



# Khartum Shrine TIDBITS

May & June 2018

## A MESSAGE FROM THE POTENTATE



Greetings Nobles and Ladies of Khartum, spring is here which means that our parade season is just around the corner. The time has come to polish up the various units and get ready to entertain the crowds.

Since the last Tidbits article, there has been a lot of work going on with the sales of the Mustang raffle tickets at World of Wheels which turned into another successful event with over 200 tickets sold! Many thanks go out to Illustrious Sir Rick Holberg and Noble Myles Bamendine for taking on the Chairman & co-chairman positions. The next stop will take us to Rod a Rama in Transcona for what we expect to be another fun filled time for all involved. Thank you also to Noble Hamish Barritt for assisting in transporting the Mustang to the

venues. The Chamois car washes continue to be a strong supporter of our fundraising activities and we thank them for this!

The Pipes and Drums once again travelled to Sioux Falls South Dakota for the annual St. Patrick's Day celebration and I was glad to be invited as a guest. This year marked the 33rd year that the unit has travelled down for this event and from what I saw, for the 33rd year, they did not disappoint! These Nobles work very hard as the trip is filled with performance after performance. They certainly represented Khartum very well and I was very proud to hear the people in the crowds commenting to me about their performances! I wish to thank these Nobles for the opportunity to join them on the trip.

Speaking of the Pipes and Drums, it was nice to attend the annual Gathering of the Clans held here at Shrine House and very nice to see another big crowd. I was voted in as the leader of the Clans that evening and I must say that this was NOT because of my Pipe



playing talents!

Last time, I had mentioned that the Imperial Officers that attended the winter session in Deadwood were talking a lot about membership and we listened. We have established a dedicated membership team which is being headed up by Noble Kevin Davis who is eager to help us gain the Nobles that we want as to increase our numbers. If you know of any Masons who are interested, invite them to a Unit meeting, have them see what we are all about and who knows, there may be a new Noble ready to be created. Please reach out to Noble Davis if you know of anybody who may be interested.



The Website is up and running and our webmaster is hard at work with all of the updates to keep us all informed and also tell people about what Khartum is all about. Thanks for all of your hard work Noble Webmaster. We will also be using social media more to promote Khartum Units, upcoming events, and our various raffles. Noble Jun Magsino has agreed to be our Social Media co-ordinator and as such, will be handling our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts. Please feel free to reach out to Noble Jun through the office if you have something that you would like to promote on social media.

The motorcycle rally event appears to be coming along and we are hoping for a successful first attempt at this. Please mark June 24th on your calendars for this event. Thank you for all of your hard work Nobles Myles Bamendine & Kevin Davis. The East Coast Kitchen party event is still a few months away but as this is a huge undertaking. Noble Robert Kirby has assembled a group of people to assist him. Folks, I do not want to wish the summer away but yet I can't wait for this event on November 10th.

On Tuesday April 24th, the Lake of the Woods Shrine Club invited us down to a dinner and meeting where Noble McKechnie, who attended on my behalf, along with Illustrious Sir Jack Hildebrand and Noble Robert Kirby were presented with a cheque in the amount of \$5000.00! Thank you Lake of the Woods Nobles for your hard work and dedication!

As I mentioned in my opening, Spring is here and it's time to get those units going and parade ready. The fun part of the year is upon us!

Until the next issue, remember to keep the Kids in your hearts and minds and continue to do what we do best. It is after all, First and Goal! Putting the kids First, to let them reach their Goals!

Illustrious Sir Alvin



## The Shriner Spotlight Award

From Shriners International (Imperial Shriners), we recently learned that Noble Merv Moxley, was named recipient of the Shriner Spotlight Award for Winter 2017-2018. The award is presented in recognition of his outstanding dedication to both the fraternity and its philanthropy.

In October of 1949, Illustrious Sir Moxley joined the Beaver Iconic Lodge, where he is still a member. In July of 1951, he joined Khartum Shriners, and became a member of the Oriental Band later that year. By 1958, Moxley and a few other Shriners who were interested in riding instead of walking had started the Khartum Motor Patrol. A few years later, Moxley thought that the Potentate should have a Harley-Davidson escort in parades, and he, along with some of the members of the Motor Patrol approached the Potentate about starting the Khartum Cycle Escort. In 1972, Moxley was asked by Illustrious Sir Doug Stewart to join the Divan, and he became Potentate in 1981. Illustrious Sir Moxley carried out his duties proudly, representing Khartum Shriners in all of his travels. After his year was done, he joined the Past Potentates Association.

