

Khartum Shrine TIDBITS

November & December 2018

A MESSAGE FROM THE POTENTATE



I want to start this message by first offering congratulations to Michael Nadeau in being the winner of our beautiful 1966 Mustang Convertible! While I was unable to reach him directly on the day of the draw, when I spoke with him the following morning, he could not contain his excitement! Nobles and Ladies, I want to thank each and every one of you for your efforts in ensuring that this resulted in a very successful fundraiser for us. The results are in and I must say that Illustrious Sir Rick Holberg and his committee performed a phenomenal job for us, resulting in a near 6 figure profit for Khartum!

On the topic of fundraising, Noble Denis Lorteau organized a Scotch tasting event and once again this resulted in a positive outcome! Noble Denis will continue with these ventures and I am sure the results will be positive!

As of this writing, the East Coast Kitchen Party organized by Noble Robert Kirby

and Lady Wendy will have been held and thanks to the perseverance and hard work of these two along with their committee, was a sold out and very successful event! We originally had planned to have this function at the Red River Ex arena but due to what I feel may have been scepticism by the Nobility on the scale of attendance, we had to move the event to 1155 Wilkes Avenue! After it was announced that this was now a sellout, we all of a sudden had a demand for tickets! If this is to continue next year Don't Wait, this type of event can only grow as word of mouth will get out there and help to promote this! Keep in mind that we need to have numbers in place to order the lobsters in time.

We really need to have our Nobility look at embracing these new fundraising ideas and help our organizers succeed. Otherwise, we will continue to struggle.

On the Membership front, I am pleased to announce that we have 11 new Nobles that were created at our recent Ceremonial held on October 27th! Thanks to the efforts of our current and past membership chairmen, these Nobles are eager to get going! My understanding is that there will be a number coming on board as well at our December Stated meeting!



The previous evening, we had the Khartum Fun Night which for some reason or another was themed, “ Alvin and the Chipmunks “ the otherwise Donkey Races were renamed the Chipmunk Races! Big thank you to Illustrious Sir Gary Saunders for announcing at this event, great job Illustrious Sir. Great fun was had by all!

The Ceremonial weekend continued on the Saturday with the Lady’s Brunch hosted by Lady Judy and then concluded with the Potentate’s Ball held at the Viscount Gort that evening.

A Big thank you goes out to the organizers, Noble Denis and Lady Lindsey Lorteau and to Noble Al & Lady Carol Hadley for a job well done, this was truly a heartwarming experience for Lady Judy and myself!

The Halloween Kids Party was held at the Shrine Center the 28th. Wow what a busy weekend that was! Thanks to the efforts of the Ruff Riders and the Khartum Komediens, there was a lot of fun! We were featured that evening on Global TV and the next morning on CTV thanks to Noble Ross Holt. Nobles Bobo and Stretch were featured on camera having fun with the kids, along with the rest of the Komediens and the rest of the crew involved. The smiles you put on those kids’ faces that day will forever be embedded in my mind!

Our Building Committee have been working very hard on our property management and I am happy to say that several items neglected in the past have been addressed. We now have new audio visual equipment and our committee is hard at work on marketing our building to increase our rental income.

I have to now say that in closing, Lady Judy and I will be sensing melancholy as we begin to close the year! This marks our 10th year, 2 as Aides and 8 as Divan and we will not know what to do next year with our time! I sense a committee appointment!

Nobles, Ladies, your Potentate and Divan have made a commitment to moving forward with a solid business plan. Let’s keep the momentum going!

The 2019 year is getting close and we will bring in a new Potentate and Divan. There will be new and different ideas brought forward and I stress to please do your best to help support them.

Nobles and Ladies,

Embrace yourselves

Embrace your children

Embrace your Shrine

Embrace our Shrine Kids!

Illustrious Sir Alvin Allard

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The Shriners Spotlight

Pawz for Kids Fundraiser Update

Nobles and Ladies

Now that the year is winding down for both myself and Illustrious Sir Alvin, I have had a chance to reflect on the year which has gone by. It seemed that only a little while ago Illustrious Sir Alvin was installed as Potentate and my fundraiser for the year was established. All I can say is, WOW where did the time go?

Lots of memories were made with the Nobles, Ladies and people we met along the way. As mentioned earlier, my fundraiser of Pawz for Kids was established. This fundraiser exceeded my wildest dreams and expectations. I want to thank everyone who contributed and assisted in making my dream become reality. Pawz for Kids (Therapy Dogs) has raised close to \$5000.00 this year, approximately \$4100.00 raised from the Circle of Friends Brunch, \$100.00 from Dryden (which was presented at the Dryden's Ladies Night), \$85.00 donated by the Sports Cars, \$200.00 donated by the Ruff Riders and last but not least \$200.00 from Muriel Barton.

