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1. EDITOR'S NOTE

By Noble Allan Cantor, Editor

In March of last year, at a meeting of the Communications Committee of Khartum Shrine, (under which, it appears, the responsibility for the Khronicle falls) I agreed to edit an electronic version of the Khronicle on the understanding that the electronic publication and distribution would be the responsibility of the Committee.

Since then, three publications have been issued; June, September and December, 2017.

Other organizations, including other Temples, which issue electronic newsletters, utilize publication services such as ClubRunner, Constantcontact and MailChimp. These services enable the editor to easily format the publication easily distribute the publication electronically and it becomes a very attractive publication. The Communications Committee, to date, has refused to consider the utilization of these services. The result has been that the Office is obliged to spend a great deal of time distributing the publication, and I, as Editor, have

experienced a great deal of difficulty in putting the publication together, which the utilization one of these services would have obviated.

My investigation found that a service above described could be utilized at a cost of about \$400 a year. This sum could easily have been raised by seeking the generous support of our Khartum Supporters.

But the Communications Committee and the Divan have refused to consider these services.

In the result, I am not prepared to continue to try to put together a Khronicle which is difficult to edit and uncertain to be distributed.

Accordingly, unless Khartum Temple is prepared to utilize one of these services for the publication and distribution of the Khronicle (like all the other Temples do), this will be the last Khronicle I will edit.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

P.S. Two things since writing the above:

(a) When I delivered my report to the Unit Council Meeting on March 6, 2018, which report included my frustration over not receiving any response to my concerns from the Divan and the Communications Committee and consequently my determination not to continue as Editor, the only response I received from the Nobles present was “Join the Club”. What does that tell you? What does the mean?

(b) I was annoyed to receive the “Tidbits” which was a very nice publication the technical facility of which I would have appreciated being permitted to use, but to which I was, in effect, refused. Obviously, my efforts have not been appreciated by the Divan and Communications Committee.

So why am I continuing to be a member of this organization?

2. POTENTATE’S MESSAGE

See “Tidbits”

3. CHIEF OF STAFF



By Noble George Kuch; Chief of Staff

Hello Nobles and Ladies

WOW how time flies, this is my second Khronicle report.

The year starts off with the installation of our New Illustrious Potentate,
The Illustrious Alvin Allard.

Flag Patrol & Ruff Riders formed the Honor Guard for Ill. Potentate



At the installation the crowd was a fair size to welcome in the new Potentate and his Lady, Judy, along with the Elected Divan and appointed officers. Lady Judy and daughter presenting the Fez to Ill. Sir. Escorted to the stage to make the make the presentation, Lady Judy and Daughter. Also the whole Allard Clan, one must not forget the Divan ladies the hard working Ladies that keep the Nobles concerned on the right track.

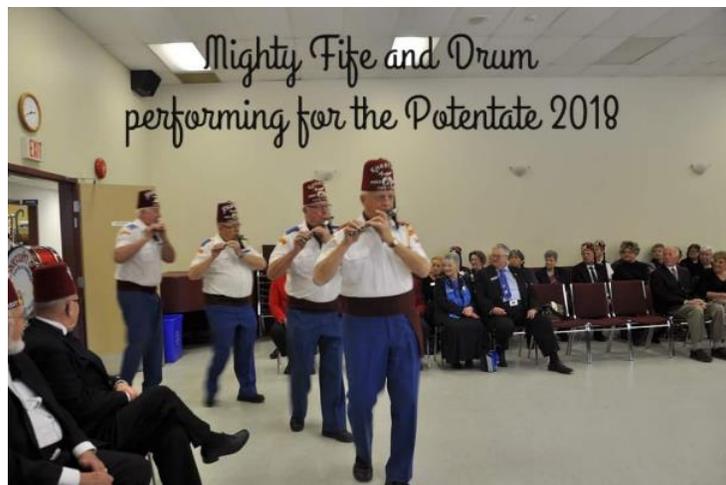




Standing in the back ground Brother Grant Ryckman and Brother Serge Laforge of the Stony Mountain Stonewall Lodge , also we must not forget the Nobles of the Divan .



