

**Rameses Illustrious Potentate  
John Domonkos and Lady Elizabeth  
wish all the Nobility, their  
families and friends, a  
Merry Christmas, Happy  
Hanukkah, and a Happy  
and Healthy 2025**



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**Saturday, April 12, 2025**

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## Potentate's Message

### *ILLUSTRIOUS SIR JOHN DOMONKOS POTENTATE 2024*

**A**s we approach the close of another year, I am filled with gratitude and pride in what we have accomplished together. It has been an honour to serve as your Potentate, and I want to thank each member of Rameses Shriners for your unwavering support and dedication throughout this busy and fulfilling year.

It has been a great pleasure for me and First Lady Elizabeth to travel throughout our Jurisdiction visiting all the Clubs and Units. It was my pleasure attending your Functions and meeting the Nobles and their Ladies and making new friends.

We have worked tirelessly to support our mission and to keep our promise to the children at Shriners Hospital for Children - Canada. I am grateful for your collective effort, ensuring that our commitment to these children and their families remains as strong as ever. Their wellbeing and the vital work done at the Hospital are at the heart of all we do, and our ongoing support has a profound impact on their lives. Please never forget that we are the World's Largest and Greatest Philanthropy, thanks to your dedication and hard work, with one purpose, our kids in our Shriners Childrens Hospital. We must continue to bring back that "Fun and Fellowship" reminding our Nobles and our Brethren that we are Masons first, Shriners second. Help us to take our Masons and turn them into Shriners. Get them involved with their Ladies and families.

I had the pleasure to bring on the plane Bobby-Jo Wright, a Shrine Patient carried by a Shriner, who also carried her crutches, that became the famous "Silent Messenger". Thank you, Noble Florin Popa, our Chief Pilot.

To Prevent our declining membership, remember that your Active Participation is very important. Retention is our major problem due to our lack of mentorship. Do not just sponsor members and ignore them, get involved with them, mentor them and you may also have Fun, and it can make an impact on our beloved organization. Nobles, if we want to Survive, we must change our ways of doing things.

Potentate's Ball was well Attended: Thanks to Noble John Neil and Lady Peggy for organizing our Potentate's Banquet at the Sheraton Centre with all their committees. It was well attended, and everyone received a Picture of their visit. Special thank you to Lady Elizabeth for supplying all the Ladies with a beautiful Necklace. Our Hospitality Room was decorated with an Airplane Theme with actual Airplane Parts.

Spring Ceremonial, Niagara Falls: I would like to express my gratitude to Director General, Noble Dave Gillies, and President, Noble Richard Shave, and your Committee for Hosting our Spring Ceremonial at the Niagara Shrine Club. I thank you for all your hard work and dedication Nobles and Ladies, making it a successful event and even making money. During the Presentation of the Cheques at the Banquet we raised over \$530,000.00. Thank you, to all the Clubs and Units, for your hard work and your dedication, and I will be eternally grateful with all the Children in our Shriners Children Hospital- Montreal. The Ladies Luncheon was well attended and First Lady Elizabeth donated 100 Red Ladies Scarfs with picture of Bobby-Jo Wright.

The 150<sup>th</sup> Imperial Session in Reno, Nevada, was well attended, and the Parade was enjoyed by all the public. The Shriners International is based on two corporations. The Iowa Corporation operates our fraternity, and the Colorado Corporation operates the Shriners Hospitals. Thanks to our Founders Unit for bringing their 1888 Streetcar and my Chariot to Reno, Nevada. We had a wonderful and busy time. We voted on many issues facing us at the International Shriners Sessions, Iowa Corporation and the Colorado Corporation. I would like to thank Noble Drew Ward for looking after the Ladies on the Bus Tour to Lake Tahoe organized by First Lady Elizabeth.

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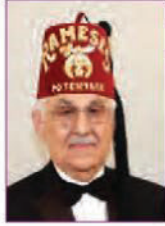
**"WE FLY HIGH FOR OUR KIDS" - LET'S SPREAD OUR WINGS IN 24**

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THE EVENTS STATED IN THIS CALENDAR MAY HAVE BEEN POSTPONED OR CANCELLED. PLEASE CONFIRM WITH THE CLUB/UNIT PRIOR TO ATTENDING

DATE	HOST	DESCRIPTION	PLACE	TIME
<b>December 2024</b>				
8 December	Rameses HQ	Rameses Carol Service	Rameses HQ	2:00 PM
<b>January 2025</b>				
4 January	Rameses HQ	Stated Meeting Elections, Installations, Banner Exchange	Rameses HQ	12:30 PM
<b>February 2025</b>				
28 February	Rameses HQ	Rameses Business Session	Rameses HQ	7:30 PM

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# 2024 SHRINERS LOTTERY RESULTS

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AND ON THE WEB SITE: [www.ramesesshriners.ca](http://www.ramesesshriners.ca)

## Shriners Lottery September 19, 2024 Draw 38

2907	L. SMITH	PERTH	TIMMINS	1000
0480	T. HICKS	ST. CATHARINES	ST. CATHARINES	500
0462	G. ARNDT	THOROLD	ST. CATHARINES	250
0835	F. NEALE	BARRIE	SHEBA	250
0853	P. WALES	EVERETT	SHEBA	250
0913	A. MOORE	BARRIE	SHEBA	250
1517	B. BUSSELL	GEORGETOWN	CREDIT VALLEY	100
2061	N. CRAWFORD	STEVENSVILLE	NIAGARA	100
2409	M. MARSHALL	WATERDOWN	WAUBUNO	100
2845	R. MCVOR	SUDBURY	SUDBURY	100
3161	B. EANS	SEVERN	ORILLIA	100

## Shriners Lottery September 26, 2024 Draw 39

1839	A. EMMERSON	KINGSTON	KINGSTON	1000
3523	D. PENFOLD	POINTE AU BARIL	FIREFIGHTERS	500
1215	R. BROOKES	BRAMPTON	KINGSWAY	250
1847	O. NUNGESSER	BELLEVILLE	KINGSTON	250
1924	G. FULLER	CREEMORE	MANITO	250
3043	M. KOSSOWSKI	OAKVILLE	OAKVILLE	250
1187	J. BELL	ANNAN	FOUNDERS	100
1744	M. MACARTHUR	KOMOCO	KAWARTHA	100
1771	B. KERR	NEWMARKET	KAWARTHA	100
2210	R. REGIER	PORT ELGIN	RAMOCA	100
2639	J. SKIPPEN	SHEGUIANDAH	SUDBURY	100

## Shriners Lottery October 3, 2024 Draw 40

1013	M. WEBB	TINY	MIDLAND	1000
0078	N. ZARAFONITIS	TORONTO	FOUNDERS	500
1618	T. MACKAY	GUELPH	GUELPH	250
2446	J. SHINKARUK	BRAMPTON	WAUBUNO	250
2462	R. BEAGAN	PARRY SOUND	WAUBUNO	250
2751	B. STODDART	SUDBURY	SUDBURY	250
0336	A. DAVEY	SARNIA	MUSKOKA	100
0571	V. CODATO	MISSISSAUGA	DIXON	100
1266	J. BENNETT	STONEY CREEK	HAMILTON	100
1837	S. MCEWAN	KINGSTON	KINGSTON	100
3631	T. ENGEL	NOTTAWA	MANITO	100

## Shriners Lottery October 10, 2024 Draw 41

1968	L. MACDONALD	CREEMORE	MANITO	1000
1980	L. OBRECHT	OAKVILLE	MANITO	500
2003	L. WILLIAMS	RIDGWAY	NIAGARA	250
2454	A. DRAYSCOTT	PARRY SOUND	WAUBUNO	250
2832	S. KHOURY	SUDBURY	SUDBURY	250
2892	J. TOMCHAK	MCDougALL	PROVOST	250
1045	S. MOORE	BRACEBRIDGE	MUSKOKA	100
1289	B. KAHLER	PETROLIA	RAMESES	100
2882	I. GROULX	SOUTH PORCUPINE	TIMMINS	100
3075	R. CLOUSE	OAKVILLE	OAKVILLE	100
3369	S. BELANGER	MATTAWA	RORAB	100

## Shriners Lottery October 17, 2024 Draw 42

3354	B. LISMANIS	ST. CATHARINES	PT. COLBORNE	1000
1383	J. DONALDSON	OSHAWA	ALGONQUIN	500
1395	C. MULLET	BANCROFT	ALGONQUIN	250
1411	D. MARSHALL	GEORGETOWN	CREDIT VALLEY	250
3106	S. ESTEVES	OAKVILLE	OAKVILLE	250
3559	L. NORRIS	MARKHAM	KEYSTONE KOPPS	250
1231	B. BATH	MISSISSAUGA	PEEL	100
1985	V. MACDONALD	TORONTO	MANITO	100
2019	D. WARD	ST. CATHARINES	NIAGARA	100
2237	B. & D. MADILL	SOUTH BRUCE	RAMOCA	100
		PENINSULA		
3030	G. & M. TYNDALE	TRENT LAKES	NORTHLAND	100

## Shriners Lottery October 24, 2024 Draw 43

0154	J. DEVOST	MARTEN RIVER	MUSKOKA	1000
3176	B. EVANS	SEVERN	ORILLIA	500
1531	B. ROGERS	GUELPH	GUELPH	250
1810	G. GRIFE / S. GRAY	KINGSTON	KINGSTON	250
2099	A. BETTS	BOLTON	TECUMSEH	250
2620	L. BAYER	MINDEMOYA	SUDBURY	250
0051	R. BARKER	BELLEVILLE	BELLEVILLE	100
0224	J. REILLY	BRACEBRIDGE	MUSKOKA	100
1839	A. EMMERSON	KINGSTON	KINGSTON	100
2598	D. & D. BRODERICK	MISSISSAUGA	WAUBUNO	100
2802	G. MALTBY	SUDBURY	SUDBURY	100

