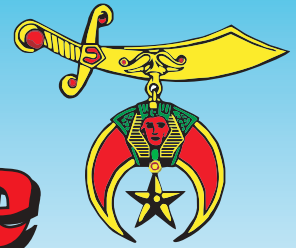


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Zack, also known as Zippy, surrounded by his mother, Jacqueline; Lady Irene Skene; and Illustrious Sir Andrew Skene, Potentate, 2013, Khartum Shriners; at the Khartum Shriners' Rose & Thistle Pub Fun Night on September 27, 2013, at the Viscount Gort Hotel in Winnipeg

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In Memoriam



We do not lose the ones we love
They only go before where there is everlasting life
Where sorrow is no more . . .
And there the soul will always live
and peace is everywhere
We do not lose the ones we love,
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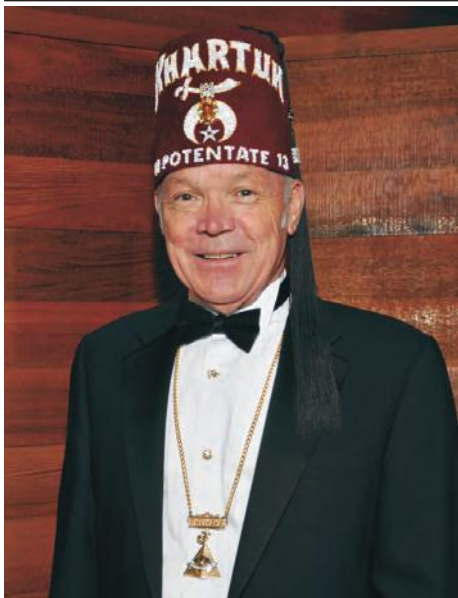
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By Illustrious Sir Andrew Skene



*Illustrious Sir Andrew Skene, Potentate,
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NOTICE OF STATED MEETINGS

All nobles are reminded of the following Stated Meetings:

Friday, December 6, 2013

7:30 P.M. sharp

Shrine Activity Room

1155 Wilkes Avenue

Winnipeg MB R3P 1B9

Thursday, January 23, 2014

7:30 P.M. sharp

Shrine Activity Room

1155 Wilkes Avenue

Winnipeg MB R3P 1B9

Agenda: 1. Elections
2. Nomination of
Officers for 2014
(no other business)

Agenda: 1. Annual Meeting
2. Reports
3. Other business

Attest:

Illustrious Sir Andrew Skene, Potentate/CEO

Illustrious Sir Jack Hooper, P. P., Recorder

Fez and current dues card required

Unit Dress or Business Suit

Refreshments

Many nobles mentioned to me that the year would pass very quickly. Well, it did, and Lady Irene and I have certainly enjoyed 2013.

The support we have received from the nobles and their ladies has been tremendous and we are truly grateful. The Divan and their ladies have certainly gone above and beyond what has been expected of them in carrying out their duties. The chairs of the various committees and fundraising projects deserve a great round of applause for their commitment to Khartum Shriners.

Through Tidbits and other reports, you have been kept up to date on the monthly happenings, so I will not repeat what has already been reported.

As an organization, we rely on many volunteers, and I thank those who have worked tirelessly to keep the Shrine name in the forefront through their work and appearances with their clubs, units, and Khartum Shriners.

No organization can function without coordination. We are fortunate to have a cohesive office team, who ensure that administrative matters are attended to, and that the needs of our membership and the general public including our renters are addressed. Thank you.

As Shriners, we still have to *focus forward* on our direction to support our kids, while having fun helping them. We must not forget our commitment to the Canadian Hospital, and fundraisers must take this into consideration.

On behalf of Lady Irene and myself, I wish the 2014 Divan and the membership a successful year. Our heartfelt thanks go to you — the nobles and ladies of Khartum Shriners, for your confidence in allowing us to carry out our duties.

As the holiday season is fast approaching, Lady Irene and I wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Stay safe. 🧑🏻



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Hospital Report

By Illustrious Sir Don Thomson, P. P.,
Khartum Hospital Chairman



Khartum Shrine Patient Transportation continues to provide assistance to our patients for their appointments at our temples of mercy — Shriners Hospitals for Children. As of the end of September, Khartum has provided for 190 patient visits. While the majority of our patients utilize the Canadian and Twin Cities units, we also have patients traveling to the Boston and Chicago units. Khartum's patient transportation cost to the end of September has been about \$140,000. The patient visitations have been as follows:

Thunder Bay/Twin Cities: forty-six
 Thunder Bay/Canadian: four
 Dryden/Canadian: two
 Dryden/Twin Cities: two
 Fort Francis/Twin Cities: two
 Fort Francis/Canadian: one
 Kenora (LOTW)/Canadian: six
 Winnipeg/Twin Cities: sixty-three
 Winnipeg/Canadian: thirty-six
 Winnipeg/Toronto Sick Children's
 (Canadian Unit patients): two
 Winnipeg/Chicago: five
 Winnipeg/Boston: two
 Dauphin/Canadian: five
 Brandon/Twin Cities: nine
 Interlake SC/Twin Cities: three
 North of 53/Satellite: one
 North of 53/Canadian: one

These figures include an intake of eleven new patients for 2013: Winnipeg (three), Thunder Bay (two), Fort Francis (two), Pembina Valley (two), and North of 53 (two).

The new Canadian hospital attached to McGill University in Montreal is progressing on schedule and is expected to open in the fall of 2015. There was a historic

Masonic cornerstone laying ceremony, held on Sunday, September 22. The ceremony was a celebration of Masonic symbols and a truly historical event. Following masonic tradition, Grand Master Jean Reed first positioned the cornerstone, after which it was

checked, or proven by the junior grand warden, senior grand warden, deputy grand master and grand master respectively. This was followed by the Masonic Rite of Consecration, a deeply symbolic ceremony during which the cornerstone, following ancient custom, was anointed with corn, wine, and oil: corn representing abundance, wine the symbol of joy and cheerfulness, while oil represents peace and unanimity. Salt was then sprinkled on the cornerstone as a symbol of friendship and fidelity, ensuring peace, happiness, and prosperity for all who will enter the new hospital. The foundation and ground floor concrete is complete while the second and third floors are progressing as the building appears above ground.

The fundraising effort for this new facility is progressing, with 87 percent (\$113.2 million) of the goal of \$130 million being reached. The fundraising project and live streaming of the construction site can be viewed at the following website: <http://www.exceptionalcare4kids.com>.

For your information, the first Shriners hospital in Canada was established in Montreal in February 1925, followed by the Winnipeg unit opening one month later in March. The first Winnipeg Shrine hospital was a twenty-bed wing of the old Children's Hospital on Redwood Avenue. This unit served a territory from the Lakehead to the West Coast. In the early 40s, a new plan began to formulate when members of Khartum felt that they should have a hospital of their own to increase their effectiveness and provide a greater service. In 1945, authority was granted for the construction of a new, forty-bed facility in Winnipeg to serve Western Canada. Khartum, WaWa, Al Azhar, and Gizeh Temples associated themselves with the plan and quickly organized fundraising campaigns. On August 26, 1946, the sod was

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turned by Imperial Sir George Rowe at 633 Wellington Crescent. On August 16, 1947, the cornerstone was laid by Illustrious Sir Arthur Chapman, P. P. (Chairman, 1925?1955); and on June 9, 1949, the first patients moved from their old home on Redwood Avenue to the new facility on Wellington Crescent. On March 29, 1950, the Imperial potentate, Imperial Sir Harold Lloyd officially dedicated the Winnipeg Shrine Hospital "to the glory of God and to the healing of this and future generations of crippled children." In July 1950, at the imperial council meetings in Los Angeles, a contingent of Shriners led by Khartum Potentate Fred Parrish and the potentates of WaWa, Al Azhar, and Gizeh presented the ownership deed for the hospital to

the chairman of the board of trustees for Shriners Hospitals. This was the first time in the history of the Shrine that a hospital had been turned over to the trustees fully paid and free of debt — a great moment of justifiable pride for all Canadian Shriners. Thus, when Shriners decided, as their contribution to humanity, to assume the cost and provide the facilities for the care and correction of children some of whom were without hope of being anything but physically challenged, they reached the highest expression of relief and brotherly love. Unfortunately, with the advance of Medicare, Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children became acutely short of patients. On August 31, 1977, the hospital was given to the Government of Manitoba,

resulting in the hospital becoming the property of the people of Manitoba.

I again remind anyone with unused Aeroplan miles that they can be donated to our patient fund — forms are available from the office. These forms cannot be emailed — they must be turned in to the office or faxed to me at 204-487-4726. If you have previously donated Aeroplan miles and you still use the Aeroplan card, you must complete another form each time you wish to donate miles. If you have any questions about the program, please contact me.

In closing, I thank all nobles and ladies who dedicate themselves to this cause — your contribution can never be properly assessed. More than one million children have been given the opportunity to grow up with a better quality of life because of everything "Shriners and ladies" have done to help "the World's Greatest Philanthropy." You continue to restore hope to little hearts and bring smiles to little faces.

