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## POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Lady Darlene and I are looking forward to representing WA WA as your Potentate and First Lady for 2012. Our thanks to all who made the Annual General Meeting and the Divan Installation weekend such a resounding success. Mere words are insufficient to thank our ambassadors who are now known as the Pote's Pit Crew (who

in real life bear a striking resemblance to the Nobles and Ladies of the T-Bird Patrol). Special thanks to the Pipes & Drums for helping us to find our tables and the Drum Corps for the outstanding Sunday morning breakfast.

Sunday breakfast would not have been complete without *'The Serving of the Fogs'*. Lady Darlene and I were absolutely pleased to have Lady Margaret Bachynski supervising the work crew led by Ill Sir Stu MacLachlan, PP.

This will be an extremely challenging year where fiscal responsibility with transparent accounting procedures leading the way. Paramount to WA WA's future is the continuing importance of increasing our membership, for as we all know, without a vibrant and growing membership, the work of the world's greatest philanthropy will cease to exist in Saskatchewan.

Key to moving forward is effective communication both within and without the Temple. Recent efforts to provide the nobility with increased information has started producing positive results. While internal communications will continue to be of great importance, so, too, is the need to increase public awareness of what WA WA Shriners are all about and to spread the news of our good work. Ill Sir Don McDougall-PP has been appointed as Director of Communications. This position will encompass all the duties associated to Ill Sir Don's role as Public Relations Director with a focus on external communications.

Your 2012 Divan will continue to advance the great work in progress, building on the foundation of progressive change carefully delineated by previous Divans, who proposed and implemented forward looking programs. Essential for WA

WA's continued success is the cooperation and reinvigorated commitment of all Nobles and Ladies.

Divan has moved away from the concept of focusing on the newly elected Potentate's management style for the year, to reflecting an inclusive style associated to a board of directors and to demonstrating the very best in teamwork. Having acknowledged this positive change, the role of the Potentate as 'chairman of the board' should not be diminished. The Potentate must still provide leadership. The Potentate must provide a positive forum for discussion, for exploration of dissenting opinions, and must stimulate productive debate. Ill Sir Bevin Leipert provided that leadership during 2011. He and Lady Vi provided the atmosphere for constructive change. Thank you Ill Sir Bevin and Lady Vi for your dedication, you have set a high standard to follow.

On behalf of your Divan, I am very pleased to announce that Ill Sir Bevin has consented for his name to go forward as WA WA's representative on the Canadian Hospital's Board of Directors. This is a personal commitment of time and resources which speaks to the level of dedication required to undertake such an important role. Our heartfelt thanks to Ill Sir Bevin.

WA WA has lots of room for new members. The financial condition of the Patient Transportation Fund presents a wonderful opportunity to provide our unique care to more Saskatchewan children in need. May we all have a healthy and prosperous New Year as WA WA continues its 101<sup>st</sup> year. ***The motor is running, let's Drive WA WA's Future together!***

*Fraternally yours,*

*Ill. Sir John & Lady Darlene Clarke*



*Ill. Sir John & Lady Darlene Clarke cutting the 2012 cranberry breakfast pastry made by Lady Jill McDougall*



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## RECORDER'S MESSAGE



Well here we are at the beginning of another year. Time flies when you're having fun. First let me congratulate your 2012 Divan on their election to office at the AGM along with the three new appointed members. Be assured they will work hard with the best interests of WA WA Shrine and its members at heart. Let me express my own appreciation for being re-

-elected as your Recorder. It is an honour and privilege to be part of this organization and to be of service to you. Georgia and I will continue to provide you with the services and information that you request and require to the best of our ability. As I begin my third year, the learning process continues and while recognizing some areas warrant improvement, we continue to work to correct them. Having said that, we need your help. Our information available to you and others, is only as good as what we receive from you. Please assist us by timely responses to our requests for information such as Club and Unit officers, Club and Unit financial statements, fund raising activities, Nobles' changes of address, email addresses etc. Communication is key. Thank you.

2011 was a year of mixed results. Our finances turned out better than anticipated for several reasons, but our membership did not. Unfortunately 35 members were suspended at the AGM and our overall membership decreased by 16. An interesting fact is that of the 35 members suspended, 19 joined the Shrine in the past five years. This may be an indication of who is being brought in or more likely an indication that we as existing members are failing to properly wel-

come these new members and their ladies, mentor them and get them involved in the many activities the Shrine has to offer. It would appear there is certainly room for improvement. I'm sure we will hear more from our Membership Chairman in the coming months.

As we have been saying for some time now, things are changing and continue to change. Some changes you will see, others are more internal and some will generate discussion. In any case, please bear with us as we try to work our way through any agreed to changes. One of these is that in 2011 your Divan created a Financial Review Committee. The focus of this committee is to examine ALL aspects of WA WA Shrine finances, both revenue and expenses, and return their recommendations to Divan for its consideration. This evaluation is ongoing. Because of winter vacations etc., the final report is not anticipated until later in the year. An Administration Committee has also been struck to examine office procedures, division of labor and the overall functioning of the office and how business is conducted. All is intended to try and keep pace with current procedures and technology.

Mark your calendar for these dates to keep in mind, Stated Session, May 9, September 12, November 14 and the 2013 AGM January 11, 12 and 13; MSA Summer Session August 9, 10 and 11 in Grand Forks, ND; and Ceremonial June 9 and 10. And last but not least this article would not be complete without the usual comment regarding Annual Dues. Annual Dues were due January 1. If you have yet to pay yours please contact the office at 569-2294 and it can be accommodated over the phone. Also parade season is approaching. Be sure to contact the office or Chief of Staff of your intended schedule to ensure insurance coverage.

*Yours in faith,  
Noble Don Capewell*

### NOTICE OF THE STATED SESSIONS

The Stated Sessions are an opportunity for all Shriners to attend and have a strong voice in the conducting of business and operation of your temple. All meetings are held in the WA WA Shrine Centre at 2065 Hamilton Street in Regina. Please remember that entrance to the meeting necessitates a current 2012 Dues Card and you are to wear your Fez.

All meetings begin at 1900 hrs.

**May 9, 2012**

**Sept 12, 2012**

**Nov 14, 2012**

**AGM - Jan 12, 2013**



## WELCOME YOUR 2012 TEAM



### 2012 Divan Ill. Sirs and Nobles

**Front Row L-R:** Oriental Guide Noble Roy Gaebel, Past Potentate Ill. Sir Bevin Leipert, Potentate Ill. Sir John Clarke, Chief Rabban Noble Bill Forrest, Assistant Rabban Noble Ken Eskdale,

**Second Row L-R:** Oriental Guide Noble Harry Martin, Chaplain Noble Ron Sutton, Captain of the Guard Noble Herb Butz, Outer Guard Noble Les Potter, Director Noble Ron McEachern, First Ceremonial Master Noble Gord Berg

**Third Row L-R:** Chief of Staff Noble Art Hunter, Marshal Noble Jim Martin, Asst. Chief of Staff Noble Mel Douglas, Treasurer Noble Marlowe Smith, Recorder Noble Don Capewell