## Shriners Lottery October 31, 2024 Draw 44

2429	K. HODGSON	POINTE AU BARIL	WAUBUNO	1000
2285	N. LLOYD	THORNBURY	RAMOCA	500
0322	B. THALER	BRACEBRIDGE	MUSKOKA	250
1111	S. SIMPSON	CAMPBELLFORD	TRENT VALLEY	250
2287	R. & I. SMITH	BRAMPTON	RAMOCA	250
3269	T. & C. MCCOMISH	OSHAWA	OSHAWA	250
0137	V. COCHRANE	BRACEBRIDGE	MUSKOKA	100
0234	B. GREEN	ORILLIA	MUSKOKA	100
1994	R. GILPIN	STAYNER	MANITO	100
2928	R. DEBORAH	TIMMINS	TIMMINS	100
3335	L. LAYNE	WELLAND	PT. COLBORNE	100

## Shriners Lottery November 7, 2024 Draw 45

2221	D. WEBB	OWEN SOUND	RAMOCA	1000
0239	S. FINCH	BRACEBRIDGE	MUSKOKA	500
0453	F. & L. BROWN	RIDGWAY	ST. CATHARINES	250
1456	M. GOODJOHN	EAST GARAFAXA	CREDIT VALLEY	250
1525	J. GILLHAM	GEORGETOWN	CREDIT VALLEY	250
3563	J. LAJEUNESSE	THORNHILL	KEYSTONE KOPPS	250
0250	E. & M. TAYLOR	BRACEBRIDGE	MUSKOKA	100
1345	K. HUNTER	GOODERHAM	ALGONQUIN	100
1957	C. TUCKER	COLLINGWOOD	MANITO	100
2778	E. COMEAU	SUDBURY	SUDBURY	100
2993	S. ORR	TIMMINS	TIMMINS	100

## Shriners Lottery November 14, 2024 Draw 46

1261	D. AMIS	WOODBIDGE	HAMILTON	1000
2635	S. KELLER	MINDEMOYA	SUDBURY	500
0373	P. LOUISA FITZROY	HARBOUR	MUSKOKA	250
0954	D. CRONDER	STAYNER	MANITO	250
2311	C. RONCHIADIN	OWEN SOUND	RAMOCA	250
3536	J. FIOR	PARRY SOUND	FIREFIGHTERS	250
0024	G. STEVENSON	CARRYING PLACE	BELLEVILLE	100
0808	K. SCOTT	BARRIE	SHEBA	100
2296	D. JOHNSON	MEAFORD	RAMOCA	100
2301	M. O'LEARY	SHALLOW LAKE	RAMOCA	100
3312	M. R. LAMB	CAMPBELLFORD	OSHAWA	100

## Shriners Lottery November 21, 2024 Draw 47

1187	J. BELL	ANNAN	FOUNDERS	1000
1341	J. LISTER	MAYNOOTH	ALGONQUIN	500
0535	G. DI NOLA	MISSISSAUGA	DIXON	250
2079	T. D. ANFORTH	COBOURG	RAMESES	250
3222	J. LINK	BEAVERTON	ORILLIA	250
3458	K. & C. PYE	GEORGETOWN	CREDIT VALLEY	250
0054	R. CLEMMER	BANCROFT	BELLEVILLE	100
1281	E. MORRISON	BRAMPTON	MORRISON	100
1881	J. REVELL-WESTCOTT	KINGSTON	KINGSTON	100
2128	M. MOODY / T. PETERS	MOUNT ALBERT	NEWBEAVER	100
2783	B. NESTER	SUDBURY	SUDBURY	100

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## RECORDER'S CORNER

BY ILLUSTRIOUS SIR BRYAN W. LAWSON, P.P.  
*Recorder*

The cool weather is now here and the leaves have now fallen. This signals the end of our fall weather and soon winter will be here. The Club elections have started and next years dues are now due. I hope 2025 is a banner year for Rameses Shriners.

Sadly, it is also the time of year when we get a large number of demits because the dues have gone up. It does not seem to matter if it is \$50.00 or \$15.00. Every time we have an increase no matter how small we have demits. Rameses Shriners has now dropped below 1900 members. Less members means less money to run our operation.

On the other hand, many Lodges are very busy initiating new members and we may see some of them become Shriners down the road.

Since my last message we lost another member of the Rameses Shrine family in the person of ShouLin Singleton, wife of our Quartermaster Steve. What can I say. She was always smiling and willing to help whenever asked. She was the longest serving lady on the Appointed Divan and will be missed by everyone who knew her. We extend our sincere condolences to Steve on the loss of his wife and best friend.

Over the last 8 years one of the things that was important to me

Nobles, as I look back on 2024, I would like to thank all of you hard working Nobles who made this year a very enjoyable year. It is you Nobles that make Rameses Shriners what it is, which is one of the best Temples in all of Shrinedom. Together we can start to increase membership. Someone once said alone we can run fast but together we can run much further. I would like to wish you and your families a very

as Recorder was protocol and due to Covid and a number of other factors I still have not succeeded on bringing back all the little things that over the years Rameses Shriners has been know for. Simple things like Divan members, Elected and Appointed should be dressed the same. Normally two pins. The Potentates and Imperial Potentates if you have one. It should be considered a uniform. This somewhat extends to all Shriners; your jacket should not be a billboard and pins of Past Potentates should be removed unless it is your own pin. At Imperial Sessions when attending the sessions all Rameses Shriners should be dressed to the standard of the Imperial Officers which is Jacket and Tie. This is just a few of the things that makes Rameses Shriners a leader in all of Shrinedom.

At the end of this Shrine year, it is my intention to retire as Recorder and I thank all the Nobles that worked so hard for the Shrine during my time in office. To all the secretaries you are the members who keep the Club's business on track. I also thank all the Nobles who have sent such nice messages after hearing that I was leaving and also the ones who have been trying to convince me that I should stay on for a few more years.

I would like to thank my wife Lady Ingrid for her support during the past 8 years while she traveled to many Shrine functions and Imperial Sessions and all the things that helped me complete my duties.

It is time for me to spend more time with family and get back to some of the other things which I also enjoy. I will still be a very active Shriner and continue to support Rameses Shriners.

Stay safe, and enjoy being a Shriner.



## TREASURER'S REPORT

BY ILLUSTRIOUS SIR JIM MCKINNEY, P.P.  
*Treasurer*

happy holiday season and a happy, healthy and prosperous 2025.



## WEBB'S WUNDERINGS

BY NOBLE MICHAEL WEBB  
*High Priest & Prophet*

As we look to close out the year 2024 at our Temple, it amazes me that time flies so fast. I seems like yesterday I was campaigning and now I am completing my second year on the Divan. 2024 was a fun year with lots of change. Under the guidance of our Potentate and the Divan we have implemented many cost cutting measures to help control our costs.

The new year will bring new opportunities to explore in the hopes of strengthening our Shrine Center and focus on ways to improve it for the future. I look forward to getting out to the Club Elections as much as I can this fall.

We have a huge opportunity for membership in the Toronto area. There is a relatively low number of our Masonic Brethren in our

Shrine Clubs. With Peel and Mississauga to the West, Kingsway to the south, El Shamaly to the north and to the East we go all the way out the Oshawa or Lakeshore Shrine Clubs for members. As our Temple resides in Toronto, and it is the largest city in Ontario, we need to work to rebuild our Shrine presence in our hometown as well as improving our Clubs. I would ask, what can we (Divan) do to support your efforts to bring more Masons to the Shrine or better yet, more good men to both Masonry and the Shrine?

Statistics show that Shrine Masons bring more new members to Masonry than those Brethren who are not members of the Shrine. By this metric we are tied in a symbiotic relationship in that we cannot survive and grow without our Craft Lodges, and they grow more from our efforts. We need to work together for the betterment of all.

As the saying goes, "2 heads are better than 1". So, by my calculations, 1900 must be better than 7.

I hope to see you at the Elections in January.

We are coming to our yearend, and as I reflect on 2024, I can't believe how fast time has gone, and how quickly 2025 has approached. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time meeting with you at Rameses activities, and your Club meetings and events this year. It's clear to me that our Rameses members are having fun and helping kids! Your Divan is currently traveling through the territory to conduct Club elections and share news from our Shrine Center.

Big news for 2025 is the election and installation of our Past Potentate Joe Johnson as the 2025 President for our "New York Ontario Shrine Association" last September. Noble Joe takes over the top position at NYOSA in January. The Association is made up of the 10 Shrine Centers in New York and Rameses Shriners in Ontario. Having Noble Joe as the President is an honour for our Shrine Center, and also means that Rameses will be the host Shrine Center for the two NYOSA sessions held next year. The Spring Session will be held in St. Catharines from



## BIG JOHN'S BABBLE

BY NOBLE JOHN H. NEIL  
*Chief Rabban*

April 25th to 27th, and the Fall Session will be held in Kingston from September 26th to 28th. Both sessions will be under the leadership of Noble Joe, and will include business meetings, an opportunity to meet Imperial officers, and sharing of fun and fellowship with our friends from New York. I encourage all of you to consider attending one or both of these events. Rameses is the largest Shrine Center in the Association, and I would love to see a large turnout from our group.

In closing, Peggy and I wish everyone the best of the Christmas season, and we look forward to meeting you and participating in upcoming activities and events.



## TOM'S TWO CENTS

BY NOBLE THOMAS E. LUNDY  
*Oriental Guide*

Nobles, I hope that you and your families have enjoyed the summer. Our Shrine year is now entering the final quarter. Time sure flies when you are having fun. And that is what Shriners do best, have fun while supporting our Shriners Hospitals for Children - Canada and our "Shrine Kids".

In my last report I mentioned that Lady Janice and I were preparing for the Potentate's Trip. This was our first ever Potentate's Trip and we were not disappointed. A magnificent cruise with breathtaking views and several stops in multiple countries offering a marvellous introduction to European culture. My Lady and I, on behalf of all participants, extend a HUGE THANK YOU to our hosts, Lady Elizabeth and Illustrious Sir John Domonkos for their hospitality and generosity.

