

WA WA SHRINE

WARBLINGS

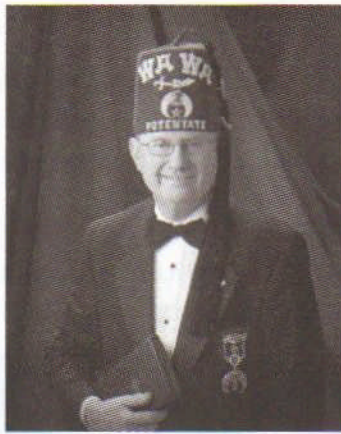


2008 Divan

Front row left to right Bevin Leipert, Ill Sir Randy Ball PP,
Ill Sir Richard Brown, Dave Fairlie, Don McDougall

2nd row Mel Douglas, John Clarke, Butch McLean, Ron Heal,
Gord Wiles, Bill Forrest, Ken Eskdale.

3rd row Don Kellington, Ill Sir Doug Osborne,
Art Hunter, Ron McEachern

POTENTATE'S MESSAGE**RICHARD BROWN**

My first thoughts are to thank each of you for affording me the incredible privilege and honour of serving you as Potentate for 2008. I assure you that your Divan is looking forward to a year in which Fellowship and the F(ph)ilanthropy are emphasized.

This year we have four new faces on Divan: joining us are Nobles Don Kellington (Marshal), Butch McLean (Captain of the Guard), Ron Heal (Outer Guard) and Gordon Wiles (Chief of Staff). Two members from last year are in new positions: Noble Mel Douglas is our Recorder and Noble Ken Eskdale is the Second Ceremonial Master. All of us are working toward making WA WA Shriners a vibrant and growing temple.

The Annual Meeting and Memorial Service were well attended as was the Potentate's Banquet held in Regina on Saturday, January 19, 2008. At the Annual Meeting Nobles Brent Blanchard and Mel Douglas were recognized for their years of service as Recorder and Chief of Staff respectively. Those who attended the banquet enjoyed the entertainment provided by the Sheldonaires, a high school vocal jazz choir from Regina and were amazed and proud to learn from Nicole and Darryn Monaghan of the care provided by our Chicago Hospital to their son, a little boy not yet two years of age, who is our first patient from WA WA to be dealing with cleft palate and related issues.

Thank you to all who took the time to be with us and to all those who arranged the program. I wish to particularly mention the Past Potentates who ably conducted the revised Installation of Officers Ceremony. Thank you Ill. Sir Dick Gutfriend for organizing and acting as the Installing Officer for the new ceremony.

Your Divan has recently returned from the Winter Sessions of the Midwest Shrine Association held in Aberdeen, South Dakota. At those sessions we learned of the plans for the Imperial Sessions planned for St. Louis in early July and our MSA Summer Sessions scheduled for Aberdeen in early August. We also witnessed a presentation of the "Membership Recruitment Program" that El Riad Shriners have successfully used the past several years and learned of the plans to upgrade the facilities at several of our Shriners Hospitals for Children.

March brings planning sessions for our Annual Ceremonial that is to take place in Regina on June 13 and 14 and an opportunity to have some FUN and FELLOWSHIP at the annual Shriners' Bonspiel that will be hosted by Moosomin Club on March 14, 15 and 16. Please attend these events, even if it is only to say hello and chat with your fellow Shriners and their Ladies.

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RECORDER'S MESSAGE

I'M BACK! Same face, different Fez. After 13 years as your Chief of Staff, I decided to accept the new challenge as your Recorder. My thanks for your trust in electing me to this position and I know your support will help move WA WA Shriners to a new level.

As I am in the learning mode for the next while, don't expect instant answers, but rest assured, you will get answers to your questions. The email address is recorder@wawashriners.org.

There will be many topics and ideas to be discussed by your Divan this upcoming year and your input via myself or your liaison officer is essential. It's your Shrine.

My thanks to those who have completed the membership survey update and sent it in with their dues. We will be working on updating our database, over the coming months, enabling us to better communicate with you. I check the mail, each day, in anticipation of your dues and survey.

There are many upcoming events listed in the calendar. Please get out and support as many as possible. Each club has spent countless hours planning and preparing Fun, Food and Fellowship.

Remember! There are no stupid questions, it's only stupid not to ask.

M.R. (Mel) Douglas

Recorder

**Saskatchewan Shriners Elect Provincial Executive for 2008**

On January 19, 2008, WA WA Shriners elected Richard Brown as Provincial President (Potentate) for 2008. Richard has been a Shriner for 31 years and became involved in the provincial governance of WA WA Shriners in 2001. Serving on the provincial executive are Dave Fairlie, Saskatoon; Don McDougall, Regina; Bevin Leipert, Moose Jaw; John Clarke, Fort Qu'Appelle; Mel Douglas, Doug Osborne, Bill Forrest, Ken Eskdale and Don Kellington, all of Regina.

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Herb Duncan sells out!

Cypress is one of the smaller clubs we have with only 25 Shriners but they managed to sell 325 calendars. Herb Duncan is 93 and personally sold 119 calendars. Congratulations to Cypress and Herb in particular for their dedication and enthusiasm. Pictured at left are Noble Herb Duncan and Ill. SirRandy Ball.

Warblings deadlines:

April 19, August 22, November 21

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LaBatte Named to Roster of East-West Shrine Game

University of Regina Rams third-year left guard Brendon LaBatte has been named to the roster of the West squad in the East-West Shrine Game, slated to be held on Jan. 19, 2008 at John O'Quinn Field at Robertson Stadium in Houston, Texas.

LaBatte, who stands 6-4 and weighs 325 lbs., started all 10 games for the Rams at left guard and was a critical part of the offensive line that helped the Rams average a Canada West-high 32.1 points per game this year. "It's a great reflection on our program and on how much our offensive line has progressed," Rams offensive coordinator Bernie Schmidt said. "This speaks well of Brendon and the work he's done to improve his athleticism and increase his speed and strength. He'll represent the Rams and the CIS very well down there."

