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A MESSAGE FROM THE POTENTATE



"Twas the night before Christmas When all through the house Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse Except for the Potentate who was feverishly Searching for Lady Idella's Christmas present that he had hidden, but now can't find."

Greetings Ladies, ILL Sirs, and Nobles:

During the last four months of 2021, we had three major events in six weeks. First, the Black Tie Banquet on September 25th (in place of the Potentate's Installation Banquet in January which we couldn't have because of Covid restrictions). The banquet was held at the Hotel Saskatchewan followed by a wonderful reception upstairs in the Royal Suite. The Royal Suite is designed to hold a function and I think a good time was had by all (especially Scotch drinkers).

It was extra special for Lady Idella and I because we slept in the same bedroom and bed that Queen Elizabeth slept in . A Royal treat indeed.

Two weeks later, the Divan and the Ambassadors hosted our Fraternal Ladies and the Past Potentates Banquet. Once again, a good time was had by all, and finished with the presentation of a 50 year pin to III Sir Wayne Miner P.P. by Lady Irene, and another 50 year pin was presented to III Sir Ken McDougall P.P. by Lady Bonnie.

We held a Ceremonial on October 29-30 sponsored by the Saskatoon Shrine Club. I am very grateful to the Saskatoon Shrine Club for all of the work they did to hold this event. Due to Covid we had to be somewhat creative. Some of the regular Ritualistic members were unable to participate due to age and health concerns. This necessitated the formation of the Saskatoon Ritualistic Unit (supplemented by some of the original Ritualistic members that were able to attend).

The Oriental Band did not come because of Covid concerns and advancing age. Thank goodness for YouTube. You can find almost anything, including the haunting, wailing, and screeching of an Oriental Band. It wasn't the same, but I don't think the candidates will ever forget the sound of the musettes (even if it was on tape).

We also had to make another change because Tampa outlawed the second section. Some of the temples got a little over zealous and there were lawsuits. Anyway, Tampa substituted a video of the Knickerbock-



er drama. This was a dramatization of the original formation of the Shrine in Knickerbocker Bar in New York City. This was well received by all present and very interesting.

The Saturday Night Banquet was held in honour of Noble Frank Atchison and his 268 km walk from Saskatoon to Regina (arriving on his 95th Birthday). Initially, \$80,000 was sent to the Shriners Hospitals for Children in Montreal, followed later by another \$20,000. Well done Frank!

November and December consisted of Potentate visits to the clubs. We missed Swift Current because of bad weather, and are visiting them on January 3. It is the first time in six years that we missed a scheduled visit due to bad weather. I would also like to thank the clubs for their donations. All of which went to the WA WA Shrine Patient Transportation Fund.

I would also like to thank our Assistant Rabban Noble Malcolm Gutfriend for accompanying us on our visits to provide updates on the Shriners Hospitals, such as name changes, Vision 2035, future plans, and changes to our Shrine Health Care System etc. Noble Malcolm's presentations were informative, well presented, and very well received. Thank you Noble Malcolm!

Finally, there is much to say, and not enough space to say it in. It was an honour to visit our clubs, and be their guests. We were treated with courtesy and dignity everywhere we went (including gaining weight because of sumptuous dinners). Special thanks to Noble Reed Gibson and Lady Sylvia for asking us to be their guests for the night.

It is hard to believe that our six year journey to Potentate is coming to an end. We have met so many nice people, went to many new places, and had many great times. To sum it all up. Thank you. "It has been the best of times!"

Lady Idella and Ill Sir Bill

<u>IMPORTANT</u>

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Annual Divan Ladies Dinner Jan 14 2022

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Regina, SK Jan 15 2022

AGM Windup Breakfast Jan 16 2022

Winter Midwest Shrine Assoc Mtg, Beja Shrine Green Bay WI Feb 10-12 2022

> Stated Session Regina SK April 23 2022

WA WA Ceremonial 2022 Moose Jaw SK Nobility Barbeque & Dance Jun 11 2022

> Imperial Session Minneapolis MN Jul 2-5 2022

Stated Session Saskatoon SK 2 PM Sept 24 2022

Stated Session Regina SK 2 PM Nov 28 2022

MESSAGE FROM THE RECORDER



Ill Sir, Ill Sirs Nobles and Ladies,

It is hard to believe that 2021 is ending. The first part of the year was slow moving, but, wow this summer and fall have been extremely busy. I had the pleasure of attending several parades and Christmas parties. It was NOBLE LARRY COUSE great to see Shriners in action again.

