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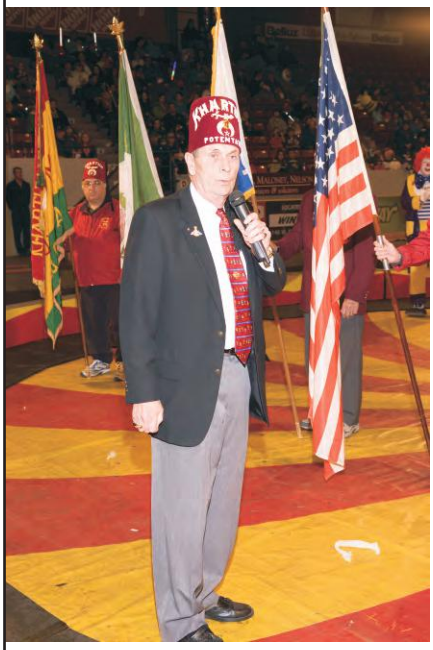

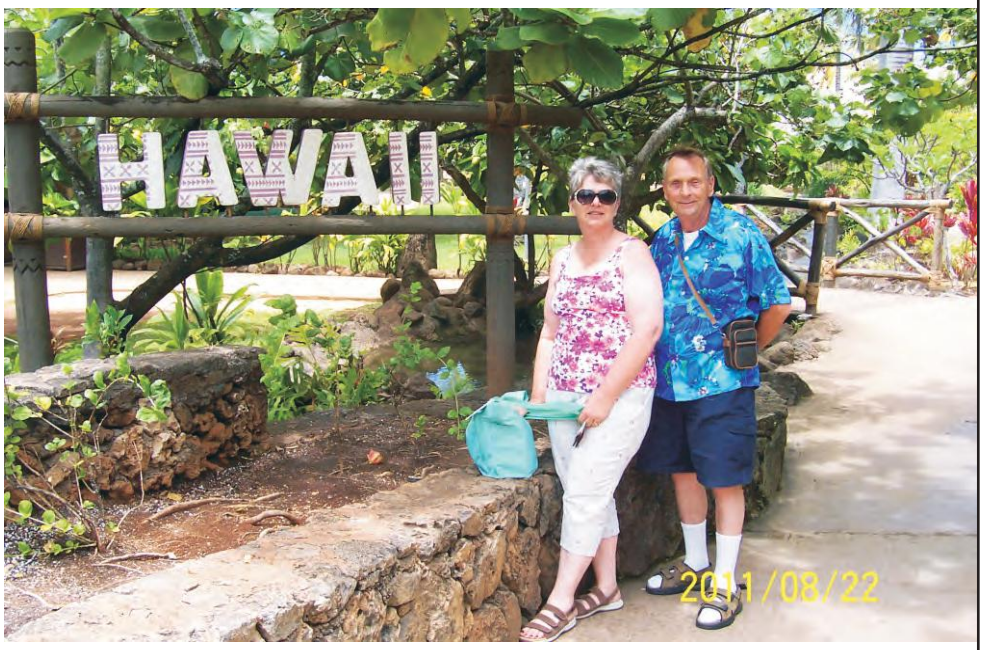

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Editor's Note

The deadline for submission of reports for the April 2012 edition of the Khartum Khronicle will be February 15, 2012.

In October, our longtime office manager, Brenda Tustin, retired. Brenda seemed to know everything about everything and will be missed. We wish Brenda all the best in her retirement. We welcome her replacement, Doreen (Dee) Miller, and trust that all Khartum nobles will give her their full cooperation and support. We also congratulate Noble Freeman Myers on his dedicated work.

In Memoriam

We do not lose the ones we love
They only go before where there is everlasting life
Where sorrow is no more . . .
And there the soul will always live
and peace is everywhere
We do not lose the ones we love,
God takes them in His care.

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From the Desk of the Potentate

By Illustrious Sir Gary Saunders

Illustrious Sir Gary Saunders, Potentate, 2011, Khartum Shriners

It is hard to believe that the year is passing so quickly. This will be the last issue of the Khartum Khronicle for 2011. These past few days have been ones of reflection. I thank Illustrious Sir Doug Vialoux, P. P., and Lady Pat for your continued support since appointing me to the line in 2002. It has been a long, rewarding ten years of opportunities, experiences, and memorable moments for Lady Marcy and myself for which we will be forever grateful. We look forward to our continuing journey with Khartum and Shriners International; however, we are getting off this train.

We give a "Tip of the Fez" to the following:

- All nobles who participated in our many summer parades, and ladies who supported our communities.
- Noble Matt Queau (Mr. Q – Komedian name) from the Dryden Shrine Club, who arrived in Winnipeg on August 2, 2011, the day before we started our Midwest Shrine Association summer session. Mr. Q had a goal — to drive his miniature Tin Lizzie from Dryden, Ontario, to Winnipeg, Manitoba, some 300+ kilometers, to raise funds for the Khartum Transportation Fund and create positive PR for the Shriners. Accompanied by his lady Nora and his pit crew, Mr. Q drove for three days at about 16 km/hr, stopping at different locations to take part in local community events. I thank everyone, including our PR chairman, Noble Ross Holt, for helping Mr. Q reach his goal. It was an honor to have Imperial Sir Michael Severe and the Imperial officers and their ladies in attendance as we acknowledged, at the Friday night event, Noble Matt Queau and his crew for their accomplishments.
- Our MSA President, Illustrious Sir Fraser Woodward and Lady Susan; our Director General, Tim Stephenson and Lady Pat; our Deputy Director General, Lorne Gregorash and Lady Shirley; and their committees for hosting a wonderful Midwest Shrine Association Summer Session. I believe everyone was "bedazzled" in Winnipeg. We were pleased and honored to have with us the Imperial Potentate, Imperial Sir Michael Severe and Imperial First Lady Patty. They were accompanied by Imperial Sirs Dale Stauss and Lady Cheryl, Jerry Gantt and Lady Lisa, and Jim Smith and Lady Alice. We also had the candidate for Imperial Outer Guard, Illustrious Sir Bill Bailey and Lady Debby, and the Supreme Queen of the Supreme Temple, Daughters of the Nile, Her Supreme Majesty, Laura Richardson, in attendance. I thank all nobles and ladies from our fourteen Midwest Shrine Association temples for their support, and I congratulate all nobles who took part in the competitions. Next year, the MSA winter and summer sessions will be hosted by Kem Temple in Grand Forks, North Dakota.

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NOTICE OF STATED MEETING

All nobles are reminded of the following Stated Meeting:

Thursday, January 19, 2012
7:30 P.M. Sharp
Shrine Activity Room
1155 Wilkes Avenue,
Winnipeg MB R3P 1B9

Agenda:
1. Annual Meeting
2. Reports
3. Balloting
4. Elections
5. Other business

Attest:

Noble Don Murray, Recorder Emeritus

Illustrious Sir Gary Saunders , Potentate/CEO

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- Assistant Rabban Andrew Skene for hosting the Fall Ceremonial honoring Illustrious Sir Jack Hooper, P. P. I welcome our new nobles and their ladies.
- Ladies Hope Rosenbaum and Irene Skene (ladies of our Chief Rabban and Assistant Rabban) for hosting the ladies' brunch at the Butterfly Cafe welcoming our new nobles' ladies.
- Second Ceremonial Master Alvin Allard and his Lady Judy and the Khartum Komedians and their committee for welcoming everyone to the "Saunders Fishing Lodge" during Khartum's Red/Green social evening (all in fun).
- Our High Priest and Prophet Rick Holberg and his Lady Georgette and their committee for planning and hosting the VIP reception and "The Spirit of Christmas" Potentate's Ball held in the simply elegantly decorated Grand Ball Room at the historic Fort Garry Hotel. During the evening, it was my pleasure to present the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Most Worshipful Brother Chibu Uson, with his new fez depicting his position as Grand Master. Our best wishes go to you and Lady Mae as you continue fulfilling your duties this year, including your travels to the Philippines planned for the spring of 2012. May you and yours travel safely and in good health as you represent all Masons of Manitoba and all concordant bodies.
- The nobles and ladies of our clubs for their hard work. Our Shrine children are the beneficiaries, directly or indirectly, of your dedication and commitment. I thank the nobles and ladies of the Dauphin Shrine Club (presented by President Darren Carlson), the Pembina Valley Shrine Club (presented by President Elwyn Brown), and the Lakehead Shrine Club (amazing sales from their Cotton Candy Wagon, presented by Nobles Grant Poulin and Andy Anderson), for the kind monetary donations. Our cash raffle was not as successful as we had hoped. However, we thank all those who supported it. The winner of the $25,000 was Gord Fardoe of Winnipeg, and the winner of the $10,000 was Dianne Michaluk of Minnesota. Congratulations!
- The past potentates of Khartum — you graciously gave assistance, counsel, and encouragement.
- All elected officers and committees of units and clubs for your continued commitment to the cause.
- The Strategic Planning Committee, for their continued confident approach to the progress.

Signs of change can be as subtle as a shift in the sun's rays, or they can be as dramatic as birth pangs or a sudden death. These signs are markers that life is moving on and that our world is going to be different. Here at Khartum, we are experiencing signs of change. Firstly, we say goodbye to Brenda Tustin, our office manager of 19 years as she begins her journey into retirement. Our best wishes go to Brenda. May retirement be all you want it to be. We welcome to our Shrine family, Doreen Miller, the newest member of our office team. Our best wishes for smooth transition go to Doreen.

Noble Craig Houston will be staying on as our hospital chairman. However, Noble Craig will be relinquishing all the other duties he has performed over the years in regards to ceremonials, potentate's installations and receptions, and the Potentate's Ball. Thank you, Noble Craig, for the many years of dedication, and the countless hours of preparing for, organizing, directing, and promoting these events.

Our Director Emeritus Freeman Meyers, who is presently our housing chairman, had originally planned to step down from this position at the year end. However, because of health challenges, he has had to leave this position, effective immediately. We thank you for your years of dedicated service to Khartum and wish you and Lady Pat all the best.

We thank Noble Jonathan Cortes for his dedication to the membership committee. Noble Jonathan has had to step down because of work and family commitments. We welcome Noble Howie Morrow as our newly appointed membership chairman. I hope your opportunity to collaborate/network with others at the membership seminar in Tampa several weeks ago with Chief Rabban Harry Rosenbaum will be a great resource. Membership is everyone's responsibility — let's work together to recruit

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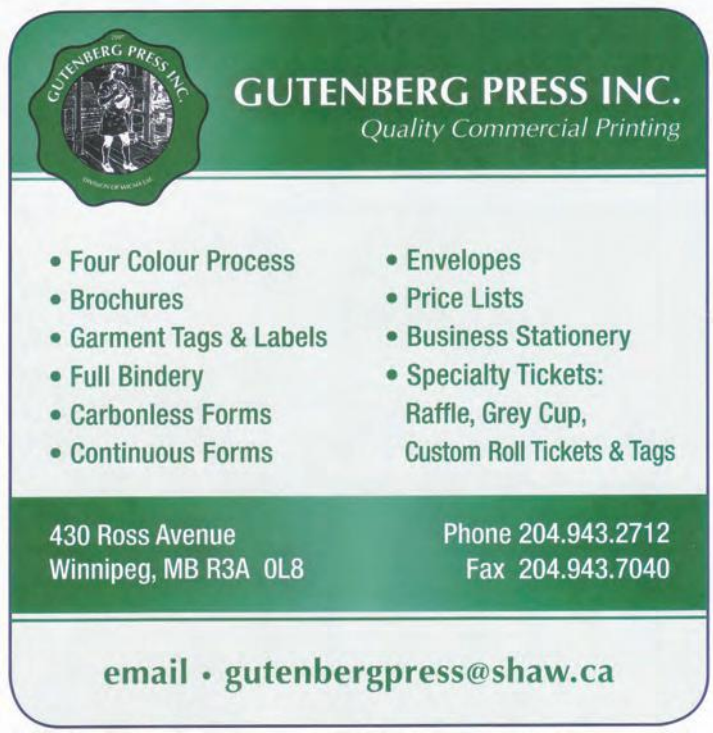

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new members while retaining the members we now have.

We thank Noble Al Werpny, who served as our Deputy Chief of Staff (Lakehead), for your years of service. We wish you all the best. We welcome our newly appointed Deputy Chief of Staff (Lakehead), Noble Craig Wolverton.

To our 2011 Divan nobles and their ladies, we say thank you. You embraced change (without change we would not have butterflies). You are competent, committed, and visible, all the while taking your responsibilities and obligations seriously. Your collective knowledge and guidance was and still is greatly appreciated. We had some apprehension, concerns, and challenges. However, with the strong and long-lasting support of the Khartum nobility and some redirection, we did not lose the focus of our purpose — **the children**. Thank you for your support and all the attention to the smallest details, ensuring this year to be a memorable one for Lady Marcy and me. We wish you much success as you continue your journey.

