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**Illustrious Sir Don Thomson takes a paws to have his picture taken with one of the crowd-pleasing star performers during the bear run of the 2009 edition of the Khartum Shrine Circus**

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The deadline for submission of reports for the December 2009 edition of the Khartum Khronicle will be October 15, 2009.

Once again, a super thank-you to our Khartum Khronicle Supporters, who are backing us in record numbers. 🙏

## 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

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## From the Desk of the Potentate

By Illustrious Sir Don Thomson



*Illustrious Sir Don Thomson, Potentate, 2009, Khartum Shriners*

Since the last edition of the Khronicle, your Divan and their ladies, committee chairmen and their committees, and the nobles and ladies of the various clubs and units have been very busy.

Circus is behind us for another year; from the feedback I have received, it was a success for most of the clubs. I congratulate the nobles and ladies who worked so hard to make the 2009 Shrine Circus successful. I also especially thank Noble Rick Wells and the Circus Management team for their hard work, dedication, and support. I acknowledge Nobles Bill Quinn and Baldur Nelson for their support; these two nobles attended every performance of the 2009 Circus route with me. I also found it gratifying to have our Shrine Kids as honorary ringmasters at some of the shows. This provided the opportunity to advertise what we do as Shriners for our Kids.

Congratulations to Noble David Lapp, Lady Ellen, and their committee

# NOTICE OF STATED MEETINGS

*All nobles are reminded of the following Stated Meetings:*

Thursday, September 24, 2009

Thursday, November 26, 2009

7:30 P.M. Sharp

Shrine Activity Room

1155 Wilkes Avenue,

Winnipeg MB R3P 1B9

### Agenda:

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

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Noble Don Murray, Recorder Emeritus

Illustrious Sir Don Thomson, Potentate/CEO

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for hosting the Honored Ladies "Mad Hatters" Tea Party. You did a super job and, from the cards of thanks we have received, the ladies totally enjoyed the afternoon. It was a pleasure for Lady Dawn and me to be able to visit with each and every one of you.

I congratulate Most Worshipful Brother Ted Jones on his successful year as our Grand Master. Noble Ted and Lady Shirley, it was a pleasure for Lady Dawn and I to have had the opportunity to spend time with you and we wish you every success in your future endeavors. I also congratulate Most Worshipful Brother David Love on being elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba; as well, Right Worshipful Brother Kris Goodmanson, Deputy Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother Chibu Uson, Senior Grand Warden; and Right Worshipful Brother Allan Hadley, Junior Grand Warden; as well as all of the other officers elected and appointed. On behalf of all Shrine Masons in Manitoba and Northwest Ontario, I wish you well and look forward to our continued strong relationship. I thank Noble Andrew Skene and his committee for hosting the successful second annual Khartum Bud, Spud and Steak Night in honor of Most

Worshipful Brother David Love, Grand Master, and his Lady June. It was gratifying to see all of those in attendance as your participation made this the success it was.

Lady Dawn and I as well as members and ladies of the Divan have had the pleasure of socializing with many of you at the various ladies' nights and unit/club functions and look forward to more visits and time to socialize in the future as we attend the parades this summer. We also hope to see many of you attending the Midwest Summer Session in Rochester MN. We are looking forward to a great time.

Your membership team has been working hard to bring members in and while I had the honor of fezzing five nobles during the circus, we are still looking for more members. We cannot leave it up to the membership committee to increase our numbers. Each and every one of us must do everything we can to bring in new members or bring back some of those who have taken a demit or have been suspended. Remember, we have an amnesty program in place for suspended members; as long as the member is a paid-up, card-carrying Master Mason, they only have to pay the 2009

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Shrine dues to come back into Khartum. It is my understanding that Grand Lodge has an amnesty program as well, so let's do everything we can to bring some of those members back.

Congratulations to Noble Bruce Weir and the nobles and ladies of the Khartum Klassic Golf committee for the superb job with this year's tournament. While we did get rain late in the afternoon, it was still a great success. This year, thirty-eight teams entered. There were some great prizes for everyone, and in a tournament like this, there are no losers.

By the time you receive this edition of the Khronicle, we will have returned from Imperial Council in San Antonio, where there was a full agenda of items for discussion. One of the main topics was the possible closure of some of the hospitals. I will try to keep you updated through the monthly newsletter. If you are not on our mailing list, send your e-mail address to the webmaster@khartumshriners.org. You will be placed on the mailing list.

Lady Dawn and I are looking forward to the 2009 Potentate's trip, our dream cruise from Amsterdam to Budapest. Some of us will be leaving on August 31 — going to Paris for four days first — then on to Amsterdam on September 5 where we will join the remainder of the group before the cruise and finishing up with two days in Budapest before returning home on September 21.

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, the

room dedication at 529 Wellington was postponed from June 21 to be held later this fall, so watch for the announcements. As well, the fall ceremonial will be held in Winnipeg on Saturday, October 17. We will be having a Toga Party Theme (Rome) for the fun night after the ceremonial on the Saturday night. Lady Dawn will be having a ladies' luncheon on the Saturday as well, so keep this weekend open. We are looking forward to a fun-filled weekend (as well as a room filled with candidates).


The Pioneers luncheon is scheduled for Saturday, October 3, and will be held at the Shrine Centre, 1155 Wilkes Avenue. Invitations will be out late August or early September.

Lady Dawn and her committee (Ladies Doris Rolfe and Elaine Hudson) thank you all for supporting the "Angels Amongst Us" pin program and remind you that we still have pins for sale. The proceeds of this pin sale will be donated to our Shrine Clinic on behalf of the ladies of Khartum. Your continued support will make this happen!

Lastly, we need your support and assistance selling tickets and staffing venues to sell the tickets for our major raffle for 2009, the seven-day family package for Disney World in Orlando, Florida. This includes return airfare for seven individuals, deluxe accommodation, platinum tours with personalized passes, meals, and much, much more. Tickets are \$5.00 each or three for \$10.00. As your Potentate, I am asking you to get behind this raffle and give it your all so we can bring it over the top.

Lady Dawn and I look forward to a fun-filled remainder of the year as we support the World's Greatest Philanthropy, Shriners Hospitals for Children.

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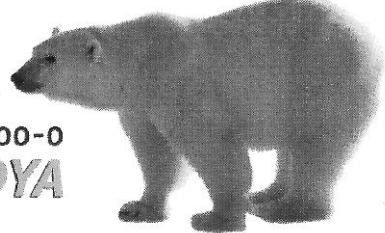
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# Hospital Report

By Noble Craig Houston, Khartum Hospital Chairman



**A**s of April 30, 2009, our expenditures were \$154,000.00. We have four new patients for 2009 and 112 patient visits to Shrine Hospitals. We made a \$ 100,000.00 donation to Shriners Hospitals for Children (SHC), Canada, and this was presented to them on a visit to

Montreal on Friday, May 22, 2009.

Prompting the donation was the fact that, with the savings incurred through our airline friends, hotels, and taxis, our balance was considerably favorable, and bearing in mind that Imperial can suggest that we donate to hospitals other than the Canadian Unit, the Divan approved the presentation to the Canadian Unit (keep it in Canada, eh!).



Presentation of cheque to Shriners Hospitals for Children, Canada. Front row (l.): Noble Gary Morrison, Chairman of the Board of Hospital Governors; 3rd from l: Noble Craig Houston, Khartum Shriners Hospital Chairman; 5th from l.: Noble Gary Saunders, Assistant Rabban, Khartum Shriners; 6th from l.: Mm. Celine Doray, Administrator, SHC Canada; Back rows: Nobles attending the seminar.

Our balance of Aeroplan Miles is down to 4000. Nobles, we still need your support. Aeroplan Miles used for transportation saves us many thousands of dollars. If you can't use them, don't lose them. We need all the Aeroplan miles we can get.

We have now a new contact for Aeroplan miles through Montreal Hospital. It is called the Kids Horizon Program and Air Canada donates thousands of Aeroplan miles to this program each year. Previously, it was quite a hassle to obtain flights under this scheme, but this has now been smoothed out and we are now able to go online and use these Aeroplan

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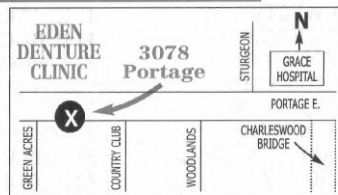
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miles for our own use with none of the problems we had previously. This should help us, particularly with our patient trips to Boston and Chicago.

#### **New Hospital at Montreal**

As far as the New Shriners Hospital is concerned, the way is now clear for a fund-raising drive to be implemented. The Imperial Planning Committee and Joint Boards Committee have unanimously approved the construction of a new Shriners Hospital for Children at the Glen Yards in Montreal. The McGill

University part of the program is expected to start in the fall, and as I understand it, the project will be on a public/private partnership basis. Construction of the Shriners Hospital will start up at a later date, not yet confirmed.

#### **New Satellite Clinic for Winnipeg**

The second Satellite Clinic was held at the Manitoba Rehabilitation Centre for Children on Friday May 1, 2009. Five patients and families attended — three from Manitoba and two from Saskatchewan. We still have

some fine tuning to do on the clinic, such as communications and timings, and we are in communications with Montreal Hospital in this matter. However, to all intents and purposes, the second clinic proved successful.

#### **Canadian Hospital Seminar**

Assistant Rabban Gary Saunders and I attended this seminar on May 20, 21, and 22 at Shriners Hospitals for Children, Canada, in Montreal.

Noble Gary attended the Plant and Services Committee and Finance Committee meetings, and I attended both

the Public Relations Committee meeting and the Transportation Committee meeting, all before the Hospital Board Meeting, which we were both privileged to attend.

In the evening, we were treated to a sumptuous dinner and boat tour on the St. Lawrence river, plus a show of break dancing put on by a former

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*Dinner on the St. Lawrence cruise: L. to r.: Unidentified noble and his lady; Lady Joyce and Noble Craig Houston; Noble Gary and Lady Marci Saunders; Jade Goyette and Nathalie Thauvette, SHC Canada staff*

On Friday we attended the seminar, covering most aspects of the Hospital operations.