As we all sat waiting with great enthusiasm for the performing Kharthum bands. We appreciate the low numbers of the Nobles in the bands but must give each and every Noble a standing ovation for their units great performance. Entering to perform for the Ill. Sir is the Khartum Oriental Band, followed by the Mighty Fife and Drum, Last but not least the One and only Khartum Pipes and drums





A good picture of the crowd in attendance.



Nobles; as we progress into our new year, please remember why you joined to become a Shriner was not to be in the glory for yourself, But to help children out, that are in need of our help. So let's all pull together. Help support the Unit you are in or help another unit that is need of help, to keep us strong

On a Special note we all know of Noble Bert Jolly; he, as of March 2, 2018, blew out 92 Candles Happy Birthday Bert, and further more is still a active member of the Flag Patrol.

Yours in the Faith

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

By Noble W. Mark Fenny

2017 was a year of continuing change at Khartum Shriners, and although the year-end financial results have not been certified at the time of writing, it appears quite certain that Khartum will enjoy a modest surplus for the

first time in many years. This occurred for a number of reason, but most important was a general willingness to accept the fact that Khartum was on a financial percipience, and we could no longer continue to do things the way we have done them in the past. Membership continues to fall and we all are aging. We can't do anything about the Black Camel or an aging membership but we can control our expenses and find other ways to raise money.

This past year the Potentate and Board/Divan did a fine job of helping to control expenses. With few exception the various events operated by Khartum were for the most part self-sustaining, the Potentate and Board/Divan gave up virtually all travel and discretionary expenses as well as limiting travel to seminars unless they were beneficial to Khartum. Combine that with assistance that the Divan Ladies contributed, with all their hard work, the overall expenses were down materially from 2016. This of course was in addition to the hard work of our office staff (Dee and Pam), who continue to do everything in their power to control expenses and increase revenue.

	2016	2017	
Income	\$242,000	\$273,000	12%
Expenses	\$300,000	\$251,000	16%
Surplus/Deficit	(\$59,704)	\$34,284	

NOTE: The 2017 numbers have not been finalized and the numbers have been rounded to provide clarity. In addition, the work begun last year by Noble Doug Collins and Noble Wayne Kramble, to improve the transparency of the financial operations went a long way toward the Nobles developing a level of confidence that the finances of Khartum were being well managed. Assisting with that process was the Financial Advisory Committee who assisted the Chief Rabban in the development of the 2017 budget. They also created a simplified reporting format which has made the understanding of Khartum's financial situation a good deal easier.

As you know, unfortunately Noble Collins has been unable to continue as the Treasurer. In December I was elected to serve Khartum as its' Treasurer. I am grateful to the Nobility for the opportunity. However, we did find ourselves at a bit of a loss with the year-end process, and I do want to take this opportunity to thank Nobles Glenn Lillies and Wayne Kramble for stepping up and for all their work in preparing the year end materials. The single most significant expense remains the maintenance of the Shrine Centre, costing roughly \$125,000 per annum. We have been fortunate for the past several years that there have been no major repairs required. However, it goes without saying that as the building ages, the likelihood of major repairs increases with every passing year. The Board of Directors (Elected Divan) has determined that they wish to pursue the options for increasing the revenue that Khartum earns from rentals, and possibly re-purposing the building. To that end a new committee has been struck to investigate those options and manage the leasing of the building. Finding a solution in this regard has to be a priority if Khartum is going to survive financially in the long term. In the spirit of transparency, we will continue to provide the Nobles with monthly financial results and a commentary. If at any time you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time.

5. HILLBILLIES UNIT

By Noble Kuzzin' Kenny G



Khartum Shriners Clan 85 Hillbillies Unit



Howdee!... from the "Khartum Shriners Clan 85 Hillbillies Unit".

