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Potentate's Message

Illustrious Sir Brian N. Davenport, Potentate

or me, one of the hardest duties I have as your Potentate is to write my message for the
Papyrus. I try to make it exciting and informative and not boring to read. Since the last issue of the Papyrus (June 2008), things and events have been very exciting.

You all know, it is the Potentate who decides the date and place of the Spring Ceremonial. I could not have been prouder at the outcome of this year's Ceremonial in Brampton. The venues, by far, were the most elegant and beautiful that has been seen in many a year by Rameses. The weather could not have been better. It was no surprise that it did not rain in Brampton in 2008 as it did in the past. My Director General, Noble Doug Morris (I am sure that he wondered what he had gotten himself into, the costs, the timings and the frustrations) did an outstanding job. Noble Doug, his committees and the ladies committees are to be commended for their dedication and hard work. It certainly paid off.

The only downside of the Ceremonial weekend was the small number of on-lookers at the parade and the small number of new Candidates - 49. Nobles, we need more new Shriners to survive and stay healthy. Finding new members will always be a problem but you can do it, just try.

The 134th Annual Imperial Session was held in St. Louis, Missouri. It is now in the history book of the Shrine of North America and, as our Imperial Sir George Mitchell would say, 'it was a Feztastic week'.

Rameses hospitality room was a very popular place to meet and greet. I thank all those who worked in the room to make it a success. At the Welcome Dinner we had about 180 people and they said that the roast beef was so tender that you could cut it with a spoon! My special guest that evening and who we were honoured by their presence, was the Most Worshipful Sir Allan J. Petrisor, Grand Master of Canada in the Province of Ontario and his Lady Mary. (Noble Allan is a member of Mocca Shrine Centre).

The Imperial business sessions were long and tiring and my `chair face` took quite a beating.

The parade was good and Rameses didn't take a back seat to any Temple. Many heard me speaking over the last six months or so, saying that I would like to see as many Canadian flags as possible in St. Louis. We had eighteen Canadian flags on parade. Thank you Nobles, it was wonderful to see. July 1st, Canada Day, was the parade date, scores of people applauded us and sang Happy Birthday Canada which caused many of us to have a lump in our throats.

I know that you should not single out any one group in case you offend anyone. However, a special mention goes to the Niagara Shrine Club and their Maid of the Mist - they brought along a special brand of Canadian beverage just for me. Another honourable mention goes to the Founders Unit and their Streetcar. It seems that since time immemorial, this Unit has always been at all of the Imperial Sessions (we won't mention that our Canadian Mountie ornaments disappeared for a while ha!)

A very warm, heartfelt thank you from Lady Johanna and myself to all those who came, worked and paraded in St. Louis. Rameses will always be remembered as a class act. THANKS GUYS.

As an aside, the Divan has always found a favourite place to eat at the Imperials. Such was the case this year. Ill. Sir Bob McGregor took on this job with enthusiasm and the staff saved his regular seat for dining.

Now Shrine life is back to normal with circuses, golf, BBQs, visitations, corn roasts and fun gatherings. Lady Johanna and I looked forward to being with you and sharing your memories.

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1212	M. Jackson	Richmond Hill	El Shamaly	\$ 100	0726	L. Elliott	Brighton	Trent Valley	\$ 100
3387	J. Ogilvie	Oakville	Drum Corps	\$ 100	0969	J. Young	Parry Sound	Waubuno	\$ 100
0812	H. Van Denbrink	Keswick	Viking	\$ 100	2010	R. Ritchie	Bracebridge	Muskoka	\$ 100
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1416	R. Beckstead	Alliston	Kawartha	\$ 500	0556	C. Nelson	Erin	Tecumseh	\$ 500
0986	R. Nash	Nobel	Waubuno	\$1000	3404	J. Davenport	Mississauga	Drum Corps	\$1000
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1756	R. Wilson Sr.	Toronto	Leaside	\$ 100	2888	C. Smith	Fenelon Falls	Rameses	\$ 100
3300	G. Goslin	Verner	Rorab	\$ 100	2911	D. Thorne	Aurora	Rameses	\$ 100
3404	J. Davenport	Mississauga	Drum Corps	\$ 100	3524	M. Bytheway	Mississauga	Pipe Band	\$ 100
1454	L. Vadala	Kingston	Kingston	\$ 100	0149	R. Mckay	Shanty Bay	Sheba	\$ 100
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2525	E. Metcalfe	Kirkfield	Orillia	\$ 250	0377	P. Finkle	Sudbury	Sudbury	\$ 250
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September 2008

Сгив	Event	LOCATION	Тіме
Waubuno Shrine Club	Stag Surf & Turf	Camp Tapawingo, Parry Sound	
	Varsity Blues Football Game	University of Toronto	1:00 pm
	Candidates Cut-off for Papyrus listing		
	New York/Ontario	Geneva, NY	
		Waubuno Shrine Club Stag Surf & Turf Varsity Blues Football Game Candidates Cut-off for Papyrus listing	Waubuno Shrine Club Stag Surf & Turf Camp Tapawingo, Parry Sound Varsity Blues Football Game University of Toronto Candidates Cut-off for Papyrus listing

October 2008

DATE	Сгив	Event	Location	Тіме
18 October	Rameses	Western Night/Thanksgiving Dinner	Headquarters	6:00 pm
24 October-2 Nover	nber	Potentate's Trip to Spain		
26 October	Rameses	Halloween Party	Headquarters	2:00 pm

November 2008

Date	СLUB	Event	LOCATION	Тіме
14 November		Stated Meeting, 25-50-S	Samsar Awards Headquarters	
15 November	Rameses	Fall Ceremonial	Headquarters	

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Recorder's Message

By Bob McGregor, p.p. - Recorder

The Spring Ceremonial in Brampton was, in my opinion, a great weekend. It was well run, the food was excellent and we owe a hearty vote of thanks to the Director General, Noble Doug Morris and his committee for their skillful handling of this important Shrine weekend.

A special mention also to Noble Bob Phillips, Housing Chairman, a thankless job at the best of times, however it all worked out in the end and as we all know we can't please everyone.

The Imperial Session in St. Louis was also a great week of fun and fellowship. I served as Housing and Banquet Chairman for Rameses at this Imperial Session and I found it to be a rewarding experience with very little hassle to contend with. The rooms were adequate and were ready for us on arrival; two of our Nobles had toilet back-ups in their rooms which were adjacent to my room, it was a little unpleasant for them but fortunately the problem was resolved quickly.

The banquet on Sunday night started exactly on time, which is a must for me if we expect to receive hot food. The meal itself was excellent. It was roast tenderloin of beef and served hot. I had absolutely no complaints and in fact got many compliments. More than one Noble said it was the best meal we have had at an Imperial Session in years, modesty forbids further comments. Ha-ha.

It's a funny thing but it happens all too often when we, as a Temple, go out of town, somebody assumes the role of spoiler and this year was no exception. I often wonder if it's a change in the water that makes some people obstinate and cranky because people who are normally good and easy to get along will suddenly become difficult to deal with, fortunately the good times in life outnumber the bad by hundreds to one and so we move on a little wiser for the experience and more cautious for the future.

