



**Illustrious Sir  
John Domonkos  
Potentate  
Rameses Shriners  
2024**

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# *Rameses Potentate's Ball*

**Honouring Illustrious Sir John Domonkos and Lady Elizabeth**

***Saturday, April 27, 2024.***

***At the Sheraton Parkway North Hotel & Suites,***

***600 Highway 7, Richmond Hill, ON L4B 1B2***

***Phone: (905) 882-3108***

***Cocktails 5:00 pm, Dinner 6:00 pm***

***Tickets are \$125 each – Dancing & Entertainment***

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***Email: rina@rameses.ca – Cut-off date: April 15, 2024.***

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# Potentate's Message

## ILLUSTRIOUS SIR JOHN DOMONKOS POTENTATE 2024

I am deeply honoured and grateful to have been elected as your Potentate. It is with great humility that I accept this Responsibility and Privilege to lead such a distinguished group of Shriners.

I would like to thank Rt. Hon., Reverend, Illustrious Sir Bevan Carrique, P.P., my mentor, for Installing me in this high Position, Noble Thomas Carrique, Ambassador at Large, for presenting me with my Fez, and Illustrious Sir Donald A. Campbell, P.P., for presenting me with my gavel.

I want to express my heartfelt appreciation to each and every one of you for placing your trust in me. The confidence you have shown in my ability to serve in this esteemed role as the Potentate of Rameses Shriners is both humbling and inspiring.

I am excited about the opportunities that lie ahead and to bring back the Fun and Fellowship to Rameses. Please keep in mind Nobles, we are all Masons first and Nobles second and maintain that Harmony in our Temple.

Nobles, it's easy to criticize, if you have any suggestions please step up to plate and I will make sure I will have a job for you on one of my committees.

### THEMED EVENTS: Please Mark it on your Calendars

1. March 30, 2024 - Master Mason Day, Meet and Greet
2. July 13, 2024 - Hawaiian Night
3. August 17, 2024 - Rameses Appreciation Day
4. Sept. 7, 2024 - 50's Night, "Old time Rock-n-Roll"
5. Nov. 2, 2024 - Family Day BBQ, bring your kids and grandkids.
6. Nov. 16, 2024 - Western NIGHT, (Line Dancing)
7. Rameses Monthly Luncheon - TBA
8. Cigar Night - TBA with Location.
9. Car Show - TBA

I am committed to work tirelessly to uphold the values and traditions that make our fraternity the world's largest Philanthropy. Our number one goal is to help our kids in our Shriners Hospitals for Children and change their lives. Together we can continue our tradition and have Fun and Fellowship.

As I mentioned in my acceptance speech, as your President/CEO of your corporation, I have a responsibility to my stake holders, You the members of Rameses Shriner. This is a responsibility I do not take lightly. My goal will be to demonstrate being Physically responsible with Rameses Funds. Reduce Travel Expense and mileage by the Divan. If you want to have the Potentate at your functions, please send in your Invitations to the Rameses Recorder.

### PAPYRUS

Effective Immediately we will revert back to Publishing the Papyrus 5 times a Year.

1. February edition, with submissions are due by Jan. 15, 2024
2. April edition, with submissions are due by Mar. 11, 2024
3. June edition, with submissions are due by April 29, 2024
4. Sept. edition, with submission are due by July 29, 2024
5. November edition, with submissions are due by Sept. 23, 2024

When the Draft copy is approved by the Divan, an electronic Version will be placed on our Rameses Website:

<https://ramesesshriners.ca/>

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As a Fundraiser for your Clubs, I am asking you to sell advertising space in the Papyrus and you will receive a generous commission. Please contact the Press Corps and Carbon Copy me.

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As another Fund Raiser for your Club, please sell our Potentate's Coffee and Tea with your Cakes, Cookies, and Onions. Please buy some for yourself and give it to your friends and family as a Gift. The Coffee is Custom blended by me for your enjoyment and pleasure.

Potentate's Ball will be on Saturday, April 27, 2024. Noble John Neil will have more information.

Potentate's Trip, "Danube Dreams" with Avalon Waterways featuring two nights in Prague, 10 days aboard the Avalon View to Budapest, is going very well, we have 9 State Rooms already booked.

I look forward to working with you, the Nobles and Past Potentates, with our collective strength and support we can achieve our goals. Your support means the world to me, and I am eager to serve with dedication and integrity with Lady Elizabeth at my side. Looking forward in our Travels to personally meet with you and share our values.

I will be having Zoom meetings with my Appointed Divan, Ambassador's and Past Potentate's of Rameses Shriners.

I am truly blessed to be part of Rameses Shriners; Lady Elizabeth and I thank you for this Honour you bestowed upon us.



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

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# RAMESES SHRINERS MONTHLY EVENT SCHEDULE

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

DATE	HOST	DESCRIPTION	PLACE	TIME
<b>March 2024</b>				
1 March	Rameses	Financial Meeting	Rameses HQ	7:30 PM
16 March	Rameses	Club/Unit Seminar	Rameses HQ	T.B.A.
30 March	Rameses	Master Mason Meet 'n Greet	Rameses HQ	T.B.A.

## April 2024

19 – 21 April		NYOSA	New York/Ontario Shrine Association (NYOSA) Meeting	Saratoga, NY <a href="https://www.nyosa.org">https://www.nyosa.org</a>
27 April	Rameses	Potentate's Ball	Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel & Suites	5:00 PM

## May 2024

11 May	Rameses	Special Ladies Luncheon	Rameses HQ	11:00 AM
24 May	Founders Unit	Founder's Golf Classic Utopia, ON	Bear Creek Golf Club	1:00 PM

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# 2024 SHRINERS LOTTERY RESULTS

WINNERS WILL BE PRINTED IN THE TORONTO STAR, SATURDAY EDITION, CLASSIFIED ADS, SERVICES SECTION AND ON OUR WEB SITE: [www.ramesesshriners.ca](http://www.ramesesshriners.ca)

**Shriners Lottery 3611**  
**December 31**  
**2023**  
**Draw 53 \$40,000**

**J. SAMPSON**  
**NEW LOWELL**  
**KEYSTONE KOPPS**

### Shriners Lottery January 4, 2024 Draw 1

1289	B. KAHLER	PETROLIA	RAMESES	\$1,000
2200	J. MCGREGOR	SUTTON	NEWBEAVER	\$500
1069	W. TAN	SCARBOROUGH	EL SHAMALY	\$250
2659	O. KOSKI	MINDEMOYA	SUDBURY	\$250
2608	C. TESOLIN	OTTAWA	SUDBURY	\$250
1345	K. HUNTER	GOODERHAM	ALGONQUIN	\$250
0638	J. YOUNG	NEWMARKET	VIKING	\$100
3827	R. VARIEUR	SUDBURY	SUDBURY	\$100
1427	J. GILPIN	ERIN	CREDIT VALLEY	\$100
0509	T. FEAVER	SCHOMBERG	TECUMSEH	\$100
3484	A. GUILATCO	BURLINGTON	DRUM CORPS	\$100

### Shriners Lottery January 11, 2024 Draw 2

0349	R. SWATUK	TORONTO	MUSKOKA	\$1,000
3513	G. KERESTECIOGLU	RICHMOND HILL	RAMESES	\$500
0274	N. CLARK	PORT CARLING	MUSKOKA	\$250
1165	C. WILCE	COLBORNE	TRENT VALLEY	\$250
1383	J. DONALDSON	OSHAWA	ALGONQUIN	\$250
3455	L. CHAMBERLAIN	CALEDON	TECUMSEH	\$250
1728	R. KENNEDY	CANNINGTON	KAWARTHA	\$100
2278	J. HAINES	OWEN SOUND	RAMOCA	\$100
2631	T. & B. MCQUAY	MINDEMOYA	SUDBURY	\$100
2984	J. KOVACK	TIMMINS	TIMMINS	\$100
3617	T. KELLS	COLLINGWOOD	MANITO	\$10

### Shriners Lottery January 18, 2024 Draw 3

2582	I. NICKSY	MCDUGALL	WAUBUNO	\$1,000
1082	C. INFANTE	VAUGHAN	EL SHAMALY	\$500
0024	G. STEVENSON	CARRYING PLACE	BELLEVILLE	\$250
0116	M. ROBINSON	BEAUMARIS	MUSKOKA	\$250
1196	J. HOLMES	TORONTO	FOUNDERS	\$250
2132	M. LUFF	STOUFFVILLE	NEWBEAVER	\$250
0273	I. WILLMONT	BEAUMARIS	MUSKOKA	\$100
0310	K. ORME	WILLOW BEACH	MUSKOKA	\$100
2329	P. MACDERMID	SAUBLE BEACH	RAMOCA	\$100
2486	O.F.M.&D.	PARRY SOUND	WAUBUNO	\$100
2535	C. ORR	PARRY SOUND	WAUBUNO	\$100