The East-West Shrine Game is an annual post-season collegiate football all-star game. Every year since 1925, the game has been played to help raise money and awareness for Shriners Hospitals for Children, an international system of 22 pediatric specialty hospitals that provide care at no cost for children with orthopaedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate. To date, the game has helped raise more than \$15 million and informed millions of people about the mission of this extraordinary philanthropy.

The 82nd East-West Shrine Game in 2007 included 37 players who were selected in the NFL Draft this past April, while an additional 51 players were later signed as free agents.

Also representing the CIS on the West squad will be Saskatchewan defensive back Dylan Barker. The East squad will feature Laval linebacker Eric Maranda and Sherbrooke wide receiver Samuel Giguere.

LaBatte, who is draft-eligible for the CFL this year, will become the second U of R player to play in the Shrine Game. The first was slotback Jason Clermont, who played in the 2002 contest before becoming a high first-round selection in the CFL draft.

Dylan Barker Named to Roster of East-West Shrine Game



On Friday, December 21st, the Moose Jaw Shrine Club had a special guest of honour at their "Friday and Friends" get-together. Moose Jaw native, Dylan Barker, was recently nominated to play in the East West Shrine Bowl in Houston, Texas. The 21 year old Barker, who had an outstanding fourth season with the University of Saskatchewan Huskies, will be only one of four Canadian players selected to play in the Shrine Bowl. This is a big opportunity for Barker as NFL scouts will be evaluating players during practices and the game. Barker said he is looking forward to the speed and intensity of the American game. ESPN will broadcast the game on January 19th, 2008.

Dylan Barker is the oldest son of Moose Jaw dentist Dr. Mike Barker and his wife Barb. Dylan attended Central Collegiate

and played football with the Cyclones.

The East West Shrine Bowl is the premier all-star game in America. Held every year since 1925, the game's purpose is to help raise public awareness of the 22 Shriners Hospitals for Children located throughout North America. The Shriners Hospitals provide expert orthopedic and burn care at no cost to their patients. To date, the game has raised over \$14,000,000 for Shriners Hospitals and helped inform millions of people about the mission of this extraordinary philanthropy.

Submitted by: Trevor Smith – Publicity Director for the Moose Jaw Shrine Club



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PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT**WA WA Shriners**

Our initial goals for 2007 were to create an enhanced awareness of the red Fez within the general public. We also wanted to reawaken in our members an appreciation for the history, traditions and pride in our accomplishments. To this end we express our deep appreciation to all Clubs and Units for the excellent job they have done this summer in representing all Shriners in local parades.

We continued to offer Shrine Awareness powerpoint presentations to Clubs upon their request. Each of the presentations was modified to reflect the work and situation in each Club. What we have discovered is that the presentations fostered a renewed interest in our present members and the general public. Each of the presentations has brought new members to Masonry and Shrine during the year. We have offered the presentation at nine clubs and two ceremonials during 2007.

This year we decided to approach Access 7 Communications with the idea of producing a half hour program on the Shrine. The initial meetings last February progressed to the point where we were able to provide enough material for five programs. We set about to combine local individuals and Imperial PR Department success stories about patients. We were able to move from production to broadcast in December of 2007. We are excited to report that the series has entered a period of reruns during January and February of this year. Access 7 has also offered the series to all of the Access 7 Community Channels in the province and we are attempting to have Shaw Cable pick up the series. Should this come about the series will then be shown in all areas of the province. We have duplicated the series on one DVD and today a copy is being given to each Club President. We hope that they will use the series at meetings and public functions to educate their members and general public.

We want to thank the Browns (Jenn Mike and Carter) for coming to Regina from Estevan for the taping. We would be remiss if we did not thank the Nobles who were "voluntold" for this project: Illustrious Sir Randy Ball, Most Worshipful Brother Francis Hester, Nobles Mel Douglas, Ken Eskdale, Brian Donbrook and Noble Bill Forrest. Being able to tell our story with a local flavour enhanced the meaning of our philanthropy to the viewer.

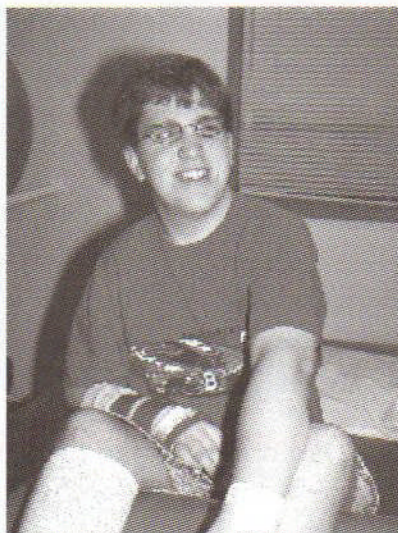
We have consulted with a couple of the clubs that have and will be submitting Shrine Information to their local newspapers. We feel that supporting the local initiative is more effective and cost efficient than trying to initiate a province wide print campaign. Based upon the results of a CTV Christmas Greetings campaign, tried in the southern Saskatchewan marketing last year, we expanded the program to be broadcast in both Saskatoon and Regina this year. For the voice-over we asked Bailey Abrey, a Shrine Kid, to help and she did a wonderful job. From the feedback this is a positive program for timely visibility.

We have set up a provincial media distribution system for disseminating Media Advisories. These go out to print and electronic media in all of the communities served by WA WA Clubs.

We took part in the Leadership Seminars this fall when we were able to stress to the club leadership the importance of always considering public relations as it relates to each and every event. We stressed the notion that when someone sees the red fez they will think in terms of HOPE. Hope for their community and more importantly hope for the children at Shriners Hospitals for Children. We also asked that each Club assign Public Relations to one of their members. Unfortunately, only two Clubs have assigned a member to date. It is the intention that we will hold workshops to exchange ideas and help the local PR Reps understand their responsibilities.

We have appreciated the opportunity to serve and look forward to the challenges in the future.

Respectfully submitted,



Despite sustaining severe injuries during the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing that will affect him throughout his life, Brandon has a positive outlook. With the help of Shriners Hospitals, he continues to progress and improve.

Taking Positive Steps: The Denny Family

The Denny family doesn't take things one day at a time.

