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A MESSAGE FROM THE POTENTATE



Illustrious Sir Malcolm Gutfriend

Ill Sir, Nobles and Ladies all, I begin by extending my heartfelt thanks to each of you for choosing me to be your Potentate. It is indeed a great honour and I will continue to work diligently for WA WA Shriners on your behalf.

My theme for the year is Together We Can. You may take that to mean what you want as my intentions behind it are all encompassing. Together we can work to attract new members to the Shrine. Together we can improve the visibility of Shriners in our communities. Together we can address the challenges we face. Together we can have fun and remember what brought us to Shriners in the first place. Perhaps most importantly, together we can help more children.

This year is shaping up to be busy and exciting. We are working with the South East Shrine Club and Moosomin Shrine Club to bring the Global FMX Thrill show to Estevan and Moosomin in June. This has the potential to become our next province wide event that will both raise funds and increase our visibility in the community. We are starting small this year to allow us to evaluate the project without taking too great a risk. It also provides a chance for all clubs to attend one or both shows to determine if it would work in their communities. More details will be forthcoming.

Provincial Golf will be hosted this year by the South East Shrine Club in Carlyle on July 28 and 29th. Bring your family and friends to enjoy what is sure to be a fun event.

As our winter slowly comes to a close, our thoughts naturally drift to parade season. I encourage all the units to take part in parades when they can. The parades and post parade socials are fun and our appearance in the parade is in many cases the highlight.

This year we must also address two of our challenges. The first is membership. The Covid Pandemic hurt every temple in Shrinedom. We were unable to attract new members as lodges were unable to initiate new masons and clubs were unable to hold social events to show the fun side of Shriners. Now is the time to move forward. Lodges are creating new members and we can get together for fun and fellowship. Talk to those new Masons. Focus on the fun side of Shriners and invite those prospective members to your social events. Show them why they should become a Shriner. Our spring Ceremonial is scheduled for June 10 in Regina. It's time to start working on new applicants.



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The second challenge is financial. During covid our financial reserves took a hit as we provided subsidies to our clubs to help weather the shut down. Unfortunately, our bingo project did not work and ended up losing money before we shut it down. We need to stabilize our finances to ensure that WA WA remains via-

ble so that we can continue to help Saskatchewan children. It is more important than ever to work together to address these challenges.

I look forward to seeing each of you during my travels this year. If you have any event that you would like me to attend, please contact the office. It is easier to coordinate all the requests if they go through the office.

Together we can.

Ill Sir Malcolm Gutfriend

RECORDER'S MESSAGE



I hope everyone has kept their New Years' Resolutions. I did, very easy, guaranteed not to fail, I resolved not to make any resolutions. Lady Mary Ann and I would like to thank you for the support given last year and are looking to an even better year in 2023.

I am pleased to announce the increase of Parade mileage from \$0.09 per kilometer to a rate of \$0.15 per kilometer per Shriner attending. We need Shriners out in the communities to show that we are still active. There are some things to remember: round trip must

be a minimum of 100 KM. The method of figuring out the mileage will be based on GOOGLE Maps, city centre to city centre, and by the number of Shriners attending (not the number of vehicles used). It is mandatory to notify the Chief of Staff about the parades you plan on attending to ensure that Liability insurance is maintained. Put down all parades even if you are unsure about attending. This will give the Office a chance to post all possible parades (other Clubs maybe interested in attending them).

In 2022 the Divan passed a motion to have a top line signer of a candidate get ½ of his dues paid (2 or more would see his yearly dues paid). The Divan felt that this was a good incentive to our Nobles and have voted in favor to try it for the year 2023. Keep up the good work.

2022 New Noble Incentive—Top Line Signers

Badong, Malvin	Keogan, Mike	Stafford, Rod
Bjarnason, Blaine	Kyle, Francis	Sterling, Rod
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Goodman, Calvin	Orth, Kerry	Vieser, Gary
Hughes, Scott	Skuce, Dennis	Yanko, Terry



On another note, I have decided to step down as Cash Calendar Chairman. Noble Cory Kerr from Moose Jaw is willing to step up and take over from me. I will guide Noble Cory through the fine art of dealing with SLGA, but I understand he is already versed in these matters. Calendar Sales were a little better this year with 2,212 sold out of 2,500. Good work Nobles, actually great work Nobles! Sales have come up slightly and looks promising. Keep up the hard work. I know many of you and realize it is a tough sell sometimes.

Yours in the faith,

Noble Larry Couse Recorder



IMPORTANT DATES

STATED SESSION

Regina SK April 15 2023

CEREMONIAL WEEKEND

Regina SK June 9-11 2023

IMPERIAL SESSION

Charlotte NC July 2-10 2023

PROVINCIAL GOLF

Carlyle SK July 28-29 2023

CANADA SHRINERS HOSPITAL

INVITATIONAL

Montreal QC August 7 2023

MIDWEST SHRINE ASSOCIATION

Summer Session

August 23 –26 2023 Alexandria MN

STATED SESSION

Regina SK September 23 2023

STATED SESSION & CEREMONIAL

Regina SK November 18-19 2023

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

& INSTALLATION

Hotel Saskatchewan, Regina SK January 19-21 2024



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L-R front: Lady Edie Gibbons, Lady Pam Hintz, Lady Andrea Cairns, Lady Margot Cairns, L-R middle: Lady Carmela Miller, Lady Kim Gillies, Lady Debbie Hobbins, Lady Mary Ann Couse. L-Lady Marj Abel, Lady Amanda Istead, Lady Debbie Pettigrew.

Missing: Lady Nancy Ruston, Lady Jean Lendzyk, Lady Sylvia Reed.