### Shriners Lottery January 25, 2024 Draw 4

1524	M. HAWKES	ARISS	CREDIT VALLEY	\$1,000
3071	J. MACDONALD	STRATHROY	OAKVILLE	\$500
0339	H. RADIKE	HUNTSVILLE	MUSKOKA	\$250
0583	R. ISIDRO	COURTICE	DIXON	\$250
2369	M. SPRAY	PORT ELGIN	RAMOCA	\$250
2556	J. HALLER	MACTIER	WAUBUNO	\$250
0407	N. MANION	BRACEBRIDGE	MUSKOKA	\$100
0783	J. LIPPETT	ANGUS	SHEBA	\$100
1099	O. PISCIOTTA	KING	TECUMSEH	\$100
1649	A. HARPER	BEAVERTON	KAWARTHA	\$100
3226	N. LALIBERTE	BRECHIN	ORILLIA	\$100

### Shriners Lottery February 1, 2024 Draw 5

2134	D. HOLDEN	STOUFFVILLE	NEWBEAVER	\$1,000
0055	L. STEWART	BELLEVILLE	BELLEVILLE	\$500
0450	D. MCDERMOTT	BRACEBRIDGE	MUSKOKA	\$250
3052	D. DE BRITO	OAKVILLE	OAKVILLE	\$250
3417	D. ARMSTRONG	WYOMING	TECUMSEH	\$250
3520	N. DUFFY	HORNBY	FIREFIGHTERS	\$250
1756	A. CROWE	BOBCAYGEON	KAWARTHA	\$100
2090	D. GILLIES	NIAGARA FALLS	NIAGARA	\$100
2484	C. HURLBURT	NOBEL	WAUBUNO	\$100
3634	R. BRODERICK	STAYNER	MANITO	\$100
3680	S. LOUGHEED	DUNTRON	MANITO	\$100

## A Slow Walk To A Bright Future

By Noble Eric Rankin  
 Ambassador Emeritus  
 LAKESHORE SHRINE CLUB



In 2019 in collaboration with a neighbour, friend and artist Merrill Sooley, an accomplished artist, I asked him to paint for me a piece of work similar to a piece he was working on and to show the child with braces, walking to the operating room with her surgeon. I told him I would like to donate it to the Canadian Shrine Hospital.

Because of COVID it was not finished until early 2023. I had the art delivered to me and I arranged for it to be framed and hand delivered to the Hospital in Montreal.

Over a period of time, it was reviewed by the donor committee and is hanging in the Doctors Administration office.

On Tuesday September 26, 2023 Lady Linda and I visited the hospital representing Lakeshore Shrine Club and presented the painting to the Canadian Shriners.

I have titled the work  
**A SLOW WALK TO A BRIGHT FUTURE.**

This artwork represents the true essence of Shrinedom.

When Rameses Shriners visit the hospital, please see it and pray for all of our kids we help.



## TREASURER'S REPORT

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

**N**obles, I would like to congratulate Ill. Sir John Domonkos on being elected as our Potentate for 2024.

I am confident that under his leadership, 2024 will be a great year for Rameses. I would also like to congratulate our new Oriental Guide Noble Tom Lundy on being elected. He will be a great addition to the Divan.

The election day was certainly an interesting one. The idea of

raising dues is certainly not a popular topic. One of the objections to a dues increase was that we would lose members. I am sure we lost members when a dues increase starting in 2012 (uncertain as to how many) but that increase of 40 has put well over a million dollars into Rameses Shriners.

What I am sure of is that keeping dues low can have some very serious consequences. I know of a Temple who used to have a building but now they don't.

When I asked their Treasurer how much they paid in dues, his answer was \$37 (USD). I am certain that the Divan will make good business decisions in the management of Rameses Shriners.

With your help I am confident 2024 will be a great year.

## On Vacation. No Report.



## SLESS'S NOTES

BY NOBLE JOHN SLESSOR, H.P.&P.  
*Assistant Rabban*



## RECORDER'S CORNER

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

**N**obles, another year has started at Rameses Shriners with the election of the 2024 Divan and our 124<sup>th</sup> Potentate. Ill Sir John Domonkos and Lady Elizabeth are to be congratulated as they start a very busy year representing Rameses Shriners as Potentate and First Lady. I am very sure that our Temple will be well represented during the next 12 months.

I would like to congratulate Noble Thomas Lundy on being elected as Oriental Guide. I am sure that he will work hard for the Shrine. With the support of the Nobility and his Lady Jan and many hours travel and personal expense over the next 5 years he will fulfill his desire to be a leader in our Temple and Shrinedom.

I would also like to congratulate Illustrious Sir Joe Johnson on his term as Potentate of Rameses Shriners. You now join the ranks of the Past Potentates of Rameses Shriners and have left your mark on Rameses Shriners.

Congratulations is extended to Noble Jerry Sampson a member of the Keystone Koppis who was the Grand Prize winner of our Shriners Lottery.

Every year marks some happy occasions and some sad ones. During the past year Rameses Shriners presented many long term service awards and created some Emeritus members and Ambassadors. Sadly, we said goodbye to a number of our senior members who were visited by the Black Camel. We lost two Past Potentates, one was Past Recorder, Illustrious Sir Robert R. McGregor who over his many years of service to Rameses Shriners worked hard for the benefit of our members, and the other was Past Treasurer, Illustrious Sir Robert Young, who also worked hard for our members. We lost Noble Larry Aldebert a dedicated Noble

and Long-term Ambassador of Credit Valley Shrine Club who passed away before receiving his Ambassador Emeritus status. We also lost Noble Calvin Madill a long time Ambassador and then Ambassador Emeritus in a tragic vehicle accident. All Nobles who left us this past year will be sadly missed for their contributions to Rameses Shriners.

During the past year we have seen some large donations made to Shriners Hospital Canada. A personal donation of \$250,000.00 from a lady in the Belleville area and a bequeath of \$250,000 from an estate in the Hamilton area. Along with these two large donations, many smaller ones have brought the donations that are credited to Rameses Shriners to near One Million Dollars this year. I remind the Nobility that all donations going to the Hospital should go through the headquarter so they can be properly documented before being forwarded to the Hospital.

Rameses Transportation Fund has also received many donations from Clubs, especially from those Clubs who do Bingos, as OLG mandates the proceeds go to an Ontario based fund.

A Special thank you to the Clubs and Units as well as Nobles who made donations to Rameses Shriners supporting your Headquarter. Thank you also to all the clubs who over the past year took part in the Rameses Fund Raisers, Onions, Cakes, and Coffee. At present these are the only fundraisers that support our Headquarters.

2024 will see the Rameses Spring Ceremonial in Niagara Falls and the Imperial Session in Reno Nevada, both of these events should be wonderful, full of fun, and important to Rameses Shriners. I urge the Nobility to make plans to attend both of these events and support your Potentate.

I look forward to the coming year and working with all the Nobles as we move Rameses Shriners forward for another year.

Stay safe, and enjoy being a Shriner.

**M**y hearty congratulations to the newly Elected and Appointed Divan. Have a great year.

We are looking forward to the Spring Ceremonial in Niagara Falls.

Hope to see you in our travels.

What if you could see into the future? You might be stunned to see that God is going to use you in some miraculous way to reach out and



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

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

touch someone you haven't even met yet. No matter how big our dreams are, God's dreams for us are greater still!

**Please let me know if I can be of any assistance.**

**W**ell HAPPY NEW YEAR! Lady Leslie and I would like to wish every Noble, lady and their family a Happy New Year. I am very excited to be starting a new year in my personal life as well as Rameses Shriners!

Lady Leslie and I would like to extend a warm welcome to Noble Tom Lundy and Lady Jan to the Rameses Shriners Divan. I know you both will be a great addition to the team and help in shaping the future of our Temple and Fraternity.

As we progress, I would like to move the needle on putting the "Fun" back in Shrinedom! I believe this to be the first step in



## WEBB'S WUNDERINGS

BY NOBLE MICHAEL WEBB  
*High Priest & Prophet*

improving the value of your membership. I have had a suggestion from the Nobility that a meeting like the Financial Meeting coming up on Mar 1, 2024, is a large expectation to travel for an hour meeting, simply to turn around and return home. The recommendation is to combine the meeting with a meal and possibly some entertainment of some kind to make a full day event. As we are meeting on a Friday this year, this will not be possible. But we can start planning for 2025. I would love to hear ideas from you.

My email is: [michael.webb.911@gmail.com](mailto:michael.webb.911@gmail.com)

**I heard an interesting quote. "While Social Media has us more connected than any other time in history, we have never felt more disconnected."**

I look forward to hearing from you.



## TOM'S TWO CENTS

BY NOBLE THOMAS E. LUNDY  
*Oriental Guide*

**N**obles, these are terribly exciting times. I would like to thank the Nobility for the opportunity to serve as your Oriental Guide and to serve Rameses Temple for the next five years.

After the election, Lady Janice and I were both overwhelmed with congratulatory messages and positive reactions via social media and emails. We want to thank everyone for your support and encouragement.

I am eager to work with, and to contribute to, our distinguished Divan. In addition, I look forward to assisting your Clubs and Units any way I can.

If you do not already know, you will soon learn that I am a "Team Player". I promise to take the "Team" approach in all my positions while serving on the Divan.

That said I would like to take this opportunity to present my vision of "Team Rameses". We are one large team consisting of various smaller teams: the Divan, the Clubs & Units, Membership & Fundraising, and Shriners Children's Hospital, all with one common objective, the care and support of our Shriner Children.

Nobles, we are all in this together. Working in harmony, we can accomplish so much. Working in disharmony we WILL FAIL our Hospitals and our Children.