Imperial Sir Ralph Semb, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, reported on the present situations regarding the various hospitals and explained some of the items that would be coming up at the imperial sessions in July.

We were privileged to hear a mother relate her story of how her 8- year-old child was treated at Shriners Hospitals for Children, Montreal. Other items of interest were the complexity of needs and the impact on families; the patient application process; telemedicine, outreach and satellite clinics and transportation research; and a Hospital tour which included a special presentation about a vibration table used for stimulation of patients who have restricted use of the lower limbs.

One new and interesting project being started up by the hospital is connected with spinal chord injuries headed by Dr. Jean Ouellet. He explained that this will not be in the same capacity as that of our spinal chord injuries units similar to Chicago, but would deal mainly with minor spinal injuries.

We also heard from Dr. Francois Fassier, Chief of Staff, on the orthopedic programs at the Hospital, followed by a patient story by 18-year-old Taylor on how, from a very young age, he was a patient at the Hospital, and the trials and tribulations of his family throughout the long years, losing one of his lower limbs and the will power to succeed in life fostered by the encouragement of the Medical Staff and his family. Truly a "gut" wrenching story, and to cap it off, Taylor was

rushing back to his school to take part in a musical but before leaving he sang a wonderful rendition of "I Believe" acappella.

A video is being produced which encompasses the Canadian Hospital and should probably be available late in September. This CD will be bilingual.

There is a new drivers' policy out which pertains to roles of those driving patients to Shriners Hospitals for Children. This mainly affect those of the Eastern region.

It was announced that Air

Canada was ending the use of flight passes as of July 1, 2009, but that they could still be purchased up until June 23, 2009, which passes would be honored until July 2010. We previously had notice of this. However, Air Canada will be introducing a new system similar to what we have now.

Karnak Shriners have been transporting patients attending Shriners Hospitals for Children, Canada, from all Shrine centers throughout the year at no cost to the various Shrine centers. To date, they have

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### Conference Call, Monday June 1, 2009

I took part in the second quarterly conference call (one hour and twenty five minutes) on Monday, June 1, along with three of the Canadian Hospital executive staff, and various nobles from Calgary, Newfoundland/Labrador, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Ontario (Tunis), and Saskatchewan. Items covered:

- Within the next few weeks, the Hospital will be submitting for approval by the recorders, the packages to be sent to all incoming new candidates before the various ceremonials. It was requested that the names of the new candidates be submitted to the Hospital at the earliest opportunity.
- A list of provinces where physicians must be licensed when conducting Clinics under the jurisdiction of Shriners Hospitals for Children is being prepared and will be sent to us shortly.
- A promotional item order form is in process for obtaining Canadian Hospital public relations material.
- Khartum will be sending information to SHC Montreal with respect to Westjet considerations so that they in

turn can advise other Shrine centers on how to proceed to apply.

- We discussed the new Winnipeg satellite clinic, and a request was made once again for more lead time in order to "get our house in order" in a more timely manner. This was an item I discussed with the Chief of Staff, Dr. Fassier, at length during the seminar.
- An interview will appear in the Globe and Mail concerning the reforming of the face and plastic surgery done on one of the Hospital's patients, Chantal, from Halifax, Nova Scotia. The Hospital will send us some details on this interview. However the date of publication is not yet known.
- As reported earlier the Canadian Hospital video will be available shortly and will be sent to us as soon as it is ready. This video can be used for fund-raising and public relations. We will keep you advised of its progress.
- We also learned that Shriners Hospitals for Children, Canada, has an agreement in principle with the University of Montreal, which, after fine tuning, should be set in place by September of this year.

All in all, it was a well spent hour and twenty-five minutes.

### Circus 2009

A few weeks before circus time, I suggested to circus chairman Noble Rick Wells that he use some of Khartum Shriners Hospitals for Children patients as ringmasters at the various venues. Noble Rick complied and along with Noble Norm Wolk, we set the wheels in motion and had patients as ringmasters accompanied by their families at the Portage, Selkirk, and Winnipeg circuses. Each of the participants excelled in their new "job." We have some photographs to back this up.

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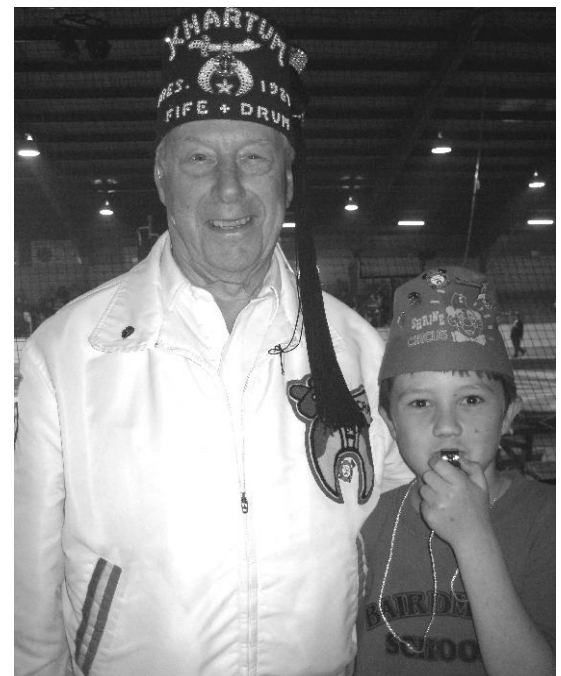
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Noble Craig Houston and patient Shelden opening the circus in Winnipeg





## Drum & Bugle Corps

By Noble Jack Goods



**G**reat news, nobles of the Drum Corps. Our new executive has started its year in good form. President Dennis Boss welcomed back all the snow-birds and put out his plan for the year. It was a welcomed plan, not too difficult to perform as long as we all remain in the same form of health, and age does not put any more out of form.

First of all, Nobles Dennis and Harold put on a beautiful evening for our ladies. The sing-along put on by the "One More Time" group sure kept our vocal cords exercised. It also kept us in tune with our music. It was sure appreciated by some who could not dance like they used to. The prizes were appreciated. We thank President Dennis and his Lady Shirley and our entertainment chairman, Noble Harold. What would we do without him?

We thank Captain Hank Russell for being able to put up a band for every

circus we had to attend. All who attended had great fun and enjoyed all the events. Our Kenora trip was more exciting than expected. The Captain had a pleasurable detail arranged, but his plan for a scenic stopover on the wildest section of the road to Kenora was not really in his plan, or was it? Most honorable captain, was it your way of introducing the band to the wilds of the Ontario/Manitoba border for some indication of how you enjoy those surroundings at your lake cottage in the area?

Midway to Kenora, our bus broke down. While we were sitting there waiting for a new bus to arrive, we got everyone familiar to the wilds of eastern Manitoba and the Ontario border. It was a good thing it was not woodtick season or we would have had a jumping band instead of a music band. This all happened while the Kenora Shrine Club and our Illustrious Potentate were waiting for us to perform in several places in town that had been pre-arranged for circus commercials. We were lucky that a new bus arrived to get us on time to perform for the first circus show. Again, Kenora hosted the band and all who attended from out of town,

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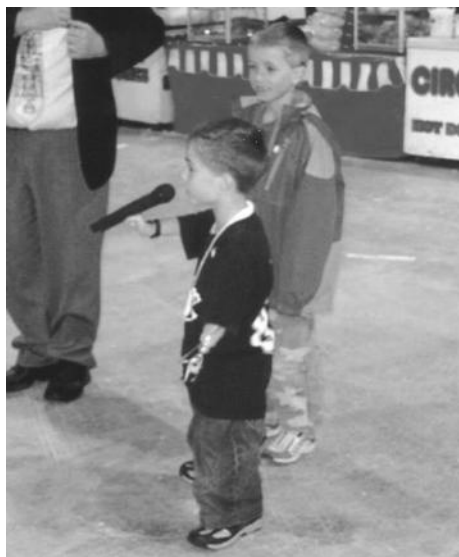
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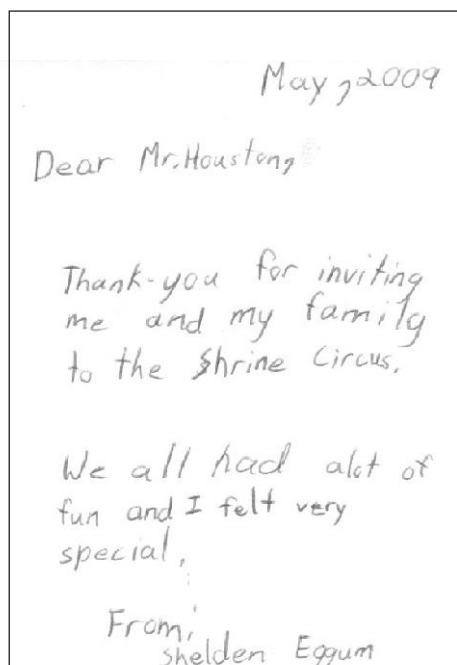
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Patient Matthew with his brother Calvin opening the circus in Winnipeg

June, July, and August were not so busy months for patient clinics, although we had to be alert for the odd



Thank you note from Shelden telephone call about appointments made in a hurry. This keeps the

Hospital program on its toes.

A tip of the fez to our Shriners Hospitals for Children burns units. On June 5, 2009, a tragic fire occurred in a daycare center in Hermosillo, Mexico. Out of over 100 infants, 44 children perished in that fire, and others had serious, life-threatening burns and smoke inhalation injuries. From what I understand, Shriners Hospitals for Children burns units were alerted and helped in the various treatments to the injured youngsters. As Imperial Sir Ralph Semb said "it is a rare circumstance when more than one Shrine team is called on to provide support in a disaster. Impressive is the continued collaboration among Shrine team members, each bringing a unique area of specialty that is thoroughly appreciated by the community."