On October 29, 2017, Illustrious Sir Moxley celebrated his 100th birthday. He has been a Shriner for 66 years, is the oldest member of Khartum Shriners, and has the lowest membership number.



We thank Illustrious Sir Moxley for his contributions to Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children, and congratulate him on receiving the Shriner Spotlight Award.

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On behalf of Khartum Shriners, the Nobles congratulate Illustrious Sir Moxley for this prestigious award.



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# Announcements

## Khartum Shrine Calendar

### Draw Winners

Visit the website to see if you are a winner.  
Draws have been made for January - June 2018

<http://www.khartumshriners.org/>



## Bay Giving Cards

Giving Day is a semi-annual event conducted by The Hudson's Bay Company Foundation. Shriners Hospitals for Children- Canada is one of the selected charities. The Shriners participate by selling the five dollar cards which offers a discount to HBC shoppers on Giving Day (April 6, 2018). As an added incentive the charity that sells the most cards receives an additional cash donation from the HBC Foundation.

In the past two years the Shriners have raised \$14,390 for the Hospital through this wonderful initiative.

Thank you to everyone who attended Polo Park to sell Bay Giving Day cards in April. One hundred and fifty cards were sold and a cheque for \$750 was sent to the Shriners Hospital in Montreal. The money will be put towards "Pawz for Kids", which is First Lady Judy Allard's fundraising project this year. It appears that only one other group was selling cards at the Polo Park location. If the Shrine volunteers sold more than the other group, then Khartum may raise an additional 30% of the sales generated by the promo cards.

There may be another opportunity in September to sell these cards again. At the moment we do not know the date but we would be pleased to recruit volunteers to participate again. Lady Carol Hadley is the co-ordinator for this event. Thank you Carol for the great work in organizing this event. If you are interested in helping in September, please call the Khartum Office.



## Advertise your events/unit meetings

### in TidBits for free!

Email your event details to [Doug@canadiangoodwill.ca](mailto:Doug@canadiangoodwill.ca)

Please include date/time and details and anything you would like included in the ad.





# Events

## ***Ladies of Khartum***

### ***Present***

#### ***5th annual Circle of Friends Brunch***



Lady Georgette Holberg has been organizing "The Circle of Friend Brunch" since its inception. It is a fun event that raises \$4,000 to \$5,000 each year for our Shriner Kids. This year, proceeds will go to Lady Judy Allard's project "Pawz for Kids" which is a dog therapy program run at the Montreal Shriners Hospital.

Each table of 8 or 9 guests is decorated on a special theme. The tables are exciting to see because of the creativity used to decorate them.

The food is great and there is a large silent auction table and unique 50/50 draw.

Doors open at 9:30 AM on May 5th and the guests are welcomed with mimosas, served by handsome Nobles in Tuxedos. Brunch will be served at 10:30 AM.

We hope to see you May 5th!

## **Donkey Races**

Ruff Riders are excited to host the Donkey Races! Tickets are available from any Ruff Rider.

**When: Sunday May 6, 2018**

**Time: 1:00 PM**

**Where: Khartum Shrine Centre**

Silent auction, lunch and bar will be available on site! Come out and try your luck, while raising money for a great cause!!





## A bit of tid bit

Well time flies for the Khartum Flag Patrol.

Some may not know that the Patrol has been around for 109 years dating back to December 17 1909, WOW congratulations Nobles.

Teddy Bears Picnic is a wonderful time for Kids of all ages, which is celebrated at The Assiniboine Park. The Khartum Patrol and the Khartum Pipes and Drums have been partaking in this event for 32 years. Well done Nobles. Also joining off and on were the Khartum Komedians , and the Khartum SBI Van. The Teddy Bears Picnic is held on the last Sunday in May (May 27). Come out wear your Fez and join the group.

### ***A note on this years parades are as Follows.***

- Transcona June 2, 2018
- Winnipeg Beach July 28 2018
- Lac du Bonnet July 1, 2018

More info will be sent out to your Unit President, and Secretary, and Captain. Please contact them for more details.