POTE'S BALL—JANUARY 21 2023



GET TO KNOW YOUR DIVAN



ILL SIR MALCOLM GUTFRIEND

Illustrious Sir Malcolm was born and raised in Weyburn, Saskatchewan in 1962. He attended the University of Saskatchewan and studied Chemistry graduating with a Bachelor of Science Degree in 1984. In April of 1985, he joined the Royal Canadian Mounted Police at the Forensic Laboratory Regina. For the next 18 years he worked as a Forensic Chemist examining trace evidence (paint, glass, building materials, fire debris, fibres, etc) from crime scenes, writing reports and testifying in court.

In 2002, he was promoted to the position of General Manager of the Forensic Laboratory Edmonton. Three years later, he transferred to Ottawa, where he served in several different management and executive positions, ending his career as the Director of Policy and Program Support for the Forensic Laboratories in 2017. In addition to his regular duties, during the last few years, he was also heavily involved in developing the drug impaired driving legislation and Canadian and international efforts to combat nuclear terrorism.

During his time working in Forensics, he was an active member of the Canadian Society of Forensic Science. He was an elected to of the board of directors in 2001 and served as President in 2006. In 2016 he was awarded Emeritus member status as recognition of his contributions to the Society.

He was initiated, passed and raised in NWMP Lodge #11, Regina, in 2000. The same year, he joined WA WA Shriners and the Drum Corps. In 2002 he served as a Potentate's Aide for his father, Ill. Sir Dick Gutfriend. Following his transfer to Ottawa, he affiliated with Russell Lodge #479, GLC, Ottawa District 1, and served as Worshipful Master in 2009-2010 and 2015-2016. He served the district beginning in 2010 as Chairman of the District Charity (3 years), Chairman of Long Range Planning (1 year) and finally as Chairman of Masonic Education (3 years).

He joined Kitchener Chapter #210, Royal Arch Masons, (Richmond, Ontario) and became an associate member of Tunis Shriners (Ottawa). He was an active member of the Tunis Shriner's Oriental Band and the Moonlighter Hillbilly Clan.

Not busy enough with work and masonry, he decided to pursue another dream and increase his knowledge about wine, beer, whisky and food by completing the Sommelier program at Algonquin College (Ottawa) which required 4 years of night classes.

Upon relocating back to Regina, he became active once again in NWMP lodge and served as Worshipful Master in 2022. He affiliated with Prince of Wales Chapter, Royal Arch Masons. In June of 2018, he was appointed Grand Chaplain for the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan. He became active once again with WA WA Shriners. He served on the divan for the last 5 years beginning when he was elected Oriental Guide in 2019 and continuing through to his election as Potentate in 2023.

Malcolm is single and has no children. He has one sister (Sharon) who lives in Saskatoon with his brother in law (Tim). He has two nephews, Dustin and fiancé Tori and Tyler, who live in Saskatoon. His interests are varied and include reading, fishing, wine, cooking, home and yard improvements, collecting foreign films, rediscovering Saskatchewan and, obviously, Freemasonry and the Shrine.



NOBLE DEAN RATHWELL & LADY KIM GILLES

A native of Regina, Dean has spent most of his life in the province of Saskatchewan. Dean has been married to Kimberley for 9 years and he has 2 sons Mathew (28) and Michael (24). Joining the Shrine in 2010, he is an active member of the Drum Corps and Gourmet Clubs serving as President in both. Dean is also a Past Master at Assiniboia Lodge #49. Kim and Dean are active outdoor people and enjoy their lake property at Buffalo Pound Lake.

Dean is a seasoned business professional and for the last 16 years has been working at Celero Solutions in ever increasing roles of responsibility and scope. Currently he supports Celero's partnership activities as the Vice President of Strategic Alliances. Celero is a technology company that provides services to Canada's credit union system. He is a graduate of the University of Regina and committed to lifelong learning. Dean brings 31 years of business experience leading various multi-disciplined teams, working with clients and credit union system stakeholders throughout his career and a participating on various boards.



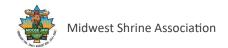
NOBLE DECLAN MCAULEY

Declan McAuley was born and raised in Saskatoon and followed in his grandfather's and father's footsteps in the craft by joining Lodge Progress 92. After being initiated in May of 2011, he became a member of WA WA Shriners in 2015.

Declan has been very involved in Masonry since his initiation, and served as Worshipful Master of Lodge Progress in 2017 and 2018. He also became an affiliated member of Imperial Lodge 60, serving as Worshipful Master in 2020 and 2021. He served the craft as DDGM for District #5 from 2019 to 2022, and is an active member in the Scottish Rite Valley of Saskatoon and the Royal Arch Masons Chapter #4.

He has been a member and Chairperson of the Saskatoon Shrine Club Entertainment committee, helping to organize numerous events, and served as Club President in 2021.

He was especially blessed to have met his significant other, Kelsey Kaitfors, while in Deadwood, SD as part of a traveling Scottish Rite degree team in 2018. The two enjoy camping and traveling, and hope to take part in as many Shrine activities as possible during his term as Marshall.



As mentioned in the last December issue of The Warbling's, Nobles, Ladies and Families should be prepared to participate and volunteer for the Midwest Shrine Associations 2025 Summer Session.

I am delighted to announce that the host city for this prestigious event will be Moose Jaw, SK.

