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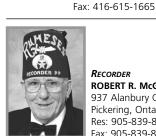
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TRAVEL FOR KIDS



Potentate's Message

Illustrious Sir Robert S. "Bob" Whitmarsh, Potentate

y first two months as Potentate was an exciting and enjoyable time. I officiated at 25 Club Installations of officers, two of which were combined elections and installations the same night in the fall. The Shrine Clubs and Units have a very fine slate of officers for 2007. Many thanks to the Nobles and their Ladies, you were so gracious and kind to Doreen and myself. I thank the Elected and Appointed Divan for the time and effort they invested in traveling to Installations to support me.

As I write this message, final preparations are in the works for the Divan to do the seminars. I hope we have made it easier for the Nobility to attend these educational and informative days by moving them to different Shrine Clubs throughout the Rameses area. The Divan enjoy presenting the seminars and they hope those in attendance will take something back to their Club or Unit, as well as having a little fun at the same time.

The Spring Ceremonial, under the direction of the Kingston and District Shrine Club, is well underway. They have booked 950 rooms for this special weekend. If you have not booked your rooms, please do so as soon as possible. Remember your Candidate and his Lady are the special guests of the Shrine, so make them feel part of your group and attend functions with them. To make it a little easier for your Candidates, Rameses will pay the cost of a feast ticket for his Lady. For something a little different we have a Shrine patient coming from California so the new Candidates will get an idea of just what the Shriners actually do for our special children. Your Divan look forward to having a chat with each and every one of you during the Ceremonial.

There is still some room left for anyone wishing to go with Lady Doreen and I on a cruise to the Scandinavian Capitals and Russia. The trip departs August 31st with a return date home of September 14th.

I would like to let everyone know that Lady Doreen, with the help of the Appointed Divan, are selling tickets on a beautiful crocheted afghan and two professionally framed counted cross stitch hummingbird pictures. The proceeds will go towards a mural to brighten the bar area in your headquarters. The artist is now putting the final touches on this mural.

Thanks to those who have already bought a ticket and to those who have not, you still have time, as the draw will take place at the Spring Ceremonial Feast.

Remember Nobles as "Travel for Kids", we must remember to support our Masonic Family.

2007 Shriners Lottery Results

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2104	P. McLaughlin	Bowmanville	Oshawa	\$ 250	2209	J. Cunningham	Halton Hills	Peel	\$ 250
0517	M. Moffat	Hillsburgh	Credit Valley	\$ 250	2706	J. Malek	Barrie	Sheba	\$ 250
1555	A. Field	Sutton West	Newbeaver	\$ 500	3108	M. Greenwood	Mississauga	Oakville	\$ 500
3469	R. Sweeney	London	Waubuno	\$1000	1882	C. Alexander	New Liskeard	Northland	\$1000

Drum Corps will teach you to play an instrument, don't be shy!

BY DEREK B. FISHER P.P. - DRUM CORPS

The 2010 Imperial Sessions will soon be upon us and it is incumbent upon us all to put on a good show, both in the parades and at the sessions. As I have mentioned before, this Unit is anxiously looking for new members. I know that many Nobles feel the Drum Corps is a smart looking Unit and comment that they would like to belong. The thing that holds them back seems to be the necessary skills. Please believe me when I say that you will be surprised how quickly we can teach you to play a drum or a glock. Please come to one of our meetings and find out for yourselves.

Since my last message, the Drum Corp has participated in the Clairmont Winter Festival parade, showing the Red Fez of Shriners and helping to get the good work of Shriners out before the public. The coffee shop at the "Four Corners" must have thought Christmas had come again, the amount of coffee they served. A tip of the Fez, to all the Drum Corp members, who, braved the cold and snow, to come out and participate in this parade.

Presently we are preparing for the Kingston Ceremonial, Friday Evening Tattoo where we hope to entertain the large crowds along with other Units from Rameses Shriners and perhaps other Temples as well.

Once again, don't be shy. Pick up that phone and call myself or any Drum Corps member and join this Unit.

RAMESES SHRINERS MONTHLY EVENT SCHEDULE

The events stated in this Calendar may have been postponed or cancelled. Please confirm with the Club/Unit prior to attending

May 2007

DATE	CLUB	Event	LOCATION	ΤιΜΕ
May 16		Potentate's Golf Classic	Kleinburg	10:00 a.m.
May 24	Scarborough	Scarborough Golf Tournament	Brooklin, Ontario	7:30 p.m.
May 27	Headquarters	Special Ladies Luncheon	3100 Keele Street	11:00 a.m.

June 2007

DATE	CLUB	Event	LOCATION	Тіме
June 7		Stated Meeting	Kingston	
June 7-10	Kingston	Rameses Spring Ceremonial	Kingston	

July 2007

DATE	CLUB	Ενεντ	Location	Тіме
July 1-5		Imperial Session	Anaheim, California	

Freezing outside but warm friendship on the inside

NIAGARA SHRINE CLUB

n this Saturday evening in February it was not only snowing but the wind was blowing and it was the coldest day so far this year; but that didn't stop over 100 Shriners and their Ladies from ascending the Skylon Tower to attend the Tri-Club Installation of officers for 2007. Installed as President for their respective Clubs were Port Colborne/Welland Shrine Club, Noble Art Gill, St. Catharines District Shrine Club, Noble John Rick MacKenzie, and last but certainly not least for Niagara Shrine Club, Noble Ted Woodland. As well as the presidents being installed, Ambassadors, Directors and Officers for each Club took the oath that would see them serve for the ensuing year.

It was good to see the Potentate and members of the Divan in attendance, as well as several visitors from other Clubs. Everyone enjoyed an excellent dinner and when the skies cleared a spectacular view of the of the illuminated Niagara Falls, 700 feet below.

Noble Rick Stokes, Master of Ceremonies introduced our own Imperial Sir George Mitchell, who delivered a most informative talk warning of the future challenges facing Shrinedom, in part due to the declining membership in Masonry.

Following the ceremonies at the Skylon many returned to the Shrine Club for hospitality and fellowship.

Past Potentates honour Mississauga Installation

By NOBLE TONY FERNANDO

MISSISSAUGA SHRINE CLUB

t was a pleasure to have Illustrious Sir, Robert Young, Past Potentate to conduct our Installation in January. Illustrious Sir, Robert Hall, Past Potentate and Past President of Mississauga Shrine Club was also present. Noble Dave Stevens will continue as President for 2007 and we are taking this opportunity to wish our Executive the very best and thank last year's Executive for their hard work.

A check for \$20,000 was presented to Illustrious Sir, Robert Young by our Noble Ambassador for the transportation fund. Despite dwindling Bingo attendance due to non-smoking by-laws, we have done fairly well and our special thanks to all our Noble Bingo volunteers.

Our Christmas Fantasy was a success and we ended the year with a very warm Ladies Night Dinner.