**Missing:** Second Ceremonial Master Noble Wayne Miner



### 2012 Divan Ladies

**Front Row L-R:** Lady Jean Gaebel, Lady Vi Leipert, First Lady Darlene Clarke, Lady Jan Forrest, Lady Betty Eskdale

**Second Row L-R:** Lady Jean Lendzyk, Lady Mary Sutton, Lady Anne Butz, Lady Bev Potter, Lady Pat Berg

**Third Row L-R:** Lady Elaine Hunter, Lady Debbie Martin, Lady Margaret Smith, Lady Kathryn Capewell

**Missing:** Lady Irene Miner, Lady Dehny Douglas

## DRIVING WA WA'S FUTURE



The outer wheel represents the continuous forward motion of effective and positive change having due regard for previous accomplishments. The black tire is to remind the nobility that we must always be vigilant and fiscally responsible. The yellow lettering reflects WA WA's bright future. The continuous circle symbolizes everyone's participation and speaks to the teamwork required to move WA WA forward. The wheel encompasses and protects what we as Shriners hold dear to our hearts; the scimitar and suspended jewel remind us of our history, for we must acknowledge our history and the many Shriners who preceded us, to prepare for our future. The hospital logo reminds us of the 22 Shriner Hospitals which require our support, particularly the prominence of the new Canadian Hospital under construction in Montreal. The brightly coloured children represent the happy and healthy future Shriners International provides our children on a daily basis. The children also represent the fun to be found by being a Shriner. The Shriner driving the car is looking at YOU, the Nobles and Ladies of WA WA Shriners, and invites you to come on board for a great ride in 2012. Your support and reinvigorated commitment are essential for our continued success.

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## BATTLEFORDS SHRINE CLUB

The Battlefords Shrine Club had a very successful summer attending many parades with the new Scooter Patrol. We want to thank Nobles Don Finan and Glenn Hunter for all of the work they did in getting our Scooter Patrol up and running. We hosted our Potentate, Illustrious Sir Noble Bevin Leipert and our Liaison Officer Noble Bill Forrest at our November meeting. They installed our new executive, President Noble Tom Dutton, 1st Vice President Noble Doug Holmberg, Secretary Noble Kevin Monsebroten, and Treasurer Noble Glenn Hunter. We had a couple of presentations made at our December meeting. Our President, Noble Tom Dutton presented Noble Les Guthrie with his 25 year pin. Congratulations Noble Les. There was also a presentation made to our new Scooter Patrol by Lady Idella Barr. She put together a picture of the parades we attended on this our first year as a new unit and every member of the unit was in the picture. Thank you Idella. We had good representation at the meetings in Regina in January and look forward to a busy year coming up. Our first major event will be the Annual



*L-R: Unit Chairman Noble Don Finan, President Noble Tom Dutton and Lady Idella Barr.*



*L-R: First Vice President Doug Holmberg, Illustrious Sir Noble Bevin Leipert, President Noble Tom Dutton, Liaison Officer Noble Bill Forest and Secretary Noble Kevin Monsebroten*

Spring Tea on April 14th. If you are in the Battlefords area that weekend come on out and join us.

*Submitted by  
Noble Kevin  
Monsebroten*



*Noble Les Guthrie (left) receiving his 25 year pin from President Noble Tom Dutton*

## MOOSOMIN SHRINE CLUB

Nobles and Ladies of Moosomin Shrine Club are optimistic for a 'Feztastic' 2012! Under the leadership of our new President, Noble Herb Doll, and his officers we look to continue the success we enjoyed in 2011, which was quite a year.

Some of the highlights of the past year were the performance of the Royal Canadian Air Force "Snow Birds" at Moosomin in June (which Shriners spear headed), the Chamber of Commerce Parade which many of our WA WA Units attended, excellent attendance by members of our own Go-Cart Patrol Unit at the various parades we attended and outstanding sales for our Rose Day and Calendar projects.

We also overcame major obstacles and were able to take our Grade Two school students on an unforgettable trip to the Shrine Circus at Yorkton. The ever popular 'You Are Being Served' project was again well received.

All these things, together with participation by our Nobles

in assisting several community projects, gave our Shrine Club excellent visibility within Moosomin and district. This has led directly to improved interest in and appreciation for Shriners and what we do. As a result several new members have joined our Masonic Lodge and have indicated a desire to also become Shriners!

Noble Herb and his team intend to keep this momentum going, and will have the enthusiastic support of all the Nobles and our Ladies.

Moosomin Club congratulates our new Potentate and we wish him and his Lady, together with all the Divan and Ladies a wonderful year! We look forward to working with them and our fellow Clubs in WA WA to make 2012 a banner year for the Shrine in Saskatchewan. Let's all have loads of fun and really help the kids!

*Submitted by  
Noble Phil Hamm*

## MOOSE JAW SHRINE CLUB

Greetings from the Moose Jaw Shrine Club! We hope that the holiday season was kind to all and that everyone had a very safe and Merry Christmas followed by an eventful New Year! The Moose Jaw Shrine Club was a very busy place over the holiday season with our Nobles in full-festive mode.

The season was kicked off with the Potentate's Social at the end of October where the Moose Jaw Shrine Club had the opportunity to celebrate 100 Years of Helping Kids along with fellow club member Ill. Sir Bevin Leipert and Lady Vi. The event was certainly a time to celebrate as the Moose Jaw Shrine Club presented Ill. Sir Leipert with a very large (oversized) cheque for their contributions to WA WA in front of a very large and festive crowd.

The \$52,000 plus contribution was graciously accepted by Ill. Sir Leipert, but not before the club took a moment to recognize and award the recipient of the Noble Vic Cole Memorial Shriner of the Year Award for 2011. The Moose Jaw Shrine Club is very proud to announce this year's recipient, Noble Bill Johnstone. Noble Johnstone spends countless hours preparing, planning and facilitating numerous Shrine activities throughout the year, every year! We are very happy to honour Noble Johnstone with this award.

There were comments that perhaps angels had appeared here in Moose Jaw as the season progressed. The angelic sounds of carollers could be heard throughout many homes and centres in Moose Jaw as Nobles and their ladies took to the shuttle and blanketed the city with their carols. A great time was had by all and the recipients of the vocal stylings were very happy.

Soon thereafter the Moose Jaw Shrine Club, along with the Equestrian Unit, hosted the annual Children's Christmas Party. Even without the snow, the team was pulling parent and child around the fields and carols rang through the trees. Over 50 children were in attendance awaiting the man in the red suit. Horses, hot dogs, burgers, hot chocolate, roasting marshmallows and a visit from Santa is exactly the recipe to end up with a perfect afternoon full of smiling faces. Thank you to Nobles Harvey Moran & Bill Johnstone for barbecuing.

Just around the corner is the WA WA Shrine Provincial Curling Bonspiel taking place on March 9th to 11th. The Moose Jaw Club is very excited to have the opportunity to host this event for the second year in a row. The Moose Jaw Ford Curling Centre at the brand new Mosaic Place here in Moose Jaw will be full of Fezzes, friends and family as curlers embark on a full weekend of fun. The Moose Jaw Shrine Club is hoping that we will see many people out at this event as we have opened up the event to include Shriners, Masons, ladies, family and friends. There is also a fun side to this tournament for those just wishing to come out and learn the game or play some friendly ends. This event will certainly be an entertaining weekend that you will not want to miss.

Currently the Moose Jaw Shrine Club is gearing up to

host their 4th Annual "Little Chicago" Dinner, one of the club's largest fundraising efforts. Attendance is slated to be another quick sell-out and the event is eagerly anticipated by past attendees. This year we will hear from graduated Shrine patient, Brad Delorey as he tells his story of life in the Shrine and how the Shrine was able to help him in his youth.

Moving forward, the Moose Jaw Shrine Club is looking forward to having a good number of candidates attend the Ceremonial Hot Sands this June, hitting the main drags in the many parades throughout the land and, of course, the Children's Festival. Until next time...

