July 2021

# The FEZ SEZ

## Greetings from your Potentate!




COVID continues to impact our operations, but that has not stopped our fundraising efforts.

We have continued with the **Be More Help More Fund** with a target of $50,000 for the year. This is off to a slow start but I am sure our members will support. Donations are acknowledged on the Board at the entrance to the building.

It is important to recognize our hard working members and their fundraising.

**The Truck Raffle**

- Illustrious Sir Ernie Hilland and Pat Hilland
- Noble Bob Graham and Frances Graham
- Noble Gord Lucas

From building the concept and the plan, to selling tickets the execution was flawless. Sold out ahead of time and a job well done. The Fire Chief doing the draw was excellent. I cannot say enough about the efforts your group put in distributing and collecting the tickets and funds. Winner of this wonderful truck was **Evan Schmitke.** Excellent. Thank you to everyone who bought as well as sold tickets. Great team effort.

**The Wine Crate Raffle**

Thank you to the following for putting this together and organizing the ticket sales and collection.

- Lavina Maitland
- Dawna Santer
- Myrna Sheppard

A great effort and again it was sold out ahead of schedule. Job well done Thank you also to the members that donated wine for the Raffle as well as selling tickets. Raised $9783.75 for the Shrine. Great Team Effort.

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## Important Dates

**July 1, 2021**
Canada Day at Mounted Patrol

**July 4 - 8, 2021**
Imperial Sessions (Houston)

**July 7, 2021**
Airdrie Wildrose Shrine BBQ

**July 9, 2021**
Stampede Parade

**July 11, 2021**
Shrine Open House and BBQ

**July 28 - 31, 2021**
Summer PNSA (Seattle)

**August 20 - 21, 2021**
Al Azhar 2021 Nobility Ball and Ceremonial

**August 22, 2021**
Airdrie Wildrose Shrine Club Golf Tournament

**September 23, 2021**
Stated Business Mtg at 7 pm

**October 4 - 10, 2021**
Shriners Hospital Golf (Las Vegas)

**November 12 - 13, 2021**
Al Azhar 2022 Ceremonial and Joint Installation

**November 21, 2021**
DON Supreme Queen Visit

**November 25, 2021**
Stated Business Mtg at 7 pm

# Greetings from your Potentate continued

We are planning a relaunch at the Shrine on **July 11th between 11 AM and 4 PM**. This will be a **Shriners/Masons Family and Friends Open House and outdoor BBQ**. Kindly let us know if you can attend and your food preference (Hamburgers or Hot Dogs) with chips and a soft drink. We will be suggesting a donation towards food for the event. A chance to reacquaint ourselves with old friends and make new ones.

**Please confirm you can attend (email office@al-azhar.ab.ca) so we can order the right amount of food. In your email tell us the names of who will attend and if they want hamburgers or hot dogs. Also bring Lawn Chairs!**

With Covid restrictions starting to lift this could be a great starter event.

**We will participate in a modified Stampede Parade on the grounds July 9th and will have 24 pieces of equipment in the parade coordinated by our parade Marshal Larry McKinley.**

ATCO is in the process of completing the landscaping, after installation of the last section of pipeline as well as repaving the entrance. New gate is still to be installed. More details in this Fez Sez on page 26.

Our agreement with Waterfront Park/ Simply Elegant to market our facility is producing interest as well as bookings. I look forward to seeing a fully functional operation once COVID 19 restrictions are lifted. Everyone will want to celebrate.

Can only see improvements on the horizon.

Our volunteers make us strong. "Fun & Fellowship"

If you can help out please let me know if you can volunteer.

Stay Safe,
Jim Brown
Al Azhar Potentate 2021

## These Candidates were voted on and approved during the April Stated Business Meeting but they are still waiting for the Cold/Hot Sands

**Brother Agusto Valenzuella Lopez - Calgary**
**Brother Dean Ciric - Calgary**
**Brother Bertram Okeke - Calgary**
**Noble John Cameron Haley - Affiliation - Medicine Hat**
**Noble Mike Yavis - Drumheller**
**Brother Christopher D. Morley**
**Brother Joel J. Bhikoo**

## Important Dates

**November 28, 2021**
**DON Christmas Dinner and Silent Auction**

**December 4, 2021**
**Al Azhar Divan Election 10 am**

**December 5, 2021**
**Breakfast with Santa**

**January 15, 2022**
**Al Azhar 2022 General Meeting and Potentate's Ball**

**April 8, 2022**
**300 Club Dinner and Casino**

**April 30, 2022**
**Filipino Cultural Event**

**May 28, 2022**
**5K Fun Run and Camel Walk**

**June 5, 2022**
**Steak and Lobster Fundraiser**

**July 3 - 7, 2022**
**Imperial Sessions (Minneapolis)**

**August 9, 2022**
**Shrine Golf Tournament**
**Bearspaw Golf Country Club**

**August 18 - 20, 2022**
**Summer PNSA (Chilliwack, BC)**

**September 24, 2022**
**Shriners International 150th Anniversary Ceremonial**

# Chaplain's Corner

As there hasn't been a lot of Shrine activity that I have been involved in to report on I thought I would write on Life Lessons.

In my entire life I have never seen a better quotation than the following: ***When you are dead, you don't know that you are dead. It is difficult only for the others. It is the same when you are Stupid.***

I think everyone would agree that there is a lot of people who lack Common Sense but I can't think of a better example than from when Ill. Sir Charles Duffin and I worked at Carter Chev.

I had negotiated a settlement with an insurance company for a car one of my lease clients had written off. The $10,000 was extremely fair and he took it to his lawyer. The lawyer told him he could get more and renegotiated a new deal. I made a follow-up call to my client a couple of weeks later and my client was proud as punch that his lawyer had got $500 more. I asked him what the lawyer charged him and he said $1200. I was stunned. I said "You mean to tell me you paid $1200 to collect $500" and he affirmed it. His final words to me were "But I got more than you negotiated for"! The fact I never charged him anything didn't seem to matter!

I had an international Calgary based client with a large fleet of vehicles that went bankrupt in the 80's due to the economy. My employee that did repossessions was a WW2 bomber pilot who was about 5 foot five and 150 pounds and tough as nails. He didn't take any crap. The CEO's wife had a car from us that I told Ray I would go out and pick up with him. The house was on a golf course and as you entered had a magnificent curved stairway to the upstairs. The wife was aware we were coming and greeted us with two cute pre-school children at her side. She handed Ray the keys and said "I have told the children we are losing our assets and we are going to be poor but they always have to be clean". It was said in such a way that a loving mother would do it and Ray and I both stood there bawling our eyes out. I learned that day, that money wasn't everything but a parents love is.

The Divan is doing an incredible job and while I was expecting really bad news at the last Stated Business Meeting, I was truly humbled by the way they are using limited resources and cash flow to keep our Temple afloat. Well done Divan and Illustrious Sir. I should also acknowledge the Nobles who have donated countless hours to achieve our goals. Thank you for your service.

In the light of Grace,

Noble R. Dean Cowan

Chaplain 2021




- Ill. Sir Ernie Fidgeon, Kelowna
- Noble Rogers Lehew, Calgary
- Noble Jim Cascadden, Calgary
- Noble William Klasky, Calgary
- Noble Omar Giroux, Calgary
- Noble Stewart Munro, Olds
- Noble Alfred Keen, Calgary
- Remembering Al Azhar friends:
  David Durnie
  Ronald (Ron) Poncia




**Noble Omar Giroux**

**Continue Reaching Out To Other Members. We need each others support right now.**

# Recorder Ramblings



It has been very quiet around the Shrine Centre for the last 18 months. The only activities inside the building have been the Blood Donor Clinic, Loch McKinnon Lodge installation of officers, The Stated Business Meeting, Waterfront Park showings and a Wine Basket Draw.

The good news is on Thursday July 1, 2021, Alberta restrictions will be removed. That is great news, we can now plan on having events and begin to Socialize as Nobles and Ladies enjoy doing.

ATCO Gas has completed the gas pipeline under CP rail and reclamation is well under way. This should be completed by June 11, 2021 if weather holds off. The property ATCO used looks nice with the new trees and hydroseeding starts Monday, June 21,2021. See page 26.

Waterfront Park have installed a tent next to Loch McKinnon Lake with flooring and furnishings. **PLEASE DO NOT ENTER THE TENT TO LOOK AROUND.**



On July 1, 2021 restrictions will be lifted and that means The Fireside Lounge Members Area will be able to host up to 60 Nobles and guests. I will be looking at an official opening date shortly (e-blast will be sent out). The Bar is stocked and ready for service. We are looking for Nobles to help serve at the bar (ProServe Required). If you can help, please call me at 403-239-0030 or cell 403-850-9656.

On Saturday June 11, 2021, Loch McKinnon Lodge #204 received its charter from the Grand Lodge of Alberta. They now can hold regular meetings. This is great to see a new lodge do Masonic work at the Shrine Centre. Please join Loch McKinnon at a regular meeting or emergent meeting they will enjoy your presence.

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# Recorders Ramblings continued

Looking ahead we can now plan on a Ceremonial for 7 new Brothers to walk the Hot Sands of Southern Alberta. I am sure Ill. Sir Jim Brown will have a committee in place to get the Ceremonial going. Hope all Nobles and Ladies will support the Ceremonial. The First part of our Ceremonial can be attended by our Ladies so please come out and enjoy. Look for August 20 - 21, 2021 to be the new dates.

I would like to thank all **the Sponsors** who submitted applications for new Brethren to Join the Shriners of Southern Alberta. You will be their mentors for the complete year, please make sure they are comfortable and understand the importance of joining a UNIT. Make them feel welcomed.

I want to remind all Nobles that Imperial Shriners will be sending out Notices of dues in arrears and the new dues for 2022. The Shrine office sends out invoices and reminders to the Nobles, but IMPERIAL sends out reminders as well, those will be sent in July or August (we do not control this).

I was reminded of the 2013 Ceremonial and the number of New Nobles FEZZED at the Fez Dome what a great evening. We also had with us a young Mexican boy and family, who could not hear. The boy was going to our Canadian Hospital get help with his hearing and new ears. Thanks to Past Potentate Edward Jakubowsky for bringing him to the ceremonial. Today he can enjoy all the sounds of the world and it was because of the Shriners Hospital for Children.

Also in 2013, we had the PNSA in Lethbridge with all Units working together to make it a success. What a great time we had in Lethbridge. Wa Wa Shriner's joined us with the Drum Corps, I thank the Director General Ill. Sir Gordon Berard, and Noble Evan Schmitke for their leadership and the Tin Lizzie crew that worked hard to complete the tasks required. Al Azhar Shriner Units worked hard to show visiting guests a great time. Thank you all for your support.

Membership still seems to be an important topic in these times. From the Recorders desk I have seen Demits and Suspensions and wonder what we have done and what can we do to prevent this loss of membership. You as a Noble can make sure the brother you asked to join is aware of his obligation to the Shrine. Keep him engaged help him out, talk to him and give encouragement to remain a Shriner.

Lastly:
**When you influence the lives of those around you, you are leaving behind tiny seeds that will blossom, long after that person moves on.**

In closing...HAPPY TO MEET, SORRY TO PART, HAPPY TO MEET AGAIN. Stay Healthy and Safe.

Yours in the Faith,
Ill. Sir Gordon Brewer, Recorder

# 2022 Volunteer Opportunities

The strength of Al Azhar Shrine has been and continues to be our volunteers! As provincial restrictions ease and we prepare for returning to the "new normal," we are reaching out to our Nobles, families and friends to help us move forward.

We are looking to engage and use your talents as we plan and prepare for some exciting events in 2022 such as; the Annual Installation, Valentine's Dinner, Kid's Easter Egg Hunt, Family and Friends Summer BBQ, Kid's Halloween event and so much more!

In 2022 we will also be commemorating two major milestones: Shriners International will be celebrating its 150th anniversary and Shriners Hospitals for Children will be marking 100 years – so we are looking for your skills with these events too!

**We are looking for Nobles who want to help behind the scenes; maybe as a committee member or put their name forward to be voted on for a Divan or Trustees position.**

Should this be of interest to you or if you have other ideas be sure to contact one of the Divan members – thanks for your consideration!

Allan Dickson
Chief Rabban

# Inspirational Shriners - Ill. Sir Bruce MacLaren Past Potentate 1991 now turning 99 Aug 8, 2021




Bruce MacLaren; Born August 8th , 1922 in Montague P.E.I. Moved west in his early twenties and worked in the logging business for a few years before moving to the town of Didsbury where he met the love of his life Elizabeth (Betty) Estelle Bowman. They were married in 1948 and celebrated 72 years of marriage prior to Betty's passing on March 17th 2020.

Bruce and Betty were in the restaurant business for a few years in Didsbury before moving to Calgary when Bruce took a position in Sales with the Hudson Bay Company. After many years he retired from the Bay to open his own used furniture and Appliance Store in NW Calgary. They were a very busy couple raising two young daughters: Heather and Christine while Betty worked full time at SAIT.

Bruce had many interests over the years and was very involved with his daughters in Jobs Daughters and their numerous horse activities.

Just a brief look at Bruce's Masonic and Shrine contributions: Initiated, passed and raised in Mosaic Lodge No. 176 on Sept 19, Oct 17 and November 21st 1967. He received the Masonic Medal of Merit in June 2010. Bruce affiliated with the Internet Lodge of research in May 2011 and received his 50 year Jewel in June of 2020.