In closing, I want to thank my family for their support. A tip of the hat to my son-in-law Danny for his byline suggestion. Lady Janice and I are extremely excited about the 5-year journey upon which we have embarked. We look forward to meeting the Nobility and your Ladies over the coming months.

**H**appy New Year Nobles, and congratulations to Noble Tom Lundy on being elected as our new Oriental Guide. Noble Tom and Lady Janice are well known in Rameses, as Tom has been the Chief of our Firefighters Unit for many years. Tom will be a great asset at the Divan business table with his experience in business and as a municipal councillor. I look forward to working with him. I also congratulate Noble John Domonkos, on being elevated to the position of becoming our Illustrious Potentate, and my fellow Divan teammates for their advancement and re-election. Rameses has a solid executive team.

The new year brings a new team member and a new leader to the table. Our new Potentate has some new ideas and plans to bring some new events to the membership for fun and fundraising. Let's move the yardstick forward and have some fun and fellowship along the way.

We are in the process of performing the Club and Unit installation ceremonies this month, and I congratulate all the new Club executives on their election and accepting the challenge of a leadership position. The success of every Club and Unit is important to the future of our Shrine legacy. I thank you and look forward to working with you.

Thank you to all who supported the Divan at the annual election



## BIG JOHN'S BABBLE

BY NOBLE JOHN H. NEIL  
*Chief Rabban*

and installation ceremony on January 6th. It was rewarding to see a full house of Rameses Shriners present to listen to the dues increase proposal, have discussion, and work out a solution for the future of our Shrine Centre. I encourage every member to review the distributed financial statements and budget. These documents will be presented and voted on at the annual financial meeting on Friday, March 1st.

Spring time is Vidalia Onion time. Watch for info on this annual fundraiser for both Rameses, and the Clubs that participate.

Wishing everyone the best for our Shrine year. See you soon and stay safe!





# Sheba Shrine Club News

By Noble Doug Griffin, SSCCS  
Sheba Shrine Club Chief Scribe

**W**inter has come to the near shores of Kempenfelt Bay bringing us into a Season of Christmas Parades, Christmas Parades and a feeling of Brotherly Love. Wow! I wish this feeling would last the whole year. Just imagine what this "Old World" would be like.....?

## Now back to reality.

On Sunday November 26th a huge crowd lined the parade route in Innisfil to welcome a Jolly Old Fat Man with a White Beard wearing a Red Suit. But ahead of him were two floats of Sheba Shriners wearing their Red Fezzes and waving frantically to the multitude. And I mean "incredibly enormous assortment of people". I can personally say that I have never greeted so many individuals and wished them a Merry Christmas and I have never received so many smiles and salutations back.

**SHEBA CHRISTMAS PARTY:** There was no Humbug with this Hullabaloo. This was a real Humdinger of a party! What a time we had. I tip my Fez to Kym of Traditions for a wonderful meal. The turkey was moist and tender. The stuffing was absolutely mouthwatering. The salads were crisp and juicy. The potatoes and vegetables were..... I just can't say any more..... I am having a gastronomical flashback.

Give me a moment..... THE MEAL WAS FANTASTIC!

We also had a surprise visitor. No, it wasn't a merry old fat man in a red suit and it wasn't Dale Kitchen in his bathrobe..... Wait for it (slight pause) ... It was the Grinch. Yes, that slim slimy surly green mischief maker. He ran around the Banquet Hall picking up people's drinks, kicking presents through the air and making us cringe with his shenanigans. I did get a photo of him but it didn't develop but I'm sure his presence is locked into everyone's memory. He finally left after unplugging our Christmas tree and stealing Dale Kitchen's bathrobe or I think he did. What an alarming experience; we still can't find the bathrobe.

After all that ruckus things got quiet, real quiet and then twelve Ladies walked onto the dance floor. They positioned themselves in two rows. They silently looked at the audience and then they began to sing. Holy Cow! There was no band, no instruments just their voices.



**'TIS THE SEASON:** Pictured is a group photo of our "Merry Men."

Unbelievable!

The Barrie Sound Waves caught us all by surprise. I don't know how many songs they sang but these ladies were incredible. The different ranges and tones of each singer combined together to make one powerful voice. All of a sudden, some voices would go louder and some went softer. Then some would sing higher and some lower. What a combination of musical notes. As you can see, I was impressed and so was everyone.

Then the D.J. announced that the dancing was about to start. Unfortunately, Sheena and I couldn't stay to watch everyone strut their stuff, but I am sure some of my pals would have sore backs, swollen feet and migraines the next day.

Cal's Annual Breakfast: Saturday at 7 A.M. is when we gather for Cal's Gentlemen's Breakfast at Sheba.

Here I am. I'm still half asleep and in a comatose state. My eyes are still closed and I desperately need a coffee. I don't know how I got here. The last thing I remember was the alarm clock going off at 5:30 A.M. and here I am at the Club shaking hands and saying "Good Morning" to everyone. One hundred and forty-two of us got up early to have back bacon, brown beans, scrambled eggs, sliced tomatoes, toast, jam and juice. AND LOTS OF COFFEE.

This year we honoured our friend and brother and the founder of this event Cal Madill. We were there for him. All of us had a great time with a lot of laughs. Just the way Cal would want things to be.

## Rameses Elections:

Congratulations to our new 2024 Potentate Illustrious Sir John Dmonkos and his Lady Elizabeth on behalf of all Rameses Shriners.

To Past Potentate Illustrious Sir Joe Johnson and his Lady Joyce, you did a great job of leading us in 2023.

To our new Oriental Guide Noble Tom Lundy, it is good to see you climbing the ladder to leadership... Welcome aboard! It is a pleasure to watch the rest of the Divan moving on up. Congratulations to Nobles John Neil, John Slessor and Michael Webb, and let's not forget our Treasurer Illustrious Sir Jim McKinney, P.P., and Recorder Illustrious Sir Bryan Lawson, P.P., on keeping their positions.

Well, I have talked enough in this Papyrus issue and it has left me rather parched so I am going to head to the Hospitality Room and quench my thirst and maybe have a nap.

Happy Trails to You until We Meet Again...



**Cal's Breakfast**

# R A M E S E S DIVAN 2024



**John Domonkos**  
*Illustrious Potentate*



**James "Jim" McKinney, P.P.**  
*Treasurer*



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



**John H. Neil**  
*Chief Rabban*



**John Slessor**  
*Assistant Rabban*



**Michael Webb**  
*High Priest and Prophet*



**Thomas E. Lundy**  
*Oriental Guide*

## Introducing your Oriental Guide, Thomas E. Lundy, 2024

Who is Noble Tom Lundy, our new Oriental Guide?

Tom's Masonic journey began 25 years ago when he was initiated into Ashlar Lodge No. 247, Toronto District 5. He is the last sitting Master of Ashlar Lodge and the first sitting Master of amalgamated Ashlar St. Clair Lodge No. 247, Toronto Humber Valley District (now closed). Tom is a Charter Member of Goodfellows Lodge No. 748, Georgian North District, in Parry Sound.

Tom Chaired the Toronto Seven Districts Masters Dinner in 2005 (now Toronto 5 Districts), and as a Past Chair he is invited to that event in perpetuity. He boasts 100% attendance in that role.

He served as District Secretary for Georgian North District in 2021-22 and earned an appointment to Grand Steward for the 2022-23 Masonic year.

Tom is a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason, a member of the Valley

of Barrie for the past 22 years (Lodge of Perfection, Spry Chapter of Rose Croix, and Consistory).

Noble Tom Lundy joined Rameses Shriners 20 years ago at the Spring Ceremonial in Owen Sound, ON. Tom joined the Firefighters Unit where he served as Secretary/Treasurer from 2008 to 2017. He has been the Director and Chief for the past 6 years. Tom joined Waubuno Shrine Club in 2018 and has served as a Director of Waubuno for the past four years.

Noble Lundy was a member of Rameses Appointed Divan in 2021 where he served as Potentate's Aide to Illustrious Sir Shawn Hewlett.

On a personal note, Tom and his wife Janice have been together for 40 years. They have lived in Pointe au Baril for the past 11 years. Together they have five children from previous marriages, Ryan, Stephanie, Michelle, Denise, and Nicole, ten grandchildren, NEXT PAGE

# Thomas E. Lundy, 2024 continued

and three great grandchildren.

Tom is semi-retired after 42 years in the Consumer-Packaged Goods Industry, performing in National Account Management roles. He served on Sales and Account Management Teams in the fresh area of the grocery channel representing national brands including, but not limited to Shopsy's, Maple Leaf, Johnsonville, Reser's, Buddig, Oscar Mayer, Hormel, Renee's, Tabasco, and Trident.

An entrepreneur, Tom is President, CEO, and Owner of Emerson Foods Inc., a business that he started in 2004 and continues to operate today.

Currently Tom serves as a Councilor in the Township of The Archipelago, representing Ward 1, the village of Pointe au Baril for the 2022 to 2026 term and previously served in the same capacity during the 2014 to 2018 term of office.

Passionate about community, Tom has 27 years of volunteer service on various Boards of Directors: Parry Sound Public Library, Pointe au Baril Islanders Association, Sturgeon Bay Pointe au Baril Ratepayers Association, Halton Condominium Corp. #238, Ontario Hockey Association, Ontario Hockey Federation and Hockey Canada.

