

# WA WA SHRINERS



Merry *Christmas*

REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE POTENTATE



Nobles and Ladies,

It is hard to believe that it has been almost a year since you chose me to serve as your Potentate. It is said that time flies when you are having fun and that is certainly the case with this year. It's been a lot of work but also a whole lot of fun.

Overall, this has been a good year with a return to activity for most clubs that are close to pre-pandemic levels. The participation in these meetings, social events, fundraisers, and parades has been very good and bodes well for our future. Our Nobles, Ladies and families want to come out and we need to find the right mix of events for everyone. Related to this is one of the highlights of fall, the Potentate official visits. I have enjoyed the opportunity to visit with the Nobles and Ladies of the clubs and to install the new executives. The hospitality has been excellent and so far, the weather has stayed nice for travel.

There is good news on the membership front. After having only three new nobles at the June Ceremonial, I offered to conduct short form initiations in fall whenever candidates were ready. This has been a great success, and we are likely to add 10 new nobles by the end of December. I congratulate the clubs who worked hard to identify and attract new nobles. Special mention must go to Battlefords Shrine Club who brought in 4 new Nobles and have several more who will be ready to join in spring. This does raise an interesting question about our June Ceremonial. Is this the best way for us to bring in new Nobles? I don't have the answer, but it may be worth looking at ceremonials in the future.

There is some sad news as the end of October marked the end of the Parkland Shrine Club. The club had a long and storied history with many dedicated Nobles and Ladies working tirelessly for WA WA and our kids. This was a difficult decision for the Club members and did not come quickly or easily. I want to thank the Nobles and Ladies for their many contributions over the years. Your work has been greatly appreciated. Stay involved, there are other clubs and activities throughout WA WA.

I close by wishing each of you and your families a very Merry Christmas. It can be a very busy time with parties, socials, meetings, shopping, concerts, baking and all the other things that go with the holiday season. I encourage you to take some time to enjoy the season. Spend some time with your family and friends and enjoy the quiet moments. Be thankful for all that you have and keep our Shrine kids in your mind. Remember this is what the Christmas and the Holiday Season is really about.

Keep up the good work and remember together we can.

Merry Christmas and Happy 2024.

Ill Sir Malcolm Gutfriend  
Potentate





## RECORDER'S MESSAGE



Over the years I have noticed that people don't change much. You start a new group and you are excited to get involved. Your commitment is strong. You are making new friends. But then we lose our first love, and the reasons you were excited to get involved doesn't shine as brightly in your heart.

Let's take this time of year to remember how excited you were to become a Shriner. If the years have not been kind to your health, let's light a spark in a new generation encouraging them to make a difference for our Shrine Kids.

Lady Mary Ann and I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas! Let's start the new year with excitement for the families that we cherish, including the Shriner family.

Noble Larry Couse

Recorder

MSA 2023 Photo link: <https://img.gg/gn9IMwl>

### Shriner Visit Request

Noble Ron McKay has asked for Shriner visits or phone calls at 306-435-7041. His new address is Victoria Park Personal Care Community Suite 133 in Regina.



## Looking for a Christmas Hall?

If you are still looking for a hall for your Corporate Christmas Party location, WA WA is offering the Upper Hall at a Christmas discount for the price of the Lower Hall starting at \$600.



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING — JAN 20 2024

# Host Hotel - Hotel Saskatchewan

2125 Victoria Ave, Regina, SK S4P OS3

We have a special room rate of **\$135** per night

Includes parking for the Friday to Sunday night.

Phone 306-522-7691 and ask for the

WA WA Shriners Corporate Rate - Promo Code 13598 OR

Book your group rate for WA WA Shriners 2024 AGM and Banquet

Last Day to Book is Jan 15<sup>th</sup> 2024.

### **Ticket Pre-Purchase**

Saturday AGM Lunch-12:00 pm Saturday	\$15.00x _____ = _____
AGM Banquet & Nobility Ball 5:30 pm	\$75.00x _____ = _____
Children 6-12	\$30.00x _____ = _____
Children Under 6-Free	\$Free x _____ = _____
Sunday AGM Windup Breakfast 8:30 am	
Hosted by the Drum Corps in the Oasis Room	\$15.00 x _____ = _____
	TOTAL=\$ _____

Call Karen at the Temple at 306-569-2294 to reserve your tickets,  
payable by Visa/Mastercard or you can e-transfer your payment to [admin@wawashriners.org](mailto:admin@wawashriners.org)