Hopefully we all survived the brutally cold winter; but we all know that Canadians on the prairies are a tough bunch...right? LOL! I know some of you spent it in warmer places; but it's almost Easter and sooner than we think it will be Parade Season. Last year we had a lot of fun parading and are looking forward to attending even more this year. Parading is one of Shriners main means of interaction with the public and bringing the awareness of us having some fun while our more serious endeavours are to help kids. It's always great to see the smiles we put on "kids" of all ages when parading. Our congrats to Ill. Sir Allard and the Divan members that were elected or appointed for this year. Hope it's a great year for all of Khartum! As we have stated before, the "Clan 85 Hillbillies Unit" is a very versatile unit with no specific uniform other than the traditional "Hillbilly" attire of coveralls, overalls and the like along with the traditional Hillbilly floppy hats, corn cob pipes, etc. Members or as we call 'em "Kuzzinz" can walk or ride as they choose as we are also a man power or motorized unit. Any personal "safe" vehicles such as old cars, trucks, scooter, go-karts, old bikes, etc., etc can be used which would be subject to approval for public safety concerns. As you can see the sky is the limit with this Unit and there is no specific purchase of particular vehicles or clothing, etc. or surprise expense that members would have to incur. No two Hillbillies are alike! We are always looking for new members and all Nobles of Khartum Shriners are welcome to join us, so if you are looking for a Unit that's fun & different, "just ask" our "Keeper of the Quill" (*Secretary*) Kuzzin Herb by calling 204 667-9496 and he'll be glad to answer any other questions you may have to join us.



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

6. KOMEDIANS

By Noble Thor Weibenbacher

Congratulations to Noble Steve Urias for being named Clown of the Year for 2017. "Kitkat" has been a tireless worker for the Komediants for many years and we are very blessed to have him as a member of the unit. We hope there are many more years to come! Well done Noble Steve Urias.

The Komediants are proud to announce our upcoming Wood Choppers Degree. This is a new degree managed by the Khartum Komediants. It will take place on Sunday, April 8 from 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM at the East Kildonan Memorial Temple at 205 Kimberly Avenue. There will be a light lunch of beans/weiners and salad served at 12:30 PM with the degree to follow. Cocktails will also be available. Cost is \$20 per person and is open to Shriners, Masons, and the general public. Contact our unit secretary, Murray Botterill, for ticket information. murrayis@mymts.net



ISCA mid-winter-Komedians taking part with other clowns at the ISCA mid-winter



DSC 1197 Noble President Guy Arbez and Lady Elaine attending the Komedians Annual dinner



DSC 1238 - Noble Steve Urias receiving his award for Clown of the Year from Noble Guy Arbez.



DSC 1251 - Look who won the door prize!!

7. KOWBOYS

By Noble Wayne Kramble

The Khartum Kowboys unit was formed in 1979 as the Khartum Arabian Horse Guard. It started as a military-style riding unit, using English saddles and riding pure-bred Arabian geldings. We wore red tunics, dark breeches and brown boots like those worn by the RCMP. Our drill team performed maneuvers patterned after the RCMP musical ride. Fortunately our Ride Master, Doug Britton, was an instructor with the RCMP musical ride. Our drill team competed well against other mounted units in the Midwest Shrine, and we performed for many audiences in Manitoba, at the Manitoba Stampede, St Amant Centre, Portage Hospital, Riverview, Middlechurch, and Assiniboia Downs.

More recently, we changed to a casual, western-style mounted unit. Our official name change was approved in 2015. Our new riding uniform includes either a long sleeve western style red shirt with Shrine cresting or a lighter short sleeve blue shirt with Shrine logo, black pants, and black cowboy boots. At many events we wear the traditional red Fez. We also received permission to wear black cowboy hats. The 'Kowboy hats' are decorated with Shrine jewels as on our Fez. In addition, for formal events, we have western-cut sports coats to wear with our black pants and black boots. We now use western saddles, and ride Quarter horses and other breeds, in addition to the Arabians.

Main activities include local parades, starting with the Chickendaze Parade each spring in Oakbank; the Selkirk parade in July, and others depending on availability of our riding members and horses; and trail rides in Birds Hill Park, Spruce Woods, and wherever the Midwest takes us. Some of us also venture farther south to Arizona for the annual Desert Caballeros Ride where we ride into the mountains out of Wickenburg AZ and camp under the stars for 5 days.

We also attend the Midwest sessions (in the Midwest States, Manitoba and Saskatchewan), participating in the parades, trail rides, and other events and riding in the grand entry at the start of the competitions, although we haven't started a western-style drill team yet.

With the help and guidance of Jim Graham and his assistant Wayne Kramble; our Captain, Doug Collins, recently accomplished his long-standing plan to train his horse to pull a cart, and he now enjoys casual rides and friendly competitions driving his horse drawn cart. If you are interested, he has room for a passenger.