Noble Mel Runnalls' resignation took us all by surprise however we all wish both him and Lori well for the future and trust they enjoy many more years in good health and that they prosper.

I'm often asked if the gold wire fez is reserved only for special Shriners and the answer is yes, which means any one of you can buy and wear this type of fez because, in my book, you are all special and that's why I always finish my report by thanking you all for just being Shriners so if you want a gold wire fez go ahead and get one, you deserve it.

While we are on the fez, just a friendly reminder that you are allowed only two fasteners for the tassel and only one line of print on the bottom edge, other pins and badges are not allowed on the fez, however I do see these rules broken on many occasions but I don't allow myself to get bent out of shape on it if you know what I mean.

The draw for the metal plate square and compass will take place in the fall and we will announce the winner at that time. If anyone else wants their name in for the draw, just give me a call or state by fax or email. So far only a few Nobles have expressed an interest in it and I must repeat, it has no commercial value whatsoever, only nostalgia.

Just a reminder that more and more Clubs are having their installation done on the same evening as the election, this way we reduce the amount of travel in often very bad weather. The officers are declared elect and they assume office the moment the new Potentate is installed, in this case January 10th, 2009. If you want this for your Club, a simple call to me will set it up and we would be happy to oblige.

Please note election and installation schedule in this issue of Papyrus. If you wish to change either, you should get in touch with me post haste so that we can accommodate your request.

The good news is that so far this year we are, as usual, staying under budget on our expenses in spite of the fact that we have spent in excess of \$12,000 this year so far on our HVAC system in order to keep it in good running order, 3100 Keele Street is an old building with some fairly old equipment, however we make every effort to maintain it.

Membership continues to be the number one problem for the Shrine and our total membership is now down to 375,000. Rameses is no exception to the rule for we are now hovering at just below 4,400 members. Some 800 of our members owe one year and a fair percentage two years dues. Nobles, if you are part of this group, please pay up now. We take cash, cheque, Visa, Master Card and in some cases post-dated cheques. We will do whatever we can to help you and a call to me can very often lighten your load and I would be most happy to help. Remember, it's not a sin to be low in funds. Being unemployed is not an embarrassment. It happens to the best of us and what's more, I understand and your comments to me are confidential. It's between you and me only and I'll move heaven and earth to get you over the hump. Please Nobles, I'm waiting for your call.

By the time you read this, some of the items will be stale but at least you will know my feelings on some of the items I deal with on a daily basis. Most of what happens is fun and it's a joy to be involved. Some things are not so funny but I deal with them anyway and as always I speak my mind and you don't have to guess at where I'm coming from.

The fall season is upon us and as we start back in our Shrine work let us remember that we are all small cogs in a big wheel and the whole mechanism will run much smoother if we all turn in unison. Have fun meetings, crack a good joke and if you've got a good one send it to me. I need some new stuff. Make your meeting interesting. Serve up some good food, twice a year invite every Mason you know to a fun night. Tell them the fun things we do in the Shrine, and then give them some good tucker. It will work, just give it time, don't jam it down their throats on the first night.

Quote: Just for today, I will exercise my soul in three ways. I will do a good deed for somebody without letting them know it and if they find out that I did it, it won't count. I will do at least two things that I know I should do but have been putting off. I will not show anyone that my feelings are hurt; they may be hurt; but today no one will even suspect it.

Take care and thank you all for just being Shriners.

Ray's Thoughts

BY RAY A. CAUSTON - Chief Rabban

What a great Spring Ceremonial in Brampton. A tip of the Fez and a hearty THANK YOU to all the Nobles and Ladies who made this event a success. A short time later Nobles and Ladies made their way to St. Louis for the 134th Imperial Council Sessions.

Once again Rameses Temple set the standard for Temples on parade. At every turn your Temple received high praise, not only from Imperial Officers but from the Nobility assembled. A hearty THANK YOU to all, Nobles and Ladies who attended the sessions.

One very important message came from Imperial Sir Ralph Semb -Chairman of the Board, Shriners Hospitals for Children, within the next two to three years construction will start on the new Canadian Unit (Shrine Hospital) in Montreal- GREAT NEWS.

By the time you receive this message, the Shrine Circus will have come and gone. It appears the performances have been well received by the general public and Shriners alike.

Once again the Nobility, their Ladies and Masonic friends have done Rameses proud by volunteering their time and energy. Thank you one and all.

As the shadows begin to lengthen and the days grow shorter, let's enjoy what's left of summer and look forward to a productive fall.

On a personal note, I would like to wish Mel and Lori Runnalls all the best that life has to offer.



will be conducted in accordance with the Imperial Council regulations and as required by the by-laws of Rameses Temple, at Rameses Temple, 3100 Keele Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, on Friday, November 14, 2008, the said meeting to be held at 10:30 a.m. in Rameses I and II, for the purpose of balloting upon Petitions for Initiation and Affiliation and to conduct all other business as directly related to the affairs of Rameses Temple A.A.O.N.M.S. and Rameses Club Incorporated.

The Fall Ceremonial will be held on Saturday, November 15, 2008, 1:15 pm, at 3100 Keele Street, Toronto, Ontario.

Dated at Toronto, this 14th day of August, 2008.

Brian N. Davenport - Potentate Robert R. McGregor, p.p. - Recorder



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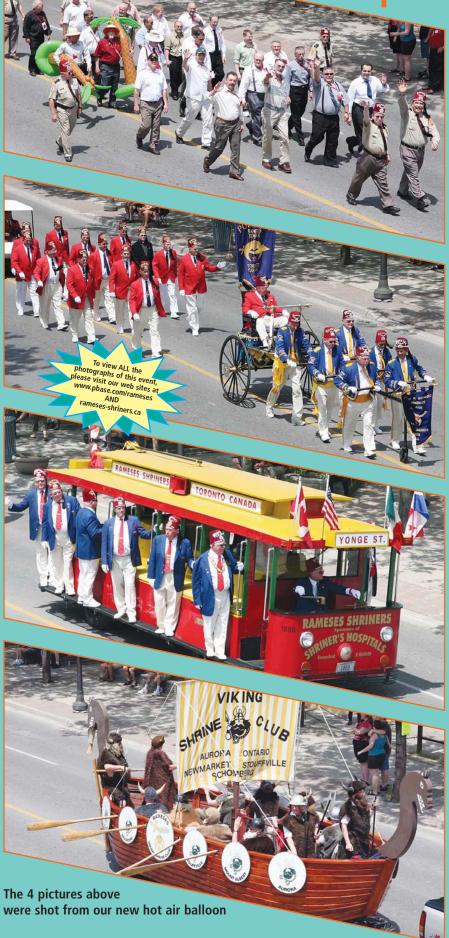
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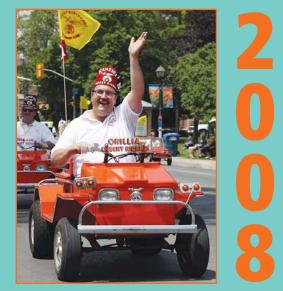
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Spring Ceremonial BRAMPTON - ONTARIO

















Opposite page clockwise: The New Candidates wave to our new eye in the sky. Clowns and more clowns. A friendly wave from a happy Shriner. Huskies just waiting for the snow to fly. The Viking ship as seen from above. The Yonge Street trolley still on track. Ill. Sir and his entourage.

