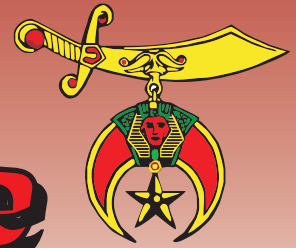


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The deadline for submission of reports for the August 2010 edition of the Khronicle is June 15, 2010.

A "Tip of the Fez" to Nobles Bob Dennis, Wayne Stewart, Craig Wieler, the Dryden Shrine Club, the Brandon Car Patrol, the Pembina Valley Shrine Club, and the Border Shrine Club. 🍷

In Memoriam



**We do not lose the ones we love
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We do not lose the ones we love, God takes them in His care.**

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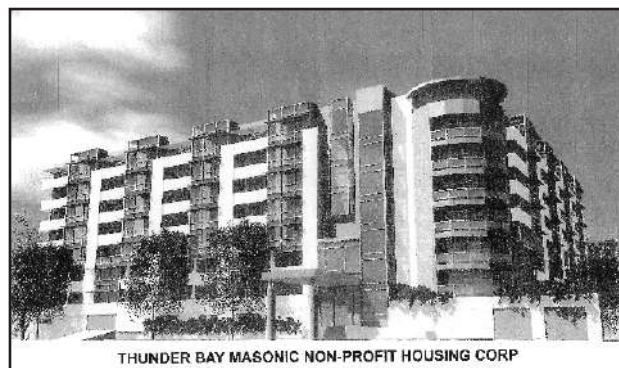
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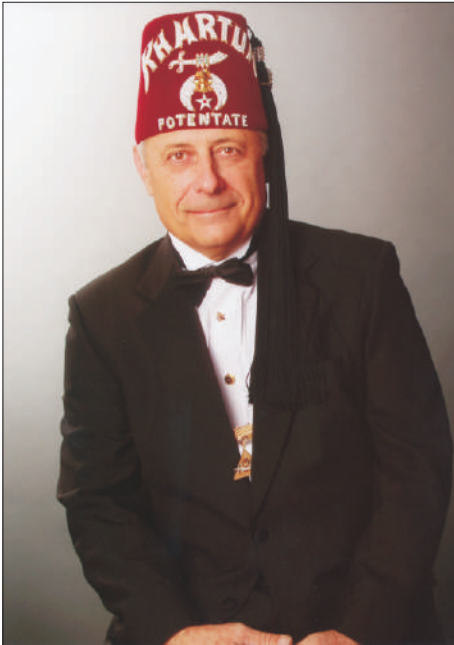
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From the Desk of the Potentate

By Illustrious Sir John Czarnecki



Illustrious Sir John Czarnecki, Potentate, 2010, Khartum Shriners

I begin by thanking the ladies and nobles of Khartum for their support and for the honor of being elected Potentate for 2010. Lady Deanne and I are looking forward to working with all of you this year. I know that the year will be a fun and enjoyable one for all.

It was great to see the wonderful turnout of nobles and ladies at the installation and Potentate's Reception a few months ago. It was a weekend that Lady Deanne and I will always cherish. Many thanks go out to the many people

NOTICE OF STATED MEETING

All nobles are reminded of the following Stated Meeting:

Thursday, June 24, 2010
7:30 P.M. Sharp
Shrine Activity Room
1155 Wilkes Avenue
Winnipeg MB R3P 1B9

Agenda:

1. Conduct regular business of Khartum Shrine
2. Reports
3. Other business

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Noble Don Murray, Recorder Emeritus

Illustrious Sir John Czarnecki, Potentate/CEO

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involved in making it a success. Thank you to Noble Craig Houston for all his hard work and planning. Everything was as it should have been, and the events ran as smooth as a Swiss watch. To all the units represented, the bands that performed, and well wishers, we thank you all.

I am pleased to welcome the following new Divan members and appointed officers for 2010: Noble Rick Wells, Director, and his Lady Barbara; Noble Myles Bamendine, Captain of the Guard, and his Lady Sharon; Noble Bruce Barton, Chief of Staff, and his Lady Muriel; Noble Jim Graham, Assistant Chief of Staff, and his lady Paulette; Noble Bart Hawkins, Deputy Chief of

Staff Emeritus, and his Lady Jean; Noble David Gray, Deputy Outer Guard, and his Lady Iris; Noble Ed Carr, Deputy Outer Guard, and his Lady Mary-Ann; and Noble Leif Hansen, Deputy Outer Guard, and his Lady Hilda. Thank you for accepting your appointments and I look forward to working with you this year. Congratulations to the all the members of the Divan on your new positions this year, and a special thank you to all the Divan ladies who have assisted Lady Deanne and I so far this year. We know we can count on you and look forward to your continued support through the year.

My theme for 2010 is "Khartum Potentate. . . continued on page 5

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Shriners, Keeping Membership on Track." Nobles, we have a window of opportunity this year to have a one-day class, thanks to the efforts of our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother David Love. It is an opportunity that benefits firstly the prospective new Masons, who under normal circumstances, would not be able to fulfill the present process. The circumstances may vary from time away from their home city due to work-related travel, to shift workers who are unable to free their evenings at the present time. Time is something our lodges, our concordant bodies, and our Shrine cannot afford to take for granted any longer. The adage of "build it and they will come" is not something we can depend on any longer. I believe we have to be willing to accept change, and more importantly, have the willingness to adapt. It takes less effort and time to build a bridge than it does to build a dam.

By the time many of you get to read this latest edition of the Khronicle, your

Divan representatives to the MSA will have returned from the Midwinter Sessions in Sioux City, Iowa. The proposed hotel for Khartum in Sioux City is the Stoney Creek Inn. It will be able to house all Khartum units under one roof. If you would like to check out their website for yourself, it is <http://www.stoneycreekinn.com/locations/index.cfm/SiouxCity>.

The hotel has all the amenities you could ask for, including a lovely courtyard and an indoor/outdoor swimming pool connected by a waterfall. So c'mon nobles and ladies of Khartum. Let's show Iowa how Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario have fun. A great time will be had by all. The dates for the Midwest Summer Sessions are August 12-14.

Lady Deanne and I and nobles and ladies of the Khartum Divan are looking forward to the upcoming parade season. The after-parade barbecues are always fun and we always enjoy the camaraderie and friendship. We'd like to invite all nobles to join us on Sunday nights at the Pony Corral on Grant Avenue for their Show and Shines. Our Raffle "Hot Rod" will be on display with

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Once again, thank you for the honor and privilege of serving Khartum Shriners in 2010, and remember, harmony is the bridge to success. ♣

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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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Hospital Report

By Noble Craig Houston,
Khartum Hospital Chairman



should have their report finalized by the end of February on fund-raising for the Hospital. Hopefully, by the time you read this issue of the Khronicle, we will have more details.

As of December 31, 2009, our expenditures were \$162,000.00 (which does not include our donation to SHC Montreal for \$100,000.00). We have 5 new patients for 2009 and 233 patient visits to Shrine Hospitals.

Our balance of Aeroplan Miles is about 51,000, about enough for one round trip for two.

Nobles, we still need your support. Aeroplan Miles used for transportation saves us many thousands of dollars. If you can't use them, don't lose them. We need all the Aeroplan miles we can get.

The Kids Horizon Program is our new contact for Aeroplan miles through the Montreal Hospital. Air Canada donates thousands of Aeroplan miles to this program each year. It has helped us particularly with our patient trips to Boston and Chicago, but again these resources are limited too.

New Hospital at Montreal

As far as the new Shriners Hospital is concerned, the study on the fund-raising drive, spearheaded by the firm of Ketchum, Canada,

New Satellite Clinic for Winnipeg

I am happy to tell you that we had our third satellite clinic on Friday, January 29, 2010, and six patients were invited to attend — three from Winnipeg, two from Saskatchewan, and one from northwest Ontario. Unfortunately, two of the six could not attend so we were left with four participants. We now have two Manitoba doctors in charge of the Clinic who are accredited with Shriners Hospitals for Children, Canada, in Montreal. We welcome into the fold Dr. Brian Black, a longtime pediatric surgeon at the Childrens Hospital of Winnipeg, who has, on many occasions, recommended children to Shriners Hospitals for Children, Canada. Along with Dr. Susan Thompson, we should see more action in our Clinic operation. The clinic held on January 29, 2009, was a great success. Mario Rinaldi, in charge of applications and outreach and satellite clinics out of Shriners Hospitals for Children, Canada, in Montreal, attended and worked with Dr. Brian Black who conducted the clinic.

Conference Call, Monday, September 14, 2009

I took part in the fifth quarterly conference call on Monday, September 14, along with three of the Canadian Hospital executive staff, various nobles from the Canadian temples, and those from the United States who use Shriners Hospitals for Children, Canada.