We currently have 8 regular members and 4 honorary members. Our horses can be boarded wherever the member chooses. Currently ours are boarded at Ron or Doug's ranch. Both ranches are located north of Oakbank, just east of Birds Hill Park, giving us an easy ride to many trails. Our business meetings are generally held at one of these ranches or occasionally at the Park Ranch restaurant.

Our latest event was our annual brunch, in December, for our members and their ladies, with a few special guests.

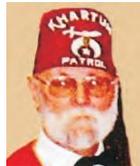
Happy Trails.....





8. PATROL

By Noble George Enarson



Hello Nobles of the Khartum Temple. We hope you had a very mild winter and great celebrations over the Christmas season.

But now it's time to Spring ahead and get ready for the many parades, And events.

Congratulations to our Ill. Potentate Alvin Allard and his Lady Judy, and to all the Divan and appointed aides. May you all have a very active and productive 2018.

The Shrine Patrol is looking forward to the many events and activities in the city and surrounding communities. Once again we are very fortunate because our 2018 Executive has volunteered to serve for another year

Congratulations to:

President and Quartermaster Noble Carl Hrechka
 Captain Noble Wayne Hudson
 1st Lieutenant Noble Wilf Blommaert

Treasurer Noble Jun Magsino
 Secretary Noble George Einarson
 Chief of Staff Noble George Kuch

Thank You Nobles for your dedicated service and outstanding support of the Patrol. A few months back, our President Noble Carl had a big disagreement with a short 3 foot ladder and of course the ladder won. He had some serious breakage and was bed ridden in the hospital for many weeks.

Great News “ He’s Back “ using his jet powered walker” and attending all meetings of the Patrol and other Khartum gatherings. Well done Noble Carl but take it easy.

Our Chief of Staff Noble George Kuch is planning to have a special event for the Patrol and other Nobles and the Ladies. Its going to be a “Spring Fling” and will be held at Shrine House. Everyone is welcome and all the details will be shared once planning is complete.

One of the happy things that occurs during our street parades is the instant turning of heads when a little voice calls out saying “Grandpa”. Now-days almost all of our Nobles have become Grandpa to boys and girls of all ages. And as of the last week in January Noble Wayne Hudson and Lady Elaine welcomed in a new grandson baby boy at eight pounds four ounces. So, congratulations and we look forward to another little voice calling “Grandpa”. By the way mother and father were all fine.

Soon the Red River Ex will take Place and the Patrol Nobles and Ladies will be on hand to drive the Patrol golf cart, gather beer cans and help out where needed. This event certainly highlights the Shriners helping out at Manitoba’s major Exhibition. It’s great to see: The Red Fez” in action complete with many happy dispositions.

Well, that’s about all the news for the time being, and of course the Patrol looks forward to seeing everyone on parades. And as the saying goes.

“The Sun always Shine on the Shrine”

Take Care





9. PIPES AND DRUMS

By Noble W. Mark Fenny



Since my last report the band has enjoyed a relatively quiet period. In December members of the band under the leadership of Noble George Paterson PM entertained students, parents and staff from Stathcona school in North Winnipeg, while they enjoyed their Christmas breakfast. In January we participated in the Installation of the incoming Potentate and Divan following which we entertained the assembled guests with a few tunes. Following the installation, we reconvened at the Home of Lady Heather and Noble Craig Kirby Drum Sergeant Emeritus for a lovely reception and for which we are always grateful. From there the group with the exception with one “sleepy head” was off to Maxime’s for a lovely dinner. What a great way to start the year.

By the time the Kronicle is in print the band will have put Sioux Falls behind us for yet another year. The schedule represents sixteen performances over two days. It remains the highlight of the year.

When we return we will again this be hosting the Gathering of the Clans 18 on April 14th. Doors open at 6:30 and the show starts at 7:00 p.m. This year the entertainment will be supplemented with Irish step dancers as well as an Irish band, together with all the other good stuff including a wee dram and traditional Scottish fare. The cost remains the same this year, a great evening of entertainment and friendship for only \$25 per ticket and the net proceeds from the evening will go towards the Shrine Hospitals for Children (Montreal).

Tickets are available from any member of the band, the Khartum office or you can contact the scribe at 204.291.9403 or at mfenny@shaw.ca.