In September I attended two Association meetings. First, the Northeast Shrine Association (NSA) Fall Session, at the invitation of and hosted by Tunis Temple, in Kingston, ON. The impressive Saturday afternoon parade travelled through the downtown university district on a gorgeous summer day to the delight of many students. Hopefully, we attracted a few future Masons and Shriners. Many thanks to the Belleville & District and Kingston & District Shrine Clubs for their participation in the parade. The next weekend we attended the New York Ontario Shrine Association (NYOSA) Fall Session in Geneva, NY, travelling with HP&P Noble Michael Webb and our ladies at our own expense. Mike and I consider this money well spent as we continue to build our relationships with the Divan of other Temples within NYOSA.

By the time you receive this issue, the Fall Ceremonial will have taken place, and we have only one event remaining in 2024, the Rameses Carol Service on Sunday December 8th. Please mark your calendars and come out to support YOUR Temple.

On behalf of the 2025 Vidalia Onion fundraising program Chair (Oriental Guide), I would remind the Clubs to start planning for next years program. Details will follow in the February 2025 Papyrus and communications from the elected Oriental Guide. Temple sponsored Fundraising programs benefit both the Temple and the Clubs and are mutually beneficial in meeting our income objectives thus diminishing the potential burden on our members via dues increases.

Lady Janice and I wish all Nobles, Ladies, and your families a Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah, Happy Holidays, and a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year.

In closing, I would like to share excerpts from an article I recently read quoting Bobby Orr:

Bobby, one of the greatest hockey players in history, is known not just for his legendary skills but also for his humility and "**team-first attitude**". Bobby often emphasized the importance of results over style, once saying, "**Forget about style; worry about results.**" Despite his individual brilliance, Bobby always placed teamwork above personal glory, stating, "**You don't win by being good. You win with a good team.**"

A united Rameses Team can and will accomplish greatness for our fraternity, for our Shriners Hospitals, and for our "Shrine Kids".

That's my two cents!



# "NO MAN STANDS SO TALL AS WHEN HE STOOPS TO HELP A CHILD"



I want to thank all the Nobles and their Ladies for their concerns about my health issues during the last 4 months. All is well. I attended a heart-warming meeting at the Muskoka Shrine Club in October and they had a local Shrine patient named DAX. He had a tumour in his leg and there was a 6-month waiting list to be looked at in Toronto. The Nobles of the Muskoka Shrine Club got involved and within 6 months he had his surgery in the Montreal Hospital. Now he is back to competitive swimming. A great story and I was happy to be there to hear it.



## SLESS'S NOTES

BY NOBLE JOHN SLESSOR  
*Assistant Rabban*

As our Shrine year is winding down, I want to thank Ill. Sir John Dmonkos and First Lady Elizabeth for a great year.

In closing, Lady Barb and I wish all of you have an enjoyable Festive Season and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year!!

December 8th, 2024, 2:00 PM sharp, 124 Queens Plate Drive, Toronto. Refreshments will be served after the service. This is an opportunity to invite our Masonic and Shrine friends to come and share the Christmas season.

At Christmastime let us reflect on those who are sick or alone and remember them in our prayers. You are loved. Think of it as unconditional love! Before God created you, He loved you. After He created you, He continues to love you, no matter what. He has placed love in your life that you can give and receive – family, friends, co-workers, neighbours. Love because you are loved today. Pass it on.



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

BY ILL. SIR REVEREND BEVAN CARRIQUE, P.P.  
*Chaplain*

Our Fall Ceremonial has come and passed and we welcomed 5 new Nobles into our Shrine family. Hopefully you will all join a Club or Unit and get involved. You will only get out of the Shrine what you put into it and the children we support will be very grateful.

I would like to invite all Nobles, families and friends to attend our annual Rameses Christmas Carol Church Service, Sunday,

## Notice of the Annual Meeting

Saturday 4 January 2025

### To the Nobility:

The Annual Meeting of Rameses Shriners will be held at our Headquarters, 124 Queens Plate Drive, Toronto, Ontario, M9W 0B4 on Saturday, January 4, 2025 at 12:30 p.m.

The Nobility are urged to be present to:

1. Hear the Reports of the Officers and Committees for the past year.
2. Conduct such business as may be brought before the Rameses Shriners in accordance with the by-laws of the Rameses Shriners.
3. Take part in the Election of Officers of the Rameses Shriners and Representatives to Imperial Council.

### Attest:

*Bryan W. Lawson, P.P. - Recorder*

*John Dmonkos - Illustrious Potentate*

## Notice of Business Session

Friday 28 February 2025

### To the Nobility:

A Business Session of Rameses Shriners, Shriners International, will be held at our Headquarters, 124 Queens Plate Drive, Toronto, Ontario, M9W 0B4, on Friday 28 February 2025 at 7:30 p.m.

The Nobility are urged to be present to receive the Financial Reports for the year ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024, the Auditor's Statements, and to conduct such other business as may be brought before the Rameses Shriners in accordance with the by-laws of the Rameses Shriners.

### Attest:

*Bryan W. Lawson, P.P. - Recorder*

*John Dmonkos - Illustrious Potentate*

# 2024 SHRINERS LOTTERY RESULTS

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## Shriners Lottery November 28, 2024 Draw 48

0827	R. HICKS	SPRINGWATER	SHEBA	1000
1702	N. NEWHOUSE	LINDSAY	KAWARTHA	500
0053	B. COOK	BELLEVILLE	BELLEVILLE	250
0945	E. JOLLIFFE	BARRIE	SHEBA	250
3251	S. NICOLAOU	OSHAWA	OSHAWA	250
3296	W. HAMBLY	OSHAWA	OSHAWA	250
0031	B. DEVEREAUX	BELLEVILLE	BELLEVILLE	100
0193	E. & B. FAGIN	BRACEBRIDGE	MUSKOKA	100
0322	B. THALER	BRACEBRIDGE	MUSKOKA	100
0583	R. ISIDRO	BOWMANVILLE	DIXON	100
1366	W. ZIEGEL	ST. JACOBS	ALGONQUIN	100

## Shriners Lottery December 5, 2024 Draw 49

0569	E. & V. BOON	TORONTO	DIXON	1000
3369	S. BELANGER	MATTAWA	RORAB	500
2142	R. HAWKINS	KING	NEWBEAVER	250
2435	G. DONNELLY	MCKELLAR	WAUBUNO	250
3329	R. LOVELESS	HASTINGS	RAMESES	250
3545	S. VANEVERY	HORNBY	FIREFIGHTERS	250
0220	S. PARSONS	BRACEBRIDGE	MUSKOKA	100
1717	D. MARTYN	BRIDGENORTH	KAWARTHA	100
1739	C. YOUNG	BOBCAYGEON	KAWARTHA	100
1758	E. CROWE	BOBCAYGEON	KAWARTHA	100
2401	K. SMITH	NORTH BAY	WAUBUNO	100

## Shriners Lottery December 12, 2024 Draw 50

2034	D. MCLAREN	SMITHVILLE	NIAGARA	1000
0839	F. NEALE	BARRIE	SHEBA	500
2846	B. FORSYTH	MINDEMOYA	SUDBURY	250
2861	R. TONER	TIMMINS	TIMMINS	250
3040	L. ALBERT	NIAGARA ON THE LAKE	OAKVILLE	250
3356	A. LANSBURY	SMITHVILLE	PT. COLBORNE	250
1284	E. MORRISON	BRAMPTON	MORRISON	100
1997	M. MILLAR	STAYNER	MANITO	100
2480	J. CREMER	SUNRIDGE	WAUBUNO	100
2975	S. TURCOTTE	TIMMINS	TIMMINS	100
3596	J. CUNNINGHAM	LISLE	PROVOST	100

## Shriners Lottery December 19, 2024 Draw 51

0645	V. CATANIA	BRADFORD	VIKING	1000
1641	N. NELSON	AJAX	KAWARTHA	500
0729	L. MCRAE	WASHAGO	VIKING	250
1350	C. JONES	KINGSTON	ALGONQUIN	250
2869	J. HEASLIP	SOUTH PORCUPINE	TIMMINS	250
3278	H. CLARKE	OSHAWA	OSHAWA	250
0727	B. KENT	SEVERN	VIKING	100
1783	J. BRADLY	BOBCAYGEON	KAWARTHA	100
2034	D. MCLAREN	SMITHVILLE	NIAGARA	100
2663	R. D.	GUELPH	RAMESES	100
3136	S. DIODATI	BRAMPTON	ORILLIA	100

## Oakville Shrine Club – Transportation Fund Donation

By Noble Phil Sidhwa, President  
Oakville Shrine Club

The Oakville Shrine Club (OSC) was pleased to present a cheque of \$57,413.33 towards the Transportation Fund to Illustrious Sir John Domonkos, Rameses Potentate, from our bingo proceeds during the period July 2023 – July 2024.

At OSC, we have seven very dedicated volunteers who are focussed on raising funds through the bingo program for our Children's Hospitals. The Delta Bingo Gaming Commission is now expanding to include more gaming machines and OSC is investigating greater involvement opportunities in order to raise additional funds.

Our members who are trained by the Gaming Commission, undertake a great degree of commitment and responsibility to ensure the integrity of the system in handling public funds. Members wear uniforms, exercise great discipline and must follow strict protocols to ensure the success of the provincial program. A sign-in and monitoring program by the Gaming Commission ensures our members are diligent in their duties.

The Gaming Commission is very pleased with our work and has offered us opportunities to grow with them. Over the past 15 years, OSC has donated almost \$500,000 through the Bingo proceeds towards the Rameses Transportation Fund!



OSC Bingo Committee members presenting cheque of \$57,413.33 to President Noble Phil Sidhwa. From left: Nobles Herb Lochbihler; Bryce McBain; Martin Kossowski; Phil Sidhwa (President); Dave Warrington (Bingo Chair); Garth Powell; Charles Niza; Wilf Hare; Rob Radich (absent).