On behalf of Lady Dawn and myself, I wish you all the best of the season and a Happy Healthy New Year. 🐼



Upcoming Events Calendar

| Event | Place | Date | Time | Details |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Lunch | Shrine House | December 2, 2013 | 12:00 noon | |
| Drum & Bugle Corps Annual Dinner | Shrine House | December 3, 2013 | Cocktails: 5:30 P.M. Dinner: 6:30 P.M. | |
| Stated Meetings | Shrine House | Dec. 6, 2013, and Jan. 22 and Feb. 27, 2014 | 7:30 P.M. sharp | |
| Ruff Riders Christmas Dinner | Shrine House | December 10, 2013 | Cocktails: 6:00 P.M. | Room 123 |
| Director's Staff Dinner Meeting | Canad Inn, Polo Park | January 14, 2014 | | |
| Ladies Auxiliary | Shrine House | January 20, 2014 | 1:30 P.M. | Annual Meeting Installation of Officers |
| Potentate's Reception | Shrine House | January 25, 2014 | 1:00 TO 5:00 P.M. | |
| Unit Council | Shrine House | Feb. 4 and Mar. 4, 2014 | 7:00 P.M. | |

2014 Khartum Shriners Divan Open Installation and Potentate's Public Reception

**Khartum Shriners Divan invites you
to join them at an open installation,
celebration, and reception,
on Saturday, January 25, 2014,
at Khartum Shrine House
1155 Wilkes Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba**

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

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Ladies Auxiliary

By Ruth Newton



Although I don't profess to be Louis Armstrong or Dizzy Gillespie, the time has come for some serious horn blowing. It is time to toot the horn for the Khartum Ladies Auxiliary. It has been said many times before in these articles that *all* the money raised through fun and fundraisers is available for the Auxiliary's charitable pursuits. Operating expenses are completely covered by our annual dues (that whopping \$15.00!!). This last year, money was raised from the following:

- Our raffle ticket sales,
- Morden's chocolate sales,
- Irish Night,
- Oktoberfest,
- Our card party,
- Participation in the Masonic gift wrapping project, and,
- Pocket book sales at our meetings.

This money will allow us to satisfy the Rehabilitation Centre for Children's Wish List to the tune of \$7,000 plus; and to follow through on our Shrine obligations to the Khronicle, Circus Moms/Dads, and the 100 Million Dollar Club.

Traditionally, we have donated \$1,000 each year to the

Shrine Wills and Gifts (now Donor Relations) in memory of members who have passed away. As has become our custom in recent years, we will give \$8,000 to the Shrine Patient Transportation Fund at the Parade to Glory ceremony.

Our Christmas luncheon auction and Penny Parade produce close to \$300 (along with the gifts we bring) for the Christmas Cheer Board. Finally, we make a small donation to the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer for their gracious permission to use their parking lot the afternoons of our meetings.

For this information, we thank Treasurer **Vera Malczewski** and Charitable-giving Chairman **Marjorie Kelly**. At this time of year, we begin to look at filling our executive offices for next year. A nomination committee has been struck and phones will be ringing. We are all familiar with the "big" jobs like president, secretary, treasurer, etc. But what about the many hands working behind the scenes without that "Manager" sign to put on their desk??? They are as follows:

- **Sharon Adamson**, who successfully convened the St. Patrick's Day fundraiser;
- **Past Princesses Eve Anne Kristjanson** and **Ruth McCorrie**, who so ably convened the card party;
- **Cathy Kabernick**, who performed her promotional dance for Oktoberfest;
- The sweet tooth ladies — **Shirley James**, the aforementioned **Cathy K.**, and **Carolyn Haslewood** who sold Morden Chocolates; and,
- **Barbara Wells**, who did an amazing job this year chairing the raffle-ticket sales against some serious challenges. Thank you, ladies all.

In the next issue, we will tell you about those great tote bags given to our special children as they go to the hospital for the first time.

We wish a speedy recovery for members or family members under the weather. Again, we send happy thoughts to our shut-ins — we miss you. To those who have lost a loved one, we send our sympathy, love, and prayers, especially to the Stewart and McGregor families.

"Till next time, remember . . . "No one stands so tall as when they stoop to help a child." 🌟



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By Noble Kelly Eldridge, B.A., CFP



Got Enough to Retire? Got Enough to Give to Your Favorite Charity?

If retirement is just around the corner, you may be wondering if you have enough savings to get you through it, before you even think of gifting anything to your favorite charity. Planning is the critical first step to enjoying a comfortable retirement and making sure you can meet all of your goals, yet two-thirds of pre-retirees have no idea how much they will need in the golden years.

The closer you get to retirement, the more crucial planning becomes, as it means you are losing "wiggle room" to deal with any projected shortfall. The upside is that estimating becomes easier and more accurate as you near your retirement date.

Planning accurately for retirement basically comes down to three main figures:

- How much you have coming in (after-tax income)
- How much you have going out (expenses), and,
- The number of years you will spend in retirement (time horizon)

While you can't do a whole lot to pin down the last figure, you can get pretty good estimates for the first two.

Get a handle on spending. The best way to estimate retirement expenses is to itemize what you are currently spending. Use paper or an Excel spreadsheet to begin the discipline of tracking expenses. Then decide which of these expenses will increase, stay the same, or be eliminated entirely in retirement. Factor in any new expenses in your "life after work" — like a vacation rental — and voila, you have an estimate for retirement lifestyle needs. Be aware these figures will rise over time with inflation.

On the income side, estimate what you will get from company pensions and government programs such as CPP and OAS. Then estimate the size of the nest egg you will have at retirement, including RRSPs, TFSAs, taxable investment accounts, and any expected inheritances, and the income they are expected to generate. This is where our team can really add value.

Prepare for Plan B. If you determine there will be a shortfall, it's important to recalibrate now. Among your Plan B strategies are boosting your current savings rate or investment returns, or reducing discretionary spending.

Another increasingly popular strategy is to delay retirement and work a few extra years, which research shows is good for your wealth, and also your health. According to *Time* magazine, maintaining a job lets you stay busy, connected, and relevant — all of which reduce stress and loneliness and enhance mental and physical well-being.

Once you are comfortable and confident about your remaining income-earning years and your retirement-income years, you can begin planning your legacy and contributions to your favorite charity.

For help in estate planning, please call me at 204-989-7075 or email me at kelly@goodwealth.ca. 📧

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Ritualistic Unit

By Noble Ross A. Johnston



Noble friends . . . another year of fun . . . is now almost done. This year — our golden anniversary (1963-2013), we have fond memories of some of the intriguing moments of this period.

The Ritualistic Unit was constituted as the "Ritualistic Divan of Khartum Temple" on June 12, 1963. The first officers were Nobles A.E. 'Al' Ritchie, president; W. R. 'Bill' Irwin, secretary; and Graeme C. Norman, Ritualistic director, who was instrumental in preparing the ritualistic presentation, much the same as we know it today, and 'acted' as the first potentate. The constitution stated "The primary purpose of the unit shall be to provide ritualistic work of the highest possible standard at Ceremonials of Khartum Temple."

The first Ceremonial took place at the Lakehead on September 7, 1963; and the second followed on October 17, 1963, in the Winnipeg Auditorium (now Manitoba Archives) while many patrons were simultaneously enjoying the roller rink below.



Members of the Ritualistic Unit at the 2013 Ceremonial at Shrine House on September 27, 2013

In 1964, the use of the word 'Divan,' previously restricted to the Imperial Divan, was changed. Earlier, the June 1965 issue of Khartum News included the first report by "Ritualistic." Thereafter, the nobles in the unit were simply called "Ritualistics" until about 1968 when the name became the "Ritualistic Unit."

On December 7, 1968, "Mr. Scrooge," a light-hearted musical version of Charles Dickens "A Christmas Carol," was presented to three capacity audiences at the Playhouse Theatre. The 'noble' cast included the following nobles:

- Tom Sumner as Scrooge,
- Earle Forshaw as Bob Cratchitt,
- Bill Snell as Marley's ghost,
- Graeme Norman as the Ghost of Christmas Past,
- Doug Howat as Mr. Fezziwig, and,
- Cam Pratt, Lowell Wallace, Bruce Evans, Art Riehl, and Del Law.

Also during the 1960s, many unit members worked diligently on the Shrine Circus management committee, including the following nobles:

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| ■ John D. Cameron | ■ Harold Plant |
| ■ Bruce Evans | ■ Tom Sidebottom |
| ■ Duncan Fraser | ■ Ed Skene |
| ■ Les Garside | ■ Tom Sumner |
| ■ Norm Gorman | ■ Harold Thom |
| ■ Kemp Keeble | ■ Ernie Vialoux |
| ■ Bill Irwin | ■ J. Mac Wilson |
| ■ Drew Lauder | |

In 1970, Ritualistic Unit activities included selling Circus programs and guiding wheelchair patients. In 1974, they had their 'miniature Mecca' float in the Circus parade. Then on June 14, twenty-four members flew to the Thunder Bay Ceremonial and returned the same evening in a 1946 DC-3 which performed well despite its age! The first Circus breakfast was enjoyed at the Paddock in 1976, with strenuous fall Ceremonials in Thunder Bay, Brandon, and Winnipeg. In 1979, the Midwest summer sessions in Winnipeg demanded much energy, and after Noble Reesor Bingeman became the sixtieth member, Noble Ernie Vialoux remarked "We do have some good Masons!"

During the early 1980s, Noble Peter Proskurnik built new costume cases to resolve the wardrobe problems. The first mixed steak fry and charity auction at Carter's Auction realized \$1,000 for the S.B.I. The 1983 fiftieth anniversary of the Shrine Circus meant new beige

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blazers! In 1984, the unit presided at the Ceremonial for the Midwest 500 in Fargo. Then, in 1985, due to the diligence of Noble Mark Westaway, we had a proud, fully-paid-up membership in the 100 Million Dollar Club, and the unit participated in four Ceremonials. And for his energetic efforts, the unit presented Illustrious Sir Tom Sidebottom, Potentate, with a watercolor of our '529' Temple to grace the office.