Submitted by: Noble George Kuch



THE 32nd ANNUAL  
**TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC**  
MAY 27, 2018 • 9AM-5PM  
ASSINIBOINE PARK

## History of the Ruff Riders

Discussions in July 1983 amongst a group of Nobles lead to a request for permission from the Potentate to form an All Terrain Cycle (ATC) motorized unit; through many months of meetings this "Power" unit of the Khartum Temple (Shrine) came into existence by approval of the Potentate in January 1984.

The unit's vehicle is a three wheeler all terrain cycle Honda Big Red. In 1989, the Ruff Riders had a membership of 30 with 24 Owner/Riders. The Unit competed in the Shrine Midwest conference in Fargo/Moorhead in its first year, 1984, and won the Championship in its class. Since then the Ruff Riders have participated in all major Khartum Temple Parade activities and have barnstormed numerous rural town fairs in Manitoba.

The members have contributed within their means to Khartum Temple's Charitable pursuits, the Shrine Hospital for Children and the Stop Burn Injuries Program.

From the outset, the Ruff Riders have involved their Ladies in all their parades, pilgrimages and social activities, hence the term " The Family Unit". In 1989, the Principle Officers were President Emil Solypa, Captain Logie Smellie.



# May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 -Unit Council	2 -Oriental Band	3	4	5 -Circle of Friends
6 -Donkey Races -Brandon Ladies Night	7 -Pipes & Drums	8 -Director Staff -Komedians Mtg. -Ruff Riders Unit Mtg	9 -Oriental Band -Patrol -Provost	10 -Phoenix Lodge Mtg	11	12
13	14 -DON -Fife & Drum -Pipes & Drum	15 -Divan Mtg.	16 -Oriental Band -Skooters Mtg. -Vintage Car Mtg.	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 -Brandon Shrine Club -Oriental Band -Patrol	24	25	26
27 -Teddy Bears Picnic	28 -Pipes & Drum -Ritualistic	29	30 -Oriental Band	31		

*For more meeting dates visit:*

*<http://khartumshriners.org>*



## June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 -Parade (Transcona)
3	4 -Pipes & Drums	5 -Ruff Riders Unit Mtg. -Unit Council	6 -Oriental Band	7	8	9
10 -Drum Corp	11 -Fife & Drums -Pipe & Drums	12 -Director Staff -Divan Mtg. -Komedians Mtg	13 -Oriental Band -Patrol -Provost -Skooters Mtg.	14 -Phoenix Lodge Mtg. -Stated Meeting	15	16
17	18 -Pipes & Drums -Sports Car Unit Mtg.	19	20 -Oriental Band -Vintage Car Mtg.	21	22	23
24 -Motorcycle Rally	25 -Pipes & Drums -Ritualistic	26	27 -Brandon Shrine Club -Oriental Band -Patrol	28	29	30

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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





## MEET YOUR CHIEF RABAN, Noble Doug and Lady Brenda McKechnie

Noble Doug became a Master Mason in 1998, following on the heels of his father in law Noble Bill Copsey( visited by the Black Camel in 1998). He joined the Khartum Shrine in 2002. In 2003 he joined the Ritualistic Unit and in 2015 became a member of the Ruff Riders. In 2014 he was invited onto the Divan by Illustrious Sir Rick Holberg.

Outside of the Shrine, Noble Doug is currently President and CEO of Canadian Goodwill Industries, a position he has held since 1995. He also is a member of the Board of Directors for

the Adolescent Parenting Centre (20 years) and the Manitoba Deaf Centre (20 years).

He has a degree in Education and taught Industrial Arts briefly in St. Anne, Manitoba.

Lady Brenda is a proud member of the Divan Ladies Group. She continues to work full time, currently serving as the Registrar/ Executive Director of the College of Physiotherapists of Manitoba. Brenda received her diploma in physiotherapy in 1973 and later graduated with a Master in Business Administration (MBA) in 1987.

Doug and Brenda have 3 daughters who are all married. Between them, there are 5 grandchildren and one on the way. Heaven is having all of the family up at the lake!





## 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 Mark Fenny

### 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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