"What's in it for me?" Some Shriners have stepped up and found a place to sell Bingo cards in their respective communities. We are looking now o have Bingo cards sold in the smaller centres, too. Our WA WA Bingo is struggling to get sales up and every sale really counts. If you are able to offer your services, please call me at the WA WA office 306-569-2294.

Now for the reality check. This streaming media Bingo is a one of a kind in this province... no one else can get a license to do this...if this fails, there are other Organizations that would jump at the opportunity to do so. Calendars are getting harder to sell and together these are the only fundraisers that we have to raise funds for WA WA Shriners. Failure would mean that WA WA may have to go back to a 50/50 split or even a 60/40 split on fundraising. Not very appealing, but, it is a reality that I hope never happens.

Our AGM is coming up on January 15, 2022. By now every Noble has received an invitation to this annual event. Proof of vaccination will be required, but for those that cannot show proof, we will have rapid tests here. No excuse, please attend. It would be nice to see every Shrine Club show up for the AGM. Let us make 2022 a wonderful year by showing our support for the incoming Potentate and his Lady.

Please enjoy some light hearted photos taken in Saskatoon at the WA WA Ceremonial on October 29-30 on the following pages.

Mary Ann and I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Stay safe!

Yours in the Faith, Noble Larry Couse

WA WA CEREMONIAL 2021



Noble Chris Weldon & Lady Kelly

Noble Bill Betker & Lady Wendy

Noble Dale Buxton



Noble Omar Baldos & Lady Jaclyn

Noble Gary Grady & Lady Sharon

Noble Dean Anderson & Lady Terri



Noble Michael Downton

Noble Cameron McLelland & Lady Eileen

Noble Evan Crosson





WA WA Shriners & Saskatoon Shrine Club Ceremonial Dinner—Tribute to Frank Atchison



Photos: Noble Frank Atchison & Lady Martha; Noble James McGregor & Lady Linda; ILL Sir Bill Fitzsimmons & Noble Frank; First Lady Idella Barr; Noble Don Atchison; Ill Sir Bill & Noble James.



Above photos: Noble Rey Lindain ; Noble; Evan Crosson with parents; Recipients of the 1st year medallion: Nobles Christian Noble, Alan McDougall, Patrick Davis & Mike Scarfe; Lady Inez & III Sir David Fairlie P.P; Lady Sharon Grady; Noble Gary Grady.

2021 Ceremonial Photo Link: https://img.gg/1Lat9sO



Potentate: Ill Sir Bill Fitzsimmons & Lady Idella Barr Chief Rabban: Noble Darroch Cairns & Lady Andrea The 2021 and 2022 WA WA Shriners Divan & Ladies

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Saturday AGM Lunch - 12:00 PM Saturday Soup & Sandwich - \$15.00 - Hosted by Eastern Star

'Ice To See you Again Social - 5:30 pm Saturday AGM Social - \$60.00 Buffet Dinner

Children 6-12 - \$30.00

Children Under 6 - FREE

Sunday AGM Windup Breakfast Hosted by the Drum Corps in the Oasis Room - \$15.00 \$15.00 x _____ = __

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\$60.00 x ____ = ____

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Weekend Agenda

Open the Temple for AGM - 9:00 am (Temple Main Hall) - Nobles Only Lunch Break - 11:30 am - 1:00 pm (Temple Oasis Room) - Open To All Memorial Service - 1:15 pm - 2:15 pm (Temple Main Hall) - Open To All Installation of 2022 Divan - 2:30 pm- 3:30 pm (Temple Main Hall) - Open To All Close The Temple - 3:45 pm (Temple Main Hall) Cocktail Hour - 5:00pm - 6:30 pm (Delta Hotel Ballroom) AGM Social - 6:30 pm - 12:00 am (Delta Hotel Ballroom) AGM Wind-Up Breakfast - 9:00 am - 11:00 am (Temple Oasis Room)







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They need your support to continue to shine bright and inspire others. No matter how difficult it may be for some of them, they just keep going. Their resilience is a flame that we cannot let burn out.