OSC President Noble Phil Sidhwa presenting cheque of \$57,413.33 to Rameses Potentate Ill. Sir John Domonkos



At the Spring Ceremonial Gala, OSC President Noble Phil Sidhwa with Rameses Potentate Ill. Sir John Domonkos, announcing the Bingo Donation to the Transportation Fund.



## Potentate's Message (...continued from page 3)

Noble Mark Smith with Lady Deb Airhart and their committee did a fantastic Job in our Hospitality Suite. They pulled off the decorating and manning our Hospitality Rooms with the Appointed Divan at the Potentate's Ball, Spring Ceremonial, 150th Imperial Session and our Fall Ceremonial, a great time had by all.

Potentate's Trip, "Danube Dreams", Avalon River Cruise was an exciting and busy time for all. Thank you, Nobles and Ladies who came on the trip, and I hope you all had a great time reminiscing and looking at the pictures and videos. Thank you to Noble Jed Handy and Lauren Tsilker for your Vocals on Stage. Noble Skip Williams, you do not think I leave you out in making the evening fun with your vocals and your dancing.

To the Divan: Please remember that tough decisions will have to be made soon, make sure it is for the right reasons. The Sale of our Building must be considered as the costs are too high for us to maintain due to the declining membership. Consider using Zoom Meetings to save money on Travel (Mileage) Expenses.

I would like to thank our past Potentate's for their support and dedication and Devotion to Rameses Shriners. Also, my thanks to my Mentor, Rt. Reverend Illustrious Sir Bevan Carrique, P.P., for your support and guidance.

To my ambassadors, please note that it has been my Honour to work with you, and you represented me at your Club and Unit Meetings with dignity. You made my work easier serving all the Nobles and I appreciate your help.

I would like to give special recognition to my Elected Divan for your help, to me and First Lady Elizabeth for your support and assistance. Your Service was appreciated, and I am grateful to you.

As we look forward to a new chapter with the installation of new Officers and new Oriental Guide, I want to stress the importance of financial prudence and stewardship. We must continue to watch our expenses, show clarity, remembering that we are faced with declining membership. Open discussions and full transparency in our finances will be key as we work together to sustain the Rameses Shriners' legacy.

Thank you to Rina Di Tommaso, our Office Manager and Jessica Campbell, for your assistance for the past five years. We will miss you Celine Claremont and remember you in our hearts forever.

Be Proud to be a Mason but even more proud as a Shriner. Remember always, you are a Mason first and a Shriner second. Being a proud Mason makes us feel better but, as a Shriner, we make the world feel better and we change lives.

We had several Nobles of Rameses Shriners who were Elected or Appointed to Grand Lodge, please refer to our previous Papyrus.

Though I will soon step into a new role on the sidelines, my commitment to supporting our mission will not waver. I am grateful for the work we have done and look forward to seeing Rameses Shriners thrive in the coming years.

I wanted to do my best for the greater good of Rameses and our Shriners Hospital for Children Montreal – Canada. In 2020 During Covid, my beautiful Granddaughter, Lauren Tsilker was a Shriners Scoliosis Patient, and she wanted to show her appreciation to Dr. Jean Ouellet and the Hospital during the time when they were short of Supplies. We obtained Procedure Masks for the Hospital, then Masks for the Doctors in the Operating room then got a call from the Hospital that they have to shut down doing operations due to shortage of supplies. We then sourced out Surgical gowns for the operating room to Dr. Jean Ouellet and Mr. Jacques Boissonneault the Director of the Hospital.

After her operation she went to Dalhousie University in Halifax and Graduated 4 years, Business and Philosophy and she wanted to go to Law School. She received a Grant from Boston University and an Invitation to Queens University and Western University in London, Ontario. She chose London Law as she wants to be close to home. She is Grateful to the Shriners for their help and as she said, "Shriners Change Lives".

I was asked by the Oakville Shrine Club to attend with them to the Shriners Hospital in Chicago for the Presentation of \$20,000.00 and at that time I received from President Noble Phil Sidhwa a cheque in the amount of \$57,413.33.

Noble Les Bodrogi, President of the Mississauga Shrine Club, presented 3 cheques this year in the amount of \$110,000.00 for the Ramerses Transportation Fund from their Bingo work.

First Ladies Project was a success, and I would like to congratulate all the Winners. A special Thank you to Lady Marion Searle for donating the 1st Prize a beautiful Quilt; Noble George Basmaji from Graziella Jewelry for donating the 2nd Prize; 3rd and 4th Prizes were donated by First Lady Elizabeth.

Looking forward seeing you all at the Rameses Carol Service on Sunday Dec. 8, 2024. A special door Prize for the Ladies in attendance.

Next time you are at Rameses Temple, please relax in our 12 chairs, newly refurbished chairs, by Lady Elizabeth which was previously purchased by Lady Linda McKinney.

Thank you all for making this year, one to remember. I am truly honoured to have served, with each of you. Please checkout our Web Site for more Pictures.

May all of you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year.

With heartfelt gratitude and fraternal regards,

**John Domonkos**  
**Potentate 2024**

## Oakville Shrine Club - Visit to Chicago Shriners Children's Hospital By Noble Phil Sidhwa, President, OSC

In September, the Oakville Shrine Club (OSC) organized an incredibly meaningful and well-executed trip to the Chicago Shriners Children's Hospital.

Accompanied by Nobles from Clubs in Oakville, Hamilton, Niagara, Guelph and the Security Unit together with our wives and friends, 41 friendly passengers boarded a comfortable coach bus at 7:30am in Burlington and arrived at our hotel in Chicago at 5pm. Throughout the trip, the passengers on the bus were treated royally by our hospitable hosts and organizers, Nobles Martin Kossowski, David Amis and Paraag Suchak, with at-your-seat, just-in-time service of snacks and beverages of choice.

The highlight of the trip of course, was when we visited our Chicago Shriners Children's Hospital. The dedication of the staff and the advanced care they provide for children with serious medical conditions left a lasting impression on us all. Being a Friday, the Hospital was abuzz with activity and we had such an informative and eye-opening tour. Hospital staff brimming with pride, were very pleased to show us their facilities and demonstrated the captivating passion with which they conducted their work that was only matched by the cheerful faces of all the children we saw.

We witnessed the wonderful work of doctors and other specialists and admired the innovative technologies, which are second to none. Chicago specializes in the fields of spinal cord, orthopedic and cleft lip treatment. We were awestruck by the positive energy displayed by everyone we encountered, staff, children and their families navigating what had become their new normal.

At the Hospital, we were joined by our Potentate, Illustrious Sir John Domonkos, together with two of his aides who came especially to join us for the Hospital visit. After lunch at the Hospital, our Potentate and OSC President Phil Sidhwa made a donation to the hospital from the Oakville Shrine Club in the amount of \$20,000. It was well received and appreciated by Hospital staff. Ill. Sir Domonkos praised the Hospital for the work they do and likewise thanked OSC for organizing the tour. Some pictures are attached.

On Saturday we toured Chicago's architecture and history with a very knowledgeable and professional local tour guide. We drove along Lakeshore Rd. and Michigan Avenue, admiring the historic and eclectic architectural sites such as Chicago University, the 'Bean' and the other marvelous architecture of the city. In the afternoon some of us went on an architectural boat tour while others went shopping or back to the hotel. At dinner, we all enjoyed the gastronomic delights of Chicago.

On Sunday we departed the hotel at 8am for our journey home. We shopped till we dropped at the Duty-Free Shop, went through the rituals at customs and fortunately everyone reboarded the bus and we arrived home safely in the evening.

At every stop, Paraag took meticulous care to ensure that we all reboarded. When he ran out of fingers and toes, he assigned numbers to each of us...we are very grateful Paraag that you kept us all together and none of us are still waiting in Chicago! David the master beverage blender made sure that our pains of travel were relieved through some magical potions and delectable concoctions he was continuously mixing at the back of the bus throughout the trip...thank you David for making the bus feel like it was travelling at 100 mph and easing our pains! Martin hovered through the bus for the entire trip ensuring we were all comfortable, watered and nourished, amidst mischievous cries of "are we there yet"? He was the official announcer at the front of the bus, serving as official chaperone and maitre d', and keeping us prepared for those, sometimes not to be found, bio-break stops...thank you Martin for your energy and looking after our every need so well! This amazing troika has conducted these incredibly entertaining trips for the past 15 years - surely a deserving 'Guinness' world record and hopefully everlasting tenure.

The experience beautifully combined fellowship, hospitality, and the opportunity to witness the advanced life-changing work being done at the Hospital. Our journey, from the warm camaraderie on the bus to the inspiring visit to the Hospital, gives a clear sense of the deep impact the trip had on everyone involved. And we at OSC can be proud as it reflects the significant contributions our Club makes toward these causes. These kinds of experiences really reinforce the importance of the Shriners' charitable efforts and the direct impact they have on the lives of children and their families. Such hospital visits portray to us in real life, the amazing daily miracles that take place behind the scenes of our fundraising and work. It gives purpose to what we do as Shriners in our Clubs and the worthwhile sacrifices we make for the greater good of our kids. It inspires us to continue our work and drives us with passion and spirit to fulfil the obligations each one of us took, of faith, hope and charity.

Can we start planning the next trip!!!



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**ORIGINS:** Colombia, and Ethiopia.

### NOTES

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# HILLBILLY CLAN 46 OUTHOUSE NEWS

By Cuzzin (Noble) Stan Fenton (Aka Smilin' Stan),  
Raban of the Clan - stanfenton@gmail.com



## YEEHAW!!

**W**hat a fantastic time we had at the 2024 Chowdown in Huntsville in September. You often wonder what the weather will be when holding an event and in this case the weather was a little warm but nice.