The Nobles who participated in the annual visitation to the Trillium Hospital and Credit Valley Hospital were well received by the respective hospital coordinators. The children were certainly entertained by Santa Claus and Mrs Claus and were excited to receive gifts.

We are looking forward to another great year.



N obles, as promised in my last message, I will try to give you a layman's report on our financial position at Rameses, but first let me make it very clear to all, I'm not an accountant.

The Financial Meeting at Headquarters on February 17th was poorly attended with less than 50 Nobles showing up (that's just 1% of our membership). The Financial Statement was not questioned and passed unanimously.

We did show a very small loss in both Temple and Club but considering our (Exhibit 14) heat, light and power, it was budgeted for \$75,000, but finished up at \$121,703, that's an increase of \$46,703 and this item alone served to push us into red ink by \$9,876 and as you can see had it not been for this, we would have been OK.

You, the members, were very generous with Headquarters in 2006 and your donations sure helped to keep us on track and I thank you most sincerely for your random acts of generosity and kindness. I do not take your support for granted. It is truly appreciated.

Your investments are growing at a nice steady pace. We opened up this portfolio in July of 2005 and up to December 31st, 2006 approximately 1.5 years it has grown by \$249,306. The increase from January 1st to December 31st, 2006 was \$157,000 which of course is included in the total. I also remind you that in addition to the above, we withdrew a substantial amount to pay for the balance owing on the elevator and lodge room, both of which are free and clear. Rameses does not have any debt.

I thought our accountant made an interesting point at the financial meeting when he stated that in spite of an annual increase in costs, we ran the building at 3100 Keele Street for \$50,000 less in 2006 than we did ten years ago.

You will note that in 2006, we produced by fundraising, wills, gifts etc, \$1,099,580. Yes, that's a million for our Canadian Hospital in Montreal. In the same year, we gave \$20,000 U.S. to the Shrine Boston Burn Hospital. We also gave \$10,000 U.S. to the Erie Shrine Hospital and to top this off, we gave \$37,766 to the Sudbury Clinic to cover the cost of treating children in the area, which saves them a trip to Montreal. It also saves us on travel expense. Note: the above are all 2006 expenses.

Now to 2007. So far this year we have as I write, made up cheques as follows.

\$120,000 to our Canadian Hospital in Montreal
\$20,000 U.S. to our Boston Burn Hospital
\$20,000 U.S. to our Erie Hospital
\$39,210.36 to the Sudbury Clinic

You will note that with U.S. exchange, the total is well over \$200,000. Please note this is your money. It's what you worked hard for, we simply made the choice of where it went and believe me Nobles, we've only just started. There will be more donations before 2007 is over and every one of you should be very proud.

As you probably know, we telemarket four projects each year as follows, Circus, Fantasy, Football and Direct Appeal. Frankly, I wish we didn't have to do this but last year we produced just over \$400,000 from these four functions. It's money we would be hard pressed to do without at present, but we are becoming more financially secure as time goes by and hopefully in the not too distant future, we can survive without telemarketing, and believe me I will not miss the problems this type of fundraising creates for us.

With a total of 37 Clubs and 21 Temple Units, a portion of my day is spent trying to appease angry customers, however our Assistant Rabban Noble Ray Causton assisted by High Priest and Prophet Mel Runnalls, are now fielding most of this aggravation and they are doing a good job. Make no mistake about it, we follow up every complaint and after we apologize to the customer, Noble Ray keeps note of them and he sends them a couple of free tickets to the show. Not an easy task Nobles but we do try hard to please.

I was recently criticized by a Rameses Noble for saying that gripers and trouble makers should stay at home. His point is that they are Nobles and have a right to their say. I don't argue with that and constructive criticism delivered in a polite manner and with an alternative method of resolving the problem under discussion is always acceptable and that's how we move forward. This is not the Noble I'm referring to. I'm aiming at the Noble who shows up with a chip on his shoulder and makes his point in a loud and aggressive manner and does so at every meeting. Him, you don't need and I'm not changing my opinion. Tell him to stay at home and if you don't, you'll wind up losing six other good hard working members who just don't want to listen to this garbage.

Once again, I appreciate your hard work on behalf of Rameses and the kids in our care. By the way, there is absolutely no truth to the rumor passed on to me by several Nobles on Saturday that I'm retiring. This is, I assume, a joke put out by a Noble with time on his hands. I'll decide when I leave and as always, you will decide if I can stay. Thank you all for being Shriners.



Spring had sprung, the grass has riz - I wonder where them birdies is? Isn't it great to sit outside and have your morning cup of coffee or to watch the new growth of your carefully tended garden spring into a new life? Am I getting to be an old so and so and not enjoying winter as I used to?

t goes without saying that spring hopefully has arrived and that everyone weathered February and March. Rameses Financial meeting has come and gone, as well as, the Assistant Rabban's Seminar in Tampa, Florida. I would like to thank all the Nobles who attended the financial meeting, approximately 50 in total. It would be nice to see a better attendance and hopefully that will happen in the future, please remember it's your fraternity and philanthropy.

The Assistant Rabban's Seminar was interesting and once again it was made quite clear that Imperial Rules and By Laws must be adhered to without question and that each Potentate would be held accountable. I know our Regional Seminars covered this topic very well.

We know summer is just around the corner when our Shrine Circus Tour is about to start. The first tour date will be on June 13 and the tour will end on August 8th. I Now parley this into Shrinedom and let me draw a parallel with a new season and Shrinedom. How many new Candidates have you sprouted for the Spring Ceremonial?

What have you planted over the winter so that Rameses will grow into a bigger and brighter Shrine centre. Without new growth nothing will prosper and grow. Let's watch us grow. Everyone will make a difference.

Ladies, as this is the spring/summer edition, many of your men will be out in the fresh air enjoying the sun (golfing). You thought I was going to say gardening. Well, in a way I will be gardening on the golf course too. That is replacing a lot of sod, I mean divots in the freshly manicured fairways. Let's all enjoy the season of Shrine fun and activities.

Lady Johanna and I will see you soon. God bless each and every one of you.



would ask that all the Nobility please support each Circus with their attendance. Why not bring your Special Shrine Lady with you, the more hands, the easier the task?

May you and your family have a wonderful spring and summer and I hope to meet you at the circus.



B RR! BRR! As I'm writing this message it's -25C. Now you are reading this in May and it will be warm, the grass and the flowers will be growing and blooming and all will be happy.

The Club and Unit seminars will be finished and hopefully everyone will be gung-ho and up-and-running to increase our Shrine membership.

Nobles, I thank you all very much for your kind remarks when I spoke on membership at the seminars, but we must be pushing forward and be positive and up-beat.

Noble Glen Pollinger Community Relations and Membership Chairman and his team have a lot of good ideas and promotional materials so please give him your support and effort.