Two major clubs, the Saskatoon Shrine Club and the Moose Jaw Shrine Club took much time and effort to present their bids to host this enormous event. Nobles Don Atchison of the SSC and Noble Aaron Ruston of the MJSC did a tremendous job with lengthy presentations. Both clubs presented a fantastic proposal with much effort, backgrounds gathered and assembled for their bids and presentations to the Divan. At an emergent meeting between Christmas and New Year's, a challenging time to gather Nobles, the Divan elected the Moose Jaw Shrine Club as the host. The MJSC had only a month to compile an advertisement campaign for its city and its resources for the MSA winter business session in Alexandria, MN, in February. On Monday, the week of the event in Alexandria, our MSA executive had to meet and decided regretfully to cancel the winter session due to severe weather forecasts in the Northern Central States. This winter session was cancelled as a safety precaution for all Nobles travelling. The situation was very reminiscent of the 2020 Pandemic summer session cancellation in Regina. With this missed opportunity to promote the 2025 convention, the MJSC will advertise creatively to get the message and advertising to the masses for the 2025 MSA summer convention out to all the Nobles and families in the United States and Canada.

Noble and Director General Aaron Ruston and his Club have been working diligently with various community bodies who have jumped on board and will construct an event second to none in 2025. They will also call upon WA WA Clubs throughout the province to participate in various activities as this convention is a WA WA provincial endeavour.

The summer session for all Nobles of WA WA Shrine and their families to attend will be held in Alexandria, MN, August 23-26, 2023, hosted by Osman Temple. Your clubs and units are invited to participate in and attend events at the Arrowwood Resort & Hotel, Alexandria, MN, the host Hotel. It is a fantastic tourist area and a Friday night theme Shrine-o-rama featuring Jimmy Buffet on the Beach with a Fish Fry Friday night dinner and two parades planned for the Shrine units attending. There is a Marketplace vendor trade show featuring many selected and different items as well as Shrine and Masonic items for sale. This event will be at the Arrowwood Hotel. Other events and competitions, i.e. a putting contest, Clown, Motor Corp, horse patrol and Chanter competitions, to mention a few. There is also the coveted & prestigious Ladies' luncheon that attracts many Shrine Ladies and friends. They also have an afternoon Duck Race at the Water Park followed by a Dinner, Concert and Dance at the Lakeside. They look forward to welcoming the Nobles, Ladies, Family and friends from every Midwest Shrine Association temple in the Territory.

In 2024 the MSA sessions will be hosted by Zor Shriners of Wisconsin and held in Lacrosse, WI. The winter session will be held from February 29 – March 2, 2024. The summer session is held August 7 -10, 2024.

The winter session is open for ALL Shriners to attend. This is a Nobles-only event featuring business sessions, and no events will be planned for the Ladies/Families. Only seven representatives elected from each Temple (Elected Divan) and Past MSA Officers can vote on resolutions or bylaws. If you are a Shriner and never have attended an MSA because you thought it was for Divan members only, think again, the door is open to all Nobles. The Headquarter Hotel is the Radisson Hotel downtown, which is next to the convention center. Eighty percent of the hotels are within walking distance. The summer session is being planned now and future MSA bulletins with advertise their package of events and entertainment. Already planned will be a Thursday parade in La Crosse WI, and a Saturday parade will be in La Crescent MN just across the Mississippi river.



WA WA Nobles, the purpose of MSA is for FUN and FELLOWSHIP amongst all Shriners and their Ladies. This is an excellent opportunity to have fun while we have a little friendly competition amongst units. If you have never been to an MSA event and have been a WA WA Shriner for a long time or a new Noble, please join in for a long-lasting experience.

Fraternally, III. Sir Robert (Bob) Keep P.P. 3rd Vice President
Midwest Shrine Association

MSA 2025- THE DREAM IS ALIVE IN 2025

As the world continues to face unprecedented times and hurdles, it would be very easy to sit back and have someone else worry about the clouds on the horizon. With the world's loud clanging cymbals filling our day-to-day quota for distractions, it would also be very easy to not hear the families of children who are reaching out for help in the treatment of their children, when all else seemed hopeless.

As a young man I saw what the Shriner's were doing and thought it would be wonderful to be part of such an amazing philanthropic call. The years passed and my focus remained on personal matters, and the vision I had was relegated to the levels of less important. That changed when a couple of men I respect introduced me to the idea of being a Free Mason and then a Shriner.

So why the lengthy dissertation? Because I wanted to speak into a vision, I know many men have, yet life leads them in a different direction.

MSA is a time for us to come together and refocus on our cause, but also on our families and the blessings we have.

WA WA Shriners is honored to host the 2025 MSA on **February 19**th **to 22**nd, **2025** and **August 20**th **to 23**rd **in Moose Jaw,** Saskatchewan. This provincial wide focused celebration of all things Shriners will allow the other temples of the Mid West region to see the magic that is Moose Jaw, SK and the rest of the province. The Notoriously Friendly City will welcome all attendees with open arms and our very own Fezter the Moose will be on his best behaviour to make sure children of all ages build memories to last a lifetime.

Check us out at MSA2025.COM and on Facebook at Midwest Shrine Association MSA 2025 (I know it's a long one, but worth the time to type).

Bring your family, your pet dog, your in-laws, your uncle Ned. Come join the City of Moose Jaw, WA WA and all of our provinces Living Skies clubs for one big family reunion and show the world why the Shriners are changing the lives of families one child at a time.

NOW IT'S A PARTY!

Noble Aaron Ruston
WA WA Oriental Guide
Director General MSA 2025





MEMBERSHIP—RECRUITMENT OF NEW MEMBERS!!!



Ill Sirs and Nobles:

WA WA Temple recognizes the need for a continuous aggressive effort to attract and enlist men of outstanding character as members for the Shrine to prosper.