Prior to Masonry, Tom had a second career in amateur hockey where he served on many TEAMS.

Firstly, as a referee, the third team on the ice in a hockey game. Tom refereed for 17 years in the Ontario Hockey Association at the highest levels of amateur hockey: Major Junior A (now CHL), all levels of Junior and Senior, University and College, including provincial and national championships. He also officiated International Exhibition matches.

After retiring from Officiating, Tom decided to give back to the Game he loved, and that had been so good to him. Elected in 1985 to the Board of Directors of the Ontario Hockey Association, he went on to serve on the Ontario Hockey Federation Board of Directors as Chair of Junior Hockey for Ontario, and the Ontario representative on the Canadian Hockey Association (now Hockey Canada) Junior Council.

In 1998, Tom was elected to the Hockey Canada Board of Directors as Director of Junior Hockey and Chair of the Hockey Canada Junior Council. He led that Team for 5 years. Tom served as a member of the various Hockey Executive Teams for 13 years ending in 2003.

It was when Tom left the game of hockey that he dedicated his newfound spare time to his Masonic Travels in general and to the Shrine in particular.

## Notice of Business Session 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 1 March, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. The Nobility are urged to be present to receive the Financial Reports for the year ending December 31st, 2023, 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 Lawson, P.P. - Recorder  
John Domonkos - Potentate

## You are invited to . . . DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE



Daughters of the Nile News  
By Queen Cheryl A. Petruk

On November 19, 2023, Oronto Temple No. 69 hosted her Supreme Majesty, Patricia J. Larimore for her Official Supreme Queen Visit. A wonderful Obligation only Ceremonial was held where 3 new Princesses joined Oronto Temple. A wonderful time was had by all!

### INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS 2024

Please join  
Oronto Temple at the  
Installation of Officers  
on March 16, 2024  
at 2:00 pm



Supreme Queen (Patty) Larimore  
and Queen Cheryl A. Petruk



Ill. Sir Joe Johnson, SQ Patty Larimore  
and First Lady Joyce Johnson

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Daughters of the Nile





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February 24, 2024  
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*Rameses Shrine Temple*

For information, email  
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124 Queens Plate Drive  
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# Rameses Club Visits to SHC-Canada

By Noble John Neil - Chief Rabban



**A**fter a few years of severe visit restrictions due to COVID, our Canadian Shrine Hospital cautiously opened for Shriner visits last year.

Three of our Rameses Shrine Clubs took advantage of the opportunity and arranged visits to our Shriners Hospital for Children - Canada in August and September of 2023. The Viking Shrine Club visited in August and the Ramoca and Kingston Clubs visited in September. Please enjoy the attached photos. Hospital visits are the best way to absorb the magic that we do for kids. If you haven't been for a visit, I strongly encourage you to do so. Any Clubs interested in arranging a visit for this year can contact Noble Mike Lacey or myself.

Our Canadian Shrine Hospital was built as the flagship orthopaedic hospital for the entire Shrine system and continues to hold that position. This hospital continues to grow and 2023 was another record-breaking year. Shriners magic was sprinkled over approximately 28,000 patient visits in our clinic last year and approximately 1,500 surgeries were performed. Our board representative, Noble Mike Lacey is keeping us updated regularly with his board reports and I encourage everyone to read and embrace them. Mike is representing Rameses Shriners well at the board level and has taken on new responsibilities as the Board Secretary. Congratulations Mike!



## Shriners Club of Hamilton



Thank you to the 'Shriners Club of Hamilton and their incredible donation of \$250,000 to 'SHC-Canada. It was a pleasure to present at our December board meeting while the Imperial Potentate Ed Stolze was visiting SHC-Canada! Keep up the excellent work Nobles.

# Rameses First Lady Joyce's 2023 Project Wrap-Up

## MOBILITY DEVICES for the REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT of Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Canada

**W**e are pleased and excited to announce that we have completed the 2023 Rameses First Lady's Project that was established for 2023 to sell raffle tickets to enable us to earn and present money to support the much-needed **MOBILITY DEVICES** for your **REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT**.

We are very excited to announce that through ticket sales and very generous donations we raised **\$12,000**. Our hearts are full from the generosity and support we received... Thank you for helping me keep my beliefs and true heart strong by...

**"Reaching Out With Loving Hands"**.

I also want to **CONGRATULATE** the **WINNERS** of the prizes. Please enjoy!

Beautiful Multi Coloured Lap Quilt	Ron's Mechanical
Turquoise Crocheted Blanket	Alan Newton
Pair Silver Heart Loop Ear Rings	Tom Newburn
Turquoise bead necklace	Monica Hoffmann
Luxie Collection Designer Handbag/Sunglasses	C Crawford
Bottle of Seagram's VO Canadian Whiskey	Miss. Shrine Club
Hand Stitched Table Runner	Alice Fono
Hand Knitted Kitty Doll with baby	Nancy Finch
Hand Knitted Lambie Doll with baby	Janice Lundy
Large Hand Knitted Blanket	Leslie Fey
Small Purple Hand Knitted Blanket	Brenda Brown
Quilted Long Sleeve Jacket	Marilyn Hackett
Digital Watch IN BOX	Ray McCarl
Digital Watch IN CASE	Marcel Portelance
Set of Hand Designed Note Cards	Margo Thompson
Book: My Little Brother	Colin Blakelock
Book: My Little Brother	Kevin Branch





# RAMESES SPRING CEREMONIAL 2024

June 6 - 9 - 2024

## NIAGARA FALLS - LET'S SOAR IN 24

### CEREMONIAL PROGRAM

#### THURSDAY JUNE 6

- 10:30am Flag Raising Ceremony, Niagara Falls City Hall
- 5:00pm BBQ at the Oasis Shrine Club
- 7:30 pm Rameses Stated Meeting Shrine Club

#### FRIDAY JUNE 7

- 8:00am FUN Golf Outing Fort Erie Golf Club
- Noon Registration opens Shrine Club
- Noon BBQ at the Oasis Shrine Club
- Evening Open evening, Shrine Club open to socialize  
Whisky tasting, cigars, a little blues music

#### SATURDAY JUNE 8

- 7:00-9:30 Breakfast Shrine Club
- 8:00am Candidates Registration & All Sections  
Fallsview Hose Brigade, Dunn St
- 8:00am Ladies Program
- 9:30am Parade Line Up
- 11:00am Parade Begins
- 12:00 Noon BBQ at the Oasis Shrine Club
- 2:30pm Class party - meet the Candidates Shrine Club
- 5:30pm General Reception, Club Italia
- 6:15pm Fezzing & Ceremonial Feast, Club Italia

#### SUNDAY JUNE 9

- 7:00-9:30 Breakfast Shrine Club
- 8:00am Drum Head Ceremony Shrine Club.
- Noon BBQ at the Oasis Shrine Club

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#### 1. COMFORT INN, Stanley Ave 70 ROOMS \$212 AVERAGE

Located just around the corner from the Canadian and Horseshoe Falls, a block from the Shrine Club the Comfort Hotel® features welcoming accommodations for business and leisure travellers. Not only are we among Niagara Falls hotels with indoor pools, we also offer a fully-equipped fitness centre, guest laundry facilities, and EV charging stations.



#### 2. HEADQUARTERS HOTEL AMERICANA RESORT, Lundys Lane 140 ROOMS \$204 AVERAGE

All guest rooms come fully equipped with a microwave, mini fridge, coffee maker, iron and ironing board, hair dryer, desk/workspace and internet access. Whether planning the perfect family vacation, a romantic couple's getaway, an important business trip or a successful meeting or conference – the Americana has the perfect room for you. Boston Pizza, Fields restaurant and the Oasis pool bar and grill



#### 3. FALLS LODGE & SUITES, Stanley Ave 75 ROOMS \$150 AVERAGE

We are a three-star hotel in Niagara Falls, offering quality rooms and suites designed to provide you with the utmost comfort during your stay. Our hotel is dedicated to ensuring that every guest has a memorable experience, whether you are here for business or leisure.



#### 4. DAYS INN, Centre St 50 ROOMS \$165 AVERAGE

Our Days Inn Niagara Falls hotel is located near Rainbow Bridge. Conveniently situated on Centre Street in the heart of the city, our location is the perfect home base for experiencing the Falls. Our 100% non-smoking hotel was designed with your comfort in mind, featuring thoughtful amenities to brighten your stay.



#### 5. CAIRN CROFT Lundys Lane 25 ROOMS \$220 AVERAGE STANDARD & SUITES AVAILABLE

Stay at this beautiful resort-style Niagara Falls hotel located on historic Lundy's Lane in Niagara Falls, Ontario. Best Western Plus Cairn Croft Hotel is located just one and one quarter miles from the Falls and offers a host of amenities and services including Niagara's only and most authentic Irish Pub - Doc Magilligan's.



#### 6. SUPER 8 Lundys Lane 30 ROOMS \$169 AVERAGE

Less than 5 km from the Falls, this property features an outdoor pool, an on-site restaurant and bright rooms with free Wi-Fi. Cable TV, a phone, fridge. Some rooms offer a 2-person spa bath. Each morning guests can enjoy a complimentary continental breakfast.