10. PROVOST CORP

By Noble Norm Rimmer

It has been a long cold and windy winter although we have had very little snow. Spring and summer is just around the corner and hopefully the wind will die down. Everyone made it through the winter without too much trouble.

With the coming seasons we start to get busy with the various parades. It is hoped that we will be able to taken in all the parades so long as there are not too many rural parades on the same date. See everyone at the parades.

It appears that there will be no circuses this year so that will lighten the work load a bit.

The Provost Corps is still looking for any Noble not yet a member of a Unit or Club and maybe interested in joining our Unit. Please come out to one of our meetings to see what we are all about. We meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m., except January, February, March and December. We are here to have fun and help our kids, building for their future.

We wish all our shut-ins the best and hope they each have a speedy recovery. We extend our condolences to those who have lost a loved one since the last publication of the Khartum Khronicle.

11. RITUALISTIC

By Noble John Hill

The Ritualistic Unit has some of its members living in Sioux Lookout Ontario. It is very difficult for these members to attend our monthly meetings. They have to work and the distance is too great for them to travel for just an hour-long meeting. We started in January this year to have video conferences with them on the internet, it is wonderful asset. The Members in Sioux Lookout are valuable and we appreciate their dedication to the Shrine.

12. SPORTS CAR UNIT

By Noble Sir Gary Saunders

Winter is almost over and we look forward to spring and summer with all the Masonic/Shrine events that occur during this time. Before you know it we'll be on parade again.

The unit is excited to work with Illustrious Sir Alvin and First Lady Judy, and wish them the very best.

We were remiss in extending congratulations to Noble Ross Holt and Lady Marjorie on celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. Best wishes go out to Noble Ross and Lady Marjorie.

We extend our condolences to Noble Bob Kowaluk and Lady Marilyn on the passing of Noble Bob's mom, Anne Kowaluk.

To our nobles and ladies facing health challenges, we wish you improved health each day.

We welcome new members and at this time we do have on "Bradley" car for sale. For more info on membership to the unit or the sale of the car please call Noble Gary Saunders P.P. @204 256-0811

13. VINTAGE CARS

By Noble Brent Gillespie

The President on the Vintage Car unit, is Illustrious Sir Morley Kabernick. Morley accompanied by 4 Nobles from the unit presented Noble Walter Fast with a Honorary Life membership to the Vintage Car Club. Walter was the president of the club in 1999 and thereafter its long serving secretary until suffering a stroke.



Pictured from left to right, Nobles Lionel Kuran, Barry Homenick, Walter Fast, Morley Kabernick, Jerry Zoppa and Brent Gillespie.

14. LADIES AUXILIARY

By Lady Carol Hadley

As we begin another year Past President Carol Hadley wishes to thank the Ladies, their families and friends for the support of the fundraising events held in 2017 that enabled the Auxiliary to make the necessary funds to support the Khartum Shrine Transportation Fund and the Rehabilitation Centre for Children (MB).

President Joy Derhak, her Executive and Committees are looking forward to a great 2018 with your continued support for their upcoming events to carry on our efforts “helping children with disabilities”. Listed below are some of the events for your consideration.

The bowling league are always looking for bowlers so if you wish to have fun please join the teams at the Polo Park lanes on Wednesday morning but you must be a Khartum Ladies Auxiliary member contact Sharon at 204-878-4473.

We are a registered charity and any donations over \$20.00 will receive a tax receipt so please consider this in your financial review.

Thank you

EVENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO:

- **March 5, 2018** – the Khartum DIVAN will be pleased to welcome our members for the Annual Tea after the meeting.

- **Annual Raffle** will be held again with Tickets at \$ 2.00 each and going on sale in April with the draw November 5/2018. If you would like tickets, please see any KLA member. If you can sell tickets in your office, please contact June Krochenski at **204-255-5545**.