To build our Temple, we need all of you to assist in recruiting Master Masons. YOU are an active participant in our membership program! Every one of our Nobles is called to refer one of their Masonic friends to BeAShrinerNow.com, where they can complete an electronic "e-Petition" directly to the Temple for processing. Now that the lodges are in full swing with meetings let's focus on the brethren who have not joined our philanthropy. Most of them have been aware of WA WA Shriners and what we do and represent. It's time to ask and direct them to our charity.

The BeAShrinerNow.com website has been renovated, offering quality information about our fraternity, and serves as a remarkable landing page for anyone who wishes to become a Shriner.

Likewise, **BeAFreemason.org** was developed as a centralized landing page for prospects interested in Freemasonry. These websites work collaboratively to bring awareness to our Craft. While non-Masons will still need to be initiated, passed and raised before submitting an e-Petition to become a WA WA Shriner, these tools are at your discretion. They should be included in discussions with your Masonic (and non-Masonic) friends and colleagues.

Membership is our #1 priority and is the responsibility of each of our Nobles. Let's band together and provide a positive experience and a warm welcome to any new prospect we receive, and do what we can to refer non-Shriners to our sites so they can share in our fraternity!

RESTORATION OF LOST MEMBERS - Bringing back members who were once members is essential to Membership success. These men once recognized the value of being a Shrine-Mason but, for some reason, quit paying their dues. Contacting them and revisiting the reason for being a Master Mason and Shrine-Mason can bring rewarding results. Embrace former members through a concerted effort to identify opportunities to rekindle a favourable attraction to our fraternity.

WHERE!!!! Where can you find potential SHRINERS? EVERYWHERE!!!!

Just in case you forgot the valuable 4R's, let's refresh:

1. **Recruitment:** of new Nobles Beashrinernow.com <u>www.wawashriners.org</u>

MEMBERSHIP through Masonic Lodges and all concordant bodies.

2. **Restoration:** of existing Nobles that have fallen off the membership list in the last years.

3. **Retention:** keeping the membership informed and interested through electronic

communications from our office.

4. **Relationships**: efforts are taken to ensure a long-term relationship with our members.

PETITION FOR INITIATION AND MEMBERSHIP

2023 New Noble Incentive:

- Bring a candidate to the Ceremonial in June, and you will get half your 2024
 Dues Paid!!!!
- Bring two candidates and get All your 2023 Dues Paid!!!
- Get your fellow Masons to sign up today!!!!

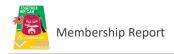
<u>Rules</u>: Be the First Line Signer on the Petition for Membership. Applications must be in and processed <u>before June 7, 2023.</u>

Find a printable PDF e-Petitions at https://www.wawashriners.org/

Nobles signing petitions for candidates should check to see that the candidate is in good standing in the Masonic Lodge. As long as a candidate holds current dues cards in his prerequisite body, he may belong to any prerequisite body regardless of location. When a Noble submits a petition for initiation, and he knows of any health or physical problem regarding the candidate, he should advise the Recorders office, and it will be handled confidentially.

Complete the petition in full before giving it to the Membership Chairman or Recorder's office. Write your name and the name of the 2nd line signer on the application. Be sure the full name, complete address, phone number and email address are on the petition.

If a candidate does not know his Fez size, the Recorders office will be happy to fit him with the appropriate size of Fez. The initiation cost, including a jewelled Fez, is \$300.00. Imperial Law requires the initiation fee to be paid in full before a candidate receives his initiation. This Year's Ceremonial is on June 10, 2023 in Regina.



Research Results from Shriners International:

Aligning the Key Interests between: a) prospective Shriners; b) existing Nobles; and c) the Purpose of Club/Unit Shriners International Office of Membership Development carried out research with data from WebFez of 4,300 Nobles, and 1,400 Master Masons who submitted e-petitions, as to get a better understanding their interests in 6 Key Areas:

- a) Sports and Adventure;
- b) Volunteer Services;
- c) Musical Performing & reading;
- d) Occupational Interests & Professional Development;
- e) Leisure Activities and Recreation; and
- f) Social gatherings

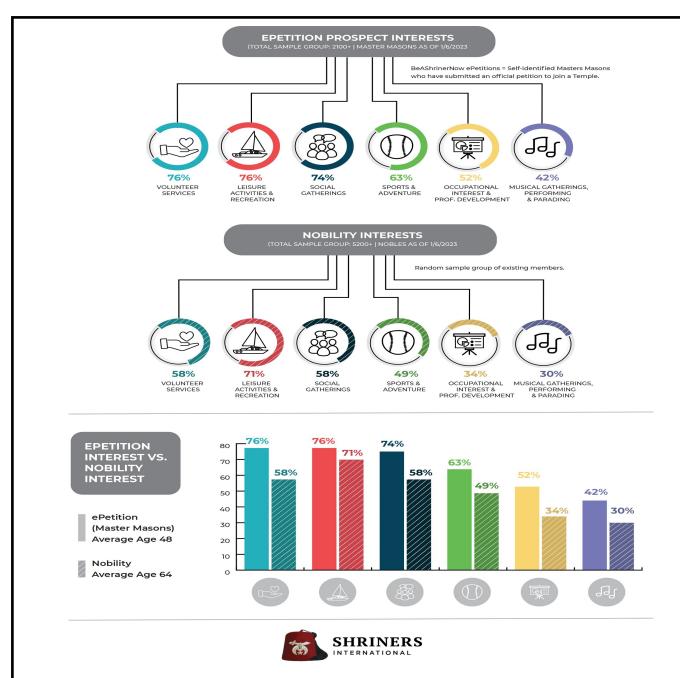
The intent was to ensure the interests of the younger, aspiring Nobles-to-be are similar to that of the existing Nobles and to identify their differences, plus to try and match prospective Shriners (Masons) to Clubs and Units which have similar interests and units/groups noted in WebFez.