Items covered:

The packages sent to the new candidates who joined the various Shrine temples recently have been mailed out to these new nobles. In the meantime, we received a copy of the package — an assortment of information on the Hospitals program in the Shrine and, in particular, Shriners Hospitals for Children, Canada.

Again, as a reminder to all nobles and as reported previously, the Canadian Hospital video is now here and a few copies are available at my office. This DVD, although only a few minutes long, can be used by units and clubs at their meetings or for fund-raising.

The long-awaited video on the opening of the Winnipeg Satellite Clinic should be in our hands by the end of February.

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The following appeared in the December issue of "Tidbits" or "Khartum Shrine Members Events" and I thought it would be appropriate to put in my Khronicle blurb.

Hands Across the Sea

How many times have we heard this phrase in many different aspects of our lives. Well, it just so happens that it also is relevant to Khartum Shrine as well. Although not affecting us dramatically, the Khartum Shrine Hospital program has been helping to give other Shriners Hospitals for Children patients from distant lands a better quality of life. Two recent items that come to mind are the young lady, Sisfriani, from Indonesia; and a young boy, Rylan, from Honolulu, Hawaii.

Indonesia

As previously mentioned, we have been working with the Soroako Community Volunteers of Indonesia to help a young girl who has severe burn injuries and has already attended Shriners Hospitals for Children in Galveston, Texas. Due to recent weather problems, the hospital has been closed. In an effort to get Sisfriani back into the system, we made contact with Shriners Hospitals for Children in Sacramento, California, and subsequently Shriners Hospitals for Children in Boston, Massachusetts.

When it was announced that the Galveston hospital would be

reopening for major treatment in mid-December, we reverted back to that hospital. We are now in the process of helping the various parties make all the necessary arrangements to ensure that Sisfriani can travel to the U.S. and have further treatment for her injuries.

This is just a small part of the process, but Khartum Shriners are proud to be of some assistance.

Since writing this article, Sisfriani has been accepted at Galveston and we are now relaying details for admission. We have been communicating with the staff at Galveston and with two sponsors who were initially involved earlier — one from Texas and the other from British Columbia, and with the lady coordinating in Indonesia.

I just received a copy of a ten-page e-mail indicating the inoculations and immunizations required from Galveston. The Shriners Hospitals for Children in Galveston are being thorough but helpful in their acceptance of Sisfriani.

She is expected to be scheduled for early May 2010, and will require a stay of probably three weeks minimum and two months maximum, depending on the progress of treatment of her burn injuries.

We must now plan all the details for Sisfriani and her mother to travel to Galveston, such as setting up the accommodations where required, obtaining a translator, seeing that educational needs are met, and ensuring Shriners support for them during their stay. Other items will be dealt with as they come up.

Hawaii

I got a call from Westjet Airlines asking us if we could spare some of our travel vouchers to help Rylan, a Shriners patient at Shriners Hospitals for Children in Honolulu for the last three years, and his family travel to Kelowna BC on the "Shriners Big White Christmas Promotion." The Khartum Shriners Hospital program was able to accommodate this request.

Rylan is being treated for achondroplasia, a bone growth deficiency, and has gone through the Shriners' Ilizarov procedure for bone lengthening. Big White Ski Resorts in B.C. took part in this event and a TV production crew from Honolulu followed Ryan and his family to make a documentary for this story. We have requested a copy of this documentary. From what I understand, the event was a huge success.

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These two items may seem insignificant in the Shriners Hospitals for Children world, but they show that many different Shriners care about the quality of life for “**our kids**,” and that it is universal throughout the world and in particular, in these cases, it involves Khartum Shriners, who are extending their **hands across the sea**.

Ironically, also after writing this piece for “Tidbits,” I had a call from Noble Harry McFee, who had just returned from a vacation in Hawaii. Harry had spoken to a family with a young boy with a disability who had never heard of Shriners Hospitals and recommended that they seek some help from Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Noble Harry visited me and we discussed the Hospital program and the plight of the youngster in Hawaii. He had already made a phone call to the family in Hawaii and obtained a contact there. I tried to make contact with the family a few times but was unable to speak to them on the telephone. I have now referred his name to Aloha Shriners. Just another episode of:

Hands Across the Sea

We had a call from Shriners Hospitals for Children in St. Louis MO, concerning Khartum and one of the patients attending there and being sponsored by MOCHA Shriners in London, Ontario, advising that the family had transferred to Brandon, Manitoba. The young boy was scheduled to go to Shriners Hospitals for Children in St. Louis and could we make the necessary arrangements.

Well, 5-year-old Levi and his mom traveled to St. Louis and spent a week going through observations and tests with the medical staff there. He has a disease which does not allow his system to create calcium for bone growth, much like osteogenesis imperfecta or brittle bone disease, but more acute, according to Levi’s mom. All went well and he does not have to return there for three years and will continue therapy and medications at home.

It was quite a happy scene at the airport on their return with his two siblings and father meeting them. The three children could have cared less about the luggage as they all squatted down on the floor of the terminal, searched through Levi’s packages, and played with all the toys and things that he had accumulated during his week in St. Louis.

We have a reasonably busy year with the Hospital program, and the highlight of 2009 had to be the inauguration and opening of the Satellite Clinic. I was extremely proud, as all Khartum nobles surely are.

Our annual Christmas party for the patients was again a huge success, thanks to the past potentates of Khartum Shriners. It was unfortunate that bad weather kept many out-of-town patients and their families from attending. The patients and their families are all grateful to the nobles and ladies of Khartum and to Shriners Hospitals for Children for their undying support of the medical needs of their children. You should all give yourselves a tip of the fez, and I personally thank all of you for your support in the past and look forward to continued support in the coming years. 🎩



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Sphinx Temple No. 116 Daughters of the Nile

By Lindsey Lorteau, Junior Past Queen



Sphinx Temple No. 116, Daughters of the Nile had another successful major fund-raiser last year with 75% of the proceeds going towards the Convalescent Relief Fund to help in the care of the children in the Shriners Hospital for Children (Montreal). We thank all those nobles and ladies who support the Temple and Unit fund-raisers and activities!

We were pleased to welcome another new princess to Sphinx Temple — Princess Dana Homenick made a

wonderful choice to join Daughters of the Nile in January! The Ladies of the Household were also excited to support the Masonic Youth of Manitoba when the DeMolay and Job's Daughters initiated several new members for their organizations. We look forward to supporting Khartum Shriners and the rest of the Masonic family at the 2010 Shrine Circus.

Sphinx Temple was honored to have Illustrious Sir John Czarnecki, his Divan, and ladies join us after our February session for refreshments. It was even more special that evening as we celebrated the 50th anniversary of our oldest unit, Sphinx Temple Patrol. Congratulations, ladies, for fifty wonderful years of marching!



Fez Head Fred and Queen Lindsey at the Installation of Officers, Bethel 9—Job's Daughters



Queen Lindsey with past and present Sphinx Temple Patrol at the February Session celebrating the Patrol's 50th anniversary

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This spring, we have had another first for our Temple. We have approved and are working on details for our first Club for Sphinx Temple in Dryden ON. We are so thrilled that the ladies in this area have decided to form a club, and look ahead to the fellowship and fun in Dryden as we Work Together for the Children.

Another year for Daughters of the Nile has come and gone with the installation of officers for 2010-2011 held on March 28. The new Queen of Sphinx Temple is Deborah Clairmont and all Ladies of the Household are looking forward to different things brought by a new corps of officers. We will also support Queen Debbie this June at Supreme Sessions in Indianapolis IN. 🏰

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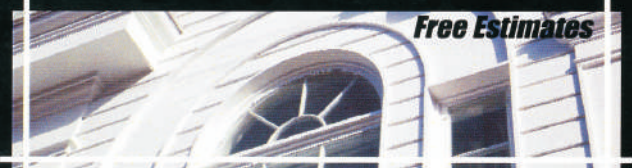


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By Noble Kelly Eldridge, B.A., CFP



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Ruff Riders

By Noble Terry Burt



Captain: Doug Seel
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We completed the year with some more great fellowship at our holiday fest "The Capon Caper."

The many enjoyable events in our 25th anniversary year I am sure will provide many wonderful memories in the future.

At our annual dinner and Ladies' Night at Rae and Jerry's Steak House, our Potentate, Illustrious Sir Don Thomson, presented the unit with a 25th anniversary plaque in recognition of the unit's support and contributions to Khartum. Each lady received a lovely gift as a memento of our anniversary year. I especially thank my Lady Marianne, who looked after the purchase and beautiful packaging.

A cocktail reception preceded our annual meeting and elections which followed a new format this year. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of an honorary membership to Illustrious Sir Don Thomson, Potentate, in recognition of his outstanding support of our unit for so many years. We look forward to the continuance of our relationship with him and Lady Dawn for many more years.

The following nobles are our officers for 2010:

President/Treasurer: Terry Burt
Vice President: Alvin Allard
Secretary: Ron Werry

Our 26th annual Grey Cup raffle was again successful as we sold out both series. We thank those who helped in our sales. We also thank all those who bought tickets, as a result of which, in spite of the recessionary times, we were able to increase our Christmas cake sales.