Please don't let our membership get below 4500. As I visit your Clubs and Units this year I will be asking your Executive on their progress and I hope it will be positive. I know you're all great salesmen and I'm proud to be associated with such a great group. Good selling!



Left to right: Noble Rob White, Noble Murray Robins, Chris Hartley, Chairman of 2007 Winter Games, Glenn MacDonell, President and CEO of Special Olympics Ontario, Noble John Miller, President, Noble Ross King, Ambassador.

Ramoca revival renews interest in former Oriental Band

BY NOBLE JOHN MILLER RAMOCA SHRINE CLUB

Ramoca Shrine Club, in the past few months, has seen the beginning of the revival of our former Oriental band. The enthusiasm of new members and the dedication and guidance of former members has been the catalyst of the revival. We look forward to that sweet sound being heard as a Unit in numerous parades.

Owen Sound hosted the Ontario Special Olympics Winter Games 2007 in early February. Ramoca Shrine Club was pleased to host a Founders Breakfast, at Noble Paul and Brian Johnson's Montana's Cookhouse, with the President and CEO, Glenn MacDonell of Special Olympics Ontario our honoured guest. A number of Club Nobles and Ladies assisted as volunteers at the various events and venues of the Winter Games throughout the weekend.

On March 14, a Ramoca Shrine Club degree team passed Bro. Michael Ellis, son of our 3rd Vice President, Noble Terry Ellis, to the Fellowcraft degree and our annual Master Mason's night highlighted our March 29th meeting.

A fraternal lottery, with a lawn tractor, LCD TV and meat prizes available to be won, will see our members selling tickets again this year. Watch in future issues of the Papyrus for more Club events including an August Pig Roast and a trip to the Shriners Hospital Canadian Unit in Montreal on the weekend of September 21-23, 2007.

You can mix business with pleasure in this perfect venue

BY MICHAEL A. PARKES EDITOR, PAPYRUS

s everyone should know by now, Imperial is being held this year in Anaheim, California. I would be hard-pressed to come up with a better location for a combination Shrine and family vacation spot. I would like to suggest that you attend the Council this year and then take some extra time to take in the sights and sounds as part of a summer vacation. I guess the first thing that pops into our minds when you think of Anaheim, is Disneyland. Although that is one great way to spend a day or so there are so many other places and things to see that you will need a lot more time.

No trip to the Anaheim area would be complete without, Universal Studios Burbank where you can see the sets used for movies like King Kong, Psycho, Earthquake and Jaws. Then, how about a visit to Mann's Chinese Theatre, where you can match foot prints with the stars. There is also an offbeat tour which takes you to the grave sites of so many of Hollywood's greatest stars from years gone by.

The tentative Imperial schedule begins Friday, June 29th and ends Thursday, July 5th. There is a welcome breakfast and dinner provided by Rameses on Sunday July 1st. The Parade is scheduled for Tuesday, July 3rd and will be a daytime event.

Speaking on behalf of the Divan, it is hoped that Rameses will get a great turnout this year as we are sure that you will have a wonderful experience.

For those of you with Internet there are many informative sites for you to explore the possibilities available to you in and around Anaheim. I offer you this one to begin your search http://www.scaruffi.com/travel/la.html

Rorab Klowns inducted into the Hall of Recognition

RORAB SHRINE CLUB

oble John Lewis was installed as 2007 President of the Rorab Shrine Club of North Bay on Friday 19 January. Ill. Sir Robert S. Whitmarsh, our 2007 Potentate, held the Installation at our Club facilities in North Bay. In the picture above are the Rorab Klowns who were inducted into the Hall of Recognition on Saturday 3 February 2007. North Bay Musicians and Entertainers held a special dinner in honour of our Rorab Klowns and were presented with a plaque commemorating that event.

North Bay Rorab Klowns take their Klowning very seriously as they raise thousands of dollars each year for the Montreal Shrine Hospital. As the busiest Klown Unit in North America they help and support many children with a variety of disabilities. We salute the North Bay Rorab Shrine Klowns.

A brief history of the Provost Marshals Unit

BY NOBLE FLOYD SALES - CHIEF, RAMESES PROVOST MARSHALS UNIT

he Rameses Provost Marshals Unit was formed in 1980 under Illustrious Sir Ben Hughes as the Provost Motor Corps. The members in 1980 were Noble Del Hopper, Noble Ken Hopper, Noble Don Sorenson and Noble Al Kairetz. The uniforms in 1980 were light tan in colour similar to our present Security Unit.

Illustrious Sir Bevan Carrique joined the Provost Motor Corp in 1981 and changed the uniform similar to the dark uniform we wear today. The shirts were a light blue and the pants were a dark blue with the yellow stripe.

The name of the Unit was later changed to The Provost Escort Unit. I am not sure of the year the name was changed. In 2001 the name of the Provost Escort Unit was changed to the present day Provost Marshals Unit. The uniform was changed to the black shirt, black pants with yellow stripe.

The Provost Marshals Unit is a high-profile Unit dedicated to the task of providing a motorized escort for the Potentate, Divan and other dignitaries at Provincial, National and Imperial events each year. The Provost Marshals Unit is under the direction of the Potentate of Rameses Temple. They also assist the Parade Marshal at all parades. The members of the Provost Marshals Unit are required to have their own motorcycles, purchase their own uniforms and possess the necessary riding skills. At present there are twelve members including three Life Members. A Provost Marshals member becomes a Life Member once he has completed a term as Colonel in Chief on the International Association of Shrine Provost.

Two of the Provost Marshals Unit are Police Officers; one member is an auxiliary police officer while the remainder are civilians. The Provost Marshals Unit meet twice per year or at the call of the Chief. The Chief serves for a period of two years. Illustrious Sir Bevan Carrique served as Chief for four years and Noble Floyd Sales served as Chief from 2002-2006. In order to become chief of the Provost Marshals Unit, the member must have served as the secretary, treasurer, and deputy chief.

Every member of the Rameses Provost Marshals Unit is a member of the International Association of Shrine Provost (I.A.S.P.). The members of the I.A.S.P. consists of active and retired police officers or persons associated with policing, military or law enforcement. The I.A.S.P. meetings are held annually during the Imperial Sessions at which time elections take place for a member interested in becoming Colonel in Chief of the I.A.S.P. We also have Uniform competition at the meeting and at the meeting in Vancouver in 2002, myself and Don Alland competed and won third place in the Uniform Competition. I believe this was the only time the Provost Unit had ever won a place in the Uniform competition. It takes seven years to become Colonel in Chief. Some of the Past Colonels in Chief were Al Karitz (1988-1989), Illustrious Sir Bevan Carrique (1995-1996), Noble Gene Kerrigan (199-2000), and Noble Don Alland (2005-2006). Noble Floyd Sales is presently a 2nd Lt of the I.A.S.P. and will be Colonel in Chief in 2011.