The following are the results for the two groups, showing the level of interest from each of the two groups for each Interest Category. In general, they are listed in the chart below, showing interest levels for the Prospects (Masons) in order of highest to lowest interest percentages or ranking.

Here are some thoughts to consider from this data:

- 1. I am surprised that **Musical Performing and Parading** is the lowest ranking for both groups, especially with the number of parades Shriners engage in, bands, clowns, go-carts, motor patrols, etc., that exist. Virtually every WA WA Club or Unit has significant assets invested in this area and devotes much time to it. This is worth looking into. Possibly the data analyzed was primarily from the US.
- I'm unsurprised that men do not join the Shrine primarily for their Occupational Interests and Professional Development. This is very specific and requires specialists to deliver these programs, and not a big headliner for us.
- 3. The Prospects (Masons) seem most interested in **Volunteer Services**, i.e., participating in our rituals and fundraising activities (circus, patient transportation fundraising, etc.), interaction with concordant bodies, etc. Our existing Nobles also have this as their 2nd highest priority. We should continue to focus on this for the benefit of both groups.
- 4. Regarding **Leisure Activities**, which were the existing Nobles' highest priority and our Prospective Nobles' second highest priority, many special interest clubs and activities seem to draw in new members and keep existing Nobles engaged. This is something that should be evaluated at each Club or Unit level.





- 5. **Social Gatherings** (3rd place for both groups) tops off the highest three priorities of Interest areas. This is similar to Leisure activities, an area of interest which must be highly considered in our Club and Unit programs.
- 6. There is some interest in **Sports and & Adventure** activities, but probably in small batches for some Clubs and Units. My experience is there is not a lot of specific interest in some of these outdoor activities. Still, it could be discussed if there are special interest groups in the Club or unit, i.e., golf, fishing, hockey, etc. Using these exciting findings, our Clubs and Units should strongly consider exploring some of the higher priority activities in their programs to keep both the existing Nobles engaged as well as aligning with our new younger Nobles with slightly different interests.



Once we Fez them, we want to keep them! History is not a good enough excuse not to consider offering new activities. We need to be supportive of all requests. We need to discuss them all thoughtfully and give them a shot.

PS: Talking to Imperial: The 4 Membership and Marketing Seminars held annually are available to all Nobles. Imperial sent out 96,000 mail invitations for these seminars. I highly recommend you participate in them. They are inspiring! Upcoming VIRTUAL ones are; March 9, 2023, and April 13, 2023.

"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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PRE-AUTHORIZED PAYMENT PLAN

Notice of Date Change for Withdrawals Schedule

The dates of the automatic withdrawal for those Nobles on the Preauthorized Payment Plan (PAPP) will be changing to February 15, April 15, June 15 and August 15.

There are two main reasons for the change. First, dues are payable in US Dollars and Shriners International sets the new exchange rate on August 1 of each year. The second reason is that WA WA Shriners notifies Shriners International in September that your dues for the ensuing year have been paid and remits the funds. Shriners International records you as paid and your status is reflected on the electronic membership card. This change allows us to align our processes.

WA WA Shriners thanks those Nobles who have signed up for the PAPP. It streamlines our collection of dues and helps Nobles ensure that their membership is always current and that they remain in good standing.

If would like to go on the PAPP or if you have concerns with this change, please contact the Office.

Yours in the faith,

Larry Couse

Recorder

FYI, no changes are required for existing PAPP members. Remember to notify the office if you have a change of bank account.

<u>WA WA Shriners</u> Pre Authorized Membership Dues Payment Plan

WA WA Shriners has implemented an Automatic Dues Payment Program for annual membership dues. This program is being recommended and adopted by more and more temples throughout North America, as a method to reduce administrative costs and thereby keep our membership dues as low as possible.

If you already are having any utility bills or other bill payments being done by direct withdrawal from your bank account, then you are already familiar with this concept. For those of you who are not familiar with this process, the basics are that a noble will grant permission for the Temple to withdraw quarterly payments throughout the year and subsequent years, directly from a noble's bank account in order to pay for annual WA WA membership or Permanent Contributing Member (PCM) dues as stipulated in the Temple bylaws.

New members may enroll at any time during the year as long as current year's dues are paid in full. Ideally, payments would commence in the first possible quarter: February, April, June, August and the first payment amount would depend on the date enrolled. Breakdown below for a Regular member status (as per Temple Bylaw's) for pre-payment of 2024 Member dues at \$144.80.

However, during the 2017 Imperial Session, legislation was passed requiring all payment made to Shriners International be made in US Dollars. The exchange rate is selected on August 1st – the beginning of the newly established Shriners International fiscal year – and shall be valid until the following July 31st to ensure a consistent charge between dues notices. Pre-authorized Payment Plan (PAPP) members will see an increase/decrease on their final August payment to reflect this dues structure increase.*