Way to go, Shriners Hospitals for Children. 🎪



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with their usual Kenora hospitality, and fun was had by everyone. A big thank you to our Kenora nobles for that wonderful meal and reception.

The Selkirk circus had a good turnout, even if we did have to wear our winter parkas to keep warm. The Lunder parade was in much better weather. We honored all the Interlake queens; unfortunately, our vote didn't seem to count. We are looking forward to another successful Gimli parade. Sadly, we will miss our most gracious hostess this year. The parade in Morden will be well enjoyed. It is hoped that

the condition of our weather will not create much of a problem to the corn crop, so we can all have a good feed of corn and apple cider. Our gentleman's dinner and elections of new officers will follow shortly after.

We can thank our president for leading us in a fun-filled, successful year. It has been noted these past few years that we have had some good leadership at the helm for so many success stories for our Drum Corps. The membership committee thanks President Dennis for putting on a good show that may help the

band get some new members to carry on with some of the fun the Drum Corps is known for.

Nobles, please remember to try and bring two new members into the Shrine. It will entitle you to a beautiful sport Shrine jacket. Maybe that is not important to most of us, but new members are important. Please attend Blue Lodges and meet new Masons. There are many out there who may be looking to travel further in Masonry.

Nobles, I hope everyone had a good Manitoba summer and remember to attend your Drum Corps functions. Be kind to our honorable Captain Hank and our Drum Major Bob. After all, they have to try and train the band to play our selected tune of 'Mickey Mouse' for the children. Most of the band members have almost got Mickey Mouse, but very few can play O Canada. Noble Grandpa Bernie, the children are not from our age group. They are brought up on swinging songs and rap music. We could dull their minds with our tunes. Seriously, maybe we can go back to some of our old tunes that were meant for all age groups, including the rappers.

Even though it seems like Noble Dennis has just started his pleasant journey as president, it will soon come to an end. The band wishes you and your Lady Shirley, whom we know helps you a lot, a happy journey.

Nobles all, President Dennis and his Lady Shirley thank you for all your cooperation. It is the only way a president can make it enjoyable for the unit. See you all at the next parade.

Best wishes to our Divan and our liaison officer from the Divan. Enjoy what is left of beautiful Manitoba weather. The best to all nobles and a safe year ahead. 🌸



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## Membership Report

By Noble Ken Galaschuk, Chairman; and  
Nobles David Lapp and David Love, Co-Chairmen



**G**reetings, nobles and ladies. We hope all are having an enjoyable summer, even though it was late getting here. This is a fun time with all the circus, parades, barbecues, and, of course, the Midwest Shrine Association (MSA) summer session coming up from August 19 to 22 in Rochester MN. There will be a "Ceremonial" at the MSA, and any new noble who has had a mini Ceremonial or is a Master Mason in good standing can go through the Midwest Ceremonial on the Thursday afternoon in Rochester MN. The new nobles would also receive a certificate signed by the potentates and recorders of every temple in the Midwest making each new noble an honorary member of each of those temples. The new nobles will then be in the Thursday evening parade. Their ladies will be located at the reviewing stand and will be joined by the newly created nobles, who will be the first unit in the parade and view the balance of the parade together. This is the first time this has been done. At this time, we have at least one new Khartum noble who will be attending. He has been through a mini Ceremonial earlier this year.

We were going to have our second "Rush" event in June; but due to the vast amount of time and work involved in putting this together, it was decided to move it to Friday, September 11, at the Shrine Centre. If you know any non-Masons or

anyone who may have started his Freemason journey, but for one reason or another "stopped;" or a Master Mason in good standing or not, please ask them if they would like to attend this fun-filled Rush event. We welcome them all! They won't be disappointed! Just forward their name ASAP to any one of us on the Membership Committee. We are hoping this will be a great evening. The attendees' ladies will also be invited.

If you know of any Master Mason in good standing with his lodge and interested in joining the Shrine, remember, we have waived his dues this year. This means any Master Mason in good standing with a lodge can join the Shrine and only pay the initiation fee of \$175 which includes the cost of his fez.

Other incentives for 2009 are:

1. Any noble who is the **top line signer** of three new nobles will receive a membership jacket.
2. If the same noble is a **top line signer** for two more nobles, he will have his 2010 dues waived.
3. Also, any noble who has demitted and decides to return will only have to pay the current years dues to be reinstated.

Talk to the new brothers from Lodge; tell them about our great philanthropy and how they too can have fun and help kids. All we're asking is for each noble to bring in just one new candidate for 2009.

If you need brochures or DVDs, etc., please don't hesitate to ask us. We'd be glad to get them to you!

Nobles Ken Galaschuk and David Lapp of the membership committee thank Past Grand Master, M.W. Brother Ted Jones, for his support in the past year. We also congratulate the Grand Master, M.W. Brother David Love, and wish him a great year.

Lastly, the membership committee wishes all of you and your families a great, safe summer and hope to see you at the numerous events that will be happening.

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# Komedians

By Noble Thor Weidenbacher

Article Submitted by Noble William Quinn (Quin-Cee)



## Khartum Komedians Travel 2009 Rural Shrine Circuses

The Cindy Migley Circus producer for the Khartum Shrine Circus requested the Khartum Komedians to prepare a skit to appear in each performance throughout the entire circuit. The Skit chosen by Komedians' Boss Clown, Scott (Beamus) Anderson, was to be the Sharpshooter, requiring four clowns.

The circus began in Thunder Bay on Saturday and Sunday, May 9 and 10, 2009, with four shows (two each day). In the first show, Bill (Quin-Cee) Quinn was introduced as the greatest sharpshooter in North America, along with his able-bodied assistant, Baldur (Poof) Nelson. They performed some great shooting for the spectators, busting

balloons. A volunteer from the patrons enjoying the circus, Sonia (Sunny) Rutter from Thunder Bay, calmly and steadily held the scimitar high in the air enabling Quin-Cee to achieve a perfect shot, splitting the bullet then breaking the two balloons held by no other than Poof. During the second show that evening, a young lady from the audience, Lia Kundsén from Thunder Bay, graciously volunteered to hold the scimitar.

On Sunday morning at 9:00 A.M., our group, comprising Illustrious Sir Don Thomson, Assistant Rabban Gary Saunders, 1st Ceremonial Master Andrew Skene, and Nobles Baldur Nelson and Bill Quinn, all attended the Grand Master's Divine Service at St. Paul's Anglican Church, along with a number of the Grand Lodge of Ontario officers including the Grand Master,

M.W. Bro. Alan Petrisor.

At the first show on Sunday, Quin-Cee was the world's greatest sharpshooter and Poof his assistant. Gail Johnson eagerly and willingly volunteered to hold the scimitar to split the bullet. Some of the crew came forward to perform in the evening show. Liam Maloney and his dad, Rick, helped the two Winnipeg clowns, Poof and Quin-Cee.

On Monday morning, the group of four left Thunder Bay for Dryden, as Monday was considered a travel day. That evening, we all attended Golden Star Lodge No. 484 to see W.M. Matt Queue and his officers confer the third degree on Bro. Terry Vessna, a candidate in waiting. The proving up work done by Terry in the Fellowcraft degree was perfect. There were several differences between the Canadian work done in Ontario, and that done in Manitoba. It was interesting, educational, and a forwarding insight to Freemasonry. A good evening was had by all.

On Tuesday, the first show in Dryden was performed with two  
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clowns from the Dryden Shrine Club,  
Matt (Mr. Q) Queue, and Mike (No

previous act. Don's comment to Quin-  
Cee was "**you will get yours.**"

The circus came to Selkirk in the  
middle of May with snow falling.  
When can we expect summer? The  
Komedians again did an excellent per-  
formance for the two shows with new  
skit performers. The sharpshooter  
was none other than Komedian's Pres-  
ident Kevin (Bobo) Davis. Baldur  
(Poof) Nelson and Ernie (Squeekie)  
Smith filled the hoops with balloons  
The volunteer was our *one* and only  
Illustrious Sir Don (Red) Thomson.

In the second show, Kevin again  
was the sharpshooter. Baldur was  
now beginning to enjoy his role as the  
assistant. A new Shriner, not pres-  
ently in a unit, and hailing from The  
Pas Lodge No.124, graciously volun-  
teered to hold the scimitar and split  
the bullet to break the two balloons  
held by Poof. Good job, Noble Duane.  
Bill Quinn did an admirable job filling  
the hoops with balloons. On Saturday,  
four of us left Winnipeg, bound for  
Thompson, The Pas, Dauphin, and  
Portage La Prairie to complete it all in  
Winnipeg.

Illustrious Sir Don Thomson,  
Chief Rabban John Czarnecki, and  
Nobles Baldur Nelson and Bill Quinn  
arrived safely in Thompson MB with  
the fine planning of our Potentate,

Don Thomson. He reduced the cost of the  
rural circus's coverage, and did a remark-  
able job of obtaining the trailer in which we  
stayed. We all had our own bedrooms, so  
there were no sleepless nights.

On Sunday, there were three shows at  
12:00 noon, 4:00 P.M., and the final show at  
7:00 P.M. The performers for all shows in  
Thompson were the same: Poof was the  
sharpshooter hailing from Split Lake MB,  
Quin-cee was his assistant, Noble John  
Czarnecki filled the hoops, and Illustrious  
Sir Don Thomson again took the glory of  
becoming the volunteer to hold the scimi-  
tar and split the bullet. The second and  
third shows had the same performers  
doing the same duties.

During intermission, the clowns min-  
gled with the people on the floor, talked  
with the children, and had many pictures  
taken. One clown left the floor because peo-  
ple were waiting to have their pictures  
taken with bears, and this one bear did not  
like clowns. It was acting strange, making  
it difficult to have the pictures taken with  
the families.