### **Weekend Agenda**

Open the Temple for AGM-9:30 am (Temple Main Hall) - Nobles Only

Lunch Break-11:45 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 2024 Divan-2:15 pm-3:15 pm (Temple Main Hall) - Open to All

Close the Temple-3:30 pm (Temple Main Hall)

Cocktail Hour-5:30 pm-6:30 pm (Hotel Saskatchewan Ballroom)

AGM Social-6:30 pm-11:00 pm (Hotel Saskatchewan Ballroom)

AGM Wind-up Breakfast-8:30 am-10:30 am (Temple Oasis Room)





# POTENTATE'S BANQUET

Hotel Saskatchewan, Regina SK

January 20, 2024



5:30 PM

Cocktails

6:30 PM

Grand Entrance

7:00 PM

Dinner

7:30 PM

Program

9:00 PM

Live Music & Dancing



Special Presentation from our Patient Ambassador Extraordinaire,  
Carter Brown & Family



Lady Pamela Rise & Shrine Program Presentation  
Raising awareness and funding for the Research  
and Development Team in Montreal.

## TICKETS

Adults \$75

Children \$30

Deadline Jan 12th



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## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

# 4R's

Nobles All – Membership strength is the key to the prolonged survival of our fraternity and Temple! Have we ever heard that slogan? Do we do anything about it? Over and Over, we fight for survival. We need every Noble in WA WA to help solicit new candidates for our Temple. It sounds so simple and yet so hard!!!!

Against all odds, we ended up with twelve new Nobles thus far for 2023!!!! We had a weak ceremony with our lowest number yet. Our Ill Sir was bound and determined to increase the numbers, and with his efforts of Cold Sands, we fought back to a reasonable number.

We have no control over our sad 19-to-date Black Camel losses, but the 22 demit/suspension/resigned losses constitute a significant concern and failure for our Shrine family. We must improve on this if we want to survive! It will require all Nobles and Clubs to do their part to help us achieve them and sustain our World's Greatest Philanthropy.

Our Ill Sir Malcolm Gutfriend was very surprised on his Pote's visit to the Battlefords. He was welcomed by four new Nobles and had to scramble to initiate them but survived it to get the job done!!! We have one Noble to initiate in Prince Albert, Wyn El WA, Indian Head, Moose Jaw and Saskatoon.

Looking forward to next year, I have a very ambitious set of goals we need to deliver on to sustain our World's Greatest Philanthropy. I want to share my thoughts on how these 4 R's (i.e., **Recruitment, Retention, Restoration and Relationships**) have to be the focus of ALL of us for our future generations.

To obtain a more sustained fraternity, there are three main goals WA WA is targeting to improve our Membership, called the "5/2/2 Goals". This keeps us on the right path. They are a) a 5% increase in our **Recruitment** successes, 30 new Nobles; b) a 2% reduction in losing existing Nobles by demits and suspensions, 12 Nobles (i.e., **Retention** of our Nobles that are still on our membership lists. This is primarily supported by maintaining superior **Relationships**); and finally, c) a 2% increase in **Restoring** demitted and suspended Nobles that have already left us. That is only 12 Nobles. Nobles, this is a very ambitious set of goals.





## RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, RESTORATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

Goals we have yet to sustain in the past. It will require all Nobles and Clubs to do their part to help us achieve them and maintain our World's Greatest Philanthropy.

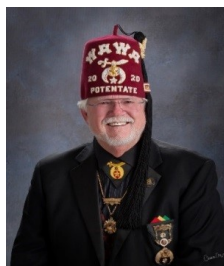
I will be communicating with you again in the Spring of 2024 re) strategies on the 4 R's, i.e. Recruitment, Retention, Restoration and Relationships, and how you all can play a part in them.

**It is now the responsibility of all Nobles, Club/Unit executive/officers, and especially the Divan to show leadership and commit to making it their No. 1 priority, starting now, so in the coming year, we will have 30 new Nobles Fezzed to stop the membership drain and sustain our Temple.**

In summary, membership has got to be a very high priority for our very survival. I am delighted with the efforts that Shriners International is putting into this (by necessity). It is now the responsibility of all Nobles, Club/Unit executive/officers, and especially the Divan to show leadership and commit to making it their No. 1 priority, starting now, so in the coming year, we will have 30 new Nobles Fezzed to stop the membership drain and sustain our Temple.