What better way to spread joy this holiday season than by being a source of light and hope, and by being a part of the reason they CAN! By contributing to our "Because of you, I can!" campaign, you'll be giving the most wonderful gift: the gift of exceptional care. For a suggested donation of \$50 or more, you'll receive a 2021 Fezzy Bear ornament! It's not too late! The campaign will continue until December 31, 2021. Because of you, we are ending the year on a positive note – and this too is a beautiful story!

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HOSPITAL REPORT



NOBLE PAUL DEREN

Hospital Report – November, 2021

Since my last report, I have arranged return flights for 5 Saskatchewan patients, all to Shriners Hospital for Children, Canada in Montreal. Two of the patients, each with an accompanying parent, were able to use West Jet vouchers, so those flights did not have any charges to the Patient Transportation Fund. The value of those flights was about \$2,100.

For the other 3 patients and parents, we were able to use the Aeroplan miles that have been provided by Air Canada. Those 3 trips cost about \$800, but had a total value of about \$4,470.

COVID protocols within the hospital remain firmly in place. This is even more important considering that the variant in this 4th wave is affecting youth (the 0-12 are not vaccinated). All suppliers and scientific visitors are required to prove double vaccination upon entering the building. The hospital continues to be COVID free.

The orthopaedic surgeons, rehabilitation and nutrition professionals continue to provide some services via telehealth. However, the number of patients being seen in person has returned to a pre-Covid level. The following table provides some interesting numbers.

Metrics September 2021

Metric	Total as of t	Total as of the end of September		Attainment of Target
	2020	2021	2021	%
Total Referrals	3,200	5,027	N/A	
Outpatient Encounters	13,530	18,198	24,824	76
Day Surgery Encounters	466	621	604	103
Inpatient Discharges	264	351	454	77

Report respectfully submitted by

Noble Paul Deren WA WA Hospital Chairman



BLACK CAMEL



HAROLD SIGGELKOW City: Coronach SK Age: 94 Initiated: Jun 14 1977 Deceased: Oct 2021



EMERALD ANDERSON City: Indian Head SK Age: 66 Initiated: June 25 1982 Deceased: Oct 2021



WILLIAM KELLY

City: Regina SK Age: 90 Initiated: Jun 23 1966 Deceased: Oct 2021



JERRY BULITZ

City: Yorkton SK Age: 83 Initiated: Jun 12 1987 Deceased: Dec 2021



VINCENT CHANEY City: Regina SK Age: 98 Initiated: Jun 18 1970 Deceased: Dec 2021



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Submitted by

ILL Sir Ken Eskdale P.P.

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MOOSE JAW SHRINE CLUB

Greetings from the Moose Jaw Shrine Club. We hope this finds you and your family well and in good health. Our club had quite an exciting fall season with our Mellow Prowler being drawn at our Show, Shrine, Cruise, Concert event.



Noble Tom Yanko - presented by Noble Aaron Ruston.

We had the pleasure of rocking the night away with the Uncoolas; what an incredible show, turnout of over 100 collector cars and evening it was to wrap up our raffle fundraiser for our club.

Many exciting events are being planned by our club. Gourmet is back underway and our club is putting together plans for our annual children's festival which we hope will be back in person again in 2022! Our raffle car crew is also planning our next raffle so stay tuned to our Facebook page for details.



50/50 Winners Derek, Mike, and Dalton presented by Noble Aaron Ruston at a private function.

On behalf of the Moose Jaw Shrine Club and our President Jay Stevenson, I wish you and your family a healthy, joyous holiday season and a Happy New Year!

Pier-Luc Doyon Moose Jaw Shrine Club The Warblings Reporter



MOOSOMIN SHRINE CLUB

President Greg Gillespie delivers his message to the crowd. Greg gave an overview of Moosomin Club's projects during 2021.



An unidentified patron kissing a codfish, held by Deb Mavin; & Darina Harvey Band performing an East Coast tune.