- **April 12, 2018 – Annual Bridge/Card Party** to be held at **Shrine Centre** at 1155 Wilkes Ave. LUNCH: 12:00 Noon; BRIDGE/CARDS: 1:00 p.m. – Please contact **Evelyn at 204-475-0700 or Georgette – 204 736-4147 for tickets - \$15.00/person.**

- **April 26, 2018 - Annual Dinner** to be held at **Masonic Memorial Centre** (420 Corydon Ave) - dinner will be catered by WOW Catering. Refreshments at 5:30 Dinner at 6:00 with guest speaker LeAnn Belton, Occupational Therapist from Rehab Centre. **Cost \$30.00 per person. Members only.**

- **September 30, 2018 – Sunday, September 30 , 2018 fundraiser** is a luncheon and fashion show to be held at MMC, **420 Corydon Avenue**. Lunch 1:00 p.m. with a fashion show to follow, 50/50 and silent auction prizes. **Tickets \$30.00** from Susan Woodward in April. There will only be one **Annual Fundraiser** this year, so we would appreciate your consideration by attending – **more information to come so keep the date for this event.**

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Khartum Ladies Auxiliary is open to any lady, over the age of 18, related to a member of Shriners International, to a member of the Masonic family or past patient of Shrine Hospital. **Dues are \$20.00 a year.** Please contact **June Krochenski, Membership Chair, 204-255-5545**, if you wish to become a member. Khartum Ladies Auxiliary raises funds to support Shriners' Hospitals, Khartum Shrine Transportation Fund and the Rehabilitation Centre for Children (MB), and any organization ministering to children with disabilities within the Khartum Shrine Jurisdiction.

We are a Registered Charitable Organization and as such, a tax receipt will be issued for donations.

15. BRANDON AND DISTRICT SHRINE CLUB

By Noble Ron March

All the Nobles from the western side of the province near to Brandon send sincere congratulations to Ill. Sir Alvin Allard on his election as Potentate of Khartum Temple for 2018. May you and your Divan have a rewarding year taking Khartum Shriners to great accomplishments and increased growth in membership.

A new executive has been elected to lead the Brandon Shrine Club under the direction of President Noble Grant McMullan, supported by Vice President Noble Balfour Spence, Sect'y/Treas Noble Alvin Taft, and Directors Nobles Charlie Duguid, George Mann and Frank Skuce. We are pleased to have these dedicated Nobles to guide us through another year and we wish them every success.

We offer special congratulations to Past President Noble Brian McLaren for his two years of leadership of the Club through 2016/2017. A job well done! Thanks, Noble Brian.

Nobles Alvin Taft and Rod March attended Assiniboine Community College to present information regarding Shriners Hospital for Children programs to the Early Childhood Education 2018 graduation class. The students really enjoyed the message and had many questions to ask. They were quite surprised to learn about the Shrine Hospitals and were very interested in the work the Shriners do for the children in need of treatment.

I am sorry to report that a former Club member and Past President, Noble Ron Chalmers, passed away recently. We send our sympathy to his family.

The next major Club activity will be our local Circus Daddy Sales Program. Circus Daddy Chairman Noble Brian McLaren will need the help of all the Nobility in the Club. Please continue your support of this very important program.

Club meetings continue on the fourth Wednesday. See you there.

16. 2017 TRUCK RAFFLE FINAL REPORT
By Noble Brent Gillespie

The last task for the 2017 Raffle. Raffle Chairman, Noble Brent Gillespie, was to present thank you plaques to Waverley “Chamois” manager “Justin”, who accepted the plaques on behalf of the 3 Winnipeg Chamois locations.



17. FUNDRAISING
By Noble Sir Gary Saunders PP

A heartfelt ‘THANK YOU’ to everyone who worked so hard to make our 2017 Christmas Cake Fundraiser a “SELL OUT” success.

As of print date, we have a profit of \$21665.00. Unit rebates still need to be deducted from this amount.

I look forward to working with each of you for the 2018 Christmas Cake Fundraiser.

18. HOSPITAL REPORT

By Noble Sir Don Thomson PP

The Khartum Shrine Patient Transportation Portfolio was very busy in 2017. We provided for 249 patient visits involving 98 patients at a cost of \$203,521.60, unfortunately our costs for 2017 exceeded our donations by about \$19,450.00 forcing us to draw down our reserves.