Monday was a travel day for the circus,  
and Illustrious Sir Don Thomson was able  
to arrange with Manitoba Hydro for our  
group (Illustrious Sir Don Thomson, Chief  
Rabban John Czarnecki, and Nobles  
Baldur Nelson, Bill Quinn, and Craig  
Bowland, a Shriner from the Thompson  
Shrine Club) to tour the new generating  
station about one hour northwest of  
Thompson called the *Wuskwatim Project*.  
This is a new generating station, and a  
workers' camp was being constructed.  
This project now has a crew of about 650  
men and women. The project should be  
completed in two years, with full opera-  
tion by 2012. Brett Thomson, the site engi-  
neer, took us on the tour, which lasted  
about one hour. Many questions were  
asked of Brett about what was being done.  
This was on the May long weekend, the  
temperature on the site was -4°C, and the  
wind was gusting to 30 km per hour. When  
can we expect summer? All in all, this day  
proved to be interesting and educational.  
Thanks Brett for your time to show us this  
project. Lunch was also great. Great job  
and many thanks, Brett.

On our return trip to Thompson,  
Noble John Czarnecki said he saw a moose



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in the bush just a short distance from the highway and close to the city of Thompson. Don made a u-turn on the highway to go back and see this "moose." Yes, an animal was there, and from a quick passing it could easily be taken for a **moose**. After having a closer look, we saw a **horse** from the riding stable a couple of blocks away. Yes, John, it was a **horse**. **Put your glasses on, please.**

Another day, another town. We left Thompson bound for The Pas to perform *in two shows in this town*. On arrival, Joanne Wain requested the clowns to visit the hospital and two nursing homes. The first, a senior home, was St. Paul's Residence, and the second, on the First Nation's reserve, was the McGillvary Senior Home. The first show had Poof showing the audience his expertise shooting the balloons from the hoops held admirably by Quin-Cee. Noble Arnold Johnson, a Shriner from The Pas, was the volunteer from the audience to hold the scimitar and split the bullet. We also thank Joe (Smiley) Bukoski for preparing the balloon and the hoops following the performances in The Pas. We (Baldur, Bill, Don, and John) all left for Winnipeg. This was a long day for us as I arrived home at 3:20 A.M. Wednesday. Later that morning, I attended a circus meeting to make final plans for the Winnipeg circus held in Transcona on Saturday May 23, 2009. Next, at 1:30 P.M., we all attended a memorial service for one of the Komedians wives, Shirley McQuade. A good number of

Komedians were in attendance.

On Thursday morning, bright and early at 7:00 A.M., I was picked up to travel to Dauphin to perform in the two circus shows there. In the first show, Poof and I met and greeted the children as they entered the arena to see the Shrine circus. The Komedians' skit was preformed by Quin-Cee, with his assistant Poof and two volunteers from the audience. Later, we learned that the volunteer who held the scimitar was a new noble of the Dauphin Shrine Club, Darren Carlson. His good friend, Noble Vadden Budden, was formerly from Thompson, but is now also a member of the Dauphin Shrine Club. The second shows were the same as the first.

We left Dauphin and arrived safely in Portage la Prairie to get ready to meet and greet the children who attend the circuses. Poof and Quin-Cee were pleased and excited to see two clowns arrive from Winnipeg — Kevin (Bobo) Davis and Guy (Giggles) Arbez. The first show had all clowns performing, with Bobo as the sharpshooter and Quin-cee as his assistant. Giggles volunteered to hold the scimitar, while Poof did an excellent job filling the hoops with balloons. The second show had the same players. Then we headed for home to prepare for the three shows at the Winnipeg circus.

At the Winnipeg, Transcona, circus, three shows were performed for the people who attended. The Komedians, including sixteen clowns, attended the circus, although only twelve were in full dress. Some clowns attended only one show while others performed the skit for all performances. Thanks to the clowns who took the time and effort to dress for the circus, meeting and greeting the children as they entered the arena, saying thank you for attending, and saying good bye, see you again. Hats go off to clowns Giggles, Jello, Bobo, Popkorn, Reggie, Klod, Noooffee, Poof, Squeeky, Junior, Bundy, and Albert Flasher. Good job, fellows.

We had total coverage for the full two weeks of traveling. We held circuses in ten different locations, a total of twenty-four shows, and about 4,200 kilometers traveled. Quin-cee and Poof thank all Shrine clubs for their fine hospitality and kindness in helping in the skit when needed.



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## Brandon & District Shrine Club

*By Noble Rod March*



**W**e hope everyone has been enjoying the summer season which arrived fashionably late this year. Locally, the Brandon Car Patrol has been busy with parades and representing Khartum Shriners throughout the region. These nobles also presented a display at the Westman Dreams for Kids Family Fair again this year, and many favorable comments were received throughout the day. This is another great way to help both organizations. Congratulations, nobles!

Our Potentate, Illustrious Sir Don Thomson, visited our Club in February. We appreciated this visit, as he got us up to speed with Khartum Shriners information and planned events. We wish Illustrious Sir Don, his Lady Dawn Turner, and the Divan continued success for the year.

It has been determined that for this year, Circus Daddy funds from our Club will go towards the Patient Transportation Fund. Noble Ross Mann, Circus Daddy chairman, and a committee of volunteers have completed a mailing to all former contributors and look forward to receiving positive replies for this campaign. Hopefully, the arena will be available next year for the

Club to present a circus again. We thank Noble Mark Griffith for his ten years of service as Circus Daddy chairman and also his Lady Lorraine for helping with the administrative duties.

Sadly, I must report the passing of Lady Carol Hochbaum, wife of Noble Al Hochbaum. We offer our sincere condolences to Noble Al and his family. Our thoughts are with you.

The building committee will proceed with more structural improvements to the Club. During the summer, the exterior will be painted and renovated and an outdoor smoking area will be developed. Since the fire last year, the rental situation has improved and we look for this revenue source to grow with added Club renovations. We hope that all Club members will recommend our facilities to anyone who may be looking to rent a hall for any occasion.

We congratulate Noble Joe and Lady June Yaworski on celebrating their sixtieth wedding anniversary, and Noble George and Lady Joanne Mann who will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary this fall.

Three of our nobles were recognized this year as they marked special milestones in their Masonic careers. Noble Joe Haddad received his sixty-year bar as a Mason, and Nobles Bob Bergson and Reg Eamer received their fifty-year jewels as Masons. Fantastic achievement, nobles. Also, we congratulate Noble George Mann on his election as district deputy grand master for the Assiniboine district.

Please remember to mark your calendars for the pot luck supper at the September meeting. See you there. 🍀

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# Ruff Riders

By Noble Terry Burt



**H**opefully, by the time you have received this issue of the Khronicle, summer will have finally arrived. Spring was a busy time in the unit as we completed our plans for the summer and fall and enjoyed our social activities. After a number of weather delays, the "Big Reds" are finally out of their winter hibernation and ready for summer.

Our 25th anniversary dinner on Saturday, April 4, at 529 Wellington Crescent was a wonderful evening — outstanding service, great food, and a beautiful mansion that has so many memories for so many. It doesn't get much better. We were pleased that Illustrious Sir Don Thomson and Lady Dawn, and honorary member Illustrious Sir Bill Kubik, P.P., and Lady Laurie were able to be with us. It was also super that, with one exception, all our nobles and ladies were able to be there and enjoy the evening. A brief review of our history was made, and our ladies were thanked for their exceptional support over the years. The Potentate congratulated the unit on an outstanding twenty-five years. Following dinner, some of our more senior nobles toured the building seeking out their old haunts.

The annual Day at the Races, jointly hosted by the Skooters and the Ruff Riders on Sunday, May 3, was another fun-filled afternoon with "Rocket" Ron keeping the place jumping again. The competition among the donkeys was fierce this year with three or four fighting it out at the wire in all six races. J. Lo. and Bucky fought it out as usual, with each winning two races. However, Lolita, in winning the feature race, sent her supporters home the big winners of the day. With a new room layout and food arrangements, we have increased our capacity and had our largest silent auction ever. Now that some new people have enjoyed this fun afternoon, we are hoping they will bring their friends next year and we will have a sellout. From the comments we keep receiving, perhaps our theme for 2010 should be "If you have tried the

rest — come try the best — you won't be sorry that you did."

Without any further problems, by the time you read this, the "Big Reds" will have appeared in Transcona, Selkirk, Morris, Winnipeg Beach, and

Gimli and we will have enjoyed the hospitality of the Royal Canadian Legion branches in Winnipeg Beach and Morris. Also, a pizza party hosted by Liz Wilson and Nils Lindberg followed Transcona, our "Brats and Burgers" day hosted by Doug Seel followed Selkirk, and the "Big Chicken" stopped by the Allard's following Gimli. We plan to be in Morden to enjoy their hospitality and participate at the 17th Wing Family Day in September.

Another of our anniversary events occurred on Friday, June 12, when we were at Assiniboia Downs for their buffet dinner followed by an evening with the large size queens and kings of the track. It was another great evening.

Tickets for our 26th Grey Cup raffle are available. Don't wait too long to get yours. Last year, we sold out weeks before the game.

Congratulations to our Noble Murray Wilkie who is being inducted into the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame in October. It is incredible that the "whip," now well into his 70's still laces up the blades and travels out of province to participate in tournaments. He has also found an "old love" and is back on a "Big Red" again.

We also congratulate Noble Doug Seel who retired in July and joined the ranks of those enjoying the older years. With his new-found time, look for a decrease in the fish population.

Our fall dinner honoring our ladies will be held at Rae and Jerry's Steakhouse on Saturday, November 7.

Our annual dinner and election of officers will be on Friday, November 27, at the Shrine Centre. Our holiday "capon caper" will be on Tuesday, December 8, also at the Shrine Centre.

Healthwise, it has been a tough winter and spring for some of our ladies and nobles. My Lady Marianne was ill in

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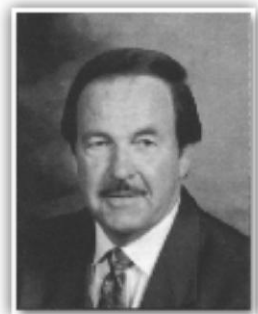


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February. She made a remarkable recovery and is getting her strength back. Noble Ron Werry took a tumble in Victoria. With his new walking stick, we can add the "silver bullet" to his long list of infamous monikers. He encountered further problems and required a walker. Hopefully, warm weather will bring some improvement. Noble George Kuch had a knee replacement in May and at last report the surgery was successful. Lady Peggy Deen had just returned from visiting her family in South America when she had to fly back as her mother had become very ill.