We are fortunate to have a number of special friends who, for many years, have attended our social functions, helped with unit fund-raising, and even rode a "Big Red" when we were short of riders. We seldom have an ATC missing from a parade. Our thanks go out to each of those ladies and nobles. Hopefully, our special relationship will continue for many more years. Without your support, our activities would be less successful.

A big bouquet to Illustrious Sir Don Thomson, P. P., and Lady Dawn and the Divan and their ladies for all that they contributed to Khartum during the past year.

Congratulations to our Noble Alvin Allard on his appointment to the Divan. We hope he has success and enjoyment with the new responsibilities he has accepted.

We welcome our new liaison officer, Noble Myles Bamendine and his Lady Ellen. We hope you have an enjoyable year with us and have the same great relationship we have enjoyed with so many of those who have preceded you.

Dates have been set for our spring activities and tentative plans made for summer and fall.

- Our spring dinner will be held on Saturday, April 10.
- What is always a fun afternoon, the annual Day at the Races, hosted by the Skooters and Ruff Riders, is on

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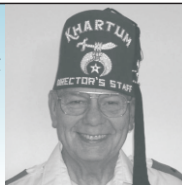
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Director's Staff

By Noble Fred Dagg



And a Happy New Year to all! Congratulations to our new executive for 2010:

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2nd Vice President: Roberto Manalang

Treasurer: Herb Andrusyshyn

Director: Rick Wells

2nd Ceremonial

Master: Rick Holberg

It has been a pleasure to work with Noble Rick Holberg these last three

years and we wish him well in his new position. Past President Norm Wolk will be a hard act to follow as he always took on extra jobs. Well done, Norm. You now have time to take on even more tasks.

Our Christmas/Hanukkah party was one of the most successful in recent years. Our Cruzin' Koolers staged several races during the evening to the delight of all (see photo). It is quite evident there was no weight restriction on the jockeys.



The new inserts for our roster have been printed by President Ken. They are sure handy to carry and also save us a lot of money. Thanks, Ken.

The Circus season will soon be upon us so remember that a lot of help will be needed to make it a success. Dates are in the roster. The unit has not yet decided which parades we will attend. It would be nice to see the eight Cruzin' Koolers do their maneuvers.

Khartum's new fund-raiser is a 1930 Ford coupe fully restored. Appraised at \$115,000, I can see me driving down the street after I win it. Tickets are only \$50.00.

Our Sick and Visiting committee reported on the passing of Peggy Hiebert. Wilf Lake's and Carl Christensen's conditions are unchanged. Lady Pat Servatka is now in Riverview recovering from her fall.

Lady Catherine and I have returned from Puerto Vallarta after enjoying a short two weeks of nice weather.

In closing . . . a short story. An old gent was out for a walk and while walking over a small bridge he heard a frog say, "Say up there, if you give me a kiss I'll turn into a beautiful woman and be yours for the rest of your life." The old gent picked up the frog and put it in his pocket. The frog said, "Didn't you hear what I said?" He answered, "Yes, I heard, but at this stage of my life I would rather have a talking frog!"

See you all – Fred. ♣

Ruff Riders . . . concluded from page 14

May 2, from 1:00 to 6:00 P.M. There will be a silent auction available and, following the last race, a barbecue supper. Tickets are available from members of both units.

Hopefully, this year we will receive parade information early enough to allow nobles to plan their summer. We found the Transcona "Hi, Neighbour" festival parade in June 2009 to be a great parade and we plan to attend again this year. Hopefully, there won't be too many conflicting dates in July this year.

It has continued to be a tough year for the health of some of our nobles and ladies. Lady Eve Werry has experienced some improvement and is a bit more mobile. Noble Ron continues to use his "silver bullet." Noble Stan Buksak continues with his problems and requires a cane at times. My condition has not improved and I have had to accept that my riding days are probably behind me.

Haven't joined a unit? Time requirements or physical demands a problem? Contact our membership chairman Ron Werry at 888-5054 or visit us at our monthly meeting on the third Tuesday of the month in room 117 at the Shrine Centre. We have parade-ready ATCs available along with storage and transportation. The unit enjoys great fellowship and we would be most pleased to meet with you and answer any questions you may have. ♣



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Komedians

By Noble Thor Weidenbacher



The Komedians are really looking forward to participating in the Circus this May. There is a lot of dedication that goes on behind the scenes in order for the Komedians to have a successful Circus.

First of all, each Komedian is responsible for his make-up and costume, often getting up in the wee hours of the morning to prepare. Then, there is the transport of all of our gear to the circus site, like our world famous pipe band, the Volkswagen, and a can of gas for the Boss Clown, who always fills up the tank before the first show. Also, there are many practices held ahead of time to perfect the several skits we are asked to perform. Thanks in advance to all nobles for their time and dedication. We couldn't do it without a real team effort!

One of the Komedians' "special friends," Megan Johnson, 18, of Federal Way, was named one of Washington State's top two youth volunteers for 2010 by The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, a nationwide program honoring young people for outstanding acts of volunteerism. Megan, a senior at

Highline CHOICE Academy, initiated several programs over the past eight years that raise money to provide homeless people, hospitalized children, and drug-addicted babies with things that make their lives a little easier.

Megan, who has had twenty-six surgeries to correct a facial disorder, knows the pain of being unaccepted. "I was harassed in school," she said. "The kids made me feel worthless and I was so lonely. So when I saw a video about street people, I could feel their loneliness too." Determined to show the homeless that somebody cared, Megan began making blankets and soliciting donations to buy them personal items. Then, in the following years, she started making blankets for infants born of drug-addicted mothers, and collecting DVDs for five children's hospitals.

She has also raised money to help four families get off the streets and into their own homes, and to make a large contribution to Shriners Hospitals, which asked her to become a national patient ambassador. To support her projects, Megan sells hot cider at Christmastime; writes and

illustrates children's books; sends letters to corporations; and sells homemade necklaces, ink pens, and silicone wristbands. "My dream is for others to see that, even if you are different, you can make a huge difference," said Megan. The Komedians are proud of Megan and wish her congratulations on this fine achievement!

Thanks to all nobles for making the Polar Degree, held this past February, a big success! To the nobles in the kitchen who prepared a wonderful breakfast, to the nobles who helped out behind the bar, to all the candidates and participants in the degree, and to all those who helped set up and clean up, thanks from the bottom of our hearts! We are all looking forward to the next one and even more "frigid digits!"

Nobles Guy Arbez and Kevin Davis are heading up the committee to host the Clown's portion of the 2011 Midwest Shrine Association convention. They are hard at work making all the arrangements necessary for a successful clowning event. Thanks to these nobles for stepping up and taking this responsibility.

The Komedians also congratulate Noble Kevin Davis for his upcoming wedding in May. He is getting married on Circus weekend and we wish him all the happiness in the world. Invitations are in the mail. ♣

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Brandon & District Shrine Club

By Noble Rod March



As we are well into the new year, all nobles in the western Manitoba region offer their sincere congratulations to our immediate Past Potentate, Illustrious Sir Don Thomson and his Divan for a successful year. We thank him especially and his Lady Dawn for many visits to our meetings and for their genuine interest in the well-being of our Club. To our new Potentate, Illustrious Sir John Czarnecki, we extend warm congratulations in your election and may you enjoy the combined success of your forebears.

Our new executive committee comprises the following nobles:

President: Art Arbour
Vice President: Drew Mills
Secretary: Alvin Taft
Treasurer: Terry Metcalf
Directors: Bob Bergson, Charlie Duguid, and Rod March

Noble Glen Thorsteinson, Khronicle editor, and his devoted staff have done a tremendous job on behalf of all nobles in producing Khartum Shriners' magazine and

should be proud of their efforts in receiving the Dromedary Award. It is well-deserved, nobles. Congratulations.

Locally, Nobles Bob Dennis and Drew Mills have canvassed a num-

ber of local businesses in Brandon and area to purchase ads to support the Khronicle. Many thanks, nobles and advertisers.

Sadly, I must report that we have lost a number of members since the last issue. Noble George Horne was an active Club member, served as Club president in 1980, and was an avid member of our Oriental Band. We extend our sympathy to his Lady Ruby and family. Lady May Dunbar, widow of the late Noble Millen, will be missed and we extend our condolences to her family. We extend warm thoughts to the family of Noble Ken Markle who was a member of the Car Patrol and the Pipes and Drums, and served as Deputy Chief of Staff. We express our sympathy to the family of Noble Jim Brown who had been a longtime member of the Pipes and Drums.

We especially congratulate Noble Walter Scott and his Lady Mary on celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

The Club will be sponsoring one youth division in the Brandon Soccer Association. I am sure the organizers would be happy to see us in our fezzes cheering on the kids when the season starts!