To all nobles and ladies of Khartum: together we have shared life's journey, created understanding, generated respect, listened with our hearts, raised expectations, made choices, learned about each other, appreciated the inner beauty and talents of others, and supported our Shrine Centre, our Shriners Hospitals, and our Shrine children. We celebrated our Khartum community and the community as a whole. We welcomed new nobles and their ladies, and nurtured relationships with our blue lodges and all concordant Masonic bodies. **That's what family does.** Lady Marcy and I thank each of you for being part of the Khartum Shrine family and for allowing us the opportunity to be part of it as well.

To each and everyone: Remember the Reason — All Aboard for the Children.

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Memorandum to President/Secretary,
All Khartum Units and Clubs

In keeping with past practice, it has been traditional to honor the incoming Potentate for the ensuing year with a donation made payable to either Shriners Hospitals for Children or, the Khartum Shrine Hospital Patient Transportation Fund, Khartum Building Fund, or Khartum Shrine.

This year we ask that you honor the same tradition by making cheques payable to one of the above funds.

For every cheque in the amount of $100.00 or more, a certificate suitable for framing will be presented and will also be on display at the Potentate's Reception in recognition of your generous contribution. The certificate will then be returned to your unit/club after the reception.

Your donations should be sent to the Shrine Office on or before 12:00 noon on Thursday, January 19, 2012.

Your generosity and consideration are appreciated.

Donald A. Murray, Recorder Emeritus,
Khartum Shriners

Cash Draw Winners

Doreen Miller, our new Khartum office manager, drew the winning tickets for the Khartum Cash Fundraiser at Shrine House on October 31 at 12:00 noon. The winners were as follows:

$25,000 winner: Noble Gord Fardoe of Winnipeg
$10,000 winner: Joanne Michaluk from Minnesota

We came out of this lottery with a small profit. We thank all those who participated in our 2011 Khartum Cash Fundraiser.

L. to r.: Noble Jack Codd, Cash Fundraiser Chairman; Dianne Michaluk, $10,000 winner; Gord Fardoe, $25,000 winner; our new office manager, Doreen Miller; and Illustrious Sir Gary Saunders, 2011 Potentate, Khartum Shriners

2012 Khartum Shriners Divan Open Installation and Potentate's Public Reception

Khartum Shriners Divan invites you to join them at an open installation, celebration, and reception, on Saturday, January 21, 2012, at the Victoria Inn Hotel and Convention Centre, 1808 Wellington Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba

1:00 to 2:30 P.M. – Open Installation – Centennial Room #3
3:00 to 5:00 P.M. – Potentate's Reception – Centennial Room #3

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Cash Bar

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Hospital Report

By Noble Craig Houston, Khartum Hospital Chairman

Up to the end of October, we have sent our children for 196 medical visits to our "Temples of Mercy" in Montreal, Minneapolis, and Chicago. In November, 16 patients are scheduled and in December, 4 more are scheduled to go for clinics. Our expenses until the end of the October period were about $96,000.

WestJet and Air Canada continue to help us out with transportation, and the various hotels and taxi companies are doing their share.

I had an interesting visitor come into my office a couple of months ago. He was interested in getting some information from Shriners Hospitals records department as he was a patient in Winnipeg when the Winnipeg Hospital was open. I steered him in the right direction to obtain these records and we chatted about his experiences at Shriners Hospitals for Children in Winnipeg.

Evidently, Paul had been a patient at Shriners Hospitals for Children, Winnipeg, during the 1960s and spent a long time there having treatment and therapy. During that time, he recalled the visits of members of the Winnipeg Blue Bombers who played "football" with the patients and gave them an insight into the game.

Paul told me that it was there that he learned a lot about football, and years later, when he returned from Canada to his native Austria, he was able to pass his knowledge on to various groups. Six or seven teams now play and compete in the Vienna area in Austria.

Paul also had a newspaper photograph of himself and librarian Helen Robertson when the library was opened up at Shriners Hospitals for Children, Winnipeg. Paul told me that he owes a lot to the Shriners' organization for helping him in his life. Without them, he would probably be in a wheelchair now. As he was on vacation from Austria and was heading east, he expressed a wish to visit Shriners Hospitals for Children, Canada, in Montreal, which was arranged. It truly is a small , small world.

The new Shriners Hospitals for Children being constructed at the Glen Campus in Montreal is underway. The official sod turning was on October 13, 2011, although the major construction of the site was already underway.

Quebec Premier Jean Charest and leaders of Shriners Hospitals for Children took part in the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Shriners Hospital for Children on the Glen Campus adjacent to the Montreal Childrens Hospital (MCH) of the McGill University Health Centre (MUHC). Also present were Health Minister Yves Bolduc, M. D.; The Honourable Arthur T. Porter, CEO and Director General of MUHC; Imperial Sir Michael Severe, President of the Board of Directors of Shriners International; Imperial Sir Douglas Maxwell, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Shriners Hospitals for Children; and many other dignitaries. Patient representatives Natalie Cinman and Luca Patuelli participated in the official groundbreaking and the national anthems were sung by hospital patient Jeremy Gabriel.

"This new space of 207,000 square feet, will allow for the implementation of care and rehabilitation facilities at the cutting edge of technology and will include new services such as a movement analysis laboratory for clinical treatments and research" said Raoul Frevel, Chairman of the Building and Equipment Committee, Shriners Hospitals for Children. "A surgical skills laboratory and an education center will allow us to continue to improve our teaching mandate and the care we offer to meet the needs of current and future patients."

Since the announcement of the construction **in** 2010, the firm of Andre lbghy, Architects, was hired to develop building plans which integrate high technology and the family-centered care approach. Patients and families who arrive at the front entrance drop off will be protected from the elements by a signature glass marquise. The Hospital will be linked to Montreal Children's Hospital on several floors for staff, patients, and families. The Hospital's environment will be bright and welcoming to children.

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Montreal Mayor Gerald Tremblay said that the extraordinary groundswell of support that we have experienced since 2005 to keep the Shriners Hospital for Children in Montreal has truly come to fruition today and we can now enjoy the fruits of our labor.

Imperial Sir Douglas Maxwell stated that the transfer of property has been signed, and if everything goes according to schedule, construction will begin in the spring of 2013. The work and the move will be completed in the summer of 2015.

Robert Drummond, M. D., Chairman of the Hospital's Board of Governors, said that he expects the new hospital, with the technology and ultramodern facilities, will allow us to recruit some of the best pediatric surgeons, orthopedists, researchers, and health care professionals, and continue to provide the best possible care in Canada and around the world. We want to make this hospital a true model of excellence.

During the recent Ceremonial at Shrine House on October 21, 2011, we were fortunate to have one of the candidates, now a new noble of Khartum, give a talk on his experiences at the old Shriners Hospitals for Children, Winnipeg. We have included this in this Hospital report.

It was truly fitting that at the Ceremonial, Carey related his story and I print it hereunder.

"I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude for the services one receives at Shriners Hospitals everywhere, but especially Winnipeg.

When I was twelve, I was in a motor vehicle accident and received a severe head injury. I was unable to breathe, walk, swallow, or speak and was unconscious forever it seemed. My family was told that I might not make it, if I did I would either be in a Nursing Home or at the St. Amant Centre. I was in the Paediatric ICU of Winnipeg Childrens Hospital for 21 days (17 of which were on a Respirator).

I was then moved out of the ICU to use the services provided by the old Shriners Hospital in Winnipeg.

Several trips were made to the Shriners Hospital for fittings and making of hand braces, speech therapy and occupational therapy in trying to regain my memory. The dedicated staff are exceptional and deserve a medal.

It took six months before I was able to return home and back to school with a special routine and assistance. I am pleased to say that I was able to graduate with my class in 1994.

I do not remember much of my hospital stay, but my family were by my side 24/7 and made a written and photo diary of every stage I went through during my recovery.

This recovery would not have taken place had there not been a Shriners Hospital and the services it provides to children. I will be forever grateful and feel blessed to NOW be part of a sharing organization.

Thank you for being there for me when I needed you."

Carey Bartley
Class of New Nobles 2011

Noble Carey (r.) and his brother with Illustrious Sir Gary Saunders

The Bartley family presenting a $500.00 cheque to Illustrious Sir Gary Saunders

If you would like to buy a ceramic "Dazzle" plaque, the 2011 Midwest Shrine collectible, contact the Khartum office. The plaques are being sold at cost, $75.00 each. The plaque is 5¾ in. by 7½ in. and was designed and crafted by Winnipeg ceramic artist Jordan Van Sewell.

Young Masons of Manitoba — Movember Prostate Cancer Fund-Raiser

By Noble Kelly Eldridge, B. A., CFP

Hello, fellow Shriners. There has been a considerable amount of research completed on the future of our wonderful fraternity. I have attempted to concentrate on the youth of Freemasonry in Manitoba. On April 19, 2011, we held the first "Young Masons Night" at Northern Light Prince Rupert's Lodge with much success. We have identified many Freemasons under the age of fifty, collected e-mail addresses and phone numbers, and have been in contact with most. We received a lot of interest in forming a Young Masons Club to create and do the following:

- Unite the future force of Freemasonry;
- Create a mission and vision statement parallel to our current and future society;
- Build relationships on a common theme;
- Create an environment for fathers who are now more active with their children;
- Increase our spouses' knowledge and participation in Freemasonry and our friendship network;
- Create a conducive environment of fellowship and fun with like-minded members of a similar age, who share social and family values;
- Create opportunities to proudly introduce our family, neighbors, and friends to Freemasonry, and;
- Support our Masonic family organizations with a focus on Job's Daughters and DeMolay.

Our first endeavor is the Young Masons of Manitoba Movember Fundraising Team to benefit prostate cancer awareness, prevention, research, and treatment.

Please find some information below to consider, and hopefully you will join the Young Masons of Manitoba in our inaugural venture.

This is a fun, interesting, and charitable initiative that Young Masons of Manitoba is undertaking. In fact, we're even having a little competition. It's Movember, the month formerly known as November, dedicated to growing moustaches and raising awareness and funds for men's health. I have joined the movement and will be donating my upper lip from November 1 to 30. My "Mo" will spark conversations, and no doubt generate some fantastic laughs, all in the name of raising vital awareness, prevention, research, and treatment for prostate cancer.

I am passionate about men's health because:

- My family has a history of cancer.
- I want to be around to seen my kids grow up.
- Men live four to five fewer years than women.
- One in seven men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in their lifetime.
- In Canada, 25,500 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2011.

I invite you and your Shrine nobles to either join the Young Masons of Manitoba Movember Fundraising Team or donate at http://mobro.co/KellyEldridge.

Once you click on the link, you have the option of donating to me, donating in the name of Young Masons of Manitoba, or joining the Young Masons of Manitoba Movember Fundraising Team. For donations of $100 or more, you can even have an opportunity to pick the moustache I will be sporting on November 30 (see samples on page 27).

You can even go old school and write a cheque payable to "Movember Canada," or give us cash. We will fill out the paperwork and forward the proceeds to Movember Canada.

All donations are tax deductible.

The Young Masons of Manitoba will have a Movember soiree to compare philanthropic facial growth, have a few laughs, and take pictures before the completion of the charitable drive. Prizes will be awarded to Young Masons of Manitoba Movember Fundraising Team members.

We have only a month to grow Mos and raise awareness and funds, so please come along for the ride. Funds raised will help make a tangible difference to the lives of others. Through the Movember Foundation and their men's health partner, Prostate Cancer Canada, Movember is funding world-class awareness, research, and educational and support programs which would otherwise not be possible.

Please donate or sign up to participate here — http://mobro.co/KellyEldridge.

Thank you in advance for helping us change the face of men's health. Moustache Season is now open.

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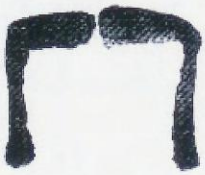

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Lakehead Shrine Club

By Noble Craig Wolverton, President

Three words succinctly describe the attitude and recent feedback from Thunder Bay nobles and our constituents in the area—***fun, fellowship, and kids!!*** We all easily associate ourselves with these three words. However, unless we truly incorporate them into our daily lives, they are hollow. Our Club not only "practices what we preach," but "walks the walk!!" Our core of faithful volunteers are the key to not only the popularity but also the financial success of these events. Our summer months are consumed with the annual fund-raisers which are so critical to the well-being of the annual Lakehead Shrine Club contribution to the Hospital Transportation Fund. At each of the five summer events, those three words—***fun, fellowship, and kids,*** are ever present. To the casual observer, it's easy to see these actions, words, and attitudes in everything they do. This summer, some unique feedback was received from our constituents. I'd like to share just two of these stories with you.