Of the 249 Patient visits 162 (65%) Twin Cities, 74 (30%) Canada, 9 (3%) Boston and 4 (2%) Philadelphia. The patient visits from each area are; Lakehead Shrine Club 81 (4 new, Twin Cities 76, Canada 5), Dryden Shrine Club 1 Canada, Lake of the Woods 9 Canada (2 new), Winnipeg & Area 121 (8 new, - Twin Cities 72, Canada 45, Philadelphia 4), Interlake Shrine Club 9 (Twin Cities 3, Canada 6), Selkirk Shrine Club 5 (1 new Twin Cities 4 Canada 1), Brandon Shrine Club 6 (1 new, Twin Cities 4, Canada 2, Pembina Valley 14 (Canada 5, Boston 9) and Dauphin Shrine Club 3 (Twin Cities).

As of the end of February 2018 in addition to our normal transportation costs, Khartum Shriners have had to provide 2 medivac flights to return patients home at a cost of \$43,000.00. This is of particular concern to me unless the income (donations) to Patient Transportation increase we may face a further drawdown on the reserves. I have been working with the Shrine Hospitals for Children Canada to try to recoup \$28,500.00 from the Provincial Government as one patient medivac was transferred from hospital to hospital before being released, which should be a government responsibility.

As a member of the Board of Governors I have the honour and pleasure of presenting checks to the Shriners Hospital for Children Canada from Members and Units sent through Khartum Shriners. Below are 2 pictures of me presenting donation checks at the January and February board meetings to Illustrious Sir Bill Miller Chairman of the Board of Governors Shriners Hospital for Children - Canada.



For a second year in a row, the In-Patient Care Unit at Shriners Hospitals for Children received the Guardian of Excellence Award in Inpatient Pediatrics from Press Ganey. Press Ganey is an organization that works with health care providers to enhance and improve safety, quality and the health care experience. In addition for the third consecutive year Shriners Hospitals for Children–Canada has been ranked amongst the top 10 employers of the Montreal area according to Mediacorp’s 2018 rankings. This annual competition evaluates employers of the greater Montreal area on 8 specific criteria; management performance, work atmosphere and social activities, community engagement, communication with the staff, skills development and training. Our employees consider this hospital as their second home, not only because of the family spirit that prevails, but because they know the organization believes in them and is capable of offering good professional growth opportunities.

Some interesting statistics for the Shriners Hospitals for Children – Canada, in 2017 the hospital had; 5539 New Patient Referrals, 20,672 Clinic visits, 1073 Surgical Operations at Shriners Hospitals for Children, 100 Surgeries outside of Shriners, Average length of stay is 2.97 days with an average of 10.3 patients/day in hospital rooms. In December alone the Hospital had 102 “No Shows”, patients who never kept their appointments for one reason or another without informing the Hospital. In January 2018 the Hospital received

1014 new patient referrals, 1,905 Clinic visits, 106 Surgical Operations at Shriners Hospitals for Children and 8 Surgeries outside of Shriners. Average length of stay is 3 days with an average of 6 patients per day in hospital rooms. It is interesting when you see that with the patient load, SHC Canada is still looking for more patients.

Carter Brown and his mom Jennifer brought forward the idea providing OI kits to families of patients who suffer with OI (Brittle Bone Disease). Carter has raised \$30,000 for these kits and the care team participated in ensuring that all the items in the OI kit are appropriate for families living far away from the hospital. The kits will also include some “how to” cue cards prepared by an occupational therapist and instructional video by the cast room nurses as well as a special memory game prepared by nursing research. There will be a process to give these kits to families and so that they can reorder material when needed.

HBC giving day will be held on April 6, 2018, this is a fundraising initiative by Hudson’s Bay directed to the Shriners Hospital for Children. The tickets are \$5 and give the purchaser a 10% to 20 % discount in all Hudson Bay Stores across Canada and online at TheBay.com. This campaign has raised over \$14,000 since March 2016.

On Saturday, May 19, 2018 from 9 am – 1 pm Shriners Hospitals for Children – Twin Cities located at 2025 East River Parkway Minneapolis, MN 55414 will be holding an Open House Hospital Day. Attendees can come and go as you please. You will be given a map upon arrival and can travel around on your own with presentations held in the various hospital departments. Families are welcome attend; there will be a Trout pond and activities on the front lawn for the kids, Lunch will be served from 11 am – 1 pm. In conjunction with the annual Hospital Day, they are putting together a special event for Friday night, May 18th at 7:10 PM. They have 200 tickets at \$34.00 each in sections S rows 5 -14, on the 3rd baseline for the Minnesota Twins vs. the Milwaukee Brewers.