Unfortunately, due to the Memorial Cup being held at the Keystone Centre this year, we will be unable to have a Shrine Circus again. However, Noble Ross Mann, our Circus Daddy chairman, will be looking for your continued support by purchasing a Circus Daddy subscription.

Our annual golf tournament will be held again in June. Further details will be available in our bulletin. Visitors are always welcome to participate.

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Shrine Circus 2010



Greetings, nobles and ladies.

Spring is in the air and so is the 2010 Circus season. This year the annual Winnipeg Shrine Circus will be taking place on the Red River Exhibition Grounds in a brand new facility. We will be using a part of the new building for our circus. In the rest of the building, Shrine Hospital, Shrine and Grand Lodge Membership committees, and all concordant bodies have been invited to be on hand with their displays.

This year, coupon books are

back and each book will contain \$26 worth of coupons for \$25. These coupons are *valid only at the Winnipeg Circus venue*. Ticket prices for the

Winnipeg Circus are \$10 in advance at Safeway (coupons not valid for purchase of Safeway tickets) and \$12 at the gate.

Before each Winnipeg show, there will be a "spec" with all the various Khartum units showing their stuff. This year, the Khartum Shrine Circus will be presented by Circus producer Cindy Migley. The feature act will be the world famous "Wallenda" high-wire act.



Khartum Shrine Circus Schedule for 2010

May 7-8 (Friday and Saturday) Thunder Bay ON. Show times – 4:00 and 8:00 P.M.

May 10 (Monday) Dryden ON. Show times – 4:00 and 7:00 P.M.

May 11 (Tuesday) Fort Frances (Border) ON. Show times – 4:00 and 7:00 P.M.

May 12 (Wednesday) Kenora ON. Show times 4:15 and 7:15 P.M.

May 14 (Friday) Selkirk MB. Shrine Circus show times – 5:00 and 8:00 P.M.

May 15-16 (Saturday and Sunday) Winnipeg MB. Shrine Circus show times – 1:00 and 4:00 P.M.

May 17 (Monday) Portage la Prairie MB. Shrine Circus show times – 4:00 and 7:00 P.M.

May 19 (Wednesday) Dauphin MB. Shrine Circus show times – 2:00 and 6:30 P.M.

May 21 (Friday) Flin Flon MB. Shrine Circus show times – two shows (times TBA)

May 23 (Sunday) Thompson MB. Shrine Circus show times – 12:00 noon, and 4:00 and 7:00 P.M.

Nobles and Shrine ladies wishing to help at the Winnipeg Circus, please phone the Circus Office @ 925-1436.

Updates will be posted in the Circus article of the monthly website edition of Khartum Tidbits. Please make every effort to support the Shrine tradition and attend the circus that is coming to your area.

The 2010 Circus Management team comprises the following nobles:

General Circus Chairman: Rick Wells

Help as needed: Ian Dark

Communication: Ken Galaschuk

Manpower: Lorne Gregorash

Oasis: Jim Krochenski

Portage Circus and Masonic Family Displays: Brian Langtry

Help as needed: Bill Quinn

Selkirk Circus and help in other aspects: Wayne Stewart

Production and sales and distribution of coupon books: Norm Wolk

Noble Ken Galaschuk, Circus Communication



Oriental Band

By Noble Bernie Gross



The Oriental Band extends greetings to all Khartoum nobles. First, let me squash the rumor that our actual title is the "temperamental band," — this is patently untrue. Without appearing boastful, we are the most talented, unassuming, considerate, kindly, respectful of others and small animals, and musically unchallenged group of nobles you are ever likely to meet. I can say all of this without fear of being struck down by lightning because it's true, mostly. Of course there are exceptions where our good nature is put to the test, such as parade delays, hangovers, rainy days, snowy days, hot days, cold days, bringing up teenagers, etc. I'm sure you get the drift. Now I'm not giving you this news to make anyone feel inferior in any way, but when you belong to the best unit in Shrinedom, it's hard to remain humble, so please forgive my tongue-in-cheek ramblings.

A new slate of officers has now been installed and we are all looking forward to a good year. Our new President, Al Hochbaum, unfortunately has lost one of his closest relatives recently so this year has not started out well for him. We offer Al our condolences and pledge our support to him in all his Band undertakings. The following nobles were elected as officers of the Oriental Band for 2010:

President: Al Hochbaum
Vice President: Richard Veley
Secretary: Bernie Gross
Treasurer and
Band Director: Irv Jackson
Past President: Cliff Hardy

We hope to attend as many parades as our small number will allow and we will support Khartoum Shrine in any way we can. We may be small in number, but we still have enthusiasm and passion in our hearts for the ideals of the Shrine and compassion for our kids.

To all nobles, we wish you a great year and hope that your unit prospers in the future. Be well, keep the faith, and remember, according to the final Masonic charge at installation of lodge officers, that our purpose is to be happy and communicate that happiness to others. ♣



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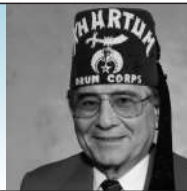
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Drum & Bugle Corps

By Noble Jack Goods



Nobles, we all welcome our new president for the ensuing year, Noble Arnold Eddy. His main goal is to continue his contribution to the Drum Corps, a unit he is so proud to be a part of, and to continue his work for Khartum Shriners. Noble Arnold hopes to achieve a higher community profile for the Drum Corps, and maintain a system to follow wherein we visit the sick and inactive

nobles who served our unit and worked for the Shrine and the Shrine children whom we all love and support.

Noble Arnold was chosen to be President for 2010, not only for his good playing of one of the biggest straight horns in the Drum Corps, but also for his dedicated contribution to the Shrine and to the Drum Corps. He has pledged to try and achieve the quality of reverence the Drum Corps

have been known for in past years. Let's all get behind his enthusiasm and support his efforts and see if we can precipitate some good old Drum Corps profile once again.

Our spring start-up of events is approaching sooner than expected, and we have to plan for some of the events proposed by President Arnold. But first, as Shriners, we have predetermined obligations and events we need to attend. Our first important event is Ladies' night. This is when we show our respect for our ladies, not only for what they do for us, but for their continued support and understanding. They show colorful support when we are on street parades. They are always there to reassure and encourage us to continue our good character. Ladies' night is the one night set aside to say "Thank you, Ladies." We want to show them our appreciation, and Noble Rick has made it possible for us to show our ladies how much we think of them. Let's support it. There is a delicious meal, good music, entertainment, prizes, and much more to enjoy, but most important, an evening for our ladies.

President Arnold would like us to attend some of the nursing homes where Shriners are resident. That would show our consideration in the community and to our noble brothers who have served our unit and the Shrine for many years. Several nursing homes were attended by the Drum Corps, but more are needed to be attended.

The annual Shrine Circus is fast approaching and our attendance will be required. Our 'continue for life' Captain Hank Russell will keep up his good work of getting a balanced band so that we can attend as many events as possible. Even if we are aging, our Drum Corps spirit is

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still keeping us in a gallant mode, showing our moderate quantity of music and our military obedience and uniformity.

Our list of circus events:

- Kenora – May 12, 2010, bus trip, two shows. Our 'continue for life' captain will notify us about bus time and dress. This time he has promised not to damage the bus. We have already seen the wilds where he has his summer cottage, and we might make it on time for some commercial visits to help the Kenora group encourage people to attend the circus.
- Selkirk – May 14, 2010, 7:00 P.M. We all take our own cars and car pool. We must have a good attendance in Selkirk. As usual, we have to follow our captain's instructions.



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- Winnipeg Circus – May 15 and 16, 2010, two shows each day at the Red River Ex once again. Hurrah!! The Shrine Circus will be well advertised and we will get good exposure as a Drum Corps. There will be a big push for new members by the entire Masonic family, so please attend this important event. We will have a Shrine Circus again!! Thank the serving Divan for its look in the future. Let's support it. Each Masonic family will have a booth with information, and hoping for new members, including the Masons, which the writer will have to attend to the duties as a membership committee member.

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Selkirk Shrine Circus Club

By Noble Wayne Stewart



Friday, May 14, 2010, will be the date of the 2010 Selkirk Shrine Circus. Shows will be at 5:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M.

On Friday, November 20, we participated in the "Spirit of Christmas"

Festival of Lights parade in Selkirk. With our calliope requiring some major repairs before getting back on the road, we provided an escort to the Khartum SBI Unit float. Nobles Gerry Redfern, Craig Wieler, John Machowski, and

Wayne Stewart drove in the two vehicles. The weather really cooperated and the turnout was fantastic.

As you are reading this, our Club will be hard at work getting ready for this year's circus. We anticipate another great year and look forward to seeing many nobles wearing their fezzes and participating where possible. A letter will have been sent to all clubs and units inviting members to our circus.