*"As a valued Noble, look deep within yourself, identify what made you a Shriner, and relay your personal story as motivation to another. Some will call this process a re-dedication to Masonic ideals – but others will call it their continued responsibility."*

Yours in the faith,  
Ill Sir Robert (Bob) Keep  
Membership Chairman



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## MIDWEST SHRINE ASSOCIATION

The purpose of MSA is to engender greater fellowship and knowledge among the Midwest Shrine Temples and their members and to secure greater recognition of the institution of Shriners International throughout the territory of this association.

Nobles and Ladies, save the dates and be prepared to volunteer and participate as WA WA Shriners host the Midwest Shrine Association 2025 Winter and Summer Sessions. Many Nobility will remember 2006 when WA WA last hosted these events. Nobles from all the Temples in the Midwest will gather in Moose Jaw for the Winter Business Session on February 19 - 22, 2025. Nobles and their Ladies will attend the Summer Fun Session August 20th – 23rd, 2025.

The Midwest Shrine Association (MSA) is an association of 15 Shrine Temples: Aad Shriners – Duluth, MN; Abu Bekr Shriners – Sioux City, IA; Ahmed Shriners – Marquette, MI; Beja Shriners – Green Bay WI, El Riad Shriners – Sioux Falls SD, El Zagal Shriners – Fargo ND, Kem Shriners – Grand Forks ND, Khartum Shriners – Winnipeg Mb, Naja Shriners – Deadwood SD, Osman Shriners – St. Paul MN, Tripoli Shriners, Milwaukee WI, Yelduz Shriners – Aberdeen SD, Zor Shriners – Madison WI, Zuhrah Shriners – Minneapolis MN and, of course, your very own WA WA Shriners – Regina SK.

**This is now the official call of the MIDWEST SHRINE ASSOCIATION Ninety-Third Annual Business Session, Hosted by ZOR Shriners Madison, WI, March 1 & 2, 2024. All Nobles are Welcome!!!!** The business session will be held at the Radisson Hotel and LA Crosse Center, La Crosse, WI. If you are interested in attending this event, please get in touch with our Chief Rabban or WA WA office for further information. Registration is now open. The deadline for registration is January 17, 2024. The winter session is a stag event; no activities are planned or arranged for the ladies or families during the MSA winter session. They will all be graciously greeted during the summer session. Following the banquet, the annual MSA Boat races sponsored by Khartum Shriners will be held on Friday, March 1, 2024. They will be held in the indoor pool area on the main floor of the Radisson hotel, with the holding area for prospective sailors in the Iowa room on the second floor.

Other meetings of interest for all Nobles to come to are the following:

**Membership Gathering:** As part of the ongoing issue of dwindling membership and the importance of each Shrine Temple to increase membership, there will be a membership presentation as part of the main session. Attending would be incredibly beneficial for WA WA Shrine Club representatives.

**The Midwest Clown Association** will hold their winter business meeting and workshop on Friday, March 1, 2024, following the recess of the mains session, break for lunch and resume after lunch. A must for Clown units present and future!!!!





## 2025 MSA CHALLENGE COIN

**Boat Races:** The annual MSA Boat races sponsored by Khartum Shriners will be held on Friday, March 1, 2024, following the banquet. They will be held in the indoor pool area on the main floor of the Radisson hotel, with the holding area for prospective sailors in the Iowa room on the second floor.

**Midwest Motor Corps** Meetings and gatherings: will hold their winter business meeting on Friday, March 1, 2024, with lunch and afternoon activities.

**Hospital /Patient presentation:** This heartfelt meeting is the highlight of the sessions as they verify why we all do what we do as Shriners!!!! Very inspirational.

**Marketing and Communications Presentation:** A vehicle and presentation to help your Club advertise and communicate.

**Hospitality rooms by various Temples open to all Nobles.** A great social gathering remembered by all attendees!!!!

**Don't hesitate to contact the WA WA Office; hopefully, we can attract a BUS LOAD to travel!!!!**

**FUN – FELLOWSHIP – PHILANTHROPY and Masonic principle of brotherly love, relief, and truth!!!!!!**

**Take it!!!!!!**

### 2025 MSA Challenge Coin

#### **AVAILABLE NOW!!!**

Get your Official Challenge coin c/w a plastic sheath to receive discounts on various items, restaurant purchases, entertainment, prizes, and more. These rare and unique coins are available from the WA WA office or your local Shrine Club office. This is your coin for SAVINGS!!! Details to follow!!!!!! Get yours early, as a limited amount is available.