"We take one minute at a time and enjoy every minute of every day like it's our last," Jim Denny said. "This is the way we live, and it's a good life."

Over the years, the Denny family of Oklahoma City has created and maintained a positive approach to life. Shaping that perspective, in part, was an experience so devastating that it forever changed the lives of the Denny family, and left a lasting impact on the entire nation.

On April 19, 1995, Jim Denny went about his morning routine of dropping his wife, Claudia, off at work and his two youngest children — 3-year-old Brandon and 2-year-old Rebecca — off at America's Kids, a daycare center located in the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building.

At 9:02 that morning, more than 5,000 pounds of explosives were detonated near the Murrah building in what was, at the time, the worst terrorist attack on U.S. soil. The explosives were in a rental truck, which was parked just outside the second-story windows of America's Kids. Nineteen of the 25 children there were killed.

Rebecca and Brandon were the only child siblings to survive. Rebecca sustained extensive injuries to her left side; and Brandon had massive injuries, including life-threatening ones to his head and brain. Rebecca recovered after spending 10 days in the hospital. Brandon's condition was far worse.

In the weeks and months following the attack, Brandon had four major brain surgeries, each posing life-threatening risks. After 126 days of hospitalization, Brandon was released, but his prognosis was not favorable.

Within eight months, Brandon was walking and talking, which doctors did not expect he'd be able to do. Because of the necessary removal of brain tissue, he had no use of his

right hand and his wrist was pointed downward. He also walked with a limp.

After years of therapy failed to produce tangible results, Brandon's Oklahoma City physician recommended the family seek treatment at Shriners Hospitals for Children — Shreveport. In the summer of 2007, Brandon, who was then 15, had several surgeries at the Shreveport Shriners Hospital to improve his gait (walking pattern), arm mobility and use of his fingers.

Brandon returned to the Shreveport hospital this past fall for a month-long session of intensive therapy, focusing primarily on eliminating the need for a walker. Upon completing his session, Brandon walked out of the hospital unassisted.

"We're at a place in Brandon's life where I couldn't be happier," Jim said. "This is a five-star facility without a doubt, from top to bottom. Everyone we've come in contact with has been super."

Having experienced firsthand one of the darkest days in American history, the Denny family savors each moment together and maintains a steadfast, positive focus on the future. While Brandon will always have orthopaedic issues related to his brain injuries, both he and Rebecca exude amazing perspective and determination. For Jim, it's the right view.

"It's a long road, and we've never asked for sympathy from anybody, but what we've received from people is understanding, a lot of prayers and a lot of help from good doctors," he said. "We feel we're in the best position at Shriners Hospital for Brandon to continue his efforts to walk better and use his fingers."

The family will continue their positive journey. One minute at a time.



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40th ANNIVERSARY OF THE PIPES AND DRUMS

Interview with Noble Bill Kelly -

longest serving active member

a. Name and Joining Date

Bill Kelly, 1967 planning for 1968 band start-up

b. Civilian and Military Background

- B.Arch, McGill 1954
- Private Consultants 1957 to 1972
- Self Employed 1972 to present
- 10th Field Pipe Band 1969 to 1974

c. Masonic Activities

- Regina Lodge #211 Past Master to NWMP # 11
- Prince of Wales #27 Past First Principal
- Wascana Preceptory #51 Past Preceptor
- Red Lodge Past Provincial Grand Prior
- Saskatchewan Conclave #14 Registrar
- 32rd degree Scottish Rite
- Cryptic Rite Past Master

d. Shrine Positions

- Piper
- Past President and later Treasurer of the Band

e. Greatest Triumph

During the early 70's the Band entertained at a Shrine sponsored Football Game in the U.S.A. Our arch rival Shrine Band was first, formed a perfect circle on the field and played magnificently. Wa Wa then appeared with a total show of pipes, drums, bugles, dancers and singers. The level of applause was discernibly different.

f. Funniest Moment

At the Grand Opening of the Silver Broom in Regina, the Drum Major planted his mace firmly in the ice for the best part of an hour during the speeches. After a mighty tug the mace was removed and the Band played out. The first draw was delayed half an hour while they

8 fixed the ice.



Lady Shelagh and Noble Bill Kelly

g. Most Hope, Least Success

At an Imperial in Toronto the Band played thru three levels of a triplex restaurant including the dining spaces and kitchens. On completion they all expected some sort of treat or reward as the owner flung open these large doors, only to find themselves back out on the street.

h. Final Words

"Compared to the many other organizations I have encountered, this bunch is the most diversified in backgrounds. I recommend to anyone seeking a broader life experience that he join a group such as this one."

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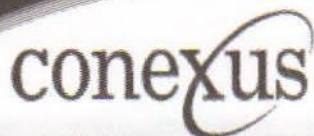
Give an outright gift.

Such items as cash, securities, real estate, personal property etc., are welcome as we continue the mission of care giving at Shriners Hospitals for Children.

An "In Memoriam" donation in remembrance of a deceased Noble, his Lady, or a friend, to the Wa Wa Shrine Patient Transportation Fund.

For the twelve month period January 1st to December 31st 2007, the "In Memoriam" fund received a total of \$60,646.00, all of which went directly to the Patient Transportation Fund. This amount of money went a long way to help pay for transportation costs for our children in the past year. The Illustrious Sir, and his Divan say Thank You for your continued care and support.

Noble Ron McEachern
Donor Relations Director

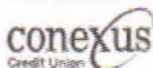
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BATTLEFORDS SHRINE CLUB

Battlefords Shrine Club

We have been active in the Battlefords and area over the past four months. Our Potentate Illustrious Sir Noble Randy Ball attended our meeting in November and installed our new officers for the 2008 calendar year. Installed as our officers were Noble John Welykochy as President, Noble Gordon Yarde 1st vice President, Noble Dave Dishko 2nd Vice President, Noble Darryl Leedahl Secretary and Noble Glenn Hunter Treasurer. We are getting ready for our Annual Shrine Tea being held on May 3rd this year at the Ionic Lodge in North Battleford. We are also starting preparations for the Circus being held May 15th at the Civic Center in North Battleford. Our Unit is looking at options to improve or enhance over the next year. We are looking forward to attending several parades again this year.