In 1987, a unique first took place at '529' on March 12. Those in charge of Scottish Rite (all Ritualistic nobles!), namely Joe Hyde (Lodge of Perfection), Gary Maxted

(Rose Croix), Doug Kirk (Consistory), and Jim Bassey (Advisory), welcomed Ken Turnbull, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. Soon, a 'second' first saw the formation of degree teams which exemplified degrees in blue lodges and Scottish Rite. And by decade's end, now midst its seventy-five members, Nobles Syd Foreman, Mac Wilson, Charles Forrest, Harold Thom, Graeme Norman, and Kemp Keeble were the recipients of gold membership cards.

In the 1990s, many of the usual annual activities continued, with Shrine Circus breakfasts at various venues. In 1992,

special recognition Circus plaques were awarded to Nobles Bob Harwood, Kemp Keeble, and Bill Snell. During the sixtieth Shrine Circus at the Winnipeg Arena in 1993, Noble Lew Beckstead sold 195 programs and Noble Ken Cox, 888 balloons! During this time, the fall Ceremonial moved to the Westin Hotel. In 1995, the Ritualistic Unit changed its meeting location from the top floor at '529' to the dining room, which meant forty-three fewer stairs to climb! In 1996, the Shriners Creed became part of the ritual. The 1997 flood changed to a feast at Brian's Steak House in Selkirk, and wives were invited to observe the full Ritualistic presentation for the first time. The Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children got its new name — Shriners Hospital for Children, and Noble Joe Goyman sold 176 Christmas cakes! Following the June 1998 social at the Keg, the closing of the Activity Centre in July meant a massive move. We wore (and looked good) in our new green polo shirts! At the turn of the century, forty-seven active members sold 6090 Circus programs, the Midwest was held in Winnipeg, and Khartum Shriners was relocated from '529' to 1155 Wilkes Avenue.

In the next edition of the Khronicle, we will continue into the twenty-first century with more 'recollections.'

Please remember to buy our Christmas fruit cakes, a tasty treat that can't be beat!

Before year's end, we all enjoyed and appreciated a special evening of food and fellowship at the home of our gracious President Doug McKechnie and Lady Brenda. Thank you!

Now the snow is white, the Xmas lights bright, with season's greetings to delight! ❄️

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Oriental Band

By Noble Bernie Gross



The officers and members of the Oriental Band offer greetings to all nobles of Khartum. We hope you had a pleasant and healthy summer and are now back into the swing of things in which your unit, band, or club is involved at this time of year.

We in the Oriental Band are planning to offer the Tong degree sometime in early January 2014. The date being talked about is January 4 but this has not yet been confirmed. Since it has been several years since we put on this degree, it will almost be a learning process for all of us

getting prepared. Once we are fully prepared, we will advise of all details pertaining to the degree. We certainly hope that those of you who haven't experienced receiving this prestigious degree will consider joining us as it is a lot of fun.

During the recent Ceremonial, the Oriental Band helped the Ritualistic Unit by playing some music for part of the ceremony. We always enjoy working with them because it is always a joy to watch them perform their work. They do a fine job of putting on the ceremony, and appear to appreciate our help. I believe that this type of cooperation between units is a win-win situation for all, and, perhaps, should be expanded to other units and events. It is worth exploring.

We will soon be installing a new slate of officers for the Band. They will have to deal with the problem fairly general to all units in Khartoum — our decreasing membership. I know that the Shrine membership committee has worked hard to come up with a plan to help solve this problem, but it is up to the units to help them achieve the goal of attracting new members. I really believe that the membership has little option because the alternative of not getting new members doesn't bear thinking about. Anyway, nobles, peace be to all. 🙏



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Stamps for Shut-Ins

By Noble Bert Jolly



My thanks go out to the usual good Samaritans for supplying stamps to our special program. It is a great feeling when the parcels full of stamps arrive. Now, it is time to get to work culling out the damaged stamps, then cutting off the excess paper to save the cost of mailing, then on to sorting so that every hospital gets an equal number of similar stamps, more or less. Then it's on to getting the stamps ready for packaging and mailing. This has been done by Noble Rick Gustafson in the past and present as well. It's a job that is really appreciated.

My thanks again go to our regular suppliers: Nobles John Zdan, Norm Fredrickson, L.J. Batenchuk, A.L. Buckley, Harvey Hudson, Wilf Blommaert, and Illustrious Sir Ray Bell, P. P. Also, I thank Shirley Hooper,

Darlene Brooks, and new helper Noble Royce Hall.

Now it's time to start all over again. Therefore, I will be looking for more material to carry on our good work and that means more stamps are needed. How about some new suppliers getting on board?! There must be a lot of individuals out there who have access to bulk quantities of used stamps. Come on, get in the game!

As I was getting ready to turn this report over to the editor, I received a call from Bev Young advising that Art Stevenson would be bringing some stamps for me. Thanks, Bev. 🙏



Skooters

By Noble Keith Phillips



Skene and Lady Irene on their year and also to thank Noble Craig Houston and Lady Joyce on the countless hours and years worked on behalf of our Shrine children.

The Skooters expresses its sincere condolences to Lady Rose Dowling and the Dowling and Terin families on the untimely passing of Illustrious Sir Charles Dowling, P. P., (1999). Sir Charlie was a great friend of the Skooters and will be sadly missed by all.

Our members and ladies have been busy over the summer months. Since attending the Hi Neighbor Festival parade in Transcona, we have also participated in the parades in Selkirk, Morris, Gimli, and Morden with good turnouts.

Seven couples, with skooters in tow, ventured to Duluth in August for the Midwest Summer Sessions. A good time was enjoyed by all and the weather cooperated nicely. As usual, the Skooters took part in the competitions. We took home second place in the obstacle course, thanks to the superb rides put forth by Nobles Jack Carmichael and Bill Porter.

On August 28, **all** Skooters, both riding and non-riding, assembled at Shrine House, complete with their riding uniforms, for group pictures which we have not done for many years. We thank Gerry Derhak for taking the photos, Riding Captain Joel Segal for making the arrangements, and Noble Don and Lady Eleanor Graham for arranging for the coffee and desert afterwards at Shrine House.

A good contingent attended the Potentate's Ball and had the opportunity to congratulate Illustrious Sir Andrew

Joel Segal, even ventured on a two-wheel drive to Thunder Bay to attend the stated meeting held there. The weather being what it was, they are still quacking rather than speaking.

The unit has been busy selling car raffle tickets at different venues. We are also selling Grey Cup tickets, and if your unit is not selling cakes or calendars, please let us know if you need any.

Our election, normally held at our October meeting, has been postponed to November. Ladies' Night is again being held at Larter's at St. Andrews Golf & Country Club on Saturday, November 9. The nobles' Christmas lunch is tentatively booked for Friday, December 19 at noon at the Granite Curling Club.

We congratulate first-time grandparents, Bill and Joanne Porter; and first-time great-grandparents, Don and Eleanor Graham.

If you are interested in riding rather than walking, and would like to join the unit that has the most fun in Khartum, the Skooters has a few low-mileage skooters available. Where we go, our ladies go.

As this is the final edition of the Khronicle for 2013, the Skooters and our ladies wish the Divan and all nobles and their ladies a very merry Christmas and a healthy and happy 2014. Keep on having **fun** and helping our Kids!! 🦆



Eleven members of the Skooters are shown aligned in the Shrine House parking lot on August 28. (L. to r.): Nobles Lorne Britton; Bill Gilchrist, President; Keith Phillips, Vice President; John Reimers; Bill Porter; Joel Segal, Riding Captain; Jack Carmichael; Don Graham; Lew Fawley; Paul Winslow; and Mark Fawley, Secretary. Missing: Nobles Jonathon Cortez, Treasurer; David Lapp; and Ernie Marks



Flag Patrol

By Noble George Einarson



Nobles, the saying goes that "The sun always shines on the Shrine" . . . and so it was over the summer months as we carried our flags to various community events throughout the province.

The Patrol was on hand in Lac du Bonnet, Selkirk, Morden, Gimli, Winnipeg Beach, and Pinawa. And again, we extend a big thank you to Nobles Keith Duncan, Peter Campbell, and Tom Love for joining the Patrol as we carried our flags with great expertise and enthusiasm.

Chief of Staff (Patrol) Bruce Barton went to the Midwest and recruited Nobles Bryan Hannula, Jack Hildebrand, and Illustrious Sir Jack Hooper, P. P., to carry our colors. According to the newspapers, they were outstanding and all in step, and had big smiles for all. Well done!

Summer was great, and September, October, and part of November gave us a beautiful fall . . . time to celebrate and give thanks. We hope you have noticed the "new" set of colors for Khartum Shriners and the Color Party. We thank the following nobles as our work party:

- George Kuch for making new poles and clips,
- Bruce Barton for buying the new flags and getting new brass tops,
- Carl Hrechka for securing archive hardware for this project,

- Wilf Blommaert and George Einarson for mounting the flags and equipment.

The great Fife & Drum Band invited the Patrol to attend their Ladies' Night on September 20 at D Jay's restaurant. Three Patrol couples attended and had a wonderful time. More than seventy people attended and shared in the fun and visiting.

On September 27, the 2013 Ceremonial was held at Shrine House and the Rose & Thistle Pub Fun Night at the Viscount Gort Hotel. On September 28, the Starry, Starry Night Ball was held at the Viscount Gort Hotel. One of the Patrol's special activities at the Ceremonial was the memorial service. Nobles representing the Fife & Drum Band, the Pipes & Drums, the Provost, and the Divan carried in the flags and dipped them as each name was called. Again, thank you to all in making this ceremony special as we honored our departed nobles.



President Carl Hrechka (l.) and Assistant Captain Wilf Blommaert of the Khartum Flag Patrol selling car raffle tickets at the Polo Park Mall in the summer of 2013.

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The 2013 Ceremonial honored Noble Craig Houston, Hospital Chairman Emeritus, and a member of the Fife and Drum Band. Noble Craig was truly an inspiration to all the families and his many "adopted children." For more than twenty years, he represented Khartum Shriners, was our great ambassador to our children, and supported our philanthropy. Noble Craig Houston and Lady Joyce are a very special couple.