*Submitted by  
Noble Chris Aparicio*



*Noble Gord Ward making sure the team is ready to go all at the Moose Jaw Shrine Club Children's Christmas Party*



*Santa getting the list just right from a child at the Moose Jaw Shrine*



## PARKLAND SHRINE CLUB

Parkland Club held our annual meeting on Sunday, November 6, 2011. Poor weather, flu/colds and our Nobles and Ladies who escaped to warmer climes resulted in a poor attendance, but the Nobles and Ladies that did attend enjoyed a short meeting, social and a great meal prepared by Order of Eastern Star.

Ill Sir Bevin Leipter/Lady Vi, Chief Rabban John Clarke/Lady Darlene and Liaison Noble Harry Martin did brave the elements to join us. Thank You.

Installation of Officers was not required as our existing Officers were kept for a second term. Noble John Clarke spoke on Lodge retention and changing times.

Noble Harry Martin commented on membership, "It's OK to join Lodge if you only want to be a Shriner", and we should be visible.

Ill Sir Bevin talked about his year, fundraising to General fund as Patient Transportation Fund is in great shape, new Montreal hospital, changes in Divan and other activities in WA WA. Last official visit - thanks to all!

Our Parkland fundraising is changing - in addition to WA WA calendars and Circus (now a TZ show), we have a good Grey Cup Pool which overlaps with calendars but was successful and, as of January, we are again doing Bingo. Like others we need new, younger members for our activities and to stimulate our social events. 2012 will be a busy year for

parades. Planned and requested locations include- Ceremonial, Yorkton Nursing Home, "Summer Fair", Sturgis, Preeceville, Roblin, Norquay, Wadena, Yorkton, Melville and two winter parades.

*Submitted by  
Noble Murray Williams*



*President Bill Ruehlen presenting cheque To Ill Sir Bevin Leipter for the WA WA General Fund*

## SASKATOON SHRINE CLUB

Well, winter came and went (we hope), it's a new year and Frank Atchison got his bottle of 21 year old single malt for his contribution to the ceremonial held in Saskatoon in November. Nineteen new nobles were welcomed to our ranks and a new tradition has been started. And speaking of Frank, further honours were bestowed upon him for his ongoing contribution to membership in WA WA at the Installation in January. I saw him heading to Florida last weekend for a well-deserved rest. All of us should strive to be half as involved as Frank has been in Shrinedom throughout his life. Another successful New Year's Eve gathering was held at the club this year with attendance up near 100. When asked if there was any photographic evidence of festivities to be included in this article, President Dave Mayers said, "I sincerely hope not." Congratulations and thanks to the organizers for putting on another first class event.

Friday night suppers (yes they're mentioned every time because they are so yummy) continue to be an unqualified success. Our whole family, granddaughters included, chowed down on a Ukrainian Christmas Eve buffet a couple of weeks ago. We look forward to spring and summer when we can be outdoors at picnic tables, as the Nobles and Ladies in attendance are starting to overflow from our club rooms. We encourage concordant bodies to use these dinners as a fundraising opportunity, so Lodges, DeMolay and Job's Daughters are often seen in the kitchen.

Coming up in the near future will be the start of ticket

sales for our annual boat award. We usually kick this off with a booth at the Sports and Leisure Show which will be from March 8 to 11, 2012 at Prairieland in Saskatoon. Come on out and get your ticket early. We would like to sell them all.

And finally we would like to congratulate Lieutenant Emeritus Jim MacKay on receiving his 65 year Masonic Pin and certificate from the Grand Master at Goose Lake Lodge in Delisle on January 10.

*Submitted by  
Noble Al  
Stickney*



## SWIFT CURRENT SHRINE CLUB

Greetings from the warmest corner of the province! At the time of writing, Swift Current and area cannot complain about the weather (which is the first topic of conversation among Nobles and Ladies.)

The Swift Current Shrine Club would like to extend its congratulations to Illustrious Sir John Clarke on being elected to the highest office in the Temple. Illustrious Sir and Lady Darlene have made a huge commitment to our Temple and our great Philanthropy and we cannot thank you enough. As well, thanks are extended to the remainder of the Divan for taking up the cause and becoming our leaders and directors for our great organization. What can we say about Noble Herb Butz – Captain of the Guard! It is great to see someone from Swift Current doing his bit for the Temple.

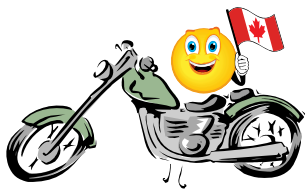
The club held its annual Christmas family supper in December and it was a great success. The food was great, the entertainment super and Santa paid his annual visit. Special thanks are extended to Noble Bob Hill and Noble Mel Sandbeck for a job well done in organizing the function.

Work is underway for our annual Harley Davidson draw. The motorbike is here, the license applied for and Noble Bob Hill will chair the project. Nobles and Ladies – get your wallet out and be prepared to buy a ticket or two.

The club knows that spring is on the way as the first request for the band and clowns to participate in a parade has been received. If any other units could go to Chaplin on July 28th for their 100th anniversary celebration, please let me know and I will make the necessary arrangements.

Don't forget, we meet the 3rd Wednesday of every month. Please drop in for supper and a visit.

*Submitted by  
Noble Brian Whiteside &  
Noble Scott Anderson*



*Santa at the family Christmas party talking to the children*



*Nobles Eidem, Garland and Unger receiving membership pins from Illustrious Sir Bevin Leipert*



*Noble Herb Butz presenting donation to Illustrious Sir Bevin Leipert*



*Ladies Auxiliary President Dorothy Hill presenting donation to Illustrious Sir Bevin Leipert*

## WYN-EL-WA SHRINE CLUB

Nobles and Ladies of WYN-EL-WA Shrine Club held their last meeting at the home of Noble Harry & Lady Jean on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, where we were treated to a great meal as usual. The meeting revolved around our past and upcoming events, such as our cash boxes which we have in towns in our area (5 in Wynyard - 5 in Elfros-Wadena - 5 in Quill Lake-Watson - 5 in Foam Lake). It appears this will be a good fundraiser.

We have had five new members: Milton Harvey, Niel Eirickson, Blair Eirickson, Clayton Hall, Steve George and Chad Martin who was reinstated. So all in all, we have had a great year.

*Submitted by  
Noble Merv Sigstad*



## REGINA DRUM CORPS

A changing of the guard occurred at the last Bingo the Drum Corps hosted in December. Noble Tom Fulton was instrumental in organizing the Corps (and eventually other Regina units) to work monthly bingos as a fund raiser. This started over 25 years ago and Noble Tom has been the Bingo Coordinator for the Corps ever since. Noble Bill Forrest joined him in this task a few years later and with the two of them coordinating, a substantial amount has been raised for the children of this province. To Nobles Tom and Bill, well done and great thanks from all of WA WA. To incoming Bingo Coordinators Ryan Holden and George Henderson – keep up the good work, you have big shoes to fill.

December and January are short months for the Corps, as after our annual Christmas party we take a break until Feb 1. Sometimes I wonder if it's not just to recover from our annual Christmas party.

This year our Christmas party was hosted by our 2<sup>nd</sup> term President Noble Al Clarke and Lady Karen in the lower level of the Oasis Room. Either Noble Al did such a good job last year that he got re-elected OR he needs another year to get it right – not sure which is the case. Entertainment this year was provided by Howard Exner who led us all in various traditional Christmas carols, which was followed by an excellent supper catered by Chad Forrest and Chris Treherne.