The following nobles comprise the 2010 executive:

President/Circus

Chairman: Ron Murray

Secretary: Wayne Stewart

Treasurer: Craig Wieler

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■ Morden – August 21, 2010. Another bus trip. The Drum Corps gets good exposure here, as this event draws a large crowd from a strong Masonic area. Although the atmosphere does not seem as enthusiastic as that at Gimli, the Morden parade is much larger, so it is beneficial to attend for the exposure of our Shrine and Drum Corps.

The Midwest will be discussed by the executive and members, and a decision made months before. Remember, nobles, the 2011 Midwest will be in Winnipeg, so look well to your favor.

On behalf of President Arnold and his wonderful Lady Ertice, we thank you for your most generous modest cooperation. President Arnold is looking forward to continue serving the Drum Corps and the Shrine in the future. We hope everyone will have an enjoyable summer. May the Divan look favorable in serving Khartum Shriners so that we can all have fun while we look after the wonderful children in the Shrine Hospital. They are why we love to be Shriners.

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■ Lunder – June, 2010, is an important event for the Drum Corps. After all, who can select the Interlake Queen contest winner better than the Drum Corps. Captain Hank will give us further information regarding bus time, costs, and dress.

■ Gimli – August 2, 2010, is the event to which we all look forward. We will miss our Lady of Lakes who used to prepare such a great spread of food and goodies to go with the nice cool ones after the parade. "The Biggest and the Most Modest" continues its efforts to show our appreciation to all the ladies who encouraged and supported us in their many different ways. Thank you all, ladies.

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Dauphin & District Shrine Club

By Noble Aubrey Marcotte



Congratulations to Illustrious Sir John Czarnecki on his election and installation as Potentate of Khartum Shriners for 2010. May your year in office be both enjoyable and rewarding for you, your Lady Deanne, and your Divan members.

Our thanks and appreciation to Illustrious Sir Don Thomson, P. P., and his Lady Dawn for their support and visitations during the past year.

The executive of the Club for 2010 comprises the following nobles:

President: Frank Toporowski
 Past President: David Romaniuk
 Vice President: Darren Carlson
 Treasurer: Rick Zaplitny
 Secretary: Aubrey Marcotte
 Directors: Jim Chute, Doug Cooke, Terry Maxwell,
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transporting, storing, and distributing and to the many other nobles who helped in the deliveries.

The start of a new year brings the planning and initial work for upcoming Club events and projects including its annual Circus Daddy program. The Shrine Circus is on May 19, with its associated 50/50 cash raffle and the summer parades at communities throughout the district. We understand that Noble Vaden Budden has spent a good portion of the winter upgrading the Club float, and we anxiously await its showcasing at the Kinsmen's Fair parade in Dauphin in June.

Our good wishes go to Noble John Lysak, a longtime and dedicated member of the Club, now a resident at the Dauphin Personal Care Home

With the hope that the coming spring and summer weather will be much improved over that of last year, we extend our good wishes to all. ♣

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Provost Corps

By Noble Don Campbell

Report Submitted by Noble Henry Giesbrecht



Greetings from the Provost Corps. We congratulate Illustrious Sir John Czarnecki on his election to Potentate of Khartum Shriners. Further, we congratulate the members of the Divan and Chief of Staff Noble Bruce Barton. The Provost are looking forward to assisting wher-

ever possible. The following Provost nobles attended the Potentate's Reception:

Don Campbell
 Henry Giesbrecht
 Norm Rimmer
 George Wright.

A few of our members are still away for the winter and will be back about mid-April.

The Provost are honored to welcome Noble Norm Rimmer, the newest member of Khartum's finest, the Elite.

In closing, to our shut-ins, we wish you a speedy recovery. To nobles who have lost a loved one, we extend our sincerest sympathy. God bless. ♣



Fund-Raising

By Nobles Reg Stephenson and Gerry Krawchuk



Thank you to all members of the fund-raising committee, to our various chairmen, and to all nobles for their efforts in supporting all our activities.

We are now receiving about \$0.25 per lb for pop cans — a far cry from the \$0.60 per lb that we were receiving in the past. Consequently, our profits have decreased. The program continues to run smoothly and we are patiently waiting for the prices to go up. Just a reminder that we collect all types of aluminum.

Christmas cake sales have slightly decreased because of various circumstances, but we will still make a handsome profit. Nobles, the cakes are still available and will taste just as good during the summer as they did at Christmas.

The Koin Boxes continue to do well and brought in about \$7,000 the past year. Boxes will be placed in all liquor stores for April. We are trying to have nobles throughout the province distribute them to stores in their towns and in outlying areas.

License plates continue to bring in about \$5,000 per year while calendars should provide us with a profit of about \$10,000.

Let's get behind the draw for the 1930 Hot Rod. There

is the potential to raise a substantial amount of money from this major draw. Our committee will be setting up a schedule to sell tickets at the various Chamois car washes and to help at other venues.

The Winnipeg Shrine Circus will take place at the Red Rive Exhibition Grounds on May 15 and 16. The feature of the circus will be the famous Flying Wallendas high wire act. There will be two shows daily at 1:00 and 4:00 P.M. Various displays will be set up in the new building, e.g., arts and crafts, membership, vehicles, etc. An oasis for the nobles will be set up in the RBC building.

If you have any ideas you believe would have the potential to be good fund-raising projects, please let us know. ♣

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Flag Patrol

By Noble George Einarson



Since our last Khartum Khronicle, the Patrol has seen changes and new members of the executive. At our annual Christmas dinner shared with the Fife & Drum Band, the following nobles were elected for the coming year:

President and Quartermaster: Carl Hrechka
 First Vice President: Jim Holland
 Treasurer: Bob Baldwin
 Second Vice President: Wayne Hudson
 Acting Secretary: Rob Arms
 George Einarson

Former President Bruce Barton has been appointed Chief of Staff and Noble Brian Terin has been elected High Priest and Prophet for 2010. Congratulations to all nobles and have a great year!

After five years as our fearless leader on parades, circuses, Ceremonials, and Midwests, Noble Wilf Blommaert has turned in his Captain's Fez and will return to the ranks carrying a flag with a great zeal and spirit. Thanks, Noble Wilf, for a job well done!

Great plans are underway for our 100th Anniversary celebration to be held on Saturday, May 1, at Shrine House. The wonderful Fife & Drum Band has invited us to share their night and to feature the Patrol's anniversary. There will be a terrific meal, silent auctions, live music, and a few

surprises. More details will come as soon as possible so please mark your calendars – Saturday, May 1, and help us kick off our next 100 years!

Congratulations to Illustrious Sir John Czarnecki and his good Lady

Deanne along with the new Divan and appointed officers. Members of the Patrol with the Fife & Drum carried Canadian flags in honor of our new leaders on January 14 and 16, 2010.

The circus dates are now set and the Patrol and other units will be on parade.

Another special event coming up is the annual Childrens Hospitals Teddy Bears Picnic on Sunday, May 30, celebrating its 24th year. The Flag Patrol and the Pipes & Drums have performed every year on the main stage. Also, Noble Lorne Gregorash and his Stop Burn Injuries unit have been on hand in the "Careful Teddy" area.

Many of the Khartum Komediens are also on hand to bring smiles to kids of all ages. The Childrens Hospital Foundation really appreciates the participation of all Shriners and their families. Well done, nobles!

The Midwest is coming up in August and several Patrol nobles are planning to attend. Khartum will host the Midwest in 2011 and many plans are underway by various committees to ensure an outstanding success. Nobles, please give your support in what ever way you can to make 2011 one of the best Midwests ever.

And last, on a personal note, I sincerely thank the Patrol for honoring me at our December annual meeting. I am most appreciative and humbled by their thoughtful gestures.

See you at the Circus! ♣

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Ladies' Auxiliary

By Irene Campbell



A short history lesson. Eighty-five years ago a small group of Shriners' ladies formed the Winnipeg Shriners Hospital Ladies Auxiliary. Their aim was to minister to the needs of children with disabilities. Although our name has changed, our objective remains the same—to help children receive a full and happy life. Dues are only \$10 a year and membership is open to any lady with Shrine or Masonic affiliation. If you would like further information about joining our group, call Carolyn at 339-1971.

Our fellowship raffle dinner was held in October. The winners were as follows:

- First prize – heirloom quilt: M. Foster
- Second prize – \$200 gift certificate: J. Wilson
- Third prize – \$100 gift certificate: C. Branham

Congratulations to the winners.

President Faye Hooper attended the “Parade to Glory” where, on behalf of the Auxiliary, she presented a check for \$8000 to the Shrine Patient Transplantation Fund.

The Christmas luncheon meeting was followed by a Fun Auction and Penny Parade. A donation of \$410 was made to the Christmas Cheer Board by these two events. With the help of the Fez Bowling Ladies, more than \$100 worth of toys were sent to the Christmas Cheer Board.

We sincerely welcome our newest recruit, Barb Wells.

In honor of our newly elected Potentate, Illustrious Sir John Czarnecki, \$100 was donated to the 100 Million Dollar Club.