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At Kakabeka Days, we were busy with long lines of families waiting to ride our Shrine Train. After completing one trip, a little girl came running up to one of our volunteers, handed the noble $10, and said only "this is for my sister, she's one of the Shriners Hospital kids. Thank you." Our volunteer was without words and thanked the little girl while trying to hold back his tears.

Another heart-warming story came from another volunteer who reported that a mother came up and handed him $10 and said only "this is for train rides for the next five kids. You Shriners help so many kids in need." These things happen frequently and we don't pay attention because we're off to the next project. Take time to acknowledge these truly from-the-heart thanks.

In an effort to beef up our membership ranks, we are continuing our membership initiative until the end of 2011. Hopefully, our membership will increase. Our craft bodies and the concordant bodies in Algoma District continue to be interested.

Plans are underway for our annual Christmas cake sale. The cakes have been ordered and are expected earlier this year than in past years. Nobles Ed Carr and Milan Thierry are once again heading up this worthwhile, community-focused effort.

The Happy Handicaps were feted by the Lakehead Shrine Club for their annual trek to our facility in October. Many nobles and the Lakehead Shriners Ladies Club helped in the day's activities. We thank all who helped make this a memorable occasion for our visitors.

November also saw the slate of officers and the 2012 Executive presented to the membership. The results will be published in an upcoming edition of the Khartum Khronicle.

We extend best wishes to everyone for a happy holiday season and a healthy 2012 from the nobles and ladies of the Lakehead Shrine Club.

Vintage Cars

By Noble Lawrence Friesen, President

Starting on July 16, Illustrious Sir Gary Sanders was in attendance at the Selkirk parade. Many cars were in the parade and the Oasis was held in Selkirk, tent style. Carver Noble Emil Seniuk and his crew cooked a delicious meal. Noble Emil was presented with a trophy as past president.

On July 16, the Pinawa parade was held. Several cars attended and we were treated well.

The Winnipeg Beach parade followed on July 16. Noble Ben Kushner attended with his 1968 Pontiac convertible. Good show, Noble Ben. An Oasis was held at the Winnipeg Beach Legion.

The Vintage Cars "Cruise Show & Shine" was held on August 5. It was open to all visiting MSA Vintage Cars units. We met at 9:30 A.M. at McPhillips and Leila and then convoyed to the Half Moon in Lockport with our ladies.

On August 6, the MSA parade was held in Assiniboine Park, and a good time was had by all.

At the Morden Corn & Apple Festival parade on August 27, many Vintage Cars showed up and made for a beautiful show. An Oasis was held at the arena.

The Vintage Cars Ladies' Night was held at Rae & Jerry's Steak House on October 14. Illustrious Sir Morley Kabernick. P. P., was the main coordinator and speaker. President Lawrence's Lady Marlene was presented with eighteen roses. We had a great turn out for this event—a full house.

We thank all nobles and ladies for their support throughout the year.

Donor Relations Program

By Noble Kelly Eldridge, B.A., CFP

Why You Need More Than a Will

If you have an up-to-date will, congratulations! Many Canadians do not. A will is a critical document, representing the foundation of an effective estate plan. But let me be clear: a will alone is not an estate plan.

A will takes effect only after death. A good estate plan, on the other hand, addresses potentially debilitating events during your lifetime — events like disability, divorce, or the sudden departure of a business owner.

Your will must go through probate. A good estate plan lets you prearrange to have certain assets bypass probate and go directly to a family member — without delay, fees, or creditor claims. What's more, an estate plan enables you to achieve a much broader range of goals for your loved ones or business partners.

Here are some strategies you need to evaluate in the design of your estate plan:

- **Life insurance** — provides funds to pay off estate tax, create ongoing income to beneficiaries, or buy a business partner's assets.
- **Named beneficiaries** — on insurance policies and registered plans, helps your assets avoid probate and could also be used to set up trusts for children or other dependents.
- **Disability or critical illness insurance** — generates income (or a lump sum) in the case of a disability, accident or critical illness.
- **Financial power of attorney** — sets out how you want your assets managed during an absence or if you lose mental capacity.
- **Personal power of attorney** — appoints someone to make health decisions when you cannot and provides instructions about the care you would want.
- **RESPs and other gifts** — lets you split income with other family members, take advantage of low tax brackets, and reduce overall tax.
- **Business succession plan** — ensures a smooth transfer of your business assets to the next owners for the benefit of all stakeholders.

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Fifty-year presentation to Noble Tom Curtis at Sioux Lookout on October 29, 2011. L. to r.: Nobles Rob McClendon, Treasurer, SLSC; Fred Radford (age 94), SLSC; Tom Curtis (50-year pin), SLSC; Andrew Skene, Assistant Rabban; Matt Queau, President, Dryden SC; Glenn Wilson, SLSC

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Brandon & District Shrine Club

By Noble Rod March

The calendar again has us approaching the winter season after spring floods, a very nice summer, and a terrific run of good weather for the fall. From all of us in the western Manitoba area, we hope everyone had a good summer break.

First off, we especially congratulate the nobles of the Brandon Car Patrol for their fantastic performance in the competitions at the Midwest sessions. Winning two trophies is an amazing performance and a satisfying reward for all your determined practice sessions. Well done! The Brandon Car Patrol also represented Khartum, including the Shriners from Brandon, at many parades through the summer.

The Club held its annual Golf Tournament in June with many participants. Noble Garth Cumming, his Lady June, and the prize solicitors arranged for good weather and a good time for all the golfers — even the rough and bush areas weren't that bad. We thank Nobles Charlie Duguid and Cam Moore for looking after the snacks and drinks on the back nine. The 2012 tournament plans are under way with hopes for more participants. Please plan to attend. Thanks to those on the committee for all your hard work.

The Club held a successful Fall Supper in October under the direction of Nobles Bart Hawkins, Cam Moore, and Lady Marilynn Blair. It takes many good hands to operate this event and we thank all the cooks, servers, dish washers, and ticket sellers for all their work and effort.

Vice President Grant McMullan represented the Club at the Decoration Day parade in June and President Drew Mills laid a wreath at the Remembrance Day service.

Noble Ron Chalmers was elected District Deputy Grand Master and Noble Terry Metcalf was elected District Junior Warden of the Assiniboine District, G. L. of Manitoba. We wish them a busy and rewarding year.

To everyone in Khartum land, may you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Director's Staff

By Noble Fred Dagg

Summer is over and our activities are winding down. Our parades were well attended by the Director's Staff. The People Trailer was maintained by Nobles Cec Notley and Stan Pachal. They both put in untold hours repairing, cleaning, and hauling it to the various venues. Thanks fellas, we do appreciate your efforts.

Our fall barbeque at Ev and Cec Notley's place was a success again. About thirty-two people attended including our Potentate, Illustrious Sir Gary Saunders. It was nice to see Elsie Chimka, Jan Lake, and Laureen Christensen out. Norm Wolk cooked the steaks, and from comments that I heard, he has the job for life. The Director's Staff really appreciates the hospitality of the Notleys. They do a lot of things behind the scenes. Thanks, Ev and Cec.

At the stated meeting in September, Illustrious Sir Woody Woodward, P. P., gave a synopsis of the MSA Convention and assured us that it ended in the black. The work of Woody's committee paid off with an excellent convention.

Short Thoughts

- Two silk worms had a race — they ended in a tie.
- When cannibals ate a missionary — they got a taste of religion.
- A man who drives like hell is bound to get there.

I will now leave you with this comforting thought: Normal is just a setting on a washing machine!! Bye for now — Merry Christmas to all.

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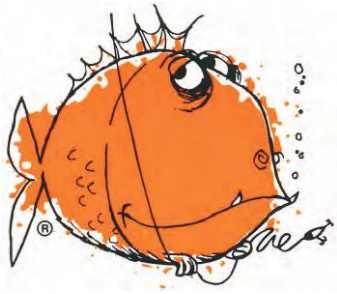

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Ruff Riders

By Noble Terry Burt

The weather forecasters finally got it right — it was one hot summer. Despite the heat, it was still possible to enjoy summer activities. However, it is tragic that so many lost so much due to the flooding.

The Ruff Riders participated in the Selkirk and Winnipeg circuses and enjoyed parades in Lac du Bonnet, Selkirk, Morris, Gimli, Beausejour, and Winnipeg (MSA). Two Ruff Rider nobles competed successfully in the Motorized Units Obstacle Course competition. Unfortunately, due to a communication problem, we did not participate in Transcona. We hope this problem will be solved for next June.

For units looking to attend additional parades, we recommend Beausejour in September (not in busy July and August). It is close to Winnipeg and the crowds are as large as those at any of the parades Khartum attends.

We enjoyed our many post-parade activities again this year and thank the following:

- The Royal Canadian Legion in Morris for their hospitality.
- Peggy Deen and Doug Seel, who hosted our annual "brats and burgers" day.
- Adele and Ken Duguid, who hosted our "Feast of the Ukraine."
- Hamish Barrit, who invited all to his home following the Thursday MSA parade.

We also enjoyed our afternoons at the Triple B Gaffers Patio in Lockport and at the Royal Canadian Legion on Henderson Highway. Good food! Libations! Fellowship! A summer to remember!

As a follow-up to a busy summer, we held a preventative maintenance session on October 2 for our "Big Reds" and unit trailer. We have installed cupboards in our storage container, which we have raised and releveled as a result of erosion from heavy surface water.

At the time of writing this report, ticket sales for our 28th annual Grey Cup raffle were going well and we thank all nobles who bought tickets. We found the tickets for the cash draw a tough sell. However, we are pleased with the sales by our unit.

By the time you read this, we will have enjoyed our annual Dinner and Ladies' Night on Saturday, November 5, at Rae & Jerry's Steakhouse. Our annual meeting and elections at the Shrine House was

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on Friday, November 25. This year, a cocktail reception and luncheon followed the meeting. Our Holiday Fest "Cock-A-Doodle-Do" will be on Tuesday, December 6, at the Shrine House.

We plan to hold our spring dinner on Saturday, April 7. For those who want to plan ahead and not miss out on the "Day at the Races" hosted by the Ruff Riders/Skooters, the donkeys will run on Sunday, May 6, at the Shrine House.

Concerning health, there is nothing new to report on Eve and Ron Werry, Stan Buksak, Nils Lindberg, or myself — not good news but it could be worse. My Lady Marianne has had successful surgery. Sadly, one of our charter members, Peter Swanlund, who left the unit several years ago due to health problems, passed away on August 22. Those of us who knew Peter have many happy memories of his humor. Our sympathy and condolences go to Lady Pat and the family.

We welcome all new Khartum nobles and hope you enjoyed the Ceremonial activities and are over the initial confusion. To experience the rewards of being a Shriner, you should join a unit. If you haven't already done so, a good approach might be to ask yourself the following questions:

- How much time do I want to spend with my unit?
- Can I afford to join the unit?
- Do I want to walk or ride?
- Will I like the unit's social activities?
- Will the ladies be encouraged to participate?
- Will I enjoy the fellowship in the unit?

The Ruff Riders operate vintage 1984 "Big Red" Honda ATCs and have some low mileage units available. They are easy to ride, the initial cost is relatively low, and our operating costs are much lower than those of most motorized units. Transportation and storage is available, and we will help those without mechanical skills.

The Ruff Riders meet on the third Tuesday of the month, September through May (except for December). We attend about six parades from June through September, so there is not a great demand on your time. We enjoy good fellowship and many of our social activities coincide with parades. Since our inception, we have encouraged our ladies to participate, and we support Khartum's activities whenever possible. We have two major fund-raisers, one of which is an afternoon of fun.

If you need further information, please phone me at 338-4565. We would be most pleased to have you visit with us.

We wish all Khartum nobles and their families an enjoyable holiday season and, regardless of the calendar you follow, a happy, healthy, and peaceful New Year.

Sphinx Temple No. 116
Daughters of the Nile

By Joy Derhak, Past Queen

Sphinx Temple was happy to receive four Supreme Appointments at the Supreme Session held in Tampa in June. Past Queen Lindsey Lorteau was appointed a member to the Action Team Committee, Princess Melody Terin, member of the Insurance Committee, Past Queen June Krochenski Supreme Good Will Ambassador, Central Area and Past Queen Darryl Gill, the Supreme Temple Canadian Flag Bearer. Congratulations, ladies. Those attending Supreme put on the Canada "Eh" degree and 105 ladies were put through the degree. This is always a popular event at Supreme, attended by those going through the degree and those just coming out to participate in the fun. Sphinx Temple members are always asked when and where the degree is to be held.