A CONTRIBUTION THAT LASTS A LIFETIME

Universities, service clubs and associations all promote lifetime memberships. Did you know that the Shrine offers Nobles a chance to be a life member of its hospitals?

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- wives to give their husbands who are Nobles
- units to use as a special recognition for outstanding Shriners who are officers or volunteers

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SWIFT CURRENT SHRINE CLUB

All is quiet at this time of year. We will be having our Harley motor bike draw again this year. The Circus Committee is gearing up for the Circus. Those of us who attended the Annual Meeting had an enjoyable time. The new format of installation was very positive.

Our congratulations to Ill. Sir Richard Brown and his Divan. Our thanks to Noble Brent Blanchard for his years of service as Recorder of Wa Wa Shriners. Our best wishes to Noble Mel Douglas in his new position as recorder.

I am writing this from the warmth of Palm Springs and Jeanne and I don't miss the cold blizzardy conditions.

Good luck to the Moosomin Shrine Club who are hosting the Shrine Bonspiel.

Noble Ron Heeg

Swift Current Shrine Club

MOOSE JAW SHRINE CLUB

The Moose Jaw Shrine Club is off to a good start this year. We have enjoyed a number of social events around Xmas and the Super Bowl and are gearing up for a busy spring as well. Thanks to Bill Johnstone for organizing the masonic garage sale we had in early February which was well received by exhibitors and the public. We are also excited about a fundraising effort spearheaded by Vern Traill which we hope will raise some much needed funds for the patient travel fund. We are having an evening of fine dining and entertainment combined with a cash lottery on the evening of April 4th. Tickets for this event are going well. Our circus committee is active and all of our units are looking forward to parade season. It appears we may have up to 8 new members for June's ceremonial.

Scott McMann

President

Moose Jaw Shrine Club

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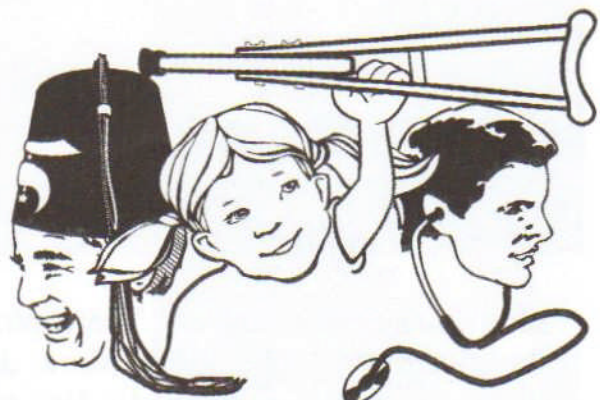
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"Receiving this award verifies that we deliver state of the art, quality nursing care to our patients everyday. While this is a nursing award, it is a collaborative effort by all staff that brought us to this recognition."



Members of the Magnet Team pictured here (l to r): Debbie Harrell, Kathy Zaeske, Deb Taylor, Jean Merz, Jaronda Mills, Judy Lyons, Angie Allen-Jackson, and Angie Hardy. Not pictured: Mary Rieman, Donna Mertens, Sue Saylor, and Sue Lloyd.

DRUM CORPS

The Wa Wa Drum Corps hopes that all nobles and ladies had a festive and safe holiday season and extend our best wishes for 2008.

Before taking our annual Christmas break the Corps performed at the Wascana Hospital children's party wherein our Lieutenant did his best to recruit some younger members who did pretty good for their first time marching.

Our Corps annual Christmas social was well attended by not only our own members but also by Ill Sir Randy and Lady Audrey. Santa paid us a visit and everyone seemed to appreciate his attendance. Noble Don McDougall received the Lyle Judd award for the noble whose contribution to the Corps went above and beyond, congratulations Don.

After the Christmas break we continue to conduct weekly practices to perfect and enhance our show. Its sometimes a bit difficult with many members becoming snow birds for the next couple of months, but it gives us the opportunity to perfect the smaller sections of the show.

On a sad note we mourn the loss of one of our lifetime members, Noble Earl Smith. He will be sorely missed.

Our members continue to be quite actively involved in Wa Wa activities. We extend our congratulations to three of our members, Ill Sir Richard Brown on becoming Potentate for 2008; Noble Tom Fulton on becoming Regina Shrine Club President and to Noble Don Kellington on being appointed Marshall.

The Corps is already planning its 2008 parade schedule and so far it appears as if the Corps will be very busy with various parades and a trip to Mid West. Plans are also well underway for our upcoming Pasta Night on March 28th and Lobster Night on May 10th. Pasta night tickets should be on sale by the time the Warblings is published - we expect quick sell outs again this year so get your tickets early.

Respectfully submitted
Noble Marlowe Smith



Noble Don McDougall receiving the Lyle Judd Award

What did
Lady Audrey
ask Santa to
give her for
Christmas?