Ill. Sir Bruce MacLaren joined the Al Azhar Shriners in 1976 and was very active in the Tin Lizzie Unit and drove his car and the Tow truck well into his early 90'ies. **Ask him and he will tell you there is no Shriner alive that has been in as many Stampede Parades as him**. **To mention but a few of his endeavors; Bruce was very involved with the Shrine Circus, the Directors Staff and the Chanters. Served on the Divan for 5 Years and was installed as Potentate in 1991.** He still says it was the best year that Al Azhar has ever seen. **Bruce is presently the most senior, Past Potentate of Al Azhar.** He still tries to attend functions of the Q as well as the Foothills Shrine Club and the Wild Rose Club and most recently our Fathers Day event June 20, 2021. Bruce is also very well known throughout the PNSA where he has attended over 50 events not to mention 32 Imperial Sessions. A very involved and dedicated Shrine/Mason and he is looking forward to a 100th Birthday at the Shrine Centre in August of 2022 without his mask but surely with his Fez on.

Sincerely, Gary Bain









**To wish Bruce a Happy Birthday please email greenh711@gmail.com or call 403-289-4178.**

# Inspirational Shriners - Frank Atchison Walking from Saskatoon to Regina at age 95 raising funds for the Hospital



WA WA Shriners in Saskatchewan are having a very "Unique Fundraiser" for the Children's Hospital and Shriners Hospital. **Noble Frank from WAWA Shriners is 95 years old, a few days away from being a Shriner for 50 years and walking from Saskatoon to Regina to raise funds equally for the Shriners Hospital in Montreal and also Jim Pattison Children's Hospital in Saskatoon. So far he has raised about $48,000.**

Frank's walk will begin at the Masonic Temple at 1021 Saskatchewan Crescent W, Saskatoon on April 15, 2021 and conclude at the WAWA Shriners Temple in Regina on June 15, 2021 where Frank will receive his 50 year Shriners Service Pin. Frank will celebrate his 95th birthday on June 15 in Regina.

Frank wants all children to have hope and opportunity in life so they can succeed in whatever they wish to do. Sometimes there are medical obstacles that have to be overcome and Frank wants to make sure medical obstacles don't stand between them and success.

This journey from Saskatoon to Regina will take Frank over 61 days. He will stop at towns along Highway 11 to make them aware of what the hospitals do for the children as well as raise the critical funds that are required to make the hospitals as successful as possible.

**Please go these websites for more info or to help Frank reach his goal.**
https://www.wawashriners.org or
https://pattisonchildrens.ca/p/wheres-frank/
https://www.facebook.com/WheresFrank95

**We thank Frank for his long time dedication to the Shrine and the Shrine Hospital.**

**Frank should be an inspiration to all of us!**

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Where's Frank? Walking for Children

Proudly Supporting JIM PATTISON CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

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# Get To Know Your Divan



## Noble Ken Wigmore - 2021 Assistant Rabban

**BORN**

Kenneth Edward Wigmore was born September 14th, 1947 in Lacombe Alberta and is the youngest of three children of Art and Ruth Wigmore. Ken was raised on the family farm, homesteaded by his grandfather and great grandfather in 1895.

**FAMILY**

Ken attended grades 1-9 in Blackfalds, High school in Lacombe and Trade school in Red Deer and that is where he met the love of his life Jo Anne. They were married in 1968 and lived in Red Deer where he served his apprenticeship as an Electrician with Triple A Electric. In 1969, when work was short, they moved to Whitehorse Yukon where he worked at Whitehorse copper for a short period before moving to Clinton Creek Yukon, an asbestos mine, 60 miles north of Dawson City. There Ken and Jo Anne spent 2 ½ years leading the local Boy Scout Group in a company town of 500. In 1973, Ken and Jo Anne left the Yukon and moved to their acreage near Gull Lake, where they raised their two Children Chris and Tammi and he served his apprentice as a plumber working for his brother David. The acreage is the same place where they have hosted Shrine "tailgate parties" for more than 10 years following the Lacombe parade. Along with their 2 children they have 3 grand children ages 21 to 27. In 1979, Ken and Jo Anne started their own business, E.P.G Services. Their company contracted to the local farmers doing mostly agricultural plumbing and electrical work for some 30 years before retiring in Dec 2010.

**LODGE:**

Ken was initiated into Yukon Lodge #45 in Dawson City, on his birthday September 14, 1972.

- Member of Yukon Lodge #45 Dawson City, 1972 to date
- Affiliated Eureka Lodge #10 Lacombe, 1976 to date
- Master of Eureka Lodge 1988-89 and 2004-2005
- Secretary of Eureka 1990 – 1998
- Treasurer of Eureka 2018- 2019
- Board of General Purpose Grand Lodge of Alberta 1994-2000
- Grand Registrar, Grand Lodge of Alberta 1998
- Member of Alexandra Chapter Order of Eastern star



**SHRINE SERVICE:**

- 1999 - Joined Al Azhar Shrine and Red Deer Shrine Club
- 2015 - President of Red Deer Shrine Club
- 2016 to present - Secretary of Red Deer Shrine Club
- 2019 - Oriental Guide, 2020 - High Priest and Profit, 2021 - Assistant Rabban

**COMMUNITY AND POLITICAL SERVICE:**

- 1980 to 1985 - Leader of Lacombe Boy Scout Troup
- 1985 to 1988 - District commissioner Diamond Willow District Boy Scout Troup
- 2004 - Elected to Lacombe County Council Division (currently serving 17th year as Councillor)
- 2010 - 2013 Served as Reeve for Lacombe County Council
- Currently Chair of North Red Deer Water and Waste Water Commission
- Currently Chair of Red Deer/Lacombe Rural Community Crime Watch
- 9 years representing Alberta Rural Municipalities on Alberta Safety Codes Plumbing Technical Committee.

# Stated Business Meeting on September 23, 2021

## Update on Motions

At our last stated business meeting held virtually on April 22, 2021, the motion of increasing the annual dues by $10 was passed unanimously; therefore the 2022 annual dues will be $210 (plus the Imperial and Hospital per capita). The Initiation fee was also voted on and passed and is now $300 (plus a pro-rated portion of the annual dues and the Imperial and Hospital per capita). Annual Membership renewals are sent from Shriners International head office in Tampa, Florida and our understanding is they will be issued in September.

**Al Azhar Shriners Society**
**Oasis of Calgary, Desert of Southern Alberta**
**Stated Business Meeting**

**Al Azhar Shrine Society will hold its Stated Business Meeting on Thursday, September 23 at 7:00 pm sharp at the Al Azhar Shrine Centre (In Person or Virtual TBD - info will be sent out) for the transaction of business as follows:**

1. Potentate's Welcome and Introduction of Past Potentates, Visitors and Club/Unit Heads
2. Necrology
3. Financial, Investment and Membership Reports
4. Balloting on a Candidate
5. Hospital Reports
6. Trustees Report
7. General Business
8. Notices of Motion
9. Other Business as per the Potentate

**Please wear your FEZ and a SMILE!**
**Also bring your 2021 dues card.**

Ill. Sir Gordon Brewer, Recorder
Ill. Sir James Brown, Potentate

**The following 2021 Parades and Events have been cancelled:**

**Okotoks, Ponoka, Airdrie, Canmore, Drumheller, Medicine Hat, Carstairs, Lethbridge Air Show and Springbank Air Show**

**A list of confirmed parades will be sent out shortly.**

**These Candidates were voted on and approved during the April Stated Business Meeting but they are still waiting for the Cold/Hot Sands**

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**Brother Dean Ciric - Calgary**
**Brother Bertram Okeke - Calgary**
**Noble John Cameron Haley Affiliation - Medicine Hat**
**Noble Mike Yavis - Drumheller**
**Brother Christopher D. Morley**
**Brother Joel J. Bhikoo**

**Please Join us for a Canada Day Celebration and Vintage Car Show**

July 1, 2021
Mounted Patrol Grounds
5151 - 101 Street NW

There will be:
Street Performers
Beer Gardens
YYC Food Trucks
50/50 Draw

Open to the general public so bring out your family and celebrate the day!

# Montreal Hospital

## The 2021 Virtual Wonder Race

A new generation of fundraising leaders have come together to make a compelling difference in the world of healthcare. Seven years ago, they created the **Wonder Race**. In its first five years, this exciting event has netted over $250,000. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 6th edition of the Wonder Race was put on hold until 2021. This year, we have rebuilt the event to go virtual to allow our community to come together in a safe way. The virtual Wonder Race will be taking place from **Friday, June 11, to Friday, June 18, 2021** using any smart device through the mobile application MoveSpring. The proceeds of the event will be directed to the Canada Shriners Hospital, impacting the lives of young children all over our country and beyond.

The objective of the Wonder Race is to bring together teams in a competitive environment, where they will strategically compete against one another in a unique virtual race that will test and challenge their physical abilities, intellectual capacities and general common knowledge.

**It is an event like no other and anyone's game.**

Participants will compete together in a virtual race, using the MoveSpring mobile application. The virtual track will allow you to explore the city of Montreal while connecting with your team as well as the other participants. As you complete kilometers and move along the track, you will have to accomplish a series of virtual challenges as a team.

By supporting the Wonder Race, you will help Shriners Hospitals for Children – Canada continue to change lives through innovative pediatric specialty care, world-class research and outstanding medical education. Located in Montreal, we are a bilingual, short-term, acute care centre providing elective pediatric orthopaedic healthcare and rehabilitation to children from across Canada and around the world.

We will have media coverage and will be featured in English and French newspapers in Montreal. Generous contributions will be highlighted prior and during the weeklong event. Partners may select their level of support by visiting the Wonder Race website at: www.wonderracemtl.ca.

Participants may register their foursomes directly on the Wonder Race website at: www.wonderracemtl.ca. Teams are required to raise a minimum of $1,500. A t-shirt will be mailed to each team member along with a Wonder Kit as a thank you for supporting our event.

For this exceptional year, participants have the opportunity to participate from anywhere in Canada. The event will begin as of 6:00 am on Friday, June 11, 2021 where participants can begin tracking their kilometers. Participants will have until Friday, June 18, 2021 at midnight to complete their kilometers and challenges as a team.

Join us. Join the movement.

Submitted by Ill. Sir Ernie Hilland
Donor Relations Rep.

### Donations to the Canadian Shriners Hospital

If you would like to make a donation to the Canadian Shriners Hospital, call or email Ill. Sir Ernie Hilland, Donor Relations Rep. phone 403-826-8300 or email hillande@shaw.ca. Ernie will send you a form to make a donation. Donations can be anonymous and/or in memory of a loved one. The hospital will send a nice Thank you card to the person you wish.



# The Shriners Hospital Canada

**Taken from the Shriners Hospital Canada Board of Governors Report May 2021**

**Hospital Metrics from April 2021**

- The Outpatient Clinic encounters continued to surpass the pre-COVID 2000 mark reaching 2033 visits in April. We see a 46% variation year to date due to reduced activity last year.
- There were 526 new referrals, an 81% increase over the last two months.
- The percentage of patients who do not show for Outpatient Clinic appointments continues to drop below the 3% mark holding steady at 2.2% in April. Industry standard is 7%.
- As more and more physicians and clinicians are trained on the REACTs PRO telehealth platform, we see an increase of telehealth appointments. There had been nearly 100 in the first quarter and there were 57 in April alone.
- Remaining hospital personnel requiring their first vaccination were vaccinated on April 29 and 30. In addition, patient-facing and laboratory personnel will receive their second vaccination on May 21 and May 28, 2021. Remaining personnel will have their second vaccination at the end of June/ beginning of July.

**Communications & Marketing**

Video is currently the best way to communicate messages on websites and social media. Please click to **download and share** the Inspiring videos highlighting our physicians and nurses: https://shrinershospitalsforchildrencanada.sharefile.com/d-sd72715ac3e5f4b89b9ea4c553e37cecb

**More Hospital Stats are below...**



## Hospital Director named to prestigious review Board

Dr. René St-Arnaud was nominated and confirmed as standing member of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) study section: 'Skeletal Biology Development and Disease' for a 4 year mandate ending June 30, 2025. Study sections are committees composed of peer experts that evaluate the grant applications submitted to the National Institutes of Health. This is a very prestigious nomination especially for a Canadian researcher.