Letters to the Editor.

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Dear Nobles

Do you have any old eyewear that you no longer use and wish to donate to a worthy cause?

Sergeant Don Scandrett, a member of the Canadian Forces who has just completed a tour of duty in Afghanistan and has seen first hand the dire need that the Afghan people have for corrective lenses.

This is a small project, but with big results. Imagine a child or adult who cannot see because of something we take for granted. Don't worry about the prescription as they have the means of measuring that and matching the glasses to the right recipient.

Should you wish to donate to this cause, please contact: Don Scandrett 705-794-3447 - or knocksx3@yahoo.ca and he will ensure that your old eyeglasses get to our Forces in Afghanistan.





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t just seems like yesterday that I sat down to write my first message. Boy does the time sure fly when you are busy and enjoying the traveling and activities of the Shrine. By the time you read this article almost half of the Shrine year will have passed.

All the executive Seminars are over and from all accounts were well received. Hopefully the new Club and Unit Officers were happy with the presentations and received useful information that will be helpful as they direct the affairs of their Club or Unit during the year.

My presentation at these Seminars was my first opportunity to share with the Nobles some of the impressive facts and figures about our Shrine Hospitals.

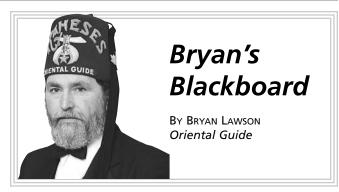
For all the Nobles who were not able to be there, did you know that in 2006, Shriners Hospitals approved 27,819 new patient applications and attended to the needs of 128,578 patients, and that Rameses Shriners has over 750 active cases? But the really impressive numbers where that the budget for Shriners Hospitals for 2007 is \$721 million. This works out to about \$23 per second and this is the number that I like to share

N obles, we had a good turnout at our seminars with lots of questions and answers and hope that it was informative for you.

Our busy season is fast approaching and everyone will be busy and it is at these functions that we get to meet old and new friends and show the public what we are about.

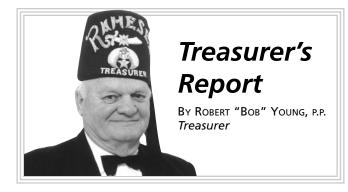
This is the time to make first impressions count and hope that we encourage the public to ask questions.

If you have questions, ask any of the Divan members who will get you the correct answer.



when I am trying to impress people about our Hospitals.

The next big event in my calendar is our Spring Ceremonial in Kingston which should be one of the highlights of the year. I am personally looking forward to the activities of this annual event where we will welcome a number of new members into the Shrine. I hope that each Noble who is in attendance, takes the time to welcome these new members and make them feel that they have joined an organization that cares about them. First impressions last for ever.



Tartans fly and bagpipes chant at Robbie Burns Night

By Noble Bevan Carrique, P.P. Director Rameses Pipe Band

n behalf of Rameses Pipe Band I would like to thank everyone who attended our Robbie Burns Night at the Temple in January. We hope you all had a good time. We are already thinking of next year with plans for a bigger band. The musical entertainment that we have danced to in previous years is unable to play for us next year so we are looking for a replacement and have already been given a few good names.

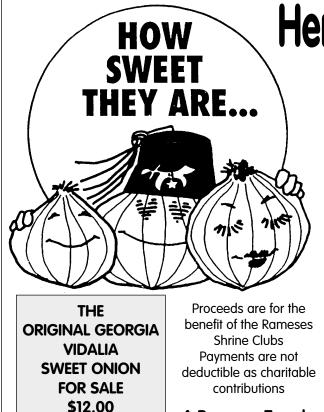
I would like to thank the members of the Pipe Band, Ella and Marilyn for all their hard work which made the night a success.

We are very pleased to have had some new members join our band and we are teaching them how to play. One young man, Mr. Scott Woods, is doing a great job learning to play the bagpipes. As an added bonus I have sponsored him into my Lodge and we hope he will join the Shrine when he receives his 3rd Degree.

The Director General, Barry McQuillin, of the 2010 Imperial has asked me to organize a Massed Pipes and Drums to lead the day parade. All Pipes and Drums - Shriners and non-Shriners - are most welcome. If you are interested please email me at masspipesdrums@aol.com. I will get back to you with more information. Bring your whole band if you have one.

Once again we extend a warm welcome to new members for our Rameses Pipe Band. We meet every Monday, 7 p.m. at Shrine Headquarters. Give me a call at 705-721-7297.

The Social event of the year Shriners Hospital Gala An annual event by The Oshawa & District Shrine Club Being held on Friday, September 14th, 2007 at Deer Creek Golf & Country Club - Grand Bathcom 6:00pm Reception • 7:00pm Gourmet Dinner Featuring the "Swing Shift" Big Band 19 piece orchestra Door prizes • Silent auction • Diamond Champagne Challenge - Formal Attire -Reserved Tickets \$100 each Telephone: Joe Johnson, Gata Chairman 905-668-6465 or the Shrine Office 905-436-4762



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A Rameses Temple

Project



The motley crew of the famous Viking Long Boat settle for a mundane float at a recent parade. A new ship will soon be ploughing the streets, entertaining and informing the landlubbers on shore.

Shipwrecked sailors survive scuttled sloop

BY NOBEL ALF QUINN VIKING SHRINE CLUB

Noble Capitano Chris Toole and his many Noble assistants determine how to proceed to bring our faithful Ship, the famous Viking Longboat, up to proper code and safety standards.

At the Sundridge Agriculture Fair, since we had no Viking Ship, we were obliged to utilize a float and turn it into a Raft, and so with a temporary sail, we were able to navigate our way in the parade. Deepest thanks to all our Nobles who put their best shoulder to the oar and pulled together to participate valiantly in the Parade and the refreshments afterwards. Thanks also to our Noble Treasurer, Steve Muir who once again made all the arrangements at Sundridge.

Our famous Viking longboat has given long and faithful service for many years and until his passing last year was ably captained by Noble Dick Hutchison. Dick maintained the ship in tip top repair and was the object of much affectionate teasing about the ship which needs tires. Dick is sadly missed for his dependable good work and good humor. We are finally refurbishing this familiar Long Boat, which first took to the high seas more than 20 years ago, it has been manned by many Viking Nobles who went happily pillaging in parades throughout the local towns, in an effort to raise money for our Shrine Children's Hospitals.

The ship has now been stripped to the bare bones; all the planking, deck and trim have been removed. The steel frame is now refurbished. The wheel brakes have been repaired. New and improved Viking Warrior access has been provided, rather than the old boarding ladder, no more walking the plank. Our famous dragons, fore and aft will be restored and a revamped weatherproof deck is being installed, along with new side planking. An upgraded sound system with all the best festive tunes and Jingles and some powered spotlights to highlight top sails and rigging should be added in time for the next year's Christmas parades. We are extremely proud that such a large number of Nobles and their families are working on the rebuilding of our Longboat and also that so many in our Club are assisting financially.