And while we are on the Ceremonial, we have some exciting news. Three or four new nobles expressed an interest in joining the Patrol. So we look forward to their participation and expect to start training and marching in January or sooner.

On October 5, Khartum Pioneers held a reception and luncheon at the Shrine House. Oriental

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Flag Patrol . . . concluded from page 16
 Guide Tom Love and his Lady Donna were our hosts and did a wonderful job. Seventy-two nobles were on hand to enjoy the homemade soup and sandwiches. I am pleased to report that our Patrol had nine members on hand — Nobles Dave Parker, Bill Smith, Tom Pinchbeck, Bruce Barton, Bert Jolly, Emil Springer, Lloyd Johnson, George Einarson, and Illustrious Sir Bob Bridgewater, P. P. The first Pioneers Reception was held in 1975 with Illustrious Sir Merv Moxley, P. P., on hand. He started it off, and was on hand to welcome a new noble, Illustrious Sir Bob Bridgewater, P. P., into this illustrious group. Illustrious Sir Bob of the Patrol was potentate sixteen years ago. We

again thank Noble Tom and Lady Donna for a great afternoon. Everyone had a chance to tell a few stories — maybe with a little exaggeration and great enthusiasm. Also, Noble Bud Irving received an Imperial award, a certificate of merit for fifty years of dedication to Khartum Shriners. He joins Noble Craig Houston who also has received a certificate of merit recently.

So as we came to our year end, we again celebrated with the Fife and Drum Band on November 18, 2013. The food was very tasty — roast beef and all the trimmings. We had the opportunity to visit with the Potentate, Illustrious Sir Andrew Skene; his Divan; and members of the Fife and Drum Band. Following our dinner,

we broke off to conduct our annual business meeting, at which time we elected new nobles to fill the various open positions.

Ads will be running in “Masonry in Manitoba” for new candidates who wish instrument instruction. They can phone and a meeting will be held every second and fourth Saturday of each month for instruction. Coffee and doughnuts will be served. This ad will start in the December issue.

The Patrol faces a challenging year ahead, but with the possibility of a few new nobles and support from our other units, things are looking up.

The Khartum Flag Patrol wishes you a wonderful Christmas with family and friends, and an exciting New Year! May God bless you all. 🙏



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Komedians

By Noble Thor Weidenbacher



It is a cold that even Manitobans still marvel at year after year. Ice on his eyelashes, breath like a geyser of steam, and toes that are just starting to tingle, a father is warming up with some hot coffee from his travel mug. He laughs as he wonders aloud why he is here in this place and not at home in front of a crackling fire.

He sees his young son and daughter lining the street curb with other eager children, bundled up with sleeping bags, waiting outside in the frost and biting wind. Excitement is building and eyes are glued down the avenue, waiting. It's been a while, giving lots of time for the children to practice waving and to dream about what it might be like if he calls their name this year. The temperature has dropped in the last hour, but there is no complaining about the cold or the wait.

There are no tears here, no begging to leave this frozen day behind, because this day is more than special. For the father, it is a chance to see a part of the innocence, beauty, and wonder of childhood, that is at best, fleeting. They are growing up too fast, he thinks. He

reminds himself to enjoy everyday to the fullest and savor each and every moment. For the children, it is a chance to see, and not just hear, that there still is some magic left in this world. It is a magic that costs no money and can be embraced by all those who simply choose to believe.

The father closes his eyes and fondly remembers his own family and the happy times that once were, in the not so distant past. It seems like only a heartbeat away when he was riding high on his own father's broad and sturdy shoulders, craning his neck to see amid the encircling mass of people. Beautiful costumes, shining lights, joyous bands, and sharp Navy cadets paraded down Portage Avenue. What excitement that was to witness such a magnificent spectacle! His mother always made sure he had on his warm wool knit scarf his grandmother had handmade for him. If it got too cold, she had a fine wool blanket that would cover his small back and shoulders. He could still remember the feel of the wool against his face and the accompanying rich scent of cedar. His father

stomped his feet to keep warm, all the while sharing sweet and rich hot cocoa from his grandfather's careworn thermos. For one brief moment, the father wished he could be back there, in that time and in that place, to experience the love he felt that day with his now departed parents, just one more time. But just as quickly, he realizes that he doesn't have to look in past to be with his family. They never left him and they'll always be with him. They're in his heart and there they'll remain for the rest of his days on this earth.



Komedian Dennis McQuade has had a long association with the Santa Claus parade held in Winnipeg each winter, bringing joy to thousands of Manitoba children over the years. Here, Santa Claus visits with his friend, Alex, and asks him what he wants for Christmas

His wife comes over and gives him a warm embrace, sensing he's lost in his thoughts. She's right, of course, and when she looks up to meet his gaze, he returns the hug by putting his arm around her and kissing her on the forehead, pulling her close. He knows that there is no place in the world he'd rather be at this moment. Together they look at their beautiful children waiting eagerly for someone who's brought families of Manitobans together for generations. It's someone who embodies the spirit of love, caring, and giving. He's the joy of all that we are and all that we could hope to ever be. He'll forever capture the imaginations of the young and the young at heart.

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Dauphin & District Shrine Club

By Noble Aubrey Marcotte



Summer was successfully completed with parades at the Dauphin Fair, Gilbert Plains, Roblin, Grandview, and the Dauphin Ukrainian Festival. We much appreciated lunch at Roblin with Noble Bill and Lady Olean Alexander and Honored Lady Jean Martin.

The Club's annual Ladies' Night was held as a joint social evening on November 2. This event included members, ladies, and widows of the Shrine Club, Vermillion

Lodge, and Rabboni Chapter, Royal Arch Masons.

December activities will include the sale of Christmas cakes and the Club's annual "Santa" visits to personal care homes and health centers in Dauphin, Gilbert Plains, and Grandview.

Our good wishes go out to Noble Norm Poulton, recently moved to the Lions Prairie Manor in Portage la Prairie. We all hope that you are keeping well and enjoying your new surroundings.

The officers, members, and ladies of the Club extend wishes to all for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year. 🌟

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Vintage Cars

By Noble Richard Bloom



Nobles John Machowski and Fred Slater both received honorary life memberships this summer. Noble John's was presented by President Morley Golden at his home, while Noble Fred's was presented at the Gimli Legion by Noble Richard Bloom and Captain Brent Gillespie. Both members were honored and appreciated the presentations.



Noble Lionel Kuran and his 1953 Lincoln

The Vintage Car unit held their annual Ladies Night at the Nor-villa Motor Hotel on October 18, 2013. The food was great and all had a good time.

As the parade activities for the year are complete, our next activity is the election of officers at our annual dinner. 🌟



Noble Fred Slater (l.) receiving his honorary life membership at the Legion in Gimli, after the parade. Presenting the award on behalf of President Morley Golden are Noble Richard Bloom (center) and Captain Brent Gillespie



Drum & Bugle Corps

By Noble Jack Goods



Another year has gone by and our popular Drum Corps has lost more members. We now have trouble fielding a band for parades and other activities. We will be meeting soon to decide on a course of action for the unit. The options are:

1. Disband the unit,
2. Continue on, trying to recruit new members so we can keep on playing,
3. Keep the unit as a social club with no participation in parades or other activities.

It was great to see and have Noble Ron Westman back in and see him partake in the parade and activities. Noble Crawford Dawson, a longtime Drum Corps member, was being treated in St. Boniface Hospital, but recently moved to Deer Lodge Centre. He loves the Drum Corps and never missed a

parade, but now can no longer attend. We wish him and Lady Dorothy the best, and pass on regards in remembrance of the many great times of the past. Another good trumpet player, Noble Al Lutz, is remembered for his time in the unit. All Drum Corps nobles wish you and your Lady Emily many years of better health and happiness. Noble Doug Lunney, a good trombone player, has had many problems with aging and we wish him well. Also Noble Herb Jackson, an excellent trombone and cymbal player, has had to give up his playing. Unfortunately, he can no longer do what he enjoyed doing so much. We wish him all the best in his forced retirement.

There are many more old-timers like Keith Olafson, Mitch Blake, Bill Cavell, Don Couch, Jim Dehod, Ted Foreman, Gary Krochenski, and many

more good Drum Corps members, who are no longer active.

Captain Hank Russell is working hard trying to get a band for the Potentate's Reception in January. Please give him your full cooperation. If you can stand for seven minutes — let him know. The president will have a post-reception agenda and will announce it at the December meeting.

We will be running an ad in Masonry Manitoba starting in December for new Drum Corps candidates who wish instrument instruction. We ask them to phone and a meeting will be set up for the second and fourth Saturday of each month. Coffee and doughnuts will be served.

We have some real good news — one of our Khartum nobles and his lady were on a tour in the Maritimes and met up with Noble Ron Good and his lady, and had a real good visit with them. Noble Ron passed along his greetings to all Khartum, but most importantly, to his favorite Drum Corps which he still misses.

We wish one and all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. 🎅



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Ruff Riders

By Noble Ken Duguid



Winter is here. Our 2013 parade season is behind us and what a season it was. We participated in five circus specs and eleven parades this year. For the first time since 1999, we had as many as ten ATCs on the street, and look forward to increasing that number next year.

Our parade schedule included Transcona, Lac Du Bonnet, Selkirk, Morris, Winnipeg Beach, Gimli, the Midwest in Duluth (two), Morden, and Beausejour, where we were joined by our ladies as we always are. As usual, we all had a great time at the parades and fun and fellowship at the post-parade oasis events. We were proud to be asked to spend an afternoon performing for a special group of kids at Camp Quality, Lake Brereton MB, a camp for kids with cancer.