#### 7. HOWARD JOHNSON Victoria Ave 40 ROOMS \$206 AVERAGE

Howard Johnson Plaza by Wyndham by the Falls/Niagara Falls. We offer a great location near casinos and family-friendly activities, and we're located just one block from one of the most impressive natural wonders of the world, Niagara Falls. Popular dining options like Denny's® and Pizza Hut® are located on-site. When you'd like a sweet treat, visit our Baskin Robbins.



#### 8. COMFORT INN LUNDYS LANE 25 ROOMS \$149 AVERAGE

Looking for places to stay in Niagara Falls, the Comfort Inn® Lundy's Lane offers restful Niagara Accommodations just off Highway 20, giving guests easy access to all the landmarks. Next door to the Factory 1 Outlets





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**NIAGARA  
SHRINE CLUB**

#### Noble Secretaries

Niagara is still working hard on the 2024 Spring Ceremonial and now requires your help to distribute the attached information.

The previously sent agenda still stands as a rough draft with the exception of parade timing.

Just to keep you in the loop of our negotiations getting a parade route. The city of Niagara Falls has set its cost to us at a figure that is impossible to meet, so we have written off having it downtown.

Our next negotiation was with the Niagara Parks Commission to have the parade down near the Falls. They suggested we tag onto another event they had going the same day to save costs. The only stipulation was the parade had to step off at 11am. We thought we could work around that by juggling the candidate and ladies' programs around. Well, their ideas of cost saving didn't add up to me at a sum of \$12,000, plus. We chopped up their proposal and are awaiting a response from them as I write this letter. An update will follow on how we make out.

Our housing chair Drew Ward and I just finished our hotel contracts and have selected the following hotels on the attached sheet. None are where we previously said that we were going to house everyone as we felt your members might balk at paying \$500 a night. Our guide in choosing these new properties was that they be good, clean, well-maintained motel/hotels with rates under \$250.

At three of these properties you can walk to the Falls, dine in about twenty restaurants, get your morning coffee at a Starbucks or Timmy's, take your chances at the Casino or catch a show at the OLG Stage at the Fallsview Casino, and you're only three blocks from our Shrine Club. The others are on Lundys Lake, the furthest about 27 Miles from the Shrine Club.

What we need from you as Secretary is to spread the word to your Club members about what a great time they will have going to a Ceremonial; and to have a housing chair assigned to relieve you from work. His job will be to get the names of who wish to attend, collect credit card numbers guaranteeing rooms, find out their arrival and departure dates and hopefully be the only one dealing with our Housing Chair, Drew Ward, regarding rooms and packages.

To your housing chair, if you're lucky enough to get out of having to do it.

The Lucky Housing Chair: Noble please ask your members dealing with any housing to go through you only, so both you and Drew know exactly what is needed.

Find out if the Club will be sending a cheque to cover the \$35 binder fee for each member, if not we will charge their credit card the \$35 and put that charge through the day we receive the housing form. The hotel will not charge anything on the card as it on guarantees their arrival.

Noble Secretary, your job, as well as our well-paid sales rep, is to distribute the finalized package information and request forms to the membership as soon as we send them and encourage all to send them back as soon as possible.

Appreciate your efforts in making this a fun Ceremonial, so keep an eye open for that triple-digit paycheque in the mail.

More Emails will follow as we firm up our plans, hope you will forward them to your membership.

**Thanks in advance and we wish you all a  
A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**DREW WARD, HOUSING CHAIR '24  
DAVE GILLES, DIRECTOR GENERAL '24  
Cc JOHN DOMONKOS, CHIEF RABBAN**

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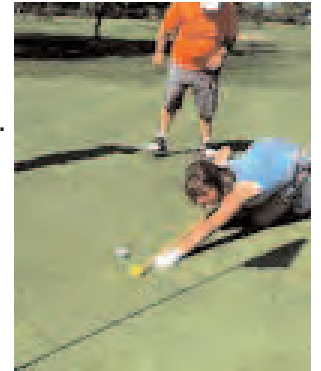
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## GOLF



### FORT ERIE GOLF CLUB 1150 Sunset Dr, Fort Erie

This year's Ceremonial Golf Tournament will be a little different. First, it will not be a tournament, but a Fun Golf Day open to men and women. The idea is to have fun and not worry about your score. All aspects of golf will be there but with a few twists. Putting implements will be provided on six holes, scattered around the different greens. The longest drive will be there, but a bit different. There may be other things on the greens you could use to distract your fellow golfers. The whole idea is to have fun and enjoy the day with your fellow Shriners. Gather at the Fort Erie Golf Club owned and operated by a fellow Shriner at 7:45am for a shotgun start at 8:30am. Lunch at the turn with a steak and beverage back at the Niagara Shrine Club.



## LADIES



### AMERICANA CONFERENCE AND RESORT 8444 Lundys Lane, Niagara Falls

8:00 am Assemble in this hotel's beautiful ballroom for a delicious buffet breakfast with entertainment by the multi talented singing group "THE TREBLAIRES". Transportation to the parade route that steps off at 11am will be provided for those who wish.



## FEAST



### CLUB ITALIA EVENT CENTRE 2525 Montrose Rd, Niagara Falls 5:30pm Symposium 6:15pm Dinner

Transportation from the Shrine Club for those who wish, starts at 5:15pm and returns start at 9:00pm. A five-course dinner featuring New York Strip Steak with wine. Look forward to an extraordinary dining experience in Niagara's finest banquet facility. Gather for a cocktail in the large foyer or pick out your table in the hall. Candidates will be fezzed by their spouses, sponsors or friends during the feast.

## OASIS



**5621 North St; Niagara Falls**  
**Stated meeting on Thursday at 7:30pm**  
 Registration at noon on Friday  
 BBQ'S Thursday, Friday and Saturday.  
 Cigars/ Whisky/Blues on Friday night  
 Class party Saturday after the parade.....Breakfast Saturday and Sunday Church Service Sunday 8:00am



**First Lady Elizabeth Domonkos Pin.  
 First Lady's 2024 Project Banner showing draw prizes.  
 Picture of First Lady Elizabeth Domonkos with Marie-Anne Desjardins,  
 Director of Gift Development, from Shriners Hospital for Children - Canada.**



**Belleville & District Shrine Club News**  
 By Noble Bill Richardson



Trenton, Ontario resident Ruth Larsen gives our Assistant Rabban Noble John Neil a cheque for the Shriners Hospital for Children – Canada in Montreal for the amount of \$250,000 for our Kids.



**RAMESES FIRST LADY'S PROJECT  
 SUPPLY MOBILITY EQUIPMENT**

SHRINERS HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN - MONTREAL

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**\$5.00 each or 5 Tickets for \$20.00**



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# ALGONQUIN SHRINE CLUB NEWS - By Noble Charles Mullett



Algonquin Shrine Club held their regular meeting in Wilberforce on December 19th, 2023. Noble Dean Linton, who is retiring from the position of Treasurer which he has held for many years, as well he has been active in many ways within our Club; he deserves this distinction of being named Shriner of the Year 2023 in the Algonquin Shrine Club. Pictured from left to right is Noble Dave Reeves presenting the award to Noble Dean Linton. Noble Dave is also the son-in-law of Noble Linton. Congratulations Noble Dean.



The above photo is a picture of Assistant Rabban Noble John Neil accepting a cheque from Past President Noble Dave Reeves, Algonquin Shrine Club, to the Rameses Transportation Fund of \$5,000.



## CREDIT VALLEY SHRINE CLUB "DEGREE TEAM"

By Noble Greg Ferguson  
Credit Valley  
SHRINE CLUB

Credit Valley Shrine Club "Degree Team", led by Noble Greg Ferguson, put on a 2nd Degree for Bro. Chris Dunstan at Credit Lodge No. 219 in Georgetown, ON, on November 8th, 2023. Although it was a freezing rain night, we had a good turnout and managed to pull it off with success. The Candidate was congratulated, then presented with our unique Certificate by our President Noble Ray Clarke.

# Thanks For The Memories

By Noble Ron Kunce

Ambassador

RAMESES SHRINE YACHT CLUB



It's been a great run for a long time, parades, ceremonials, sail pasts, BBQ's and a crew of Yachtsmen that has been more like family than family. We will carry those memories forever.

Sadly, the Black Camel has taken too many, and the rest of us are not "Hearty" any more.

We were fortunate to have Recorder III. Sir Bryan Lawson, P.P., attend our farewell dinner where we presented him with a \$20,000 cheque, to be allocated between Hospital, Temple, and First Lady's Project.

Also, many thanks to all our Special Ladies who joined us for dinner and shared our memories.

Our Ladies have always been the backbone of the Shrine Yacht Club.

'Till we meet again...

**ES SALAMU ALEIKUM  
ALEIKUM ES SALAM**

## Ramoca Shrine Club News

By Noble Jason Gow

Ramoca Shrine Club

OWEN SOUND

### Ramoca Shrine Club Visits Montreal Shrine Hospital

After an enjoyable train ride to Montreal, we enjoyed a nice social evening at the Le Nouvel Hotel, the same hotel that the Shrine kids and families stay in during their visit to the Hospital. Saturday morning, we arrived at the Hospital and were greeted by the Hospital representative as well as 2 tour guides. 1 of the guides happened to be no other than Rameses very own Assistant Rabban, Noble John Neil. Our other guide was the father of a past patient that has devoted his spare time to conducting tours.