This page clockwise: This one just HAS to go in! Our Divan enjoying the shade and the parade. Maid of the Mist, always well turned-out. Those Hillbillies hootin' and a hollerin' are always a crowd pleaser. Ill. Sir and the Mayor raise our flag. Drums practice before their big bash. Mr. Canoe enjoys the ride. Keystone Kopps get their man, again! Who says Hillbillies don't bathe?







Treasurer's Report

BY ROBERT "BOB" YOUNG, P.P. - Treasurer

N obles, I hope everyone had a restful summer so we can get back to work helping our Special Children. We need all Nobles to make our Shrine Center function. The circuses are our largest fundraiser and it was disappointing that the Clubs and Units did not have the support they needed for fire watch etc.

Thank you to the Nobles that did turn out and a special thank you to young Andrew McCulloch and our lady BBQ cook. Next year Nobles, please check your Club and Unit

First, I would like to congratulate all our new Nobles who crossed the Burning Sands in Brampton. I hope that the Spring Ceremonial 2008 was an exciting time and was enjoyed by you and your lady.

> I would encourage each of you to become active in one of the Clubs or in one of the Temple Units. This is where you will find fun and

> > fellowship and each of you will learn what the Shrine is all about. "Having Fun, so Kids Can."

> > > I would also encourage each of you not to be shy about being part of the activities of your Temple. There are lots of social events I am sure that you and your lady will enjoy. Next, a word or two about the 2008 Imperial Session. As

schedules. It is very rewarding to stand there and have our customers come and thank you for the help they or their friends have received from our hospitals, sometimes we are even handed donations to help us along. This is our moment to make a public impression and a chance to answer their questions.

We need to start looking for more candidates for the fall. Age and ill health are catching up on us and we could do with a few younger members. This is a good organization to be proud of and therefore we should at least replace ourselves once each ceremonial.

I am looking forward to meeting everyone over the fall season during the election of Clubs and Units.

To our ill and shut ins, your are always in our thoughts.

Bryan's Blackboard

By BRYAN LAWSON - High Priest and Prophet

this was my first Imperial Session as a Voting Member of the Divan I attended all the business sessions, election and installation of the Officers and exercised my right to vote on your behalf. I found it was a very busy time but it was also a very enjoyable time and I look forward to attending next year's Imperial Session in Texas.

I would also like to personally congratulate all our members who were elected to Grand Lodge Office during the 153rd Communication of Grand Lodge held in Toronto. My sincere best wishes to you for a successful term of office.

Just before travelling to the Imperial Sessions, I learned of the very sudden and unexpected resignation of our Assistant Rabban, Noble Mel Runnalls. I would personally like to thank Noble Mel for all he has done for Rameses Shriners and all the help he has given me during the time we have known each other. I wish him and Lori the very best in the future with my wish for health and happiness for years to come.

Best wishes for safe and happy travels, and remember, Shriners do it Best.

distant memory. To all the Nobles who attended, I would like to

thank you for attending and hope that you had a great time. A special thank you to all the Clubs and Units who

participated in the parade. It is an honour to be in the parade

The circus dates for Rameses are just about over. Almost

Jim's Notebook

By JIM D. MCKINNEY - Oriental Guide

or all his hard work and time spent while on the Divan, I would like to say thanks a million to Mel Runnalls, and wish him and Lady Lori all the best for the future.

To the organizing committee and all the other Nobles and wives who helped out at the Spring Ceremonial in Brampton, thank you for a job well done.

Welcome and congratulations to all the new Nobles who became Shriners in Brampton. I would encourage all the new Nobles to get involved by attending a Shrine Club meeting near you. It is worth repeating, you only get out of something what you put into it.

without exception, the number of people who have been attending has been fantastic. Most of the people leaving the

with Rameses Shriners.

circus have been very complimentary. There are a great many Nobles who have spent many hours and days working at the circus. A very big thank you goes out to Nobles who have done the fire watch at the performances and a special thank you to the Nobles who have attended and worked at every performance, and to the Rameses clown unit for taking part in the circus. A job well done by many.

The Imperial Session in St. Louis is already becoming a

I hope everyone has a great summer.

Club and Unit Election Dates for 2008

Date	DAY	Club/Unit	Date	DAY	Club/Unit
1 October	Wednesday	Scooter Unit	20 November	Thursday	Muskoka
8 October	Wednesday	Sauu Nessu Unit	24 November	Monday	Rameses Hillbilly - Elec. & Install.
20 October	Monday	Pipe Band	24 November	Monday	Leaside
22 October	Wednesday	Ritualistic Cast	24 November	Monday	Hamilton
3 November	Monday	Mississauga	24 November	Monday	Lakeshore
3 November	Monday	Trent Valley	24 November	Monday	Security
4 November	Tuesday	Midland & District	25 November	Tuesday	Waubuno
4 November	Tuesday	Tecumseh	25 November	Tuesday	Credit Valley
5 November	Wednesday	Transport	26 November	Wednesday	Belleville
5 November	Wednesday	Rameses Wheelers	26 November	Wednesday	St. Catharines & District
5 November	Wednesday	Timmins & District	26 November	Wednesday	Kingston
5 November	Wednesday	Drum Corps	27 November	Thursday	Orillia - Election & Installation
6 November	Thursday	Northland	27 November	Thursday	Toronto
6 November	Thursday	Rameses Patrol	27 November	Thursday	Ramoca - Election & Installation
10 November	Monday	Scarborough - Elec. & Install.	1 December	Monday	Port Colborne-Welland
10 November	Monday	El Shamaly	2 December	Tuesday	Rameses Yacht
10 November	Monday	Steel Band	2 December	Tuesday	Viking
10 November	Monday	Kingsway	2 December	Tuesday	Firefighters
11 November	Tuesday	Founders	2 December	Tuesday	Tecumseh - Election & Installation
12 November	Wednesday	Peel	3 December	Wednesday	Guelph District - Elec. & Install.
12 November	Wednesday	Mrisela	3 December	Wednesday	Chanters
15 November	Saturday	Medical	3 December	Wednesday	Kawartha - Election & Installation
15 November	Saturday	Keystone Kopps	4 December	Thursday	Sudbury
15 November	Saturday	Legion of Honour	4 December	Thursday	Manito - Election & Installation
15 November	Saturday	Press Corps	8 December	Monday	Newbeaver
18 November	Tuesday	Algonquin - Election & Install.	8 December	Monday	Directors Staff - Elec. & Install.
18 November	Tuesday	Rorab	8 December	Monday	Rameses Provost Marshals
19 November	Wednesday	Niagara	17 December	Wednesday	Sheba
19 November	Wednesday	Oshawa		Clown Adviso	ry Board - Appointed by Potentate
19 November	Wednesday	Oakville			