In addition to our monthly meetings (third Tuesday of each month), upcoming events are as follows:

- Our annual Ladies Night at Rae & Jerry's Steak House on November 9,
- Our annual meeting and elections on November 19, and,
- Our Holiday Fest at Shrine House on December 10.

Our fundraising activities continue to be successful with our Grey Cup tickets selling well. It would appear that another sellout is on the horizon. Should you wish to have tickets to buy or sell, please contact any member of the Ruff Riders or our Grey Cup project chairman, Noble Albert Lee. We plan to participate in a five-day sales effort at a Sobeys store in November to sell more car raffle tickets.

As always, we continue to look for new members to add to our unit, and we do have a couple of ATCs available. If you are looking for a unit in which you can enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow members and have your lady join us at many post-parade and social events, then join the Ruff Riders.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy & Healthy New Year.

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Provost Corps

By Noble Norm Rimmer



Well, another year has almost come and gone. Where does the time go? Each year seems to go by quicker than the previous one and yet they claim there are still 365 days in the year and 7 days each week with each day being 24 hours long. The summer parades were well attended and we got through them without a hitch. I thank all nobles who attended the various parades and helped us do our duties.

Nobles (in particular new nobles) who recently joined Khartum Shriners and who are interested in joining the

meeting will be on December 11. Because so many members are snowbirds, we recess for January, February, and March. Our next meeting will be April 9.

We held our semiannual supper on October 23 and thank all those who attended. We give a big thank you to Noble Keith who made all the arrangements and contacted everyone. This event is a fundraiser for us.

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 recently. 🐾



Membership Report

By Noble Chibu Uson,
Chairman, Membership Committee



Greetings, nobles! I am happy to report that as of end-September 2013, we have 896 nobles in Khartum — a net increase of 24 compared to what we had at the start of 2013.

We have created twenty-four new nobles and have six affiliations and fourteen restorations for a gross gain of forty-four. However, there have been four demits and sixteen deaths. Our net gain of twenty-four still keeps Khartum in the gold status but all of us have to help ensure that we keep this status. By the time you read this, we would have held our fourth Mini-Ceremonial (planned for November 20) and would have created more new nobles.

I hope that you have given a warm welcome to the new nobles and their ladies. Let us all show them how much fun we have in Khartum and how fulfilling it is to be able to help our Shrine children patients.

As of the time of this writing, we still have more than ninety nobles who have not paid their 2013 dues. Noble Rick Wells, Vice Chairman, Retention, continues to work with our treasurer and office staff in following up with these nobles about settling their 2013 dues. If you want to help with this subcommittee, please contact Noble Rick Wells. We need to retain our members. To help achieve this, we need to mentor our new nobles. You can help by becoming a mentor, which is a fulfilling experience as you can help make our new nobles' Shrine lives enjoyable ones. Please contact Noble

Doug McKechnie, Vice-Chairman, Mentoring & Retention, if you are interested in becoming a mentor.

I hope that your unit has a membership chairman, as having one will help ensure a successful membership program for your unit and for Khartum.

Nobles, I know that we all love Shrinedom, Khartum, and our units/clubs. We all know that membership is crucial in helping ensure that all continue to be viable, vibrant, and successful. A viable, vibrant, and successful Khartum will enable us to continue serving our Shrine kids while giving us and our families opportunities to have fun. We should therefore continue to get more new members and help ensure that we keep the new nobles interested and active.



Shown above are fifteen of the twenty-one new nobles initiated at the Ceremonial at Shrine House on September 27, 2013

So please, talk to your relatives, neighbors, coworkers, friends, and lodge brethren about the Shrine and also ask them to visit www.beashrinernow.com. Give us the names and contact information of your prospects. If you need any help in securing the signature on the petition, let us know. We have nobles who can contact the prospects and "close" the deal. Our recruitment subcommittee is headed by Noble Jack Hildebrand. Please give him the information about your prospects and he will follow up with them. By the way, there is a copy of the petition for initiation and membership in this issue. You can also download it from our website at www.khartumshriners.org.

You can also help our membership initiative by being an ambassador for Khartum promoting the Shrine in your lodges, districts, Masonic bodies, and even in other organizations. If you are interested or want more information about this, please let me know.

Remember — our primary and most important motivation for increasing membership is our Shrine children. The future of Khartum Shriners is in our hands — yours and mine. I know that we all love our wonderful organization and that we want to continue serving our Shrine kids while we and our families have fun. Getting new nobles and helping them get interested and active will ensure a successful membership initiative.

If you have not signed up for access to www.shriners

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Illustrious Sir Andrew Skene, Potentate, and Chief Rabban Rick Holberg presented blue Khartum membership jackets to four nobles, first-line signers on the petitions of at least three new nobles created in one calendar year. Congratulations, nobles! Shown after the September 20 Stated Meeting are (l. to r): Nobles Chibu Uson and Junn Manalang; Illustrious Sir Andrew Skene, Potentate; Nobles Bert Manalang and Rick Holberg, Chief Rabban; and Illustrious Sir Gary Saunders, P. P.



Arabian Horse Guard

By Noble Denis Thompson



The summer has slipped by with such change in temperatures and now we are into winter. We have had a good year so far with more things to come.

On August 10, the family of Louella Kohlmeier, wife of noble Paul, had a surprise sixty-fifth birthday party for her in the "Red Barn" at Stonewall MB. A good number of AHG members and wives attended.

On August 11, our President Wayne Kramble and his wife Donna had everyone to their home for a lovely pool party and steak barbecue. It was great

to see Noble Cal Courtney and his wife Betty out after his long, seven-month stay at St. Boniface Hospital. Sixteen guests attended, including our liaison officer, Noble Jack Hildebrand and his wife, Lynne. The steaks were delicious and all had a good time.

Nobles Ron Greenwood and Wayne Kramble attended the Midwest Shrine Association Summer Sessions in Duluth MN from August 14-17. They did not take horses, as they were asked to be judges for the horse units on parade and in competitions. We give them a tip of the fez for a job well done.

On September 15, we had our annual Ride-A-Thon at Birds Hill Provincial Park. The day turned out nice and we had twenty-eight riders take part in the trail ride. The silent auction and the poker derby did well. Khartum Shriners should be happy when the Parade To Glory comes around.

Noble Reg Stephenson is coming along well and is at home. Noble Neil Wither is not too well, and the same goes for Noble Max Graham. Noble Jim Graham has had bouts in and out of hospital, but seems good again.

Our annual Christmas brunch is at the Greenwood Inn on December 8. It is always a great way to end the year.

At this time, I wish all nobles and families in Khartum a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year. 🌟

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village.com, please do so. There is a lot of information about the Shrine, our hospitals, and membership on that website. If you need any help in signing up, please let me know.

I take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped Khartum Shriners move forward with the membership agenda this year.

Nobles, let us continue to focus on membership. **Recruit and retain!** — for our Shrine Children. 🌟

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Fife & Drum Band

By Noble Isaac Toews



The Black Camel struck again on September 10, 2013, and stole Noble Dennis Johnson from our midst. "Mr. Hospitality" joined the Band in April 1980 and was a devoted

and loyal member. Our condolences go out to Liisa and all the members of his family. We shall all miss him dearly.

On September 27, we were at the Ceremonial to join in and honor an

outstanding member of our Band, Noble Craig Houston, Hospital Chairman Emeritus. Congratulations Noble Craig, you certainly earned that award.

On Saturday, October 12, we met at Applebee's at Grant Park for the Fife & Drum Flapjack and Fundraiser breakfast, a great event organized by Noble Art Buckley. It was a real family fun affair, especially meeting family members we had not seen in years. Making some much needed cash was okay too. 🌟



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"**Realcare's** mission is to help people live healthier lives through a commitment to health promotion,

restoration, maintenance, and independent living" said Illustrious Sir Bill McKeigan, P. P. "What has impressed us is the fact that, based on our inquiries, we are satisfied that the company has an exemplary track record. In addition, they have the support of current and former clients who are always willing to sing the company's praises for the excellent care and service that they provide."

Noble Brent Jervis is one of those clients. When Jervis went in search of home care for his ailing mother, he was directed to **Realcare** by a local institution that regularly uses the agency.

"We had a total of three or four workers over a period of time," said Jervis. It was the last worker who,

according to Jervis, proved to be the "Godsend" the family was looking for. "Shannon was awesome," praised Jervis.

"There wasn't anything that Mom required that Shannon wouldn't do." Jervis said they were lucky to have found her. "It was almost like it was preordained. Shannon started with **Realcare**, then shortly after that, met Mom."

Jervis's mother has since moved to Riverview Health Centre. However, for four months, Shannon spent every day of the week providing a level of care that Jervis can only describe as "above and beyond the call." The family gave her permission to take the

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elder Jarvis shopping for coffee, and to the hairdresser's. "And she was an awesome cook. She made sure Mom ate well and always had good food. She would even bake for her."

Jervis, who has both parents in care facilities, says the key is to ensure "they are well looked after, safe, and fed."

Realcare opened its doors eighteen years ago. "It was our intention from day one to provide the highest level of care possible," said company president and CEO Elba Haid. She leads a team of health-care workers, including RNs, LPNs, health-care aides, home support workers, and companions. In addition, all workers are fully bonded.

"While our workers have many areas of expertise, ensuring the right

client/worker mix is essential," said Haid. "If a healthy relationship can be established, it improves the quality of life for our clients and it provides the families with that extra level of comfort and trust."

It's important to treat each and every client as unique, emphasized Haid. "Our staff are trained to design individual health care plans that work. A key element is to include the families in designing plans that provide the optimum level of care."