In closing I want to thank everyone for making this fundraiser successful.

Lady Judy

Welcome to the new Editor of Tidbits

Noble Doug and Lady Brenda McKechnie have been writing Tid Bits for the past year in an effort to improve communications within Khartum. We have had fun doing this. However, with 2019 around the corner, we decided that it was time to turn Tid Bits over to someone else.

As you may have read on page one of this edition of Tid Bits, Ill Sir Alvin and Lady Judy Allard were wondering what they were going to do with their "spare time" when 2018 is over. Well, we asked if they would like to take over Tid Bits and the answer was "yes". So for 2019, Ill Sir and Lady Judy will be looking for your support and suggestions to make Tid Bits better than ever.

Noble Doug and Lady Brenda want to thank all the Nobles and Ladies who assisted us this year to write articles, biographies and provide information to make Tid Bits an interesting read for all of Khartum.

From our house to yours, warm wishes for a very Merry Christmas. May 2019 bring joy, happiness and health to all.



Happenings

Since our last edition of Tid Bits, it has been a really busy time for Khartum Shriners.

In the first weekend of November, a luncheon was held to honour the Pioneers, and Presidents of Khartum, as well as the Honoured Ladies who are widows of our Past Nobles. The event was very well attended, with the Activity Room being filled to the brim. The Divan prepared the soup and fancy sandwiches, enjoyed by all. Ill Sir Jack Hildebrand and Lady June Krochenski were the par excellent soup makers. Ladies and Nobles of the Divan put their sandwich making skills to work. And of course, there were desserts!

Pioneers and Presidents received awards for years of service.

The following weekend was the East Coast Kitchen Party. This event was the amazing initiative of Noble Rob Kirby and Lady Wendy who went beyond the call of duty in organizing this most successful event. Many people were involved in assisting the Kirby's to make this event great. Thank you to all who helped and to those who attended. Special thanks to Chef Peter Ecker who has been very generous to Khartum with his support. Khartum Centre was rocking that night with the Dust Rhinos Band. Every room was filled that night and Khartum was utilized to its full capacity.

On Sunday November 18, the Director's Staff held the annual children's Christmas Party. What an event! Noble Ross Holt arranged to have both Global and CTV crews on site to record the kids having fun with the clowns, having their faces painted, doing crafts, jumping on the Bouncy Castle and enjoying a hot dog lunch. Kids, grandkids and our Shrine kids all participated with much enthusiasm. Of course, the highlight was a visit from Santa who talked to each child and gave them candy canes and a treat bag.

Great appreciation goes to the Director's Staff and their Ladies as well as all the other Nobles and Ladies who helped.

As we roll closer to Christmas, there will be a variety of Christmas parties held by the different units. Have a great time, Nobles and Ladies and we wish you and yours a very merry Christmas.



East Coast Kitchen Party



Daughters of the Nile - Sphinx Temple No 116



What We are About and What We Do

Daughters of the Nile is an international fraternal organization for women 18 years or older who are related by birth or marriage to a Shriner, Master Mason, or Daughter of the Nile, or is a majority member in Good Standing of a Masonic-related organization for girls; or who was a patient, with or without Shrine or Masonic relationship, at a Shriners Hospital for Children. Founded in Seattle, Washington, in 1913, Daughters of the Nile members total 20,000 in 133 cities throughout the United States and Canada. The members are proud of their long association with Shriners International and their continued support of the Shriners Hospital for Children.

Through the Daughters of the Nile Foundation and the

Canadian Foundation, the Daughters of the Nile contribute annually to Shriners Hospital for Children to be used for medical care and rehabilitation of children. Daughters of the Nile contribute approximately \$2 million dollars annually for a total of more than \$62 million dollars, ranked second only to the Shriners.

Sphinx Temple No 116 is located in Winnipeg, Manitoba and supports the Shriners Hospital for Children-Canada in Montreal, through the Daughters of the Nile Canadian Foundation. Sphinx Temple No 116 was constituted in May of 1956 and recently celebrated 60 years in helping the children of the Shriners Hospitals for Children-Canada. In recognition of monetary contributions made by Daughters of the Nile, there are gold plaques, each representing \$1 million, or engraved donor name recognition on the philanthropic walls of all of the 22 hospitals. The Daughters of the Nile have five million dollars plaques at the hospital in Montreal. One floor of the newly constructed hospital in Montreal has been dedicated to the Daughters of the Nile for their continued support helping Shriners in their philanthropy.