"Devona Putland, originally of Churchbridge, SK, was a guest at the recent Moosomin Club Christmas meeting. These are pictures of Devona today, and 55 years ago (1966) as a Shrine patient at the **Hospital For Sick Children** in Winnipeg. Devona was under care at that time for *Congenital hip dislocation*. Devona has been living in Moosomin for many years, and is a member of our extended Shrine family".





Submitted by Noble Greg Gillespie

PRINCE ALBERT SHRINE CLUB

The Prince Albert Shrine Club has had a fairly slow summer. We managed to attend one parade as the other 10 we normally attend were cancelled due to covid fears.

All our fund-raising events and some of our meetings were cancelled-including our Fish Derby! We hope to hold it in 2022, as participants all had a great time at our first one. Enough doom and gloom! We'll move on to better news and times.

As Government restrictions were lessened, we resumed our meetings. It was very good to see each other in person. (I think we were all getting tired of Zoom meetings!). We have also continued with round trip patient transportation to and from Saskatoon through this trying time. We worked our last bingo for the year on Nov 20, just a week before our Potentate's visit.

Ill Sir Bill Fitzsimmons and Lady Idella graced us with their presence Nov 26. Ill Sir Bill installed our officers for 2022. Noble Glenn Sherwin as president, Noble Richard (Rick) Galloway as vicepresident, Noble Ed Glynn as secretary-treasurer and Nobles Bob Turner, Arnold Monsebroten and





Bob Hayes as directors. Noble Malcolm Gutfriend, our liaison officer and Assistant Rabban attended our installation as well. Malcolm gave an excellent presentation describing the changes to Shriners' Hospitals, now to be known as Shriners' Children's- Hospitals, or clinics, or whatever they may be known as.

Ill Sir Bill's visit gave us the perfect reason to enjoy a shared meal, complete with covid protocols. We had a turkey supper, with all the trimmings, and a great Christmas pudding for dessert. The whole meal was prepared and catered under the direction of Alice Bedford, a member of the Eastern Star. Twenty-seven Nobles, Lady's, family and friends enjoyed a marvelous time, talking, meeting new people and catching up with each other. We had draws for three bottles, and Shrine Cash calendrers.

This all happened as we were superbly entertained by 'Memories with Bob and Phyllis. Noble Bob Hayes played drums and Phyllis McTaggart played the piano. Some people joined in and sang along. Bob and Phyllis appreciating and encouraging them. They finished our evening with a charming medley of Christmas tunes! (Bob and Phyllis are also members of the band 'The Country Gentlemen', playing in and around P.A. and district)

Lady June, the presidents' wife, was completely surprised by Lady Idella, when she received a gift from her to start her year as 'First Lady'.

We found that III Sir Bill, Lady Idella and Malcolm, are very down-to-earth people and great fun to be around. They all are well informed and there were



Lady June was very surprised by the gift from Lady Idella!



President Glenn received his guidance papers from Noble Malcolm Gutfriend!

many excellent conversations and laughs had by all who were lucky enough to speak with any of them.

Submitted by Noble Glenn Sherwin

REGINA SHRINE CLUB

Motor Patrol Unit

Motor Patrol at the Santa parade and Christmas celebrations.



Nobles Al Bachynski, Don Ford, Stu Larson, Mike Keogan, John Miller, Ken Shaw, Mike Keogan, Blaine Gibbons, Will Shera, Richard Corley.



Above: Motor Patrol and guests enjoying Christmas together at last. Below: Noble Mike Keogan, Mystery Guest, Blaine Gibbons; Ladies Audrey Colhoun, Del Bachynski, Sandra Workman, & Jean Gaebel; Nobles Larry Couse & Troy Kutsak; Ladies Shirley Watkins, Cheryl Squire, & Lorette Shaw.



Above: Noble Mike Keogan; Ill Sir Bill Fitzsimmons & Noble Blaine Gibbons; Noble Bill Squire & Lady Cheryl; Lady Jean Gaebel; Lady Shirley & Noble Bill Watkins; Noble John Booker & Lady Bette; Lady Delphine Bachynski.





Drill Corps

Well I guess 2021 is just about over. 2020 was not a complete bust. We did achieve a few things this year. We did have five parades and managed to run two hotdog sales up at the northern Coop. Out customers were happy to see us. It's good to have a good reputation.

