to the Morden Corn and Apple Festival, which always has a large, well-attended parade. On return to Winnipeg we stopped at the Carman Golf and Curling Club. McGee's restaurant served up an excellent lunch and a good time was had by all riders and family.

The Skooter Unit would like to take this opportunity to invite any new Initiates who are not committed to a club or unit to consider the Skooters. We have several vintage bikes available. You do not need experience. We can teach you what you need to know. We are a family oriented unit. Fun ...Fun...Fun.

Skooter Family wishes one and all a safe winter.

## **18.**

### **Vintage Cars**

By Noble Brent Gillerpie

Greetings Nobles. Vintage Cars members attended a number of parades this summer which is always a good time. Nice to entertain the public, visit with other Nobles, and show off our cars.

However fall is quickly approaching with a frost warning for tonight (September 9th). Only too soon the vehicles will be put away till next spring.

The "Black Camel" visited us twice this year taking two of our past presidents. RIP Nobles.

If you or any other Nobles know of any members who may have a desire or interest in old vehicles, please have them contact us through the office. We would be glad to introduce them to our unit.

**19. Lakehead Shrine Club**  
By Noble Bob Vogt)

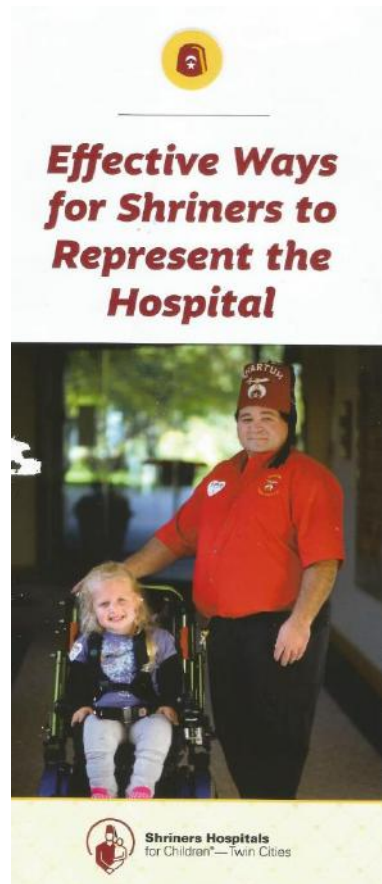
**Lakehead Shrine Club's Hospital Pin Up Boy's Hospital Pin Up Boy.**

Lakehead Shrine Clubs Coordinator for Hospital Transportation, Noble Stephen Abbott has been chosen by the Twin Cities Shriners Hospital for Children for the Cover of their brochure "Effective Ways for Shriners to represent the Hospital"

Stephan has enjoyed this task for the last 2 years and has done an impeccable job.

Shrine Clubs are encouraged to participate in promoting the Shriners Hospital by the following means:

- Share Hospital Communications
  - Share Hospital Public announcements (PSA) with your local media Service
  - Work with PR Staff to make connections within your local media market.
  - Host a Community Education Event.
  - Organize a Prospecting Trip by connecting Hospital Staff to Medical Professional Contacts in your area. Please allow Hospital staff to build the relationship as they are trained in this type of communication. Contacts are shown below.
  - Host a Screening Clinic. The Hospital will advertise and help promote to generate attendance.



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## 20. Ladies Auxiliary

The object of the Khartum Ladies Auxiliary is to raise funds to support Shriners' Hospitals, Khartum Shrine Transportation Fund and the Rehabilitation Centre for Children (MB), and any organization ministering to children with disabilities within the Khartum Shrine Jurisdiction.

Khartum Ladies Auxiliary is open to any lady, over the age of 18, related to a member of Shriners International, to a member of the Masonic family or past patient of Shrine Hospital. Dues are \$20.00 a year. Please contact **June Krochenski, Membership Chair, 204-255-5545**, if you wish to become a member.

Ladies,

It's hard to believe that it is time for the Fall Newsletter. It has been a busy year so far and will continue with our Fall activities so I hope you have had an enjoyable summer and rested up. 😊

Thank you to June Krochenski, Bonnie Davies and Barb Wells for co-chairing the Raffle Tickets, they have worked many hours arranging for the venues, making sure that there are people there to sell and for the hours spent dropping off and picking up the signs and monies. Thank you, Thank you.

BUT we are not done yet – arrangements have been made to continue sales at various venues and we need your help to meet our financial commitments this year. If called upon to sell our Raffle Tickets PLEASE find the time. Let's try and sell out this year. REMEMBER the money all goes to the kids, be it for their rehabilitation or for their travelling to Shrine Hospitals we need your help.