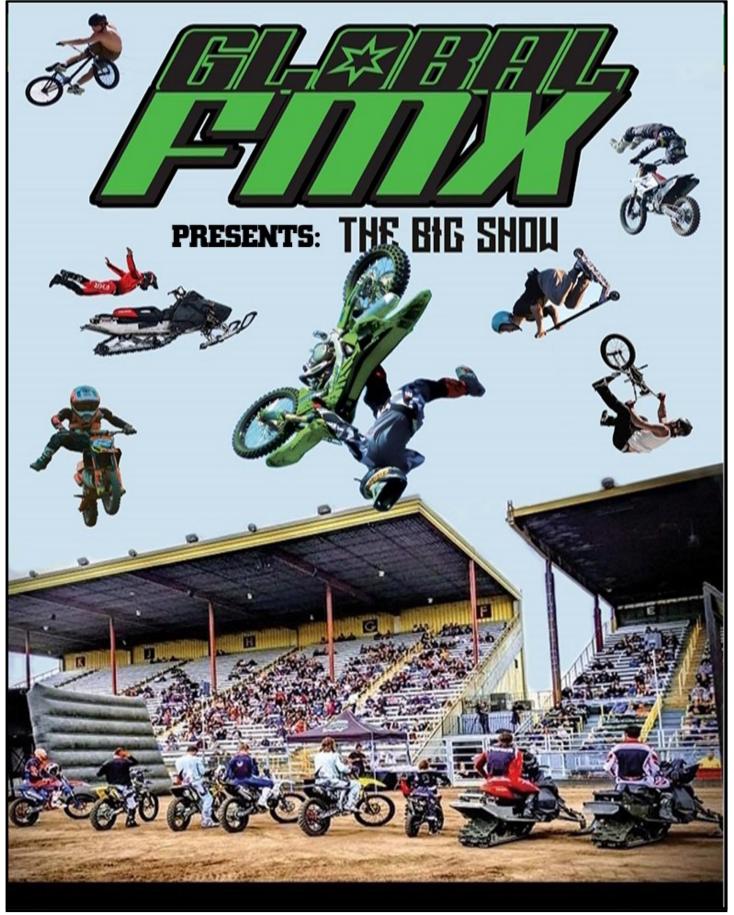
WA WA SHRINERS MEMBERSHIP DUES 2024					
Noble Enrolls In	Next Quarterly Cycle	Initial QTR Payment	Subsequent QTR Payments		
2022	February 15	36.47	36.47		
	April 15	36.47	72.94		
	June 15	35.93*	108.87*		
2023	August 15	35.93*	144.80*		
*On August 1st.exchange rate calculation will be applied to Hospital Fees and Per Capita Fees portion of your membership dues.					

Subsequent year's membership dues would be deducted on the 15th banking day of February, April, June, and August at an amount equal to one quarter of the annual dues for the upcoming calendar year as per Temple Bylaws.

All electronic information is retained ONLY on the Bank of Nova Scotia secure website – no electronic banking information is maintained on any WA WA computer. The signed authorization forms will be stored in a safety deposit box at the Bank of Nova Scotia.

To enroll in this plan, please sign the form on the reverse side of this page and return to the Recorder along with a voided cheque. If you no longer use cheques, your bank can supply you with a Pre-Authorized Payment form that can be sent to us.





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CRAFTERS/MODELLERS CLUB INTEREST?

My name is Jon Gillies and recently I have had the honour of becoming a Shriner. I have joined the Legion of Honour and my son has been a Shriner for several years.

I am seeking interest from Shriners to form a crafting/modellers club within the Shrine.

I am a railroad modeller with N-Scale and G-Scale (Garden) setups. N-Scale is about 1/180th full scale and G-scale is about 1/30th of full scale. Some time ago I constructed coffee tables with N-scale models built into them and raffled them at model train shows. At the time I was a Kiwanis Club member and the proceeds of the sale went to the club. A photo of a table is below. Due to health reasons, I can no longer construct the tables.

I am wondering though if we have some Shriners and their Ladies who would be willing come together to form a Crafters/ Modellers Club.

In addition there are other crafters and modellers who could contribute items that could be sold to raise funds for the Shrine – planes, boats, cars, handicrafts, woodworking, scrapbooking, photography, knitting, etc.

I think that we could undertake a seminar type program for members to help them

become skilled crafters or modellers. For those who are skilled crafters or modellers sharing their knowledge is something to be cherished – for example how to model trees or construct bird houses.

I wonder if we could sell our products in a fashion similar to a garage sale as a Shrine Crafters/Modellers Club in the parking lot at the Shrine Centre.

If you are interested in being part of the WA WA Shrine Crafters/Modellers Club, please send me (JAGillies@sasktel.net) your name, address and e-mail. I expect that we will need at least ten Shriners who are interested in order to request our DI-VAN to authorize and approve a request to form a WA WA Shrine Crafters/Modellers Club.

Jon Gillies, 306 789 0408, 3414 Keohan Cr., Regina, SK, S4V 1J5

December 1, 2022





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Age: 92

Initiated: June 23 1978 Deceased: Dec 2022



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HOSPITAL REPORT



I'd like to wish everyone a happy new year, although we're a couple months into 2023 already.

In 2022, we made the arrangements for 49 flights. Whenever possible, we used the vouchers from West Jet or Air Canada Aeroplan miles to book flights.

A breakdown of flights is as follows:

West Jet - 19 flights booked, 70 vouchers used, for a total savings of \$41,507.86.

Air Canada, Aeroplan - 15 flights booked. The cost to WA WA was \$4,629.32. The value of those flights was \$33,853.42 for a savings of \$29,224.10.

So, by using those two things, we saved over \$70,000. We are very fortunate to have the support of those two airlines.

There were 15 flights for which we had to pay full price, for a cost of \$34,714.79.

On January 21 at the AGM banquet, we were honoured with the presence of the Larson family (Derek, Janelle, Cole and Emma) from Swift Current. Following is some of what we learned from Janelle's emotional presentation that evening. At that time she indicated what a huge impact the doctors and other staff at the Shriners Hospital in Montreal have had on Cole's life.