Club and Unit Installation Dates for 2009

Date	DAY	Club/Unit	Date	Day	Club/Unit
10 January	Saturday	All Temple Units	26 January	Monday	Lakeshore
		including Legion of Honour	26 January	Monday	Leaside
12 January	Monday	El Shamaly	26 January	Monday	Hamilton
12 January	Monday	Kingsway Shrine Club	27 January	Tuesday	Credit Valley
12 January	Monday	Newbeaver	27 January	Tuesday	Waubuno
14 January	Wednesday	Peel	28 January	Wednesday	Kingston
15 January	Thursday	Muskoka	1 February	Sunday	St.Catharines/Niagara/Pt.Colborne
16 January	Friday	Sudbury	2 February	Monday	Mississauga
17 January	Saturday	Rorab	2 February	Monday	Trent Valley
21 January	Wednesday	Sheba	3 February	Tuesday	Viking
21 January	Wednesday	Oakville	3 February	Tuesday	Midland
21 January	Wednesday	Oshawa	4 February	Wednesday	Guelph
22 January	Thursday	Toronto	8 February	Saturday	Northland & Timmins
24 January	Saturday	Belleville	3 March	Tuesday	Rameses Yacht



Above: Fashion design teachers Pat Taylor and Isabel Hewitson, students of the West Hill Design Fashion class, Ramoca Shrine Club President Dan Ward and Ramoca Shrine Club Oriental Band Nobles.

Ramoca Oriental Band receives new outfits

RAMOCA SHRINE CLUB

casual request to a teacher returned a great opportunity to the Ramoca Shrine Club Oriental Band. After the resurrection of the Band last year, after a decade long hiatus, the members decided that they would like new outfits.

An inquiry was made to the Fashion Design teacher at West Hill Secondary School in Owen Sound requesting their assistance in designing and making new outfits. The band members provided the material and one of the original outfits and the students completed the project.

This partnership was beneficial to both groups and the students learned that clothing design can take many different forms.

The Oriental Band looks forward to entering into other projects with the school if an opportunity presents itself in the future. The new outfits were worn with pride by the Ramoca Shrine Oriental band at the Brampton Spring Ceremonial.

Another successful Shriners Circus was presented at the Bayshore Community Centre in June. The Nobles of Ramoca Shrine Club assisted by Nobles from the Bruce Shrine Club of Mocha Temple sold programs and collected tickets. Assistant Rabban Noble Mel Runnalls and Ramoca Shrine Club 1st Vice President Paul Balogh spoke to the audience at each show.

Five of our Special ladies, Billie Grainger, Margaret Ramsay, Dianne Workman, Rose Ewles and Jessie George accompanied by Ambassador Noble Rob White and President Noble Dan Ward attended the Special ladies Luncheon at the temple on May 25. Our June Steak Barbeque was again held at the home of Noble Creighton Taylor. Nobles from Manito Shrine Club and Bruce Shrine Club enjoyed our hospitality.

The Ramoca Shrine Club Wheelers have been extremely busy organizing different venues to sell tickets for their 2008 fundraising venture. The winning numbers were announced at the Ramoca Shrine Club Pig Roast in August.

Time to get back to our special business

RAMESES CHANTERS ummer has come and gone. The circus has come and gone. The BBQs have come and gone. Now is the time to get back down to business again.

The Chanters are still welcoming new members, so to the new members that joined the Shrine at the Spring Ceremonial and the older members that attended, we hope you enjoyed our singing half as much as we enjoyed singing for you. Why don't you come and join us? We meet in Rameses Temple, bottom floor, on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month (except July and August). We are not professional singers, just Nobles that like to get together and sing and enjoy one another's company.

If you are not sure about us, come and visit us on a meeting night, have a cup of coffee and listen to us. Members are needed to make us a stronger Unit. You can belong to a Club and still belong the Chanters Unit.

A big reason for us wanting to expand now is that 2010 is going to be a very big year for Rameses Temple. Our very own, George Mitchell, becomes the Imperial Potentate and Rameses will be host to all the Temples in North and Central America. Naturally we want to be the best Temple that year and I'm sure Noble George will appreciate everything we can do to help make his year a complete success.

Won't you help? Call Bert Card, Director at 905 508-7306 or Sam Gilmore, President at 905 881-8145 for more information.

Drum Corps on parade

By Noble Derek B. Fisher P.P.

Captain Rameses Drum Corps realize that this is not the beginning of a new year but it always seems that when September arrives Rameses Shriners all come back to life with a new beginning. The Clubs and Units all resume meeting again and everything gets back into top gear. So it is with Rameses Drum Corps. Beginning with the first Tuesday in September we will restart our meetings and practicing.

During the summer the Drum Corps attended the Spring Ceremonial in Brampton with a full compliment of enthusiastic marching members despite the small crowds and heat. In St. Louis, for the Imperial Session, the Drum Corp was well represented with 14 members along with their Ladies. From crowd reaction it was evident that we were appreciated for our stirring music and upbeat performance. After the Parade the Drum Corps marched into the Hospitality Room at the Millennium Hotel for a short performance followed by the Mocha Temple Pipe Band who also gave a stirring rendition of Scottish music. Thank you so much Nobles.

Upon returning from St. Louis the Corps members have been busy supporting the Shrine Circus. It was during one of these performances that I met a new Shriner who expressed a desire to join a Unit. Needless to say I think the Drum Corps would be a perfect fit for him. In fact it would be a perfect fit for any of you new Shriners who are looking for a way to become more involved in Shrine activities. Unfortunately, some of our members have been under the weather and we wish them a speedy recovery and return to our ranks. To all Nobles, enjoy the balance of the summer.

Mark your calendars now for these special Court events

By Marjorie Young, PHP BOKHARA COURT #22, LOSNA hope everyone has had an enjoyable break and is now prepared to head back to our work for our Special Children and Court.

I will list a few of the projects that we have coming up and any interested persons can mark their calendars.

Great Lakes Unit Meet (GLUM) is Thursday, September, 25, 2008 returning Sunday, September 28, 2008 in Cleveland, Ohio, organized by Kheedawee Court #6. Ladies interested in attending please contact your Unit Leaders or Lady Donna Ervine at RR#2, Box 214, 16 Northview St. Cameron ON KOM 1G0 -Phone: 705-887-6437 or email: ervine@izoom.net.