Thank you

### - EVENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO:

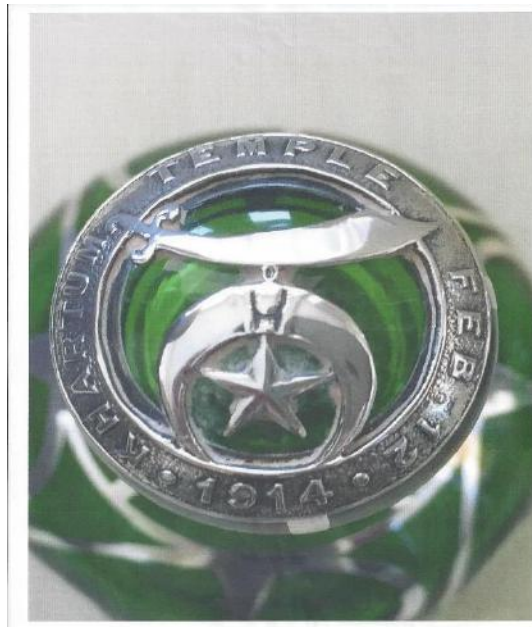
**- Morden Chocolate order forms should be ready from Gail Hunt, 204-837-7648 at the September meeting.**

**- October 22, 2017 Pasta and Pint at the Viscount Gort** - Tickets are available from **Joy Derhak at the cost of \$20.00** with arrangements for your drink ticket to be used for coffee if needed. Please encourage your family and friends to attend this event. Silent Auction items would be greatly appreciated and 50/50 will be sold also.

**21.****Letter to the Editor**

We received a letter from Noble D. Ben Matthews, a member of Khartum, now living in Vancouver. Noble Ben is the possessor of several vintage perfume decanters the decorated stoppers of which are emblazoned with Shrine symbols, and indicate they are of a February 14, 1914 vintage. These have been passed down to him from Nobles, and he believes he is the fourth Noble to have been entrusted with their care.

Noble Ben has been a member of the Nobility for 68 years and sat in the East in several of the concordant bodies. He thought we would enjoy seeing these bottles.



## 22. Musing of Noble Archie

**Musings by Noble Archie Davidson** (who requested anonymity, but the choice, Archie, was publish or anonymity and I chose publish)

**“...Grow old along with me-the best is yet to be...”-Browning**



Today's realities of life demand we as “old timers” change our right attitudes and adjust to this modern age. Let us indulge in some reminiscing. My memory of transportation in the early 30's was street cars running on rails, serviced by overhead cables and two trolley arms. At certain intersections, overhead power connections were complicated and the trolley would often skip-off the power line. The car would immediate stop and the driver would climb out of his compartment, walk out to the rear of the car and attempt to re-engage the trolley arm otherwise we would be stranded. The regular passengers knew of these sensitive street intersections and breathed a sigh of relief whenever we successfully passed these connection points without incident.

My memory also recalls streetcars with coal-fired mini stove at the rear, attended by a second conductor and all passengers had to exit via the rear doors. Seating facilities consisted of long heavily thatched benches running the length of the car and accompanied by a hanging hand-grip to accommodate overflow passengers who had to stand during their trip.

The street car driver had to remain standing and operated his car by a straight arm handle (no steering wheel). Across the full width of the car, along the front bottom was a protruding “cow catcher”. This was intended to be a safety net in the event of an unfortunate collision with a misguided animal or human being. It did happen!

Also mounted at the car front was an exterior clapper bell operated inside by a floor mounted pedal (equivalent to our auto horn alarm). This bell would issue an extremely audible “clang” which was a disturbing distraction to all pedestrians in the vicinity but was effective as an equivalent to today's auto horn.

Entry/exit of the car consisted of a single steel step which simply “flopped” when the car door opened and was extremely hazardous for the young and elderly passengers to step up/down particularly in winter.

Cost (in the early 30's) was two tickets for 15 cents. If a booklet was purchased, a bonus of one free ticket was included. If your destination required an interconnection, you requested a transfer (similar to today).



Editor's Note: The picture is that of a streetcar in Regina, where the Editor grew up and where among other things, he flattened coins by allowing the streetcar to run over them, and on Halloween pranked the streetcar driver by pulling off the trolley when it stopped.

### **23. Registered Disability Savings Plan**

A Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP) is a savings plan that is intended to help disabled Individuals save for their long-term financial-security.

To qualify for an RDSP the beneficiary (the plan holder) must be eligible for the Disability tax credit (DTC).

The RDSP Is available for both children and adults. Contributions can be made until the end of the year the beneficiary turns SQ. Individuals can contribute up to \$200,000 in a life-time. Anyone can contribute on' behalf of the beneficiary, with the written permission of the plan holder.

Contributions are not tax deductible but are entitled to the Canada disability savings grant.

The government of Canada will pay a matching Canada disability savings grant up to 300% to a maximum of \$3,500 per year and a total of \$70,000 over a lifetime (on contributions made before December 31 of the year the plan holder turns 49). depending on the beneficiary's family income.

A beneficiary. with low family income, may also be eligible for a Canada disability saving bond, Low-Income individuals do not have to make contributions of their own to receive a Canada disability savings bond.

Payments known as disability. assistance payments (DAP's), must commence in the year the beneficiary turns 60. Contributions to RDSPs are not taxed upon withdrawal. Government grants and bonds, and income from the investments, however, will be taxed in the hands of the beneficiary in the year they are received.

For additional information, consult the CRA publication RC4460(E) Rev. 16.

if you know someone that may qualify, please have them and their tax professional. Contact John Nesbitt. Financial Advisor at Edward Jones 800 337-6417 or [john.nesbltt@edwardjones.com](mailto:john.nesbltt@edwardjones.com). John will be able to help them determine if they might be entitled to the Disability tax Credit and the RDSP.

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