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# Provost Corps

*By Noble Don Campbell*

*Report Submitted by Noble Henry Giesbrecht*



**A**t the time of this writing, the rural circus is now history. A hearty thank-you to all nobles taking part and making it a huge success, and on helping Illustrious Sir Don Thomson on his travels throughout Manitoba and Ontario.

On June 7, the Provost held its annual post-circus brunch, also a huge success thanks to Noble Keith Duncan. Present were members of the Divan, past potentates, Illustrious Sir Woody Woodward and Lady Susan, Illustrious Sir Bill McKeigan and Lady Margaret, and Illustrious Sir Don Thomson and Lady Dawn Turner.

The summer parades were well attended and a good time was had by all.

The following nobles were elected to the executive:

President: Henry Giesbrecht  
 First Vice President: Tom Love  
 Second Vice President: Keith Duncan  
 Secretary: Don Campbell  
 Captain: Don Atkinson  
 First Lieutenant: John Eilander  
 Second Lieutenant: Al Bernard  
 Quartermaster: Don Campbell

Life memberships were presented to Nobles Wilf Curtis and Stan Hemming. An honorary life membership was also presented to Noble Jim Krochenski.

Welcome to Noble Ray Landin who hails from Edmonton AB.

In closing, to all our shut-ins, may you have a speedy recovery. To the families who lost loved ones, our sincere sympathy. 🙏





# Lakehead Shrine Club

By Noble Bev Young



**T**he Lakehead Shrine Club (LSC) hosted another successful display at the annual Canadian Lakehead Exhibition Yard and Garden Show from April 3 to 5. This event enables us to promote the Shrine **hospitals and our other programs.**

Noble Al Werpny was presented with a Citizen of Outstanding Achievement Award on April 28 by the City of Thunder Bay.

The Shrine Circus was another successful event on May 9 and 10 at the Fort William Gardens with Potentate Illustrious Sir Don Thomson, several Divan members, and Khartum clowns attending from Winnipeg. Chairman Andy Anderson extends his thanks and appreciation to all the Shriners and their ladies, family members, and sponsors, who helped in so many ways selling tickets in the malls and working at the circus ensuring its success.

The annual Masonic/Shrine Teddy Bear Picnic held on June 14 was another well attended event, with many Masons and Shriners and their families enjoying fine dining at the barbecue. This is a great opportunity for Masons and their families to learn about the Shrine and its programs. Noble Andy Anderson entertained with some of his clown/magic tricks.

The 101 Patrol Unit held their annual Mother's Day brunch on May 17, another successful event.

Noble Milan Thierry chaired another successful Vidalia onion sale again this year, which has become a popular fund-raising event.

Noble Bob Foley, Shrine Hospital Committee chairman, reports that we have sixty patients on file with thirty-two patient hospital visits and five new patients in 2009.

Nobles Bob Foley and Peter Knudsen are chairing a committee to purchase new Lakehead Shrine Club jackets for the nobles and their ladies.

Our LSC Train was a popular attraction at the Teddy Bear Picnic, the annual Thunder Bay Canada Day Parade, the Port Arthur Street Festival, and at Chippewa Park this summer.

Nobles Pat Curran, Gary Christiansen, and Craig Wolverton are volunteer coordinators of the Masonic CHIP program which provides a CD disc of photo and other identification information primarily for children and older adults should these people become missing. Their committee members have presented the program in malls and other venues to communities from Emo on the west to Manitouwadge in the east. Police agencies enthusiastically endorse this program as it provides immediate, valid information from the parent/guardian should a person become missing. To date, they have provided CD discs for over 2300 children without charge. Funding for the program is provided by donations. 🍀



Winnipeg Shriners making presentations at the Attorney General's office, for persons helping with last year's Safe Cruise Night. There was another on June 28. Front row (l. to r.): Deputy Chief Doug Webster, Winnipeg Police Service (WPS); Attorney General Dave Chomiak; Illustrious Sir Don Thomson, Potentate, Khartum Shriners; Ross Holt, Public Relations, Khartum Shriners. Middle row (l. to r.): Tomas Chomiak, Discipline 204 Car Club; Jeanie Dalman, Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation (MPIC) Road Safety; Patrol Sergeant Kevin Cisaroski, WPS; Constable Pat Chabidon, WPS; Staff Sergeant Mark Hodgson, WPS. Back row (l. to r.): Constable Dave Boyd, WPS; Constable George Ehr, WPS; Retired Identification Constable Craig Boan, WPS; Cliff Eden, MPIC Road Safety.





# Flag Patrol

By Noble George Einarson



A tip of the Fez to everyone at Khartum Temple. In the last issue of the Khronicle, a little bug or virus rearranged our executive officers and their positions for the Patrol covering 2009. To set the record straight, the "official" executive for the Patrol and Color Party comprises the following nobles:

President: Bruce Barton  
 1st Vice President/Quartermaster: Carl Hrechka  
 Secretary: Wally Stowell  
 Treasurer: Bob Baldwin  
 Captain: Wilf Blommaert

Other Patrol nobles holding positions are:

Divan Liaison Rep.: Brian Terin  
 Oriental Guide: Wayne Hudson  
 Outer Guard/Assistant Chief of Staff: Bruce Barton

The Patrol has now become centered on the "Color Party" and continues to carry our flags at various events, circuses, and parades. With the help of other nobles from various units, we have carried the colors for our Potentate, Illustrious Sir Don Thomson and for the promotion of Khartum Shriners and our Shriners Hospital for Children.

Since the April issue of the Khronicle, the Color Party attended circuses in Kenora, Selkirk, Portage la Prairie, and Winnipeg. Guest Patrollers added a special splendor to the Color Party with nobles from the Komediens, Cycle Escort, Provost, and Divan. They were all in step and held the flags high to the beat of the Pipes & Drums and Fife & Drum Band. Thank you all for helping display our colors.

This year, 2009, the Khartum Patrol celebrates 100 years and on May 16, kicked off our celebrations. The Patrol had a special Ladies' Night dinner at the Gasthaus

Gutenberger restaurant with twenty-four nobles and their ladies in attendance. Other special events are just in the planning stage and details will be announced in the next month.

Another highlight in May was the 23rd annual Teddy Bear Picnic in support of the Childrens Hospital of Winnipeg, which, by the way, is also celebrating its 100th anniversary this year.

The Patrol Color Party and Pipes & Drums have been attending this event for the past twenty-three years as part of the main stage entertainment and official kickoff of the picnic. What an outstanding record for these two units! Also on hand were the SBI Unit and the Khartum Komediens. Thousands of children, moms, dads, and teddy bears had a wonderful day, thanks in part to the Red Fez and happy and smiling Shriners.

June, July, and August had the Color Party and Patrollers on the move, marching, selling, and attending the Khartum Bud, Spud and Steak Night, selling tickets for the Disney Trip at Walmart, and marching in parades in Selkirk, Morris, Gimli, Lac Du Bonnet, and Winnipeg Beach.

An active group of Patrollers will attend the Midwest sessions in Rochester MN. Eight nobles and their ladies will take part in the parades, Patrol breakfast, and Shrine activities, and they are getting ready for our Midwest in 2011.

On behalf of all our Patrollers past and present, we salute our capable, energetic, and dedicated executive. They are setting records as they have completed more than five years as president, captain, secretary, and treasurer, and, in some cases, have added responsibilities as assistant chief of staff, oriental guide, and outer guard.

These special nobles have, without a doubt, kept the Patrol and Color party active and we are committed to the work of the Shrine and the Masonic ideals.

Congratulations, executive officers, you certainly set a fine example for us all. 🍷



*The Khartum Patrol Ladies' Night on May 16, 2009, at the Gasthaus Gutenberger restaurant. Left side (front to back) and right side (back to front): Noble Carl Hrechka and Lady Helen, Noble Ron Hart, Lady Melody and Noble Brian Terin, Lady Marlene, Lady Anne and Noble Wilf Blommaert, Lady Jo and Noble Wally Stowell, Noble Rob Arms and Lady Eleanor, Lady Elaine and Noble Wayne Hudson, Noble Bill McKeigan and Lady Margaret, Noble Bruce Barton and Lady Muriel, Lady Janet and Noble Josef Mueller*



# Cycle Escort

By Noble Larry Crane

Report Submitted by Noble George Chapman



The Khartum Cycle Escort is alive and well. Its columnist, Noble Larry Crane, has had considerable difficulty learning the responsibilities of being a grandparent, so he is off again to points East and South so that he can enhance his education. I hope he has a good trip and that he eventually does get to learn about grandchildren.

Our President Bruce Weir is nothing short of a human dynamo. He and his charming wife Kathy entertained the Cycle Escort in their new home on the Assiniboine River for a very enjoyable low key get-together. President Bruce has also taken a leadership role in the forthcoming Shrine Golf Tournament, which will be history by the time you

read this, and its success, virtually guaranteed because the committee has sold it out, is in no small part due to the work that Bruce and his committee have put into it. I was going to mention that Noble Brent Gillan had also been a driving force with the golf tournament, but then I thought if I mentioned his name then I would also have to mention all the others on the committee, and of course, when you try and do that, you often overlook somebody. Under the circumstances, I will not elaborate further on Noble Brent.

The circuses are now behind us and the rumble of Harley Davidson motorcycles was again present. Our Potentate has much to be proud of from the support he got from the Cycle Escort. At over 6 feet tall, Scott McOuat riding a mini chopper is just about as good as anything the comedians put forward at the circus.