WOW, what a hospital! The highlight was getting to meet 1 of the patients and when she asked if she could have a picture taken with us, it melted our hearts. After the tour, we were served a delicious lunch in the Hospital cafeteria. Saturday afternoon was a great time to see some amazing sites in old Montreal followed by a great dinner at a restaurant in old Montreal. We arrived home Sunday evening.

What an unforgettable weekend!!! We also had the privilege of having Brother Jon Gammon join us on the trip and I believe he was equally impressed and who knows, he may become a Shriner in the future . . .

### A TRIBUTE TO A GREAT FRIEND AND SHRINER

By Noble Doug Griffin - SSCCS

SHEBA SHRINE CLUB CHIEF SCRIBE

On September 3rd with the brilliant sunshine sparkling on the still waters of Kempenfelt Bay, we gathered together at the Southshore Community Centre to celebrate the life of our dear Friend and Brother Cal Madill. We came together because we knew the man. We knew his honesty and the love and strength he gave us all. We came together to support Joyce and their family. Cal was always there for us. If you had a problem, he would help you solve it. He was a quiet leader with a big grin who worked hard to make things happen. He knew more people and had more close friends than any one I have known. He was a Mason and a member of Kerr Lodge for 51 years, a Rameses Shriner and a Past President of Sheba Shrine Club (1982), Ambassador Emeritus from 2006 and a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason (Toronto). He was also a member of many other clubs and organizations. In 2014 Cal was the Chairman for the International Plowing Match. That was the first time I saw his red 1912 Model T as he chauffeured dignitaries around. I don't know who had the biggest smile . . . Cal or his passengers. Cal was always looking for ways to help the community or raise money for various charities including our Canadian Shriners Hospital for Children. A true example of his ability was "Cal's Gentlemen's Breakfast" it was an annual event on the Saturday before Christmas. We would meet at 7 am to honour someone for their achievements. We would have a huge breakfast, renew friendships and then listen to stories of this year's celebrity as told by some of their closest friends. It was a fun time and was always a sold-out event. Cal would make sure there were lots of prizes and lots of winning draw tickets. It was one of the highlights of the event. Cal's Prize Draws were legendary and a part of most functions. The prizes were donated by people he knew and Cal was a master at promoting the draws. There have been many great men I have known but very few could fill the shoes of our dear Friend and Brother Cal Madill.  
**HE WILL BE MISSED!**

# Niagara Shrine Club News - Some Almost Forgotten Tidbits From 2023

By Noble Dave Gillies  
Niagara Shrine Club

**O**n a sunny day in early June, Hospital Day at Children's in Erie with Misty went off without a hitch. Someone had a photographer's eye and captured a great shot of our unit setting up before the speeches. Then Chief Rabban Noble John presented a cheque on behalf of Rameses after the drivers marched past the dais.

Congratulations to our newly elected Oriental Guide, Noble Tom Lundy, CEO and Potentate, Illustrious Sir John Domonkos and their appointed Divan. Although congratulated previously, a word of encouragement to Niagara's President, Noble Richard Shave, to try and keep a tight rein on this unruly bunch of dedicated Shriners steering them in the right direction. May we all fly high for our kids!

I may have to relinquish the reins when organizing or traveling with our equipment to Shrine events. The gremlin that used to follow me to the Quebec camp has found a new way to form that storm cloud over my head. Batteries in Maid and Misty, wheel seals along with brake seizing in the Maid, no bubbles from the Maid or Misty, Maid generator quitting along with its cooling fan, gee hope that's the last!

Canada Day in Cambridge produced huge spectator crowds as usual on a sweltering July 1<sup>st</sup>. We put up a brave face and flew our flag but the gremlin found me and some of the previously reported problems plagued us. The Cambridge Shrine Club, Mocha Temple, more than made up for our frustrations by producing, and in this order:

AIR-CONDITIONING, COLD FOAMY ONES AND THE BEST SAUSAGE EVER ALONG WITH BURGERS AND SALAD, did I mention the cold golden foamy ones?

I missed Misty's appearance in the Nobleton parade. All went well as a result.

Belleville's Ceremonial was a semi-success with Captain Swan squeezed into Misty along with PIP Imperial Sir George Mitchell. Neither is overweight but the bridge is so small if you have long legs, you're in trouble. They must be bent up against the helm making gas, brake and navigating difficult. She still kept her course but the little tug couldn't produce even one tiny bubble.

Welland's Rose Festival parade brought the Maid out of the mechanic's clutches but only to return it with a frozen brake caliper after we turned it red hot while parading and getting to and from the Rose City.

Niagara finally broke the ice with two wins in the Rameses lottery, then hit the jackpot with a biggie for Noble Rodgers; I hear he might be buying!

We were able to help FUNDRAISING in a small way by selling a few Vidalia's through the St. Catharines Club. I'm still waiting for the liver and onions but it's my fault, Chris won't touch the stuff, so I need to get off my duff and cook it. We need to find a way for our members to step up higher to the plate in selling fundraising programmes.

Noble Cook, a Past Grand Lodge Officer and Ambassador Emeritus to Rameses was carried away by the Black Camel in June. Bob a dedicated Shriner for many years (I should have looked it up) will be sorely missed by many and most by his corny jokes which he loved delivering at our dinner meetings. When the hook is called to oust the jokester the chant still goes out "Sounds like a Cookie joke."

As we get older, we seem to be going to school more and more to satisfy the governmental BS simply to volunteer for something; I just barely graduated from the Smart Serve class. Chris tells me I'm the worst BBQ'er ever, she says I put on a steak and go back to my computer and don't look up till the flames are licking at the eaves troughs. But come on why do you need a license to run a propane BBQ; just turn on the gas and drop a match, what could be simpler? But no; Big Brother requires you to spend money to take a test and pass it. You then can get a "Propane Handler's" certificate just to burn a burger at the Club. Another cash grab; "Smart Serve" is so riddled with BS that a lawyer must have written it. When I serve someone drinks, why am I responsible for that person's welfare until they test sober? Do I need to take him or her home until the next day? Fat chance with Chris at home if it's a she; I going straight to jail! That's what the Government of Ontario expects me to do. The government pushes the designated driver idea but guess what, using that system the server is still libel if one of the drinkers falls and breaks his head at home. It's so not fair it's stupid! Why do we have to pay to protect stupid people from themselves what ever happened to the expression "you're on your own". It's no wonder you can't get anyone to volunteer for anything anymore because it will cost them more money than time.

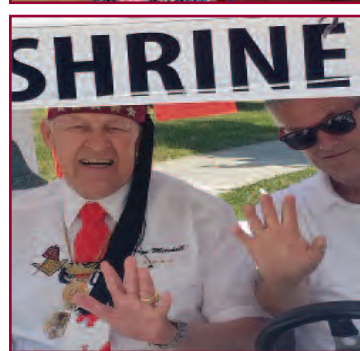
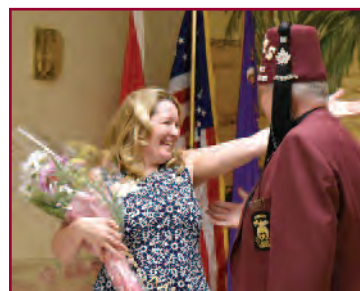
OK..... time out..... get off the soap box!

We had a great visit by Kelly Thurston from our Montreal Hospital. Her presentation was audited by then Assistant Rabban, Noble John Neil who just happened to attend our dinner meeting. Believe me, Kelly needed no audit as now we know all there is to know on what's happening in "la belle province" or if you're east of the border, "Je me souviens" at our Children's in Montreal. This was Kelly's second visit to our Niagara Club and because she was so nice and informative, we sent her back with a small token that was matched by the Hospitality Boys, to support our Children's Hospital. "Lucky Lucky"

Noble Bill got the hug for Kelly's flowers, talk about "CAPTURING THE MOMENT". I'm having Billy buy my next lottery ticket!

The now-past President Swan donned a chef's hat and whipped up a fantastic BBQ Rib dinner in June. Chris won't tell me because I'm still living in the dark ages, but you all know that food prices have skyrocketed. Chef Swan needed attendance numbers for his shopping so it was a prepaid affair. For those that couldn't get their hands in their pockets, they missed a great meal, flame-broiled by the BIG R. Rather than the usual June steak fry plenty of notice was given regarding prepayment and the serving of ribs. Unfortunately, the turnout was dismal. It's a pretty sad state of affairs when you get more Nobles out for a funeral than a fun, fantastic dinner get-together.

Whoops, on that soap box again!



## 2023 Orillia Shrine Club Golf Tournament A Big Win for Our Hospitals

By Noble Rick Tarullo  
Ambassador

ORILLIA SHRINE CLUB

**O**n July 14th, with the leadership of our 1st Vice Bob Smallwood and Special Lady Liz Brand; as well as a great support group of members and their spouses, we put on our 31st Golf Tournament at the Bonaire Golf Club.

Over 100 golfers and volunteers participated in a fun filled day that included a putting tournament, longest drive competition, closest to the pin, Poker Run, Gift bags and a prize table that ensured everyone was a winner.