Lady Patricia Martin, Associate Princess is planning an auto trip to the Shriners Hospital in Montreal to meet with our Special Children and the Administrator, Celine Doray. The trip will leave on Friday, October 3, 2008 and returning on Sunday, October 5, 2008. Lady Pat has another surprise that she will reveal at our Spring Tea booked for Sunday, March 8, 2009. If you would like more information please contact Lady Pat at 301-370 Concession St. Hamilton ON L9A 1B6 - Phone: 905-939-7650 or email: trishan@cogeco.ca

Lady Joan Phillips is working on her Sherway Gardens craft project running Thursday, October 23, 2008 through to Saturday, October 25, 2008, donations of crafts greatly appreciated. Lady Joan is also having a special opportunity, a registered numbered print of a Venetian Sunset by Anatole Krasnyanski along with other articles to be held Saturday, November 29, 2008, at the Official Visitation and Banquet of our Grand High Priestess, Lady Judith Cline-Junkins, more on this date to follow later. Lady Joan can be reached at Unit 16 - 955 King Road, Burlington ON L7T 4J6 - Phone: 905-681-6092.

Now that your calendars are filled, to our ill, including Lady Joan, get well soon. You are always in our thoughts.

Did you know?

By Noble Michael A. Parkes Papyrus Editor Uning a walk through of the Imperial Flea Market in St. Louis, I chanced upon a booth run by the Victory Junction Gang, a Hole in the Wall Camp.

I must admit I had never heard of them before but it did catch my interest as while talking with Carolyn A. Mullins, RN, MS, Director of Medical Communications I was informed that they work closely on many occasions with Shriners Hospitals. Their website is www.victoryjunction.org or http://www.holeinthewallcamps.org which I found to be very informative.

The following is taken from that website.

In the fall of 1988, actor Paul Newman's dream of opening a camp for children with serious medical conditions became a reality. By the following summer, children whose lives had been interrupted by illness were able to put their worries aside and enjoy a carefree camp experience. Soon thereafter. Hole in the Wall Camps expanded into a growing worldwide movement enabling children to recapture their childhood through the simple, but profound understanding that laughter is the best medicine.

Today, children across the globe who spend much of their time in hospitals and doctors' offices are attending Hole in the Wall Camps free of charge. For more than 20 years, the family of Hole in the Wall Camps has given over 119,000 children the chance to be a kid again.

Oakville very busy during our long, hot summer

By Noble Ken Lewis

OAKVILLE SHRINE CLUB

The Oakville Club has had a very active summer to say the least! In June, the Club participated at the Spring Ceremonial in Brampton.

We also did our part as Fire Wardens at several of the Shrine Circuses.

We held our annual BBQ, which was again a huge success, at the Oakville Power Boat Club courtesy of Noble Bill Bradley.

To end the month, several Nobles and their wives travelled down to the Imperial Session in St. Louis.

July found many of our Nobles, wives and guests at our 6th Annual Golf Tournament and Dinner at Saw Whet Golf Course in Oakville. A tip of the old Fez must go to Noble Nasir Awan for all his hard work in organizing the total event. Many thanks Nasir for a job well done.

Once again in August, Noble Marze Byramjee and his lovely wife Kermin, opened up their home for our annual Corn Roast. Many thanks to those Nobles who pitched in to help make the evening a great success. To those who missed this event, you really don't know what you missed!

Under Noble Doug Clouse's watchful eye and several loyal Nobles, the Club is still actively involved at the Bingo Centre.

Our Oakville Shrine Club is truly blessed with so many Nobles who will go that "extra mile" for the benefit of the Club. You may not see your name in lights, but rest assured, those children and their parents who need our help will say "Thank You".



Oakville pays tribute to one of its own

By Noble Ken Lewis

OAKVILLE SHRINE CLUB

he Oakville Club and Rameses Temple recently paid a special tribute to one of our own Club Members, Past President Marzi Byramjee and his Lady Kermin were the guests of honour seen here receiving a commemorative plaque from Club President Dave Warrington.

Marzi and Kermin were the driving force behind the planning and organizing an Oakville Club Gala Night which resulted in a \$61,000 contribution to the Shrine Hospital in Montreal.

To formally recognize their efforts on behalf of Rameses, Past Potentate Frederick G. Clarke also presented a plaque to recognize their work.

President Dave, in making the presentation, gave a brief outline of the planning and committee work that took place over a seven month period. He sincerely thanked them for their generosity and enthusiasm that kept the committee focused on the project.

Fred G. Clarke spoke about the Montreal Hospital and its plans for the future. As an Appointed Member of the Board of Governors for the Shriners Hospital for Children, he also explained some of the work that goes on behind the scenes of the Board and the decisions that must be made.

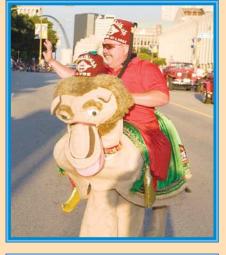
In closing, both Dave and Fred reiterated how wonderful the Shrine in general would be if we all had the enthusiasm of Marzi and Kermin.

Kawartha Shriner to receive prestigious award

KAWARTHA SHRINE CLUB

loyd Hill is to receive the Pathway of Fame Honours. Noble Lloyd Hill will be inducted into The Pathway of Fame on Saturday, September 13 at 10am at the Trentwinds Motor Hotel. He is being recognized as a Community Samaritan for work as a long time member of the Kawartha Shrine Club where he devoted himself to a long list of community projects. He served as the Club Ambassador sick and visiting chairman and President in the year 1993. He was also influential in providing support for youth soccer by the Shrine Club and his part as a Shrine clown provided many happy times for children.





Clockwise: The St.Louis arch welcomes Shriners from across our nations. Camel rides are all the rage. Scratching some of the wares at the Flea Market. A real mini, mini-van. Another Hillbilly Clan having too much fun. Drummers strut their stuff. Real horses please the crowd. Illustrious Sir waving to the spectators. One of our special children receives a visit.

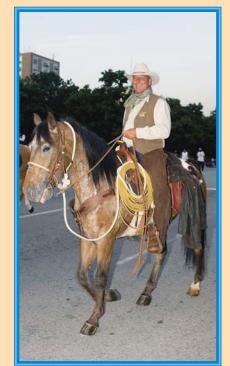




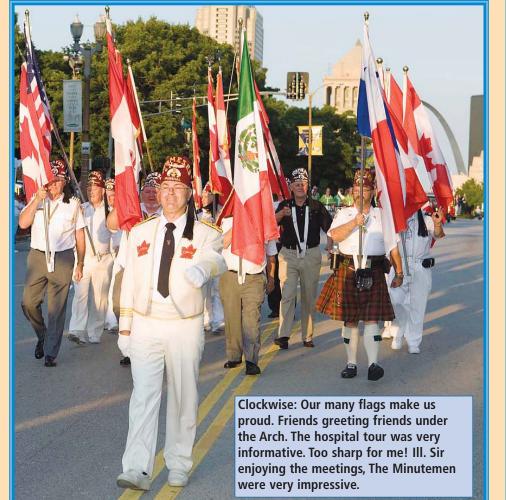
























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Daughters of the Nile Supreme Sessions held in Seattle

By Elaine Clare Flowers DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE

s I am writing this message in July for Sept, I sure do hope the rain has stopped by then and the cute webs between my toes have gone. In June we had our 92nd Annual Supreme Sessions, held in Seattle, Washington, where Supreme Queen Eleanor Green presided, she says one of her many highlights was when she added the SECOND million dollar plaque to the Shriners Hospital in Mexico City.