Sphinx Temple No 116 has played an active role in support of the Shriners Hospital for Children- Canada, Montreal. Our yearly fundraisers, foundation donations and hospital request contributions has seen approximately \$10,000 annually sent to the hospital for the care of the children. Our hospital request donations, over the past 10 years, have funded nearly \$40,000 dollars of specialized equipment. Well over 1000 pre-op dolls have been made, in excess of 380 quilts, aprons, pillow cases and numerous boxes of stuffed animals and supplies have been shipped to the hospital. Many volunteer hours have been given freely by the members of Sphinx Temple No 116 to assist in our cause; both monetarily and in making and sewing items to be used at the hospital. Our contributions assist the children during their stay or visit to the hospital.

Sphinx Temple No 116 boast five active units and a busy sewing group. Ladies gather for fun, fellowship, and activities; and at the same time work with the Shriners in supporting the Shriners Hospital for Children-Canada.

One can say, 'the Shriners help with getting the children to the hospital, while Daughters of the Nile assist in the comfort care the children receive while at the hospital'.



Winnipeg Oriental Band 1949

In late 1949 and early 1950, Noble George Ross encouraged a group of other Nobles to form a colourful oriental unit, differing from the military precision units that had already been established in Khartum Temple.

It was the intention to develop a unit of strolling oriental musicians with dancing girls. An approach was made to Khartum Temple and the group was accepted as a uniformed body.

Meetings were held at the office of Ralph VanKirk which adjoined a highly popular park in downtown Winnipeg, developed and maintained by VanKirk. Money from the wishing well located in VanKirk Gardens was donated to the Temple for the Shriners Hospital.

Soon after the formation of the band, an Imperial edict banned women, and its impersonators of women, from Shrine parades and units.

The original bylaws for the Oriental Band were developed in 1953 and approved by the Temple. In that year, Harold W. Brown was elected as Director and Producer of the band and Ralph VanKirk was elected Leader of the Band in Perpetuity.

That same year, Noble VanKirk introduced "The Calash" to the band. The colourful carriage had six novice slaves pulling it. By 1956, the Band numbered 56 although the Temple recognized a marching strength of 35 Nobles. In that year, the wives of the members made the first costumes owned by Band members.

In 1959, the marching strength was raised to 42 members. That same year, the Band decided not to use fezzes in any future parades, but rather to substitute the white headgear and two bar Agal. Fan bearers were to wear white and gold turbans and uniforms. All shoes from that time forward were to be gold with curled toes. Animals were part of the Band appearance from time to time. In 1959 the members led two camels across the stage at the Ceremonial, with disastrous results. Apparently, the camels had filled up on seven days of water prior to entry.

At the following Ceremonial Noble VanKirk rented a live elephant and a real Hindu to manage the elephant, but someone doctored the elephant's drinks, causing it to become nasty and knocking one of the Nobles down a flight of stairs. The elephant died later that night.

In 1965, the Oriental Band provided colour and music at the Ceremonial for the first time.

In 1978, at this Ceremonial, the Band presented Khartum Temple for safekeeping and display, a valuable scimitar dagger used by Noble VanKirk. This priceless centuries old instrument was handmade by highly skilled craftsmen of the Ottoman Empire. It had a Damascus steel blade, well carved handle and was contained in an engraved silver sheath. It had been loaned for life to VanKirk by Past President Harold Brown and can be seen in the display case at the Temple.

During the 1970's and 1980's the Band expanded its safaris both in number and destinations, taking in most major summer fairs throughout the province as well as trips to other Temples in the Midwest Shrine Association area. On a number of occasions, the Band returned to Winnipeg with trophies won at the International Midwest competitions.

In 1989, the Band membership stood at 123 with Temple approval of 66 marching members. Noble Gervin Greasley, President of the Khartum Temple Winnipeg Oriental Band and Band members were developing plans to host the Midwest Shrine Oriental Band Association competitions in August of 1991.

Excerpted from "Khartum Shrine Temple 1989"



The Directors Staff

The Director and what we know as the Khartum Director's Staff had their beginnings in 1904. That year El Zagal of Fargo created Khartum Temple of the Shrine and the first Divan of the Temple.