The day was completed with a tasty barbecued steak dinner with all the trimmings and presentations of the awards to the top performers. A fun day was had by all and because of the hard work of many people and the generosity of everyone, we will be turning over \$12,111 to the Montreal Hospital.

## Elections at the Guelph District Shrine Club



By Noble Willy Oliver  
Guelph District Shrine Club

**G**reat night at the Guelph District Shrine Club for elections supervised by 2023 Chief Rabban Noble John Domonkos and ably assisted by Past Potentate Illustrious Sir Don Campbell.



**T**he Rameses Shrine Drum Corps is accepting new members to join our marching unit! The Drum Corps has been marching since 1964, playing in parades all across Ontario. We have availability for snare drum and glockenspiel players. No musical experience is required of any Shriner in order to join the unit. We will provide the musical instrument, uniform, and training so that anyone can participate.

If you would like to be part of a proud and fun unit, please contact Captain Jack Tellian at [ja.tellian@rogers.com](mailto:ja.tellian@rogers.com) or 416-529-1115.



## Here and There around Bokhara Court No. 22

By Lady Marion Searle, PHP

**S**eptember was back to work for the Court Ladies as there have been many meetings and events coming up that will require our attention. By the time you read this we will have had a visit from our Grand High Priestess Lady Karen Pryztula. She will have been in Canada in early October to audit the Court Records, attend a special reception and meeting as well as have some great laughs and fun.

On November 4th a ceremonial for new candidates was held. We looked forward to greeting these new Ladies and are anxious to welcome them to our midst.

All the Clubs and Units are in the process of fundraising efforts to meet our commitment of a new "C-Arm" machine for the Montreal Hospital and the Ladies of Sharamazda Club in Barrie will be back from their hospital visit.

### Bokhara Court Eyeglass Campaign Update

Bokhara Court is pleased and excited to announce that by the 15 of September 2023, the court Ladies have collected 2,276 pairs of glasses in our ongoing efforts to assist in helping less privileged persons in third world countries receive an opportunity to see.

July was a special month for us as 2,181 pairs of glasses had been evaluated, categorized, labeled and on their way to help many underprivileged persons see again.

This ongoing project involves all members of the Court Ladies.

The optometrists and ophthalmologists that give their time free would be hard pressed to be able to complete their mission without the volunteers that collect unused glasses. Bokhara Court is both pleased and privileged to be a part of this program.

**SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, April 6, 2024**

**Bokhara Court No. 22 Installation of Officers  
Rameses Shrine Centre, Toronto**

**Installation at 2pm, Dinner to follow**

**Submitted on behalf of Lady Deb Jones, Princess.**



The Ladies of Bokhara Court #22  
of the Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America

Invite you to attend our

Annual Spring Tea

Saturday March 2nd, 2024

2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Rameses Shrine Centre

124 Queens Plate Drive, Etobicoke

Special presentation to the Shriners Hospital for Children-Canada of all monies raised and 'wish list' items purchased.

Hospital representative Emmanuelle Rondeau will share updates of the work we support at the Children's Hospital.

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**ORIGINS:** Brazil, Colombia, and Ethiopia

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**ORIGINS:** Colombia, Brazil, Ethiopia, and India.

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**TASTING NOTES:** Sweet aromatics such as blueberries with nice full-bodied cup.

**ORIGINS:** Colombia, and Ethiopia.

### NOTES

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**ROASTED LEVEL:** Medium Plus (Bold Cup)

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## INTRODUCING OUR 2023-2024 INTERNATIONAL PATIENT AMBASSADORS:

# MEET GIANNA AND JUAN DIEGO



Every year, Shriners Children's™ selects a pair of International Patient Ambassadors to represent the healthcare system's patients. The ambassadors share their stories of perseverance and the ways Shriners Children's has made a difference in their lives. We are honored to have these impressive young people advocating for our healthcare system.

## GIANNA

Gianna, 15, was born with a rare condition called proximal femoral focal deficiency (PFFD), which caused her to be missing part of her left femur. Her parents knew they had to find the right specialized care for their daughter, and were grateful to learn that the orthopedic team at Shriners Children's Southern California had the expertise to treat PFFD.

Gianna's left leg was shorter than her right one, and she faced hip malformations and other congenital left extremity limb deficiencies, said Robert Cho, M.D., pediatric orthopedic surgeon and chief of staff at Shriners Children's Southern California. "Gianna did not have a functional knee joint, and she had a non-functioning foot that was pointed inward. It would have been essentially impossible for her to walk without amputating that and giving her a prosthesis," Dr. Cho said.

Gianna had her first visit at Shriners Children's when she was 3 months old, and at 9 months, she received her first prosthesis.

As Gianna grew older she became aware of her physical differences and at times struggled with her self-image. With the unwavering love and support of her family and her care team at Shriners Children's, she developed

the confidence to embrace life. The prosthetics and rehabilitation teams worked with Gianna to teach her how to adapt and build the skills to meet her physical challenges.

*"My Shriners Children's family taught me to never let my leg hold me back from being the best version of myself," she said.*

Now Gianna is an active high school student who is both an artist and an athlete. She is an avid sports fan and keeps busy by competing in tennis and golf. She especially loves football, and her favorite team is the Kansas City Chiefs. Her dream is to be the commissioner of the NFL someday. With her drive and spirit, Dr. Cho has every confidence that Gianna can achieve what she sets her mind to.

Gianna's father was so impressed with the care his daughter received he was inspired to become a Shriner and currently serves as chairman of the Board of Governors at Shriners Children's Southern California. "I'm so proud of my dad. I'm glad that he has found a brotherhood and a community. Just as I have found support, he has, as well," said Gianna.

"Shriners Children's was there for me when I needed them," said Gianna. "I wouldn't be where I am today without them. Being an International Patient Ambassador gives me the opportunity to show my gratitude for Shriners Children's. I want to inspire and encourage kids just like me and let them know that the limits are endless. All they have to do is try!



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## JUAN DIEGO

Juan Diego, 18, was burned in an electrical accident when he was 13, leaving his hands seriously disfigured. He spent more than a month in the hospital in Honduras. When he returned home, he was completely dependent on others for even the most basic tasks. He could not take care of himself, go to school, or draw or play music, two of his passions.

The Ruth Paz Foundation, a non-profit organization in Honduras devoted to providing quality medical services to children, learned about Juan Diego's burn injury and connected him with Shriners Children's Boston. Four months after his injury, he arrived at the hospital in Boston. Some of his burn wounds were still open, requiring immediate attention from the acute burn team. Juan Diego knew the road ahead was going to be challenging, but he approached every day, every treatment and every obstacle with a positive attitude.

During his two and a half months in Boston in 2018, much of Juan Diego's treatment involved intensive physical and occupational therapy. He worked with therapists at least five days a week, sometimes multiple times a day. Occupational therapist Courtney Updegrave fabricated customized splints for his hands, enabling Juan Diego to relearn how to care for himself. He was even able to draw and play the drums again.

Along with his traditional therapy sessions, Juan Diego was a member of Team Brave, the hospital's community reintegration program and competed in a Spartan Race as part of Team No Limits. He was also one of five patients who attended Game 1 of the World Series. He says it is a night he will never forget.



Juan Diego transferred to the reconstructive phase of his care where Joseph Upton, M.D., a plastic surgeon hand specialist, was able to restore sensation and mobility by taking tissue from another part of Juan Diego's body and building a web space between his thumb and index finger. Juan Diego continues to come to Shriners Children's Boston for reconstructive and laser surgeries to improve the function and mobility of his hands.

With every improvement, Juan Diego is able to do more of what he loves. From art and music to so many sports - soccer, football, tennis and ping-pong, Juan Diego keeps very busy. He would even love to go to the Paralympics to compete in ping-pong someday. "I should probably start practicing!" he laughed.

Now a college student in Honduras studying international relations, Juan Diego is honored to represent Shriners Children's as an international patient ambassador.

*"I want to put into action all of the gratitude I have for Shriners Children's and those who have helped me since my injury," he said. "I hope my story brings inspiration and hope to others."*

To learn more about Shriners Children's, please visit [shrinerschildrens.org](https://shrinerschildrens.org).



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# North Halton Twisters team collects teddy bears for hospitalized kids

The stuffed animals will be donated to the Shriners Hospital for Children in Montreal

By Melanie Hennessey *HaltonHills Today* (Dec 14, 2023) USED WITH PERMISSION OF AUTHOR/COMPANY



**Photo 1:** The U18AA North Halton Twisters share a moment with the Credit Valley Shrine Club before the teddy bear toss at the Acton Arena. (Melanie Hennessey / HaltonHills Today)

Members of a local girls' hockey team are doing their part to put a smile on the faces of children enduring tough and sometimes scary situations.

The U18AA North Halton Twisters have collected dozens of stuffed animals that will be sent to the Shriners Hospital for Children in Montreal -the only one of its kind in Canada.

The team gathered the donations through a recent teddy bear toss at the Acton Arena, where the crowd was invited to throw stuffies onto the ice after the first goal was scored.

"Everyone was really excited to help out and give back," said Cary Poole, whose 16-year-old daughter Lizzie is on the team.