Supreme Queen Laura Richardson's official visit was in August which coincided with the Midwest and she was a guest of honor in the Thursday evening parade. At the Official Visit, we welcomed Princess Carol Hadley into Sphinx Temple. We were also happy to have a member from former Anqet Temple No. 123 in Regina affiliate with us. Welcome to Past Queen Audrey Forrest. The units and ladies of the household made several generous presentations to Supreme Queen Laura. These moneys go to either the Convalescent Relief Fund or the Convalescent Endowment Fund, and help the Shriners provide excellent care for Shrine patients. A delicious lunch was served at the Masonic Memorial Centre where we were entertained by the units of Sphinx Temple. As part of the Masonic Family, Queen Darlene and her officers represented Daughters of the Nile at several of the parades over the summer months. It was back to business in September. The annual Piggy Picnic was held September 25 at Shrine House and great fun was had by all. Everyone enjoyed the games, the food and the craft and market table. Quite a nice sum of money was raised which will go toward purchasing an item for a patient or patients on the Montreal Hospital wish list. Congratulations to Past Queen Linda Fraser and her committee for another successful picnic.

The Supreme Temple has now allowed each Temple within Supreme the ability to have their own separate website. As a result, Sphinx Temple now has a website—www.sphinx temple 116.ca. Any information on upcoming events or any activities of Sphinx Temple are posted on the website. Past Queen Janet Lewis Anderson and her committee have done a wonderful job!

All our regular activities are back in full swing. Several ladies are busy once again sewing quilts and pillowcases for the children in the Montreal Hospital. Past Queen Audrey has posted a list of requested items to keep the ladies busy over the winter months. The piggies are getting fattened up

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for next year's picnic. The units are again hosting their various fund-raisers. The Patrol are selling their Grey Cup tickets, the Klassie Klowns are having their annual Christmas Poinsettia sale, and the Ilderim's Harem are preparing for their annual Quiz Night to be held Saturday, February 11, at Shrine House. If you are interested in attending, you can contact any member for information on this event — or you can check our website.

Sphinx Temple has a celebrity within our Temple. Princess Sandra Horyski was recognized for her work uncovering early Manitoba history. She was recently named a History Hero by Canada's History. She was recognized for her work uncovering the life of Metis leader Cuthbert Grant. An article outlining her research into the history of Cuthbert Grant was featured in the community newspapers. Grant Avenue was named after this revered leader in Manitoba's history. Congratulations, Sandra, on all your hard work and passion to uncover interesting facts in Manitoba's history.

Our annual fund-raiser will be held Saturday, January 26, 2012, at the Masonic Memorial Centre. The theme is Folklorama and we will be visiting various exotic locales of the world, tasting their ethnic foods, and enjoying performances of those cultures. Past Queen Audrey and her committee are busy working on the details to ensure that this is another successful event. If you are interested in attending, you can contact any member or check out our web site.

We were saddened to learn of the passing of longtime member Princess Ivy Stewart at the age of 104. Our sympathies go out to her family. To those who are in sorrow or distress, our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Best wishes to everyone for the holiday season and for a Happy and Healthy New Year.

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Ladies' Auxiliary

By Irene Campbell

We extend our warmest greetings to all our new members, especially our shutins, during this holiday season. May you have a joyous holiday with family and friends.

An interesting and unusual fundraiser was held during the Christmas season of 1950. Large candles were placed in cans, and these were placed in stores around the city. Spare change was deposited. When the candles burnt down the cans were collected, the wax melted down and coins retrieved. It was a messy job, but this project yielded $800 the first year. It was found too difficult to carry this project on for more than a few years. Funds raised were allocated for the Shrine Hospital.

"We are helping children in our own sweet way" is the motto for our latest project, selling Morden chocolates. The auxiliary had a booth at the Market Place during the Midwest and took orders to be delivered before Christmas.

We have received excellent support from Sobeys stores. They have allocated space for us to sell our raffle tickets three days a week for almost four months. We also had three Saturdays when we sold hot dogs. Profit was more than $600. We sincerely thank the staff and management of Sobeys.

We are delighted to welcome Carole Balodis, Isabel Curwain, Pat Norton, Lois Reid, Jane Talnicoff, and Linda Spina. Our meetings are held on the first Monday afternoon of the month. Dues are $10 annually. We are an informal group and manage to have at least one laugh per meeting. A case in point, when Cathy Kabernick took a page from David Letterman's Top Ten and presented her own version of the Top Ten reasons to attend the Bud and Spud night. Plans are underway to have a guest speaker at each meeting next year. Our aim is to help children reach their full potential and we like to have fun doing it.

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We congratulate Job's Daughters Bethel #9 on celebrating their fiftieth anniversary.

President Darryl Gill and Vice President Darlene Borowski have attended several functions in the past few months representing the Auxiliary. President Darryl attended the Grand Lodge Communications and Vice President Darlene spoke at the Ceremonial Opening of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons as well as having a great time at the Masonic Family Picnic.

"Cruising Down the Crescent" has been an annual event for almost twenty years. We have a group of ladies who volunteer at this event every year. Over 700 adults and children participated this year. Funds raised are in aid of the Children's Rehabilitation Foundation. Sod turning for their new facility took place in April. The building should be completed and ready for occupancy in 2013. We have been assured that the Auxiliary will have a place for meetings. The Shrine Assessment Unit will also be housed in the new facility.

An unheralded supporter of our Tote Bag project is Noble Craig Houston. Noble Craig advises us of the patients going to Shrine Hospitals and personally delivers each Tote and explains about our group. Thank you Noble Craig.

If you would like to know about the progress of the new Shrine Hospital being constructed in Montreal or about innovative treatments and research projects, check Noble Craig's column in the Khronicle.

We extend our condolences to the families of Lillian Pruden and Arden Clayton. Lil joined the Auxiliary in 1979 and Ardela in 1955. Ardela received her 50-year recognition certificate in 2005. Each year, $1000 is donated to the Khartum Shrine Donor Recognition Program in memory of our members. Their names are inscribed in the Memory Book in the foyer of Shrine House.

We are in the process of updating our roster and would like to include your e-mail addresses. Please forward this information to caroloh@mts.net.

Coming events are as follows:

January 23:	Installation of Officers
March 5:	Rehab Appreciation Day
March 17:	Gala Fund-raiser. Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with us.
April 2:	Potentate's Tea
TBA (Mid-April):	Members' Dinner
TBA:	Bridge and Card Party Luncheon

Check us out on Google — Khartum Ladies Auxiliary for further information.

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Drum & Bugle Corps

By Noble Jack Goods

Brothers, pat yourselves on your backs for a busy, successful summer. With great support from all Drum Corps nobles, everyone had a good time. With President Phil Sexton at the wheel, we were able to attend many of the summer venues.

It was great to see Noble Keith Olafson attend our Midwest. He handled the wheel on the truck very well. The nobles in the back of the trailer did not have to have their feet strapped to the floor in order to stay on. The pictures he took in the rear view mirror of the nobles in the trailer behind him were an artistic innovation. It was great to see him again. Thanks, Noble Keith, great job — the Drum Corps needs your talent.

With President Phil under the weather, Vice President Rick Jones had an interesting few months. But with good communication between the two, and under President Phil's vigilant watch, Rick managed a passing grade to take over the reins in December. President Phil was pleased with the cooperation he received in his year. Hopefully, you will give Noble Rick the same.

We need new members and can only get them by showing people who we are. The Drum Corps is such an inviting unit, we just have to go out more and show everyone just how much fun the Drum Corps members can really have and do such a good job playing their instruments. Of course our band leader uses his talents to keep the band in good tune.

The Drum Corps has been busy all summer. We are thankful for the trailer, as many nobles, although musically talented, cannot march anymore.

After the Potentate's reception, the Drum Corps was well received at the Lundar Festival. The next venue was north to Gimli, where the parade was well attended. The Drum Corps and many of their ladies traveled by bus to avoid driving in all that highway traffic.

The Midwest had all the units in two parades. The Thursday street parade down Broadway was dull until near the end, when the crowd numbers increased. We were treated to a steak sandwich and a beverage at the end of the parade.

The Wa Wa Drum Corps put on an excellent performance at the oasis after the parade. It was great to see and visit with so many from other temples. Saturday's parade was in the Assiniboine Park, with a good band attendance. It sure made the Captain happy. As usual, Captain Hank had his broad smile after seeing such a good turnout for the parades. That is one of the Captain's biggest challenges, because so many members have reached the age of peace and rest. This makes it difficult for the captain to put out a band, but Noble Hank does it all the time. Good work, Noble Hank. He also arranges the buses for out-of-town parades, which is not an easy task when your budget is limited. The work Noble Hank does for the Drum Corps should entitle him to a "Certificate of Honor." The Drum Corps is proud to have a person of his caliber in the unit.

L. to r.: Nobles Jack Goods, Arnold Eddy, and Glen Thorsteinson on their way to the Midwest parade in Assiniboine Park

The Morden Corn & Apple Festival parade was held on Saturday, August 27. A bus was arranged at a minimal cost to all nobles and ladies. Despite the 6:30 A.M. departure, Captain Hank was able to get a good turnout. Coffee and breakfast sandwiches were served by two attentive newer members, Nobles Mike Dooley and Wayne Hogberg. It was a relief to travel in the bus, and not have to rush through highway traffic.

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The Drum & Bugle Corps during the 2011 Midwest parade at Assiniboine Park

The Drum & Bugle Corps getting ready for a band concert at the Forks during Midwest 2011

The Morden parade is the longest of the summer. Captain Hank Russell and Drum Major Bob Carstens were pleased with the turnout of Drum Corps members. The band sounds better with more players. Just remember, we are the "biggest and the best."

We have been busy preparing for the winter months. With so many going south, President-elect Rick had to prepare for many activities. October and November as usual were busy times of the year with the Ceremonial and the Potentate's Ball.

Vice President Rick prepared a good night for the Gentlemen's dinner. Stag night followed. The meals were great both nights. New officers were elected and are busy planning their year. Fewer members are attending practice, as many have left for the south. Our practices are shorter, our meetings longer, but the Drum Corps will reawaken next spring with everyone looking forward to and enjoying the parades.

We wish President-elect Rick a successful year. If we get behind Noble Rick for the "all you can eat pierogi dinner," that will be fun. It seems like it does not matter which ethnic group you are from, everyone likes pierogies cooked in butter and onions and loaded with sour cream. Delicious!!

From the Drum Corps to all of Khartum, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May our leaders lead us successfully in the coming year.

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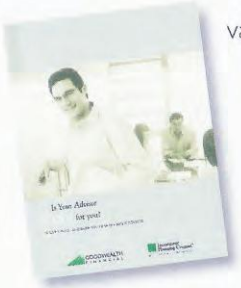

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Pipes & Drums

By Noble Jimm Simon

Please join me in raising a wee dram in salute to the winning pipe band at this year's MSA competitions.

Under the leadership of our marching officers, in particular, our Pipe Major George Paterson and Drum Sergeant Kirby, we learned to march and walk at the same time without bumping into each other and with a minimal amount of swearing. Over the summer months leading up to the competition, our number of practices increased to three a week, although we were never able to get the entire band in one place before the day of the competition for a complete practice. In spite of this, we seemed to impress the judges with our playing and marching abilities. We also were the only band to take time to tune up just before playing and this was noted on the judges' score sheets. It took a lot of effort on the part of many members of the band to put this event together. In particular, we thank Noble Gillan for representing us at the MSA committee, and Nobles Eldridge and Crosby for finding judges.

Deciding to go out, almost literally, on a high note, our Pipe Major George Paterson has finished his turn at the helm of the #1 band in the Shrine Midwest. We all thank George for many years of leadership. Being pipe major requires a combination of logistical skills, musical ability, conflict mediation skills, mentoring skills, and a thick skin. George did a good job of keeping his cool, most of the time. We all complain about the band and the pipe major but we seldom take the time to say thanks. George deserves a big acknowledgment from the band for his dedication and success. Thanks again.

As we moved into fall, we anticipated all of our usual piping gigs, as we got back into our usual routine. A few seasonal performances and lots of practice for the busy days after Christmas will occupy us at least twice a week.

Of special note is the early announcement of our upcoming event — Pipes & Drums Gathering of the Clans. A celebration of the arrival of the Selkirk settlers will be held on April 14, 2012, at Shrine House with dancers, pipers, drummers, haggis, tatties, and a wee dram of scotch.

There's no word yet on the price or availability of tickets, but if last year's event is any indication, we will sell out quickly and everyone will have a grand time.

On behalf of all members of the Pipes & Drums, I extend our sympathies to longtime band member, Illustrious Sir Ray Bell, P. P., on the loss of his wife, Lady Dolores.