## 2025 MSA CHALLENGE COIN

**History of the Challenge Coin:** Challenge coins represent organizations. They also represent a special event. They have a long-standing tradition in military history. But the military isn't the only service that uses them. First responder services also have an account of using challenge coins, too. They use them to build team morale, link people with similar interests, and promote their brand. Top generals and the President of the United States have their unique challenge coins. It can be used for membership, recognition, to create a bond between people in a group or to commemorate an anniversary or special event. Recently, challenge coins have been used to identify a corporate brand or logo. The traditional Shrine way is to bring out your coin if you see a fellow Noble at a drinking establishment. If that person you challenged doesn't have their coin, honour dictates that they buy you a beverage. ...If that person you challenged does have their coin, then you owe them a beverage for having the audacity to challenge a fellow Noble.



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The first six callers will get a complimentary coin by calling me at 306-227-2007.







## MSA 2025 - THE DREAM IS ALIVE IN 2025



### MSA 2025 Update

December 2023

As 2023 races to a close, we reflect on and are thankful for the year it has been, and the work we have been able to do to further the cause of the Shriners.

I personally thankful for the opportunity we had to attend my first MSA in Alexandria and see the amazing amount of work that team did, and the fun had by all. It is very important every Shriner makes the time to go to these events and rub fezs with their brothers and families from around the MSA region.

Soooo, as we continue to build toward The Dream is Alive in 2025 MSA event in beautiful Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan Canada, (Yes I do know where Moose Jaw is) knowing we will also be able to attend the 2024 event in Wisconsin, we are aware of the very high bar that has been set. In light of this you can expect to see informative and directed videos at first monthly, and then every two weeks to provide insight and directions of what your MSA 2025 experience will look like. We are planning a wide range of activities for the guys, gals, and their families not only in the Moose Jaw area, but province wide, so there will be something for everyone. These will be sent to your temple and club secretary to distribute.

Having just recorded the latest one addressing the preparatory steps our families from the US will need in place to cross the 49<sup>th</sup> Parallel and assure a seamless experience we are more than excited to create memories to last a lifetime. Make sure to ask your administrator to keep you updated as these pieces are prepared and forwarded on.

Check us out as we continue to build and improve our Facebook page at [midwestshrineassociationmsa2025](https://www.facebook.com/midwestshrineassociationmsa2025) (Yes it's a long one, but some-things are just worth it) and website [MSA2025.com](https://www.msa2025.com)

The Dream is Alive in 2025 and you can be part of fulfilling the dreams of sick children and their families around the world. Let's make a positive difference together, the kids deserve it.

Respectively submitted

Aaron Ruston

Director General MSA 2025

The Dream is Alive in 2025





## WA WA SHRINE LADIES AUXILIARY

We have had a busy fall with our Quarterly meeting in September, as well as planning and having another successful Medieval Feast. We continue to sell our Grey Cup tickets as one of our fundraisers for the year which has been a bit of a challenge due to our Riders poor showing again this year.

As part of our Quarterly meeting in September, we asked all members who are interested to put their names forward for positions on the Executive. Effective January 2024, all positions with the exception of the Treasurer will become vacant. Due to a lack of interest, a Motion to Dissolve the Ladies Auxiliary was passed. The final vote will be held at a meeting on December the 6<sup>th</sup>. At that time, if the vote is to proceed with the dissolution, a vote will be held to determine where the Ladies Auxiliary funds will be allocated.

Even with the potential windup of the Auxiliary, our Medieval Feast, held on October 14<sup>th</sup> was a success. Once again, we had wonderful feedback from everyone in attendance with most telling us they wanted to come again next year including many on our Divan. Everyone had a lot of fun with great entertainment provided by the King, and all the Royalty, our Guards and Spies and those that were charged and sentenced to punishment in the stock. We introduced several new medieval games, including coin draws, a word game, trivia, and an improvised Jousting Challenge. We also had a surprise demonstration of the Royal stallions and riders. We had great food and decorations, lots of costumes, an abundance of raffle prizes, and a door prize. It was a lot of work but we had many members and Shriners volunteer to help make this event a success. We want to thank everyone who helped with the decorating, cooking, serving, selling tickets, providing the entertainment, running the bar and to our Royalty and MC for the evening, as well as everyone who attended and joined in the fun. This was a great opportunity for our organization to highlight and introduce many to their first Shrine event so not only was it fun but an opportunity to successfully promote the Shrine.





## MEDIEVAL FEAST 2023



It is with regret that this may be our last submission of the WA WA Shrine Ladies Auxiliary. But, regardless of the December decision, the Ladies of the WA WA Shrine will continue to explore opportunities to participate in supporting our Shriners to plan fun, new events in an effort to encourage both new and existing members to participate in this very worthwhile philanthropy.