Noble Brad Wilson received the prestigious Lyle Judd Award. This award is presented each year to the Drum Corp Noble who has gone above and beyond in their contribution to the Drum Corps and in assisting the president in the accomplishment of his tasks. This award has a long cherished history with the Corps and is considered an honour to receive. Unfortunately Noble Brad was unable to attend, hence no picture. Congratulations Brad!

The Corps would like to congratulate our Nobles who were elected to the Divan for the upcoming 2012 year:

Noble Bill Forrest (Lady Jan) as Chief Rabban  
 Noble Roy Gaebel (Lady Jean) as High Priest & Prophet  
 Noble Don Capewell (Lady Kathryn) as Recorder  
 Noble Marlowe Smith (Lady Margaret) as Treasurer.

Ivy Adams celebrated her 100th birthday in December, and as a special honour, the Corps helped make the day a little more memorable. Noble Fred Adams was an integral part of the corps prior to being called to the black camel and Ivy has kept in touch with the Corps ever since. The Corps decided to pay a little tribute to her long and healthy life with a few musical selections.

When the Corps resumes its practices in February, the real work of herding all the “cats” into a finely tuned performance unit will commence under the leadership of our Marching Director Ill Sir Ken McDougall and our Music Director Noble Wayne Flaten. Given that a good number of the Corps have headed or are heading south for the next couple of months, it should prove to be a very interesting time. Remember Noble Ken – patience, patience, patience.

Tickets for the annual Drum Corps Lobster Night will be coming on sale, hopefully towards the end of March. If you

have not already done so, we would suggest reserving tickets through one of the Drum Corps members as this event sells out quickly every year. And don't forget to put our upcoming Pasta Night on Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup> on your calendar!

*Submitted by  
 Noble Marlowe Smith*



*Noble George Henderson accepting the official Corps coordinator apron from Noble Bill Forrest and Noble Tom Fulton handing over his coordinator apron to Noble Ryan Holden. It took a long time to get this photo as Noble Tom couldn't stop dancing!*



*What would any Christmas Party be without a visit from Mrs Clause (Lady Shirley Watkins) and Santa himself (Noble Bill Watkins) who distributed gifts to all Nobles and Ladies. After much searching through his “nice list” there was even a gift for Ill. Sir Bevin Leipert.*



*Drum Corps playing for Ivy – unfortunately, the “professional” photographer didn't get her to face the camera.*

## REGINA PIPES & DRUMS

### RUSSIA and ROBBIE

What do Russia and Robert Burns have in common? Not much except that on the 24th of January, (the day before the Scottish Bard's birthday), Vadim Yakovenko, a Second Degree Candidate at NWMP #11, experienced the following:

1. Piping in the Haggis
2. Address to the Haggis
3. The toast - "Slainte" - Here's tae ye
4. Eating the Haggis

At the Festive Board, after completing the degree, Vadim thanked the WA WA Pipes and Drums Degree Team and mentioned that even in Russia, "people don't wear 'dresses' in winter."

### THE BAND

We continue to diligently practise every Thursday under the leadership of our "Sergeants Three" in the persons of Nobles Felstrum, Turner and Wiles. We are still in the hunt for a replacement Pipe Major after the departure of Noble Blanchard to warmer climes.



WA WA Pipes and Drums Degree Team -  
Brother Vadim Yakovenko, centre.

Socially, the Band is looking forward to our annual "Dine the Ladies" on February 16 at the Royal United Services Institute. This is an attempt, although not sufficient, to placate the Ladies for all the missed time, and sometimes miseries, inflicted on them due to Band activities.

The following Nobles were elected at our Annual General Meeting: President, Ron Stankov; Vice President, Gordon Gardiner; Secretary, Ron Hitchcock; and Treasurer, Dave Houston.

The winners of the 2011 Grey Cup Pool are:

- 1st Q - Doug Campbell (Regina)
- 2nd Q - Corey Rompht (Regina)
- 3rd Q - Chris Begleu (Regina)
- Final - Murray McMillan (Arcola)

Submitted by  
Noble Graham Bradley



Address to the Haggis by Noble Gordon Gardiner with Worshipful Master Bill Logan and piper, Noble Murray Kyle, attending for the toast.

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## T-BIRDS

This T-Bird's Warblings Report will be the first for the New Year and the first for me, after accepting the responsibility (again) for preparing the Reports for year 2012. I had previously prepared the reports for 2009 & 2010. It was fun, I enjoyed it, but I still struggle with "What is the Warblings main objective?" The other reports I read in the "Warblings" are a combination of past events, useful info for "Other Units" so they know what is happening in the Valley, as well as, for members of our own units who were not able to be in attendance at meetings and other events. There is, also, often info on plans for the coming year or further into the future.

However, I do hope most members agree that the "Warblings Reports" should not attempt to take the place of our current schedule of coming events or info prepared & communicated from our President, Secretary or other Executive members.

So with that background of info, in my writing plans, I will start with the "Congratulations & Thank you's":

First & Foremost: To Ill. Sir John Clarke, president of T-Bird Unit for a number of years. Congratulations on becoming Ill Potentate of WA WA Shrine, 2012. A great personal accomplishment of dedicated work and commitment for a great "Noble Cause", the Order of the Shrine. We are all wishing you an excellent year! The T-Birds have pledged, as a "Unit", to support John, in his year as Potentate in every possible way. That group is to be called the "Pote's Pit Crew". I understand that the first effort (the weekend of the

Reception & Installation) was successful. Thank you to all the T-Birds & ladies, a job well done! Looking forward to the many upcoming events.

To Noble Foster Monson on becoming our new T-Bird President. We will help you make it a successful year!

To Noble Gord Berg, retiring Secretary/Treasurer (& numerous other duties acquired over the years). Thanks Gord, for the many hard working, devoted years in that position!

To Noble Gord Lowery for taking over as the new Secretary/Treasurer! We hope all the T-Birds will be patient & understanding as we realize the change-over will take some time

We have been offered a wonderful opportunity to get our "Little Red Cars" repainted, by an owner of a local auto body shop & have delivered the first four cars to the shop on January 23/24<sup>th</sup>. We are hoping this will be completed quickly as our Practices & Parade Season begins in April/May. Mark your calendars for our Special Cooking Event at the Shrine, "Irish Stew Night" March 16<sup>th</sup>. Thanks! We will have attended our first T-Bird meeting of the year, February 1<sup>st</sup>, before you receive this issue of the Warblings. Our meetings are not necessarily every month, but when required, fall on the first Wednesday of the month.

Submitted by  
Noble Darrol Driver.



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## RITUALISTIC UNIT

At the Annual Ritualistic Unit's Christmas party two long serving members were honoured with appreciation plaques. Presenting the plaques to Noble Ted Lee and Noble Alex Guy was Ill. Sir Bevin Leipter.

For many years Noble Lee had admirably performed various Ritualistic Unit tasks, more recently the presenting of the Prologue and the Inspired Charge. His last performance with the Ritualistic Unit was during the successful ceremonial in Saskatoon, where he was granted the departure leadership privilege after their performance. Noble Lee joined Saskatoon Lodge No. 16 AF & AM in 1962 and was its Master in 1982. During the 1986/87 Masonic year, Noble Lee was District Deputy Grand Master of the Masonic District No. 5 (Saskatoon & area). On June 26, 1982, Ted became a member of WA WA Shriners and immediately joined the Ritualistic Unit. Noble Ted and Lady Carole are wished many happy years of retirement.