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| Metric | Total as of the end of April | | Annual Target | Attainment of Target |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2020 | 2021 | 2020 | % |
| **Total Referrals** | 1249 | 2179 | | |
| **Outpatient Encounters** | 5677 | 8265 | 24 824 | 33 |
| **Day Surgery Encounters** | 186 | 266 | 736 | 36 |
| **Inpatient Discharges** | 120 | 153 | 783 | 20 |

# Shrine Unit Meeting Dates

**Dates may change, please confirm dates/times with the Unit.**

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| **Air Corps** | **2nd Wednesday of month at 7:00 pm** |
| **Athletic Club** | **Every 3 months, Dates TBA** |
| **Calgary Clowns** | **1st Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm (Not July, August or December)** |
| **Dinosaur Patrol** | **4th Tuesday of the month** |
| **Directors Staff** | **4th Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm** |
| **Greeters** | **At the call of the President** |
| **Legion of Honor** | **Quarterly Dates TBA at 10:30 am** |
| **Medicine Hat Clowns** | **1st Thursday of the month** |
| **Medicine Hat Patrol** | **2 times per year, Dates TBA** |
| **Mounted Patrol** | **Wednesdays at 6:00 pm** |
| **Oriental Band** | **1st Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm** |
| **Patrol** | **Most Mondays at 7:00** |
| **Provost Corps** | **Scheduled at the call of the President** |
| **Sabre Motor Patrol** | **3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm at the request of the Swordmaster** |
| **Tin Lizzies Corps** | **3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm** |
| **Vintage Car Club** | **3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm (not July, August, December or January)** |
| **Med Hat Clowns** | **Last Monday of the month** |

# Shrine Club Meeting Dates

**Dates may change, please confirm dates/times with the Club.**

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| **Alpine** | **4 times/year at the call of the President** |
| **Big Country** | **4th Tuesday of the month** |
| **Foothills** | **4th Wednesday of the month (not July, August or December)** |
| **Lethbridge** | **1st Wednesday of the month (not July or Aug)** |
| **Medicine Hat** | **3rd Wednesday of the month** |
| **Red Deer** | **3rd Wednesday of the month (not July or Aug)** |
| **Wild Rose** | **1st Wednesday of the month (not July, August or December)** |

## Notes:

**1. The addresses for these meetings are in the 2021 Shrine Directory.**
**2. Meeting dates and locations may change due so check with the Club.**

# 2021 DIVAN

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# 2021 Scheduled Dates

**Note: Please be aware actual dates may change.**
**Note: All locations are in Calgary unless indicated otherwise.**

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|---|---|
| July 1 | Canada Day Celebration at Shrine Mounted Patrol |
| July 4 - 8 | Imperial Sessions (Houston, Texas) |
| July 7 | Airdrie Wildrose Shrine Club BBQ |
| July 9 | Stampede Parade |
| July 11 | Calgary Shrine Centre Open House and BBQ |
| July 20 | Blood Donor Clinic at the Shrine Centre |
| July 28 - 31 | Summer PNSA (Seattle, Washington) |
| Aug 20 - 21 | 2021 Nobility Ball and Ceremonial |
| Aug 22 | Airdrie Wildrose Shrine Club Golf Tournament |
| Aug 26 | Blood Donor Clinic at the Shrine Centre |
| Sept 11 | DON "Day at the Races" Fundraiser |
| Sept 23 | Al Azhar Stated Business Meeting Shrine Centre 7:00 pm |
| Oct 4 - 10 | Shriners Hospital Golf Open (Las Vegas, Nevada) |
| Oct 14 | Blood Donor Clinic at the Shrine Centre |
| Nov 12 - 13 | Al Azhar Ceremonial and Joint Installation |
| Nov 21 | DON Supreme Queen Visit |
| Nov 20 - 21 | Santa Photos at the Shrine Centre |
| Nov 25 | Al Azhar Stated Business Meeting Shrine Centre 7:00 pm |
| Nov 26 - 27 | Santa Photos at the Shrine Centre |
| Nov 28 | DON Christmas Dinner and Silent Auction |
| Dec 2 | Blood Donor Clinic at the Shrine Centre |
| Dec 4 | Al Azhar Divan Elections Shrine Centre 10:00 am |
| Dec 5 | Breakfast with Santa and Santa Photos at the Shrine Ctr. |
| Dec 11 - 12 | Santa Photos at the Shrine Centre |
| Dec 18 | Santa Photos at the Shrine Centre |

# 2021 Dates TBD

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|---|---|
| TBD | Hitmen Hockey Fundraiser |
| TBD | Steak and Lobster Fundraiser at the Shrine Centre |

# 2022 Dates

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|---|---|
| Jan 15 | Al Azhar Annual Meeting and Potentate's Ball |
| April 8 | 300 Club Dinner and Fun Casino Night |
| April 30 | Filipino Cultural Event |
| May 28 | 5K Fun Run and Camel Walk |
| June 5 | Steak and Lobster Fundraiser |
| July 3 - 7 | Imperial Sessions 2022 (Minneapolis, Minnesota) |
| Aug 9 | Shrine Golf Tournament Fundraiser (Bearspaw) |
| Aug 18 - 20 | Summer PNSA (Chilliwack, BC) |
| Sept 24 | Shriners International 150th Anniversary and Hot Sands Ceremonial |

# Websites

**Al Azhar Members and Southern Alberta Shriners**
https://abshriners.com/

**Al Shamal Shriners**
https://alshamalshriners.org/

**Be a Shriner Now**
https://beashrinernow.com/

**Calgary Shrine Stables**
https://calgaryshrinestables.com/

**Canadian Association of Shrine Temples (C.A.S.T.)**
http://canadiantemples.com/

**Daughters of the Nile**
https://daughtersofthenile.com/

**Grand Chapter of Alberta**
royalarchmasonsalberta.com/

**Grand Lodge of Alberta**
https://freemasons.ab.ca/

**Imperial**
www.shrinersinternational.org/

**Santa Photos Calgary**
https://santaphotoscalgary.ca

**Shriners Hospitals for Children**
www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org/shc

**Shriners International**
www.shrinersinternational.org/

**Shriners Village**
https://www.shrinersvillage.com

**Waterfront Park**
https://waterfrontparks.ca/

# Save The NEW DATE For These Rescheduled Important Events

## 300 Club Dinner and Fun Poker Night now rescheduled for April 8, 2022!

The **Al Azhar Shrine Patrol's Annual 300 Club Dinner and Fun Poker Night. Originally scheduled for 2020, has been rescheduled for April 8, 2022** at the Shrine Centre (5225-101st Street NW, Calgary). Tony Spoletini (CFL Alumni of the Year) will be the guest speaker and Master of Ceremonies. **The 300 Club Dinner has been an annual Shrine Patrol Charity Fundraiser for over 40 years. It is open to all male Shriners, Non-Shriners, Masons, non-Masons and supporters of the Shrine Patrol.** The event includes an **optional fun Poker night (Dealer and Table Choice) with no take for the house**. There will also be a live auction for an autographed football jersey! You'll have the chance to win prizes through a 50/50 draw and Calcutta Draw (a winner every 15th ticket drawn) first ticket wins $100 and last ticket drawn wins $3000.

Tickets are $125 and include hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, a 7 course Prime Rib Dinner, Wine, Fun Poker Night, entry into all the Draws and lots of prizes! Tickets should be available shortly over the phone by calling John Bradford 403-272-5846 or Gary Bain at 403-650-9995.

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## 2021 Nobility Ball and Ceremonial now rescheduled for August 20, 2021!

The 2021 Nobility Ball (Potentate's Ball) and Ceremonial that had to be cancelled due to COVID restrictions has now been rescheduled to August 20 and 21, 2021 at the Calgary Shrine Centre. On August 20 we will have a Meet and Greet at the Shrine Centre from 7 pm to 9 pm, then on August 21 the Ceremonial begins at 10 am and the Nobility Ball follows that evening. Price is $85 per person. More details and the menu will come out shortly. Please mark your calendar for these dates.

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## Shrine Charity Golf Tournament now rescheduled for August 9, 2022!

Considering the COVID situation as it stood in 2020 and 2021 we had to unfortunately cancel the Shrine Golf tournament for those years. However we are excited to announce we now have a date set for our next golf tournament on August 9, 2022. The fundraiser will be held at the beautiful Bearspaw Golf and Country Club in their new multi-million dollar clubhouse!




The golf team will start meeting this fall to plan the event and we expect it to be bigger and better than before. If you know sponsors or golfers that might want to participate please email Charlene at events@calgaryshrinecentre.com or contact Noble Al Hannah.

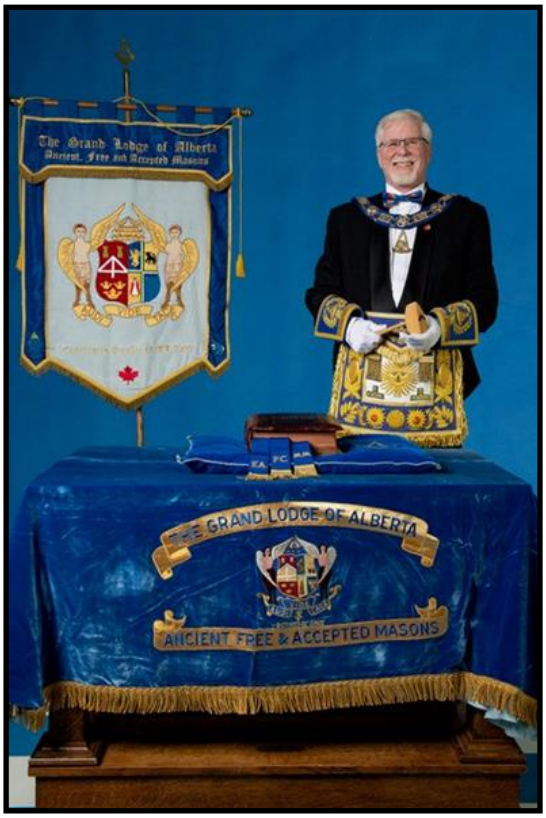
**If you would like to participate as a sponsor, golfer or volunteer for our tournament please email events@calgaryshrinecentre.com.**

**More details will follow shortly.**

Sincerely,
Charlene Randles

# What's New - 2021 Grand Lodge of Alberta

Congratulations to all the recently installed and invested 2021 Grand Lodge Officers! Due to the challenges of gathering in person this was done virtually on June 11-12, 2021. Noble Evan Schmitke was one of the IT gurus who made this virtual Annual Communication run smoothly!




**We would like to acknowledge the members of Al Azhar who are part of The Grand Lodge:**

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|---|---|
| Grand Master: | Terry Murray |
| Senior Grand Warden: | Kyle Scott |
| Grand Treasurer: | John Hart |
| Grand Secretary: | Bill Kostenuk |
| Central District DDGM: | Glenn Tubillara |
| Dinosaur District DDGM: | Martin Alcock |
| Grand Chaplain: | Jojo Concepcion |
| Grand Senior Deacon: | George Lister |
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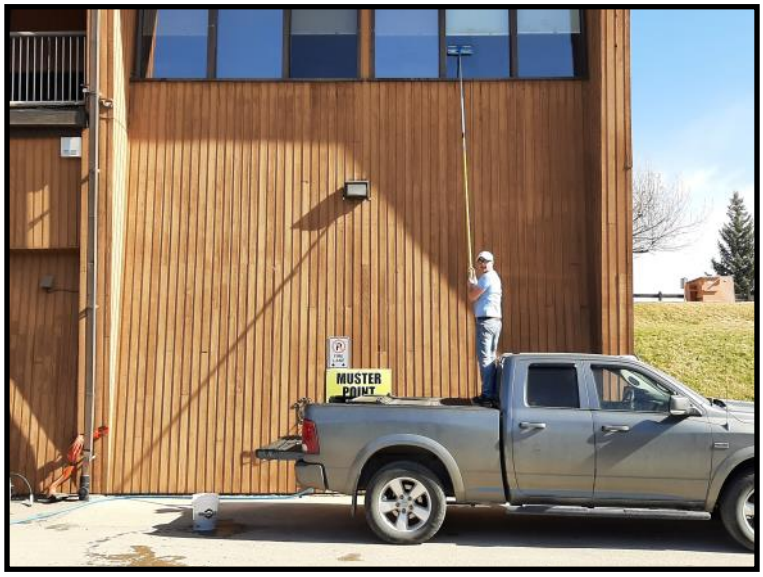
For more information call the Shrine Centre at 403-239-0030.

# What's New - Spring Cleanup

When the Shrine Centre was closed a group of volunteers spent a lot of time going through storage room boxes, archiving old files, and spring cleaning the building. A special thank you to everyone who helped with this.

Robert Allen










# What's New - Shrine Open House and BBQ on July 11, 2021

The Shrine is having an **open house for Shriners/Masons, Family and Friends on Sunday, July 11 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm.** This is a chance to come see the building and grounds and what has been done, reacquaint ourselves with old friends and make new ones. We are asking the units to have their toys there... Cars, Segways, Planes and more, and of course we will have the Clowns. A chance to show off our stuff. We will likely accept donations for the food and will organize a 50/50 draw as well. **Please confirm you can attend (email office@al-azhar.ab.ca) so we can order the right amount of food. In your email tell us the names of who will attend and if they want hamburgers or hot dogs. Also bring your own Lawn Chairs.**

**Let's get back to the Fun and Fellowship as restrictions are lifting!**

## What's New - Steak and Lobster Fundraiser will be rescheduled

Well everyone COVID-19 has got us again. Our Steak and Lobster fundraiser originally scheduled to June 6, 2021 had to be rescheduled. There is not an exact date set yet but we hope to have it before the end of the summer.

## What's New - Updated Shrine Handbook now on ABShriners.com

The Shrine Handbook was updated in April 2021. The new version is now posted on the ABShriners.com website and available for PDF download. Log in to the member area and go to Forms/Templates.