Midwest Shrine Association meetings in Deadwood South Dakota the 4 top officers of Shriners International were in attendance. The subject of the future of the Shriners Hospitals for Children was discussed. In February Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children sent out a press release stating that they were exploring restructuring delivery of pediatric burn care. The number of acute pediatric burn injuries has decreased in Canada and the United States in large part due to the increased fire prevention and burn awareness. The Board of Directors, the Board of Trustees and the executive leadership team for Shriners Hospitals for Children have determined a need to re-evaluate the current delivery of acute pediatric burn care throughout the system. As a result, Leadership of Shriners Hospitals for Children is considering the consolidation of acute inpatient care of its burn patients, allowing for a refocus of the delivery of burn care to fewer burn locations in the US and potential expansion of care to various locations around the world. Emerging technologies, the advent of Telehealth initiatives combined with an ever-changing healthcare environment are transforming Shriners Hospitals for Children’s goal to serve more children in more places.

Shriners Hospitals for Children is a Health Care System providing specialized care in the areas of Orthopedics, Cleft Lip and Palate, Spinal Cord Injuries and Burn Care. Shriners Hospitals accept Children from Infancy to age 18 if in the opinion of our physicians we can provide each child with a better quality of life. If you know of a child who we could help provide them with a better quality of life or health please have them contact your hospital chair at 204 925-1439 or email khartumhospital@mymts.net and I will follow up with them.

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

19. DONOR RELATIONS

By Noble Kelly Eldridge

Goals-based planning can help reach all your life milestones

A new year is a time for new plans. Too often, financial planning is solely focused on one goal: retirement. However, your journey to retirement is comprised of a series of goals that you need to fulfill along the way. Many of these goals may even have appeared in your 2018 New Year's resolutions. Is that long-awaited kitchen renovation finally happening this year? Is your child university-bound in September? Are you planning a big family reunion abroad? Are your charitable bequests (hopefully to Shriners Hospitals for Children) properly organized?

Unlike traditional approaches to wealth management, goals-based planning shifts away from a “retirement-only” focus for planning your financial future. Instead, it focuses on funding your entire path to retirement on an objective-by-objective basis – as you work closely with your Advisor to discover, prioritize and optimize each of your key life milestones. Goals-based planning considers all aspects of your life and seeks to create the wealth required to achieve each objective.

This approach has many advantages. It allows you to:

Incorporate all your life events and stages

Your life is more than retirement, which is why your wealth plan should reflect this. A goals-based approach allows you to extend your focus beyond retirement and increase the probability that you'll achieve the goals that matter most to you —whether those are short or long-term in nature. This approach is flexible enough to accommodate new developments that come your way, such as an inheritance or unexpected financial windfall.

Adopt risk-appropriate strategies tailored to each goal

Traditional retirement planning can often default to a one-size-fits-all approach. For example, an investor's wealth plan might be based on a single investment portfolio that's constructed based on one risk tolerance to fund all life situations. Naturally, this approach may mean some goals become underfunded because not enough – or too much – risk was taken. Goals-based planning tailors a different investment strategy to each of your goals because it recognizes that no two goals have identical importance or time horizons. This way, you are more likely to achieve your objectives and fulfill your dreams.

Measure success holistically

In investing, success is often measured by outperforming a benchmark, such as the S&P/TSX Composite Index or S&P 500 Index. But sometimes outperformance has no correlation to meeting your life goals. For example, if the market is down 15% and your portfolio is “only” down 10%, you beat the benchmark by 5%. However, in absolute dollar terms, as you have 10% less wealth, you may fall short of funding your home renovation. Losses can undermine your life goals – independent of how well your investments are performing relative to a given benchmark. Goals-based planning carefully manages risk for each goal and, in addition to traditional performance measures, success equals progress toward fulfilling your goals.

***Tip: Make sure your life goals align with your wealth plan**

Whether you want to take a dream vacation, undergo your long-awaited basement renovation, buy your next car, or make a charitable donation, itemize your goals and bring this list into the next meeting with your financial advisor. This will assist in the planning and setting realistic targets that will help ensure all your dreams – including a sound retirement.

This is the perfect time to map out a goals-based strategy.

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