I counted about 38-40 people in attendance and of those we initiated 8 new Hillbillies in the Paw's degree and 5 in the Maw's degree. They are in no particular order (ladies first): Marjorie Jones, Jane Drazil, Jane Waterfall, Natashya Gibson and Colleen Stone and for the men: Glen Jones, Gary Gibson, Jack Chuba, Raivo Tahiste, Gerry Candelino, John Collier, Mike Waterfall and Roy Brausewetter. Welcome aboard, everyone.



There was the Welly Wanging contest between the Outhouses to see who would get the "Try To Keep Me Challenge" trophy and Outhouse #3 took it by a landslide. (I'm not saying they cheated but I think they had some ringers.) Congratulations, Outhouse #3 Huntsville. The trophy (a small outhouse) was donated by Cuzzin Merv Lees from Outhouse #2 Sudbury.



Other than the degrees and the Welly Wanging Contest there was the horse racing game to occupy the attendees. After

which, we had, what else, but food and lots of it. Then there were the speeches and the handing out of the draw prizes and the certificates. It made for a full day and by the comments afterwards, it was a great day.

We were honoured to have the Potentate, Ill. Sir John Domonkos and Lady Elizabeth attending and if they were not already Hillbillies then they would have been by the end of the day. Cuzzin John is listed as number 17 on the member's sheet so we know he goes way back as a Hillbilly.

There are so many people to thank in coordinating this revitalized event but I would like to start off with what I call my TEAM and they are Steve, Bob, Reg, Sheila, Tony, Merv, Brenda & Guy, Chuck & Marion. Thank you all for your efforts in putting this together.

The Paw's and Maw's degree team did a fabulous job of putting the candidates through the rigorous ordeal on becoming a Hillbilly. To Ann Lees for sitting at the table selling pins, crests etc. It was much appreciated.

To the draw tickets sellers, Marion, Tony and Roy. What a great job in selling those tickets.

For allowing us to use their yard as parking for so many vehicles a big THANK YOU to Keith and Sara and to the many hands that helped in putting the food on the table.

And a very Special Thank you to Cuzzins Phil and Heather Laundry who offered their lovely premises for the Chowdown and who made us feel very welcomed.

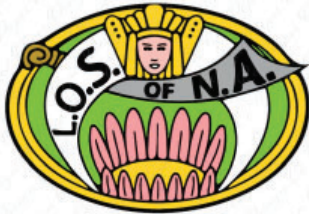


I can only say that I will be looking forward to next year's 2025 Chowdown.

Until next time, take care and stay safe.

Y'all come back now, ya hear.





## Bokhara Court No. 22 (L.O.S.N.A.) News By Lady Marion Searle, PHP

We trust that everyone had a great summer and are now ready to once again concentrate on supporting our special children at the Shrine Hospital in Montreal.

The Ladies of Neema Club were very visible at the Spring Ceremonial and would like to thank the Niagara Shrine Club and the Ladies of the Niagara Peninsula Shrine Club for allowing them to participate. The generosity of Noble Randy and Christine Ling for their generous donation of wine was appreciated, thank you! During the summer the Ladies have been assembling packages for the children to make friendship bracelets,

Niagara Ladies Shrine Club also were busy during the month of June as they assisted their Nobles in many different ways at the Spring Ceremonial. Their opportunities were successful and their greeting of all the Ladies that attended made everyone feel wanted

and comfortable.

The summer was also very productive for the Muskoka Ladies Shrine Unit as they held their meeting at the end of June holding a very successful silent auction. The unit then held a BBQ at the home of Lady Sheila McCrank and once again a successful silent auction was held. Over the summer lap blankets were sent to the hospital as well as the completion of the requested ice pack bags, which will be delivered by Lady Debbie Beatty PHP.

September rolled around and the Ladies of the Niagara Peninsula Shrine Club welcomed the High Priestess Lady Deb Jones for her official visit. The Niagara Shrine Club served the Ladies a special steak BBQ to 23 members, 22 guests which included 2 Nobles. Lady Shona Rutherford, president, announced their Harvest Auction to be held on October 4<sup>th</sup>.

It is truly back to business as the Court is looking forward to the November 9<sup>th</sup> ceremonial and greeting the new members, The Court is actively planning our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event on October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025 please plan to join us for this once in a lifetime event.

The Ladies of Bokhara Court wish everyone a safe and Happy Cristmas.

## Shriners Donate \$1,000 to Hospital Foundation Midland District Shrine Club

*“Money will help pay for capital and technology needs at GBGH”*



From left are Nobles Win Elliot and Neal Foot from the Midland District Shrine Club; Robyn Blanchet, community giving officer, GBGH Foundation and Noble Grant McCabe, Vice-President, of the Midland District Shrine Club.

### NEWS RELEASE GEORGIAN BAY GENERAL HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

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On Sept. 26, 2024, the Midland District Shrine Club presented the Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH) Foundation with a gift of \$1,000.

The funds will be used to support the GBGH Foundation's Impact Fund, which addresses the highest priority capital equipment and

technology needs for GBGH.

The Midland District Shrine Club has been generously donating to the GBGH Foundation for the past 20 years, collectively contributing more than \$25,000 in support of the hospital's highest priority equipment and technology needs.

## DONATIONS



Kingston Shrine Club donates to the Shriners Hospital for Children - Canada.



Niagara Shrine Club makes donation to Shriners Hospital for Children - Canada and Rameses Shriners.



## HISTORY IS MADE TWICE A Weekend to Remember: Supreme Queen Visit Brings Two Temples Together

By Queen Nancy Benetton-Sampath  
Daughters of the Nile - Oronto Temple No. 69

On October 5 and 6, 2024, Daughters of the Nile made history, as Oronto Temple No. 69 and Omar Temple No. 111 came together for a joint Hearts of Gold Supreme Queen Visit in London, Ontario. This event wasn't just about tradition --- it was about unity and collaboration between two Temples, making it a weekend to remember.

The Ceremonial on Saturday was a success, with approximately 65 Daughters of the Nile attending and seven new members welcomed into our beautiful Order - five from Omar Temple and two from Oronto Temple. The ritual work was shared between both Temples, showing our strength of teamwork. Afterward, a banquet at the Crystal Ballroom brought nearly 140 guests together, enjoying a Hearts of Gold themed dinner.



Special guests added even more excitement to the weekend, including two Past Supreme Queens, a Supreme Temple appointed Officer, 17 Supreme Temple appointees, two reigning Queens, beautiful letter from the Grand Master and Board Members from Shriners Hospitals for Children Canada.

A Hospitality Suite on Friday and Saturday offered plenty of time to socialize, while Sunday's Supreme Queen Breakfast and Fireside Chat gave members a chance to ask Supreme Queen

Jackie Holloway questions from how many miles she'll travel this year, to how we can streamline our membership process, to updates on the Supreme Temple strategic plan. It was a valuable chance for many to connect directly with our Supreme Queen, especially for those unable to attend Supreme Sessions regularly.



This Supreme Queen Visit was more than just a ceremonial or banquet. It was a celebration of unity, friendship, and the power of working together. The weekend proved that, with our Hearts of Gold, the future of our Temples is stronger than ever.

Celebrating Compassion: \$7 Million Milestone unveiled at Shriners Hospitals for Children® Canada



On Wednesday, October 16, the Daughters of the Nile proudly unveiled a \$7 million plaque at Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Canada, marking a tremendous milestone in our Order's ongoing dedication to working together for our children and their families. This achievement, reached just 29 months after unveiling our \$6 million plaque, is a testament

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**Daughters of the Nile News ... Continued from page 16**  
to the commitment of our 1,500 compassionate ladies across 10 Canadian Temples!

The ceremony was attended by Supreme Temple Officers, including Supreme Queen Jackie Holloway, as well as many



Daughters of the Nile from across Canada and the United States. Special guests included Laura Furnival, PQ and Canadian Appointed Member Trustee for the Canadian Foundation;

Imperial Sir Jerry Gantt, Emeritus Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Shriners Children's; along with Shriners, and various staff and Board Members of Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Canada.

This financial support makes a meaningful difference in the lives of patients and their families. Beyond fundraising, the Daughters of the Nile also provide toys, gift cards, adaptive clothing,

educational materials, and much more!

Join Us in Making a Difference: Become a Member of Daughters of the Nile!

Daughters of the Nile is an international organization for women 18 and older, founded in 1913. Membership is open to those related to a Shriner, Master Mason, or a Daughter of the Nile, as well as majority members of Masonic-related organizations for girls or former patients of Shriners Children's™. With over 15,000 members in 120 cities across the U.S., Canada, Brazil, and Bolivia, we proudly support Shriners Children's™. Our members contribute over \$2 million each year, totaling more than \$72 million since our founding. In Canada, we recently unveiled a \$7 million plaque at Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Canada, honouring the dedication of our 1,500 Canadian members across ten Temples. We also volunteer over 180,000 hours annually, providing essential support to help deliver compassionate care for children.

Want to make a difference and build lasting friendships? Join Daughters of the Nile and be part of a community that values service and sisterhood. Visit [www.DaughtersOfTheNile.org](http://www.DaughtersOfTheNile.org) or contact Oronto Temple No. 69, Toronto at [recorderoronto69@gmail.com](mailto:recorderoronto69@gmail.com) to start your journey today!

**Oronto Temple No. 69** invites you to...

*Save The Date*

**A Golden Legacy High Tea Celebration**  
100 Years of Hope, Healing & Innovation

Oronto Temple No. 69 warmly invites you to our "Hearts of Gold" Orthopedic High Tea celebrating our philanthropy, Shriners Hospitals for Children Canada, as we mark its incredible 100-year milestone!

**Join us for an afternoon featuring:**  
**High Tea:** Delight in exquisite teas and treats.  
**Silent Auction:** Bid on fabulous items for a great cause!  
**Shriners Hospitals Update:** Discover what's new!  
**Special Guests:** Meet our Shrine Child and family, and hear their story.  
**Celebration Station:** Enjoy the photo booth and leave a message on our "Hearts of Gold" board.  
**Grand Prize Give-Away:** Will you be the lucky winner?