## What's New - Daytime Social Club - Are you interested?

Some jurisdictions have daytime Lodges and this has given us the idea to make better use of our facility. Once we are permitted to do so, we are looking at having daytime events with Nobles, our ladies and friends at the Shrine Centre. These socials can be as simple as coffee and donuts, beer and pizza, card games, etc. to engage and support our members who may be more comfortable participating in daytime activities. This is a great opportunity for membership growth too as we invite Brethren from local Craft Lodges or neighbours who are looking for similar experiences. Be sure to reach out to Shrine Office or one of the other Divan members if this is something you would be interested in supporting and taking part in.

## What's New - 2021 Nobility Ball and Ceremonial Aug 20 - 21, 2021

The 2021 Nobility Ball and Ceremonial that had to rescheduled due to COVID restrictions has now been rescheduled to August 20 and 21st, 2021 at the Calgary Shrine Centre. More details will come out shortly. Please mark this date in your calendars!

## What's New - Oriental Guide welcomes a baby boy!




Nobles and Ladies, we have great news to share. Our Oriental Guide, Noble Rob Allen and Lady Caitlin are the proud parents of their 3rd child...this time a boy! The wee fella made his grand appearance on April 29, 2021 at 4:12 am weighing 7 lbs! Congratulations on the addition of a future Shriner to your family!

## Has Your Directory Information Changed?

With the state of the world it is more important than ever to stay in contact with each other. Please use the directory to phone or email other members. Let them know you are thinking about them and maybe offer your help to those that can't get out themselves. In these times we need to help each other! **If your directory information changes please email those changes to office@abshriners.com by January 15, 2022. In the email tell us what information you need changed, and the clubs/units you belong to. We are trying to keep everyone's information up to date. Thanks.**

# What's New - Fathers Day Food Trucks at the Shrine Centre

On June 20, 2021 (Fathers Day) our outdoor Food picnic by the lake was well attended with over 1000 people dropping by between 1 pm and 7 pm. We thank everyone who helped out and showed your support. Even Ill. Sir Bruce MacLaren (turning 99 this August) came out to show his support.







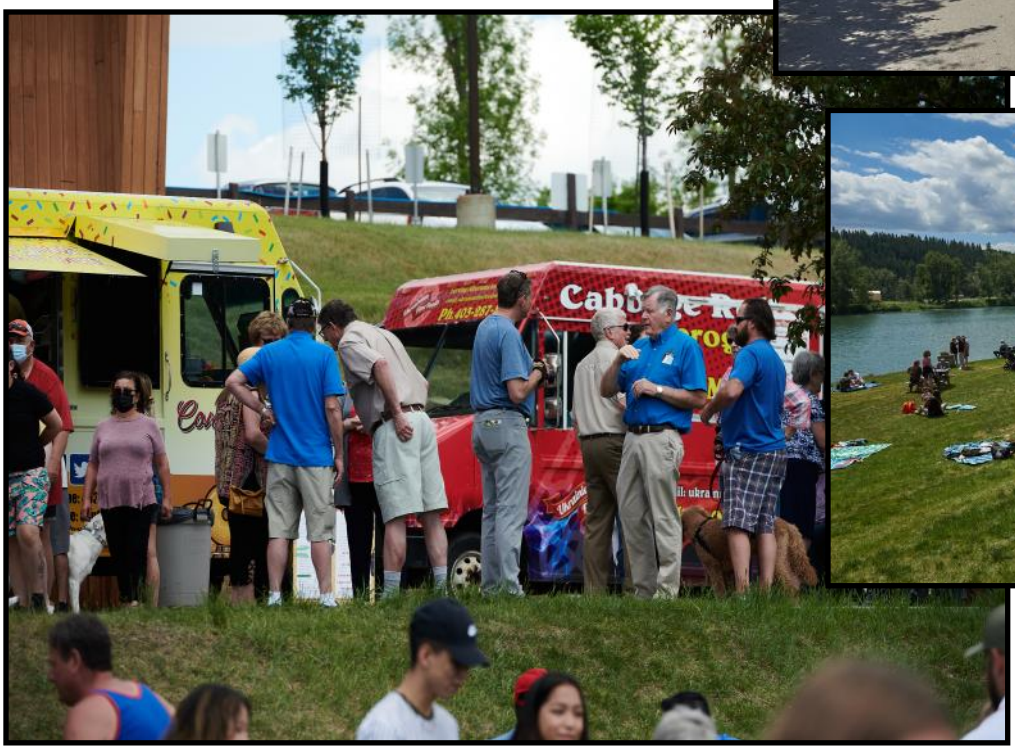




# What's New - Fathers Day Food Trucks at the Shrine Centre continued









**Please note:**

**Due to the social distancing restrictions, the Shrine Office is closed until further notice. Office staff will be working from home and available via phone at 403-239-0030 (leave a message) or email at office@al-azhar.ab.ca. We thank you for your cooperation during this time and we will notify you via email when the Shrine office re-opens.**

**Thank You**

# What's New - Book Non-Fraternal Events at the Shrine Centre through Waterfront Parks (Simply Elegant)

My name is Robert Vidra and as the CEO of Simply Elegant I am introducing you to Waterfront Park – Calgary's newest and most innovative event location. We will not just be hosting private events such as weddings or birthday parties, corporations will host their Stampede and Christmas events here and Calgarians will have a new space to attend public and ticketed events, all of which can be found on our "Experiences Portal" on our website www.waterfrontparks.ca Sign up now for more information! I look forward to welcoming you soon at Waterfront Park – Home of the Calgary Shriners!

Sincerely,
Robert Vidra



**To book your Non-Fraternal Event at the Calgary Shrine Centre contact Peter at Waterfront Parks or visit waterfrontparks.ca/**

Peter Schwarz
Waterfront Parks Event Bookings
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Email: waterfrontpark@secorp.ca
Web: https://waterfrontparks.ca/



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# What's New - How to book Fraternal Events at the Shrine Centre

**Discounts will be available for Shrine Clubs/Units and Members that want to book an event at the Shrine Centre.** To find out the price of your event with this discount, please submit the Fraternal Booking Request Form to eventcentre@calgaryshrinecentre.com then call 403-239-0317.

### Step One:

The **Fraternal Booking Request Form (see next page)** must be completed requesting use of the facility for all additional meetings and fundraisers. **A downloadable and fillable version of this form (and other booking info) will be available on the ABShriners.com website under the forms/templates page.**

Once completed this form should be to be **emailed to eventcentre@calgaryshrinecentre.com.** The form will be reviewed to ensure that there is availability for the day and times requested. Also, to be stated in the form is the intended caterer. With a strategic initiative in place with Simply Elegant as the only approved marketer/caterer for the Shrine Event Centre, permission must be given by Simply Elegant as to availability of the Lakeside ballroom, lounge, and gazebo/lawn/tent area. If they will be doing the catering and bar service this will not be an issue unless there is an conflicting external booking.

**If using an alternate caterer, you must provide the Caterer's:**

- Business Licence
- 3 years of Health Inspection Reports
- Proof of WCB coverage
- Copy of insurance certificate showing Shrine Centre as an additional named insured.
- The Client is to provide copies of final catering estimate 14 days prior to event date. Also required is the final invoice from the outside caterer each showing total dollar value of the invoice before tax for services provided at the Shrine Centre. Invoice from the Shrine Centre, to the Client, will show a catering fee of 15% of the total invoice before tax for the use of the Shrine facility. Note: This is in addition to the Rental rates.
- The use of an alternate caterer requires the prior approval of the Shine Centre's Event Manager and Potentate.

### Step Two:

The next step in the process will be **completing a contract** which must be signed in a timely fashion and emailed to eventcentre@calgaryshrinecentre.com.

### Step Three:

A **deposit** must be given at the same time to guarantee the room for that day/night requested.

### Step Four:

**Liquor License and PAL Insurance** must be emailed a week before the event to eventcentre@calgaryshrinecentre.com with the original copy posted the day/night of the event if outside caterer used. All Bar Staff must have successfully completed the Proserve Program to serve liquor.

### Shrine Centre Contact:

Susanne Martin
Calgary Shrine Centre
Phone: 403-239-0317
Email: eventcentre@calgaryshrinecentre.com

### Waterfront Park Contact:

Peter Schwarz - Director of Food and Beverage for Waterfront Park
Direct: 403-242-1457 Main: 403-242-0598 Fax: 403-291-0568
Email: waterfrontpark@secorp.ca or catering@secorp.ca
Web: https://waterfrontparks.ca/

# FRATERNAL BOOKING REQUEST FOR USE
# SHRINE CENTER FACILITIES

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CALGARY, ALBERTA
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TEL. (403) 239-0317

TODAY'S DATE: *(D/M/Y)* _____

EMAIL BOOKING REQUEST TO:
eventcentre@calgaryshrinecentre.com

## USER INFORMATION

| | | | | | |
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| ORGANIZATION: | | CONTACT NAME: | | | |
| ADDRESS: | | CITY: | | P.C. | |
| TELEPHONE: | | | | | |
| ALTERNATE CONTACT: | | ALTERNATE TELEPHONE: | | | |

## DATE/S REQUESTED:

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| DAY/S REQUESTED: | ☐ | M | ☐ | Tu | ☐ | W | ☐ | Th | ☐ | F | ☐ | Sa | ☐ | Su |
| DATE/s REQUESTED: | *(D/M/Y)* | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TIME REQUESTED | FROM: | | | | | | TO: | | | | | | | |

## FACILITIES REQUESTED

| ROOMS (INSIDE): | | OUTDOOR: | | SERVICES REQUIRED: | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ☐ | VALLEYVIEW (Section M8A) | ☐ | LAWN & GAZEBO | ☐ | TABLE SETUP |
| ☐ | VALLEYVIEW (Section M8B) | ☐ | OUTDOOR BBQ | ☐ | BBQ (NOTE 1) |
| ☐ | FIRESIDE LOUNGE (M7) | ☐ | OUTDOOR LODGE | ☐ | WASHROOMS (NOTE 2) |
| ☐ | LAKESIDE BALLROOM (LX) | ☐ | OTHER | ☐ | OTHER |
| ☐ | OASIS LOUNGE (UX) | ☐ | | ☐ | |
| ☐ | BOARDROOM (M6) | | | ☐ | |

## SERVICES CHARGES / OTHER

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| USE OF BBQ: | $50.00 PER USE | Note 1 |
| WASHROOM CLEANING: | $30.00 PER HOUR | note 2 - 2 hours required for inside washrooms / 1 hour for exterior washrooms |
| ALCOHOL | Note (if applicable) If alcohol is going to be served, the group holding the event is responsible to obtain its liquor license (ALGC) and liability insurance (PAL) & provide a copy to the Shrine Center | |
| CATERING | Note (if applicable) the Shrine Center has an arrangement with an approver caterer - should the booking group wish to utilize an alternate 3rd party caterer a 15% surcharge will be applied, payable to the Shrine Center. | |

SIGNATURE: ORGANIZATION / APPLICANT

By: _____

Name: _____

Mobile: _____

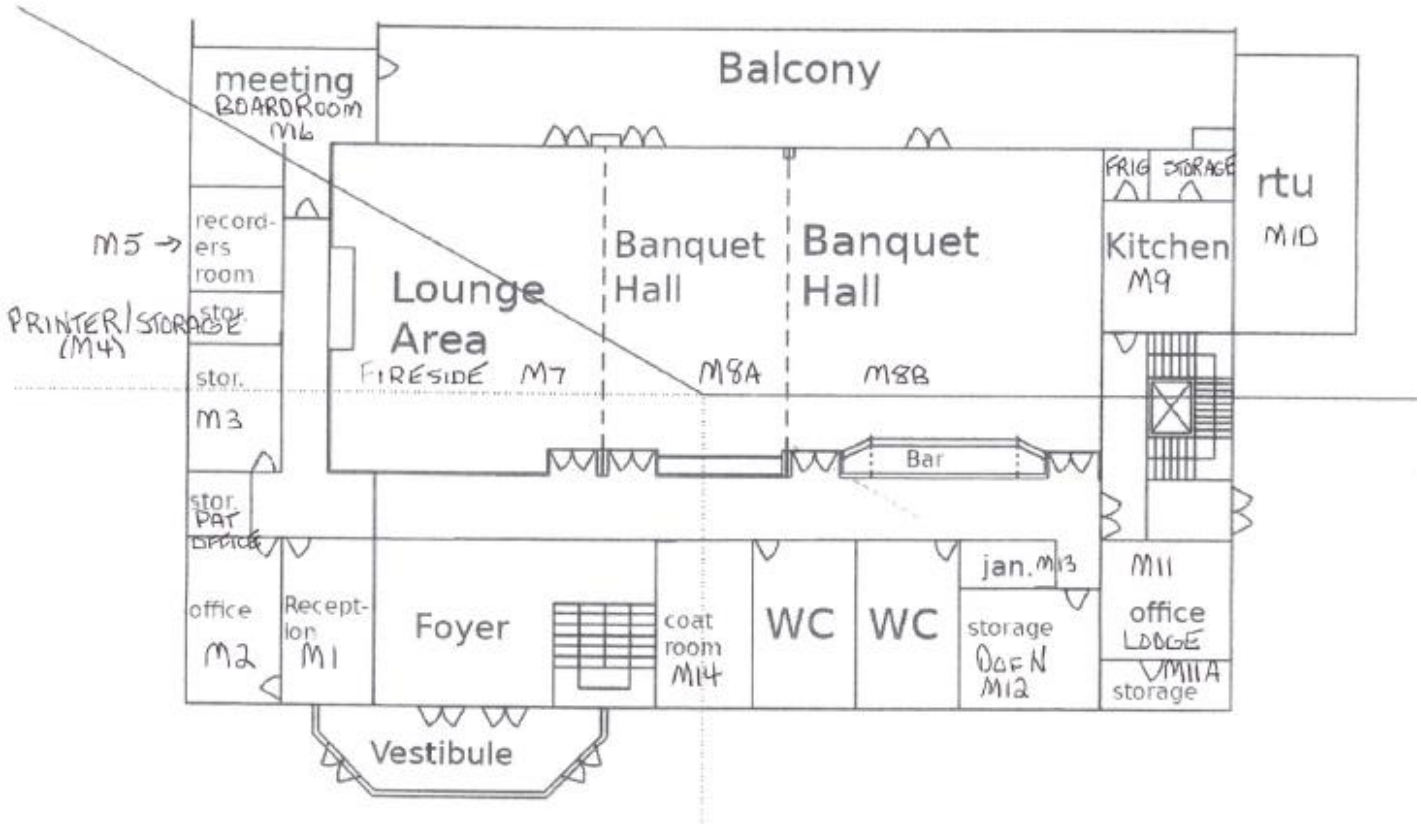
E-mail: _____

A facility rental contract will be prepared. The contract and payment of any deposit fees are required to confirm/hold the booking.