We mourn the passing of members Ruth Bingham, Faith Kling, Peggy Heibert, Kathleen Leamon, Marit Love, and Marry Warren. In their memory, \$1000 was donated to the Shrine Donor Relations Program.

The installation of the executive for 2010 was held in



Khartum Ladies Auxiliary Executive, 2010 (l. to r.): Deanne Czarnecki, President; Darryl Gill, First Vice President; Darlene Borowski, Second Vice President and Secretary; Carolyn Haslewood, Membership; and Vera Malczewski, Treasurer.

January. The invocation was given by Ruth Newton while President Faye Hooper conducted the installation ceremony. To commemorate this special day, each member of the executive received a rose. The new executive for 2010 is as follows:

- President: Deanne Czarnecki
- First Vice President: Darryl Gill
- Second Vice President/Secretary: Darlene Borowski
- Treasurer: Vera Malczewski
- Membership: Carolyn Haslewood

For the first time in our history, the First Lady of Khartum is our Honorary President and President at the same time. We extend our good wishes and congratulations to our new executive. We look forward to another great year.

Past President Ruth McCorrie presented the Past President pin to Faye Hooper, complimenting her on her successful year as president. Past President Faye expressed her gratitude to her executive committee chairpersons and the membership at large for their support and faithful service to the Auxiliary.

The other major donation this past year was \$6900 to the Children's Rehabilitation Centre. A camcorder, used for assessment by the outreach department, was bought. The outreach department ministers to outlying areas in Manitoba. It also helped buy a height-adjustable table, educational toys, and informational books for parents, so that they are better able to understand their child's disability.

Coming events are as follows:

- April 5: Potentate and Divan Tea – Shrine House
- April 14: Members' Annual Dinner – Shrine House
- April 20: Card Party Luncheon – Shrine House
- October 30: Bud, Spud, and Steak Night – CanadInn 🍷



Past President Ruth McCorrie (l.) presenting the Past President pin to Faye Hooper



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Pipes & Drums

By Noble Jimm Simon



Congratulations to the new members of the executive of the Pipes & Drums. We have high hopes that this bright young group of dedicated volunteers will carry on with both the long-standing band traditions and with new initiatives to revitalize the band. It will be hard for this year's executive to match the achievements of last year's, but we're confident they will be able to fit in their fezzes almost perfectly.

Speaking of traditions dating back just a few years, the members of the Pipes and Drums took time out in November to recognize the contributions of some of their own members who have dedicated many years of service to the development of the band. This year's appreciation night was in honor of the work of both George Paterson and Don Schultz. The night was also an opportunity to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the band. Thanks to all nobles who took the time to plan this successful event.

On a much more somber note, we marked the passing of one of the band's long serving members and former Pipe Major, Noble Tom Smith. Tommy learned to play bagpipes as a boy from his father who was Pipe Major of the Winnipeg Police Pipe Band. Tommy served overseas with the Cameron Highlanders from 1939 to 1945 and was playing his pipes when the landing ramps dropped at Dieppe. His playing partner never made it ashore. The band sent a donation directly to the Shrine Hospital in memory of Noble Tom Smith.

Early in the year, it was our pleasure to participate in the Potentate's Reception. We marched in the members of the head table and performed briefly for the assembled crowd. Luckily, none of our ladies hung their coats in the band room, so our performance was well received. Many thanks as always to Noble Craig Kirby for hosting the band following the reception.

And now it's spring and we are off and running. After spending much of last year practicing for the Midwest and the fall practicing for Burns nights, it's time for us to put on our Irish and head off to the biggest events on our calendar. This year our spring trip to Fargo for piping and drumming workshops was attended by forty-two Shriners from six temples: Khartum, WaWa, Aad, El Riad, Osman, and Zurah. In addition to an excellent workshop, with guest pipe instructor Nate Mitchell of the Winnipeg City Police Band, we promoted our fraternity, fostered camaraderie between temples, and raised several hundred dollars for Shrine charities.

And finally, of course it wouldn't be March if we didn't make the pilgrimage to Sioux Falls for the St. Patrick's Day event which always includes a major performance for a huge, boisterous crowd attending the Saturday night dance at the local Shrine temple on Sioux Falls' main drag. Thanks to our new Safari and Oasis chairs for all the planning that goes into this event. 🍀

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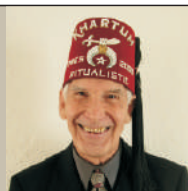
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Ritualistic Unit

By Noble Ross A. Johnston



Before we 'spring' forward, some brief backtracking is necessary.

Our Christmas dinner in the elegant dining room of the Seine River Retirement Residence at 1015 St. Anne's Road on Sunday, December 6, was a noisy 'dress-up' affair! President Ian Dark welcomed everyone. Potentate Illustrious Sir Don Thomson and Lady Dawn led the many special guests, including seven couples from the Chanters unit. Noble David Love proposed the toast to the ladies, and Lynne Smith responded. Choices for the remarkable draw prizes displayed during the silent auction meant brisk ticket sales! With both the planning and program under the stimulus of entertainment chairman Illustrious Sir Tom Sidebottom, P. P., he propelled the whole happening forward to a positive donation of \$680 for Siloam Mission — and for all of us, a most pleasurable evening and happy memory.

Coincidentally, since that hospitable happening, Illustrious Sir Harold Thom, P. P., now resides there.

There was sudden sadness with the passing of Noble Arnold Packer's Lady Shirley on December 24. He and the family continue to be in our

thoughts as the passage of time helps heal that sorrow.

Once again, we appreciate Noble Doug McKechnie for overseeing the sale of our 252 Christmas fruit cakes and the 50 Khartum Shrine calendars. He thanks all nobles who made that possible.

We welcome Illustrious Sir Robert P. "Bob" Spear, P. P., and Lady Rae to our unit, along with 2010 Divan Ritualistic liaison officer Noble Brian Terin.

Our new, 24-page, pocket-size roster is a dandy. 'Get the picture' means eighteen of our nobles grace the cover! The pages which follow provide pertinent information as to meeting dates, dress code, members, widows, past presidents, Winnipeg Masonic directory, photographs, Past Master's Club, and personal notes. We all thank Secretary Norm Pohl for its preparation and relevant information.

But now there is a change of address for Noble Bob Harwood and Lady Mabe to suite 2023 Shaftesbury Park, 905 Shaftesbury Boulevard, Winnipeg MB R3P0Y3.

Congratulations to Illustrious Sir Tom Sidebottom, P. P., and Noble Bill Pozer. Both belong to Keystone Lodge

No. 185. On January 12, at 420 Corydon Avenue, they received their 50-year medals midst their brethern, and with a nice supportive group of Ritualistic members present.

Noble Neil Bardal, an honorary member of our unit for many years, assisted as our Ceremonial pianist. Although his passing on February 13 was not unexpected, it was still a personal loss which touched all of us closely, and his family remains in our prayers.

There were more congratulations on February 18 when Nobles Earle Forshaw and Ross Johnston, both Scottish Rite brethern from the Class of 1960, were recognized for their fifty years of membership by the Sovereign Grand Commander for Canada. He was making his official visit to the Valley of Winnipeg. That special evening at the Masonic Memorial Temple also included the presentation of the eighteenth degree.

Noble Bob Harwood has completed the 'going over' of the new Ceremonial script received from Shriners International. It will be printed by Noble Doug McKechnie and used at the fall Ceremonial. That preparation will start when we meet again on August 23.

Interested in joining our unit? We meet about once a month, on the fourth Monday. For further details, please phone Secretary Norm Pohl at 888-6970. ♣

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Cycle Escort

By Noble Larry Crane



The Cycle Escort's annual meeting has been held, unit officers appointed for 2010, projects undertaken, and the members are looking forward to 2010 meetings and activities.

The following nobles are the unit officers for 2010:

President, Secretary, Treasurer,
and Fund-Raising Chairman: Bruce Weir
Captain, Harleys: Brent Gillan
Captain, Mini Choppers: Scott McQuat
Quartermaster: Morris Kagan
Past President: Rob Warriner
Divan Liaison: Tom Love

President Bruce reported the unit's finances are solid and discussed the unit's 2010 commitment for the Parade to Glory.

President Bruce also reported on the progress of Khartum's 8th Annual Golf Tournament to take place on Thursday, June 17, 2010, at the Kingswood Golf Club in La Salle, Manitoba. The members of the Tournament Committee are Nobles Bruce Weir; Brent Gillan; Bill Ferguson; Illustrious Sir Don Thomson, P. P.; Illustrious Sir Fraser "Woody"

Woodward, P. P.; and Grant Gillan. Noble Bruce Weir is the principal contact person for nobles who need information or who have questions. The committee organizes an outstanding golf tournament with a fun day for all participants.

Get a group of friends together and get your tickets early.