Cole was born March 30, 2013 and suffered from a lack of blood and oxygen to the brain leaving him with an eventual diagnosis of quadriplegic cerebral palsy at 18 months of age. The Larsons had been speaking with fellow Shriner, Ray Eidem, who mentioned to the family that there could be something the Shriners could do to help. They had their first appointment during the summer of 2016, followed by another follow-up appointment 6 months later letting the family know that Cole would be a candidate for a Selective Dorsal Rhizotomy (SDR). This procedure involved cutting abnormal nerves located within the spinal cord that cause spasticity (uncontrollable tightness/stiffness of the muscles). By cutting these abnormal nerves, it would lead to having control over muscle movements that could not happen before. The Larsons were called in July, 2017 for



their appointment where Cole would be inpatient at the Shriners Hospital for Children for a total of 6 weeks. In these 6 weeks, it would require intensive rehabilitation to relearn movement that had been jeopardized due to the spasticity. Cole would have physical therapy twice a day and occupational therapy once daily. He would be encouraged to ride a bike around the hospital to gain strength in his lower extremities and play in the amazing play room. Since Cole's surgery, he has gone from not being able to walk unassisted to using a wheelchair, a walker, canes, and to no



use of mobility aides. Cole proudly took his 'first steps' on October 31, 2017, just over 3 months post surgery. He has been back to the hospital for post op checkups at 6 months, 1 year through 5 year, and will be expected to be back in January, 2024 and again at the 10 year post op mark.

As a thank you from Cole and his family, they hosted a car wash with all funds raised to be donated to the patient travel fund for the WA WA Shriners. On the hottest day of the year and washing 6 cars, 1 moped, and 1 bicycle, Cole raised \$2000.





Janelle finished her talk with, "Thank you everyone for all that you do and for giving our son Cole a chance at a life he deserves."

Noble Paul Deren, Hospital Chair

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For a complete listing of 2023 Cash Calendar Winners, please visit our website at

http://www.wawashriners.org/cash-calendar.html

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MOOSE JAW SHRINE CLUB

Moose Jaw Shrine Club is off to a tremendous start to 2023. Our gourmet club teams have cooked some of the best meals we've ever had with many guests attending which in turn is growing our club awareness in our community.



Noble Pier-Luc Doyon, Noble Gary Vieser, and Noble Kevin Zarubin

Our club meetings attendance has also been growing with anticipated excitement for MSA2025 and all things Moose Jaw Shrine Club. During our January meeting, Noble Mike Downton was sworn in by Divan members as 2nd Vice President of our club.



Our car raffle crew is also rolling along our 5th annual car raffle fundraiser. And let me tell you, we have another head turning car that you won't want to miss out on! We are awaiting SLGA final approval. We want to extend our many thanks to our clubs in Saskatchewan for your past support and we look forward to working with you all to continue to make a difference. Check out our Moose Jaw Shrine Club Facebook page for more details.



We'd also like to congratulate ILL Sir Darroch on his year as Potentate. Darroch, throughout your year you've shown us guidance and true leadership, our club is more than proud of you! Thank you for all you've done for Childrens' and building the greatest philanthropy. "Hats off" to you Sir!



We would also like to pass along our congratulations to the new Nobles of WA WA Temple. You've joined one of the best Temples in all of Shrinedom.



Noble Lincoln Boswall and his family.

Last but most certainly not least, ILL Sir Malcom Gutfriend, our club wishes to congratulate you on your installation as Potentate. We truly look forward to you being our potentate. WAWA and all of our clubs are in great hands and we cannot wait to be part of your journey.



Illustrious Sir Malcolm Gutfriend.

We also have a newly revamped website at https://moosejawshrineclub.wildapricot.org/

Be also sure to check out our Midwest Shrine Association 2025 Facebook page, please like and share so we can make this THE BIGGEST and BEST MSA ever!

https://m.facebook.com/ MidwestShrineAssociationMSA2025/

It's going to be an exciting spring and summer at the Moose Jaw Shrine Club! If you're ever in town, stop by!

Thanks, Noble Pier-Luc Doyon

MOOSOMIN SHRINE CLUB

Three members of the Moosomin Shrine Club were recognized for their service to the community. Nobles Phil Hamm, Chris Davidson and Bill Thorn were among a group from the Moosomin Constituency to receive the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal at a ceremony in Broadview on January 12, 2023.



Nobles Phil Hamm, Chris Davidson and Bill Thorn



REGINA SHRINE CLUB DRILL CORPS

I have been remiss in my duties of writing something for The Warblings for the Drill Corps due to various health problems. I plan to do better this year.

2022 started out well with our usual parades, namely, Moose Jaw, Regina Beach, Lumsden to name a few and had a good showing.

We held our usual Hot Dog sales at the North Coop again, even with the construction on the bypass they were still a success and we did reasonably well. Thanks to the good help we had from Nobles Terry Yanko, Ken Eskdale, Troy Kutsak, Larry Couse, and Garth Haack. We even added one sale which was held at the Co-op on Quance Street this year and it turned out well also.

Our Bingo Hall fundraisers are still running well under the management of Terry Yanko. We must thank the extra help we received from Nobles Ken Shaw and Gordie Rubin and a couple of others.

Unfortunately, we lost one of our Nobles this year in Noble Stan Jack. He was actually the one who got us started in the Bingo halls many years ago.

We ended up our year with the Highland Christmas supper on December 2nd, 2022. It wasn't as big of a crown as we usually get, but it was still a success.

I must also mention and give credit to Noble Glenn Dalrymple for being our champion Calendar salesman, who sold over 30 plus calendars for us. We are looking forward to another good year in 2023 if all goes well and we stay away from Covid-19.

Submitted by

Noble Lloyd Ramsdell

SWIFT CURRENT SHRINE CLUB



Presentation of cheque to Ill Sir Darroch by Noble Gord Olmsted on behalf of Swift Current Shrine Club.