Staff are also required to maintain a high degree of confidentiality. "That's particularly important at times of crisis when families need to know that their concerns are being handled with dignity and grace by the health-care providers who have been selected," Haid added.

Realcare provides around-the-clock care both at home and in hospitals and institutions. "We think our distinctive heart logo conveys the symbol of caring and of always going above and beyond what is expected. In other words, we want our clients to be assured that they are receiving home care from the heart," said Haid.

Haid calls it "an honor" for her company to be associated with Khartum's Special Fundraising Committee. "The Shriners have been synonymous with caring for their community here in Winnipeg and throughout the rest of Canada and the U.S. We look forward to continuing to build on the strategic alliance that has been forged between Khartum and **Realcare**," concluded Haid.

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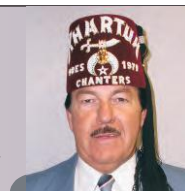
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Fundraising

By Nobles Reg Stephenson and Gerry Krawchuk



Well, it's that time of year again when our popular Christmas Cakes are in demand. Noble Danny Talnicoff has everything under control in his usual manner, and asks that the nobles continue to do their good work and sell out as in other years.

Our Cash Calendars are also out and Noble Rick Wells asks that we get out and support this good fundraiser. By now, the Car Raffle will have taken place and we hope that it was a success.

Pop cans continue to be picked up on a regular basis by all of our dedicated nobles. If you would like to

participate, give Noble Dennis McQuade a call. The Koin Box program continues to run smoothly under the watchful eye of Noble Gerry Mastaler.

Noble Reg Stephenson has been going through some health issues in the past few months, but now seems to be coming along very well.

If you have any ideas or suggestions as to possible good fundraisers, please bring them to our attention and we will discuss their merits and possibilities. 🐶



Sphinx Temple No. 116 Daughters of the Nile

By Lindsey Lorteau, Past Queen



Sphinx Temple No. 116, Daughters of the Nile has had another busy fall. We were excited to welcome Supreme Queen Margaret Ann Risk to our temple in August — what an enthusiastic and inspiring representative of Daughters of the Nile this year! In celebration of Supreme Queen Margaret Ann's visit, we held a lovely ceremonial of initiation where we welcomed three new princesses into the order: Joan English, Brandy Wolfe, and Karen Velthuys. Supreme Queen Margaret Ann graced our temple with the following Supreme Temple appointments this year:

- Past Queen Lindsey Lorteau — member, Action Team Committee;
- Princess Melody Terin — Vice-Chairman, Insurance Committee;

- Past Queen Lorrie Martindale — Member, Publications Committee;
 - Past Queen Marie Kellas (deceased) — Supreme Goodwill Ambassador, Central Area;
 - Past Queen Bette Mackay — Supreme Goodwill Ambassador, Central Area;
 - Past Queen Audrey Hill — Supreme Escort to the Canadian Flag;
 - Past Queen Pat Vialoux — Supreme Escort to the Canadian Flag; and,
 - Past Queen Darlene Brooks — Supreme Escort to the Banner.
- Congratulations to these ladies!

Throughout the summer, Sphinx Temple has participated with the Masonic Family in parades throughout southern Manitoba. We continue to enjoy this type of cooperation and

fellowship that we have within our Masonic family in Manitoba. The support that all the concordant bodies in Masonry give each other is tremendous! By working together for our common goals, we can only become stronger.

In October, Sphinx Temple held its major fundraiser of the year, 'Win a Pile Off the Nile' casino night, held at the Khartum Shrine Centre. The poker chips were flying as everyone spent their money, knowing that 70 percent of the proceeds were to go to the Canadian Foundation for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children® Canada. Another fundraiser is scheduled for February 1, a dinner theater with a 'Pink Lodge' theme. This should be an extremely fun evening! If you would like tickets, please email info@sphinxtemple116.ca. Our Dance & Pageantry unit had another successful and fun fundraiser in November. Their Quiz Night remains quite popular and sells out quickly.

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In recognition of 2013 being the 100th anniversary of Daughters of the Nile, October 30 had been declared Daughters of the Nile Day in the province of Manitoba. Queen Lori Scott and Past Queen Lindsey Lorteau, Membership/Public Relations chair, were interviewed on CJOB radio in honor of Daughters of the Nile Day. One hundred years ago, a group of extraordinary women in Seattle, Washington, had the forethought to create an organization to help in charitable work, to aid in the advancement and elevation of the standard of womanhood, and to formulate a plan for their own social and friendly association. Throughout the history of Daughters of the Nile, we have donated nearly \$52 million to Shriners Hospitals for Children® and last year, donated more than \$1.7 million. Today's members pay homage to those founding members of Daughters of the Nile for their courage in starting such a new venture for women for which we continue to be grateful today.

We were extremely pleased to hear at Supreme Session in June some exciting news about the new Shriners Hospitals for Children® Canada. When the new Hospital is built, the Rehabilitation floor will be in honor of Daughters of the Nile! We are thrilled to receive this honor! PQ Audrey Hill has sent many more quilts made by ladies of Sphinx Temple to Montreal. She has passed on a list of many items that the Hospital is in need of and I'm sure our ladies will come through as they have in the past! It is a joy to hear how the children appreciate all the quilts, pillowcases, pre-op dolls, and toys that we send them!

If you are interested in keeping up with the news and events of Sphinx Temple No. 116, you can view our website at www.sphinxtemple116.ca, or connect with us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/SphinxTemple116 or Twitter@SphinxTemple116. 🐦

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Shown at the Initiation on August 13 are (top, l. to r.): Past Supreme Queen Nancelyn Ross, Supreme Queen Margaret Ann Risk, and Queen Lori Scott. Bottom (l. to r.): Princesses Joan English, Brandy Wolfe, and Karen Velthuys

Notice to All Units and Clubs

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



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- WHEREAS,** Daughters of the Nile is an International fraternal organization that has prospered as a social and charitable organization since 1913 and
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- WHEREAS,** Daughters of the Nile sew clothing and quilts, and provide toys, books, games and other educational and recreational items with an annual value well over \$900,000 and
- WHEREAS,** to this day, Daughters of the Nile remains true to its vision and give generously of their time and talents to the hospitals by providing more than 150,000 volunteer hours at the Shriners Hospitals for Children® and
- WHEREAS,** Daughters of the Nile are celebrating this contribution to society and children for 100 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kevin Chief, Minister of Children and Youth Opportunities, do hereby proclaim **October 30, 2013 DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE DAY** in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and encourage every woman, related to a Mason with a love of children to take the opportunity of membership in **Daughters of the Nile**.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the Province of Manitoba at Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Kevin Chief
Minister of Children and Youth Opportunities



Brandon & District Shrine Club

By Noble Rod March



As the colorful fall season has ended and we are now into the winter season, let's all hope for a mild and short winter and an early return to spring and all the hope that it affords us.

The Circus Daddy Club had another successful sales program. Noble Ross Mann and his salesmen worked extremely hard. Even without a circus in Brandon, sales were equal to previous years. Along with all of our Brandon salesmen, we recognize the special efforts of our rural salespersons, namely Nobles Bill Allen, Gordon Allen, Ken Harris and Rick Kenderdine. At a short presentation ceremony in October, the Circus Daddy Club was delighted to present our Potentate, Illustrious Sir Andrew Skene, with a cheque for \$17,000.00 to go towards the Patient Transportation Fund. Chief Rabban Rick Holberg accompanied the potentate on this trip to Brandon. To all the salesmen — a job well done. Please give yourselves a pat on the back and start planning to make your calls for 2014.



Presentation of Circus Daddy Club sales proceeds to Illustrious Sir Andrew Skene, Potentate. L. to r.: Noble Rick Holberg, Chief Rabban; Noble Bart Hawkins, Deputy Chief of Staff Emeritus; Illustrious Sir Andrew Skene, Potentate; Noble Ross Mann, Circus Daddy Chair/Club President; and Noble Terry Metcalf, Vice President

I am sorry to report the passing of Noble Jack Hood, a Club past president and former member of the Brandon Car Patrol. We send our sympathies to his Lady Ella and family. We also extend our sympathies to the family of Joyce Glasgow, widow of Noble Charlie Glasgow, and to the family of Marj Wilkins, widow of Noble Roy Wilkins. Both ladies were dedicated workers on our circuses and will be missed.

Nobles Cam Moore and Drew Mills organized the annual June barbecue meeting with help from our ladies who always supply the salads and desserts. The annual golf tourney was canceled due to a rainstorm. Noble Garth

supper meeting in September. And once again, Nobles Bart Hawkins, Cam Moore, and Lady Marilyn Blair arranged a successful fall supper in October. Many members volunteered to help out and of course our ticket salesmen extraordinaire, Nobles Charlie Duguid, Bart Hawkins, and Cam Moore, and Lady Leone Sparrow came through again to fill the Club for both sittings.

The Khartum Shriners Brandon Car Patrol was busy all summer long representing the Club and promoting the Shrine message at many parades throughout Western Manitoba. We offer special congratulations to the members of the unit on winning two trophies at the Midwest competitions in Duluth MN in August. Good job, nobles.



Brandon Car Patrol members at the Midwest in Duluth MN. L. to r.: Nobles Bob Dennis; Don Johnston; Ross Mann; Brian McLaren; Terry Metcalf; Drew Mills; Garth Cumming; Bill Cumming, Lieutenant; and Cam Moore, Captain



The two trophies won by the Brandon Car Patrol at the Midwest in Duluth MN

We are pleased to welcome the following new Club members: Noble Carey Bartley, Noble Dennis Pearce and his Lady Judy, and Noble Frank Skuce. We anticipate your participation in all our activities and events. We thank Noble Pearce for his efforts through his business in collecting funds for the Khartum Patient Transportation Fund — a nice gesture, indeed.