Respectfully submitted by

Lady Marj Abel



## BLACK CAMEL



### JOHN SMITH

City: Rosetown SK

Age: 96

Initiated: June 25 1982

Deceased: Sept 2023



## BLACK CAMEL

## KAWASAKI KX-85 & MOOSOMIN 50/50 RAFFLE WINNERS

### KX85 Kawasaki Motorcycle Winner

**August 19 2023**



Blair MacEwan and son won the bike raffle presented by Noble Ken Young, and Trevor Holm, Manager of Moose Mountain Leisure in Carlyle, SK.

### Moosomin 50/50 Raffle Winner

**June 4 2023**

**CORRECTION!** Kyle Richter, is the winner of the Moosomin 50/50 Raffle drawn on June 4th 2023.



## HOSPITAL REPORT



I would like to report on some inspirational news from three of our patients.

First I would like to share something that was recently sent to me by a patient's mom:

*Our trips to Montreal are so important to us for making decisions for Jolene's medical treatments. We have a wonderful endocrinologist in Saskatoon and he helps to coordinate her care. However he is humble enough to acknowledge that a large part of the education he has about OI in particular comes from medical journals that come out of*

*Montreal Shriners. We are incredibly fortunate that he is supportive of us going to Montreal to keep Dr Rauch in Jolene's circle of care. Dr Rauch has so much medical expertise and so as we were reaching the point where we needed to talk about reducing her treatments it was important to have his guidance. This was a great trip for Jolene in that her density has increased to the point where she now gets to go down to only one infusion per year! Dr Rauch and his team will communicate results and treatment plans with our local team so we can make these changes with confidence.*

*It is more than just going for an appointment. Having the involvement of the Shriners is so meaningful and while I won't be able to put it into words I will try. Everyone knows that planning a trip is difficult. How are you going to get there, where are you going stay, how are you going to get around town? It is so incredibly nice to not have . The flights get booked and we know that we can just show up and go. When we get to the airport being greeted by a Shriner sure makes Jolene feel special, and provides us with such a sense of relief. It is a friendly face and someone who is there to help. It means we don't need to deal with the lines for a cab, the stress of driving through a busy city with a ton of construction or anything like that.*

*We can just hop in the van and have a nice visit on the way to the hotel. The hotel starts to feel familiar after more than one trip and therefore gets that extra level of comfort. We get to learn which coffeeshops, restaurants and metro stations are close to the hotel. That allows us to feel comfortable to enjoy our non hospital time while we are there.*

*When it is time to go to the hospital we get picked up by another smiling familiar face. We don't have to worry about what traffic will be like or where we will park. We can just go. The hospital itself is so incredibly patient and family focused. Every single person who works there is friendly and just cares. Everything runs so smoothly and it is amazing to think of how much happens in such a short time, and that Jolene thinks it is a fun experience. Then a Shriner takes us back.*

*From start to finish we know that we have Shriners behind us and that really takes so much stress out of having to travel for medical.*

*We sure appreciate you! Thank you!*

*Wendy Friesen*

*The very grateful mom of Jolene Friesen*

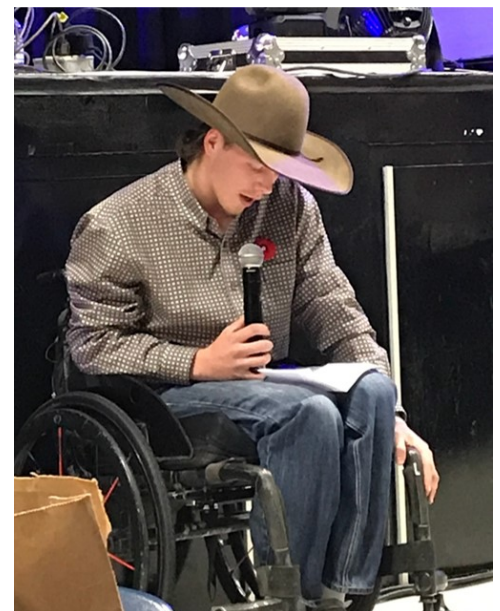


We were also recently made aware of a young patient from Regina who was able to make a large donation to the Montreal hospital. Easton Weitzel's family helped him out with some fundraising. His uncle and his hockey team, the Melville Bombers, raised \$3,200 at their golf tournament last summer. One of Easton's cousins raised \$3,020 by biking 3,000 km in one month. Easton presented the two cheques on a recent visit to Montreal. Way to go Easton and family!