Oronto Temple No. 69 was well represented where there were 17 members in attendance along with our very own Queen Elaine McLea.

There are congratulations in the air for Oronto Temple No. 69 with our appointed Supreme positions for the ensuing year.

Past Supreme Queen M. Rhona Kerr, Ambassador at Large, Northeast Area, Past Supreme Queen Sharalyn Winiger, Chairman Finance Comm., Vice Chairman Membership Public Relations Comm., Manual of Procedures, Past Queen Marilyn Neilson, Supreme Good Will Ambassador, Northeast Area, Past Queen Donella McKeever, Member of the Action Team, Past Queen Peggy Johnson-Heggy and Past Queen Margaret Ironside,

Directory Changes

Page 8 - Chaplain Rev. Dr. David Paul Hardie's address changed to: 328 Brewery Lane, Orillia, On L3V 7H6, Phone (705)259-0706, Fax (705)259-1603 e-mail abbagdoc@rogers.com.

Page 32 - Gordon Culbert is no longer the Secretary. John Chamberlaine took up the position. Address 8-7460 County Rd. 91, Stayner, ON, LOM 2SO, Phone 705-428-5601, e-mail: jchamb3877@hotmail.com Noble Allen Young's address changed (he is the secretary of St. Catharines Shrine Club). 6 1/2 Smythe Street, St. Catharines, ON, L2P 2G8 Phone 905-228-3725 or Cell: 905-988-0056, e-mail: blueforest02@aol.com The secretary of Sheba Shrine Club resigned and Treasurer Gerry Anderson

took up his post for the remainder of 2008.

Supreme Temple Escorts to Canadian Flag, and Past Queen Audry deBeaupre, Escort to the Supreme Temple Banner. Big congratulations Ladies, you do us all proud.

On Thursday evening the Installation of officers for 2008-09 took place, where Past Queen Muriel Knapp was installed as our new Supreme Queen, of the Daughters of the Nile, Supreme Queen Muriel flew into the building over the rainbow holding her Parasol, wearing her beautiful sky blue dress and ruby red slippers, WOW! what an entrance.

There is never enough time for the grass to grow under any of our feet as we are always on the move at Oronto Temple No. 69, there has been a Garden Party, BBQ, and a Corn Roast, I sure hope I didn't miss any group socials.

That takes us to the end of August. Our Supreme Queens visit will be September, 16th.

Now to the big Fall event in October. Ladies of the Household, please invite family members, husbands, partners, friends to our fabulous Fall Pie Making Extravaganza, bring your knives, peelers rolling pins, we guarantee great conversation, fun and lots of laughter.

These pies are made from real apples, no tin pie filling for the Daughters of the Nile pies.

Mark your calendars for our Annual Turkey Dinner and Auction, November 16th 20008.



Above: Nobles Don Bellamy, John Cumin, Bob Russell, Roy Mackay with the under 10 girls Soccer Team and their coaches.

Firemen's Unit get a kick out of Soccer

KAWARTHA SHRINE CLUB

arrying on the tradition of the Shrine to support local youth soccer, the Kawartha Firemen's Unit has two teams in the local league. This brings the total for the

Kawartha Shrine Club to 4 teams.

Lloyd Hill, in his year as President, started this at the direction of the then Potentate, Boyd E. Dixon.

This has been a very good way to promote the involvement of the Shrine Club in our local community.

The Shriners attend soccer games and, by wearing their fez, make people aware of who we are and what we do in the local area. This provides an excellent time to talk to the parents and promote the Shrine Hospitals and the Shrine Club for new members.

Membership

By Noble Ivan A. G. Tees

O ur goals set for new membership in the 2008 drive have not met the expected requirements, so we will return to the previous plan: Each Shriner get a new member this year! As this is the same plan that has failed in the past and reduced our membership from 1,000,000 to less than 200,000, I'm being very optimistic with that number.

Why do we continue to make excuses as to why we can't get new members? Reality is, we don't have enough "Product Knowledge or Skill" to obtain the request for an application.

As we are approaching the fall hunting season, what if it was announced that this year we will be having "duck dinners" for Thanksgiving? Oh yes, you have to shoot your own ducks! I can tell you right now, there would be a lot of vegetarians for the dinner.

Why? It should be easy to shoot a duck, after all you are using a shotgun and the shot spread all over the intended target area, how could you possibly miss? Also you have a second shot as you pull the trigger again, still no ducks down? What went wrong? As with Shrine membership hunts. lack of skill in several areas of crucial importance in getting that duck, or member.

In the above scenario, even if you did hit the duck it would go down over a pond so without a dog or a canoe you probably won't get it for dinner.



So here we go:

- 1. I'm going to need a boat or canoe and knowledge as how to use it.
- 2. Where will I find a spot to hunt? Pond, lake or water area where ducks live.
- 3. I'll need some duck decoys to put out and build a duck blind to sit in.
- 4. When I see the ducks flying in, I'll need a duck call to attract them to my decoys.
- 5. As they approach, resist the temptation to shoot until they are well within range.
- 6. Don't shoot directly at the ducks, lead them about 10 feet and keep the gun swinging as you shoot.
- 7. Now aren't you glad you have that retriever dog, and he will be thrilled to get the duck.
- 8. Oh, I forgot, you have to get up at 4:00am to get out there, build a duck blind and get set up How does this relate to Shrine Membership?

First off the mark, you will need some knowledge of your product, what the Hospitals achieve and the cost of maintaining these: (Duck Hunters need a canoe and know how to use it)

Where to hunt for that member? As a Shriner, if you are not "active" in your Craft Lodge your success rate is going to be questionable, the Lodge is your pond. Like the duck hunter our ponds are extremely limited, Master Masons only!

And a dwindling pond it is with many of the ducks apparently not so well fed!

The Shrine provides lots of great decoys in the form of colourful literature and pocket application forms for the final shots. As the duck hunter, use a call to duty to this Master Mason, the "would you give if it was within your power?"

As you sense they are getting close enough invite them to see our CDs and be prepared to show them, preferably with their wife as they appreciate our efforts as well. Also with her presence you have maternal instinct on your side, you may need it to break loose the \$300 plus to join. Promise her continuing happiness, lots of fun times, hey, you're married you must remember how this works!

OK he's in range! Now Shoot! If he only looks wounded shoot again you have two shots. I'll bet you just got a member! Knowledge is the key to success in any sale and here are some interesting facts for your hunting ammunition.