IN MEMORIAM

William James Drummond 111C 18235 86 Ave NW Edmonton, AB T5G 1M2 Deceased: 2007 Initiated: June 11, 2005	Age:80	Donald A. Rennie 38 315 Bayview Cr. Saskatoon, SK S7V 1B5 Deceased: December, 2007 Initiated: June 9, 1990	Age:85	William Ian Hamilton Box 1169 Nipawin, SK S0E 1E0 Deceased: January 31, 2008 Initiated: June 27, 1964	Age:82
William E. Garrett 302 4515 Varsity Dr.NW Calgary, AB T3A 0Z8 Deceased: June 11, 2005 Initiated: June 26,1965	Age:75	A. Wayne Cowan 567 27th St. W Prince Albert, SK S6V 4S4 Deceased: May 26, 2007 Initiated: June 1991	Age:60	Walter Bedford Box 342 Avonlea, SK S0H 0C0 Deceased: January 31, 2008 Initiated: June 27, 1964	Age:68
James R. D. Douglas 909 Normandy Dr. Moose Jaw, SK S4S 4J9 Deceased: November 30, 2007 Initiated: June 10, 1989	Age:85	Desmond G. Patton 509 2830 Gordon Rd. Regina, SK S4S 6A1 Deceased: January 31, 2008 Initiated: June 13, 1987	Age:85	Ross Charles Castle 72 Deborah Cr. Saskatoon, SK S7J 2W8 Deceased: February 4, 2008 Initiated: June 11, 1988	Age:68
Glenn Parker 420 Balfour Dr. Regina, SK S4S 3G8 Deceased: December 7, 2007 Initiated: June 27, 1980	Age:88	William Earl Smith 510 410 Pioneer Dr. Regina, SK S4T 6L7 Deceased: January 12, 2008 Initiated: June 21, 1959	Age:87	Dr. Derek H Haworth D702 500 Eau Claire Ave SW Calgary, AB T2P 3R8 Deceased: February 5, 2008 Initiated: January 21, 1957	Age:83
Claude A. Dobson 238 3651 Albert St. Regina, SK S4S 0A3 Deceased: 2007 Initiated: June 19, 1970	Age:84	John Henry Grismer 333 2025 Haseltine Rd. Regina, SK S4V 2Z4 Deceased: January 14, 2008 Initiated: June 15, 1955	Age:94	Royden K. Donahue Biggar, SK S0K 0M0 Deceased: February 2008 Initiated: October 24, 1947	Age:92

CALENDAR WINNERS

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DUSTIN SEEMAN LAMPMAN	BURT SWANSON - BROWNLEE	MARK TAYLOR - FOAM LAKE	CURTIS ARNDT - MAPLE CREEK
B. H. & M. A. CAMPBELL SWIFT CURRENT	JACK ERHARDT & ROD CRESSEN - KAMSACK	LOTTIE POTTER - NOKOMIS	
JOANNE KLIPPENSTEIN REGINA	CATHY PATTERSON MOOSE JAW	JIM TENETUIK - SASKATOON	
SANDI GRAY - PERDUE	MIKE MCPHAIL - SASKATOON	OWEN NICKLIN - LANDIS	
	JOANNE COWAN SASKATOON	JOE SKUCE - SASKATOON	
		RON WESOLOWSKI PRINCE ALBERT	



GOOSE LAKE SHRINE CLUB

First, to the 2007 Divan, thanks for your good work...To Ill. Sir Richard Brown and the Divan, best wishes for 2008. Also, welcome to Warblings Editor Noble Kent Peters and Liaison Noble Don Kelington.

Goose Lake began the year with President Lloyd Near, Lady Beryl and others going Regina in January for the Annual Meeting, Memorial and Potentate's Ball.

The first meeting and whist social in February did not happen---Kindersley's weather "trumped" the event with a blizzard.

We look forward to Goose Lake's April 20 Bowling Social in Rosetown and welcome home several winter vacationers.

Dan Gerle

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

A very special thank you goes out to Noble Ron Stankov for his significant effort through his years as editor of the Warblings. In putting together the first edition that I have been involved with, it has given me a greater appreciation of the hard work he put into every issue.

I do hope that the new printing format and layout is pleasing to all, but if any of you have any suggestions or concerns please contact me via email, all input is helpful.

Additionally I would encourage everyone to take advantage of our new "Letters to the editor section" by submitting your opinions and Shrine experiences for others to share.

Noble Kent Peters
Editor

HAVE YOUR SAY

SUBMIT YOUR LETTER TO THE EDITOR

AT

warblings@wawashriners.org

INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS

Dear Nobles:

You are all aware of the recent system-wide branding of Shriners Hospitals for Children - the new logo, color palette, design system, etc. Having a consistent look for our philanthropy is a very important factor in maximizing the success of our communications. Another very important factor is communicating using consistent language and wording.

In an effort to standardize messaging relating to Shriners Hospitals for Children for enhanced clarity and impact, we have developed the SHC Stylebook. This resource is intended to help all communicating on behalf of Shriners Hospitals for Children to follow approved language unique to the hospital system and Shriners of North America. The February 2008 Edition of the SHC Stylebook is attached, and it is also available for download at www.shrinersbrandspot.org, under the Design Basics section. All information in the SHC Stylebook has been reviewed and approved by leadership at Shriners International Headquarters for accuracy. We hope this tool will be useful to you as you continue playing an integral role in supporting communications efforts of Shriners of North America and Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Thank you very much,

Public Relations Department
Shriners International Headquarters

CALENDAR WINNERS

FEBRUARY	SHEILA BURTON	ANNE MCLEAN	DON H. CONLIN
HACKMAN FEEDS	MAPLE CREEK	ESTEVAN	ROSETOWN
WILLOWBUNCH	SUE SMITH	RHONDA PACHAL	WAYNE YOST
NORMA JOHNS	SASKATOON	ESTEVAN	CHRISTOPHER LAKE
SASKATOON	VERNON KNOWLES	LES & LORRAINE TEBB	ERNIE GIESBRECHT
CRAIG NEW	UNITY	KENOSEE LAKE	SASKATOON
CORONACH	INCOLF DAHL	HARVEY MORAN	HARRY MARTIN
DOUG MORRISON	MAPLE CREEK	MOOSE JAW	WYNYARD
ESTEVAN	BARBARA TOMTE	ANNA MAY RYANE	PENNY COLMAN
JIM STEWART	SPRUCE GROVE, AB	VISCOUNT	CHILLIWACK, BC
ASSINIBOIA	PEGGY LEE LAVALLEE	BRENT STECHYSHYN	BOB FLEURY
SYLVIA DAVIE	PRINCE ALBERT	SWIFT CURRENT	SWIFT CURRENT
SASKATOON	LIZZ KEEP SASKATOON	STEVEN & TERESA	MARYLYN & KEN
TERRY DESROSIERS	DON GILLIES	REILLY CALGARY, AB	ANDERSEN
BIGGAR	CALGARY, AB		PLEASANTDALE

GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

Greetings from the Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan A.F.& A.M.

M.W. Bro Francis Hester

It is with great pleasure that I offer congratulations to Illustrious Sir Richard Brown, Potentate, and the Divan of Wa Wa Shriners in their new offices for the year 2008. I hope you have a very successful term of office, and I know that you will provide exemplary leadership that will benefit all Saskatchewan Shriners.