The Cycle Escort meets the first Wednesday of each month and frequently practices on Wednesday evenings. The members are always anxious to talk to people who are interested in joining the Cycle Escort. Remember, riding in parades is a hell of a lot more fun than marching in parades! Some of the unit members are excited about getting 25,000 motorcycles so they can participate in the various maneuvers and competition events. If anybody reading this article is interested, we would love to hear from you.

Submitted by your interim, temporary good guy, filling in for Larry Crane — substitute reporter George E. Chapman. 🏍️

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# Skooters

By Noble David Lapp



Rochester participating in the parades and competitions, and our new Skooter nobles will experience our legendary hospitality, Skooter style. Make sure to keep your eye out for our ladies in their shirts and hats supporting their Skooter nobles.

Where has the time been going? The Skooters have had such a busy year, with circuses, parades, donkey races, and the upcoming Midwest. Our ladies have again been by our sides this year helping and supporting our endeavors. We tip our fez to them!

On a membership note: We welcome Noble Jonathan, and Ladies Katherine and Elyssa, as new additions to the Skooter family. Noble Jonathan has been at several practices and parades with the Skooters, and I am sure our secretary (Noble Jack Codd) will be watching him to pick a great nickname. So be careful, Jonathan! In addition, our other new member, Noble Bill Gilchrist, has been out and riding. Good to see you out on two wheels.

A few of our Skooter family members have been under the weather and our hearts go out to them, with wishes for a speedy recovery.

Traditionally, every year the Skooters attend the Rehabilitation Centre's "Cruise the Crescent" event and help out by being marshals. As you can see from the pictures, we were out in full force again this year, waving the Khartum colors. Once our duty was performed on the crescent, our Riding captain Jack and our President Joel took the Skooters out for a ride in the country (Headingley) for fellowship and ice cream. Needless to say, the town was nervous that the "Maroon Menace" was coming to their town and might not ever leave! Thank you to all the nobles who showed up for the ride.

In June, the Skooters had a 'night out on the town' and decided to go to Selkirk for dinner, with the "Maroon Menace" driving up front and our ladies following behind in the vehicles. The team had dinner at Barney Gargles, where great Skooter hospitality was had.

At this year's Midwest, our Skooter team will be out in

Good job to Skooter President Noble Joel Segal, who has been busy organizing fun rides and our Wednesday practices!



Noble Bill Gilchrist at Cruise the Crescent preparing the scooter for our big ride



Skooter bikes in front of the stage at Cruising the Crescent 2009



Noble Jonathan Cortes preparing the bike for the big Skooter ride out to Headingley

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# Oriental Band

By Noble Bernie Gross



To all the nobles of Khartum, greetings from the members of the Oriental Band.

Now that the parade seasons is in full swing, most of the units are quite busy. The Oriental Band is no exception. We have played at a couple of circuses and more parades will be on us fairly shortly. Although our numbers are quite small, we still play "the sweetest music this side of Mecca" and will continue to do so as long as we can form a band.

Let me give you an example of the commitment of the Band members. One of our members is well into his nineties and still continues to show up for most of our parades and play in the Band. Noble Don McCrae is an inspiration to us all. What an amazing person he really is and an excellent role model for the rest of us.

Another noble who demands respect from the Band members is Al Hochbaum. Noble Al lives in Ashern and

often makes the trip to Winnipeg to practice and play with the Band. We can also count on Noble Al to attend parades and play for shut-ins for whom the Band has committed to play, if he possibly can. Unfortunately, he recently lost his wife. We are all sorry because Carol was a courageous woman who fought a serious and debilitating disease. Please accept our sincerest condolences, Noble Al. I am told that several nobles from the Band attended Carol's funeral in Ashern and provided an honor guard at the completion of the service.

We will be attending the Midwest in Rochester this year and hope to do well in the Band competition. Last year, the feeling of the Band at the competition can be aptly summed up in that well known Scottish soccer saying as "We Wuz Robbed." Far be it for me to dwell on the past, but that was exactly the way we felt. We certainly hope that this year we can improve our standing. I guess time will tell. As always nobles, peace be with you and yours and if you see someone wearing curly toed shoes, treat him well as he is probably a member of the Oriental Band! 🍀

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## Stamps For Shut-Ins

By Noble Bert Jolly



Once again, it is my pleasure to let you know that our stamp program is still going strong. I thank Noble Rick Gustafson for his help in filling the envelopes for mailing. Speaking of mailing, the cost has gone up nearly twenty-five percent.

It is unfortunate that the Minneapolis unit has dropped out of the program because they were unable to find assistants to work with the kids. It seems that everyone is getting too old. Anyway, we will carry on with the other fifteen hospitals.

I thank John Dzan, Art Stephenson, Norm Fredrickson, Jean Saboraki, Joan Neelon, Doris Yanchishyn, and those I might have missed.

We need stamps from foreign countries, so if you can help, please drop them off at

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To each and every one of you, have a great summer. 🍀



# Fund-Raising

By Nobles Reg Stephenson and Gerry Krawchuk



**Aluminum Cans** — A big thank you to Chairman Dennis McQuade and all the nobles who continue to pick up pop cans on a regular basis. The price is still low at approximately 20 cents per pound. We're looking for a few more nobles to help out with collections. Give Dennis a call if you are interested and get out and meet the public and have some fun while doing so. A *'very special thank you'* to Gary Benzelock for providing and also installing new running boards on the Kan Van at no cost to us. The gesture is truly appreciated. If you can think of potential new pickup locations, let us know and it will be followed up.

**License Plates** — Nobles Bob Lane and Ray Senebald continue to do a good job of collecting plates from our Autopac outlets. Plates are being stored, hopefully until the price of aluminum increases.

**Cakes** — Noble Dan Talnicoff reports that the price of our 3-11lb cakes will be \$20.00 this year. They continue to be a bargain when compared to similar cakes being sold in the stores.

were sold last year and we should net between \$8,000 and \$10,000. The commission cheques to units should be mailed out very shortly.

**Coin Boxes** — Coin boxes were distributed to the liquor stores in April and brought in approximately \$1,500. We thank Noble Gerry Mastaler for taking on the chairmanship of this program and we know he will do a very good job. Nobles, let us know of any locations you believe would be ideal for placement of our boxes.

**Disney World Trip** — Noble Jack Codd continues to do a tremendous job for us with the assistance of Nobles Gary Saunders and Doug Gardiner. Nobles, we believe this to be a great project with great potential and urge you to get behind it by speaking to your family and friends. Why not ask your son, daughter, neighbor, grandchildren, barber, or hair-dresser, etc., to sell a book for you? They would probably be more than willing to do so. More information about the trip can be found elsewhere in this publication. 🍄



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## Director's Staff

By Noble Fred Dagg



**C**alling all directors — let's get going and sell Disneyland tickets. It is a good fund-raiser and could prevent a raise in dues. Buy a book or two also. This applies to all units.

Our sick list has Nobles Wilf Lake, Ralph Shaff, Carl Christensen, and Mo Morrison, and Lady Peggy Hiebert on it, as well as our secretary, Noble Herb Andrusyshyn, hobbling about on a broken leg. Noble Royce Hall has had eye surgery.

We attended the Selkirk and Pinawa parades. Our calendar picture for 2010 was taken at Selkirk. Our June 9 meeting was attended by Nobles Bill Kandia and Herb Solmundson. Nice to see you! Now, if we could only get a few more "old timers" to come out regularly.

The circuses are over for this year and the reports are that all country circuses made a profit. The attendance at the Winnipeg circus was disappointing. Nobles sold few tickets themselves — sales were mainly from Safeway and Walmart.

Noble Ken Galaschuk has made inserts for the roster — changes in addresses, etc. They are available from secretary Herb.

At the Winnipeg circus, Ladies Helen Pachal and Catherine Dagg were exiting by the rear door of the arena to go to the refreshment tent at the same time the grizzly bears, standing on their rear legs, decided to come in the same door, and came face to face with the ladies. It's hard to decide who was startled the most. The ladies are still wide-eyed and quite pale. What a sight!

In closing, a thought — when you tell the truth, you never have to worry about your lousy memory. 🍄



# Ladies' Auxiliary

By Irene Campbell



**I**t has been a long and cold winter but it has not affected the spirit of the Auxiliary. We have been busy and we will take this opportunity to give you an update.

The Children's Rehab Center hosted an "Appreciation Day" in honor of the Auxiliary. Staff member from the Therapy and Outreach Program described the use and application of the items purchased by us in the last year. It was interesting to learn how some small items can make such a huge difference in the treatment of the children. Vice President Deanne was presented with the "Service Appreciation" plaque, and she accepted on behalf of the Auxiliary. Little Ashley, in her best party dress, represented the patients and parents, and was excited to present a bouquet to Vice President Deanne. In return, Ashley was overjoyed to receive a stuffed rabbit almost as big as she was. Illustrious Sir Donald and the Divan attended the ceremonies. He added his congratulations and commended the Auxiliary on their generosity to the Rehab Centre and the Shrine Hospital. In the lobby of the Hospital is a donor wall in stained glass. We are proud that the Khartum Ladies' Auxiliary is a Platinum donor. Each member received a Rehab Hospital lapel pin and a small spray of flowers.

Our fall Bazaar and Dinner was a popular event, and our major fund-raiser for many years. Circumstances have made this more difficult to stage. Therefore, after much thought and discussion, it was decided to hold a "Bud, Spud and Steak" night as our major fund-raiser. It proved to be a successful evening. Kudos to Vice President Deanne Czarnecki and her committee for convening this event. A sincere thank you to our sponsors and members for their generosity in providing prizes.

Noble Craig Houston was kind enough to bring the video of the ceremonies at the opening of the new Shrine Clinic to our April meeting. The Potentate and Divan honored the ladies with tea and dainties following the



Ashley with her rabbit and Vice President Deanne Czarnecki

card players take part. The lunch was excellent and the desserts were great. We thank conveners Eve-Anne Kristjanson and Ruth McCorrie for their efforts.