Fundraising

By Nobles Reg Stephenson and Gerry Krawchuk

When you read this report, the winners of the $25,000 first prize and $10,000 second prize draw will already have been announced. Unfortunately, as of this time, we have no idea how successful it will eventually turn out to be. We thank all nobles and their wives for their support by taking time to sit at the various venues, and Noble Jack Codd for doing a good job of chairing the draw.

We had the misfortune of having the Winnipeg Police do a safety check on our Kan Van, which necessitated a fair number of repairs to the van, which tied it up for quite a while. Noble Dennis McQuade did an admirable job of making adjustments by having another vehicle rented so that our weekly pick-ups weren't disrupted. We thank Noble Phil Sexton for having the repairs done by mechanics at his shop (Simpson Transfer).

Hopefully, when this report is being read, we will have had another successful year selling our Christmas Cakes, thanks to the fabulous job Chairman Danny Talnicoff does each and every year.

Noble Gerry Mastaler continues to do a good job of chairing our Koin box program. Noble Gerry asks that if you think of a location that would be suitable for placement of one of our boxes, please let him know and it will be taken care of. Noble Rick Wells is in the process of having our calendars ready for distribution, and, once again, we hope that this worthwhile fundraiser will also be fully supported by all nobles.

Oriental Band

By Noble Bernie Gross

Hello, and good wishes to all nobles of Khartum Shrine. We trust you all had a good summer, enjoying the extraordinarily good weather with lots of nice warm days and plenty of sunshine.

For some though, the massive flooding in the province certainly caused much grief, and we should all sympathize with their plight. For those of us who didn't experience lost homes and land due to flooding, we should consider ourselves very fortunate indeed. I think that, in times of disaster, people come together, perhaps more than normal, and assist in any way that they can. That is the one positive that I perceive to come out of the misery that some people experienced this summer. Perhaps helping others is a living example of one of the fundamental principles of what Masons and Shriners attempt to do within their own communities. However, this summer was almost ideal for many of us.

The Oriental Band attended several parades and participated in Midwest activities as well. The results of the Oriental Band competition were quite surprising, as Khartum took first place. Mind you, I believe that, because we played as well as we possibly could for such a small band, we deserved the honor. What surprised me personally, was the standing ovation from the perennial winners of such competitions, El Riad, when we had finished playing. Not only did it show how well we played, but it also says something about the sportsmanship and camaraderie of our main competitor. I suppose next year we will have to defend our honor at the Midwest and no doubt El Riad Oriental Band will attempt to defeat us and become number one again. Life at the top is so precarious!!

By the time this issue of the Khronicle is distributed, the October Ceremonial will be over. The Oriental Band will have assisted the Ritualistic Unit in their presentation by adding oriental music to enhance the ceremony. We did this last year and it seemed to work out quite well. No doubt, it will be equally appreciated again this year.

As always, nobles, peace be with you and yours and if you see someone wearing curly toed shoes, treat him well as he is probably a member of the Oriental Band!

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Ritualistic Unit

By Noble Ross A. Johnston

The winter season is so white, and Christmas lights do delight!

Get the picture! Most of our tuxedo-attired nobles photographed in the August issue of the Khartum Khronicle appeared in a different 'costume' on October 21 for the Khartum Shrine Ceremonial honoring Illustrious Sir Jack Hooper, P. P. But first, the facial coloring by the make-up men! Then, after the Oriental Band escorted us into the Activity Room, Acting Potentate Bob James provided the leadership and impetus to the rest of the 'noble' cast during the 3rd Section presentation. The one substantial change was that Noble Norm Pohl delivered the Inspired Charge, but before doing so, said: "I wish to recognize Noble Earle Forshaw, who, for 22 various years, has presented his own unique and artistic interpretation to the part." And, under the direction of Noble Gerry Krawchuk, the Chanters provided the supportive 'sounds of music' from Nobles Bob Lane, Ray Faryna, Don Kunderman, Barry Lloyd, Harry McFee, Gerry Mastaler, Brian Monkman, Bob Porter, Doug Stewart, and Ike Toews.

The staging of this production is a combination of many 'helping hands' and we thank each and every one who helped make this part of the weekend celebration a success.

Later that evening, the 'Red Green' Fun continued, and culminated with the Potentate's Ball on Saturday, with both events held at the Fort Garry Hotel.

We warmly welcome Noble Tim Mclsaac amidst us. Blindness since birth hasn't deterred his active life. He has competed in four Para Olympic Games and, at the national and international level, has won more than one hundred medals in swimming. He says "that means 16 years of being all wet!" During the Ceremonial, he gave the Scimitar and Crescent lecture, and has been practicing his braille for the duties of most illustrious secretary. Earlier at the Fall Convocation of the University of Manitoba, he received a Master of Arts Degree in Disability Studies. And his dog's name is "Jerry."

The new executive and committee members for 2012 were elected at the annual meeting on November 28 and comprise the following nobles:

President:	Doug McKechnie
Past President:	Ian Dark
Secretary:	Tim McIsaac
Treasurer:	Leslie Litman
Ritualistic Director:	Bob James
Entertainment:	Ian Dark
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After a successful and busy year as president, for a while Noble Ian Dark will be enjoying the Weslaco, Texas, temperatures and the warmth of the Rio Grande Valley.

Our Christmas fruit cakes are a tasty treat! We all thank Noble Doug McKechnie for his stalwart efforts as to this festive fund-raiser. Each cake box costs $20 and makes a tasty gift. My sweet tooth demands that one of the packaged cakes must be enjoyed during each of the four seasons!

Our usual December Ladies' Night dinner is being held in abeyance until a later date. Noble John Jaman and his telephone committee will advise.

Did you know that Noble Norm Pohl chairs the Shrine Sunshine Committee, offering 'well wishes' to those he telephones, and with 'sunny side up' supportive words to all he visits? If you are interested in joining our unit, phone him at 888-6970. We meet about once a month at Shrine House on the fourth Monday. The next date is January 23, 2012.

We wish all a joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Komedians

By Noble Thor Weidenbacher

Congratulations to Noble Kevin Davis and his committee for the wonderful job they did organizing the Midwest Shrine Clown competition this past summer. It was a huge job that took many months to plan. There were many people on the committee who contributed to its success, including many of our Shrine ladies. Without their help, the event would not have run as smoothly as it did. The competition itself was held at the new Manitoba Hydro building on Portage Avenue, on the main floor. Many people from the public passed by and had a great time enjoying the performances by the clowns. There were few nobles from out of town so Khartum picked up the "lion's share" of the awards. Nobles Kevin Davis and Guy Arbez placed first and second respectively in the White Face category. Nobles Gerry Derhak and Cliff Hartmier placed first and second respectively in the Auguste category. Noble Murray Botterill placed second in the tramp category. Other award winners and participants included Nobles Ted Jones, Dennis McQuade, Thor Weidenbacher, Reg Hall, Archie Davidson, Bob Robinson, Al Romani, Rudy Weidenbacher, and Matt Queau — also known as Mr. 'Q.' Noble Matt raised funds for Shriners Hopitals this past summer when he drove his tiny Tin Lizzie all the way from Dryden to Winnipeg just before the Midwest! Well done, Noble Matt!

The Christmas party season is fast approaching and the Komedians are busy filling party requests. Many clowns will be volunteering their time at various venues across the city from late November up to the Christmas holidays. We raise significant funds for our Shrine kids in the hospitals during this time. Many clowns get up early on a Saturday or Sunday, spend an hour getting make-up on, travel to two or three parties in one day, and come home and clean up in the late afternoon. It makes for a long day and takes some serious commitment. But the Komedians do this willingly, because as everyone in the Shrine knows, "it's for the kids."

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Selkick Shrine Circus Club

By Noble Wayne Stewart

On Saturday, July 16, 2011, after the Triple S Fair and Rodeo, the Selkirk Shrine Circus Club hosted an Oasis at the Selkirk Park on the banks of the Red River.

The event was attended by many clubs and units with nobles and their spouses enjoying the camaraderie, location, and of course, the great Beef on a Bun prepared by Noble Emil Seniuk. It is our hope that our Oasis will continue for many years to come.

A Tip of the Fez to the Khartum Komedians for their participation in the Kid's Day at the Park on Friday, July 15, 2011. You brought many smiles and much laughter to the hundreds of kids in attendance. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Our Annual Dinner and Elections were held at Gaffer's in Lockport on October 19. The following nobles were elected:

President: Mike Kazuk
Treasurer: Norm Wolk
Secretary: Wayne Stewart

The Selkirk Shrine Circus will be held on Friday, May 11, 2012, with shows at 5:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M. As we prepare for our Circus, we remind you that "It is for the Kids."

Director Emeritus Freeman Myers Retires

Our good friend, Noble Freeman Myers has decided to step down from his position as Khartum Temple House Chairman at the end of 2011.

Freemen's career as a Shriner began over 25 years ago, in 1986. At that time, he became an active member of Khartum's Director's Staff. Not willing to just be a member and sit on the sidelines, Freeman began moving up the executive reaching the office of unit president in 1994. Under Freeman's direction, the Director's Staff flourished in membership under his arm-twisting methods and, of course, his charm. As a leader, he was always a part of any work projects going on, and worked diligently during Shrine circuses, Ceremonials, parades, etc.

In 1997, Illustrious Sir Bob Bridgwater was searching for a noble to complement his Divan as director. This noble had to be a hard worker, respected by all, and fully dedicated to our philanthropy. Illustrious Sir Bob could not have chosen a finer noble than Freeman to take on this important Divan position. Freeman remained Director until December 2006, at which time he decided, having served in this position

for 9 years, it was time to let one of the younger nobles take over.

Freeman's love for the Shrine and his dedication as Director was recognized by Khartum in 2003 when he was honored with the title of Director Emeritus. It was a proud moment for Freeman and his Lady Carol, when Illustrious Sirs Doug Vialoux and Fraser Woodward presented him with his new Director Emeritus fez.

In 2007, Illustrious Sir Jack Hooper asked Freeman to be House Chairman for Khartum. Freeman fulfilled these duties above and beyond expectation. He always ensured that the Shine House and its equipment, flowers, lawn, etc., were kept in tip-top shape. When not working as house chairman, he could be found helping our Recorder Emeritus Don Murray with tending to the needs of Khartum's day-to-day operations.

Everyone who has come into contact with Freeman admires and respects this mild-mannered, soft-spoken, ninety-year-young gentleman.

On behalf of all your friends in Khartum Shriners, we say thank you, Freeman!! We wish you a long and healthy retirement. God bless.

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Stop Burn Injuries

By Noble Lorne Gregorash, Chairman

The S. B. I. visited Rosser School and also the Rock Lake Colony School. At both schools, our presentation was well received and our new S.B.I. coloring books were distributed. Thanks again to Wawanesa Insurance. At the time of writing, the S.B.I. and other nobles and volunteers are working on the S.B.I trailer for the Winnipeg and Selkirk Christmas Parade of Lights. At this time, Shirley and I send best wishes to all for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Arabian Horse Guard

By Noble Denis Thompson

Past happenings, but worthy of a report — on June 16, Nobles Denis Thompson, Reg Stephenson, Dan Talnicoff, and Joel Segal attended a 30-year anniversary party at Tuxedo Villa Nursing Home for Noble Herb Olson, put on by the staff at the Villa with a live band, many old tunes, a birthday cake, and brunch. Herb went to Tuxedo Villa at the age of 53, and has been there for 30 years. He sells more tickets, cakes, calenders, etc., than any noble in Khartum land and loves doing it. Last year he sold 130 cakes, 60 calenders, 400 West Jet tickets, and 25 refill books.

The Arabian Horse Guard made him an honorary member of our unit and presented him with a framed certificate and a plaque in appreciation of this wonderful skill of his. He joined Khartum Shriners in 1970, and was a member of the Provost Corps. We are fortunate to have a member like Herb.

One of our charter members, Noble Bernhardt (Ben) Braun passed away on June 28, 2011. A memorial service was held on July 5 at Morris United Church with a large attendance. Nobles Reg Stephenson, Denis Thompson, Wayne, Jim, and Paul attended. Noble Ben joined the Arabian Horse Guard in June 1979 and rode in many parades with us including the Calgary Stampede in 1985 and 1990. He was an active man — Past Master of Morris Masonic Lodge, King Solomon No. 8; member of the Morris Legion; the Morris United Church; the Morris Lions Club; the Lowe Farm Curling Club; and the Chamber of Commerce. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Our sympathy goes out to his wife, Lady Kay, and family.

Back row (l. to r.): Nobles Denis Thompson, Joel Segal, and Dan Talnicoff, and front row (r.): Reg Stephenson present Noble Herb Olson with a certificate and plaque as a new honorary member.