Thus in 1905, when Khartum was incorporated, the Temple had its first Director in the name of W.F. Taylor. This remarkable Shriner was to be the Director until 1913. Then he became Potentate for seven years, longer than any other Potentate in Khartum history. After having done all this, he remained a member of the Divan and with W.H. Carter was the Director on and off until 1928. These two remarkable Nobles did much to establish the reputation of Khartum Temple Ceremonials.

In the early years of the Temple, the Director was in charge of the first, third and second sections. The work handled by the Ritualistic and Director's staff was done by committees formed for the purpose and not units, as such until much later. Ceremonials were held spring and fall, at the Board of Trade Convention Hall, and then in the Royal Alexandra and Fort Garry Hotels. From there to the Winnipeg Auditorium and finally the Winnipeg Centennial Concert Hall. The Temple minutes make constant reference to the high quality of all Khartum Ceremonials as many old timers of the Temple would attest to.

J.E. Dudley, D.J. Morrison and C.G. Fieldhouse directed the Wrecking Crew as the unit became known following the custom of other Temples.

Out of town ceremonials were popular then. Regular visits to the Lakehead started in 1938 and later less-frequent trips to Brandon. In 1969. A joint ceremonial was held with Aad Temple – Duluth at Fort Francis- International Falls. During 1941, a ceremonial was even held during the Summer Midwest Session held in Winnipeg.

Khartum Temple has been a very long- standing member of the Shrine Director's Association. Norman and Fred Code, a fantastic father and son team, were both Directors of the Temple and Governors of the S.D.A. These two Nobles did much to bring the Director's Staff to the present degree of efficiency. During their years of leadership, the fire engine, fez and people trailer were added.

The unit has had many exceptional nobles with great talents join their ranks over the years, which in turn pushed the Director's Staff to new heights of accomplishment. Several of the unit's members have gone on to be Potentate's, such as W.F. Taylor, W.H. Carter, W.G. Kotchapaw, A.G. Lush, W.F. Souch, R.P. Spear, L.R. McPhail and Ken Kristjanson. More recently Doug Vialoux (2002), Jack Hooper (2007), Rick Holberg (2014), and Jack Hildebrand (2016) served as Potentate.

A number of Director Staff have received Emeritus Status. To be considered for Emeritus Status a Noble must have been recommended by another Noble, Potentate or from Imperial (as was Noble Bob Lane). The rest had to have served in their perspective position for the year to be considered. The Emeritus members are as follows (Not necessarily in order):

- Noble Norman Code - Director Emeritus
- Noble Fred Code (the above's son) - Director Emeritus
- Noble Bonnie Lemon - Treasurer Emeritus
- Noble Don Murray - Recorded Emeritus
- Noble Bob Lane - Wills and Gifts Emeritus
- Noble Freeman Myers - Director Emeritus



- Noble Gregorash - SBI Emeritus

The unit's motto is to serve the Potentate and the Temple in any way possible and to the members, past and present, this history is dedicated.

Excerpted from "Khartum Shrine Temple 1989"

With thanks to Ill. Sir Rick Holberg for additions

A Cautionary Tale

Recently overheard at the Children's Hallowe'en Party held at the Shrine Centre:

One of the Shrine Ladies was attempting to move between a couple of tables that were very close together. A Shriner, sitting at the end of one of the tables, and seeing her efforts, refused to move his chair. Instead he commented that perhaps she should lose some weight. This was followed up with maybe he should too! Upon later questioning, his response was that this was a joke. But, no one was laughing.

What was wrong with this picture?

Well, first of all comments about a person's appearance- size, colour, physical attributes, are no longer acceptable. This is bullying behaviour. It must stop now in this day and age. Comments like this cannot be disguised as being a joke. It is not a joke.

What else happened?

Three young women with children were sitting at the next table. They heard the whole conversation and witnessed the Shrine Lady becoming very upset. These three young women have husbands who are great candidates to join the Masons and Shriners. Do you think this type of behaviour will cause them to encourage their husbands to join the Masons and Shriners? Not likely.

Was there more?

Yes there were 3 children sitting at the table who witnessed the old Shriner bullying the lady. The kids are taught in school about not bullying other people. However, it looked like it was OK for the old Shriner to bully a lady. What is the message we are sending here? What if these kids had been Shrine Kids???

Nobles, I know we can do better than this. The future reputation of Shriners is in your hands. If we want to encourage new members, this type of public behaviour must end now. Your behaviour must be exemplary to the public, including kids. Let's work on this.