Noble Guy has been involved in the Masonic family since 1949 when he joined the Moose Jaw Chapter of DeMolay. In 1953, he joined Moose Jaw Lodge No. 3 AF & AM and in 2003 received his 50-year jewel and certificate. He became a Royal Arch Mason in 1953, a member of the Red Cross of Constantine in 1967 and the Cryptic Rite in 1968. In 1956 Alex became a Shriner and directly joined the WA WA Shrine Temple Ritualistic Unit. He also served on the Divan in 1985. In 1963, Alex was First Principal of Wascana Royal Arch Chapter No. 1. In 1964, he was Preceptor of Wascana Preceptor No. 51. In 2003, Alex was Most Puissant Sovereign of Saskatchewan Conclave No. 14. From 1954 to 1966, Alex was the first Chapter Dad of the Regina Chapter Order of DeMolay and from 2001 to 2010, he served on the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan AF & AM Scholarship committee, assisting youth to capitalize on post secondary educational opportunities.

Noble Guy completed his High School in Moose Jaw, received his Education degrees from the University of Saskatchewan and his Master of Education and his Doctor of Philosophy degrees from the University of Alberta. Noble Guy's career included roles as a teacher and principal with the Regina Public School Board for 18 years; an Associate Professor with the University of Saskatchewan, Regina campus, for 3 years; and service with the Government of Saskatchewan as a Director and Deputy Minister of the Department of Continuing Education, Department of Telephones, and the Department of Science and Technology. Following his retirement, Alex and his wife initiated and operated Guy Tech Incorporated, a technology and financial support company for 13 years.

Due to the illness and passing of Donna Guy, the fezzing of Alex had to be delayed, but Donna was aware of Alex's election to Emeritus status. It seemed only fitting that the fezzing could be done in front of the Ritualistic Unit. Ill. Sir

Don McDougall took advantage of the occasion to ask for permission to do the fezzing. Ill. Sir Don had made arrangements for Alex's daughter, Glennys, to be in attendance and asked Glennys to assist with the fezzing. The award culminated in 55 years of service and commitment to WA WA Shriners.

*Submitted by  
Ill. Sir Stu MacLachlan, P.P.  
Director Ritualistic Unit*



*Noble Alex Guy, Ritualistic Emeritus*



*Glennys Guy fezzing her father  
Noble Alex Guy, Ritualistic Emeritus*



## STOP BURN INJURIES



The Stop Burn Injury (SBI) program's goal is to prevent children from being injured. The program continues to provide burn, as well as lawnmower injury awareness to children in kindergarten to grade five. Presentations are conducted and the students are told about the Shriners, burn awareness (stop drop and roll, importance of firefighters, etc), recognizing fire hazards (candles, hot water, camp fires, etc.), actions to take if a fire starts (what to do, where to call, where to meet, etc.), and the importance of lawnmower safety. The SBI program targets rural schools throughout Saskatchewan.

The SBI Program regularly receives praise from schools, local media, and fire departments. This letter from Greg Smith, Fire Chief of the Grenfell Fire Department, demonstrates the appreciation communities have for SBI and WA WA Shriners:

*"The Grenfell Fire Department would like to thank you (Ken Eskdale) and your partner for coming to Sakimay and Grenfell Schools with your excellent presentation. It was enjoyed by all. We would also like to thank all of the WA WA Shriners for all their hard work raising funds, your hospitals treat burns, help children after a burn and research, train medical professionals in the treatment of burn injuries and for the activity books that each student was given. KEEP UP THE EXCELLENT WORK."*

We are very pleased to introduce and welcome Noble Jason Elliott who is our new Chairman for WA WA Shriners

SBI program. Noble Jason resides in Regina and recently entered the Shrine in November 2011. He has experience as a paid on-call firefighter with the Weyburn and Estevan Fire Departments. He also has experience public speaking as part of his regular employment.

To arrange a presentation in your area there is a letter available to present to the school principal. If they agree to have an SBI presentation, the local club will coordinate with the SBI chair to establish a date and time. The local club will act as a liaison with the school to gather information for the SBI chair such as: do they have a laptop and projector or a DVD player and television, how many students will be attending, contact the local fire department and extend an invitation to participate, contact local media and inform them of the presentation, invite local SGI representatives. Please feel free to contact Jason Elliott at [sbi@wawashriners.org](mailto:sbi@wawashriners.org)

Submitted by  
Noble Jason Elliott



## DONOR RELATIONS

We have just entered a new year and I suggest that it is time to ask ourselves if we have a plan. Do we have a plan to ensure our future, to ensure the future of our families and to make a contribution to the future of those less fortunate than ourselves, specifically those children who attend our Shriners Hospital for Children in Canada? Leaving a legacy of hope for a child with orthopaedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries or cleft lip and palate can be accomplished in several different ways. Some of the common methods are:

- **general bequest** -the gift of a specific sum of money to our Shriners Hospital for Children-Canada
- **bequest of the residue** -the gift of all of the rest, the residue and remainder of your estate in your will
- **devise of real estate** -the gift of a parcel of real property.
- **designation as beneficiary of a life insurance policy** to our Shriners Hospital for Children in Canada
- **charitable gift annuity** -a method whereby you may support our Shriners Hospitals for Children in Canada and also receive guaranteed yearly payments until your death if

you are the named beneficiary. If your spouse is also named as a beneficiary the payments will continue until both have died. There may also be tax benefits to be considered the **\$100 Million Dollar Club** and **The Annual Gift Campaign** are also two more methods of support for our children's hospital

For further information please talk with the Donor Relations Directors at WA WA Shrine Centre or your financial advisor. The most important part of any plan is to have a current, up-to-date will. Without a legal will the courts will determine how your estate is to be divided and your wishes may not be taken into consideration. Please leave a legacy of hope for the children attending our Shriners Hospital for Children-Canada.

Thank you for all of your past contributions over the decades.

Submitted by  
Noble Ron McEachern



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# News from Tampa

## Shriners Hospitals for Children® Cheer On East-West Shrine Game® Teams

All Services Provided Regardless of the Patients' Ability to Pay

Top college football players from across the country kicked off their week of festivities by visiting patients at Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Tampa on Sunday, January 15, 2012. The East-West Shrine Game Player Visit was the first event of the week leading up to the 87th East-West Shrine Game on Saturday, January 21, 2012 in St. Petersburg, Fla. This event allowed the players and coaches of the game to experience first-hand what the East-West Shrine Game is all about: helping the patients of Shriners Hospitals for Children®.

The players and coaches arrived at the hospital on buses that were escorted by the Florida Associate of Shrine Motor Corps and Widows Sons motorcycle groups. When they entered the hospital, the Board of Governors for the Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Tampa led the players through the Fishbowl while, patients, staff and volunteers cheered for them. Members of the Armwood High School Marching Band and Buccaneers cheerleaders also encouraged the players, creating a lively pep rally like atmosphere.

Patient Ambassador Ben Carpenter also spoke to provide inspiration to the players and further illustrate the purpose of the game along with the coaches and members of our Shrine leadership.

Players and coaches had the opportunity to interact with patients. They participated in a number of different activities including basketball, dancing, face painting, corn toss, golf and arts and crafts. Patients also were able to pose with players for pictures and receive autographs on donated footballs.

The East-West Shrine Game Player Visit was a significant event for all that had the opportunity to attend. From the players to the patients to the volunteers, each individual played a part in ensuring the success of the event and its purpose of illustrating the meaning that the East-West Shrine Game is more than just a game.