**Saturday, March 1, 2025**  
 Rameses Shrine Temple  
 124 Queens Plate Drive, Toronto  
 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

**RSVP TODAY:**  
[OrontoTemple69@gmail.com](mailto:OrontoTemple69@gmail.com)

**Oronto Temple No. 69 Daughters of the Nile**

cordially invites you to attend  
**The open Installation of Officers**

**Saturday**  
 March 29, 2025  
 Installation: 2:00 PM  
 Kathy's Dreamgirls 2025  
 Banquet & Entertainment to follow

**Location**  
 Rameses Shriners  
 124 Queens Plate  
 Etobicoke, Ontario

*Dream*

Members of our Fraternal Appendant Bodies, families, and friends, please join us.

**SAVE THE DATE! RSVP details coming soon!**

For more information about Daughters of the Nile, follow us!

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# Niagara Shrine Club News

By Noble Dave Gillies, Niagara Shrine Club

## LABOURERS UNITE ON THEIR OFFICIAL DAY OFF!



They held one of the biggest parades yet in Merrittton. The Maid cast off early in the morning and docked briefly at our marshalling point to dress up and take on more crew members. Some minor technical problems with the sound system worried the engineer. High tech eventually won over human brain power, and the tunes emerged from the deck speakers just before we had to step off. She was loaded to gunwales with sailors. Some had to be offloaded to the tender, our Shrine van for fear of taking on water, once on the high seas. Spectators lined both sides of the route, some in lawn chairs set out a couple of hours before the start. Hundreds of kids

most with goodie bags held up for handouts and lots of man's best friends wagging their tails waiting for Noble Gary and his dog treats. Approaching the fairgrounds, a block of garage parties could be seen and heard all holding up in salute, a colourful variety of solo cups containing I'm sure, nothing but Kool-Aid. I

was almost tempted to abandon ship and join them to check the contents as they waved us on. Some fancy helmsmanship from Noble Les, our captain for the day as he squeezed us into a premium parking spot in front of the Doc's house. As I mentioned in the last issue, Noble Bob has hosted us and his neighbors yearly for a Labour Day Ukrainian food fest.

It has always been held in his beautiful backyard around the pool after every parade. This year was no exception other than the beautiful backyard. Extensive cement renovations were evident along with a lime green puddle in the bottom of the once sparkling clear blue pool. I think the Doc ignored his bride's reluctance to have company as when asked where's the wife. The Noble Doc said tersely "on the couch", as he manhandled the chafing dishes laden with food to the patio. Believe me, not one sailor



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## RAMESES 2025 LOTTERY

### BEST ODDS OF ANY LOTTERY IN CANADA!

Why? Because each winning ticket is immediately returned to the drum providing 11 chances per week to WIN!

### TICKETS ARE LIMITED TO 3,700 AT \$104 EACH

Don't forget to include your friends and neighbours. Let's make this another sell out year!

For further information contact the office at 416-633-6317

Or send payment to: 2025 Shriners Lottery, 124 Queens Plate Drive, Toronto, ON, M9W 0B4

Ticket purchasers must be 18 years or older. Tickets sold and mailed only in Ontario.

Proceeds are for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children Patient Transportation Fund. Payments are not deductible as charitable contributions.

## GRAND PRIZE - \$40,000 CASH

If everyone could sell or buy two tickets we would be SOLD OUT!

## LOTTERY TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE NOW!

# Niagara Shrine Club News

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paid any attention to the construction; only focused on the food table in anticipation of good things to come. And they came as usual; there might have been a mini famine on the Maid as the rush to the buffet was a stampede. The Doc did it again, many thanks Doctor, Noble Bob.

I was just putting pen to paper when the TV blasted; "head for the storm cellar, this is a tornado warning!" In all my years of traveling, I never woke up to the hotel fire alarms and envisioned my demise in a towering inferno sound asleep. As you may have guessed I did manage to survive all fires if there were any. Although, once while in Japan the TV bounced off its stand crashing to the floor in an earthquake.

I was watching a crazy game show in Japanese unable to sleep with the time change. Perhaps it was old age that I heard the TV warning and instead of heading to the basement, I went out to the back porch, witnessing some interesting cloud formations. To my disappointment, there was no funnel cloud. It turned out it was chewing up a golf course a couple of miles west. I'm not sure if it was bravery, stupidity or that old age thing.... If you die so what, you're old anyway.

Boy, it's great to have friends in high places who can convince Imperial officers to take a quick trip to Canada's top tourist trap the "Falls". Imperial Recorder Jim Cain, P.I.P., on an invite from Imperial Sir George Mitchell, also P.I.P., attended our September steak dinner meeting. The Imperial Sir a soft-spoken gentleman with a southern drawl dropped a couple of bombshells in his address after dinner. One, that we now only have 11 hospitals not

the 22 we all thought; big surprise to me. The next gem was that the Shrine spent 44 million sponsoring the Las Vegas Children's Open golf tournament. This quote is taken from the tournament website "Shriners Children's is the sponsor and benefactor" yet we don't make a dime. He also noted that the Shrine is the only fraternal organization that pays for their top executives to attend their conventions to the tune of a million plus. These facts and some great thoughts on influencing politics through social media, and how we need to get back on track finding our replacements. These plus a bunch more brought a standing ovation at the end of his talk.

Checking out more Facebook entries from Shrine Clubs in the USA lately has reinforced our Club argument for the Cold Sands to be performed at the Club level. It appears that most Temples are not even having Ceremonials, only welcoming new Shriners into the fold at regular meetings. How does your Club feel about it?

History is repeating itself. Chicken wings used to be fed to the animals until an American bar owner's wife had a brainstorm. She was running the kitchen and deep fried them up with hot sauce and made the now famous Buffalo wings. Noble Bill looks nothing like the bar owner's wife except maybe when wearing an apron in the kitchen, nor is he American. He is attempting to take over the title of the best wings in Niagara with a new fun\*raiser. The Niagara 10s' "WINGS-N-SUDS" night which started on September 10<sup>th</sup> and will be held on a Tuesday every second week till they all fly away. If the first wing fest was any indication, I think Bill is a contender for the title.



**WINGS & SUDS DAYS**  
A POUND OF WINGS AND A SMALL SUDS \$10.00  
UP GRADE TO A PINT ONLY \$2.00  
EVERY OTHER TUESDAY AT THE CLUB  
STARTING SEPT 10TH  
11:30 TO 3:00

When I reported to the Niagara Nobles that we were in the RED for the Ceremonial in our newsletter there was a lot of grumbling.

I asked why as we made money, and they then pointed out to me that accounting folks call that being in the BLACK. It was a relief to all that we were on the plus side of the balance sheet. With all the committee's hard work in a very short window, they whipped up a celebration for almost 100 candidates along with a party for Ill. Sir John, we're still FLYING HIGH FOR OUR KIDS.



A roving reporter captured a few pics from the Chicago Hospital trip that Noble Dave Amis put together. It appears our Ill Sir is looking for divine inspiration in one and never let loose Shriners in a Cracker

Barrel store. Our six Nobles that went said it

was a great trip and they all had a super time.

I think I hear a horn; it sounds like the van is ready to leave...see you later.



## SUDBURY SHRINE CLUB NEWS

By Noble Stan Fenton

Greetings everyone. So, what can a Shriner do in the summer months but take part in more of the parades being held in our area and attending other events.

When it comes to parades there is always a good turnout at Little Current which was held on August 4<sup>th</sup> and attended by the Scimitar, the Penny Farthing Unit and the Hillbilly Unit and on August 17<sup>th</sup> the big Scimitar was to be seen at the Providence Bay parade. Because of rain, the Penny Farthing Unit couldn't ride their bikes. Our next participation will be the Sudbury Christmas parade as well as the Capreol Christmas parade.

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# SUDBURY SHRINE CLUB NEWS

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On August 15th there was a Root N' Tooting good time with baked beans and as you can see from the picture, a lot of desserts.



On August 25th the Sudbury Ukrainian community held their Annual Garlic Festival and the Hillbilly Ramblers played to a crowd of about 1000 people which was the largest crowd the band has ever played to.



On September 21st the Hillbilly Ramblers were the first to entertain the crowds at the Walden Fall Fair on the Anderson Farm. Being outside, the weather was in our favour and there were favourable comments from the attendees.

The Sudbury Shrine Club is being spruced up a bit with the removal of the grass on the front lawn and replaced with rose quartz.

The Hillbilly Unit will be having their Fish Fry on Saturday September 28th with fresh rainbow trout and all the fixings.

This year on October 28th, the Hillbilly Unit, as a change of pace, decided to go with Oktoberfest instead of the Halloween party which was done last year. Always a good thing to mix things up.

Another interesting event is the President's Christmas Cocktail Party which is being held on Friday, November 29th at the Club.

Soon after that will be the Christmas parties.

I know it is a little early but from the Sudbury Shrine Club to yours, we wish you the merriest of holidays and may you all be forever safe during this time.



# Ramoca Shrine Club News

By Noble Jason Gow and Noble Lloyd Stewart

The Ramoca Shrine Club of Owen Sound welcomed one of their area patients this past July at their 43rd Annual Golf Tournament. Every year the Club tries to have a patient ambassador to their golf tournament to talk to all the golfers to show exactly where the majority of their money is going. This is always a sold out event and our patients always hit our patrons right in the heart strings of why they participate in the golf day. It allows our small and mighty Club donate in various forms to Rameses and the Shriners Hospital for Children - \$60,000 in the last year. It also highlights why we are all Shriners! Included is the speech given by our young patient Mackena and her mother Tara.



"Hello everyone. I'm Tara, and this is my daughter Mackena. Today, we stand before you filled with immense gratitude and appreciation for the Ramoca Shrine Club, who have made a profound impact on our lives. We thank you for having us here today.

Our journey with the Ramoca Shrine Club began a few years ago, but Mackena's story starts even earlier. Mackena was born two months prematurely and faced several challenges, including a brain hemorrhage. When Mackena was a year old, we received the diagnosis of cerebral palsy. This brought a mix of emotions and uncertainty, but also a determination to do everything possible to support her.