A new Club executive committee was installed in November. We congratulate President Ross Mann for guiding the Club through a successful year. Noble Ross has agreed to lead the Club again for 2014. We wish him and his executive continued success. We wish everyone in Khartum Shriners a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. 🎄



Director's Staff



By Noble Royce Hall, President

Another year is quickly coming to an end. We are always busy in the spring attending the Circus, and again in the summer attending several parades. Our people trailer is a hit with the public and now with our ladies riding on the trailer with us, it gets a lot of support from the curbside.

Since the last Khronicle, we've attended the Morden Corn and Apple Festival parade in late August and also had our annual barbecue on September 14 at the Notley estate. We give a big thank you to Noble Cec and Lady Ev Notley for hosting the barbecue, and to all the nobles and ladies who worked so hard to make this another successful event — a great meal, great weather, and great company.

This summer, the Director's Staff made a \$500 donation to the Shriner's Hospital Patient Fund in Montreal. Instead of receiving a receipt for the donation, we received a personal thank-you letter from the administrator.

At the Co-op Gas Bar in Dauphin, I manage a collection box which has been on their counter for more than five years. After the Countryfest weekend in Dauphin, the box netted \$99.00, also sent to Montreal's Shriner's Hospital Patient Fund. Not long after, this was followed by \$51.90 from beer cans a Winnipeg friend donated, also sent to the Patient Fund in Montreal. Accompanying the beer cans were three large ziplock bags full of tabs dropped off at the Red Fez lounge.

The Director's Staff Christmas party was held on November 29 at the Shrine House. Over the years, the Christmas party has been well attended, with a sit-down, catered dinner and live music — always an event to which we can look forward.

I thank my executive for standing beside me these past three years. I also thank the nobility for their support in volunteering at events, for their generous contributions, and for their attendance at our meetings. We are a success because of your support.

We give Season's Greetings and Best Wishes to you all for a safe and healthy 2014. 🎄

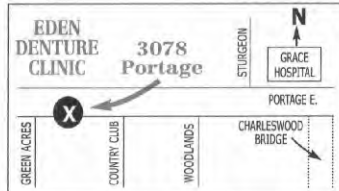
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Memorandum to President/Secretary, All Khartum Units and Clubs

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

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

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

Your donations should be sent to the Shrine Office on or before 12:00 noon on Thursday, January 16, 2014.

Your generosity and consideration are appreciated.

Illustrious Sir Jack Hooper, P.P.,
Recorder, Khartum Shriners



Pipes & Drums

By Noble Jimm Simon



Summertime has come and gone and with it, our usual round of parades and performances. As always, the Pipes & Drums try to play for a wide variety of events in an attempt to support Shrine charities, provide entertainment at a few non-Shrine public performances, and finally, support other charities where and when we can. We've cut back a bit on the number of performances we accept each year. Also, we are not able to provide the same number of pipers and drummers that we once did. However, we are working hard to recruit new members and we have a few guys

in training for both the pipe and drum sections.

As Pipe Major, I want to make mention of two parades in which we participated, along with other Shrine units. We had a great turnout for the annual Morris parade in July and the Gimli parade in August. It's a great feeling to be in a parade with all the other units. Both of these parades attract thousands of people. The Gimli parade, in particular, is a huge event and the crowd just seems to keep growing each year. It's a long parade, with people lining the entire length of the parade route, sometimes many people deep, and there isn't a lot of room for breaks in playing. We congratulate all the marching members. These kinds of events draw a lot of attention to the Shrine and help promote the good work we do through Shrine charities.

On the topic of high profile Shrine events, I should also mention that it was my privilege to act as piper for the Supreme Queen of the Nile

at her visit this year. She wanted me to play "The Eyes of Texas are Upon You" but I decided against it. On a similar note, we congratulate our Pipe Sergeant Troy Blair on his appointment as Grand Lodge piper for the 2013/14 year.

We were also a big hit at the Folklorama Scottish pavilion this year. Changes to the schedule and the "old routine" meant we played five times in one night. We were the first guest pipe band to perform during the weeklong event which made us the guinea pigs for a couple of suggested mass band performances. With a minimal amount of grumbling, everyone pulled their weight and we wowed the crowd.

A busy summer has turned into a slower fall for us. We don't have too many performances other than our annual participation at the West Kildonan Legion on November 11. We also take the time in the fall to host our annual meeting and our annual band dinner. Then, after Christmas, we'll be hard at it getting ready for another busy spring and summer season.

And finally, it is with great sadness that we acknowledge the visit of the Black Camel to our longtime drummer, Noble Ralph Grant. Noble Ralph had a long service of drumming with pipe bands for most of his life. Our Remembrance Day service at the West Kildonan Legion was just a little different this year as we missed Ralph playing drums for the lament. Ralph will also be remembered for his decades of work and volunteering with the railroad. A founding member of the Prairie Dog Central, Ralph was honored shortly before his death with initiation into the Railroaders Hall of Fame. 🐪

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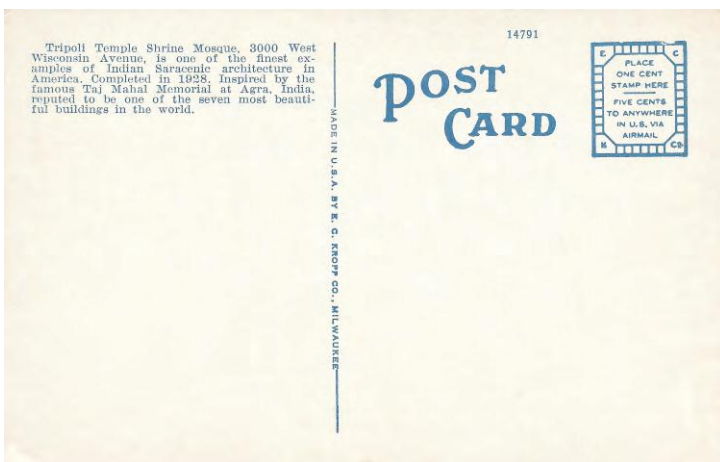


By Illustrious Sir Ken Kristjanson, P. P., October 2013

Picture this: the time was the late 1870s and Europe's middle class was awash in riches from the New World. This Victorian-era leisure class had an affinity for art, communication, and travel. The relatively new photographic technology provided a way to show off their wealth and experiences to friends and family far and near. Whole families would have their picture taken and lithographed copies made. They would write all over the front and for a few pennies, bring far flung relatives up to date on their local happenings. Postcards were deemed to be letters and traveled with letter postage. The undivided back of the postcard could only contain the address — no message was allowed.



Tripoli Temple Shrine Mosque, Milwaukee, Wisconsin Postcard



Reverse Side of Tripoli Temple Shrine Mosque Postcard

At the same time, the French, Dutch, Belgian, German, Russian, Spanish, Italian, Ottoman, and Austro-Hungarian empires liked the idea of showcasing their history and progress in a format that was interesting to look at and easily sent anywhere. Postcards were the new marketing medium and everyone wanted their own. The sudden demand had publishers scrambling to produce better and more interesting cards. German publishers were at the forefront technologically —

their chrome litho process produced millions of cards depicting every aspect of life at the time. Postcards were the Instagram, the Facebook of the era for sharing photos inexpensively with a broad audience.

The first privately made postcard requiring postage was created in Austria in 1869 and postcards rapidly gained worldwide popularity. Postcards of the Eiffel Tower produced in 1889 and 1890 kicked the postcard craze into high gear. By 1901, postcard production was said to be doubling every six months. The official figures from the U.S. Post Office for their fiscal year ending June 30, 1908, cite 677,777,798 postcards mailed. At that time, the total population of the United States was only 88,700,000.

The "Golden Age" of postcards was from 1890 to 1911 — a time that roughly mirrors Winnipeg's own period of dramatic growth. Twenty years after becoming a province, Winnipeg had grown from a backwater HBC post into a large town. With the arrival of the CPR came land speculators, settlers, entrepreneurs, professionals, and others from all walks of life seeking fame, fortune, or simply a place to put down roots. Winnipeg rapidly became the largest city between Toronto and the Yukon and the numbers projected for the City's growth were staggering.

The City attempted to do its part to keep up with the growth — it paved streets, expanded running water and electrical services, added a street railway, and expanded the wholesale distribution district. The watchful eye of the ever-present photographers captured all — they produced thousands of images documenting the transformation of the city. The photos were quickly lithographed for a ready market eager to show the world Winnipeg's new look.

Changes to postcard rules around 1906 allowed for a divided back where messages could be written. This further enhanced their popularity, so many high-quality cards were produced and in such variety that it became popular to collect and trade them. For many, this was the only connection they had with Western Canada or the rest of the world.

In the 1950s I remember a TV program called "You Are There." The series featured re-created glimpses of historical events and it was narrated by renowned broadcaster Walter Cronkite. He always closed the program with the words "What sort of day was it?" A day like all days, filled with those events that alter and illuminate our times . . . all things are as they were then, **and you were there.**"

Just like postcards, the show made history accessible for millions of people. The show is long gone, but fortunately we still have postcards to connect us to our history in a personal way. Many of these postcards were saved in family photo albums and so they survived to be enjoyed by future generations. Postcards provide beautiful snapshots of life around the world at an instant in time. Many also feature personal notes that give us a first-person link to events of the past, near and far, historic, and mundane — almost like you were there. 📮

APPOINTMENTS ARE FOR ONE YEAR ONLY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RELEVANT SECTIONS OF ARTICLE 25 OF THE IMPERIAL CODE

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

Section 325.6 Time of Election. Nominations must commence not later than 9:00 P.M. and when that hour arrives all other business must cease and none may be transacted until the election is concluded.