I also wish to thank Immediate Past Potentate Randy Ball and Lady Audrey for so capably representing WaWa Shriners throughout 2007. They "followed through" on their motto, and made certain that a great many of us were indeed "hooked up to the Shrine". I, along with my wife Sharon, particularly appreciated the invitation to attend the 133rd Imperial Council Session from July 1st to July 5th at Anaheim, California. It was indeed a "magical time", and Imperial Potentate Nick Thomas' slogan "**We are Family**" rang out loud and clear throughout the week. I was one of about fifty Grand Masters in attendance, and we were treated royally. While I was there, and since returning, I experienced the warmth of fellowship, and that genuine feeling of Masonic and Shrine brotherhood.

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MW Bro. Donald A. Rennie Library

Dedication Ceremony

Please join us for the Dedication Ceremony of the MW Bro. Donald A. Rennie Library which will take place on April 26, 2008 at 1:00 pm at the Saskatoon Masonic Temple.

Our meeting time of 1:00 pm for the start of our Regular Meeting of Solomon Lodge of Research No. 5986 will now take place after the dedication ceremony.

As you are aware MW Bro. Rennie was the guiding force of the establishment of this Library. It will be a tribute to his memory.

GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE CONT.

We, at the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, are busily preparing for Grand Lodge Communication 2008 to be held from June 18th to June 21st, 2008 in Swift Current. It will feature the Laying of a Cornerstone for the new Swift Current Lodge building, plus the sealing of a Time Capsule to be opened in 100 years. This time capsule will have contributions from every Lodge in Saskatchewan, in the form of its history, memorabilia, photos, and so on, presented by its three top officers. In addition to our regular business, we are having a golf tournament, a barbeque, a formal banquet, ladies' programs and musical entertainment. It promises to be a great time, and you can obtain registration forms from the Grand Lodge Office in Regina, or in *The Tracing Board* (March, April & May publications).

I am pleased to report that in 2007-08 many Saskatchewan Lodges have hosted Information Nights, with Grand Lodge Officers in attendance. These Information Nights have resulted in a number of young men joining the Masons in a variety of communities. We welcome these new members, and know they will bring many talents to their Lodges. The Grand Lodge Degree Team has also been busy this past year, putting on Third Degrees in Macrorie, Melfort and Saskatoon.

This spring, the Grand Lodge "Line" has another **team** sharpening up its skills of a different sort. We have been challenged to demonstrate our Curling Talents against those of the Wa Wa Divan at the Provincial Shrine Curling Bonspiel in Moosomin on March 14th to 16th. We have not yet decided if we will wear our kilts. Perhaps for the victory celebration afterwards! It promises to be a lot fun, and hopefully we'll see some of you there to cheer us all on.

RABBIE BURNS AT THE R.U.S.I.

The Pipes and Drums Four (PD-4) entertained at the Royal United Services Institute (RUSI) on Rabbie Burns Day (25 Jan). The occasion was the bi-monthly WEEPERS as sponsored by the Naval Officers' Association of Canada (NOAC). The combination of pipes, drums and piano provided a unique listening experience and was greatly appreciated by all attending. As they signal in the Navy, BRAVO ZULU Shriners



PRINCE ALBERT SHRINE CLUB

Tis true! On February 2nd, the old groundhog here in Prince Albert never saw his shadow, probably because it couldn't climb over the huge snowbanks to see anything, with all the local Shriners sitting under their fezes trying to keep warm when Noble Boris (our V.P.) and Noble Lou decided to hold a Valentines Social. Noble Boris and Lady Pat got to it and prepared all the food, Noble Bob Hayes (who is great on the Drums) and his partner Phyllis McTaggart tickling the ivories, entertained with old time music much to the enjoyment of all 36 who attended. Too bad we didn't have some singers. Unfortunately, due to a mix up the Social was held Friday and only those who had e-mail knew of the change in date (was to have been Saturday) so many missed the party. After our guest musicians left Noble Lou got out his dulcimer and entertained with some oldies..

Our President, Noble Harold Guy and lady Lil are still enjoying the warm weather in the south, we still have to keep on with activities here, the Cancer Shuttle Van has been operating fairly regularly between P.A., Wakaw and Saskatoon, and we now have a big BINGO slated for March 8th,

Noble Murray McLaren suffered a bad fall while curling and is now recuperating at home. We extend to him our very best wishes and hopes for quick healing and a return to coffee row.

Congratulations extended to Noble Rick and Lady Linda Galloway on becoming new grandparents. Incidentally they both were initiated into Chapter 16, Order of the Eastern Star on February 6th.

Our next meeting will again be a Breakfast Meeting (March 2nd) but by the time everyone reads this it will have passed. Many of those attending our Breakfasts say they really enjoy them and would like to see them a regular event.

Submitted by

Noble Bill McKay

REGINA SHRINE LADIES AUXILLIARY**CHILI WINTER FUN NIGHT**

25TH OF JANUARY, 2008

The Regina Shrine Club was abuzz with people waiting to taste the chilis and the temperature was rising with the heat from the pots of chili.

This year was the 13th Annual Chili Winter Fun Night, held with the Regina Shrine Club. As in the past the RSC supplied the tasting cups and plaques, and the Ladies Auxiliary looked after the chili pots and served chili, buns and salad after the tasting. We had tasting from 6:00 PM to 7:00PM and then we served chili.

This year we had 16 participants and 16 very different chilies. There were no two alike. Who would of thought that there are so many different cilil recipes! The winners were as follows: 1st Place Jeannine and Darrol Driver, 2nd Place Ernie Butz and Larry Couse, 3rd Place Jeff Barker and Grant Schmidt. The Congeniality Cup was won by Dave and Gerry Houston. It was a great evening of fun and fellowship and a good time was had by everyone.