During our search for options to help Mackena, we discovered the Shriners Hospital in Montreal and their specialized spinal surgery. This discovery was a turning point in our lives. Our connection with the Ramoca Shrine Club began shortly after. They welcomed us with open arms, providing not only the necessary referrals for Mackena's surgery but also emotional and logistical support. They were with us every step of the way, ensuring that we never felt alone on this journey.

When Mackena underwent selective dorsal rhizotomy surgery, it was a daunting experience. The surgery itself was intricate, aiming to improve her mobility by reducing spasticity in her lower limbs. Following the procedure, Mackena spent two months in rehabilitation at the Shriners Hospital in Montreal. Those months were intensive, filled with therapy sessions, exercises, and a rigorous schedule to help Mackena gain strength and coordination. The dedication and expertise of the medical team were truly remarkable.

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# Ramoca Shrine Club News

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Mackena's experience at the Shriners Hospital was incredibly positive. The staff, surgeons, nurses, therapists, and education staff to the volunteers, were all wonderful. They treated Mackena with such kindness, patience and encouragement, making the hospital feel like a second home during our stay. The environment was supportive and nurturing, and it was clear that everyone was deeply committed to Mackena's recovery and well-being.

Following Mackena's hospital stay, her journey didn't end. In fact, it was just the beginning of a new chapter filled with intense physical therapy to help her adapt and improve her walking abilities. We enrolled her in regular physiotherapy sessions, where she worked tirelessly with skilled therapists who guided her through exercises designed to enhance her strength, balance, and mobility.


Additionally, Mackena began participating in therapeutic horseback riding, an incredible program that played a significant role in her rehabilitation. This form of therapy not only improved her core strength and posture but also boosted her confidence and provided her with a sense of joy and freedom. Seeing Mackena interact with the horses and benefit from this unique therapy was truly heartwarming.

We owe a great deal of gratitude to the Ramoca Shrine Club, who made these opportunities possible. Their generous support ensured that Mackena had access to the best therapeutic resources available, allowing her to continue making remarkable strides in her development. Their commitment to her well-being has been unwavering, and we are deeply thankful for their contributions. We want to extend our deepest gratitude. Your dedication, compassion, and unwavering commitment have changed our lives in ways we could never have imagined.

Of course, none of this would have been possible without the generous donors who support the Shriners Hospitals and their local Clubs. Your donations provided the funding necessary for many children and their ongoing care. You have given our daughter a gift that words cannot fully express - the ability to walk and the opportunity for a brighter future. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you all."



## First Lady Elizabeth Domonkos Project Wrap Up







**RAMESES FIRST LADY'S PROJECT**  
SUPPLY MOBILITY EQUIPMENT  
SHRINERS HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN - MONTREAL

1st. Prize: Queen Sized Quilt  
2nd. Prize: 18" Pearl Necklace, Matching Earrings  
3rd. Prize: Ladies Pearl Bracelet  
4th. Prize: Italian Muran Bianaca Bracelet with Earrings

To be Drawn: Carol Service, on Sun. Dec. 8, 2024  
Need not to be present to WIN

\$5.00 each or 5 Tickets for \$20.00



### Winners:

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize - Queen Size Quilt**  
- Won By Keeling of Orillia  
- Donated By Lady Marion Searle.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - Pearl NeckLace and Earrings.** Won by Lucille Reed - Donated by First Lady Elizabeth

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - Pearl Bracelet.** Won by Lilly S. - Donated By Graziella Jewellery.

**4<sup>th</sup> Prize - Italian Muran Bracelet and Earrings -** won by Noble Eric Wellbanks - Donated by First Lady Elizabeth



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# Manito Shrine Club News

By Illustrious Sir David Rawn, P.P.



*Illustrious Sir David Rawn, P.P., presents Noble Michael Lacey, Secretary, Shriners Hospital for Children - Canada, Montreal, a cheque in the amount of \$4,000.00 making a total of \$11,500.00 on behalf of the Manito Shrine Club.*



*Illustrious Sir David Rawn, P.P., presents a cheque in the amount of \$40,000.00 for our Transportation Fund, making a total of \$75,000.00 for the year, on behalf of the Manito Shrine Club.*



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## Rameses Directory Changes

**Page 38** - Trent Valley Shrine Club Secretary. Phone change: remove Home Phone 705-778-3432, only use Cell Phone 705-761-5927.

**Page 58** - Orillia Shrine Club Meeting Night Correction: Should say 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday and NOT 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday.

## SHEBA SHRINE CLUB SUMMER REPORT

by Noble Doug Griffin, SSCCS  
Sheba Shrine Club Chief Scribe

Well, I don't know if you've been busy but here at Sheba, we have had a lot going on. Oh, by the way, welcome to the near shores of Kempenfelt Bay! I am glad you stopped by.

The Alliston Potato Festival Parade was cancelled because of the thunderstorms and high winds ..... Only Kidding !!..... The sun was shining and there was a cool breeze. It was just the perfect weather for the women and men, the mothers and fathers, the children and the babies and everyone watching the parade. It was also great for all of us who were waving back at them. There were floats of all sizes and shapes, there were horses, farm tractors, boats, cars, dancers, service vehicles and a lot of other exhibitors but our Rameses Units were the most eye-catching. Illustrious Sir Rt. Rev. Bevan Carrique, P.P., of the Provost Unit in his black SUV with official insignias led our Sheba contingent. I was on the Colour Party Float with my other red Fezzed buddies. The Night Riders cars and the Voyagers canoes drove circles around us as we moved down the parade route. Thanks to the superb driving of Noble Peter Hughson no cars were hit or canoes were sunk.



I took a walk before the start of the parade and ran into the fellows from the Viking Shrine Club dressed up in furs and wearing their horned head gear, next was the Midland District Shrine Club blowing bubbles and sounding their horn. Then finally I came upon the Founders Unit in their well pressed conductors' uniforms spreading cheer from a well-polished streetcar. That's as far as I got so if I missed any other Rameses Floats, I can truthfully say that the streetcar was my last stop.



Someone you may know: I was at a function in the USA when I ran into a fellow Shriner that I haven't seen in a long time. Noble Gene Kerrigan who belonged to the Provost Motorcycle Unit. Gene now lives in Kingsley, Ontario, south of Sarnia. When he moved there a few years ago he took his snowblower with him. He told me he hasn't been able to use it yet and probably never will. That's Feztastic.

## Sheba's 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner

By Ken Lees SSCJS  
Sheba Shrine Centre Junior Scribe

What were you doing in 1959?

Some of you will remember that year while others had not been born yet. A few facts about the year 1959:

- It was the height of the Baby Boom with births in Canada exceeding 479,000.
- Maybe your sister was lucky to get one of the first Barbie Dolls that was introduced that year.
- Perhaps you were rocking on the dance floor to hit tune "The Battle Of New Orleans" by Johnny Horton.
- Also, in 1959 the Cuban Revolution had the world on edge.

Here in Barrie was another revolution when 29 enthusiastic and energetic fellows got together to form Barries First Shrine Club which would become known as Sheba Shrine Club.

On August 24<sup>th</sup> several current members with their significant others, as well as family and friends gathered at Sheba Shrine Centre to mark and celebrate our 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Among the guests we were pleased to welcome from the Divan our Illustrious Potentate John Domonkos, Chief Rabban Noble John Neil and Assistant Rabban Noble John Slessor and their Ladies. Our Potentate congratulated the members of Sheba on achieving a milestone and thanked them for all they have done for Shrinedom over the past 65 years and he wished us much success in the future. There was a toonie toss for a bottle of alcohol which was won by our Ambassador Noble Tom Sutton. His dexterity and hurling ability put him in a class of his own (he was also thirsty). Congratulations!

Like many Shrine Clubs across the land Sheba has experienced its ups and downs over the years. COVID certainly wasn't our friend but we have survived and are looking forward to the next 65 years.

## Breaking News!!!

In a recent survey conducted by The Barrie Today News, under the Catering and Banquet Facilities Category, Traditions at Sheba was voted number #1 in all of Barrie. Congratulations to Kym and her amazing team. If you have never visited our banquet facilities or tasted some of the finest meals in Barrie and surrounding area, we encourage you to come out to our Friday Luncheons or our Meetings.



# Year in Review 2024



## Illustrious Sir John Domonkos



As 2023 draws to a close, we review, in pictures, all the fun, good times and touching moments that were brought to you by your Papyrus. To view and download all the pictures taken by your Press Corps, check out our two internet sites which contain them all.



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# Year in Review 2024





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## Rameses Shriners Spring Ceremonial 2025 Program

### Thursday, June 12th:

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM - Advanced Registration at the Shrine Club  
3:00 PM - Flag Raising Ceremony at the Quinte Sports & Wellness Centre  
7:30 PM - Rameses Stated Meeting at the Belleville & District Shrine Club

### Friday, June 13th:

8:00 AM - Golf tournament, Trillium Wood Golf Club, 1281 Hwy 37, Belleville, ON. (Pre-Registration Required)  
11:00 AM - Registration Desk opens at the Quinte Sports & Wellness Centre  
6:00 PM - Buffet Dinner at the Quinte Sports & Wellness Centre  
7:00 PM - Entertainment featuring "The Reasons" (Live)

### Saturday, June 14th:

9:00 AM - Candidate Registration and Ritual, St. Theresa Secondary School  
9:00 AM - Ladies Program at the Quinte Sports & Wellness Centre  
11:00 AM - Oasis Opens at the Quinte Sports & Wellness Centre  
1:00 PM - Ceremonial Parade  
6:30 PM - Ceremonial Feast at the Quinte Sports & Wellness Centre.