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The killer shot! These Shrine Hospitals cost \$1,600,000 DAILY to operate and this is raised entirely by our Shrine Organization. **Brother we need your help!**

Some of the Nobles and Ladies who recently visited the Chicago Hospital for Children



Credit Valley visits Chicago Hospital for Children

CREDIT VALLEY SHRINE CLUB

t the appointed time, Shriners from the Credit Valley Shrine Club, Leaside Shrine Club as well as the Guelph Shrine Club boarded the bus and began the 10-hour drive to Chicago, Illinois where a visit to the Shriners Hospital for Children had been arranged. This was the fourth consecutive year that the Credit Valley Shrine Club had arranged a visit to one of the hospitals. The others that had taken place included; Erie PA, the Canadian Unit in Montreal and the Hospital in Springfield MA,

The trip there was uneventful and the usual stops for refreshments were made and we actually cleared the border for entry into the United States in about 1 hour. Upon arrival at the Comfort Inn Suites and being assigned our rooms we were left to our own devices for supper. Some members of the party availed themselves of the Karaoke event being staged in the hotel pub.

We all gathered at the appointed hour, boarded the bus and made out way to the Hospital where we were greeted by Illustrious Sir Kenny J. Frank, Potentate of Medinah Shrine located in Addison, Illinois just outside Chicago, he welcomed us warmly and invited us to come to the Shrine Centre upon completing our visit. Just as we entered the hospital one of the special guests, a young boy, scooted past us in his own custom designed motor scooter that was less than 2 feet high followed by what appeared to be an anxious parent.

We assembled in the auditorium where the administrator and chief of staff explained the workings of the 60-bed unit together with some of their plans for the future. The hospital was established over 80 years ago and it specializes in scoliosis, spinal cord injuries, craniofacial abnormalities including cleft lip and palate as well as other pediatric orthopedic problems.

The group was then split into three smaller groups and toured the facilities accompanied by a Hospital Usher from the Medinah Shrine. One of these Ushers explained the young boy from Greece was severely crippled and his family had been told by medical authorities in Greece that there was nothing to be done for him and that the boy would never walk on his own.

A relative in Chicago who was a Mason contacted the Hospital and managed to have his medical history forwarded to the Chicago Hospital. Doctors there examined the material sent to them and decided that the boy should be flown to the United States for treatment. He was brought into the unit on a hospital gurney and after 16 months of treatment including extensive physiotherapy was able to walk out of the Hospital under his own power and with no assistance. All this was accomplished without any surgeries being done.

The group then partook of a nice luncheon that had been arranged by the hospital and we re-boarded the bus and went to the Medinah Shrine Centre. We all toured the Shrine Centre and were suitably impressed as it was built at a cost of \$14,000,000 taken from the sale of a downtown business block that was home to the Shriners in Chicago for over 100 years.

All were suitably impressed that the Shrine Centre was in fact mortgage free, as the cost of the new building was less than what had been received from the sale of the old quarters.

Some of the group then joined a race day celebration that was under way in the auditorium as this was Kentucky Derby day while those who wished to do so went shopping.

The activities having ended we boarded the bus to return to the hotel to freshen up and then went on to Chantlers Restaurant where a buffet dinner had been arranged. We arrived somewhat late as our navigator got confused as to the exact address.

Supper we retreated to the Hotel for socializing etc.

Sunday saw us board the bus for the return trip and again it was uneventful except for the fact that we cleared Canadian Immigration and Customs in less than 5 minutes.

Many thanks go to Noble Don Thomson and Lady Maureen for their tireless devotion and effort in arranging another successful trip and all are looking forward to next year. All who went, and toured the Hospital were impressed, reinvigorated and had renewed enthusiasm with respect to helping our Special Children. The Potentate, Fll. Sir Brian U. Davenport invites you, your family and friends to the Ranch House for his

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Sudbury Shriners honoured to attend Decoration Day

By Noble Roy Eaton

President of The Royal Canadian Legion Branch #177, Little Current and member of the Haweater Unit of the Sudbury Shrine Club

n June 1, 2008 members of the Sudbury Shrine Club and the Haweater Unit of the Sudbury Shrine Club attended Decoration Day on Manitoulin Island. The Haweater Unit which is composed of Shriners from Manitoulin Island had attended this service and Remembrance Day services for a number of years, parading together with and marching in support of the remaining veterans and placing wreaths on behalf of Shriners everywhere.

The history of Decoration Day goes back to April 25, 1866 when, in Columbus, Mississippi, a group of women visited a cemetery to decorate the graves of Confederate soldiers who had fallen in battle at Shiloh. Nearby were the graves of Union soldiers, neglected because they were the enemy. Disturbed at the sight of the bare graves, the women placed some of their flowers on those graves, as well.

In the US, in 1868 the first official Decoration Day or Memorial Day as it soon would be called was held. At that ceremony these words were spoken: "This Memorial Day, on which we decorate their graves with the tokens of love and affection, brings back to our minds in all their vividness the fearful conflicts of that terrible war in which they fell as victims."

On Manitoulin Island, Decoration Day received its start in 1921. Veterans and citizens traveled across the island starting in Wikwemikong in the east and Meldrum Bay in the west, ending at Monument Corners in Spring Bay where a combined service was held. Along the way, they placed flowers and tokens of remembrance on the graves of departed soldiers.

Today on Manitoulin, instead of laying flowers or flags on individual graves, we lay wreaths in front of the cenotaph to recognize and pay our respects in memory of those who served in the Canadian Forces both in time of war and in peace.

With the conclusion of the service at the main cenotaph, the parade marched across to Memorial Gardens where a wreath was laid in front of the Women's Memorials. The attached picture was taken in front of these Memorials.

Each year as the ranks of our veterans decrease, the contingent in front of the reviewing stand gets less and less. With the Nobles in Shrine dress jackets and Fez, it added so much. There were numerous compliments from veterans and the public on their presence and how much the Shriners support of the ceremony meant to them.







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Maid of the Mist sailing in the Shrine's busy parade schedule

The Niagara Shrine Club Degree Team was hard at work before retiring for the summer having installed two Masters, Imperial Sir George Mitchell, Perfection Lodge and Noble Carl Smith, Mountain Lodge. The Maid had a busy spring schedule sailing to Mocha's Ceremonial Parade; unfortunately it was rained out and to the Rose Parade in Welland, for their 150th anniversary celebrations.

She also sailed up to Brampton for our Spring Ceremonial. After docking at the hotel to pick up the crew we arrived at the staging area to find it almost filled with a vast assortment of floats and Units, what a turn out! Good thing a water vender was around as the temperature climbed steadily until the parade ended, glad I was navigating not marching.

The annual golf tournament welcomed our fun loving Potentate and the Oriental Guide to a sunny and hot day, just under a \$1,000 was raised and donated to the Montreal Hospital. A better turn out next year from the Nobility will increase this donation.

June, our annual steak fry meeting had the usual large turn out; don't know if it's the cheap price for dinner or as it's the last meeting before summer recess. Who cares it nice to see the Club filled to the rafters

Five adventurous Nobles with their wives sailed off to St Louis on the Maid and in the van. They spent one overnight before arriving to a sunny view of the Arch and the high water level on the Mississippi, glad we missed all the rain the Midwest had earlier.