S Butz

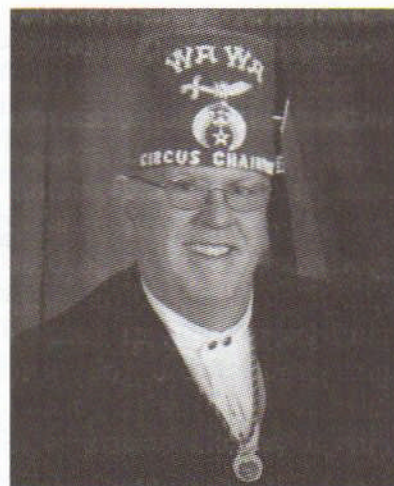


Sue with winners Jeannine and Darrol

FUNDRAISING REPORT

Nobles, it is even more important than ever that we pull together in our fundraising efforts. Your divan would like to help wherever possible. You will have received, at the club level, a fundraising document that we have created to assist others in getting the needed information to be successful in our efforts.

Our financial needs are growing and, it seems, there are fewer nobles available to do all the work to get it done. We commend your work. We know how hard it is to go the extra mile to raise more than last year. Perhaps a new idea is needed. After we get back the completed forms regarding your projects and those of every club, we want to send out information. If you are looking for something else to do or in need of help for a project not as productive as hoped for, perhaps we can help.



Noble Bill Forrest
Fundraising Chairman

I'm fully aware that several clubs do a great deal of work for the calendar and circus projects but you also do such productive projects beyond them. Please, let us know about them. Ask your club secretary for a form for your project and send it in to us. We hope to send out a wealth of information to all clubs regarding fundraising in our Temple.

C A L E N D A R

March

01 - 05	Recorder Seminar	Tampa, FL
14-16	Prov Curling	Moosomin
17-19	Asst Rabban Seminar	Tampa, FL
31	Divan Meeting	1715 Supper 1800 Meeting

April

10	Past Potentate Dinner	Regina
12 - 16	Oriental Guide Seminar	Tampa, FL
19	Warbling Cut-off	
28	Divan Meeting	

May

15	Battlefords Circus	Civic Centre 1615 1930
16	Saskatoon Circus	Prairieland Park 1615 1930
17	Saskatoon Circus	Prairieland Park 1100 1430 1730
18	Saskatoon Circus	Prairieland Park 1400
21	Parkland Circus	Gallagher Centre 1030 1615 1930
22	Stated Session	2000 Shrine Centre
23	Regina Circus	Tent - Dewdney & Albert 1615 1930
24	Regina Circus	Tent - Dewdney & Albert 1200 1600 1930
25	Regina Circus	Tent - Dewdney & Albert 1400
26	Divan Meeting	
27	Estevan Circus	Civic Auditorium 0930 1300 1930
29	Swift Current Circus	Civic Centre 1615 1930
31	Moose Jaw Circus	Tent - Civic Centre 1030 1400 1900

CALENDAR REPORT**WA WA Shrine Cash Calendar Report**

Congratulations to all Wa Wa Nobles for a job well done on sales for the 2008 cash calendars. The increases for this year were as follows:

	<u>06</u>	<u>07</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Calendars sold	3292	3700	+402
Total Dollar Sales	\$65,960	\$74,000	+\$8,040
Returns to Clubs	\$13,192	\$14,800	+\$1,608
Returns to Centre	\$28,370	\$35,341	+\$6,971

To sum up the numbers we returned a total of \$50,141 to our Shrine Clubs and Shrine Centre. This project is an excellent fund raiser.

A very special mention and congratulations go out to Noble Herb Duncan of the Cyprus Shrine Club who is 93 years young and sold 113 calendars. A fantastic achievement.

We had a very successful program this year and this was achieved by the aggressive sales approach by you the Nobles and by the quality product we had to sell, with the attraction of all the prizes the calendar offers plus we had an attractive product. We were able to produce this attractive calendar this year through the efforts and suggestions of several people and I would like to recognize them in this report.

Firstly we put out the word that we would like to change the image of the 2008 Calendar and here is what happened:

- 1) The Chief Rabban's Lady Inez Fairlie suggested that we change the total appearance of the Calendar and she came up with a sample that we used as a base and a springboard for other ideas.
- 2) Ill. Sir Doug Osborne came up with the idea that we use a collage of pictures of all the Shrine Clubs who entered pictures for the 2008 calendar on the front and back cover. This was done and this idea turned out very well.
- 3) I requested the services of Noble Art Hunter and Noble Don McDougall to serve with me on a committee to assist in meeting our objectives to revise the calendar, incorporating their ideas along with the ones already suggested. They accepted the challenge and as a result we came up with the 2008 version of the Wa Wa Shrine Cash Calendar.

A vote of thanks goes out to these people for their ideas and suggestions.

Now what about next year??? Suggestions for the Shrine Clubs for 2008:

- Appoint a Calendar Chairman now and submit his name to me and I will start working with him now for next year's program.
- Think about how many calendars can you sell next year??

My objective for next year is 4000 calendars. This is an overall increase of 300 calendars. Can we do it? Yes we can, and how many of these 300 can you sell in addition to what you sold last year??

Noble Gord Berg
Calendar Chairman for 2008

CALENDAR STATISTICS

WA- WA SHRINE 2007 CALENDAR SALES REPORT (rev.)

<u>SHRINE CLUB</u>	<u>SHIPPED</u>	<u># SOLD</u>	<u>\$ RECEIVED</u>	<u>PAYMENT</u>
Assiniboin	175	175	\$3,500	\$700
Battlefords	102	102	\$2,040	\$408
Carrot River	265	265	\$5,300	\$1,060
Cyprus	275	275	\$5,500	\$1,100
Estevan	249	249	\$4,980	\$996
Goose Lake	325	325	\$6,500	\$1,300
Indian Head	40	40	\$800	\$160
Moose Jaw	240	226	\$4,520	\$904
Moosomin	200	200	\$4,000	\$800
Parkland	250	247	\$4,940	\$988
Prince Albert	250	231	\$4,620	\$924
Regina	625	615	\$12,300	\$2,460
Saskatoon	625	493	\$9,860	\$1,972
Swift Current	170	98	\$1,960	\$392
Weyburn	50	50	\$1,000	\$200
Wyn-El-Wa	125	109	\$2,180	\$436
Totals	3,800	3,700	\$74,000	\$14,800

PROFIT SUMMARY

Sales	\$74,000
Picture Fee	\$ 1,800
Printing & Ship	\$ 8,034
Prizes	\$17,625
Gross Revenue	\$50,141
Club Share	<u>\$14,800</u>
Net to Shrine Centre	<u>\$35,341</u>

Respectfully submitted

Gord Berg

June
Ceremonial
June 13, 14
2008



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Divan Noble Bevin Liepert struck a committee of 5 nobles to assist him with the duties of the Membership Committee.