### Sunday, June 15th:

8:00 - 11:00 AM - Brunch and Farewell at the Belleville & District Shrine Club  
9:00 AM - Ceremonial Drumhead Worship Service at the Belleville Cenotaph, 127-129 Station Street, Belleville, ON

### Ceremonial Program Notes

- All major ceremonial activities are located at the Quinte Sports & Wellness Centre and the adjacent St. Theresa Secondary School.
- All venues are air-conditioned

**AGENDA SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

**Join the Caravan to Belleville  
Spring Ceremonial 2025**

[www.ramesesceremonial2025.ca](http://www.ramesesceremonial2025.ca)

# Oshawa and District Shrine Club News

By Noble John Deacon, President 2024

## Shriners Hospital Visit



We had a wonderful trip to the Shriners Children's Hospital in Montreal on Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. We had a full coach of 55 Shriners, Ladies and guests. Everyone had a terrific time. The tour of the Hospital was outstanding. There are

some extraordinary advances being made by our own Hospitals. Some of the many special things that stood out to me and our group were the 3D printed bones. These are printed in-house and used to practice complex surgeries before the child arrives at the hospital.

We saw the play room education centre where there are dolls in casts and bandages and dolls in wheel chairs and using walkers. These are provided so children will know what to expect post surgery. There was even a "play" operating room where the staff dress in special clothes and show the children what they will see when they enter the real operating room on there special day.

Full time teachers are on hand to work with long-term children who are missing school. These educators meet with the child's teachers back home and tailor a syllabus to meet the needs of each child. The in-house school is even built in a way that the children can attend class in their hospital beds if needed. Online classes are also arranged to encourage group activities with their friends back home to help ease the stress and support the Hospital.

I was honoured to present them a cheque on behalf of the Oshawa and District Shrine Club and 3 carts full of bears and stuffie's along with a lot of non-perishable food that was needed for their pantry. All of this was on be-half of our wonderful group on the trip.



There will be organized trips to our Hospitals in the future. Please try and go on one as you will be amazed by what you will see. I am planning on one or so in the new year.

## Model A Acres Visit

On Sunday September 22nd the Oshawa and District Shrine Club took a tour of Model A Acres, run by Ian Baron from his home in Bowmanville, ON. Ian Baron is well known for his yard art in which he recreates war planes, Model A Cars, tanks, railway trains and other interesting items out of scrap material in the most creative ways. He had given a talk about this at one of our monthly Shrine Club dinner meetings. Here are some photos from the event.



**"25 Years a Shriner" Presentation at November Elections Meeting**  
*Left to Right: Ill. Sir Joe Johnson, P.P.; Noble John Deacon, President; Noble John Slessor, Assistant Rabban; Noble Jack Van Veen receiving 25 Years a Shriner Certificate; Ill. Sir Alan Berry, P.P.*



**Love-Joy-Hope-Peace-Faith**  
**December 8 at 2:00 p.m**

at the Rameses HQ  
124 Queens Plate Drive  
Bring your family and friends along  
join in the singing  
and catch the spirit of the season

**AFTER THE SERVICE**

Refreshments will be served  
and be prepared to be entertained



**The  
Press  
Corps . . .**

*and their family wish the Divan, the  
Nobility and their families a . . .*

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**Attention 2025  
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Elected Club Presidents,  
Unit Directors, and  
Chiefs, Appointed 2025  
Ambassadors.**

*Photos for the 2025 Temple Director  
will be taken by the  
Press Corps before the  
Temple Elections being held on  
**Saturday 4 January 2025***

For those who are elected or appointed to the  
above positions and can't attend at Rameses  
Temple, please email your photo,  
with jackets and fez to  
[rina@rameses.ca](mailto:rina@rameses.ca)  
or mail to the Shrine Office to arrive  
**no later than 2 January 2025**

# ALASKA



## Aug 12/25 tour - 12 day Signature Denali Tour & Cruise



Holland America - Nieuw Amsterdam

### ITINERARY

**TUE 12-AUG/25** Flight Toronto to Seattle - Air Canada  
Overnight - Seattle (Breakfast included) (Tour TBA)

**WED 13-AUG/25** Fly Seattle to Fairbanks - Westmark Fairbanks  
Hotel

**THU 14-AUG/25** Am Riverboat included

**THU 14-AUG/25** Denali Area Hotel 2 NIGHTS

**FRI 15-AUG/25** Am Tundra Wilderness Tour

**SAT 16-AUG/25** Transfer Hotel/Rail Depot

**SAT 16-AUG/25** Mckinley Explorer: Denali/Anchorage

**SAT 16-AUG/25** Transfer: Rail Depot To Hotel

**SAT 16-AUG/25** Anchorage Area Hotel 1 NIGHT

**SUN 17-AUG/25** Cruisetrain: Anchorage/Whittier

**SUN 17-AUG/25** Sail from Whittier, Alaska, US 8:00pm

**MON 18-AUG/25** Cruising Hubbard Glacier Cruising Only

**TUE 19-AUG/25** Glacier Bay Cruising Only

**WED 20-AUG/25** Skagway, Alaska, US

**THU 21-AUG/25** Juneau, Alaska, US

**FRI 22-AUG/25** Ketchikan, Alaska, US

**SAT 23-AUG/25** Scenic Cruising The Inside Passage

**SUN 24-AUG/25** Debark Ship Vancouver, B.C., CA  
Transfer Ship/Vancouver Airport and flight to Toronto

<http://thatspecialsomething.ca/alaska/>

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Shriners, Friends and Families

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\$5160.00 CAD Outside

\$6052.00 CAD Veranda

\$7631.00 CAD Signature Suite

(Rates are per person based on  
2 people sharing a cabin)

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Group Air with Seattle Hotel - \$1,849.00 CAD/PP

### Group pricing (cruise) includes...

7-Day Premium Wifi

7-Day Elite Bev Pkg

Shore Excursion Discount

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1 Night Spec Dining

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guest (up to \$100 value per tour). Shore excursions are  
available to prereserve or may be booked onboard.

2: 1 Night Spec Dining, reservations and dining times are  
available to pre-reserve or may be booked onboard.

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# In Memoriam

*The deepest sympathy of the  
Illustrious Potentate,  
Divan and Nobles  
of the Rameses Shrine  
is extended to  
family and friends.*

## DECEASED NOBLES REPORTED IN THE MONTH OF May 2024

Patrick K. O'Connell  
Timmins, ON  
May 31, 2024

## DECEASED NOBLES REPORTED IN THE MONTH OF June 2024

Randall E. Sheppard  
North Bay, ON  
June 5, 2024

Ronald A. McDermid  
Stayner, ON  
June 15, 2024

Charles K. Lowe  
Stayner, ON  
June 28, 2024

## DECEASED NOBLES REPORTED IN THE MONTH OF July 2024

Donald M. Livingstone  
Willow Beach, ON  
July 2, 2024

Archie F. Davidson  
Maple, ON  
July 3, 2024

Alexander Murray  
Stoney Creek, ON  
July 3, 2024

Erland D. Troup  
Jordan Station, ON  
July 12, 2024  
Alexander "Alec" Bondarchuk  
St. Catharines, ON  
July 17, 2024

John E. Skippen  
Sheguiandah, ON  
July 21, 2024

O. Raymond J. Savijarvi  
Bracebridge, ON  
July 28, 2024

## DECEASED NOBLES REPORTED IN THE MONTH OF August 2024

Alvery O. Kerr  
Collingwood, ON  
August 2, 2024

Frank J. Van Der Heyden  
Niagara Falls, ON  
August 2, 2024

Efstathios "Steve" Xanthopoulos  
Scarborough, ON  
August 19, 2024

Robert G. Paxton  
Little Current, ON  
August 24, 2024

Murray A. Dow  
Guelph, ON  
August 25, 2024

## DECEASED NOBLES REPORTED IN THE MONTH OF September 2024

Perry J. Fell  
Orillia, ON  
September 4, 2024

John K. Devins  
Mono, ON  
September 19, 2024

## "ES SELAMU ALEIKUM"

*We do not lose the ones we love  
They only go before,  
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Where sorrow is no more. . .  
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## ENJOY THE 'CAPITAL CITY OF THE AMERICAN SOUTH!'

The 2025 Imperial Session will take place in Atlanta, aka the Sweet Tea Metropolis and the City in a Forest, at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta. Located in the downtown area, the hotel is just steps away from the Peachtree Center, the Georgia Aquarium, the College Football Hall of Fame and the World of Coca-Cola, one of Atlanta's most popular attractions. Downtown Atlanta has an abundance of excellent dining, shopping, arts, culture and entertainment possibilities.

Nobles will love exploring this city with their families, friends and brothers. So come and see this vibrant city for yourself!

## EXPERIENCE 'HOTLANTA'

Atlanta is known for its warm welcome to visitors, as well as its history, sights and diversity. This city is thriving, and that is spurring tremendous growth. In 2022-23, Atlanta was the third-fastest growing metro area in the United States. Atlanta history includes not only the legacies of the Civil War, but the triumphs of the 1960s civil rights movement. At the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historical Park, just a mile from the Hyatt, you can visit his birth home and the historic Ebenezer Baptist Church, which in 2019 was restored to the appearance it had in the 1960s.

Atlanta is also home to the National Center for Civil and Human Rights, a museum dedicated to the achievements of the civil rights movement. It's located across Centennial Park from the World of Coca-Cola Museum and the Georgia Aquarium.

Centennial Park is right across the street from Centennial Olympic Park, the park constructed for the 1996 Summer Games.

Two other sites with historic significance just a short distance from downtown are the Atlanta History Center, in the Buckhead neighborhood, which features the historic Swan House, used as a location for *The Hunger Games: Catching Fire* movie, and the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum.

For those less interested in history there are the Atlanta Botanical Garden, with its unique flora, fauna and topiary, and The Varsity, billed at the "world's largest drive-in." They say no trip to Atlanta is complete without a Varsity chili dog, an order of onion rings and a Frosted Orange!

## WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE


The 2025 Imperial Session will be an event where nobles can meet new friends, learn and plan the fraternity's future. You don't want to miss it. Come celebrate the fun, fellowship and philanthropy that makes Shriners International the greatest fraternity in the world.



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