We mourn the passing of member Peg Burkitt, president in 1984; Doreen McGuff, president in 2005; and long-time member Dorothy Gamble. Please contact Cheer and Concern Chairperson Beth Darrach at 888-1507 regarding illness or bereavement.

Our honored guest at the annual "Member Dinner" was First Lady Dawn Tuner. This was a special evening for fun and fellowship. Lady Dawn helped present 25-year membership pins to Pat Allenby, Margret Forster, Norma Goltsman, Carol Holm, Caroline Quinn, Nettie Solinski, and Helen Waugh.

The Auxiliary holds a special place in the heart of Viki Bunston, a member for fifty years. It is our honor and privilege to present Viki with a 50-year certificate.

The trio of "Improv" entertained us with comic sketches along with participants from the audience. A super evening!

The Fez Ladies' Bowling League concluded their season with a luncheon at the Conrad Inn. Grand Champions were Kathy Krokosh, Pat Servatka, Olive Kandia, and Nettie Solinski.

## Upcoming Events:

- September 9: Bowling starts
- September General meeting
- 21: Raffle draw
- October 25: Christmas luncheon meeting

See you in the fall. 🍂



(L. to r.): Vice President Darryl Gill; 25-year pin recipients Caroline Quinn, Pat Allenby, Margaret Foster, Nettie Solinski, and Helen Waugh; and President Faye Hooper





# Pipes & Drums

By Noble Jimm Simon



Being a member of a band means learning new things. Of course there's the music. The Khartum Pipes & Drums meets at least twice a week to practice and learn new music. Being a member of the Pipes & Drums also provides an additional learning experience. As one of the younger guys in the band, I'm often able to learn new things from some of the older members of the band. For example, earlier this year, on our annual trip to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, I learned a whole lot about bus travel from one of our members who shall remain nameless.

Here are four tips to remember when going on a band bus trip:

1. Don't forget your suitcase in the car and make your wife chase the bus.

4. Don't get your bagpipes stuck in fire doors forcing you to call for help.

As a bonus learning tip,

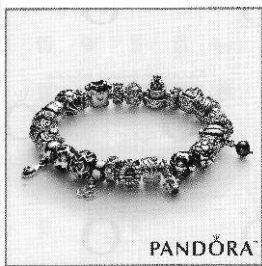
5. Don't wear your band shoes golfing on opening day.

Now, as if that wasn't enough information to absorb since March, we also benefitted this spring from yet another tour of Carman, Manitoba. As a professional historian, I was amazed to learn about the storied history of Carman's Boyne River. Did you know that you can still see, along the shores of the river, the cannon and remnants of the fencing used to deter submarine attacks during the historic Second World War Battle of the Boyne? I was amazed. Also, while in Carman, we got a quick guided tour and personal history of The Old House, the former residence of the prominent Virtue clan.

This spring also saw the band playing at a wedding social for our oasis chair's daughter. I'm not even going to discuss what I learned there, but as the father of an 11-year-old girl, I was taking plenty of notes.

And finally. Remember the spring flood? Remember how highway 75 south was closed for several weeks? That little episode taught me that if you write articles too far in advance it will get you in trouble. You see, despite my reporting in the last issue that the band performed, as usual, to rave acclaim at the annual Grafton airport family day, the truth is, we couldn't get there unless we rented a boat and that didn't seem practical.

Oh, and the music. We do play music. Among other events, we played at the Shrine Circus in Selkirk, Portage, and Winnipeg; and at Canadian Cancer Society events in Carman, Winnipeg, and Steinbach. We played for Grand Lodge, for the West Kildonan Legion, and we marched in the Brandon Traveler's parade, along with a bagpiper from the Brandon Shrine, Dan Jardine, and in the Teddy Bear Picnic for the twenty-third year in a row. More than once we were so busy we had to split the band in two so we could honor two commitments on the same night. The band is now practicing hard to prepare for the Shrine Midwest. We've got a great new set of tunes, and we're spending most of June and July practicing just for that event. I will let you know how we did in the next issue. 🐾



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## Sphinx Temple No. 116 Daughters of the Nile

*By Lindsey Lorteau, Queen*



**S**phinx Temple No. 116, Daughters of the Nile, is in the midst of a busy summer. Sphinx Temple was extremely excited to take almost thirty ladies out to Dryden on May 30 for a special Ceremonial of Initiation. For the first time ever, our Temple traveled outside of Winnipeg in order for us to initiate seven ladies in the Dryden area. That made a total of twelve Daughters of the Nile members in that area.

In June, Sphinx Temple had forty-five ladies and five men travel to London ON for the "Autumn's Splendour" Supreme Session. What a fun week! All five of our Temple Units performed that week with our Choir members participating in the Mass Chorus and the other units dazzling everyone during the Unit Performance evenings (Ilderim's Harem Dance and Pageantry, Temple Tambourines, Sphinx Temple Patrol and the Klassie Klowns). When not being entertained by units, the voting delegates did have the business of Supreme Session to attend to which was entertaining in its own way! We were not disappointed with another Canadian Supreme Session which ended off with another Canadian Supreme Queen installed!

July 17 was another fantastic day for Canadian Daughters of the Nile! Supreme Queen Vesta Marshall presented a gold plaque to the Montreal Shriners Hospital for Children representing \$3 million donated by Daughters of the Nile. The Montreal Hospital is the first of the Shriners Hospitals to have had \$3 million donated by our organization. Way to go ladies! Some of the members of Sphinx Temple were in attendance to witness this historic event after visiting

Sakina Temple No. 145 in Ottawa and Oasis Temple No. 46 in Montreal.

Our Klassie Klowns have continued entertaining children of all ages at some summer events again this year. Following a fun time at Supreme Ses-

sion, these ladies did not put their makeup far away so that they could bring smiles around Winnipeg! Great Klowning, ladies!

Sphinx Temple No. 116 looks forward to hosting Supreme Queen Vesta Marshall on her official visit to our Temple on Monday, September 14, 2009. The Ceremonial of Initiation will take place at 1:30 P.M. at the Khartum Shrine Centre followed by a banquet at 6:00 P.M. at the Hilton Suites Winnipeg Airport. Please contact Past Queen Pat Vialoux for ticket information at 222-1556. 🎩



*Queen Lindsey Lorteau and the seven ladies initiated in Dryden ON. Back row (l. to r.): Renee Gould, Pat Patey, and Johanna Minnder. Front row (l. to r.): Beth Queau, Barb Kirouac, Queen Lindsey Lorteau, Nora Queau, and Katrina Kauer*



*Queen Lindsey Lorteau (front row, 4th from left) and all the members of Sphinx Temple who drove out to Dryden, plus the twelve members from Dryden*





## Lake of the Woods Shrine Club

By Noble Ross Sillery



The Lake of The Woods Shrine Club had a busy spring preparing for the circus this year with Wally Gustafson as chairman. Again, it was a success. He

asked me to make special mention of all the help he received from the nobles and ladies who sold programs and tickets at the different outlets and for being there wherever help was needed. Also from Winnipeg, we thank the Drum &

Bugle Corps, the Flag Patrol, the Komediens, and the Divan.

At our last regular meeting, we were honored to have Illustrious Sir Don Thompson and members of the Divan in attendance. We welcome our new members, Nobles Bruce Krueger, Bob Gustafson, and Ralph Howard to our club. We also thank Noble Andrew Skene, who is always ready to help us in any way he can. 🍷

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## Rod & Kustom

By Noble Gerry McArthur



Winter was fairly slow with the weather not cooperating; talk about *kold!!!* Circus time rolled around and Noble Gerry represented the Rod & Kustom and attended the Selkirk circus in the Selkirk arena. This was also Lady Tetiana's first circus and she was thrilled. The acts were just great and everyone loved the show. Unfortunately, the weather was not cooperating, and it rained and the wind blew fiercely. Noble Dennis could not make it with his Duster because of the weather and President Emil was under the weather in more ways than one.

The Winnipeg circus was a different story, as the weather was beautiful. Noble Gerry and Lady Tetiana helped out by taking care of the bar in the Khartum tent. The tent was set up

for nobles and ladies to relax in with food and drinks available. President Emil brought his three-wheeler for the spec. Noble Dennis and Noble Gerry walked along with him as there was only so much room for vehicles.

Summer is a busy time for parades and other functions. After the Selkirk parade, our oasis was in West St. Paul at Noble Gerry and Lady Tetiana's new home there. The unit had representation at the Winnipeg Beach parade, with the oasis again at Noble Gerry's beach home after the parade. Needless to say, everyone enjoyed Lady Tetiana's food preparation. After the Gimli parade, the Oasis will be at the Winnipeg Beach home again. Members are looking forward to the remaining parades. Nobles are also gearing up for the Christmas cake sales and of course have been selling the raffle tickets for the Disney trip.

That's it until the next report. 🍷





# Ritualistic Unit

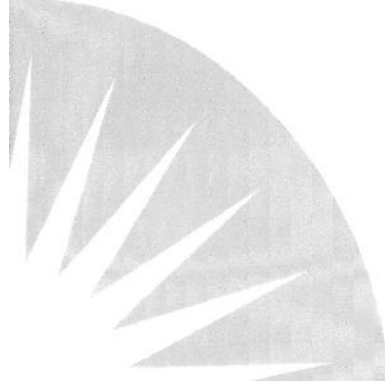
By Noble Ross A. Johnston



Summer - What to do with it?

Enjoy every day, bit by bit!

Do you read "Shoe" in the comics? Earlier this year, he asked the question: What was the Munroe Doctrine? Answer: Diamonds are a girl's best friend. And so it was on Wednesday, April 29, when we gathered with our ladies, a few widows, and some Divan couples at the Winnipeg Art Gallery to view the 175 works of art of Marilyn Monroe: Life of a Legend. Described as "one of the great icons of our time, celebrated for her beauty, appeal, vulnerability, and the way in which her image was inspired by so many artists," our escorted tour meant a much more personal association with "Hello, Norma Jean" via the paintings, photographs, prints



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and sculptures. Thereafter, most of those present crossed the street to the Paddlewheel Restaurant in The Bay where we enjoyed an early dinner together in a private area. Illustrious Sir Tom Sidebottom, P.P., is to be saluted for

suggesting and making all arrangements!