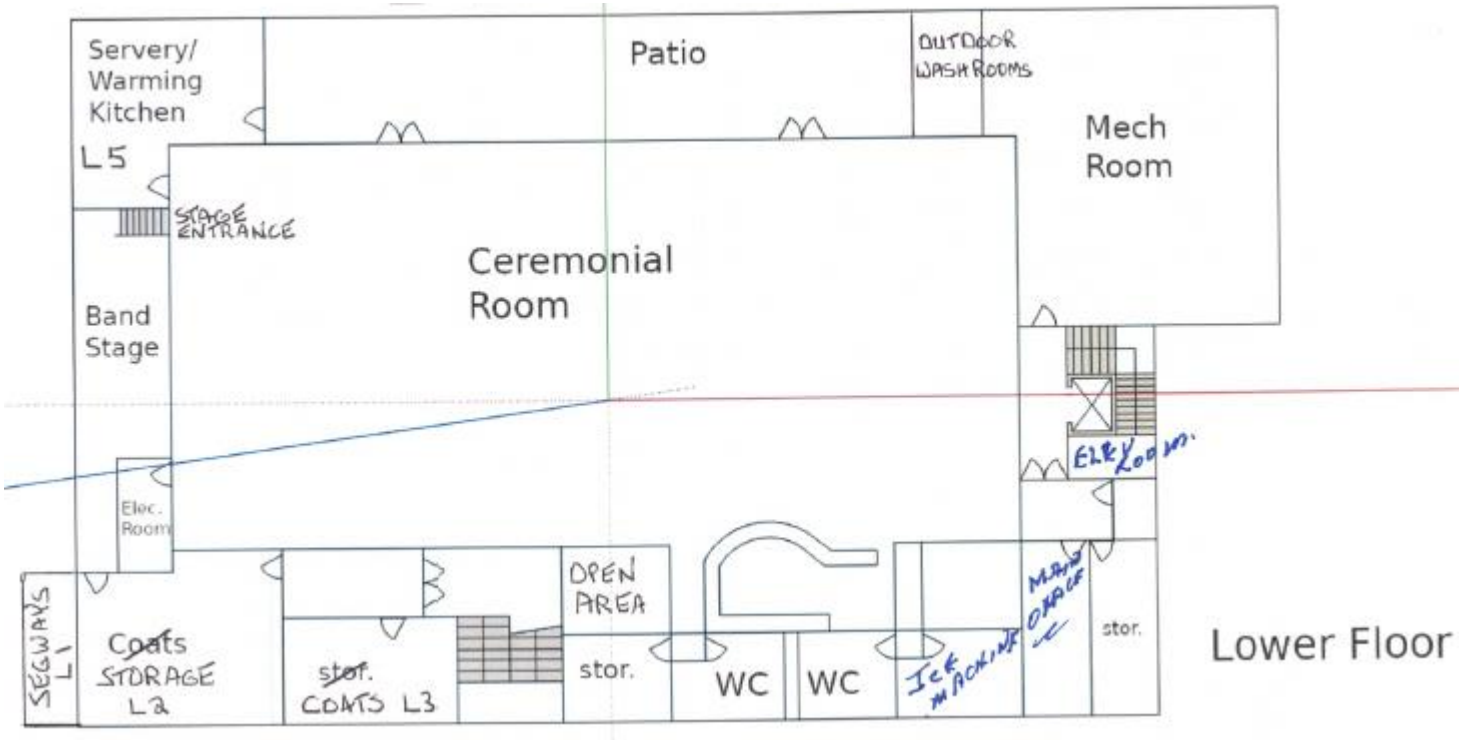
**A downloadable and fillable version of this booking form will be available on the ABShriners.com website on the Forms/Templates page.**

Version June 9, 2021

# Main floor Diagram to use with the Fraternal Events Booking Form




# Lower floor Diagram to use with the Fraternal Events Booking Form




**Please consider The Calgary Shrine Centre when planning your next event.**
**Visit waterfrontparks.ca or email waterfrontpark@secorp.ca**

# What's New - Wine Crate Raffle Winner

Tickets for the Al Azhar Shrine Wine Crate Raffle have sold out and we had the draw on June 6, 2021 at the Shrine Centre at 4:30 pm.

In keeping with COVID restrictions, only ten (10) people were allowed to attend, with that said it was only the Divan members, the photographer, and members of the committee.

**And the WINNERS ARE...**

- **Mega Crate – Alicia Moonsammy**
- **Regular Crate – Heather Basaraba**
- **Small Crate – Gary Bain**
- **Sampler Crate – Gary Hump**

**A special thanks to all who donated the wine, all the people who helped to sell tickets and those who bought tickets, this project would not have been so successful without your help!**

A special thanks to Buzz Bishop who is the co-host at XL 103 radio who made the draws and the Shrine photographer Eric Skagen who took the photos. I would also like to thank Ernie Hilland who took care of getting the raffle license and kept us in line with AGLC .

**With everyone's support, we were able to donate $9,783.75 to the Al Azhar Shrine Centre.**

Thanks, Lavina Maitland, Dawna Santer and Myrna Sheppard



**The Wine Crate Raffle raised $9,783.75 for the Shrine Centre!**

**Photo below left to right:**
**Ill. Sir Jim Brown, Buzz Bishop, Lavina Maitland, Myrna Sheppard, Dawna Santer and Noble Allan Dickson**




**To watch a video of the raffle draw go to:** https://www.facebook.com/AlAzharShriners/videos/233250618227676

# What's New - Ambassador Ladies' Flower Project for 2021

The flowers were delivered and picked-up in the scotch mist by customers on May 20.

Hopefully since pick-up time, you have carefully nursed your flowers through this crazy weather roller-coaster Calgary has been on: very cold to possible frost-bite, severe heat to burn-up, and now this cold with much needed rain. Perhaps the "Gardening Tips For Hanging Plants" has been a helpful guide!

On behalf of the Ambassador Ladies' Unit, I send many thanks to you and to all participants, your friends and families for your great support of this fundraiser.

We trust you will enjoy sitting back and watching your plants grow and bloom all summer.

Lorraine Weller
& Dawna Santer
Co-ordinators 2021




**Million bells orange, yellow and red**



**Supertunia - red /lime jenny**



**Orange geraniums with verbenia and lime jenny vines**

# What's New - ATCO Pipeline Update

Progress on the ATCO Gas Pipeline project that has seen our main gate entrance and surrounding area under construction since April is coming to a close soon.

The pipeline from the Metering Station located in the upper east pasture, east through our main gate and then north under the CPR tracks has been successfully completed. The construction portion of the main job went very well, and has all been pressure tested and is ready to be put into service.

The landscaping and restoration of our area is well under way. Some 30 new trees have been planted and the area all leveled and shaped. New loam has been brought in and spread to create a nice level area. There are new Elm trees and Crabapple trees planted along with some Blue Spruce and Pine trees. The entrance road has been newly paved along with new cement curbs installed.

The existing underground sprinkler system has been upgraded with many new sprinkler heads in place.
There are also some new outlets for the connection of a large water cannon to water the main open grass areas.

Trees have been arranged to provide shade for picnic tables to be spread around in the east lawn area.
Thought was taken to locate some of the trees into a possible outdoor movie viewing area.

The grass hydro seeding should be taking place the week of June 14th.

The cement bases for the two Candy Cane poles for Santa's banner along with a new electric gate will be installed soon as well.

I believe that ATCO Gas Pipeline and their contractors Steel River Construction and Clintar Landscaping have done a very good job putting things back together again.

Hopefully this will be the last of the construction projects for a long time. The Stony Trail Bridge still has another year to go.

Noble Glen Hacke

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BOYSEN - Sundance Place

# What's New - Calgary Shrine Stables

This historic stables located just off the Stony Trail in NW Calgary, has recently opened it's doors for public boarding and open riding. We are now offering Box Stall, Paddock and Pasture rental facilities for all ages. Come out and tour our wonderful haven and become a part of the equine village right here in Calgary.



**Heated indoor riding arena as well as an outdoor arena and plenty of trails to ride along the Bow River.**
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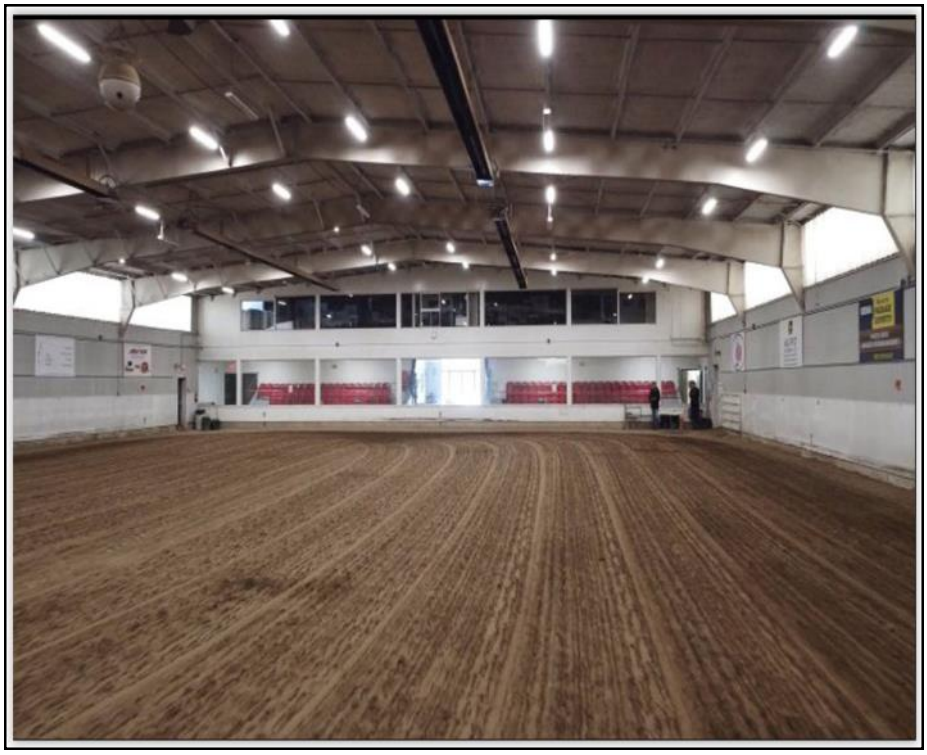
Come out and be part of it!



## Ways to Pay Your Dues

**You may not be able to pay your dues in person right now, but there are many other ways to pay your dues before the deadline January 1, 2022.**

- **By E-Transfer or PayPal email office@al-azhar.ab.ca**
- **By Credit Card call 403-239-0030 and leave a message**
- **Mail a Cheque 5225-101st Street NW, Calgary T3L 1S4**
- **Setup Pre-Authorized Debit call 403-239-0030 for details. You will need to set this up with your bank.**

Calgary Shrine Stables

## Calgary Shrine Stables

5151 - 101 Street NW
Calgary, Alberta T3L 1S4
Contact: Dean Thomson
Monday to Friday
9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Phone: 403-512-2501
Email: info@calgaryshrinestables.com
Web: https://calgaryshrinestables.com/

Paddock Monthly Rate $600

Pasture Monthly Rate $450

Box Stall Monthly Rate $900 - Coming Spring 2021

Daily Ride Pass – Yearly $350



**For your horse and your family!**



# What's New - Shrine Truck Raffle
# Tickets Sold Out and Winners Announced

The Truck Raffle Committee are pleased to have completed the 1959 Truck Raffle as of May 24, 2021. Several Nobles and others sold a huge amount of tickets and we wish to say many thanks for all the help to make this a great success. Together we sold the 4000 tickets in 4 months which is outstanding considering these challenging times. Noble Bob and Illustrious Sir Ernie would also like to thank Lady Frances and Lady Pat for helping with this project. We all had a great time delivering, doing pickups, recording and sorting tickets as we moved along the project. Special Thanks as well to **CAM CLARK FORD** and **OKOTOKS LINCOLN** for allowing us to show the truck on their showroom floors. **We thank everyone that helped make this Shrine Truck Raffle one of the best fundraisers our Shrine has done! We are happy to announce the winners of our three draws!**

**The first draw for $1,000 was held on St. Paddy's Day at the OT Brewery and the winner was Mr. Paul Davis of Calgary, Alberta. Paul bought his ticket at one of the Shrine's Blood Donor Clinics.**



**Photo Above: Winner of First Draw for $1,000**
**Left to right: Illustrious Sir Ernie Hilland, Illustrious Sir Jim Brown, Mr. Paul Davis (winner), Noble Gord Lucas and Noble Bob Graham**

**The second draw was held on May 24th at No. 16 City of Calgary Firehall and the winner was Mr. Glenn Henderson of Okotoks, Alberta. Mr. Henderson donated his winnings back to help the Masonic Corinthian Lodge in Okotoks. He purchased his ticket at Okotoks Lincoln. Glen is a longstanding Mason; however not a Shriner yet!**



**Photo Above: Valerie (wife of the gentleman that restored the truck) and Hannah (his granddaughter) along with Hannah's helper dog Fozzie.**



**Photo Above: Winner of Second Draw for $500**
**Left to right: Noble Bob Graham, Glen Henderson (winner of the 2nd draw) and Noble Gord Lucas**

# The Shrine Truck Raffle - Winner of the truck is Mr. Evan Schmitke!

**The Final draw for the 1959 Ford Truck was made by Calgary Fire Chief, Steve Dongworth on May 24, 2021 at No. 16 City of Calgary Firehall. The truck was won by an Al Azhar Shriner, Mr. Evan Schmitke of Calgary, Alberta. Evan's family celebrates in these photos below.**








May everyone enjoy a great day as we celebrate such a successful project.