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## 'A TALE OF TWO PATIENTS'

### Shriners Hospitals for Children Presents 'A Tale of Two Patients'

(DENVER) Shriners Hospitals for Children® patients Alissa Perkins, 2, of Las Vegas and Kate Hickman, 13, of Houston, have been selected as the health care system's patient ambassadors for 2011-2012. As patient ambassadors, Alissa and Kate represent the thousands of children Shriners Hospitals for Children care for every year. Their stories are featured in the Shriners Hospitals for Children patient success video "A Tale of Two Patients," which premiered on Wednesday, July 6, at the 2011 Imperial Session of Shriners International – the annual international Shriners meeting – in Denver, Col. The families visited each other's hospital to learn more about their journeys and see first-hand the different services the health care system offers. The video was directed by Christopher Coppola.



When Alissa Perkins was born, doctors diagnosed her with fibular hemimelia, a shortening or absence of one of the two bones in the calf, which may require amputation or bone-lengthening procedures. After Alissa's great-grandmother suggested the family consider consulting Shriners Hospitals for Children, they attended the Justin Timberlake Shriners Hospitals for Children Open in Las Vegas, Nev. At the event, Alissa's mother spoke with former patient Katie Walker who had been diagnosed with a similar condition as Alissa. Katie was more than happy to share her phenomenal experiences at Shriners Hospitals for Children, including the expert care, physical therapy and customized prosthetics provided by the hospital. Alissa ultimately had her left leg amputated and a follow-up surgery performed last year at Shriners Hospitals for Children – Los Angeles. She received her first prosthesis right before her first birthday in July and was walking a month later.

Five years ago, Kate Hickman, then 8, sustained second and third degree burns on 45 percent of her body when a candle flame ignited the hem of her dress.

Kate's father rushed her to a local hospital in Houston, Texas, but the emergency room staff there did not feel able to give Kate all the care she needed, so they referred her to Shriners Hospitals for Children – Galveston, a hospital noted for expertise in pediatric burn care. Kate underwent multiple skin grafts and reconstructive surgeries to improve her condition. She also received extensive physical therapy and was able to regain full range of motion. Today, Kate, 13, is an energetic student who enjoys singing, acting, participating in sports and spending time with her family and friends. She was named the October 2009 "Memorial Buzz Kid," an honor given to outstanding youths in the Houston area.

Following the premiere of the video in Denver, Kate's older sister, Abbey, 19, serenaded Kate, Alissa and the crowd with a beautiful song. Both families were received by members of the Board of Directors and Board of Trustees of Shriners Hospitals for Children.

"The patient success video is the highlight of our weeklong convention and it effectively reinforces the fraternity's support of the mission of Shriners Hospitals for Children: Changing the World through Caring for Kids," said Michael Severe, Imperial Potentate elect of Shriners International.

#### *About Shriners Hospitals for Children*

Shriners Hospitals for Children is changing lives every day through innovative pediatric specialty care, world-class research and outstanding medical education. The 22 hospitals in the United States, Canada and Mexico provide advanced care for children with orthopaedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate.

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## HOSPITAL REPORT

We started the year with 64 active files. Six new applicants were accepted, 2 patients that were inactive were re-instated as they were asked to return by the hospitals and 4 files were inactivated due to age or lack of activity for a total of 68 patients being supported by the Patient Transportation Fund in 2011.

We had an active year for booking patient travel with a total of 64 trips paid for by the Fund.

	<u>Region</u>	<u>Treatment Centre</u>
Battlefords	2	Parkland 3
Cypress	1	Regina 13
Estevan	12	Saskatoon 10
Goose Lake	1	Swift Current 3
Indian Head	2	Weyburn 10
Moose Jaw	6	Wyn-El-Wa 1
		Montreal 43
		Winnipeg 13
		Minneapolis 5

Travel to the Winnipeg Clinic is increasing which helps to reduce both costs and travel time for the families. The patients are seen by Dr. Thompson who is an orthopedic surgeon and has worked at Shriners Hospital Canada.

Ill. Sir Bevin Liepert presented a cheque in the amount of \$25 thousand dollars at the 2011 Hospital Seminar. It was left up to Hospital to decide where best to utilize the funds. The Hospital decided to allocate the funds towards the funding of the Dr. Francis Glorieux Research Chair. An additional donation of \$75,000 was approved at the December Divan meeting bringing the total in donations for 2011 to \$100 thousand dollars.

WestJet generously donated 200 one way travel vouchers for patient travel and 12 vouchers for administration for 2011. This had a monetary value in excess of \$50 thousand dollars. We were only able to utilize 96 travel vouchers for patient travel and 2 for administration as the vouchers were not received until mid-May.

Patient families were requested to sign a waiver allowing the Temple to share the families' contact information with the individual clubs. Approximately 30% of the waivers were signed and returned. This information was sent to the Club Presidents in early December and will be updated annually.

There are a number of Hospital highlights for 2011:

In October the official ground breaking ceremony was held for the new Hospital. It was attended by a number of

provincial and municipal dignitaries along with representatives from Shrinedom. WA WA was represented by then Assistant Rabban Bill Forrest. Construction of the new hospital is expected be completed in the fall of 2014 with the hospital being commissioned in early 2015. The cost of the new hospital is budgeted at \$127 million dollars. Funding for the new hospital is broken down as follows: \$97 million from Shriners, \$5 million from McGill University Health Centre and \$25 million by way of fund raising. In addition to the Hospital an additional \$3 million in fund raising is being sought to fund the Dr. Francis Glorieux Research Chair.

The hospital held its first annual charity golf event raising a total of \$400,000. Planning is underway for the 2012 event with a goal of raising \$450,000.

The Ladies of the Oriental Shrine of North America donated an EOS machines which allows for the taking of 3-D images. This donation had a value of approximately \$500,000.

In July the Hospital opened a new clinic for treating children with chest wall deformities. This is one of three clinics in North America and is the only one in Canada. The Hospital also announced the opening of the musculo-skeletal clinic on Dec 15.

*Submitted by  
Noble Howard Louie*



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# Be Burn Aware!

## A Campaign to Reduce Burn Injuries

Shriners Hospitals for Children® is determined to decrease the number of preventable pediatric burn injuries by raising awareness. One program in this effort is the annual Burn Awareness campaign, which began more than 20 years ago.

During the first full week of February, our public relations efforts are dedicated to Burn Awareness Week, the kickoff of a yearlong educational campaign aimed at burn awareness and prevention, including offering free educational materials via our website. The items, including posters, activity books and fact sheets are designed to be a resource for firefighters, teachers, parents and others concerned with the safety and well-being of children, and are available in both English and Spanish.

We don't often think of it, but without some attention and awareness, our homes can be dangerous places, especially for our children. Homes are the sites of thousands of burn injuries to children every year, including scalds and fire-related injuries. Many of these incidents could have been easily prevented by following and implementing some basic safety tips.

"At Shriners Hospitals for Children, preventing burn injuries and providing burn awareness education is an on-going, yearlong effort," said Peter

Armstrong, M.D.,  
chief medical  
officer, Shriners  
Hospitals for



Children. "In 2012, our campaign, 'Be Burn Aware,' focuses on teaching children ways to avoid burn injuries at home."

The campaign introduces two new child-friendly characters who showcase and share our messages. Boots and Brewster – a caped, cuddly bear and a googly-eyed teapot – are featured in activity books for children ages 3-7 and 8-12. The engaging pair lead the children through the various rooms of a house, pointing out dangers, and how to easily correct or avoid them. The coloring pages, word searches, cartoons, and other activities are designed to grab the children's attention and present the information in a memorable, age-appropriate manner. The campaign also includes a poster of safety tips.

Previous years' efforts have emphasized prevention of gasoline and gasoline-related burn and scald injuries. All available materials can be viewed and ordered at [www.burnawareness.org](http://www.burnawareness.org).