One of the unit's interesting projects chaired by Illustrious Sir Fraser Woodward, P. P., and Noble George Chapman is a revision to the unit's bylaws to allow for recognition of "Honorary Life Members," who, on appointment, will be lifetime members of the unit.

At one of the unit's recent cocktail parties hosted by President Bruce Weir, he was presented with a plaque by Illustrious Sir Don Thomson, P.P. ♣



Illustrious Sir Don Thomson, P. P., presenting Cycle Escort's President Bruce Weir with a plaque, recognizing his contribution to his unit and to Khartum Shriners

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Fife & Drum Band

By Noble Al Newton



As we plunge into a brand new decade of frolicking and parades, we must pause momentarily to reflect on band happenings during this past year — some good — some bad.

The year closed with sadness and heavy hearts when, on that fateful day of November 18, two of our longtime and highly esteemed members were carried away by the Black Camel.

First, there was Noble Glen Duke who, after a lengthy and difficult illness, passed away in his sleep while in the hospital. Although Noble Glen had not played his snare drum or marched with the band for several years due to his medical condition, he rarely missed attending practices and social functions. He was only too eager to assist in any way possible, such as coordinating calendar sales, silent auctions, and garage sales. Glen is surely missed.

And then, in the afternoon of that fateful day, Noble Jack Allenby joined Glen on the Black Camel. How can anyone who came in contact with Noble Jack not possibly appreciate his contribution to not only the Fife and Drum, but also to Khartum Shriners, Scottish Rite, the Royal Order of Scotland, and the Gilbert and Sullivan Operatic Organization. Noble Jack was our "marker" on parade as well as our musical director. He, along with Noble Craig Houston, would frequently ad lib operatic arias on their fifes to the amusement and envy of us lower life musicians. Noble Jack's final contribution to the band's repertoire was "This is the Army, Mr. Jones." If, at some time, you hear the band playing this tune as part of its marching routine, you may be sure that everyone in the band will be thinking kind thoughts of Noble Jack and of happy bygone days.

You might well say that the Mighty Fife and Drum is not quite as mighty without Nobles Glen and Jack!

On a cheerier note, 2009 saw the successful merger of the Flag Patrol with the Fife & Drum Band. Each unit is supportive of the other on parades and

special events. Each unit shares its social events with the utmost of camaraderie. We sincerely hope that this relationship will carry on for many years to come.

Special accolades were expressed at the annual dinner/business meeting to Noble Bob McLeod and his officers for guiding us through another successful and sometimes difficult year. But in January of the new year, the new executive of President Ernie Borowski, Vice President Trevor Odgers, Secretary Evar Balodis, and old faithful, Treasurer Don Haddock, took over the reins. All appointed positions have been filled and the band seems to be "gung-ho" to get down to some serious Shrine responsibilities.

Although this article won't appear in the Khronicle until April, it is never too late for the Fife & Drum to wish all units, the Potentate, the Divan, and all their wives a productive, contented, and peaceful season of Shrinedom. ♣

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Mollie Carlson and her mom pal around with Past Imperial Potentate Gary Dunwoody on stage after the premiere of "Dreams Made Possible."



2008-2009 Imperial PR Committee Chairman Jerry Gantt thanks Sage Warner for playing a song on his guitar at the Imperial Council Session.

Shriners Hospitals for Children patients Sage Warner, 10, of Amarillo, Texas, and Mollie Carlson, 18, of Scandia, Kan., made surprise appearances at the 135th Imperial Council Session – the Shriners' annual international convention – in San Antonio on July 8.

Sage and Mollie are featured in the Shriners Hospitals for Children patient success video "Dreams Made Possible," which premiered on July 8. Immediately following the video, Sage played on his guitar "Wildwood Flower," a song he wrote, and Mollie gave a heartfelt speech of appreciation.

The program was an opportunity for the kids to thank Shriners for the pediatric specialty care they receive at Shriners Hospitals for Children, which continues to give them the strength and abilities needed to make their dreams possible.

Sage Warner

Sage was diagnosed with idiopathic infantile scoliosis, an extremely rare form of scoliosis, when he was 9 months old. By the time Sage was 3 years old, all efforts had failed to straighten his spine, and his pediatrician referred him to Shriners Hospitals for Children — Houston. Physicians at Shriners Hospitals for Children determined that surgical intervention would be necessary to prevent the condition

from causing Sage problems with his lung development and, possibly, his heart. Since then, Sage has undergone several surgeries to help his spine stay straight. His last surgery in February 2009 resulted in an almost instant growth of two inches, an improved spinal curvature of 35 degrees and he will no longer need to wear a brace.

Despite physical challenges, Sage has always been active. He began golfing with his dad when he was 3 years old and he has become an exceptional golfer. He is a Weeblo in the Cub Scouts and plays acoustic and electric guitar. Sage is a "straight-A" student at Sleepy Hollow Elementary School and enjoys riding horses and skateboarding.

Mollie Carlson

Mollie was born with a complete unilateral cleft lip and palate, a birth defect that causes the tissues of the mouth or lip not to form properly. Along with serious cosmetic issues, children with cleft lip and palate can also experience hearing loss, problems eating and difficulty in breathing and speaking.

A Shriner told Mollie's family about the expert care available at Shriners Hospitals for Children — Chicago when Mollie was 1 year old. She has since undergone 19 reconstructive and cosmetic surgeries, from the closure of her palate to rhinoplasty to orthodontic

surgery. Mollie is now a confident and accomplished young lady who graduated from high school as one of four valedictorians in May. In her spare time, she speaks to groups about her experiences as a cleft lip and palate patient. As for future plans, Mollie has been inspired by her speech pathologist at Shriners Hospitals for Children — Chicago and will be studying communications disorders at Fort Hays State University. Upon completion of her master's degree, she hopes to work as a traveling bilingual speech-language pathologist.

More Surprises

Sage's and Mollie's parents joined the kids onstage after the premiere of the video to personally thank the Shriners for the expert medical provided to their children. Then, 2008-2009 Imperial Public Relations Committee Chairman Jerry Gantt presented Sage and Mollie with gifts to thank them for sharing their stories.

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Skooters

By Noble Bill Gilchrist



It has been brought to my attention that having accepted the position of vice president of the unit, one accepts the position of 'scribe' to the Khartum Khronicle.

Having said this, it gives me great pleasure to introduce the 2010 executive of the Khartum Skooters (see photo).



The 2010 Khartum Skooters executive (l. to r.): Nobles Jack Codd (Secretary), Joel Segal (President), William A. [Bill] Gilchrist (Vice President), and Jonathan Cortes (Treasurer). Missing from the photo are Riding Captains, Nobles Jack Carmichael and Al Jelliff.

The Khartum Skooters extend best wishes to the members of the Divan, executive, and indeed to *all* unit

and club officers of Khartum, and wish them well in their endeavors for the year.

The Thursday, January 14, 2010, Stated Meeting saw the election and installation of the new officers (both elected and appointed) to the Divan for the ensuing year. We sincerely congratulate all members of the Divan, especially the *newly* elected and appointed members . . . namely Nobles David Lapp (Oriental Guide); Rick Wells (Director); Myles Bamendine (Captain of the Guard); Alvin Allard (Outer Guard) and appointed officers Nobles Bruce Barton (Chief of Staff) and James A. Graham (Assistant Chief of Staff). We wish them all well in their respective positions and in having a most enjoyable and fun-filled year.

Now it's time to start anew and in so doing, we — the members of Khartum Skooters unit, offer our continued support in their endeavors. We must all work together for the benefit not only of Khartum Shriners, but also for 'our kids.'

We also remember our 'shut-in' members and their families who may be 'under the weather' at this time and were unable to join us for the Potentate's Reception and unit dinner afterwards at the Marigold Restaurant on Ellice Avenue, where good fellowship was enjoyed by all in attendance.

In closing . . . the club souse was watching the Masters on TV in the bar. A guest called loudly, "Hey! Turn up the sound!" "Shhh!" replied the drunk, "not while Mickelson's putting!"

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Rod & Kustom

By Noble Gerry McArthur



The Rod & Kustom Unit annual general meeting and dinner was held on November 22, 2009, at Larter's Golf and Country Club in St. Andrews. The meeting was held before dinner with all members present. We welcomed our Potentate, Illustrious Sir Don Thomson.

Several reports were given about the year's fund-raising activities which supported Khartum Shriners. Several members collected aluminum cans and licence plates; and sold raffle tickets, calendars, and Christmas cakes. Collectively, the unit sold many cakes, with Emil selling the most.