The Viking Club has been further honoured through the appointment of Noble Floyd Sales as 2nd Lieutenant in the International Association Shrine Provost, a first for a Canadian Shriner. Heartiest Congratulations Floyd, a well earned honour.

Sixty-years of dedicated service

By Marion Sellars Oronto Temple #69 Daughters of the Nile

he reign of Jeanette Walker, our 60th Queen, came to a close in March of this year.

Queen "Jan" had an eventful, harmonious and successful year together with full cooperation from her Officers and members.

Queen "Jan" will no doubt have fond memories of this special year, her duties will continue on, as we observe the dedication of the Founders of our Order since 1947.

March brought forth year-end reports from our Clubs and Units, which were very favourable.

The Election and Nomination of Elected Officers was during the March session. Our Princess Royal Margaret Bradford was elected to the office of the 61st Queen of Oronto Temple #69, which she gracefully accepted. Queen-Elect "Margaret" then held the installation of Officers, with Past Supreme Queen M. Rhona Kerr giving the obligation.

Many family, friends and visitors enjoyed a beautiful afternoon and Queen "Margaret" thanked one and all for coming, especially members from our neighbouring Temples, with an invitation to all to enjoy performances by The Drum Corp, The Dancers, and The Patrol Unit.

Attention Club Presidents and Unit Directors

S hould you wish your event to be covered by a Press Corps photographer or writer, you will need to make a request, either by phone, fax, email or in person. If tickets are required, please provide 1 ticket, free of charge, for our use. Special arrangements can be made for those events that are more than 30 minutes travel time from Headquarters. Please contact Michael A. Parkes, Press Corps Director, for more information.

Rameses Spring Ceremonial A Bit of Heaven in '07

The Organizing Committee - Kingston District Shrine Club

SPRIM One of the many highlights of the weekend, will be the special quest appearance of Katie Walker. Katie was born with a heart murmur, one kidney and missing tibia, she underwent her first surgeries within weeks of her birth and her family received recommendations from the Shriner's Hospital in Los Angeles for amputation of her leg and prosthetics. When just a year old, Katie received her first, of many prostheses. Physical therapists at Shriner's Hospital taught her to walk.

Her undeniable spirit led her to take on snow skiing, horseback riding, bowling, tennis and competitive golf. Katie is now a sophomore in high school and on her school's golf

team. Performing since she was 9 years old, she has recently recorded her first country album. She plans a career in the entertainment field. Katie will be appearing on Friday at the Fort and on Saturday at the Ladies Program and also at the Ceremonial Feast.

CEREMON

Thursday 7 June 2007

- 8:00 a.m. Golf Tournament. As in the past, we have planned what we hope will be a good golf tournament (Ladies welcome) at the Inverary Golf Club, just north of Kingston. It takes about 20 minutes to arrive at the Golf Course from your hotel or if you are travelling directly to the course from your home that morning, take the Division Street Exit off the 401 proceed north toward Westport, when you arrive in Inverary there are stop lights, turn left at this intersection and in about 3 minutes you will see the course on the left side. Come in, drop off your clubs, park your car and Noble Eric Stone (Chair) and his able committee will guide you from there. It is anticipated that Katie and her father will be participants in the Tournament.
- 7:00 p.m. Stated Meeting followed by Meet & Greet Casino Evening. At the Oasis (Kingston Shrine Club). Following the Stated Meeting we hope that everyone will mix and re-new past acquaintances and make new ones as the evening proceeds. Attend and have some fun in the Casino.

Friday 8 June 2007

- 4:30 p.m. Food, Cash Bar Fort Henry. Come and get a good seat and pick up something to eat and settle in for an evening of spectacular entertainment.
- 7:00 p.m. Rameses 2007 Ceremonial Tattoo Fort Henry. The entertainment begins, sit back and enjoy. We hope to have a good variety of bands available for your enjoyment, including the Temple Clown Unit. Katie Walker will also perform at this event.

Saturday 9 June 2007

- 10:15 am Ladies Program Ambassador Hotel. Ladies, we are planning a great program and having as our entertainment a "Touch of Nostalgia". You may remember way back in 2003 when Canadian Idol was in its infancy, and the Canadian Idol was Ryan Malcolm. Ryan was a big part of his families band "Touch of Nostalgia" and they continue to keep the beat (so to speak). Unfortunately, Ryan will not be with his family at the Ladies Program, however, for those not aware of his and their background here is a little info. Malcolm worked at Nostalgia Station, his family's restaurant in Amherstview, Ontario. He studied policing at St. Lawrence College and also attended the same high school as Avril Lavigne in Napanee. More importantly than entertainment though, is that it is our wish to recognize our new Candidate's wives and will do our very best to be available to them at all times. Ladies will be picked up at their hotels (details will be provided) taken to the Ambassador Hotel and then, following lunch, taken downtown to view the Parade. We are asking that you make your own arrangements for return travel from downtown to the Oasis at Kingston District Shrine Club.
- 6:00 p.m. Reception Ban Righ Hall, Queen's University. Built in 1925 and has a beautiful dining room and reception area which we know you will enjoy.
- Feast Ban Righ Hall, Queen's University. Those who attended the Ceremonial Feast in 1998 were treated to an 7:00 p.m. excellent meal and table service. We have arranged for the Feast to be held in the same location, as it was felt the quality of food and service received in 1998 was excellent and that we sincerely trust you will not be disappointed in 2007

Sunday 10 June 2007 - The Finale

9:00 a.m. Drumhead Service - Kingston District Shrine Club

9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Heavenly Country Breakfast - Kingston District Shrine Club. We are planning a true country breakfast and hope you will come and enjoy, following the Drumhead Service, your car will already be parked, so why not come and have a good breakfast and say your goodbyes before heading home.