On another sad note, a longtime member of our Horse Guard Unit, Noble Jerry Drews, passed away on July 13. The Black Camel has been visiting far too often. Nobles Neil Wither, Cal Courtney, and Max Graham are all having health problems. We wish them speedy recoveries in the near future.

We held our annual Ride-A-Thon at Birds Hill Park on September 11. It was a great day, with lots of riders taking part. Our pledges were down a little from last year, but it was a good fund-raiser for us.

We hope that everyone enjoyed the nice summer we had and did not have too much trouble with our floods.

Thank you, Illustrious Sir Gary Saunders and Lady Marcy, for a great year.

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Mr. "Q" Goes to Winnipeg

By Noble Matt Queau

The question I was asked the most was "Why are you making this trip?" First, it was an awareness campaign for the Khartum Shriners in Northwestern Ontario and Manitoba. Second, it was a fundraiser for the Transportation Fund that we use to take local children and a parent to a Shriners Hospitals for Children that will help them the most, usually Minneapolis for orthopaedic help, and Boston for burn help.

On July 30, 2011, Mr. "Q" the clown, left Dryden, Ontario, on a four-day trip to Winnipeg, Manitoba, in his Tin Lizzie Shrine car. The starting point for this epic adventure was the Masonic Lodge on Van Horne Avenue in Dryden. Nora Queau, Mary Lewicki, John Kennedy, Clinton Solomon, and Mike Patey were the five who accompanied Mr. "Q" on this trip — two face painters, a lead car driver, and two mechanics/field supporters. Joining Mr. "Q" for the first leg of the trip was Bruce Walchuk from CKDR.

This endeavor started about three years ago in the imagination of Matt Queau. Mr. "Q" used to store the Tin Lizzie Shrine car at Evergreen Farms, a little way out of town on Highway 17. On parade day, he would drive his car to town in his clown outfit and wave at motorists as they passed him on the highway. Mr. "Q" enjoyed the smiles of the passing people and the honking and waving that went along with them. The idea was formed. When it was announced that the Mid-West Summer Sessions were to be held in Winnipeg from August 3 to 6, Mr. "Q" decided to share his idea with his lady. Lady Nora supported the idea and so Matt brought it to a Shrine meeting. When the President of the Dryden Shrine Club presented this idea to his fellow nobles, everyone was excited. Two nobles started talking with each other and, by the end of the meeting, Nobles Clinton Solomon and Mike Patey had made a list of what they thought would be needed to get the car into shape to make this journey. Without the help of Noble Clinton Solomon, this project would not have been possible. Noble Clinton donated his time, the use of his shop, Solomon and Sons Machining Ltd., his employees, and supplies to make this car what it needed to be to drive from Dryden to Winnipeg. Noble Mike Patey joined Noble Clinton when he could to help with the car. On July 29, the car was ready to make the trip to Winnipeg.

On Saturday, July 30, President Matt Queau transformed into Mr. "Q", the clown, and set off for the Dryden Masonic Lodge to meet his fellow travelers and well-wishers who wanted to witness the start of this epic journey. Mr. "Q" was the first one there, ready to welcome his team. At 9:30 A.M., the caravan started Mr. "Q" on his trip to Winnipeg with Noble John Kennedy in the lead. The first stop was at the lights at the top of the hill from the underpass. And then off we went.

The first official stop was the Cloverbelt Farmers Market where the ladies had set up face-painting before the arrival of Mr. "Q." The pit crew checked the car and Mr. "Q" made animal balloons for the kids. We stopped every thirty minutes to refuel and stretch. We found that when traveling down the highway, the fuel bounced in the tank and air got into the fuel line. So, when the tank was half full, we stopped and refueled. By day's end, the half empty tank was a welcome break.

The next stop was Eglis Sheep Farm. Mr. "Q" was there for about fifteen minutes and then we were on our way again. We had lunch at the next stop on the road, Bobby's Corner in Vermilion Bay, Ontario. We did some face painting and ballooning here for the

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New Khartum Nobles

Thirty new nobles were created at the Khartum Ceremonial on October 21, 2011. We welcome all of them to Khartum. Their names appear below along with the names of their ladies.

Name	Lady
Andrusyk, David J.	Audrey
Barrie, Paul R.	Michelle
Bartley, Carey J.	
Berday, James	
Bodkin, Patrick	Melissa
Curran, Andrew	
Delarue, Ralph A.	Beverly
Gasmena, Benito B.	Joyelyn
Goodmanson, Kristjan	Rita
Houston, James C.	Tanice
Kenderdine, Richard B.	Vivian
Kiviaho, Jorma.	Bernice
Kusznier, Mark M.	Melissa
Lapina, Jared N.	
Lapina, Justin N.	
Lorteau, Denis. M.	Lindsey
Martin, Christopher	
Mountstephen, Robert.	Susan
Nelson, Byron A.	Loretta
Perrier, Wayne	Judy
Peter, Graham	
Shedden, Aubrey	Cheryl
Smith, Al	Shirley
Sweitzer, Michael	Francie
Syrja, Carl	Cathy
Watson, John B.	Carol
Watts, Jonathan	Rhonda
White, Corey	Corrine
Webster, Doug	Valerie
Wolch, Gary B.	Karen

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travelers who had stopped to refuel. We set up by the inukshuk. It was a beautiful day for a picnic with a clown on his way to Winnipeg.

This next section of road is when Mr. "Q," the clown in the little Tin Lizzie Shrine car, started to realize how long the trip was going to be. This is also where the travelers are more likely to be people who have no idea as to what a clown traveling along the side of the highway was doing. When we reached the edge of cellular service, Bruce Walchuk from CKDR took some pictures and bid us farewell. Mr. "Q" was never "alone" on this trip. That was evident from the number of people who smiled, waved, honked, and took pictures from their vehicles as they met us along the highway.

The minimum destination for Day One was Willard Lake, where we arrived at about 5:00 P.M. After making some balloon animals for the children in the restaurant, we headed back down the road.

At a pullover spot on the highway, I commented to my pit crew that I wasn't gliding down the hills as fast as I was at the beginning of the day. Noble Clint did some tests which involved lifting the car and spinning the wheel. Yes, we had a problem. We loaded the car into the truck and brought it back to Solomon and Sons for repair. Nobles Clint and Mike took the rear end of the car apart, and repaired and rebuilt it for the next day. Mr. "Q" went home, cleaned up, and slept while all this was going on. At 5:00 A.M., Matt's alarm went off and the transformation into Mr. "Q" started again. This would be the last time we were at home until after the Midwest session.

Mr. "Q" picked up Noble Mike at 6:15 A.M. and by 6:20, Noble Clint with the repaired car in the back of the truck met Mr. "Q" and Noble Mike for the start of Day Two. Noble John Kennedy joined us at Willard Lake and then off we went to the pullover spot that marked the end of Day One.

Day Two was Sunday, July 31, and we had been invited to join the festivities in Kenora at Harbourfest with Mr. "Q" parked with the antique cars and the face painters in the Kid Zone. In the early mornings, Mr. "Q" took great pleasure in watching the faces of the passing motorists as they met a clown in a little car in the middle of nowhere. Mr. "Q" was like a good cup of coffee in the morning — a distraction from the fact you are not in bed anymore, but left you wondering if you were?!

As he was climbing a hill, a family pulled Mr. "Q" over, and asked if they could get a picture with him. People would go by and then pull over and take a picture as Mr. "Q" went by or they would turn around, pass him, and then pull over and get the picture. This was great — the publicity and impact Mr. "Q" wanted to make on people. He could just imagine the conversations he had sparked in the cars that passed him.

On the way into Kenora, we were met at Gustafson's camp by some members of the Kenora Shrine Club and the Khartum Divan. Mr. "Q" toured the camp in the car and said "good morning" to the campers as they were having their morning cup of coffee.

When we arrived in Kenora, Nobles Clint and Mike unloaded the spare cars and accompanied Mr. "Q" into town and on toward the harbour front. Noble Mike had some problems with his belt and was forced to lift his car onto the side of the road as Mr. "Q" and Noble Clint continued toward the festivities. Mr. "Q" and Noble Clint parked the car under some shady trees, and opened the lid so people could see the engine. They explained to people what we were doing and *why* we were making this trip from Dryden to Winnipeg in the Tin Lizzie Shrine car. Noble Mike joined us a little bit later after he repaired his car. Mr. "Q" did a live radio interview which sparked the curiosity of some local residents who came down to the waterfront to see the cars. While we were showing off the cars and making balloon animals, people would come up and tell us that they passed us on the road. We had made an impression, and now they had the whole story. One lady did not believe Noble Mike that we were driving that little car from Dryden to Winnipeg. "I'm blonde, but I'm not that blonde!" was her response.

We were at the Kenora Harbourfest from 11 A.M. until 3 P.M. and then we were on the road again. As we fired up the car and headed down the road, the people along the boardwalk waved to us as we passed by, and Mr. "Q" blew the auga horn to let them know we appreciated the support. We were stopped by a lovely couple just outside of Kenora who knew Mr. "Q" and wanted to take his picture and wish him good luck. They also said that they would be in Winnipeg to meet him when he arrived. Having that kind of support is what it took to make this journey a success.

At a fuel and stretch stop just before Clearwater Bay, a long-haul truck driver and his son came over and mentioned that they had seen us on the highway and asked if they could get a picture with Mr. "Q" to add to the collection of pictures they were taking on their travels. Mr. "Q" would be on their top ten list of different things they saw while driving across the country. At 6:00 P.M., Mr. "Q" and his fellow travelers stopped for the night at the weigh station just before the Manitoba Border.

On Day Three, the sun was shining, and Mr. "Q" headed down the highway towards the Ontario/ Manitoba border at 8:30 in the morning. We stopped at the Ontario Information Center, got our picture with the Mountie, and signed the visitor log. As we were waiting for our turn to get our picture with the Ontario sign, a group of Asians

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visiting from afar asked if they could get a picture with Mr. "Q." Of course, he obliged. Then it was our turn with the sign. Then we were off to the border and a picture with the Manitoba sign. We get asked all the time how fast that car could go. Our standard answer was 16.8 km/h, but going down the hill just over the border, we got that car up to 50 km/h! That was fun! That was also the last hill that Mr. "Q" would get to glide down for the remainder of the trip. As a clown travels from Dryden to Winnipeg, one might wonder what is going through his head. Well, at this point, Mr. "Q" was having a song go through his head — Diggin', by Colt Ford, the song of the day. Approaching Falcon Lake, Mr. "Q" had a picture taken at the information station. Then it was off to the supermarket for some face painting and ballooning. For an impromptu stop at 10 o'clock in the morning for an hour, it was nice to see the warm reception we had and the well wishes for the remainder of the trip. In hindsight, we should have spent more time in this community. A future visit might be a good idea as a fundraiser. Mr. "Q" is always thinking of the next thing. There certainly is a lot of time to think when you are traveling down the highway. The drive from Falcon Lake to Prawda was the only section when we thought that this might not be such a good idea. The traffic was picking up, as all the vacationers from Winnipeg started to head back home on the holiday Monday. The traffic was in spurts and when we pulled off for fuel, it would get back to normal. Then off we would go again. We arrived in Prawda at the Shell Ranger Station at 2:00 P.M. and decided to call it a day. This was the minimum spot that we needed to get to for us to still arrive in Winnipeg at 2:30 P.M. on Tuesday. We asked the manager if we could set up inside the restaurant and make balloon animals for the patrons and ask for donations to the Transportation Fund. We made balloon animals for three hours and then called it a day at 5 P.M. Noble John Kennedy agreed with us that his position as lead vehicle was not needed and decided to head back to Dryden. This was also the end of the road for Noble Mike and Lady Mary as they had to work on Tuesday. Mr. "Q" thanked them for all of their help with this project. And then there were three for the final leg of the trip into Winnipeg — Lady Nora, professional face painter; Noble Clint, mechanic extraordinaire; and Mr. "Q," a clown with a crazy idea, .

Day Four, the last day of driving, was the grand finale. No matter how you word it, there was a light at the end of the tunnel, and, being that we're on the prairies, you can see that light from a long way off!! We were met at the Shell station by a family who had heard of our trip and they wanted to wish us well and see us off.

A couple of fuel fills later, an SUV was driving down the highway and suddenly pulled off the road just before the Zack's burger stop. He took a couple of pictures of the clown driving down the highway and followed us in to the parking lot where we were stopping for a break and to refuel the car. He turned out to be a freelance photographer for the Winnipeg Free Press. He took a few more pictures of Mr. "Q," one on a cell phone, and one of the clown doing the fueling (this was the first time for this!). The fueling picture was the one that made it onto page two of the Winnipeg Free Press. By the time the trip concluded, Mr. "Q" was in the Dryden Observer, the Kenora Daily Miner, the Winnipeg Free Press, the Prawda paper, CKDR and CJRL radio stations, and CTV Winnipeg. This publicity was the reason for the trip —to increase public awareness of Shriners having fun, and to raise money for the children in the area.