Our monthly meetings on August 24 and September 28 will start our preparations for the initiation ceremony, with final rehearsals at 5.30 P.M. on September 30, and on October 7 and 14. Then, on October 17, during the Fall Ceremonial where the lessons learned in the allegory are meant to fill life's best expectations, you will see in colorful costumes this 'noble' cast:

1. Potentate . . . . . Bob James
2. Chief Rabban . . . . . Allan Cantor
3. Assistant Rabban . . . . . David Lerner
4. High Priest . . . . . Larry Cherrett
5. Inspired Charge . . . . . Earle Forshaw
6. Orator . . . . . John Jaman
7. Emblems & Jewels . . . . . Ken Cox
8. Oriental Guide . . . . . Ian Dark
9. 1st Ceremonial Master . . . . . Bill Pozer
10. 2nd Ceremonial Master . . . . . Doug McKechnie
11. Shriners Creed . . . . . Ross Johnston
12. Scribe & Prophet . . . . . Norm Pohl
13. Scimitar & Crescent . . . . . Terry Stubbs
14. Gong . . . . . Lanny Silver
15. Captain of the Guard . . . . . Ron Goltsman
16. Alchemist . . . . . Jim Simm
17. Alchemist . . . . . Norm Lobson

18. Fez Lecture . . . . . Bob James
19. Muezzin Chant . . . . . Bill Battershill
20. Fan Bearer . . . . . Leslie Litman
21. Fan Bearer . . . . . Gordon Coutts
22. Laver Bearer . . . . . Arnold Packer
23. Kaaba Bearer . . . . . Tom Sidebottom
24. Makeup . . . . . Irv Jackson
25. Makeup . . . . . Dave Logan
26. Choir Director . . . . . Gerry Krawchuk
27. Director . . . . . Bob Harwood
28. Ass't Director . . . . . Arnold Packer
29. Organist . . . . . Neil Bardal

Under bits and pieces:

- Well wishes to Nobles John Gaddows, Joe Hyde, Bill Pozer, and Keppy Steiman...
- June 6 was Shriners International Awareness Day to show pride in what we do.

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- A May milestone: Khartum Shriners presented a \$100,000 cheque to Montreal Shrine Hospital; view the Hospital website (Canada) at [www.shrinershospitals.com](http://www.shrinershospitals.com).
- Unit members visited Seven Stars Lodge #180 on May 19 to greet Noble Larry Cherrett as Worshipful Master.
- On May 28, Jessie Kirk passed away. She was the widow of Noble Doug Kirk who always provided a special stage presence.
- Please correct Noble Bob Harwood's phone number to 889-5020, and the new address for Noble Norm Pohl to 202-234 Ronald Street, Winnipeg MB R3J3J4.
- Noble Arnold Packer is still 'tied' up with our new unsold Leo Chevalier design ties so please see him soon!!
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provides a special financial opportunity to enhance the Temple funds. At ticket booth venues, you may see our unit Nobles Bob James, John Jaman, Les Litman, Norm Lobson, Arnold Packer, Tom Sidebottom, and Harry Tucker. Be sure to say 'hello.'

- As we are still trying to form a Masonic Degree team, please advise if you can assist.
- Strange things happen. In 1975, Illustrious Sir Tom Sidebottom, P.P., joined the Divan and returned his Ritualistic jacket to the unit. Apparently, twenty-five years later it was given anonymously to Goodwill Industries. Now, thanks to its CEO, Noble Doug McKechnie, it has been recently returned to us in good condition! Can you help the editor solve this intriguing mystery?
- Under June bouquets, warmest congratulations to our unit Nobles David Love, the newly elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba; Arnold Packer, who received the Grand Master's Award of Merit; and Norman Pohl, Grand Chaplain.
- Need we mention the Midwest Summer Session is in Rochester, Minnesota, from August 20 to 22. A ladies' brunch is being planned in September; more details later.

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- This year Christmas cakes will cost \$20, but still, how sweet the taste!

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## Interlake Shrine Club

By Noble John Eilander



**T**he Interlake Shrine Club was dark during the winter because most members go south or other places during the winter months.

We had our Pickerel Fry in the spring rather than in the fall when lately everyone else had something going. However, it did not do as well as we had hoped. We served about 325 people and had a lot of pickerel left over because we had prepared for about 500 people. We did not make a lot of money; as a matter of fact, we lost a little. But we showed the flag which is worth something, as one of our former potentates used to say.

On August 3 of this year we had our parade in Gimli which, as usual, brought out a lot of people. The Festival folks supplied a lunch for members of the Khartum Shriners at the arena which was prepared and served by members of the Interlake Shrine Club. Our own Noble Joey Arnason was in charge. Of 120 original members, we are now down to about 60, and have actually only about 20 who are local and can be counted on to work if necessary.

In July, we worked at the Winnipeg Beach Hotel meat draw. We attended Fridays and Saturdays for three hours which brought us a nice little bit of money. Our President, Ted Sherbrook, made up a roster of those offering to help. 🍗

## Upcoming Events Calendar

Event	Place	Date	Time	Details
Islendingadagurinn	Gimli MB	Monday, August 3	10:00 A.M.	
Midwest Shrine Association Convention	Rochester MN	Thursday, August 20 to Saturday, August 22		
Morden Corn & Apple Festival	Morden MB	Saturday, August 22		
Stated Meeting	Shrine Activity Centre	Thursday, September 24	7:30 P.M. sharp	
Stated Meeting	Shrine Activity Centre	Thursday, November 26	7:30 P.M. sharp	



## Fife & Drum Band

By Noble Jack Allenby



**I**t could have been a balmy summer evening in 1939, the scene, the Meadowbrook in New Jersey, and on the bandstand, the fabulous Tommy Dorsey band blowing up a storm. Or it could have been the Glen Island Casino in New York, featuring the mellow sounds of the Glenn Miller orchestra.

The memory of those evenings so many years ago came alive again one evening this past May. The scene was a rocking Shrine House; the occasion, the annual Fife & Drum Ladies' night. We danced the night away to those same big band era tunes provided by Murray Riddell and his twenty-one piece orchestra.

We welcomed the Potentate, Illustrious Sir Don Thomson, and his Lady Dawn with some of the members of the Divan and their ladies. We were indeed fortunate in having with us a group of nobles and ladies from the Flag Patrol who shared in the fun of the evening. An excellent repast

with good companionship sum up a successful event orchestrated by entertainment chairman in perpetuity, Noble Ike Toews.

In keeping with the theme "food and fun," our annual circus breakfast

was again held at #4 Legion hosted by band circus chairman Trevor Odgers. Joining us for the occasion were seven members of the Flag Patrol, the Illustrious Sir, and four members of his Divan.

Kicking off the summer parade season were circus performances at Selkirk and Portage. A pleasant post-performance perk after the Winnipeg circus was the hospitality tent arranged by Illustrious Sir Don.

Our sick and visiting chairman, Noble Ray Thurlbeck, appears to have everything under control insofar as our unit medical misfits are concerned. No reports of swine flu or any other grievous bodily malfunctions.

If, perchance, you may catch our performance on the street as we march crisply by, you may recognize a familiar Irving Berlin tune, a new addition to the band's vast repertoire. We challenge you, gentle readers, to guess the name.

See you "on the street!" 🎺



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The Fund-Raising Committee is finding it hard to track our total sales at various venues, as many units are not turning in their sold books and money as soon as possible after a venue sale. Tickets given to the units are certainly for venue sales as well as tickets meant to be distributed to each noble and/or unit lady to sell to relatives, friends, neighbors, and to anyone wanting to buy a ticket on the Disney Dream or just support the Shriners. Units, please turn in your completed books and money so the Raffle Committee can accurately gauge our sales to date.

The venues already set up have all been assigned to various Khartum units. Thank you, nobles — we need your support to fill all the four-hour time allocations. Noble Gary Saunders has done a great job setting up these venues. We will be obtaining more venues like Sobey's, Chamois Car Wash, and possibly a few Safeway stores. Thanks again to Noble Gary for a job well done.

As of June 2, we have deposited \$13,000.00 in the Disney World Trip Raffle account with more than 30,500 tickets still out. Yes, we are well on our way, but we need you, all Khartum nobles, and, of course, our ladies, to pitch in and make this raffle a success.

If your unit needs more tickets, contact the Fund-Raising Committee or leave a note with Brenda at the Shrine Office. We have many tickets in the hands of Ontario nobles and are trying to place books in the hands of all nobles not presently in a unit; as well as sending out books after a telephone call to our special ladies for their support. If you want to be more involved and sell tickets at a venue, we are always looking for fill-ins. Phone Noble Jack Codd at 885-2866, Shrine House at 925-1430, or e-mail Noble Jack at [jcodd@mts.net](mailto:jcodd@mts.net) for some *fun* action.

Thanks to all Khartum for your support,

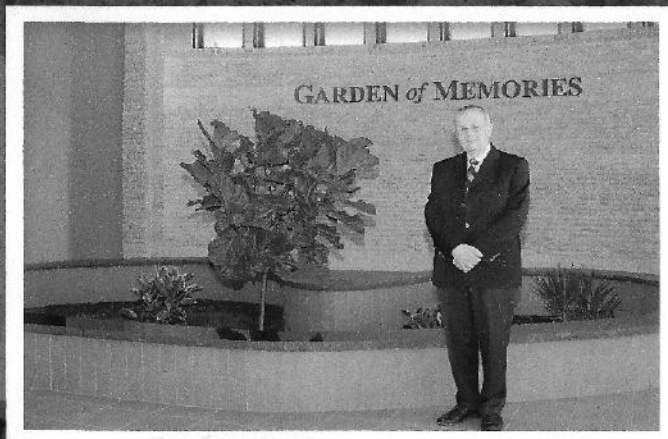
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