Those of us in attendance at the Moosomin fundraiser on November 10 were fortunate to hear a few words from patient Levi Jamieson, a grade 12 student in Moosomin. He was in an ATV accident in 2020 which resulted in a spinal injury and loss of function of his lower limbs. He has been going to the Shrine Hospital in Philadelphia for therapy. What a positive young man with a great attitude! He told us that he doesn't view being in a wheelchair as a disability; it just gives him the opportunity to do things in a different way.

Levi expressed his gratitude for the support of his community and has done his part to give back. Last year he donated to STATS, and to the CT scanner for Moosomin Hospital, and his planning to make another donation towards the CT Scanner.



Respectfully submitted by  
Noble Paul Deren  
WA WA Hospital Chairman





# WA WA SHRINE PATIENT TRANSPORTATION FUND

A Registered Canadian Charity Registration No. 870382751RT0001

**AUGUST 12 2023—NOVEMBER 20 2023**

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## 2023 CASH CALENDAR WINNERS

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### OCTOBER 2023

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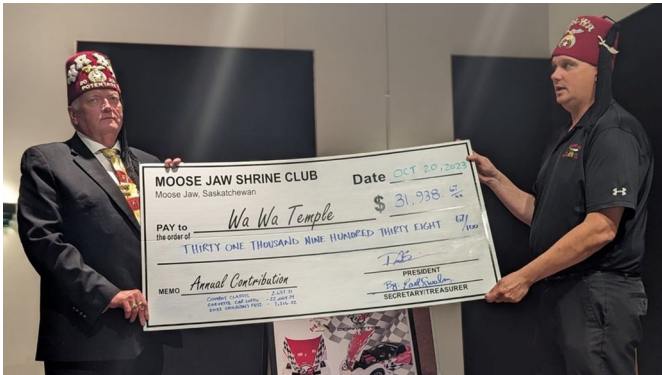
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## WA WA SHRINE CLUB REPORTS

### MOOSE JAW SHRINE CLUB

Our new fiscal year started in November with our new executive leading the way. President Gord Shabbits, Vice President Mike Ward, Second Vice President Scott Hughes, Treasurer Earl Swalm, Secretary Garth Hordenchuk and Administrator Harvey Moran. The executive was installed at our Potentate's supper in October by Illustrious Sir Malcolm Gutfriend. Illustrious Sir also gave an inspirational address on the status of WA WA and Shrine International's positive new direction for patient care and our hospitals. The evening was capped off with our cheque presentation to WA WA in the amount of \$31,938. Our past president kept us hopping this past year with several fund raising events that made it possible to donate over \$30,000.



Some of the fundraisers were pancake breakfast, Moose Jaw Warriors golf tournament, our annual Children's Festival and, of course, our car lottery. The Children's Festival took on a whole new identity returning to a live event after three years of online festival. Our club teamed with Wakamow Valley and presented the children's festival united as opposed to in competition. We were unable to get an exact headcount due to the layout of the event, however, we estimate 2,000 attendees. The community as a whole was extremely supportive with their donations breaking old records thanks to the great phone campaign by

Nobles Gord Shabbits, Harvey Moran and Pete Lapointe. Getting back to the Potentate's banquet these three nobles were presented with the Vic Cole Shriner of the Year memorial award. The awards were presented by Lady Chris Ward and Noble Chuck Cole.

In September we had our annual car show and lottery draw for our classic Corvette Pace Car. As was the Children's Festival, this was our most successful car lotto exceeding the last four years in total ticket sales. This would not have been possible without a fantastic team effort (too many ticket sellers to mention) under the leadership of Noble Aaron Ruston. From the search and purchase of the car to the licensing through SLGA, managing finances, booking car shows and events and scheduling Nobles to work the numerous events. Noble Earl Swalm did a fantastic job, as usual helping with balancing the books on the lottery to SLGA's requirements.

We have begun our winter Gourmet schedule running every second Saturday from now until the end of March. Due to the popularity of our gourmet we added additional dates this year and are planning two banquets as opposed to the one traditional wind up banquet.

Fez Fridays - Fun, Fun, Fun. We have returned to an old event formally known as TGIF. Noble Devon Milligan took the bull by the horns and resurrected this bi-weekly FUNdraiser. We promote it in the community as an inexpensive family friendly night out. \$5 meal, \$5 drinks and a \$5 50/50 draw. It is gaining momentum and seems to be growing larger every week.

Of course, our highlight of the year was the announcement of our club, WA WA and all of Saskatchewan hosting the MSA in 2025. Work and planning is well under way and we will have several updates for everyone going forward.