In addition to Bevin are Nobles Danny Berehula, Greg Marcynuik, Wayne Miner, and Kent Peters. The first meeting of the committee was held as a teleconference and the main topics of discussion surrounded recruitment and retention. Several materials were discussed including a powerpoint presentation as well as the facilitation of membership seminars to be held at individual Lodges and Clubs.

If you have any questions or suggestions for the committee please contact any of the committee members.

Respectfully submitted
Bevin Liepert

TWENTY QUESTIONS

- 1. What is the total Shrine membership?**
Approximately 400,000.
- 2. How many Shriners temples are there?**
There are 191 Shriners temples, or chapters, throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico and the Republic of Panama.
- 3. What was the first Shriners chapter?**
Mecca Shriners, organized in New York City in 1872.
- 4. When did the first Shriners Hospital open, and where is it located?**
In 1922, in Shreveport, La.
- 5. Where are the Shriners Hospitals located that provide burn care?**
Galveston, Texas, (opened in 1966); Cincinnati (opened in 1968); Boston (opened in 1968); and Sacramento, Calif., (opened in 1997).
- 6. Where are the Shriners Hospitals located that provide spinal cord injury care?**
Philadelphia (opened in 1960); Chicago (opened in 1963); and Sacramento, Calif., (originally opened in San Francisco in 1964).
- 7. What is the purpose of Shriners Hospitals for Children?**
1) TREATMENT: To provide the highest quality care, encouraging the best recovery possible; 2) RESEARCH: To conduct research in orthopaedics, burns and spinal cord injury, leading to improvements in quality of care and life; 3) EDUCATION: To train medical professionals in the treatment of orthopaedic disabilities, spinal cord injuries and burns.
- 8. What does it cost for a child to receive care at a Shriners Hospital?**
Nothing. All care and services at Shriners Hospitals are provided totally without charge to the patient or family.
- 9. Where does the money come from to operate the 22 Shriners Hospitals?**
Gifts, bequests, income from the endowment fund, hospital fundraising events and the annual assessment paid by every Shriner.
- 10. What is the total 2007 budget for Shriners Hospitals for Children?**
\$721 million. The 2007 operating budget is \$655 million, including \$37 million for research. The capital expenditures budget is \$66 million.
- 11. How much of the 2007 Shriners Hospitals operating budget is used directly for patient care and research at the hospitals?**
Approximately 93 percent.
- 12. To date, how much money has been spent operating the 22 Shriners Hospitals?**
Approximately \$8.2 billion.
- 13. To date, how much has been spent on construction costs for the 22 Shriners Hospitals?**
Over \$1.76 billion.
- 14. To date, how many children have been helped at the 22 Shriners Hospitals?**
Approximately 835,000.
- 15. In 2006, how many admissions were made to the orthopaedic hospitals?***
23,832
- 16. In 2006, how many admissions were made to the burn hospitals?**
3,973
- 17. In 2006, how many outpatient, outreach and telemedicine clinic visits were recorded at the 22 hospitals?**
296,659
- 18. Up to what age are children admitted to Shriners Hospitals for Children?**
Up to their 18th birthday.
- 19. What is the average length of stay at the orthopaedic hospitals?**
4.12 days
- 20. What is the average length of stay at the burn hospitals?**
4.26 days

All figures, unless otherwise noted, are through Dec. 31, 2006.

* Includes N. California hospital

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THE WARBLINGS CONTACT KENT PETERS AT**

306-231-4577 OR warblings@wawashriners.org

2008 WA WA SHRINE GOLF

The 2008 Wa Wa Shrine Golf will be held in Yorkton, Sask. on July 18th - 20th, 2008 and hosted by Parkland Shrine Club. This fun tournament is open to all Nobles, Ladies, Masons and their Ladies.

PURPOSE: The purpose of the Annual Shrine Golf Tournament is to promote fun and fellowship amongst all Shriners, their Ladies and invited guests. It is open to all caliber of golfers, from novices to (?) handicap golfers.

FORMAT: The format is Texas Scramble over two days (Saturday & Sunday) with plenty of entertainment, fun and prizes. It is requested that all participants, send in your handicap or a score you would golf at over 9 or 18 holes of golfing. The mixed (mens and ladies) Teams are made up from the scores received to ensure all Teams are balanced with mixed golfers from the novice to experienced levels. The rules of the Texas Scramble will ensure that all golfers have equal input to the fun golf game.

COURSES: Tournament - Saturday, July 19th - York Lake - Tee Off: 1:00 PM

Tournament - Sunday, July 20th - Deer Park - Tee Off: 8:00 AM

We have also available, open tee times on Friday, July 18th at Good Spirit Golf Resort for anyone wishing to have a practice round (at your own expense) the day before the tournament, to sharpen your golf skills or just swing a club.

MEALS & ACTIVITIES:

July 18th - Registration Night - 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM Masonic Lodge

(Refreshments and light snacks available)

July 19th - Golfers: - Shotgun start at 1:00 PM

Non-Golfers - Shopping, Casino, etc.

Everyone - Cocktails - 6:30 PM

Dinner - 7:30 PM

Investment Seminar - 9:00 PM

July 20th - All - Breakfast At Deer Park Golf course 7:00 AM (Buffet)

Golfers - Shotgun start at 8:00 AM

Lunch 1:00 PM

Prize Presentations - 2:00 PM

COSTS: Golfer - \$140. Includes - Golfing Sat. & Sun. - with carts and

Meals: Sat. banquet; Sun. breakfast & lunch

Non-golfer - \$40. - Meals only

Send all entries to: Wa Wa Shrine Golf -c/o 9-21,
R.R. #2, Canora, Sask. SOA 0L0

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