Unanimously approved were donations for 2010, including the Parade to Glory, the Khartum Khronicle, and the Circus Daddy program. President Emil thanked all members for participating in parades and fund-raising. He gave a report on attending the ceremonies for the incoming Shrine members and the reception for the new potentate. He was accompanied by Lady Irene. Discussions were held

about fund-raising for 2010 with a garage sale still being contemplated. President Emil has an idea for a great fund-raiser and this will be discussed at the next general meeting. The next order of business was the election of officers for 2010. Illustrious Sir Don Thomson was scrutineer and the following nobles were elected:

President: Emil Solypa
Vice President: George Janzen
Secretary-Treasurer: Gerry McArthur
Road Captain: Dennis Deley

A round of applause was accorded the new executive. President Emil advised members that a unit meeting would be announced soon. Secretary-Treasurer Gerry asked members to forward material for the upcoming Khronicle. That concluded the meeting and the the members retired to the restaurant for cocktails and dinner.



Enjoying the dinner. L. to r.: Noble Gerry, guest Sherry, Lady Tetiana, and guest Kim

Guests at the dinner. L. to r.: Illustrious Sir Don Thomson, Lady Dawn, and David Podolchuk

Tables were arranged by the fireplace and the members picked their own seats. Present were President Emil and Lady Irene, Noble Peter Savinkoff and Lady Leslie, Noble George Janzen and Lady Sera, Noble Dennis Deley and Lady Jo-Ann, and Noble Gerry and Lady Tetiana. Tetiana was leaving in December to visit relatives and friends in Ukraine and Russia. Guests at the dinner were Illustrious Sir Don Thomson and Lady Dawn, Lori and Alan Hopkins (Gerry's daughter and her husband), long-time friend and supporter of the unit Bill Higham and guest Kim, and David Podolchuk (introduced by Gerry as a prospective member for the unit) and his lady Sherry Benson-Podolchuk.

Illustrious Sir Don Thomson gave a short review of Khartum's past year and some of the ideas for 2010. Lady Dawn talked about her fund-raiser "Angels Amongst Us" and many of the beautiful pins were sold. Members who enjoyed the prime rib dinner are still talking about it. A pleasant evening was enjoyed by everyone. It all ended with Merry Christmas greetings and good wishes for the coming year. ♣



An octet of diners. Clockwise, from l.: George, Sera, Irene, Emil, Dennis, Leslie, Peter, and Illustrious Sir Don



Vintage Cars

By Noble Lawrence Friesen



Greetings, nobles, ladies, and friends of Khartum. I think we were at the end of a commitment and are entering a new commitment for 2010. We congratulate Illustrious Sir Don Thomson and his Lady Dawn Turner for a job well done. We thank them for their directions. We welcome the new Potentate, Illustrious Sir John Czarnecki and his Lady Deanne.

Our 2010 executive for the Vintage Cars comprises the following nobles:

President: George Evans
 Vice President: Lawrence Friesen
 Captain: Ray Olson
 First Lieutenant: Illustrious Sir Morley Kabernick, P. P.
 Second Lieutenant: Archille Scerbo
 Treasurer: Stano Spina
 Secretary: Walter S. Fast



A four-door, red 1966 Olds owned by Noble Donald Lynne Gale of the Vintage Cars

There is a great enthusiasm for the coming year. ♣

Appointed Historian: Wally Roth
 Sergeant at Wheels: Jim Ross
 Sick & Visiting: Morley Golden
 Quartermaster: Stano Spina
 Membership: Barry Homenick
 Photographer: John Machowski
 Classification: Gerald Zopa
 Liaison Officer: Tom Love

Upcoming Events Calendar

Event	Place	Date	Time	Details
Day at the Races	Shrine Activity Centre	Sunday, May 2	1:00 to 6:00 P.M.	Silent auction Barbecue supper
Khartum Shriners' Classic Golf Tournament	Kingswood Golf Club, La Salle MB	Thursday, June 17		
Brandon Shrine Club Golf Tournament	Glen Lea Golf Course	Sunday, June TBD	10:00 A.M.	Tee off starts at 10:00 A.M.
Stated Meeting	Shrine Activity Centre	Thursday, June 24	7:30 P.M. sharp	
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Midwest Shrine Association Convention	Sioux City IA	Thursday, August 12 to Saturday, August 14		



101 Unit

By Noble Andy Moffat



The great news to report is that a member of the 101 Unit has been elected to the position of Chief Rabban. Congratulations, Noble Gary Saunders, and we are looking forward to 2011 when you will be Potentate.

Further information:

On March 26, the 101 Unit will meet at the Shrine House

at 10:00 A.M. for coffee and donuts. Ladies are welcome.

May 14 – Selkirk Circus

May 15 and 16 – Winnipeg Circus at the Red River Exhibition grounds. Your appearance with fez and 101 jacket would be appreciated.

June 21 – Annual 101 Unit barbecue

December 16 – The 101 Unit Christmas Party will be in the Shrine House. The reception is at 12:00 noon with lunch at 1:00 P.M. ♣



Membership Report

By Noble Jonathan Cortes, Chairman; and Nobles David Lapp and Jonathan Tkachuk, Co-Chairmen



On January 17, we presented the annual Khartum Shrine Membership kickoff. Among those present were members of the Divan; past potentates; representatives from several Shrine units and clubs; and the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother David Love. We were honored to have them participate in the presentation, in which we summarized the results of 2009, told them about our goals for 2010, and presented our recruiting, restoring, and retaining plan. Our 2010 Khartum Shriners Membership kickoff was a success as it opened the floor for everyone to participate, resulting in many contributed ideas to incorporate into our 2010 membership plan.

Arrangements are underway to organize our "Rush Party," slated for Friday, April 23, at the Khartum Shrine Centre. For those of you unaware of the term, "Rush Parties" are generally thrown by a fraternity to encourage members to join their organization — a concentrated effort by the fraternity to recruit new members. Our theme for the upcoming "Rush Party" is our P.O.E.T.S. (P*** On Everything, Tomorrow's Saturday) Party. We expect to fill the activity room and the lounge to capacity. We are now arranging for a live band to play throughout the evening, for finger foods to be available, and we are opening the floor for any unit to entertain.

participate or help throughout that evening. We encourage all nobles to attend with non-Shriner "buddies" who are willing to merely come out and have a good time. The many potential candidates that we hope attend our "Rush Party" are incentive enough for the units and clubs to showcase themselves in any shape or form.

We are focusing on all nobles initiated in 2009, and those not belonging to any unit or club. These nobles are inducted into our Sheikh's Unit and are an asset in recruiting potential candidates through a network of family, friends, and colleagues. We will hold regular meetings with the Sheikhs to tell them about our philanthropy and what we expect of each member. We will explain the Mentorship Program at these meetings to ensure that new nobles maintain their lifelong Masonic journey; experience brotherhood and fellowship through the activities they choose, including those involving their families; develop leadership skills to assume various positions offered throughout Khartum Shrine; and follow through on the expectations we have of them as nobles of our fraternity.

Communicating is important in disseminating information, in coordinating meetings and events, and in our recruiting efforts. Our Facebook page is now online under "Khartum Shriners." Pictures of Fez Head Fred's visit to Job's Daughters Bethel #9 officer installation reception were among the first posted. The Facebook page has grown to more than seventy fans in less than two months. We have also created a Twitter account which can be followed under @khartumshriners. Both Facebook and Twitter accounts are fun ways to tell you about Khartum Shrine events and to spark public interest about who we are. We encourage you to become a fan of Khartum's Facebook page or to follow Khartum's Tweets on Twitter. Please post pictures and comments!

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through a path on this web site towards a Blue Lodge and Shrine Temple in a jurisdiction closest to them. We encourage everyone to visit both these web sites.

Although we have set the sails at the onset of the New Year, our journey towards a successful year in terms of membership requires each and every noble's participation. The Membership Committee hopes to be in touch with all units and clubs so that we can work cooperatively towards our membership goals. ♣

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Lake of the Woods Shrine Club

By Noble Ross Sillery



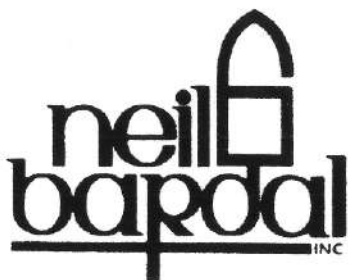
Our fund-raisers for 2009 were again a great success and a lot of fun. We had a great turnout for our Santa picture-taking at the mall and all our Christmas cakes sold.

We ended the year with a Christmas dinner, attended by our Potentate, Illustrious Sir Don Thompson and his Lady Dawn. Noble Andrew Skeene

and his Lady Irene also traveled to be with us for the evening. Nobles and ladies enjoyed a delicious dinner and then were entertained by Phil Burk and "The Other Mother's Sons" — a comedy group that kept our attention till the end of the evening. This Christmas dinner event was organized by Noble Wally Gustafson, and was his way of saying thank you to all

the nobles who support him throughout the year with their many hours of work and help him make our events the success they are.

Now we are starting all over again. It is the beginning of a new year and the circus is coming with much planning and work to do. On behalf of the Lake of the Woods Shrine Club, I congratulate our new Potentate, Illustrious Sir John Czarnecki. We look forward to working with him and the Divan in 2010. ♣



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