Submitted by Noble Garth Hordenchuk



## WA WA SHRINE CLUB REPORTS

### PRINCE ALBERT SHRINE CLUB



The P. A. Shrine Club is now done with their summer of parades. Our last one took place in Birch Hills on Sept 13, 2023. Since then, we have been starting to plan for next year. We are looking a modifying our All Jurisdiction trailer to include a train engine, turntable showing our fraternal orders and a railroad jigger, in keeping with our history. This would also provide us with a novel entry in parades next year.

We have had breakfast meetings since our September meeting and will have at least one more on Nov 25, 2023. On this date we will be visited by our Potentate, Illustrious Sir Malcolm Gutfriend, on his official visit. At this time he will install our officers.

We joined the Masonic Family in laying wreaths on Remembrance Day this year. This was the first time that the ceremony returned to the P.A. Armories since covid. The picture below is of the Family members making presentations of the wreaths: From left to right, Glenn Sherwin, Jack Harvey, Ron Sterling, Al Fraser, Rick Galloway, Jeff Bates and Robert Huisman.

We have continued to work bingos at Carnival Bingo as fundraisers. Our next bingo is on Nov 16th. We are looking forward to it.

This year is ending .Christmas is coming as we look to the future.

Noble Glenn Sherwin



## WA WA SHRINE CLUB REPORTS

### REGINA SHRINE CLUB

#### WA WA Drill Corps Unit

Where has the summer gone! We had a fairly active year with about 5 parades and our ATV machines ran well with very few problems. The weather agreed with us except for Lumsden which was a little wet. We must thank the Drum Corps for their hospitality after the parade which they hosted at the Temple.

We held three Hot Dog sales throughout the summer at the north Coop hardware lumber yard which proved quite successful. We had to raise the price, but it didn't seem to make any difference. Participation was good thanks to Nobles Ken Eskdale P.P., Larry Couse Garth Haack, Ray Racette, Glen Dalrymple, Kevin Turner and myself.

We held our annual meeting at the end of October and our present officers decided to stay on for another year. The only change we have is that Noble Garth Haack is taking over the duty of secretary, which is always a big job.

Christmas is just around the corner and once again we are holding the Highland Dinner. Unfortunately we had to raise the price due to the increase of the cost of groceries. They have just about doubled! We will follow with our own Christmas Party the next day on which we will host our wives and ladies.

We are still doing our bingos twice a month and thanks to the help from Nobles Ken Shaw, Gord

Rubin, and Lady Erma we are having fairly successful bingos.

We are still listing our Drums for anyone who would like them. They are free to any club that could use them.

We would like to wish all a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and look forward to another successful 2024.

Submitted by

Noble Lloyd Ramsdell

#### WA WA Drum Corps Unit

Parade season is over and the Corps is going into the winter sleep mode. The snow birds are heading south so there will be missing a few of the guys till Spring.

We had a very successful Pasta Night on Friday October 27th with 124 adults and 21 kids attending. Thanks to the guys and gals for a super effort. This was our largest Pasta Night ever.

The next Major event will be the Lobster Night in early May feeding about 300 hungry guests. Then get our music ready for the 2024 parade season.

Submitted by

Noble Al Clarke



## WA WA SHRINE CLUB REPORTS

### SASKATOON SHRINE CLUB

Our last quarter has seen three major events. We had our Welcome back supper, Oktoberfest and our Shrine Kids Halloween party.



L-R Ladies: Ann McCubbing, Linda McGregor, Debbie Hobbins, Vivian Skuce & Joan Goodman



### Oktoberfest

A great time was had by all and we were entertained by the German Concordia Band.





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### Shrine Kids Halloween Party

We had a great turn out of kids. Thank you to the Saskatoon Shrine Clown Unit for balloon animals and tricks for the kids. As well to the Job's Daughters Bethel #16 for doing Arts & Crafts with the Kids.



Our next big events will be the Potentates Receptions on December 2, 2023, Shrine Kids Christmas Party on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and the Saskatoon Shrine Clubs New Years EVE EVE Party December 30<sup>th</sup>.

Submitted by

Noble Rob Montague Co-Chair Saskatoon Entertainment Committee

### SOUTHEAST SHRINE CLUB

After a very busy summer of activities, the fall season has been quieter for the members of the Southeast Shrine Club. We did have a good turnout for our annual Potentate's visit on November 2, 2023 at Bear Claw Casino near Carlyle, SK. After some visiting and a delicious meal, there were a number of presentations.

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Noble Gene Davis, President, presented Ill. Sir Malcolm Gutfriend with a monetary donation to WA WA, as well as a personal gift from the SE Shrine Club.