Section 325.11 Election Regulations

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

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

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FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

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

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

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

Now, therefore, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Fundraising for Fraternal Purposes:

- (a) No Noble (in his capacity as a Shriner), club, unit, organization of Nobles or affiliated or appendant corporations shall engage in any fundraising activity without the express written consent of the potentate of the temple having jurisdiction thereof.
- (b) There can be no representation, express or implied, that the proceeds will be for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children.
- (c) The temple potentate shall carefully examine all phases of the advertising, promotion and solicitation to determine that it complies with §335.3 and §503.10 of the fraternal and charitable bylaws.
- (d) The temple potentate must approve the terms and provisions of any contract for a fundraising activity after receiving the advice of the temple attorney, and additionally, as may be required by the temple bylaws.
- (e) A copy of the temple potentate's written consent shall be mailed to the Executive Vice President, Imperial Council. Further, such written material pertaining to the fundraising activity, as requested by the Executive Vice President, Imperial Council shall be promptly mailed to him.

2. Fundraising for Charitable Purposes:

- (a) No Noble (in his capacity as a Shriner), club, unit, organization of Nobles or affiliated or appendant corporations shall engage in any charitable fundraising activity other than for Shriners Hospitals for Children, and said activity shall not be in the jurisdiction of any other temple. Permission therefore must be first obtained in writing from the temple potentate. The temple potentate must then obtain written permission from the Chairmen of the Boards of Directors and Trustees. This request for written permission shall be sent to the Executive Vice President, Imperial Council, P.O. Box 31356, Tampa, FL 33631-3356.

However, a joint charitable fundraising activity with another 501(c)(3) charity may be authorized provided that a minimum of 50% of the net proceeds are for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children, and the Chairmen of the Boards of Directors and Trustees determine, on a case by case basis, that it is in the best interest of Shriners Hospitals for Children and they grant their written permission for the activity.

- (b) 100% of net proceeds (as defined in the Charitable Fundraising Approval And Reporting provisions of any existing

General Order) from charitable fundraising must be given to Shriners Hospitals for Children except for such portion thereof as may be permitted to be retained for the temple Shrine Hospital Patient Transportation Fund, pursuant to the Special Purpose Funds provisions of any existing General Order. Provided, however, if the Chairmen of the Boards of Directors and Trustees determine for good cause shown, that the law of the land requires that a portion of the net proceeds must be distributed locally, then they may, if they determine it to be in the best interest of Shriners Hospitals for Children, grant their written permission for such distribution.

- (c) The temple shall report the result of each charitable fundraising activity within sixty days of the activity, pursuant to the Charitable Fund Raising-Approval and Reporting provision of this General Order.
- (d) This section shall not apply to activities exempt under §335.4(b) of the bylaws of The Imperial Council.
- (e) Each independent corporation or entity that receives the permission of the Chairmen of the Boards of Directors and Trustees to raise money for Shriners Hospitals for Children, and which does not have its financial statements audited pursuant to §334.5 & §337.8 of the bylaws of The Imperial Council, shall have its financial statements audited by a certified, chartered or licensed public accountant and shall submit a copy of the accountant's report and accompanying financial statements to the Imperial Recorder within 120 days of the activity.

3. Statement of Purpose and Disclosure:

- (a) Every fundraising activity must contain factual information on its solicitation material, tickets, programs and documents regarding the use of the proceeds. Examples:
"Proceeds are for the benefit of (_____) Shriners (_____) Shrine Club) activities."
"Proceeds are for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children."
- (b) Every fundraising activity which is not entirely for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children shall prominently state on the solicitation material, tickets and documents that "payments are not deductible as charitable contributions."
- (c) There must be compliance with the Revenue Act of 1987 provision of any existing general order by U.S. temples.

4. Compliance with Applicable Laws:

It is the responsibility of the temple potentate, after receiving the advice of the temple attorney, to determine that there is compliance with all applicable laws in its jurisdiction for the temple's fundraising activities.

5. Financial Records:

- (a) The temple shall maintain detailed financial records pertaining to all fundraising activities involving Nobles, clubs, units, organizations of Nobles or affiliated or appendant corporations. Details of all revenues and expenditures shall be maintained in such financial records.
- (b) The temple must retain such detailed financial records for a period of seven (7) years.
- (c) There must be compliance with *Financial Reporting on Charitable Funds and Activities* provision of any existing general order.

6. Notification to Nobility:

A copy of the *Fundraising Activities* provisions of this General Order shall be printed in the temple publication at least once every calendar year. If there is no temple publication, then a copy shall be mailed to each Noble in the temple not later than the last day in March of each calendar year.

7. Discipline:

Any officer, Noble or temple which violates a provision of *Fundraising Activities* is subject to discipline pursuant to the bylaws of The Imperial Council.

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KHARTUM SHRINERS



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

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

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

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

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



The screenshot shows the homepage of **beashriner.com**. At the top is a red navigation bar with the site name and a "Find Shriners" search bar. Below the navigation bar are tabs for Home, Tour, About, FAQ, Roadmap, and The Next Step. The main content area features a large photo of a Shriner in a suit and red fez addressing a group of people at a table. To the right of the photo, the text reads "Shriners believe in brotherhood." followed by a list of professions (plumbers, professionals, salesmen, CEOs), family roles (fathers, uncles, sons), and the statement "We are also brothers." Below this is a paragraph about the benefits of becoming a Shriner, including personal growth, family engagement, and community service. To the right of the main text are two smaller images: one showing a group of Shriners with the text "Shriners have a long and honorable history" and a "LEARN MORE" button, and another showing a man in a suit with the text "Take the first step to becoming a Shriner" and a "TALK TO A VIRTUAL MENTOR" button. At the bottom right of the main content area is a "CONTINUE THE TOUR" button.

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

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

Candidates are paired with virtual mentors who best suit their professional and personal interests. The mentor becomes a trusted friend and advisor through exchanges of knowledge about

Freemasonry and becoming a Shriner. The process is intended to re-create the Masonic teaching of developing close, trusting relationships with prospective Masons through personal communication.

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

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

Shriners International Experiences Worldwide Interest and Expansion

For many years, Shriners International consisted of 191 temples in four countries: the United States, Canada, Mexico and Europe. Thanks to new worldwide interest in the organization, that number is increasing. As a result of the great work by the international development committee, the fraternity has been expanding overseas at a rapid pace.

"I'm very excited about the international interest we've had this past year and I look forward to seeing membership continue to thrive," said Past Imperial Potentate Nick Thomas, chairman of the committee.

In the last two years, there have been three new temples added. At the 2010 Imperial Session, two temples – one each in Puerto Rico and The Philippines – received their charters. This past July in Denver, at the 2011 Imperial Session, Emirat Shriners of Heidelberg, Germany became the 194th temple.

In addition, legislation was passed allowing dispensation – one of the first steps toward forming a new temple – for Agila Shriners of Mindanao, The Philippines.

In addition to the new temples, Shrine Clubs have formed in Puerto Rico, The Philippines, Brazil, Bolivia, Germany, Italy and Australia. There is also growing interest in forming Shrine Clubs in several other countries. In order for these clubs to one day be chartered as temples, they must show a gain in membership and create nobles of the Master Masons who signed the petition required to obtain dispensation status, which lasts a year.

This past year, the number of established international Shrine Clubs rose from 33 to 53. On an individual level, the number of creations internationally has increased from 118 to 1,193 since 2007.

"The relationships developed overseas are an integral part of the fraternity's future and success," said Imperial Potentate Mike Severe. "I greatly appreciate everything Nick Thomas and the rest of the committee have done to spread the word about our wonderful fraternity."



A New Flag is Created

After the fraternity's official name change to Shriners International, a new flag was designed. In response to global growth, changes to protocol regarding the display of flags and the playing of national anthems at Shriners' events were made. These changes were communicated to all temples in a revised protocol pamphlet that can be found on the Shriners Village website.

Communicating at an International Level

To better serve our current international members and to aid recruitment efforts, we are continuing to develop appropriate communications items. Some printed materials are now available in English, Spanish and French; beashriner.com can be viewed in English, Spanish, French, German and Portuguese, and we are working toward having Shriners Village available in multiple languages.

In addition, one of the biggest challenges – and accomplishments – of the international development committee this past year was the creation of a handbook for temples sponsoring international Shrine Clubs. The handbook includes sections about the vision and mission, approval processes, responsibilities, ritual and protocol.

Clearly, our fraternity is meeting a need around the world; it is wonderful to be a part of the enthusiasm and commitment of our international Brothers.



Shriners International

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Lakehead Shrine Club



By Noble Art Stephenson

The members of the Lakehead Shrine Club had a busy summer attending all the community events in the area.



At Westfort Days, Noble Dick Bauch operates the Shrine train with Noble Grant Poulin (without fez) in the background. More than 300 Dazzle latex balloons were given out to the youngsters at this event.

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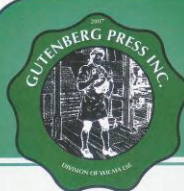
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It started in June and July with the Chippewa Park Family Day and continued with the Dragon Boat Races. It continued in August and September with the Heart of the Harbour Ribfest, Westfort Days, the Hymers Fall Fair, and the Downtown Fort William Street Fair. In between, the Cycos went to the Grand Marais parade and the Midwest festivities. All money raised at these events went to the Patient Transportation Fund.



The Shrine literature and fire protection tips handed out by the SBI unit members at Westfort Days.

It was unfortunate that our major fundraiser, the Kakabeka Street Fair, was canceled this year. The Albert Massaro Memorial Shrine Train and our candy floss machines needed a major overhaul after all these activities. More requests are coming in for our units to attend their events. We give a sincere tip of the fez to all Shriners and their ladies who made these activities a huge success. 🧑‍🚒



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