SOUTHEAST SHRINE CLUB

Nobles and ladies of the Southeast Shrine Club finished the 2022 year with our annual Christmas dinner, silent auction, games and gift exchange - always a good time!

L-R: Noble Paul Deren, Noble Troy LeBlanc, Noble Gene Davis and Lady Cathie, Lady Sylvia and Noble Reed Gibson, Ill. Sir Malcolm Gutfriend.

We had some important events in January.



Ill. Sir Malcolm Gutfriend presented Noble Keith Young with his 35 year pin. Congratulations Keith! Noble Ken Young and Noble Dick Gutfriend were able to be there to congratulate Keith in person. That's quite an accomplishment!



Mark and Stephanie Trafford, parents of one of our patients, have donated a number of volunteer hours to helping the Shriners and, because of that, Mr. Trafford's employer, Vermillion Energy made a generous donation of \$1000.00 to the Shriners. Pictured are Noble Ken Young, treasurer of the SE Shrine Club, and Mark Trafford.



At the AGM, two members of the SE Club, Noble Reed Gibson and Noble Paul Deren, renewed commitments. Noble Reed will continue as Outer Guard on the Divan and Noble Paul will continue as WA WA Hospital Chairman.





We're happy to be able to report that Noble Troy LeBlanc is recovering after his highway accident earlier this year. He is getting around with a walking boot and a scooter, and was able to attend a meeting in mid-February. We wish him well and look forward to a complete recovery for him.

Upcoming Events - Put these dates on your calendar and join us for some fun! June 3, 2023 - FMX company from BC will be putting on a show at Affinity Place in Estevan. SE Shrine Club will be hosting the one hour indoor show featuring bicycles, motorcycles, and snowmobiles. There will be tricks on ramps, jumping vehicles, and who knows what else?!!! You'll have to come to see. July 29, 2023 - The Southeast Shrine Club will be hosting the annual Provincial Golf Tournament in Carlyle, SK. It's sure to be a good time.

Submitted by

Noble Paul Deren & Lady Cheryl



WYN EL WA SHRINE CLUB

Our Club is **Celebrating its 70th Anniversary**. Please see the following picture and write up from 1953.



The WYN EL WA Shrine Club was established about 1952 and the name was formed by a contraction of names of the towns of Wynyard, Elfros and Wadena. Early meetings were held in the Wadena Hotel in the form of breakfast meetings and members attending who did not eat their oatmeal porridge were asked to contribute \$5 to the fundraiser proiect. Many meetings were also held at the home of Noble Dr. L.A. Washington and Noble Hans Hanson. The purpose of the club is to raise funds to help operate and contribute to research for 19 Shriner's Crippled Children's Hospitals and 3 Burn Units in North America, where children under the age of 18 who have orthopedic problems receive excellent medical care absolutely free of charge. Over the vears several children from this area have received beneficial medical care at Shriner's hospitals. Each year the members hold a Rose Day when they sell roses and carnations as their fundraising project. Proceeds are presented to the Potentate of WA WA

Shriners in Regina on his official visit to our club, to be forwarded to the Shriner's Crippled Children's Hospital in Montreal. This article was written by Noble Hans Hanson in 1953. Noble Hans Hanson was an original and founding member of the club.

Some 70 years later we continue to sell Roses and Carnations on the First Monday in June but we no longer charge our members \$5 if they don't eat their oatmeal porridge.

Our members are busy planning for our Annual Fish Fry to be held on Saturday March 25th. at the Elfros Memorial Rink. We will be serving Pickerel Fillets, Homemade French Fries, Coleslaw and Ice cream. No one leaves hungry. Cost is \$30 pp. Kids are free. We will be having a 5:00 pm and a 7:00 pm sitting. Take-out orders are also available. Last year we served approximately 230 fish lovers. This is a great Fund Raiser for our club. It's an





opportunity for more exposure in our community very fortunate to have them both join us for our and our Nobles have a lot of fun doing it. A big Thank you goes out to Noble Joel Chuckry for all his experience and expertise.

Tickets for our 50/50 Draw will also be available at the event. Only 2000 tickets will be printed with a potential payout of \$ 10,000. Tickets are only \$10 each and are available from any club member. The draw will be made on September 9,2023. Our Club President Noble Blaine Bjarnason can be reached at 306 404-0037

We are very happy to have a New Noble join our club. Welcome Noble Dennis Galla.



PP. III. Sir Darroch Cairns, Noble Dennis Galla with members of his family and WYN EL WA Club President Noble Blaine Bjarnason.

A big Shout-Out to PP III. Sir Darroch Cairns on a very successful 2022 and congratulations to our new Potentate for 2023; Ill. Sir Malcom Gutfriend. We were

Annual Christmas Party and gift exchange on Saturday December 3rd. 2022. A good time was had by all.

Submitted by **Noble Milton Harvey**

WA WA SHRINE LADIES AUXILIARY

Our Shrine Ladies Auxiliary have had a few months of little activity after a very busy fall and Christmas season.

We had our AGM and First Quarterly meeting on January 10th where we had fifteen members and one guest in attendance. The 2023 officers were installed with two new additional members. Wendy Betker is now our new Secretary and Karen Clarke in the Membership, Cards, Sick and Visiting position.

We are now in the process of forming a committee to organize the Medieval Feast which is our major fundraiser. Because of the workload required to have a successful event, several members of the Executive attended the RSC executive meeting and have received their commitment to work together with us on this project. We will be approaching the membership to volunteer to become part of this committee in the near future.

Respectfully submitted by

Marj Abel



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