It was a very special event when Ill. Sir Malcolm Gutfriend was there to present a Lifetime Membership award to his dad, Ill. Sir Dick Gutfriend P.P. Congratulations!







## WA WA SHRINE CLUB REPORTS

Previous page L-R: The 2024 executive for the Southeast Shrine Club were sworn in. Ill. Sir Malcolm Gutfriend, Nobles Ron Needham, Director, Reed Gibson, Director, Ken Young, Treasurer, Gene Davis, President, Jeff Young, Vice- President, Troy LeBlanc, Secretary, Tim Sedor, Director, and Mike Scarfe.



Three Nobles were presented with their Shrine Medallions. L-R: Noble Maurice Berry, Nathan Reeve, Jeff Young, Ill. Sir Malcolm Gutfriend, Noble Mike Scarfe.

Respectfully submitted by

Noble Paul Deren

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## WA WA SHRINE CLUB REPORTS

### SWIFT CURRENT SHRINE CLUB

Well my friends, we have finally given away our last Harley Davidson. We have exciting news for our all **NEW** raffle next year, but hang in there for what Swift Current has to offer!

**This year's winners are as follows:**

**The Harley – S Lind**

**\$1000 – Garry Bachiu**

**\$500 – Evan Klein**

**Harley Fridge – Lyndon Zacharias**



Thank you again to everyone who supported our raffle. And always remember, it's not about the winning, it's about sending unfortunate children for medical procedures that will give them and their families a better quality of life. Thank you for helping us with our primary cause.

As well, following the Bike Draw, our Ill. Sir Malcolm Gutfriend invested our Board of Directors, but more importantly honored a few of our long standing members and brethren, Noble Herb Butz (35 years), Noble Francis Kyle (35 years) and Ill. Sir Ron Heeg (50 years). This shows a level of commitment and dedication unmatched by many. Congratulations gentleman and thank you all for your continued support and service to our philanthropy.



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Our board of directors appears as below. We also intended to host a grand Grey Cup Party at the Hut, but it seems to be a moot point at this time. Noble President Gord Olmsted appears to be prepared to defend our honor regardless.



We are very excited to host our annual Christmas Supper which will be very, very soon. As always, we are pleased that our Divan takes the time to travel to Swift Current and bless us all with their fellowship and guidance. We are always happy to entertain, and unless they are bluffing, I believe Swift Current Shrine does a wonderful job of entertaining. We will always leave a light on for our fellow Nobles and their families. Merry Christmas to all and thank you everyone for your continued devotion!

Yours in Shrining,

Noble Jeff Lindquist

SCSC Secretary



## WA WA SHRINE CLUB REPORTS

### WYN EL WA SHRINE CLUB

We've come to the end of another busy year.

On Saturday September 9<sup>th</sup> we made the draw for our 50/50. The lucky winner was Courtney Bilokraly of Saskatoon who took home a cheque for \$5,635.00. Congratulations Courtney and a big thank you to everyone who purchased tickets and supported our fundraiser.



Our Club President Noble Blaine Bjarnason presenting the cheque to Courtney Bilokraly.



Nobles Milton Harvey, Bill Kereluke, Blaine Bjarnason, Courtney Bilokraly, Steve George and Dwayne Jonasson.



Nobles Greg Grimshaw, Blaine Bjarnason and Greg Malnyk getting ready to make the draw.







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Nobles Steve George and Barry Dilts parading in Wadena.

On Saturday November 25<sup>th</sup> we will welcome our Potentate; Illustrious Sir Malcom Gutfriend on his official visit to our club. We will be installing our new Club President Noble Neil Eirickson. A big Thank you Noble Blaine Bjarnason for his leadership over the past two years. After the meeting we will be joining with the Elfros Masonic Lodge for the Annual Christmas Party "Pot Luck" Banquet and Gift Exchange.

We look forward to another busy year in 2024. Plans are already being made for our Annual Pickerel Fish Fry to be held in late March.

Submitted by  
Noble Milton Harvey



Nobles Greg Grimshaw, Blaine Bjarnason, Kohl Bjarnason and Greg Malnyk



Hello Shriners Team,

We move into the Thanksgiving Holiday Weekend, I wanted to share my thanks for the partnership with Shriners in 2023.

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But, being assigned to the Shriners Account is more than just a role for me, it is personal as your organization has taken care of my daughter since she was little.

To express my appreciation for all the synergies together and what you did for my family, I made a little video:

Link: [Shriners Thank You Video](#)

From my family to yours, have a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday.



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