As Mr. "Q" drove up to the Highway 12 and Highway 1 crossing, he was met by two clowns, Giggles and Bobo; Potentate Illustrious Sir Gary Saunders and Lady Marcy; and several members of the Khartum Divan. Giggles and Bobo had brought a fire truck to add to the convoy of vehicles that were going to join Mr. "Q" for the final leg of the trip. Sadly, the fire truck wasn't up for the trip, and had to be put on a trailer for the trip into Winnipeg. The convoy was led by the red Shrine van covered in balloons which told the world who we were and what we were doing. People were still taking pictures, honking, and waving as they passed by us. The last 26 kilometers into Winnipeg signified the end of a lot of hard work by nobles and helpers who had heard an idea and thought that this was something with which they would like to be involved.

We arrived at the "Welcome to Winnipeg" sign at 2:30 P.M. on Tuesday, August 2.

Noble Matt Queau thanks Nobles Clinton Solomon, John Kennedy, and Mike Patey, and Ladies Mary Lewicki and Nora Queau for their time and help in making this a memorable trip.

Notice to All Units and Clubs

In order to provide current information concerning your unit or club, be it a fund-raiser or other event, you are reminded that this information can be posted on the Khartum web site. You are encouraged to use the web site. All appropriate information should be sent to our webmaster, Guy Arbez at webmaster@khartumshriners.org

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Shriners International

For the last couple of years, Shriners International has been busy developing new tools to help increase awareness of the fraternity. One of those ongoing efforts is the website beashrinernow.com, which was created specifically as a way for interested potential members to learn about the fraternity, easily and quickly.

"beashrinernow.com has been an extremely helpful resource in recruiting new members," said Randy Rudge, membership development director of Shriners International.

"In today's world everything is about convenience, and the website allows prospective members to sign-up and learn about the great benefits of being a Shriner in a matter of minutes."

To help bring traffic to the website, Shriners International Headquarters has put together a marketing campaign. You can find online banner ads for beashrinernow.com, as well as print ads and inserts that were created for temples to hand out to prospective members.

The website is a terrific educational resource because it helps explain the relationship between the Masonic Order and Shriners International, and also features a video about the fraternity's history. Site visitors can learn about the fraternity's connection with Shriners Hospitals for Children® and take a virtual tour of one of the hospitals.

beashrinernow.com also helps answer any questions about the necessary steps to becoming a Master Mason and Shriner. If, after reviewing the process, an individual would like to pursue membership, all he has to do is select "The Next Step" tab , fill out a short questionnaire, and he will be paired with a virtual mentor.

One of the great features of beashrinernow.com is the interaction membership candidates have with their virtual mentors. Virtual mentors are Shriners who are active in their temple and Masonic Lodges and have volunteered to guide interested applicants through the membership process.

Candidates are paired with virtual mentors who best suit their professional and personal interests. The mentor becomes a trusted friend and advisor through exchanges of knowledge about Freemasonry and becoming a Shriner. The process is intended to re-create the Masonic teaching of developing close, trusting relationships with prospective Masons through personal communication.

Statistics prove beashrinernow.com is helping the fraternity more effectively reach a younger demographic, given that the most recurring age for these new members has been 32. This number is especially interesting to Shriners, since one of the fraternity's co-founders, Dr. Walter Fleming, was the same age when he developed the concept of the fraternity.

By continuing to spread awareness with initiatives like beashrinernow.com, we look forward to adding more exceptional men to the "world's greatest fraternity."

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Fife & Drum Band

By Noble Al Newton
(Report Submitted by Noble Ernie Borowski)

Noble Al Newton has suffered a number of setbacks and had to relinquish writing this month's report. He had eye surgery and is feeling better now that he can see again. He also has some respiratory problems, but is managing to attend our meetings. The "Rabbit," Noble Rick Gustafson, had shoulder surgery and is dong fine. Noble Vern Duke fell and had to be hospitalized with a hip problem that also led to surgery. He is recuperating.

Well, after reporting all our ills, let's get back to what we have or have not been doing. The lack of fife players has hindered us in mustering a band for a number of parades this summer. However, some of our members did parade with the Flag Patrol, and we participated in the Selkirk, Gimli, Midwest, and Morden parades.

The band, because of the lack of fife players, decided to perform only indoors. Our annual Christmas Party for our hospital patients at the Shrine House was on November 26, and we hope that the Pipes & Drums and Komedians will have helped us out.

Take the initiative to join a unit and take part in what Shriners are all about. If you would like to help us continue the Mighty Fife & Drum Band, please attend one of our meetings. We meet every Monday night at 7:30 P.M. at the Shrine House. If you can't read music, we can solve that problem. We are looking for "all" who would like to participate.

I also mention that Fife & Drum Band members are selling Grey Cup tickets at $2.00 each.

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Provost Corps

By Noble Norm Rimmer

Well, here we are and it is almost winter. Where has the time gone? The Provost Corps had a busy parade schedule. We attended parades in Lac du Bonnet, Pinawa, Selkirk, and Gimli. We ended the season at the Morden Corn & Apple Festival parade. We also handled the two parades held during the MSA in August.

The Provost Corps has only one meeting left on Wednesday, December 14. We recess for January and February, so the next meeting will be Wednesday, March 14, 2012. Our meetings start at 7:00 P.M.

The following nobles are the 2012 officers for the Provost Corps:

President:	Norm Rimmer
Past President:	Henry Giesbrecht
Secretary/ Treasurer:	Don Campbell
First Vice President:	Keith Duncan
Captain:	Don Atkinson
First Lieutenant:	John Eilander
Second Lieutenant:	Bill Hunter
Third Lieutenant:	Al Bernard
Quartermaster:	George Wright
Member at Large:	Ray Landin

If you are a noble thinking about joining the Provost Corps, come out to one of our meetings. You will be kept busy and naturally meet some real nice nobles to show you the ropes. Come on out to one or all the meetings and learn what we are about.

We wish all our shut-ins the best and hope they have speedy recoveries. We extend our condolences to those who have lost a loved one recently.

Flag Patrol

By Noble George Einarson

Hello to all the nobles and ladies of Khartum Shriners! What a wonderful summer we had — no mosquitoes or bugs, little rain, and lots of fun at our Midwest gathering. The Midwest committee deserves much praise and "thanks" for all their hard work and dedication on our behalf. We congratulate Illustrious Sir Fraser (Woody) Woodward, P. P., and the nobles and ladies of his committee for making the MSA a resounding success. You really "bedazzled" all of us!

The Patrol carried the flags for the two parades with help from nobles of the Fife and Drum Band. We also welcomed in a new member of the patrol, namely our "Patrol Pal," a beautiful, red golf cart complete with built in flags, speakers, decals, and "a little round driver, not so lively and quick, but his name is George, so don't call him Nick."

Yes, Noble George Kuch secured a golf cart, gratefully donated to us by Vicar Community Chevrolet. The original colors were green and white (banjo colors!) so Noble George asked Murray in the paint shop of Landau Ford to make it a brilliant red to match our Patrol colors. Also, our friends at Quest Metal made the flag holders (little stainless steel patrolmen), and Future Shop donated the sound system.

Flag Patrol Color Party for the Midwest. L. to r.: Nobles Ivar Balderis (Fife & Drum) and George Einarson, Captain Wilf Blommaert, Noble George Kuch (in the "Patrol Pal"), President Carl Hrechka, and Nobles Josef Mueller and Ernie Borowski (Fife and Drum).

Thanks, Noble George, for all your work on behalf of the Patrol, and for giving so many rides to the nobles in the Assiniboine Park (on washroom duty).

As I mentioned, the summer was great, and the Patrol took advantage of many community events and parades including Lac Du Bonnet, the Selkirk Rodeo, the Morris Stampede, Gimli, the Midwest, and Morden.

The Patrol salutes the nobles from other units who helped to carry flags, namely, the Fife & Drum Band, the Provost Corps, the Divan, out-of-town nobles, and Nobles Ernie Borowski, Ivar Balderis, Ike Toews, Tom Love, Keith Duncan, Andrew Skene, and Ken Galaschuk.

Several Patrol nobles and their ladies took in all the events at the Midwest and are looking forward to 2012 in Grand Forks. Between all the events, ticket-selling became a priority with nobles on hand at Garden City, Extra Foods, Sobeys, Safeway, and Walmart. Thanks, nobles, for your enthusiastic support and salesmanship.

On October 1, Khartum hosted the "Pioneers Reception and Luncheon" for more than forty nobles who have served the Shrine with dedicated time and effort on behalf of our"Kids" and Hospitals. For the Patrol, it was a special gathering, because about ten to fifteen nobles of our unit attended

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*The new addition to the Patrol, our "Patrol Pal," — with a little **round driver**, not so lively and quick, but his name is George, so don't call him Nick!*

Sport Car Unit

By Noble Ross Holt, Captain
(Report Submitted by Noble Wally Stowell)

Boy o boy, didn't the summer go by quickly? But what a beautiful summer it was. We attended seven parades by my count including the two Midwest Parades held here in August.

Our cars are all tucked away until spring when we will start off again in June with our "Safe Ride and Cruise Night" lead by our fearless captain, the one and only "Booster Boy give me a push" Roscoe. Tip of our Fez to Noble Ross for organizing each year.

By the way, our unit now has two fully qualified judges MSA certified. Just give us a call.

Keep it out of the ditch this winter.

Membership Report

By Noble Howie Morrow

At the September 29 stated meeting, I was given the opportunity to update the nobles on what has transpired with membership at Khartum. Over the past few months, duties transitioned from Noble Jonathan Cortes and his committee to yours truly with no committee. Not to worry, nobles, I will put a team together shortly, and hopefully, with assistance from nobles like yourselves. I would not be able to assume the reins of the Membership Committee if it wasn't for Noble Jonathan. He graciously provided me with the necessary support and information to make the transition smooth, and without problems. Thank you, Noble Cortes!

What I hope to accomplish this year with Khartum's membership lies in the hands of the nobles who join me on the committee, and the nobles who will volunteer to support the various programs to be implemented. We will be looking for mentors who can help any aspirants applying for membership through Craft Lodge and into Khartum Shrine. The Imperial Membership Committee will provide all the necessary tools, guidance, and resources for our local committee to use. We also have a designated Membership Development Specialist assigned to us by Imperial. Illustrious Sir John Archer, Past Potentate of El Riad Shriners of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, will be our go-to person for Imperial support, guidance, and information.

Again, I humbly hope to count on Khartum nobles to support the Membership Committee this year by ensuring a successful year of membership growth. If you are interested in helping, please phone me at 204-256-2928 or e-mail me at khartum.membership@gmail.com.

From October 12-15, the Imperial Membership Committee in Tampa, Florida, hosted membership training seminars aimed at educating membership chairmen and chief rabbans. The seminars offered were informative and allowed attendees the opportunity to gain knowledge in areas of membership recruitment, retention, restoration, and mentoring. Information resources available to membership committees were presented and explained in great detail. Participants were allowed to pose questions to the presenters with many of them explaining their own local temple programs and the resulting success.

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including three past potentates. The highlight for us was that two of our nobles secured their 50-year jewels!

We congratulate Noble Bert Jolly (president, 1972) and Noble Bill Smith (president, 1984). Also, another close friend of the Patrol was honored with his 60-year jewel — Illustrious Sir Merv Moxley, P. P., from the Cycle Escort. We all tip our fezzes to you three for your outstanding service to our philanthropy, and for making Khartum a special, well-regarded fraternity.

We acknowledge the work and dedication of President Carl Hrechka, Captain Wilf Blommaert, and Treasurer Wayne Hudson. They truly are the workers who keep the flags flying and have served us well. We do appreciate all their hard work and support.

The Patrol teamed up with the Fife and Drum Band to host the Children's Christmas Party (hospital patients and friends) on November 26 at Shrine House. This truly was a heartwarming event and provided an opportunity to see our"kids" and their families.

By the time this Khronicle edition comes to you in December, the Patrol will have had its Annual Meeting on November 28 at Shrine House. Again, we will have teamed up with the Fife and Drum Band. Following cocktails and a wonderful dinner, we'll each have broken off to have separate meetings to elect new officers, give reports, and share in the operation of the Patrol.

After a wonderful summer and a breathtaking fall, we are now ready for the festive season with the departure of the Shrine snowbirds and the arrival of St. Nick.

So, on behalf of the Patrol nobles and their ladies, we wish each and everyone a healthy, happy, and family-filled Christmas and New Year.