**A special thank you to everyone who helped make this a success!**

Noble Bob Graham,
Noble Gord Lucas
Ill. Sir Ernie Hilland



**This win makes one boy very happy!**



**Noble Evan Schmitke and his family beside the truck they won.**

# The Shrine Truck Raffle - Special Thanks to...

**The Members of the 1959 Ford Truck Raffle Committee would like to give "Special Thanks" to the following people, we dedicated so much time and energy into making this a success. We couldn't have done it without you!**

**Noble Eric Skagen**, who has selflessly given of his time, photographic equipment and expertise, to support the promotion of the raffle with his videos and photographs. We cannot thank Eric enough for his participation.

**Noble Cam Clark,** for allowing the use of his showroom for 2 months to display our truck, thereby increasing ticket sales immensely. We are grateful for Cam's support. We want to give special mention to Noble Ron Down for his enthusiasm in selling tickets.

**Noble Rory Wood and Father Gerry Wood of the Wood Group,** for allowing the use of their Okotoks showroom to showcase the truck and a special thank you to Noble Rory Wood for his participation and also ultimately for selling the $500.00 Early Bird Prize Ticket.

**Carrie and Mike Korithoski of the OT Brewery,** where they allowed us to make the first early bird draw and provided a safe environment in which to do so. Special thanks to Noble Bill and Lady Myrna Sheppard for all their help.

**Tony Spoletini, of Spolumbo's,** who graciously agreed to make the First Early Bird draw of $1000.00 at OT Brewery. Tony was also instrumental in publicizing the draw throughout all of the Calgary Cowboys Football group. This created a lot of interest.

**Fire Chief of the City of Calgary, Steve Dongworth,** who so readily agreed to make the final two draws on May 24th and allow the use of the Apparatus Bay at #13 Firehall which, because of the inclement weather, allowed us to keep warm and dry. Many Thanks to the D Shift Officers and Crew at #16 and also Battalion Chief Paul Fredrick. They all helped to make this day memorable.

**And a huge thank you to everyone who sold and bought tickets.**
**We couldn't have done this without you.**



**Fire Chief, Steve Dongworth**

## Thank you for supporting the Shrine!

**Here is the Youtube link for the early-bird raffle draw.**
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sARh7CE08PM

**Here is the link to the Facebook Post.**
https://www.facebook.com/AlAzharShriners/videos/2929714707309145

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**Link to the winning draw.**
https://www.dropbox.com/s/ufnpi98su2s4xow/Calgary%20Shriners%20Vintage%20Truck%20Raffle%20-%20HD%201080p.mov?dl=0

**Link to the presentation.**
https://www.dropbox.com/s/8kdtubk8ksqyn3b/Winner%20Picks%20Up%20-%20HD%201080p.mov?dl=0

# Be More Help More Campaign - 2021 goal is $50,000

Be More Help More
Charity Begins at Home

**The Al Azhar Be More Help More fund is still taking donations to help cover our expenses during the COVID closure in 2021. Our target for donations in 2021 is $50,000 and to date we have received donations totalling only $2,650.00.**

The Be More Help More Fund is a project of Imperial Shrine to fund raise for the purpose of sustaining the Shrine Centers in North America. The monies raised are to be used for the operation and expenses of an individual Shrine Center in time of need. **The Al Azhar Be More Help More Fundraising raises funds for the operation of the Al Azhar Shrine Temple in Calgary, Alberta.**

**Donations from one year to the next may be added together to indicate a higher donation category (Bronze, Silver, Gold, etc.)**

### We thank all past 2020 Donors and the following people who also donated in 2021:

- Margaret and John Allen
- Jim and Rose Brown
- Malcolm MacKenzie
- Tim Oland
- Judith Hay and Family donating in memory of Doug Hay
- Dwaine (Sarge) Selk
- Ill. Sir Bruce MacLaren
- Ken and Jo Anne Wigmore

### Donation Board Categories:

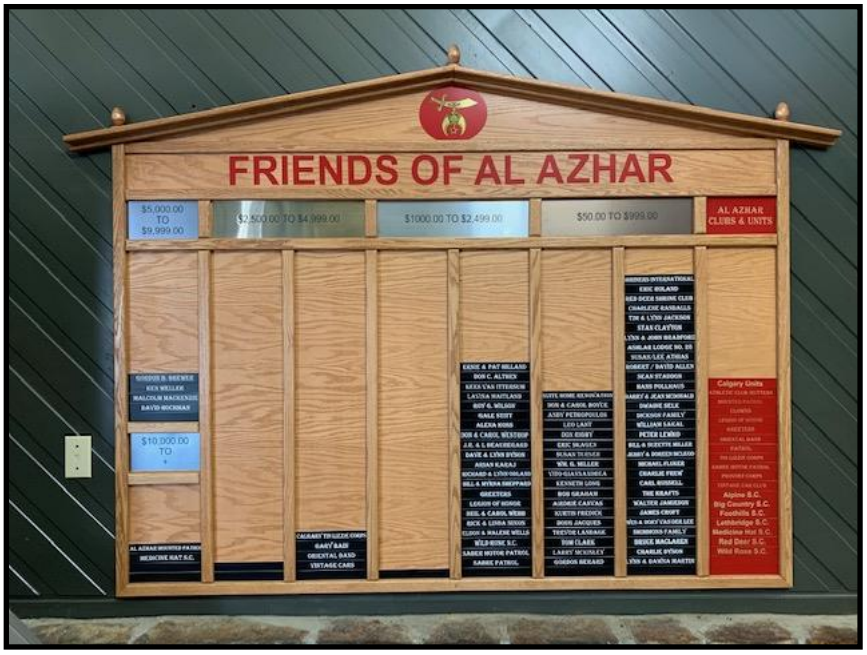
Donations will be listed on the board under the following categories.

- Bronze ------ $ 50.00 to $999.99
- Silver -------- $ 1000.00 to $2499.99
- Gold --------- $ 2500.00 to $4999.99
- Platinum ---- $ 5000.00 to $9999.99
- Diamond ---- $ 10,000.00 plus

Note: Donations under $50.00 will not be recognized on the Donation Board.

**A HUGE thank you to everyone who helps!**

**The Donation Board is in the Shrine Centre Main Floor Lobby.**




### Donor Names:

- A donor must indicate on their donation form if they want to have their name put on the Board or not.
- A donor name may only appear once on the board even if they have made multiple donations.
- Donors already listed on the board can have their new donation added to their previous donation and their name moved up the board if their total donations change their donation category.

### Spelling of Donor Names:

**When making a donation please let us know the correct names (and spelling) that you want put on the donation board (to a maximum of 21 characters including spaces, dots, dashes and letters).** If a donation name comes in with more than 21 characters the Shrine Office has the right to truncate the name to fit within the 21 character limit.

### How you can donate to the Donation Board:

- **Email Pat at office@al-azhar.ab.ca** or drop by the Shrine Office (when it re-opens).
- Fill out a donation form.
- Email or drop off the form to the Shrine office.
- Send in your money to the Shrine Office (via etransfer, cheque or cash).

# Membership

**Relationships, Recruitment, Retention and Restoration**

## Membership Update

I have compiled information on the membership numbers for the AL AZHAR Shrine which will give you some insight as to the demographic of our members, and this is also a helpful tool in helping us make decisions as to what direction we steer our Shrine.

**Currently 58% of Shriners are 70 yrs and older.**

**An interesting fact is that we have almost 3 times more 90+ year olds than 30 - 39 year-old Members. Our membership breaks down as:**

- 11 Nobles between 30 years old and 39 years old
- 48 Nobles between 40 years old and 49 years old
- 41 Nobles between 50 years old and 59 years old
- 70 Nobles between 60 years old and 69 years old
- 119 Nobles between 70 years old and 79 years old
- 87 Nobles between 80 years old and 89 years old
- 30 Nobles are 90 years or older (WOW)

**We currently have 416 Nobles and 44 have not paid dues yet, accounting for a total of $9239.35. The 44 Nobles with unpaid dues account for 10.58% of our membership.**

Over the last 5 years we have gone from 627 Nobles to 427 Nobles which is an average of -40 per year and this year we are down 11.

**My concern is that of the 44 nobles with unpaid dues is that if we add their numbers to the 11, we are down this year we could potentially lose 55 Nobles this year.** If you have not paid your dues, please do so soon so that my next Membership report will be more impressive.

**And now on a positive note we have 7 Masons ready for their Cold Sands**, many exciting events in the planning stages, and parade season is coming. Keep an eye on your emails and please come out and support our Shrine every chance you get.

Thanks,
James Mutzeneek







**Support Your Craft Lodge**
**That's Where**
**Shriners Come From**

### Lost in the Desert

If you have a current phone number or address for the following please contact the recorder at recorder@al-azhar.ab.ca
Noble Robert Spillett



# Membership

**Relationships, Recruitment, Retention and Restoration**

## Membership Update continued

**Now it is time for some membership numbers.**

Membership Chairman
James Mutzeneek






### Al Azhar Shriners (106)

Temple: Al Azhar Shriners 106 Region: 1 RMD: Dale Vrsalovich Email: drvrsal@gmail.com

| Year | StartReg | Created | Create % | Affiliated | Restored | Restore % | Demitted | Demitted % | Suspended | Suspend % | Expelled | Expired | Expire % | Resigned | EndReg | GainLoss | GainLoss % |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2016 | 627 | 14 | 2.23 % | 3 | 0 | 0.00 % | 10 | 1.59 % | 2 | 0.32 % | 0 | 21 | 3.35 % | 3 | 608 | -19 | -3.03 % |
| 2017 | 608 | 14 | 2.30 % | 4 | 1 | 0.16 % | 18 | 2.96 % | 22 | 3.62 % | 0 | 19 | 3.13 % | 3 | 565 | -43 | -7.07 % |
| 2018 | 565 | 18 | 3.19 % | 2 | 0 | 0.00 % | 13 | 2.30 % | 22 | 3.89 % | 0 | 18 | 3.19 % | 1 | 531 | -34 | -6.02 % |
| 2019 | 531 | 11 | 2.07 % | 10 | 6 | 1.13 % | 37 | 6.97 % | 12 | 2.26 % | 0 | 22 | 4.14 % | 3 | 484 | -47 | -8.85 % |
| 2020 | 484 | 1 | 0.21 % | 2 | 10 | 2.07 % | 19 | 3.93 % | 25 | 5.17 % | 0 | 21 | 4.34 % | 5 | 427 | -57 | -11.78 % |
| Average | 563 | 11 | 2.00 % | 4 | 3 | 0.67 % | 19 | 3.55 % | 16 | 3.05 % | 0 | 20 | 3.63 % | 3 | 523 | -40 | -7.35 % |
| 2021 | 427 | 3 | 0.70 % | 1 | 0 | 0.00 % | 2 | 0.47 % | 2 | 0.47 % | 0 | 7 | 1.64 % | 4 | 416 | -11 | -2.58 % |

Highest in 5 years compared to current status

| | |
|---|---|
| Previous High: | 608 |
| Currently At: | 416 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Last year with gain: (data since 2007) | 0 |

| NPD's | Nobles | Percentage | $AMT | Projected Supensions: 0 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Have a Balance (1 yr) | 44 | 10.58 % | $9,239.35 | Suspends after: 2 year(s) |
| Arrears Balance (2 yrs) | 0 | 0.00 % | $0.00 | |

**GRAND LODGE/SHRINE MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS BY STATE/PROVINCE**

| | Master Masons | | | Shriners | | | % of MasterMasons to Shriners |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| State | 2017 | Gain/Loss | % Gain/Loss | 2017 | Gain/Loss | % Gain/Loss | |
| Alberta | 6242 | -307 | -4.92 % | 1108 | -93 | -8.39 % | 17.75 % |