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Rameses Spring Ceremonial June 7 to 10, 2007

Thursda	y 7 June 2007	
Time	Event	Location
8:00 am	Golf Tournament	Inverary Golf Club
	(Green Fees, Cart and Prizes included)	-
1:00 pm	Registration	Kingston District Shrine Club
3:00 pm	Flag Raising	Kingston City Hall
7:00 pm	Stated Meeting	Kingston District Shrine Club
8:00 pm	Meet & Greet & Casino	Kingston District Shrine Club
	(Welcome all Nobles and Ladies)	
Friday 8	3 June 2007	
8:30 am	Registration	Kingston District Shrine Club
10:00 am	Flea Market	Kingston District Shrine Club
4:30 pm	Evening Entertainment (Food, Cash Bar)	Historic Fort Henry
7:00 pm	Rameses 2007 Ceremonial Tattoo	Historic Fort Henry
	(Canadian & US Shrine Bands)	
Saturda	y 9 June 2007	
7:30 am	Registration	Kingston District Shrine Club
	(after 12-noon, packages may be picked u	p at the Members' Bar)
8:00 am	Candidates to Ceremonial	Bayridge Secondary School
10:00 am	Flea Market	Kingston District Shrine Club
10:15 am	Ladies Program & lunch (Pick up at hotels)	Ambassador Hotel
1:00 pm	Parade	Memorial Centre to City Hall
6:00 pm	Reception - Ban Righ Hall	Queen's University
7:00 pm	Feast - Ban Righ Hall	Queen's University
Sunday	10 June 2007	
9:00 am	Drumhead Service	Kingston District Shrine Club
9:30 am	Heavenly Country Breakfast	Kingston District Shrine Club
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Town/City	Postal Code	Beef	X
Telephone No.	E-Mail	Sunday	
		Country Breakfast	@ \$12 = \$
Club/Unit	Are you a Candidate?		TOTAL = \$





Honouring Illustrious Sir Robert "Bob" Whitmarsh and Lady Doreen

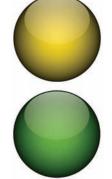
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A personal account of my tour of duty in Afghanistan By Noble

SERGEANT DON SCANDRETT



've been a member of the Canadian Forces for the last 20 years. Presently I'm with the Military Police posted at CFB Borden. I'm proud to say that I am also a member of the Manito Shrine Club, Collingwood and a member of the Rameses Temple Legion of Honour. My tour in Afghanistan began August 17, 2006 and ended safely on the 13th January 2007. I'm very happy to be back with my family, friends and fellow Shriners once again.

This tour, for me, proved to be most interesting as I had the opportunity to serve in so many different areas. Areas that most CF members never experience. Although my primary duty was the day-to-day operations of the Kandahar Airfield Military Police Platoon, as Operations Sergeant, I was deployed for four weeks training 275 Afghanistan National Police Officers. This training was learning basic policing skills including dress, deportment, discipline, the handling and operation of small arms, all in a military style environment. This job would be demanding enough at home, but over there we also had to contend with the language barrier. As you can guess we had to work in most cases through an interpreter. The fact that these recruits were so eager helped a lot. I'm happy to report that during my 4 weeks, we graduated several new officers which gave me a most satisfying feeling of accomplishment. With the skills they learned, these officers would be able to carry on their duties at the many outposts throughout the country. The most dangerous part of my duty was the convoy escort work. The patrols we conducted throughout the country, although meeting the people in the various villages and learning their culture did prove to be most interesting. Anyone interested in loosing weight should definitely consider Afghanistan. I lost 20 pounds from sweating 24 hours a day. The temperatures there were at times 110 degrees plus in the shade. The fine dust in the air got into everything, including the air conditioners. This meant we had to clean the fins on a regular basis.

I guess this next part may seem like a commercial but as you are probably aware, Tim Hortons was there as part of their involvement with the Canadian effort. It was just so great as it provided us with a daily taste of home. Timmies also became very popular with the other contingents serving alongside us and sometimes the line-ups were 40 minutes long. The wait was always worth it.

I also had the honour of visiting a Craft Lodge there, the Widows Son Lodge, UD Grand Lodge of Oklahoma. I'm proud and honoured to be the first Canadian to visit this Lodge and I was received most cordially by the members and their Deputy District Grand Master. Just after the Lodge opened the camp was rocketed by the Taliban, causing us to scramble to the bunkers. Once the "all clear" was sounded we re-assembled and carried on, eventually raising seven brothers to the 3rd degree. It turned out to be a great evening and the fellowship was second to none. This Lodge met four times a month and had a healthy membership of both military and civilians from all over the world.

Before closing, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Brother Bill Easley, Muskoka Lodge #360, Bro. Sean Sparling, Kerr Lodge #233, Right Excellent Companion Rod Purdey, Signet Chapter #34, RAM and Sister Susan Purdey of Bayview Chapter #105 OES for the support given my family during my tour of duty. The assistance given and the many packages I received from them were greatfully received. It made it so much easier for me knowing that my family was well cared for. Thank you, thank you, thank you.





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Winners of the Whitefish Trophy, Tecumseh Shrine Club L to R: Noble Stu Crockatt, Draw Master; Noble John Devins, Lead; Noble Tom Carberry, Skip; Noble Jim Thornton, 2nd; Noble Gary Boose, Vice.

Sheba Shrine Annual Whitefish Bonspiel

BY NOBLE JOHN E. COOPER SHEBA SHRINE CLUB

The Sheba Shrine Club of Barrie hosted the 42nd Annual Whitefish Bonspiel and 7th Annual "Terry Harris Memorial Whitefish Bonspiel" on the weekend of January 26th and 27th, 2007. Twenty-eight teams, 112 participants were in attendance. There were teams from as far off as Timmins and Woodstock. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, even the losers. The fun and fellowship is what really makes this event so special and enjoyable.

The winning rink for the Whitefish Trophy was the Tecumseh Shrine Club, skipped by Noble Tom Carberry. The team included Noble Gary Boose, Vice, Noble Jim Thornton, 2nd and Noble John Devins, lead.

Two special guests were invited to the Whitefish banquet for a special presentation. Julia Braden-Miller, age 12, one of our Shriner's Hospital Children, and her mother, Christine. Julia thanked the Shriners for all they had done for her. Her mother also expressed her sentiments for the help, work and kindness that were bestowed on Julia and the family at the Montreal Hospital and all the Shriners who participated in so many ways.

Several gifts were presented to Julia from our Potentate, Illustrious Sir, Robert Whitmarsh, Sheba Shrine Club, and the 112 participating curlers.

Below - Minnow Event Winners, Oshawa Shrine Club Left to Right: Noble Willy Walter, Vice; Noble Andy McClellen, Skip; Noble Gary Fordham, Sheba Shrine Club Whitefish Bonspiel Chairman; Noble Jim Rogers, 3rd. (Lead, Cal McComish had to leave early).



Jolly Roger buccaneers hit with a bang!

BY NOBLE ERIK RANKIN LAKESHORE SHRINE CLUB 006 was successful for the friendly Club on the north shore of Lake Ontario and its President, John Halls.

In the spring we sponsored the successful West Northumberland Home Show and in June and July the Jolly Roger took part in several community parades as well as being part of the Spring Ceremonial in Belleville. This nefarious crew of buccaneers and the cannon were the hit of all these parades.

In the summer and fall the Jolly Roger was put in Dry Dock and went through an extensive refit after 20 years of uninterrupted service. By September she was ready to go and was again the star of many parades in the south eastern part of the Province.

Also in September the Club organized a bus trip to the Erie Hospital for 40 Shriners and their Ladies. They all had a great time and were received with great hospitality. On the return trip the bus broke down right next to the Casino in Niagara Falls, nobody lost too much and a couple of hours later we were on our way again.