Fun Night 2018



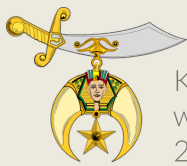


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November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 -Pioneer, Honour Ladies Lunch
4	5 -KLA -Pipes & Drums	6 -Unit Council	7 -Oriental Band	8 -Phoenix Lodge Mtg.	9	10 -Lobsterfest
11	12 -DON -Fife & Drum -Pipes & Drums	13 -Directors Staff -Komedians Mtg. -Shindig	14 -Oriental Band -Patrol -Provost	15	16	17 -Quiz Night -Ladies night vintage cars & Komedians
18 -Kids Christmas Party -Job's Daughters Banquet	19 -Pipes & Drums -Sports Car Unit Mtg.	20 -Ruff Riders Unit Mtg.	21 -Oriental Band -Vintage Car Mtg. -Divan Mtg.	22	23	24
25 -Grey Cup Party	26 -Pipes & Drums -Ritualistic	27 -Ruff Riders Unit Mtg.	28 -Brandon Shrine Club -Oriental Band -Patrol -Skooters	29	30	

For more meeting dates visit:

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December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 -Divan Christmas Party
2	3 -KLA -Pipes & Drums -KLA Luncheon	4 -Unit Council	5 -Divan -Oriental Band	6 -Stated Mtg.	7 -Komedians Patrol Christmas Party	8
9	10 - Don -Pipes & Drums -Fife & Drums	11 -Directors Staff -Komedians -Ruff Riders Unit Mtg	12 -Oriental Band -Patrol -Provost	13 -Phoenix Lodge Mtg.	14	15 -Ruff Riders Christmas Party
16	17 -Pipes & Drums -Sports Car Unit Mtg.	18	19 -Oriental Band -Vintage Car Meeting	20	21	22
23	24 -Christmas Eve	25 -Christmas	26	27	28	29
30	31 -New Years Eve					

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Unit Meetings

Vintage Cars Meets 3rd
Wednesday of the month

Ritualistic Unit meets Last
Monday of month, Feb to May
and August to December

Ruff Riders meets the 2nd
Tuesday of month

Skooters meet 3rd Wednesday of
month

Sport Car meet 3rd Monday of
month

Patrol meets 2nd and 4th
Wednesday of month

Pipes and Drums meet every
Monday and Saturday

Provost meets 2nd Wednesday
of month from April to
November

Fife and Drum meets 2nd
and 4th Monday of month

Khartum Komediens meet
2nd Tuesday of month

Oriental Band meets
every Wednesday

Directors Staff meet 2nd
Tuesday March to June
September to November

Other Units and Shrine Clubs

- The Pas Shrine Club
- Thompson Shrine Club
- Flin Flon Shrine Club
- Pembina Valley Shrine Club
- Selkirk Shrine Club
- Sioux Shrine Club
- Swan River Shrine Club
- Lakehead Motor Patrol
- Lakehead Pipe Band
- Lakehead Provost
- Lake of the Woods Shrine Club
- Lakehead Shrine Club
- Lakehead 101 Patrol

- Lakehead Cyco
- Ceramics
- Brandon Oriental Band
- Brandon Pipes and Drum
- Dauphin Shrine Club
- Dryden Shrine Club
- Interlake Shrine Club
- Border Shrine Club
- Brandon Shrine Club
- Brandon Car Patrol
- Khartum Kowboys
- Tribu Unit
- Past Masters

- Khartum Hillbilly Unit
- Chanters
- Drum and Bugle





2018 Divan

Potentate

Illustrious Sir Alvin Allard

Chief Rabban

Noble Doug McKechnie

Assistant Rabban

Noble Allan Hadley

High Priest & Prophet

Noble Denis Lorteau

Oriental Guide

Noble Robert Kirby

Recorder

ILL Sir Jack Hildebrand

Treasurer

Noble Glenn Lillies

1st. Ceremonial Master

Noble Bill Davis

2nd Ceremonial Master

Noble Jun Magsino

Marshal

Noble Ken Duguid

Outer Guard

Noble Jim Krochenski

Captain of the Guard

Noble Jim Graham

Chaplain

ILL Sir Jack Hooper

Chief of Staff

Noble George Kuch

Assistant Chief of Staff

Noble Bill Quinn

Noble Jim Graham

Noble Norm Rimmer

Noble Michael Abbott

Deputy Chief of Staff (Brandon)

Noble Bart Hawkins

Deputy Outer Guard (Thunder Bay)

Noble Delwin Harasyn

Deputy Outer Guard (Northman)

Noble Milt Goble

Deputy Outer Guard (Westman)

Noble Terry Maxwell

Deputy Outer Guard (Kenora/Rainy River)

Noble David Coulter



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