Skooters

By Noble Keith Phillips

Wow! Where did the summer, or for that matter, the year, go? This twenty-fifth year of the Skooters has been the busiest ever. Besides participating in parades and attending many Cash Draw ticket venues, the Skooters were also involved in hosting the competitions for the motorized units for the MSA. The unit also arranged the MSCA awards breakfast at Shrine House and the ride out to the Lockport area.

The Skooters thank the nobles of the Brandon Shrine Club and their ladies for their help in setting up the obstacle course and for operating the canteen at the Red River Ex grounds. We also thank Noble George Chapman of the Cycle Escort unit and his team of judges. The Skooters took home second place in our category for the obstacle course, and our own Noble Jonathan Cortes took home first place in the slow ride competition.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the Skooters unit was celebrated at Shrine House on September 24. All members, former members, and their ladies were invited to the reception. Illustrious Sir Gary Saunders presented a plaque to President Bill Gilchrist in honor of the occasion. The cake cutting ceremony was performed by the unit's first president, Bob Turnbull, and current president, Bill Gilchrist. Guests in attendance included Bill and Pat Bracegirdle, Irene Morrison, Jack J. R. Reay from Gimli, Norma Ritchie, Bob and Jean Turnbull, and Illustrious Sir Gary and Lady Marcy. We especially thank our liaison officer, Noble Andrew Skene, and his Lady Irene for making the long trip from Dryden to be with us.

Illustrious Sir Gary Saunders, Potentate of Khartum Shriners (r.), presents Skooters' President Bill Gilchrist with a plaque on September 24 at Shrine House on the occasion of the Skooters' twenty-fifth anniversary

We encourage new nobles to consider joining the best unit in Khartum, the unit that has the most fun. Please review our Facebook page, "Khartum Skooters," where we have posted some pictures and recorded video of some parades. This was put together by Noble Jonathan Cortes.

They say that change is good, so, this year, our Ladies' Night dinner venue on November 19 has been changed to Larter's Golf & Country Club. Everyone is looking forward to this event, and wondering what awards Noble Jack "Funster" Codd has up his sleeve for the unsuspecting. Our Christmas luncheon will be held at the Granite Curling Club on Friday, December 16.

Unless there are nominations from the floor, our new executive for 2011/2012 will comprise the following nobles:

President: Bill Gilchrist
Vice President: David Lapp
Treasurer: Jonathan Cortes
Secretary: Jack Codd

The most senior member of our unit, Noble Ernie Marks, has some serious eyesight problems and is almost totally blind. He is not getting out much these days. We are sure Ernie would appreciate hearing from Khartum nobles who know him.

This being my last report as Khronicle correspondent, I thank Noble Glen Thorsteinson for his help and patience. Thanks, Glen.

This being the last Khronicle of the year, the Skooters wish the Divan and all nobles and their families, the best of health, peace, and happiness for the festive season and for 2012.

Our first president (1986), Noble Bob Turnbull (l.), cutting the cake at the Skooters' twenty-fifth anniversary party on September 24 at Shrine House while current President Bill Gilchrist assists.

APPOINTMENTS ARE FOR ONE YEAR ONLY

When a potentate's term of office expires, all appointments made by him during his administration terminate according to the Imperial Code. Such appointments include **all** appointed officers, potentate's aides, members of committees and their chairmen, special appointees, directors, assistant directors, and all members of the potentate's staff.

Some nobles have mistakenly believed, or assumed their appointments to be permanent. Not so! Each potentate, when installed in office, must make his own appointments including Divan appointments.

The potentate has the power and authority under Imperial Shrine law to replace every appointee; or he may, if he believes it to be in the interest of the temple, retain all appointees by reappointment.

Traditionally, for the sake of efficiency, many nobles of demonstrated ability are continued in office or appointment by reappointment. But this is at the will and pleasure of the incoming potentate. In no case is he bound by his predecessor. By the same token, in no case can any potentate bind his successor.

If it is the will and pleasure of the incoming potentate that the noble is to continue in his office or position by reappointment, he will be notified by the incoming potentate to that effect.

Should any noble not holding appointment by the new potentate wear a fez carrying any title such as "Aide" or any other designation, he does so in violation of the Code.

Some nobles seek to perpetuate an appointment fictitiously by adding to the lettering on the fez, the year or years of their appointment. This is a violation of Imperial law. The offenders may be uninformed; but "*.... ignorance of the law is no excuse.*"

RELEVANT SECTIONS OF ARTICLE 25 OF THE IMPERIAL CODE

Section 325.4 When Elected. Each temple must elect its officers and representatives at its annual meeting in January unless its bylaws allow the election to occur at the temple's stated meeting in December.

Section 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.

Section 325.11 Election Regulations

(a) Electioneering. The printing, publication, circulating, or distribution of resolutions, letters, telegrams, tickets, or other devices, by a noble, suggesting, recommending, opposing, or containing the names of proposed candidates for office in the temple is prohibited.

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

(c) Notice. At least one week prior to the annual meeting or any election, the temple Recorder shall mail to each member a notice thereof containing this section.

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FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

It is natural to associate the fez with Shriners Hospitals for Children. Because of this, meticulous attention must be given to all fundraising activities, including circuses, to make certain that such activities comply with the law of the land and that a contributor is not led to believe that his money will be used for the Hospitals when all or a portion thereof will be used otherwise. The integrity of our charity and of our fraternity must remain above reproach.

Your specific attention is called to the following fraternal and charitable bylaws:

§335.3 USE OF NAME "SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN." The use of the name "Shriners Hospitals for Children" or reference to the Hospitals in connection with any fundraising activity by a temple or Noble without the written consent of the Imperial Potentate and the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Hospitals is prohibited.

§503.10 The use of the name "Shriners Hospitals for Children" or reference to the hospitals in connection with any commercial product or business enterprise is prohibited unless the written consent of the Board of Directors and Trustees has been first obtained.

Now, therefore, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Fundraising for Fraternal Purposes:
   (a) No Noble (in his capacity as a Shriner), club, unit, organization of Nobles or affiliated or appendant corporations shall engage in any fundraising activity without the express written consent of the potentate of the temple having jurisdiction thereof.
   (b) There can be no representation, express or implied, that the proceeds will be for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children.
   (c) The temple potentate shall carefully examine all phases of the advertising, promotion and solicitation to determine that it complies with §335.3 and §503.10 of the fraternal and charitable bylaws.
   (d) The temple potentate must approve the terms and provisions of any contract for a fundraising activity after receiving the advice of the temple attorney, and additionally, as may be required by the temple bylaws.
   (e) A copy of the temple potentate's written consent shall be mailed to the Executive Vice President, Imperial Council. Further, such written material pertaining to the fundraising activity, as requested by the Executive Vice President, Imperial Council shall be promptly mailed to him.
2. Fundraising for Charitable Purposes:
   (a) No Noble (in his capacity as a Shriner), club, unit, organization of Nobles or affiliated or appendant corporations shall engage in any charitable fundraising activity other than for Shriners Hospitals for Children, and said activity shall not be in the jurisdiction of any other temple. Permission therefore must be first obtained in writing from the temple potentate. The temple potentate must then obtain written permission from the Chairmen of the Boards of Directors and Trustees. This request for written permission shall be sent to the Executive Vice President, Imperial Council, P.O. Box 31356, Tampa, FL 33631-3356.

      However, a joint charitable fundraising activity with another 501(c)(3) charity may be authorized provided that a minimum of 50% of the net proceeds are for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children, and the Chairmen of the Boards of Directors and Trustees determine, on a case by case basis, that it is in the best interest of Shriners Hospitals for Children and they grant their written permission for the activity.
   (b) 100% of net proceeds (as defined in the Charitable Fund Raising-Approval And Reporting provisions of any existing General Order) from charitable fundraising must be given to Shriners Hospitals for Children except for such portion thereof as may be permitted to be retained for the temple Shrine Hospital Patient Transportation Fund, pursuant to the Special Purpose Funds provisions of any existing General Order. Provided, however, if the Chairmen of the Boards of Directors and Trustees determine for good cause shown, that the law of the land requires that a portion of the net proceeds must be distributed locally, then they may, if they determine it to be in the best interest of Shriners Hospitals for Children, grant their written permission for such distribution.
   (c) The temple shall report the result of each charitable fundraising activity within sixty days of the activity, pursuant to the Charitable Fund Raising–Approval and Reporting provision of this General Order.
   (d) This section shall not apply to activities exempt under §335.4(b) of the bylaws of The Imperial Council.
   (e) Each independent corporation or entity that receives the permission of the Chairmen of the Boards of Directors and Trustees to raise money for Shriners Hospitals for Children, and which does not have its financial statements audited pursuant to §334.5 & §337.8 of the bylaws of The Imperial Council, shall have its financial statements audited by a certified, chartered or licensed public accountant and shall submit a copy of the accountant's report and accompanying financial statements to the Imperial Recorder within 120 days of the activity.
3. Statement of Purpose and Disclosure:
   (a) Every fundraising activity must contain factual information on its solicitation material, tickets, programs and documents regarding the use of the proceeds.
   Examples:
   "Proceeds are for the benefit of (_____ Shriners) (_____ Shrine Club) activities."
   "Proceeds are for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children."
   (b) Every fundraising activity which is not entirely for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children shall prominently state on the solicitation material, tickets and documents that "payments are not deductible as charitable contributions."
   (c) There must be compliance with the Revenue Act of 1987 provision of any existing general order by U.S. temples.
4. Compliance with Applicable Laws:
   It is the responsibility of the temple potentate, after receiving the advice of the temple attorney, to determine that there is compliance with all applicable laws in its jurisdiction for the temple's fundraising activities.
5. Financial Records:
   (a) The temple shall maintain detailed financial records pertaining to all fundraising activities involving Nobles, clubs, units, organizations of Nobles or affiliated or appendant corporations. Details of all revenues and expenditures shall be maintained in such financial records.
   (b) The temple must retain such detailed financial records for a period of seven (7) years.
   (c) There must be compliance with *Financial Reporting on Charitable Funds and Activities* provision of any existing general order.
6. Notification to Nobility:
   A copy of the ***Fundraising Activities*** provisions of this General Order shall be printed in the temple publication at least once every calendar year. If there is no temple publication, then a copy shall be mailed to each Noble in the temple not later than the last day in March of each calendar year.
7. Discipline:
   Any officer, Noble or temple which violates a provision of ***Fundraising Activities*** is subject to discipline pursuant to the bylaws of The Imperial Council.

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Stepping Forward Toward a Brighter Future

Patty Severe, 2011-2012 First Lady
Shriners International

First Lady Patty Severe's 2011-2012 fundraising program, "Stepping Forward Toward a Brighter Future," is focused on increasing awareness and fundraising for pediatric burn care education and training.

Burn awareness is a subject matter that is extremely personal for First Lady Patty after losing her brother to burn injuries in a tragic accident. From experience, she knows that children who sustain burn injuries need the very best care from trained and well-versed physicians, nurses and supporting clinical staff.

As noted in the *Journal of Burn Care & Research* and the *Journal of Burn Care Rehabilitation*, there are concerns in the medical community about the future availability of a sufficient number of surgeons and nurses specializing in burn treatment. In addition, burn specialty care is not available in a formalized program, as nurses are taught on the job.

For these reasons, First Lady Patty's goal is to raise funds and develop an educational fellowship for all medical professionals entering the burn reconstruction field. This fellowship will allow each medical professional to spend time at one of the four Shriners Hospitals for Children® that specializes in burn care, and learn the necessary treatment protocols and models of practice from their peers.

First Lady Patty's program will help future pediatric burn patients receive the same level of expert, compassionate care from burn specialists. In addition, it will promote the medical education programs offered and ensure that Shriners Hospitals for Children® continues on as the leader in pediatric burn care.

As First Lady Patty makes her visits throughout the Imperial Year, she asks that in lieu of personal gifts, nobles and ladies make a donation to "Stepping Forward Toward a Brighter Future." With each donation of $25, you will receive your choice of a lady's beautiful pin or a gentleman's handsome tie. An optional golden 18" chain, for those who wish to convert the pin to a necklace, is available for an additional $10 donation.

Completed order forms may be given to the First Lady. Order forms, along with donations made payable to Shriners Hospitals for Children®, can also be mailed to Shriners International Headquarters, First Lady's Program, Donor Relations Department, P.O. Box 31356, Tampa, FL., 33631.

Canadian order forms and donations may be sent to Shriners Hospitals for Children® — Canada, 1529 Cedar Ave., Montreal, Quebec, Canada H3G 1A6. Additional order forms and return envelopes can be obtained from the donor relations department at Shriners International Headquarters by calling (800) 241-4438 or by sending an e-mail to: psevere@shrinenet.org.

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Donations to the program can also be made online at www.shrinershospitals.org/FirstLadyPatty.aspx

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