The Highland Dinner was a big question mark at first, but we said lets go ahead with it. It wasn't as big as in previous years, but we still regard it as a success. Next year we hope attendance will return to where we had it in the past.

I have to thank III Sir Ken Eskdale P.P. and his crew in the sale of Christmas fruit cakes. It's a good money maker for us. They sold out in our first order and had to put in another order by popular demand. III Sir Bob Keep P.P. also got in the on the action in Saskatoon.

We had a changing of the guard at the end of October at our annual meeting. We elected Noble Troy Kutsak as our new leader for the ensuing two years. Also Noble Roland Watkins as our new Vice. Its nice to see new blood in these positions.

We just had our annual Christmas Party on December 4th. We had the pleasure of III Sir Bill Fitzsimmons and Lady Idella enjoy the evening with us. It was a nice added touch to our festivities.

Every year the Drill Corps get together to select a member who has done an outstanding job for that year, and it was unanimous to present Noble Troy Kutsak with a plaque of recognition for his efforts.

2022 will be soon upon us and we will have to do this all over again. Clean up the ATV's and get them ready for the future parades. We do hope 2022 will bring on more activities as we move forward out the coronavirus issues and get back to normal. See you in '22.

Submitted by Noble Lloyd Ramsdell

Drum Corps

Not much happening with the present state of COVID.

We will be cooking for the first Friday night Happy Hour on Friday November 5.

Looking forward to the weekly practices till we take our winter break in December.

Drum Corps celebrated their Christmas Party on Dec 11th.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Submitted by Noble Al Clarke



SASKATOON SHRINE CLUB



I'm sure Bill and Idella will enjoy the treats we presented them with!

Merry Christmasall the best to you and your families for the New Year!

Noble Tim Halstead President, Saskatoon Shrine Clowns



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SWIFT CURRENT SHRINE CLUB



The winners of the Swift Current Shrine Club Motorcycle Draw on Dec 5 2021 were as follows:

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Congratulations to the winners and thank you to all the Nobles, Ladies, their families and friends for supporting our club in this difficult time. Your participation and support made this project a success and it was very much appreciated.

We will be raffling another Harley Davidson Motorcycle in 2022 and we ask for your continued support.

Seasons Greeting to all,

Noble Francis Kyle President SCSC

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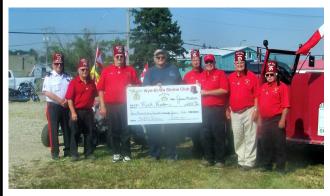


WYNELWA SHRINE CLUB

Greetings from the WYN EL WA Shrine Club

WynElWa had a reasonably good year despite the covid-19 pandemic. Many community events were cancelled this summer but we were able to attend parades in Wynyard, Kelvington, Melville and Wadena and fortunately we were able to hold our 68th Annual Rose and Carnation Fundraiser which had been cancelled in 2020.

Rick Radom of Kelvington was the lucky winner of our 2021 50-50 fund raising raffle. He happily took home a cheque for \$4,775.



Nobles Dave Polacheck, Dwayne Jonasson, Blaine Bjarnason, raffle winner Rick Radom and Nobles Bill Kereluke, Club President Greg Grimshaw, Barry Dilts and Steve George.

On Sunday, October 24th we held our Annual Potentate's Dinner. We were joined by our Potentate Illustrious Sir Bill Fitzsimmons and Lady Idella Barr, Larry Couse and his wife Mary Ann, and our liaison Noble Jason Istead. Pictured below is Illustrious Sir Bill Fitzsimmons swearing in the new President, Vice President and Secretary for 2022.



Illustrious Sir Bill Fitzsimmons, Secretary Treasurer Noble Dwayne Jonasson, Vice-President Lyndon Tomblin and Club President Blaine Bjarnason.

Incoming President Noble Blaine Bjarnason presented the much coveted "Colander Cup" to Noble Dwayne Jonasson for his dedication and hard work in 2021.



Noble Blaine Bjarnason presenting the Colander Cup to Noble Dwayne Jonasson.

On behalf of all the members of the WYN EL WA Shrine Club we would like to wish everyone a safe holiday season, a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Submitted by Noble Milton Harvey

Where's Frank?

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