In 2012, Shriners Hospitals for Children will partner with other organizations also concerned with raising burn awareness. These relationships include sponsoring "Trial by Fire: Lives Re-forged," a documentary that emphasizes fire safety through sharing the personal stories of those who have experienced and overcome serious burn injuries. Some of the filming was done at Shriners Hospitals for Children — Boston, and features our patients. We are also working with Blitz USA, especially on its Stop Gas Fires campaign.

Shriners Hospitals for Children is also assisted in its burn prevention efforts by members of the Shriners fraternity. For example, during National Fire Prevention Week in October, members of Jerusalem Shriners partnered with both the local Home Depot and fire department for an awareness event, and the Wa Wa Shriners gave presentations on fire safety at area elementary schools.



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## MEMBERSHIP

Nobles, as your Provincial Membership Chair, I want to take this opportunity to say how excited I am about the opportunity and challenge ahead of us. For the 2011 year, we missed positive growth and gold status by just 19 Nobles. As in most years, we saw a number of members taken by the Black Camel, but it was the members that we saw suspended due to non-payment of dues that had us in the red.

For the 2012 year and moving forward, we are asking that each club and unit set their goal for new Nobles, restorations, and working toward zero suspension. There is a full membership plan that is being developed and will be released to each club very shortly. It is on the club level that we are able to grow our membership and it is on this level that we will work together to grow our future.

There are a few things new to the membership plan this year that will be fully explained at a later date, but to give you a sampling, we have the Legacy Program. This program will

reward any member as well as the new candidate that are a part of the same family. Whether it be father/son, grandfather/grandson, uncle/nephew, cousins, brothers or any other family relation; both members will receive a very special pin indicating their acceptance as a Shrine Legacy. This and more to come very soon.

I will be contacting the president of each club throughout the province in hopes of establishing a time to visit each club and go over the new membership plan. Until then...ask often, ask many, just ask! Here's to positive growth this year and all years to come!!!

*Submitted by*  
Noble Chris Aparicio  
Membership Chair  
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## CHIEF OF STAFF

Another year has come to a close and I wish each and every one of you all the very best for 2012. Our Annual General Meeting and Memorial Service were well attended. Congratulations and wishes for a successful year to our new Potentate, Ill. Sir John Clarke and his Divan. I consider it a privilege to serve as your Chief of Staff for the ensuing year.

This is a reminder to all units to provide me with a list of your parades for 2012. This will ensure that liability insur-

ance is in place for you protection. Also, if you are not aware, units travelling to parades are entitled to \$0.05 per km per noble for round trip travel greater than 100 km.

*Submitted by*  
Noble Art Hunter

## UNITED CHARITY MILES

I am pleased to let you know that we finally have conformation regarding the United Charity Mile Give-a-way and Shriners Hospitals for Children did indeed win the contest. Recently 3 million miles were deposited into our account. An explanation of the process regarding the use of these miles is being written and will be distributed once we have the completed version.

Please thank everyone you know who participated. We were well behind in the voting when the contest began and yet we managed to far surpass the others to win. We appreciate

everyone's participation and the passion of our staff, Shriners, family and friends! It speaks volumes to the belief in our mission!

Thank you,

Amy Ritzel  
Corporate Director of Public Relations  
Shriners Hospitals for Children  
Shriners International

**"Adversity draws men together and produces beauty and harmony in life's relationships, just as the cold winter produces ice-flowers on the windowpanes, which vanish with the warmth."**

*~ Soren Kierkegaard*

We see it after every major disaster: People opening their hearts, their homes, and their wallets to help others. On a smaller, more personal scale, friends help each other in times of adversity--and even strangers rise to acts of heroism when the situation demands it.

We all have within us the desire and ability to help others. It's too bad that we forget this until adversity strikes.  
**If I would help someone in a disaster, why can't I help someone right now, when there is no disaster? What small thing can I do today for someone, even someone I don't know?**



## 2012 AGM WEEKEND



*Ill. Sir Don Beggs fezzing Ill. Sir John Clarke*

For many years the Nobles of WA WA Shriners have assembled during the middle of January to hold their Annual General Meeting and to elect and install their newest Potentate and officers. This is also one of the times during the year when the Nobles and Ill. Sirs have a direct chance to guide the direction of the temple. January 2012 was no exception, as the weekend began with the Chief Rabban John Clarke and Lady Darlene welcoming all to a reception in the Oasis room. With the aid of the Nobles and Ladies of the T-Bird patrol, a wonderful display of hors d'oeuvres and desserts greeted all in attendance.

Saturday morning Ill. Sir Bevin Leipert called the 2012 AGM to order by opening the temple. During that time the financial and committee reports were dealt with in business fashion. Also the election of the officers for 2012 took place. The officers-elect were Potentate John Clarke, Chief Rabban Bill Forrest, Assistant Rabban Ken Eskdale, High Priest and Prophet Roy Gaebel, Oriental Guide Harry Martin, Treasurer Marlowe Smith and Recorder Don Capewell. A recess was called and, in the afternoon, the traditional Memorial Service began at 1:30 pm. The Memorial Service and the Installation of officers is open to the public and a number of family members were present. The Memorial Service was under the capable direction of Chief of Staff Art Hunter and Chaplain Ron Sutton. Adding to the service was Lady Mary Sutton's reading and the singing by Denise Gerein, accompanied on the guitar by her husband, Tony. They have sung for us before and are the daughter and son-in-law of Noble Bill Smith and Lady Jackie. Following the service, a short break is taken and the afternoon resumes with the Installation of officer.

The Installation was under the direction of Ill. Sir Dick Gutfriend assisted by all of the Past Potentates in attendance. Besides the welcoming of the new officers and Ill. Sir John Clarke, it is also a time to thank outgoing Potentate Ill. Sir Bevin Leipert and First Lady Vi for their dedication throughout the years that they have served WA WA Shriners. In traditional fashion, Ill. Sir Leipert was ceremoniously, or some may say unceremoniously, escorted to his special seat in the far reaches of the hall for the remainder of the meeting. A huge sigh of relief was audible when he "skipped" his way to this exalted station.

In the evening activities resumed at the Delta Regina with

the Potentate's Banquet and Ball. A special presentation was made to Noble Frank Atchison from Saskatoon for his tireless efforts in securing new Nobles. Noble Frank challenged all in attendance to make membership a priority for the ongoing growth of WA WA Shriners.

Our special guest speaker was Emmanuelle Rondeau who is the Marketing and Communications Director of the Shriners Hospital for Children Canada. Ms. Rondeau recapped the progress of the McGill Health Centre partnership and outlined the future direction of the construction towards an official opening. Ill. Sirs Leipert and Clarke, on behalf of all WA WA Shriners, presented three cheques to Emmanuelle. The three cheques totalled \$75,000 with \$10,000 going to the "school" at the hospital, a second cheque for \$15,000 designated to the Dr. Glorieux Research Chair, and the third of \$50,000 designated for the new construction. Lady Vi Leipert was able to announce that her project had raised \$5,443.30 which was designated to the WA WA Shriners General Fund. There are still a limited number of items that can be purchased by calling Lady Vi at 306-693-1706 or emailing [v.leipert@leipertfinancial.com](mailto:v.leipert@leipertfinancial.com). The evening concluded with a dance to the music of "Becky and Her Jets". This band has played for the last three years and really enjoys playing for the Shriners and their ladies.

The weekend ended with a "send off" breakfast held in the Oasis Room on Sunday morning. Ill. Sir Clarke and Lady Darlene welcomed everyone, and they were ably assisted by their "Pit Crew" (Potentate's Aides) and the WA WA Drum Corps who were the cooks. If you were not able to join your friends and fellow Nobles maybe you can join us next January.