**Projected Membership for your temple:**

| AR 2023 | OG 2025 | Ten Years |
|---|---|---|
| 338 | 289 | 180 |

**Attendance at Membership Seminar for the last 5 yrs**

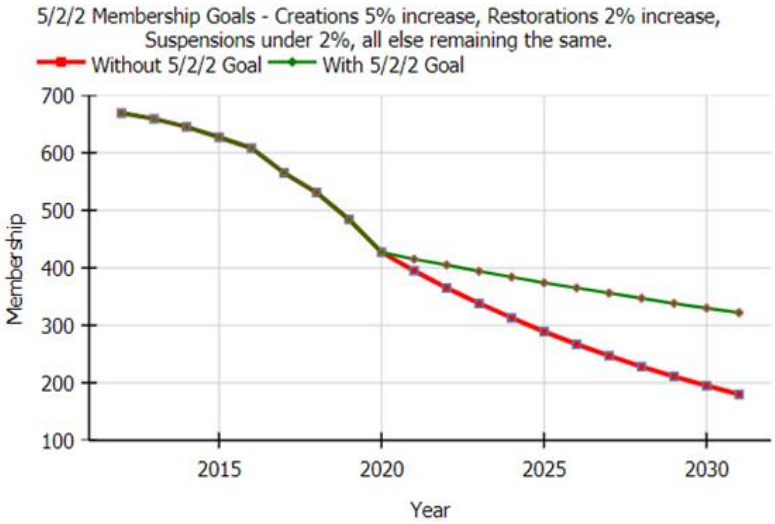
| 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| No | No | Yes | No | Yes |

**How does your temple rank?**

| | Creations | Restorations | Demits | Suspensions | Expirations | Overall |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Shriners | 105 | 106 | 196 | 73 | 90 | 164 |
| PACIFIC N.W. (18 temples) | 4 | 7 | 18 | 8 | 6 | 9 |
| CANADIAN (12 temples) | 5 | 3 | 12 | 10 | 6 | 6 |

5 YR Avg based on % of Total Membership from 2016-2020

On a scale with 1 being the best ranking.




**If you have quality candidates please ask them to visit**
**www.beashrinernow.com**

# For Sale - Ties, Glasses and Face Masks

The Shrine Centre still has some Glassware, Ties and Limited Edition (soon to be collector items) Face Masks for sale.
If you are interested in purchasing any of these items contact:
Susanne at eventcentre@calgaryshrinecentre.com
or Pat via phone at 403-239-0030 or email office@al-azhar.ab.ca




## Huge Glassware Blowout (buy 5 sets get 1 free)

The Shrine Center is selling sets of 5 glasses for $20 a set (see photo above)
If you purchase 5 sets of glasses at $20.00 each, you'll get the 6th set free.

**Hospital Fezzy Face Mask $10 each**





**Shrine Face Mask $7 each**

## Shrine Ties For Sale!

**All tie proceeds will support the Be More Fundraiser**

**Ties cost $40 each and are available in Large and XL sizes (for those that want a longer tie length)**

**A Great idea for a Noble's Gift!**

**Ties can be purchased via the Shrine office by phoning 403-239-0030 or emailing office@abshriners.com. Or buy online at ABShriners.com Go to the Items to Buy page under the Already a Shriner tab.**

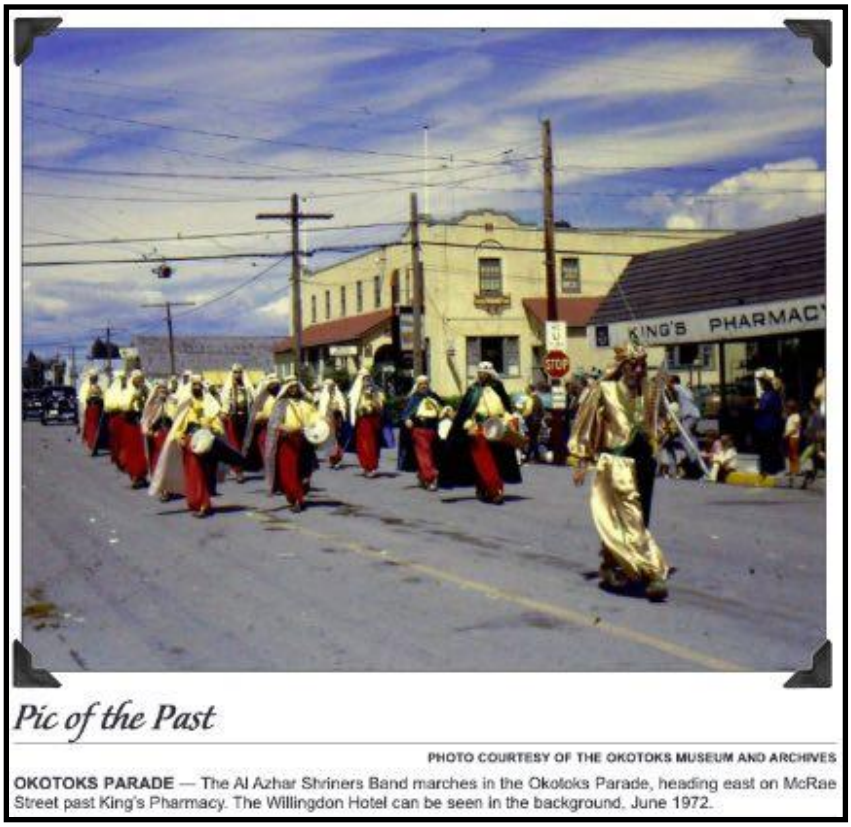



**Ties $40 each**

Graciously donated from our 2020 Potentate
Il. Sir Malcolm MacKenzie.

# History - 1972 Parade Picture

Allan Dickson spotted this blast from the past photo (right) in the April 2021 issue of the Western Wheel. **The picture on the right is of the Al Azhar Shriners Oriental Band marching in the Okotoks Parade back in June 1972.**




*Pic of the Past*

PHOTO COURTESY OF THE OKOTOKS MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES

**OKOTOKS PARADE** — The Al Azhar Shriners Band marches in the Okotoks Parade, heading east on McRae Street past King's Pharmacy. The Willingdon Hotel can be seen in the background. June 1972.

# Childhood Memories

Seeing this photo on the right brought back fond memories of my childhood. My Grandfather, Harry Smith (initiated 1925) and Father, Robert Smith, were long time members of the Khartum Oriental Band and Vintage Car Club in Winnipeg, Manitoba. My Father was a 32nd degree Mason and member of the Shrine and Masonic for over 50 years, and the leader of the Winnipeg Oriental Band. He wore the same gold uniform that this leader is wearing in the Okotoks Parade photo. Below is an old photo of my grandfather and father in their Oriental costumes.



**Robert Smith with the current Potentate that year.**




**Photo Above: Harry Smith and Robert Smith of the Khartum Oriental Band in Winnipeg.**



My mother sewed my Dad's Oriental Band costume and she had a little left over fabric which she used to made me a barbie doll outfit the same as my Dads uniform (I was about 5 at the time and thought that was REALLY SPECIAL). A photo of the barbie doll is on the right showing my Dad's 50 year pin and the same fabric and costume my Dad wore in the photo above. I still have that barbie doll and it reminds me of 50+ years of fond memories watching Shriners in the parades, riding in a few parades myself in my Dad's Vintage Silver Cloud Rolls Royce Bentley, attending the Shrine Circus and helping put on Children's Christmas parties at my Dad's lodge. **When you wonder if being a Shriner actually makes a difference … just think about all the children whose faces lite up when they see a Shriner in a little airplane, or a clown costume. You ARE making a difference, because those kids have fond memories of the Shrine and some of them will grow up to be Our Future Shriners!**

Sincerely, Charlene Randles

# Update from the Shrine Air Corps

Good news, by the time you read this most of us will had their second shot and hopefully our first parade.
The Air Corps is ready to go with six planes to parade. Hope to see you all at a parade real soon. Let's have FUN!

Fraternally,
Ron Down



# Update from the Sabre Motor Patrol

In May the Sabre Motor Patrol and friends participated in the Provincial Highway Clean-up. This is the second year in-a-row we have participated in this worthy cause – great opportunity for fun, fellowship and of course keeping our highways clean! We have also been growing in 2021 with the addition of Nobles Jojo Concepcion and Matt Tuggle – and we welcomed back Noble Neil Lapina who was working out of the country. Classic VW van made by Noble Matt Tuggle will be a great addition to the fleet of Sabre Motor Patrol vehicles!






Nobles Bernard Uy, Gary Long, Randy Crossman, Allan Dickson, Neil Lapina, Jojo Concepcion and future Shriner Tom Plant! Missing from photo is Noble Guy Cochrane and future Shriner Tommy Concepcion.

# Update from the Shrine Patrol

Over the last few months the Patrol has been having weekly Zoom socials and when we have members of the Divan on, we tend to ask lots of question on the state of the Shrine. We have moved our Segways out of the Shrine Center. We now plan on riding every Monday at 7 pm unless we have bad weather or there is a long weekend.

**The Patrol Executive for 2021**

- Wayne Capper, Captain, Drillmaster
- Eric Skagen, First Lieutenant
- Greg McQuarrie, Second Lieutenant
- John Bradford, Secretary
- Larry Carr, Treasurer
- Allan Dickson, Divan Rep

On Friday July 9 we have been invited to participate in a scaled down Stampede Parade, only 4 Segways.

On Saturday July 10 we have been asked to do the Stampede Breakfast cooking at Prince of Peace Seniors village. This is a great activity to give back to the community. If any nobles have any other breakfasts we might be able to help out with, please contact Noble Wayne Capper Captain at 403-680-1027 or alazharpatrol@gmail.com.

The Al Azhar Shrine Kids Breakfast with Santa is scheduled for Sunday December 5. Watch the e-blasts for ticked details, Chair person is John Bradford.

The Patrol 300 club event is being scheduled for Friday April 8, 2022 as there is much to do and also tickets to sell. Tickets will be $125.00 and to pre-order them please contact Gary Bain, John Bradford or Bill Sheppard.

The Patrol is hoping to participate in the 2022 summer PNSA to be held in Chilliwack, BC Aug, 18-20. 2022. More details to follow.

We are looking forward to the Shrine opening up and having a few family activities. If you are interested in learning how to ride a Segway of even join us as a unit, please contact Wayne Capper Patrol Drillmaster at 403-680-1027. We are Riding on Mondays at the Shrine Center every Monday (weather permitted).

Submitted by,

Wayne Capper, Patrol Captain 2021
alazharpatrol@gmail.com




## 2021 Patrol Meetings

**Monday Segway Riding**
**at the Shrine Centre**
**(weather permitting)**

**Meetings on:**
**Sept 13, 20 (Quarterly) and 27**
**Oct 4, 18 and 25**
**Nov 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29**

## 2022 Patrol Meetings

**Jan 10, 17, 24 (Quarterly) and 31**
**Feb 7 and 28**
**March 7, 14, 21 and 28**
**April 4 and 11 (Quarterly)**

## 300 Club Dinner/Casino

**April 8, 2022**

# Update from the Tin Lizzies - From the Tins Garage!

March 2021 - **Our Editor's comments:** Well what can one say, **"on the move" has definitely been a struggle**. COVID has done its best to limit any activity at all last year. Let's take a minute and say thanks again to all the front line workers.



**Tins New Executive:**
Commander – Noble Alan Hannah
Deputy Commander – Noble Arian Karaj
1st Lieutenant – Noble Mitch Legault
2nd Lieutenant – Noble John Kocsi
Secretary – Noble Kevin Johnson
Treasurer – Noble Andrew Fraser

**Comments from the Commander**

What have we been doing: Well, here we are in year 2 of COVID-19, still adjusting to the changes in the world we once knew? I hope this note finds all our Nobility and families in good health and good spirits. The Tins have been trying to stay relevant through these times and had a decent 2020 as far as fund raising went. Not only did we do well on our meat sales, but we were able to get in a couple of BBQs that met AHS guidelines.

We have been meeting regularly as a group on our monthly Zoom calls, but we are all looking forward to having a good ol' board room meeting with some fellowship and cheer. Now 2021 is already looking up to be a better year, as we are tentatively booked for a couple of events. If our "Open for Summer" plan comes to fruition, I believe we will have our hands full, with people coming out of the woodwork to book us to cater their events.

We had our first meat sale of 2021 and set a Tin Lizzie sale record. The hard work and dedication of Noble Evan Schmitke and his cast of helpers made the project the awesome success that it was. Keep your eyes and ears open for our next meat sale coming out this summer. **If every noble was to pass the meat sale info on to one friend outside of the Shrine, it would help us out immensely to raise much needed funds for Shrine causes.**

We look forward to seeing everyone out on July 11th, for the Shriner/Masons Friends and family BBQ event.

We are thinking about this year as well as some of the last few years. **On a recent zoom phone call with one member he started to think about some of the "events" of the last few years that gave us a laugh**. So I took the initiative to look for photographic evidence of some of those events. What say you? **Do you have a photo you would like to share from the past to have a laugh? Or share a memory.**

Whatever the cause, we look to do what we can, and be proud of our unit, Shrine and Family.
**Get in contact with us and help us get the Tins out of the GARAGE and on the MOVE.**

We extend our best wishes to all and hope you are all safe and sound.