Lakeshore anticipates another great year and the Home Show will again be on for April 20, 21 and 22. It should be bigger and better this year.

In May the Jolly Roger gets its final paint job to be ready for a full season of parades and special events.

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Bokhara Court #22 raises \$50,000 for Montreal Hospital

BY NOBLE MICHAEL A. PARKES *Editor, Papyrus Magazine* t turned out to be a great day all round. The weather was mild and the Ladies of Bokhara Court #22, Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America donated \$50,000 to the Montreal hospital. Lady Lorie Colledge A.P., Hospital Chair 2007, had as her guest speaker Guylaine

Ouellet, Public Relations Representative, Shriners Hospital for Children, Montreal. Ms. Ouellet gave her audience a most informative update on the Hospital and the every day miracles that occur there.

All those in attendance also had the pleasure of meeting Branden Williams and his mother Patricia who gave a most wonderful speech praising the generosity given by Rameses Shriners to her son. The quality of care, the compassion of the staff shown Branden by the doctors, nurses and staff at the Hospital also received her praise. Branden had a chance to show his agility of movement provided by his new \$20,000 wheel chair, Rameses having covered seventy-five percent of this cost.

For those of you with Internet connection the Rameses Press Corp has set up a temporary website at www.pbase.com/rameses where you can view all the pictures taken during this event.

Feel proud Nobles. Feel proud Ladies, your work and dedication are appreciated.



At Left: Ill. Sir Robert S. Whitmarsh, with Branden Williams. Above: Lady Lorie Colledge A.P./Hospital Chair 2007 & Guest Speaker Guylaine Ouellet greet guests.

Do you believe or do you know?

By Noble Rik Kubiak Rameses Shrine Hillbilly Club Rameses Shrine Circus, Director of Operations

magine you were going skydiving for the first time. Your heart would be racing as the instructor gives you final instructions before you jump from the plane.

You ask an important question, "Are you sure this parachute will work?" Now, which answer would you prefer your instructor to give: "I believe it will work." or "I know it will work."

The word belief implies question. By definition there is a degree of uncertainty. Think about it, if you believe with certainty, then you wouldn't say, "I believe", you would say, "I KNOW".

To know is to be certain. There is no question in knowing. There can be no doubt found when you KNOW something. Do you believe you can reach your goals or do you KNOW you can?

Do You Believe Or Do You Know You Are a Shriner?

Being a Shriner and knowing you are a Shriner is a similar leap in faith. "Do you believe" putting on the Fez and attending one or two functions a year makes you a Shriner? If you believe this, our 22 hospitals and transport units would close within days for lack of funding.

Or "do you know" that attending your Unit or Club meetings and participating in as many fund raising activities as your limited time will allow makes you a Shriner!

The answer you give depends on you. If you know the Shrine of North America is considered the World's Greatest Philanthropy because of its commitment to helping young people with orthopedic problems or burn injuries, than you know your commitment to the Shrine is working towards a common goal.

If you "believe" but wanted to "know" start coming out to meetings, attend parades, sell Shrine Christmas cakes or run away with the Circus if only for a day or two. Attend, participate, have fun, make a difference and know you're a Shriner!

If you "know" and would like others "to know" talk to young and enthusiastic members in your Lodge and try to get them to join our dynamic organization.

A final thought, "A different world cannot be brought about by indifferent people".



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Sneaker Fund, a history

BY NOBLE PHIL FINKLE

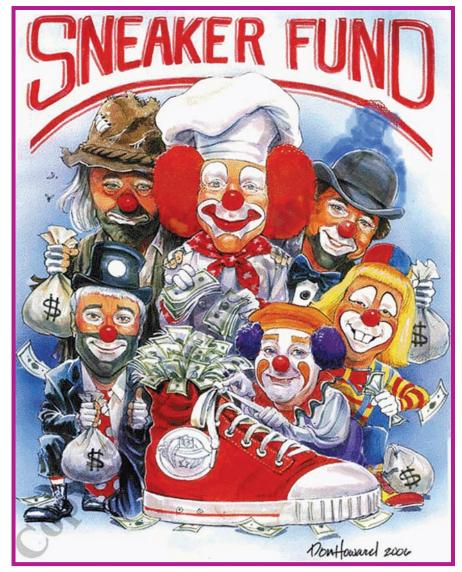
he purpose of this article is to raise awareness of the Sneaker Fund, how it started, and how it continues today. This article originally appeared in the Sudbury Shrine Newsletter, the *Scimitar*, however, since the Sneaker Fund is an important part of the North American Shrine, I am taking the liberty of sharing it with the readers of Papyrus.

The rear page of *Clown Alley* December 2006 - January 2007 (the official publication of the International Shrine Clown Association) shows a number of Shrine Clowns presenting a cheque to the Imperial Shrine Council in excess of US\$275,000. These monies were raised by contributions to the Sneaker Fund.

The conception of the public regarding the Shrine is that it is known for its colorful parade, circuses and clowns. Of course, there is a serious side in that we operate a network of specialized hospitals where children with orthopedic problems, spinal cord injuries, and burns may attend, free of charge.

The Sudbury Shrine Clown Unit is a small part of the Sudbury Shrine Club, which in turn is an active Club in the Rameses Shrine Family. There are many other Units and we all work to see that our philanthropy flourishes. Donations are made to the Sneaker Fund to further these objectives.

It would appear that this fund was started in the 1930s when Shrine Clowns raised funds to purchase a brand new type of shoe which could be safely sterilized and re-used for children with burns at our Shrine Children 's hospitals. Eventually it evolved from these humble beginnings, as it was decided to continue these efforts, though we do not supply shoes anymore.



Nowadays we raise money for burns research, and to develop techniques to alleviate the pain that burns children suffer.

The Sudbury Shrine Clown Unit uses an official red sneaker as a bank when raising sneaker funds at our general meetings and in public. As you can see, these efforts produce good results, and we are grateful for any and all contributions. We encourage all other Clubs to pass the sneaker at their general meetings. Every bit counts!

Shrine Club praised by local government EL SHAMALY SHRINE CLUB

I Shamaly Club of Richmond Hill, had the Rameses Temple information booth set up at the Newmarket Winterfest in February, as part of a community service. With the help of Club President Leonard Feldt, Treasurer, Dave Earlam and the Shrine Elephant and Harv O the Clown it turned out to be a great day. The following is a letter received from the Town of Newmarket addressed simply "Dear Shriners".

The Town of Newmarket would like to thank you for your support and contributions to Winterfest 2007. Without your commitment to this event it could not have been a success. It is estimated that 2,000 people attended our event. Thank you again for your continued support and hard work. Deanna Smith, Community and Special Events Programmer



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Club and Clan looking forward to another season of parading

BY NOBLE CUZIN' BARRY JONES HILLBILLY CLUB

owdy friendly neighbours. Well it sure looks as if Spring is here and the Hillbilly Club/Clan 46 starts looking forward to a new season of parading and supporting our Shrine Fraternity, Ill. Potentate Robert Whitmarsh and the entire Divan.