*Editor*



*Ill. Sir John Clarke, Emanuelle Rondeau, and Ill. Sir Bevin Leipert*



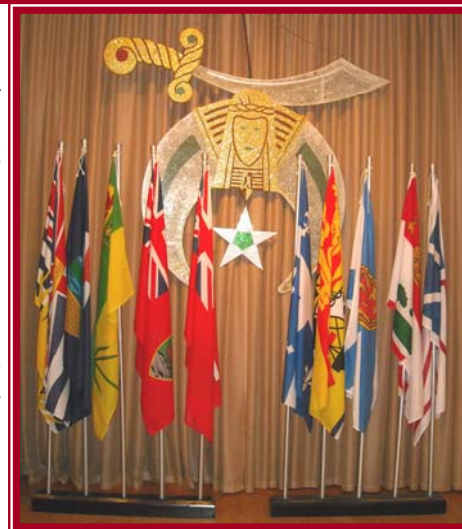
*Noble Frank Atchison*

## LEGACY

### Have You Ever Noticed?

During the recent Annual General Meeting and Memorial service held in our auditorium at the temple, we were struck by the stage setting. We have all probably seen the large Shrine symbol hanging against the back curtain but have accepted the provincial flags in the foreground without much thought. Many are probably not aware that these flags, representing all of our provinces, are really a legacy provided by one of our Nobles. We are indebted to a caring and thoughtful Noble who took it upon himself to assist WA WA Shriners when a need was identified. We want to express our sincere appreciation to Noble Pat Hutchison who has provided our temple with this set of Canadian Provincial flags. Noble Pat has not only served Battlefords Shrine Club as their President and in other offices but has served his province as the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan. Thanks Pat for thinking of others.

Editor



## REGINA LADIES AUXILIARY



## CHILI NIGHT



1st Place - Il. Sir David Houston  
with Lady Muriel Heal & Lady Sue Butz



2nd Place - Noble Jeff & Lady Sandy Barker  
with Lady Muriel Heal & Lady Sue Butz



3rd Place - Lady Grenda Kellington  
with Lady Muriel Heal & Lady Sue Butz



Congeniality Award - Lady Sasha Pal Nemeth & her son  
with Lady Muriel Heal



## GOURMET

One day last fall the front door of the Shrine Centre had a warning sign as the Gourmet Club members entered. This club was established in 1996 and has six teams of six nobles each who regularly stage "Gourmet Lunches" for the members. These are not skimpy but are the "full meal deal".



*Team ONE: (L-R) Noble Bill Watkins, Noble Ted Stadnick, Nobel David Paul, Ill. Sir Mal Edwards P.P., Noble Ron Stankov, Ill Sir Brian Donbrook P.P. They sure didn't need an apron to prepare this meal.*

Each time one team is responsible for the cooking, cleanup and set up arrangements. A second team endeavours to keep up to the liquid refreshment requests. The aforementioned sign read as follows:

### BEWARE

Entrance may expose you to tall tales, coarse language, strange food substances,

New tastes and an unforgettable experience.

Some scenes of food and talk of hunts may be disturbing to sensitive people

Poachers not welcome.

The next sign to greet the members was:

### WARNING

Park all horses, Floozies, ATV's and inhibitions at the curb. Guns, knives, and weapons of both mass and mess destruction are not allowed. Be prepared for an interesting and unusual Gourmet Dinner.

Proceed at your own risk!

The meals that are prepared always feature appetizers and special treats awaited the members who still were brave enough to enter.

### MENU

Apps: Wild game sausage (possibly road kill), Tame cheese and crackers

Salad: Saskatchewan Wild Rice Salad

Main: Orange Sauce Wild Duck (may contain pellets)

Hunters specialty Baked Beans

Settlers open fire bread (bannock)

Dessert: Dirt Pie containing real dirt and

Creep crawly things

(Management bears no responsibility for sickness or death of patrons)

The club holds approximately ten lunches a year as well as a couple of special dinners for their ladies and, each year, does all the cooking, serving, setup and cleanup for the Ladies Auxiliary. This club is self supporting. Nobles - what a great way to display the FUN and FELLOWSHIP of the Shrine!



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It is preferred that photographs be submitted electronically to [aflenghi@shrinenet.org](mailto:aflenghi@shrinenet.org). If you have a large number of photos, please be sure to email them in a compressed folder. If you choose to physically mail your photos or a photo CD, send them to:

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**Saturday, March 10** **9:00am First draw - Mosaic Place**  
                             **11:00am Second draw - Mosaic Place**  
                             **5:30pm Cocktails - Moose Jaw Shrine Centre**  
                             **7:00pm Banquet - Moose Jaw Shrine Centre**

**Sunday, March 11**   **7:00am Breakfast smorg - Mosaic Place**  
                             **9:00am Curling Finals - Mosaic Place**  
                             **11:00am Awarding of prizes - Mosaic Place**

## **Registration:**

**\$440.00 per team—8 end games**

**\$40.00 per novice & non-curlers**

**Cost includes—curling, Friday evening lunch, Saturday banquet, & Sunday breakfast**

## **Accommodations:**

**A block of 30 rooms has been set aside at the Heritage Inn Hotel, Main St N at Thatcher Dr, under Moose Jaw Shrine Club. Cost will be \$106.00 plus taxes & fees. To book your room please call 1-888-888-4374 or visit [www.heritageinn.net](http://www.heritageinn.net).**

**To register please contact Noble Chris Aparicio at**  
**306-692-4465 or 306-630-6880**

# **WA WA Shrine First Lady Darlene Clarke's 2012 Project**

For her fund raising project, The First Lady of Shrine for 2012, Darlene Clarke, is offering three prizes in a raffle.

First prize is a delicate Hillberg & Berk pearl and cut stone cluster on a short silver chain and matching earrings.

Second prize is a framed watercolour painting by the First Lady.

Third prize is a WA WA "Shiver Buddies" patio stone also painted by Darlene Clarke. She also is taking orders for the patio stone at \$40.00 each.

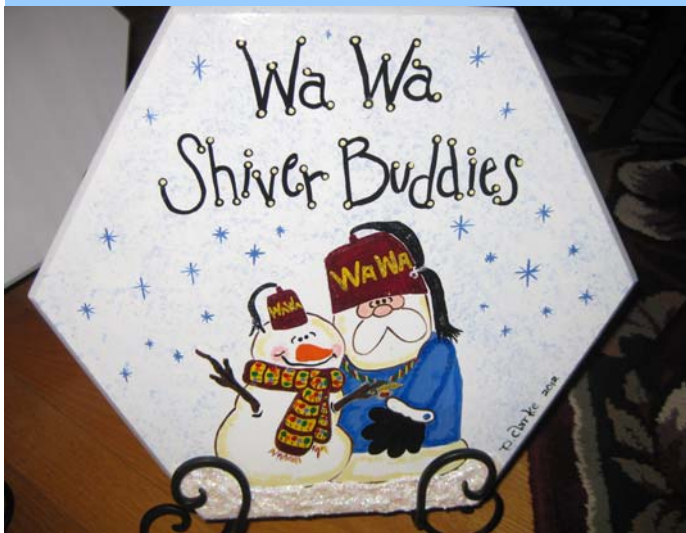
Please contact Darlene at 306-332-6136 to order.

Cost of tickets is \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00.

There will be several opportunities to purchase tickets throughout the year.

The prizes will be drawn on January 5, 2013.

All proceeds will go to the WA WA Shrine General Activities Fund .



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