Respectfully submitted,

Noble Andrew Fraser
Tin Lizzie PR

# Update from the Airdrie Wildrose Shrine Club

The Airdrie Wildrose Shrine club has stayed active over the Pandemic shutdown. Every month we have continued to get together via Zoom. Some good news is ahead though, we will be having our **Annual BBQ on July 7th 2021**. Pandemic restrictions and weather permitting. Also our **annual golf tournament will be on August 22nd 2021.** This will be held at Collicutt Siding Golf Club in Crossfield, AB. Once again pandemic restrictions permitting.

Further details will be sent out as they become available.
Matthew Walkey




# Update from the Foothills Shrine Club

Regular meetings of the Foothills Shrine Club continue to be held online through the wonders of ZOOM. Who would have ever predicted that such a tool would exist, but then again who would have thought that man could fly either.

As we write this message, the world remains in turmoil. The pandemic is still not over, people still continue to say it is all a hoax, that vaccines won't work, that they have the right to free association without restriction and on and on and on. But take heart, we now have a million dollar lottery to entice people to get a jab, as if being able to go out doors whenever you wanted would be enough. Maybe by the time we write another of these messages, we will have something more positive to say.

Our next ZOOM meeting will be on June 23rd and anyone who is not a member of the Foothills Shrine Club who might like to join us can call Ill Sir Brian Shimmons to obtain the link.

**We are eagerly looking forward to the next round of rule changes by AHS because that might signal that we can organize a barbeque or some other outdoor festivity for members, their ladies and maybe the families as well.**

Until then, we hope you and yours stay safe and we will see you later.

Happy Trails!

Noble George A. Garbutt
Secretary, Foothills Shrine Club

# Update from The Oriental Band

Greetings from the Oriental Band! We hope that you are all staying safe, following the AHS protocols and getting vaccinated! **Unfortunately, there is no vaccine that will make us sound any better than we always do!**
In spite of the damn COVID, we've continued to be very active. We have held a regular Zoom meeting every month. This has been a great opportunity to keep in contact with the Band members. We did actually experiment with having Zoom music practices yet there is a sound filter in Zoom that did not make this practical (darn!).

When the restrictions have allowed it, we have had a practice in the Shrine parking lot and have had a regular meeting there too. Social distanced less than 10 of course! Now that the restrictions are easing more, we will maintain these practices and meetings weather permitting. Who knows if we will have the opportunity to parade this year (our normal parade season ends in less than 3 months) yet we want to be ready so that we do not disappoint our many fans!

**We would like YOU to be part of the Oriental Band. Be part of our fun and play the "Sweetest Sounds This Side of Heaven".** You don't need to know how to read music or play an instrument. Sounds hard to believe yet it is true - just listen to us. We'll show you how! Also, there are no membership fees and the uniform and instrument does not cost you anything. If you are interested, contact our Band Music Director, Noble Art Laing at 403-931-2572 or aclaing@telus.net

Yours in the Faith
Noble Shayne Eldridge
Sultan - Oriental Band

**Check out the photos on page 35 for an Oriental Band Blast from the Past!**

# 5K Fun Run and Camel Walk

Noble Matthew Walkey is excited to share the great news that in 2022 he will be organizing a fun run and camel walk! The date is Saturday May 28, 2022, so plenty of time to dust off your running shoes (or trainers as Noble Matt from the UK calls them) and start preparing! This is a great opportunity for public relations in promoting our Fraternity as well as getting our families, friends, neighbours, co-workers etc involved in this healthy cause! Rumour is the Divan will be participating too and have already been practicing! If you are interested in assisting; please reach out to Noble Matthew Walkey.




## Discounted Hotel Rates for Shriners

**Four Points by Sheraton**
**Calgary West**
**8220 Bow Ridge Cres. NW**
**$119 - $169 Cdn/nt + tax**
**for a Standard Room) - Discounts not available during The Calgary Stampede or Global Petroleum Show**
**Reservations: 403-288-4441**
**Front Desk: 403-202-4419**
**info@fourpoints-calgary.ca**
**fourpointscalgarywest.com**
**Code: Al Azhar Shriners**
**Cancellation policy: 48 hours**

**Sandman Hotel & Suites**
**Calgary West**
**125 Bow Ridge Dr. NW**
**$103 - $174 Cdn/nt + tax**
**Central Reservations**
**1-800-726-3626 or**
**Hotel 1-403-288-6033**
**sandmanhotels.com**
**Code: Al Azhar Shriners**
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# Update from the ISCA
# International Shrine Clown Association




As always I bring you greetings as your ISCA Sneaker Fund Chairman for Canada as we move into summer. Well our ISCA Spring Zoom meeting was completed with a number of entities addressed which included a Canada Sneaker report stating total received donations for the Canada Sneaker Fund of only $50.00 in total by the end of March. Now it was understandable that due to our Covid 19 restrictions and isolation that we have had very little Clown activities or move outs to warrant many Sneaker donations. Amazingly enough our dear God above heard our prayers when at the beginning of April we received a single most generous donation in the amount of $25,000.00 from the Kawartha Shrine Club of Ramses Shrine Centre in Ontario. May I express our sincere "Thank You" to all members for their gracious donations.

A current and new Sneaker Fund raiser in my area was developed and comes forward through the generosity offered by Al Azhar Shrine Past Potentate "Illustrious Sir Eldon Wells" who has offered to assist with donations for the Sneaker Fund. He propose that for the month of May 2021, any Shriner or immediate family member that would buy fuel (Gas or Diesel) from the All Niter Esso, he would donate 10 cents a litre to the Sneaker Fund.

The Sneaker Fund remains in part and parcel a strong entity, alive and well in Canada. In all functions where possible this summer, please try not to forget our Sneaker Fund and what it stands for. Remember the Kids are counting on all of you to raise donations where possible in order to assist in Osteogenesis Imperfecta (Brittle Bone Disease in Children) research along with our Burns research program.

Please make note that your Sneaker donations that are going directly to the Montreal Shriners Hospital for Children need to be sent to Shriners Hospital for Children, 1003 Decarie Boulevard, Montreal, Quebec, H4A 0A9. Further please note that all donation cheques need to indicate "Montreal Shrine Hospital, ISCA Sneaker Fund". On many occasions ISCA Sneaker donation cheques become misdirected due to improper being labelled Shrine Hospital general donation funds. Until my next article, stay safe, healthy and remember our Kids and the ISCA Sneaker Fund for Canada.

If any Shriner has questions regarding the International Shrine Clown Association (ISCA) they can contact me anytime. I am a member of Al Azhar and have held an executive position as ISCA Canada Sneaker Fund Chairman for the last six years.

Smiles and Chuckles,
Dennis 'Nitro' Fischer, Sneaker Fund Chairman
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## Shriners Legacy

Pass along the Shriners tradition in your family – develop a legacy. Shriners International will continue to grow from one generation to the next when you share the tradition and join the Shriners Legacy program.
By joining the program, you will show your pride in being a Shriner and benefit from the camaraderie and brotherhood that is such a large part of the program.
Register your family legacy at:
https://www.shrinersvillage.com/Resources/Membership/LegacyProgram



# Update on Santa Photos and Santa's Village

It takes a lot of Elves to run Santa's Village and the Santa's Photos. We need people to put up decorations and lights, help with registration, photos, marketing and more. **If you can help Santa and his Elves on select dates between November - December 2021 please email Charlene at events@calgaryshrinecentre.com**. Thank you!






**Please help us make Santa's Village and Photos 2021 a HUGE SUCCESS!**



## Visit SantaPhotosCalgary.ca

**More details will be on the website starting September/October 2021**

**Currently our photo dates will be:**

**Saturday, November 20**
**Sunday, November 21**
**Saturday, November 26**
**Sunday, November 27**
**Sunday, December 5**
**Saturday, December 11**
**Sunday, December 12**
**Saturday, December 18**

**Tell family and friends to sign up for a photo and spread the word for us!**

## Volunteers are Needed for Santa's Village and Photos Nov-Dec 2021

## Update from the Daughter's of the Nile

- The Supreme Queen's Visit that was to be held on August 5, 2021 has been rescheduled to November 21, 2021, due to potential travel issues caused by COVID.
- We will have a "Day at the Races" fundraiser on September 11, 2021.
- Our Annual DON Christmas Dinner and Silent Auction will be held on November 28, 2021. The theme this year is The Nutcracker Suite There will be a silent auction as well as children's' activities.

Further information on all these activities will be announced later this summer. Sakkara Temple No. 115 ladies hope that everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer.

Queen Debbie Leek
Sakkara Temple No. 115

## Articles for the Next Fez Sez

**At this time we hope the next Fez Sez will be released early November 2021.**

**If you have articles, photos or information for the next Fez Sez please email them to events@calgaryshrinecentre.com by October 1, 2021. Thanks.**

## M&M Meat Shop Fundraiser

Sakkara Temple #115, Daughters of the Nile is fundraising for Supreme Session 2021 which will be held right here in Calgary. **We are partnering with M&M Meat Shops for a 15% donation on all regular priced items. When you shop at either of the two participating locations, just let them know you are a Shriner and we will get the donation.**

**The two locations are:**
**Country Hills** at #513, 500 Country Hills Blvd. NE 403-226-6813 and
**Crowfoot** at #113 - 150 Crowfoot Cr. NW 403-241-0747.
(Sorry south Calgary residents but no South store chose to partner with us)

**Please let your friends and family know that they can be a part of this as well. Thank you for helping us.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Princess Jacci Saltzman
jbibeau@telus.net or 403-274-7928

## Has Your Directory Information Changed?

With the state of the world it is more important than ever to stay in contact with each other. Please use the directory to phone or email other members. Let them know you are thinking about them and maybe offer your help to those that can't get out themselves. In these times we need to help each other! **If your directory information changes please email those changes to office@abshriners.com by January 15, 2022. In the email tell us what information you need changed, and the clubs/units you belong to.**
**We are trying to keep everyone's information up to date. Thanks.**

# Update from Canadian Association of Shrine Temples (CAST)

Nobles ladies and friends. I bring you greetings and well wishes from your CAST Board of Directors.

I'm sure we all look forward to later in 2021 and what it will hold. The CAST Board members have introduced innovations, increased communications and made inroads on your behalf to Imperial. As well, we are making plans to initiate some National fundraising events to assist our Temples and their members, for the road ahead. All we need now is your help, by **Spreading the News** …. Please check your CAST website (www.canadiantemples.com), watch for our Constant Contact mail outs, and share them with your fellow Nobles, their Loved ones, Masons, and other Concordant Bodies. **A simple 'click' will do the trick!**



**Thank you and if there is anything we can do, just let us know.**

All the best and stay in touch.

Yours in the Faith,

Noble David Penny
President,
Canadian Association of Shrine Temples (CAST)
www.canadiantemples.com



## Nobles, Families and Friends

**Donating Aeroplan Points from Air Canada, or West Jet Points from West Jet, makes it possible for Shriners to transport our children to the medical help they need.**

**And for your generosity, you will receive an official tax receipt for the value of the number of tickets the points will buy.**

**If you or someone you know wants to donate points:**

**Please contact Noble Wayne Cormier at wcormier@harveystravel-cwt.com or Cell is 506-547-5246**
**http://canadiantemples.com/**

**Please visit your CAST website**

*The Wings of Love To The Rescue*

**Canadian Association of Shrine Temples**

**The Voice of Canadian Shiners** **http://canadiantemples.com/**

# PETITION FOR INITIATION AND MEMBERSHIP

## AL AZHAR SHRINERS

**TO THE POTENTATE, OFFICERS AND NOBLES OF AL AZHAR SHRINERS, SITUATED IN THE OASIS OF CALGARY, DESERT OF SOUTHERN ALBERTA**

**I, the undersigned, hereby declare that I am a Master Mason in good standing in _____Lodge**

**#_____located at _____ _____**
**City** **Province/State**

Which is a Lodge recognized by or in amity with the Conference of Grand Masters of North America. Furthermore, I have resided at my current address for not less than 6 months, as required by the Bylaws of The Imperial Council. I respectfully pray that I may be made a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, and become a member of your Shrine Centre.

If I be found worthy, and my request granted, I promise to conform to the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of The Imperial Council and the Bylaws and Ceremonies of your Shrine Centre

Birthplace _____ Date of Birth _____

**Were you ever a DeMolay? _____ If so, what was the Chapter name and Location _____**

**Please indicate if you have had Military or Police experience _____Yes _____ No If yes please specify _____**

Profession or occupation _____

Have you previously applied for admission to any temple of the Order? _____

If so, what temple? _____ When? _____

Residence Address _____ _____
**Street** **City**

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**Province** **Postal Code**

**Business Address** _____ _____
**Street** **City**

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**Province** **Postal Code**

**Business Phone** _____ **Hat Size** _____

**Mail Address** _____

**Home Phone** _____

**E-mail Address** _____

**Wife's name** _____

**Date** _____**20**_____ **Signature** _____

**Print Full Name Here** _____
*Name in Full, initials not sufficient*

**Recommended and Vouched for on the Honor of Noble** _____**#**_____

**Noble** _____**#**_____

**A downloadable and fillable version of this form is available on the ABShriners.com website on the Forms and Templates page.**