We paraded right smartly at the Claremont Winter Festival on February 17th. Old Man Winter rode along with us but, he was much kinder than last February! Sure cuts down on the mosquitoes anyway! The parade/festival now in the third year of existence is a highlight in the promotion of Masonry and the Concordant Bodies. Although short in length, the parade is well received and attended by the local folks. Seeing so many of our Masonic and related friends parading alongside is truly heartwarming and this year was made more special by the first time appearance of the Shrine Drum Corps - a fine representation, indeed! You may wish to consider attending the next annual event -February 2008.

The Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade, on Sunday, March 18th, saw us parading from St. George and Bloor, to Yonge then south to Queen. What a glorious welcome we received from the crowd. Not just the applause and shouts of encouragement, but also the nice comments about the Shrine and Shriners in general which bolsters the fact of how dearly the work and efforts of Shriners are known, loved and appreciated. The weather, not quite summer, but enjoyable.

The Hillbilly Club/Clan 46 is anticipating participation at the Spring Ceremonial in Kingston this June. This is the hometown of our III. Sir Whitmarsh, so let's get out and show Kingston how well one of their boys has done. We must do our part to make our new Candidates feel welcomed into Shrinedom and at the same time lend support to our Ill. Potentate and the Divan, many of whom are Hillbilly Clan members. If your planning on attending, why not look us up and say 'howdy'? We sure aren't hard to find in a crowd!

Information on our upcoming parades and general activities in and around the G.T.A. can be had from anyone listed below. Also, don't forget, due to popular demand, a Hillbilly Degree is tentatively being planned for later this summer - a chance for any Shriner and/or his gal to become part of the Hillbilly world. More information in future columns. Friends and neighbours, look in on us in an area close to your home!

For now, dear readers, best of health and may the Good Lord take a liking to you! Support your local Hillbilly! If you have any questions about the Rameses Hillbilly Shrine Club, please contact one of the following. Thank you.

President: Noble Rik Kubiak 647-225-1171 1st Vice: Noble Brian Korson 905-731-4355 2nd Vice: Noble Jim Rennie 905-640-2143 3rd Vice: Noble Barry L. Jones 416-221-7828.

Bonspiel fun and games but no winners

BY NOBLE PETER GLAZIER MUSKOKA SHRINE CLUB

his is a great time of the year for the Muskoka Shrine Club. The Temple elections are over and congratulations are extended to all of the Divan and our new Potentate, Illustrious Sir Robert Whitmarsh.

Our new President, Noble Bruce Fraser, along with the Executive, was installed by our Potentate at our January meeting. A good evening was enjoyed by all the Nobles and their Ladies, as well as family members and friends of our President.

Our Club had four rinks in the Whitefish Bonspiel. No winners, but a good time was had by all, especially Sunday morning.

We are looking forward to our Pancake Breakfast to be held in April.

I would ask all Muskoka Shriners to keep their eyes open for new members to Shrinedom to be Candidates at the Rameses Spring Ceremonial in Kingston, Ontario from June 7th to June 10th.

Another active year for Oakville Shrine

BY NOBLE KEN LEWIS

OAKVILLE SHRINE CLUB

he year began with the Installation of our new Executive under the able direction of Noble Doug Clouse. Nobles Dave Warrington, Bryce McBain and Paraag Suchuk are the Vice Presidents. Nobles Nasir Awan, Ken Hodgin, Terry Lamping, and George Moraes are the Directors. We look

forward for another excellent year. Noble McBain reported that we had another good year with over \$22,000

in sales of Christmas products at Oakville Place and Canadian Tire. We are still active at the Mayfair Bingo with three shifts each month. Although their numbers are down, we still are building up our Charitable Funds and also keeping the community aware of Shrinedom.

At our March meeting, Noble Phil Sidhwa related his experience of surviving an airline crash. It was an amazing story, to say the least!

All Shriners are invited to not only visit our website, oakvilleshrineclub.ca, but also come out to any of our regular meetings still held at the Monte Carlo Inn, South Service Road, Trafalgar and the QEW. Social 6pm with dinner at 7pm. All Shriners are welcome.

Ill. Potentate Robert "Bob" Whitmarsh and his Lady Doreen invite fellow Rameses Shriners and their non-Shrine friends to join them on a magnificent CruiseTour to

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Oshawa a Club for socializing

BY NOBLE VIC PHILLIPS OSHAWA SHRINE CLUB ince the parade season ended in December, it's been a round of parties for the guys and gals of the Oshawa Shrine club.

In February, following the Super Bowl parties, the Club's colour guard Unit held its first ever Valentine's Day dance.

The unit is getting geared up to lead off the parade at the Kingston Spring Ceremonial in June and the boys were getting in shape for the long march by jiving and polkaing the night away.

Our new President Barry Williamson is learning the tricks of how to be a successful Club poobah by attending other Clubs installation nights from Belleville to Kawartha to Kingston.

The dancing Shriners are now gearing up for the Western Night at the Club, followed by half a dozen other big events in Oshawa.

We invite everyone to check out our schedule and joining in on the activities by calling the club at 905-436-1762.

We leave you with this enduring advice. Women like silent men: they think they're listening.



Tireless promoter of Shrinedom honoured Sudbury Shrine Club

N oble Marven Firth of Sudbury was honoured on March 1, 2007 by being the recipient of a certificate from the Million Dollar Club in his name. This award was presented to him by the Sudbury Shrine Club in recognition of his many years of tireless service to the various causes of Shrinedom.

Marven, although a member of Rameses Shriners, is not a member of the Sudbury Shrine Club, but when you need a job done, he is your man! He throws himself into the project with gusto, never complaining and never seeking recognition or recompense.

He sells many, many Christmas cakes in Sudbury and door-to-door when we go blitzing at nearby communities. He has sold countless advertisements for the Circus programs when we were sponsoring circuses. Recently he has been an active participant in our Wild Game Dinner, by securing prizes, cash donations, and many items that we were able to raise monies via silent auction. He has also secured donations of wild game and fish.

A few years back, he obtained some fish too late to be included in our dinner, so we froze them and held a fish fry later in the year, which raised close to a thousand dollars in donations. The Wild Game Dinner is one of our major fund-raisers, and we enjoy putting our efforts into its success.

You can always count on Marven to sell Shriners Lottery Tickets. He is a born salesman and rarely takes no for an answer.

A lesser-known fact is Marvin's work with Veterans. He has helped many of them apply to the Department of Veterans affairs for benefits due them. If he is offered payment, he suggests a donation to the Shiners Hospital.

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