St. Louis put out the welcome mat with great accommodations, some fantastic restaurants, (we found a few unusual ones) and what looked like a new Convention Centre and Busch Stadium ball park.

The parade was well organized and got off on time with great many Units and the streets were lined with cheering



spectators, lots with Canadian flags (I wonder why). Our immediate past President Ted made his bows from the bow while steering his way through town.

The Maid reverted back to her old life as a bus when she carried 27 grateful parade participants back to the hotel. Included were a group from Medinah Temple in Chicago.

Summer recess is at an end; hope you all had a good one; now back to work, get a Mason out to join the fun!

Spring and summer is the time for Shrine parades

By Noble Ken Northey MUSKOKA SHRINE CLUB

Summer seems to be the time for parades, starting with the Spring Ceremonial in Brampton.

Many of our Nobles and their Ladies attended and enjoyed all the festivities and we also welcomed another new Noble, Ron Ritchie, to our Club.

In July Nobles Bruce Fraser and Tom Brooks were honoured to carry Canadian Flags in St Louis at the Imperial Parade.

We are now participating in parades honouring anniversaries of local communities as well as Fall Fair Parades.

July was also the time for our Annual Surf & Turf and at that time Noble President John Morrison presented Chief Rabban Ray Causton with a cheque for \$12,000 to be split between Shriners Hospital and the Rameses Transportation

Fund.

In August we are holding a magic show fundraiser. In previous years this has been held as a fundraiser for our local Kinsman Club.

As this Club no longer exists we have decided to carry on the tradition of providing this entertainment for local families and hope to be as successful as they were.

August is also the time for our annual corn roast and in September we are honouring our Ladies with a special day away to St. Jacobs, closely followed by the 5th Annual Ken Kaye Memorial Golf Tournament on September 19th. The organizing committee for the tournament under Chairman Noble Ron Austin is already hard at work planning the event and it looks like it will again be a sell out. By the time you are reading this, summer will be over and our fall and winter activities under way.

We hope some of you will come and join us either at our special functions or regular meetings.

Scooters wanted

The Kingston and District Shrine Club are looking to rekindle their Scooter Patrol as a division of their Parade Unit.

If any Nobles who have, or know of a Noble who has and is no longer using their scooter, a number of Nobles in Kingston are interested in acquiring scooters.

Call David at 613-531-0931 or e-mail at dcowankingston@angelassociates.com



Hillbillies excel at turning work into a fun time

By Noble Cuzin' Barry L. Jones HILLBILLY SHRINE CLUB

G from all of us at the Rameses Hillbilly Shrine Club and Hillbilly Clan 46.

First off, I would like to express my sincerest thank you to those who have sent along compliments on the Hillbilly columns which appear in each Papyrus. Your kindness makes my 'work' less difficult.

We at the Hillbilly Club/Clan 46 have been doing many parades this Spring and early Summer. We, along with what must have been a record turnout of Shrine Units and Clubs, attended the Spring Ceremonial in Brampton. The general question, however, seemed to be: 'where were all the parade spectators?' If it wasn't for the Shrine Units and Clubs, the streets would have been empty.

As the parade went down main street one store owner remarked, 'what's going on?' Apparently she, like almost everybody else, had no idea about the special occasion. Sad, indeed and let's hope all our future endeavours will be given the red-carpet treatment by those in charge.

The Hillbilly Club/Clan 46 also took part in civic parades - East York during the morning of July 1st, then over to Scarborough for the night parade. July 1st fell on a Tuesday - someone must have been following the Neo-Druid calendar!

Also paraded in such exotic places as Highland Creek's Festival; Oshawa's Arts Festival; Alliston's Potato Festival and the Dundas Cactus Festival. With the large crowds it seemed as though much community pre-advertising was done.

Folks were cheering us on and especially showing their appreciation to Shriners and for what we all do for our Shriners Hospitals for Children and of course those very special little folks for whom we care. Shrine Clubs always receive a warm welcome and for we Hillbillies, it is great to parade to the sound of the crowds clapping their hands and tapping their toes to the melodious sounds of the Hillbilly Club bluegrass music.

By the way, our new Hillbilly Club float is truly a marvel of engineering plus a BIG bonus - the roof doesn't leak. Shriners and Hillbillies parading and having fun are what our fraternity is all about.

Now, if that isn't reason enough for YOU to get actively involved in a Club or Unit (and of course if your health, etc. permits) what it is you want as a Shriner and from Shrinedom? That's a question only you can answer, so if you are getting tired of sitting around telling your friends you are a Shriner (at least in name only) and want to add a meaningful reason for being so, the Hillbilly Club/Clan 46 offers an open invitation to you Hillbilly Degree 'graduates' and Shriners in general to come along and participate in some or all of our parades. You don't have to be 'fancy like us' but just bring along your favourite Hillbilly hat, clothes, your favourite waving hand and of course your desire to have fun.

Parading with us doesn't require you to walk or march - unless you wish to do so because you can always ride the parade route on our comfortable float (seating will remind you of your favourite chair at home).

In September the monthly meetings of our Club will resume and if you would like to sit in on a meeting and see what we are all about, please drop in to the 'Fez' Room in the lower level at the Rameses Shrine Temple, 3100 Keele Street on the fourth Mondays beginning at 7:30 PM.

We ask you bring along your Fez and also kindly request you wash your feet and wear clean socks (shoes optional). Casual dress is the norm. Our past practice of asking guests to wear tuxedos is no longer followed - we discovered many of our members mistook them for waiters and kept asking them to 'go fetch some cold lemonade for me'.

Information regarding our Club, parades, etc., can be had from one of the members listed below, so don't be shy. No doubt reading this column has peaked your interest, so why not check us out? Folks, if you wish not to parade with us, please at least consider attending some of the parades we and other Shriner Units and Clubs are in and just cheer us on and enjoy the opportunity of listening to the soft, melodious sound of bluegrass music. When was the last time YOU tapped your toes?

NOTE: Another annual Gathering of the Clan and famous Chowdown is planned for Saturday, September 27th, 2008 in Kirkfield, Ontario. Although once known as the Hillbilly Degree and Chowdown, we have really progressed thus the new name. Gosh, it won't be long before we are no longer known as Hillbillies, but Hill-Williams!

Anyway folks, look for more information (ie: promotions) or contact Noble Bob 'Preacher Bob' O'Brien at 705-438-3863 or one of those listed below, but make plans for you and your betterhalf to partake of the famous Hillbilly Degree and at the same time enjoy a great day of fresh air, country setting, fine socializing and tasty Hillbilly food. Become part of the North American recognized Hillbilly Degree.

Bring your own lawn chairs please. Cuzin' David Davidge is selling his house in Scarborough, so if interested, contact him. By the way, he tells me it was only two years ago he replaced all the tires.

To all Shriners and/or their families presently experiencing less than perfect health, our best wishes and prayers are with you and we hope you will soon be back sitting on your front porch saying 'howdy' to your friends and neighbours. For now, dear readers, I will say 'g'day' and may the Good Lord take a liking to you.

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