**Photo 2:** The teddy bear toss after the first goal was scored at the U18AA North Halton Twisters' game Sunday in Acton. (Supplied photo)

"All the bears will be shipped to the Montreal hospital, and children who are there - whether it's for a short stay or a long stay - will be offered bears to help them get through a really tough time in their life."

Poole knows firsthand how much the Shriners care for families with children who have medical needs.

Lizzie has benefitted from their support since she was 11 years old and required a spinal surgery.

"The Shriners allowed us to get an operation at one of their hospitals that wasn't available in Canada, and they helped us drive back and forth to the States at the time. They supported Lizzie in many different ways," said Poole.

"They really do look after sick children like they're part of their family. She'll be a Shriners kid forever."

The local mother is thrilled that the teddy bear toss organized by the U18AA team not only helps other children, but also raises awareness about the important work the Shriners hospitals do.

"They help children with cleft palate, orthopedic issues, cerebral palsy, spinal (cord injury) and burn victims," she said. "It's a really amazing charity."



**Photo 3:** Members of the Credit Valley Shrine Club. (Melanie Hennessey / HaltonHills Today).

Greg Ferguson of the Credit Valley Shrine Club - the chapter that helped Lizzie - said the Shriners have 22 hospitals throughout the United States, Mexico and Canada.

"It (the Shriners' services) is provided at no cost to the parents," he said. "Transportation to the hospitals is also done by us."

Fellow members of the local Shrine club came out to the weekend game to see the teddy bear toss, meet the Twisters and catch up with Lizzie.

"They're giving back, which is so nice," said Ferguson. "It's a team effort."

Shriners International founded the Shriners Hospitals for Children in 1922 and continues to support the unique healthcare system today by raising funds, assisting patients' families with transportation, volunteering on hospital boards and more.

For further details on the Shriners and the services offered at their hospitals, <https://www.shrinerschildrens.org/en/locations/canada>.

# 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 September 2023

Colin Slade  
Cobourg, ON  
September 15, 2023

E. Morgan Davis  
Port Carling, ON  
September 28, 2023

## DECEASED NOBLES REPORTED IN THE MONTH OF October 2023

Ralph A. Weston  
Burlington, ON  
October 12, 2023

Gordon A. Brook  
Bowmanville, ON  
October 13, 2023

## DECEASED NOBLES REPORTED IN THE MONTH OF November 2023

Ronald Bailey  
Belleville, ON  
November 2, 2023

Harold R. Keene  
Toronto, ON  
November 2, 2023

Ashley W. Tidy  
Toronto, ON  
November 4, 2023

Thomas J. Park  
Oshawa, ON  
November 29, 2023

Clark E. James  
Etobicoke, ON  
November 15, 2023

Reginald Lewington  
Hamilton, ON  
November 30, 2023

## DECEASED NOBLES REPORTED IN THE MONTH OF December 2023

Ivan C. Clare  
Stirling, ON  
December 10, 2023

Paul H. Gross  
Newmarket, ON  
December 14, 2023

Albert R. Wilson  
Caledon, ON  
December 21, 2023

## DECEASED NOBLES REPORTED IN THE MONTH OF January 2024

John V. Allen  
Oro-Medonte, ON  
January 15, 2024

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*We do not lose the ones we love  
They only go before,  
Where there is everlasting life  
Where sorrow is no more. . .  
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Lady Elizabeth and I, would like to extend to you a cordial invitation to join us on a once-in-a-lifetime journey: an Avalon River Cruise titled "Danube Dreams," starting with a two-night stay in the enchanting city of Prague and culminating in the historic and vibrant city of Budapest.

This experience promises not just scenic beauty and cultural richness but also an opportunity for camaraderie and fellowship among our members. The Danube, Europe's second-longest river, is a ribbon of history and beauty, winding through vital cities and serene landscapes. Our cruise will allow us to witness this beauty firsthand, taking in the sights, sounds, and flavors of the regions we traverse.

The journey will start with a two-night stay in Prague, offering a blend of Gothic, Renaissance, and Baroque architecture, alongside modern vibrancy, and will end in the magnificent city of Budapest, known for its stunning architecture and rich history.

This trip is more than just a travel opportunity; it's a chance for us to strengthen our bonds, share laughter and stories, and create memories that will last a lifetime. Whether you're a seasoned traveler or looking for a new adventure, this journey promises something for everyone.

Enclosed a brochure with the itinerary and price details. To reserve your spot, there is a \$250 per person non-refundable deposit. The final payment will be due April 21, 2024, prior to departure, and airfare is not included. Assistance with booking air travel is available for a fee of \$150 + HST per person.

We will be working with MLS Custom Travel – Michele Smith, Owner/Travel Advisor. To reserve your spot, please fill out the online booking form below:

<https://fs19.formsite.com/MLSTravel/shrinerstrip/index>

If you have any questions about the trip, please do not hesitate to contact Michele Smith from MLS Custom Travel at (416) 579-3619 or

[mls@mlscustomtravel.com](mailto:mls@mlscustomtravel.com).

We eagerly anticipate the opportunity to share this incredible journey with you. It promises to be a journey filled with beauty, discovery, and shared joy. We look forward to creating unforgettable memories together on the majestic Danube.

**Warm regards, Elizabeth & John Domonkos**

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Illustrious Sir, John Domonkos, Potentate 2024 and Lady Elizabeth invite you to join them on the Danube Dreams, featuring a two-night stay in Prague."

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### DANUBE DREAMS WITH TWO NIGHTS IN PRAGUE 10 days | From Prague to Budapest aboard the Avalon View

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Your European vacation begins with two nights in Prague, capital of the Czech Republic. Guided sightseeing shows you its best-known treasures. See the Astronomical Clock, Hradčany Castle, and St. Vitus Cathedral.

Regensburg is one of Germany's best-preserved medieval cities. Guided sightseeing will show you the Old Town Hall, the Porta Pretoria and many mansions with high towers denoting the status and wealth of their early owners.

- Transfer to Vilshofen where your Danube River cruise begins. Passau, Germany, the "City of Three Rivers" lies at the confluence of the Danube, Inn, and Ilz rivers. Explore the city with a Local Guide and admire the Patrician houses and baroque St. Stephen's Cathedral.
- In Linz, Austria, see the Hauptplatz, Austria's largest medieval square that forms the center of the city. Enjoy the magnificent views as your river cruise takes you through the picturesque wine region of Wachau Valley. In Dürnstein, see the famous blue and white Stiftskirche and taste some of the local wines.
- Vienna, the "City of Music," makes an immediate impression with its lavish Hofburg Imperial Palace and neo-renaissance Vienna Opera House.
- In Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia, a guided walk takes you through the delightful Old Town and to the Gothic St. Martin's Cathedral.
- In Budapest, the vibrant capital of Hungary, see the must-see sights with a local expert. In your free time stroll along the main shopping street of Váci utca, or take pictures from Fisherman's Bastion, for the best panoramic views of Budapest.

From the Golden City of Prague to the Pearl of the Danube in Budapest, your European river cruise is an experience not to be missed!



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**Day 1 PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC.** Enjoy free time to explore the Golden City at your leisure.

**Day 2 PRAGUE.** Take a Guided City Walk to visit Hradčany Castle Grounds; see St. Vitus Cathedral and Old Town's Astronomical Clock. (B)

**Day 3 REGENSBURG, GERMANY–VILSHOFEN (EMBARKATION).** Join a Guided City Walk in Regensburg and see Altes Rathaus (Old Town Hall) and Porta Pretoria—built in 179 AD as the entrance to Castra Regina fortress. Continue on to Vilshofen to board your Avalon Suite Ship® for a welcome reception. (B,D)

**Day 4 PASSAU–SCHLÖGEN OXBOW.** Follow your Avalon Adventure Host for Hiking from Oberhaus along a trail down to the valley and along Ilz River. Or join a Guided City Walk to learn more about this beautiful "City of Three Rivers". Before sailing to Linz, take a little free time to explore Passau's cobblestone streets and galleries of Artists' Alley. Maybe stop at St. Stephen's Cathedral to catch a concert rehearsal. This afternoon, cruise to Linz through the Danube's dramatic horseshoe bend called Schlägen Oxbow. Later, enjoy live entertainment onboard. (B,L,D)

**Day 5 LINZ, AUSTRIA.** Take a Guided Walk through the city's historic and beautiful sites along the shore of the Danube and see Hauptplatz—Austria's largest medieval square—and the towering white-marble Trinity Column. (B,L,D)

**Day 6 YBBS. EXCURSION TO MELK–WACHAU VALLEY.** Visit the Lower Austrian little town of Ybbs. Or walk through the doors of Austrian history with a guided sightseeing tour of Artstetten Castle.

Take a Guided Tour of Melk's magnificent Benedictine Abbey to marvel at its frescoed ceilings, statues, incredible library, and ornate pipe organ. Later, stretch out on the Sky Deck as you sail through the Wachau Valley past vineyards, castles, and charming villages on your way to Dürnstein.

### DÜRNSTEIN

Join a Guided Hike up to the castle ruins to take in the spectacular view of the village, Danube, and the Wachau Valley below. Or Join a Guided Walk, and hear the legendary tale of King Richard the Lionheart. Later, enjoy live entertainment on board your ship. (B,L,D)

**Day 7 VIENNA.** Explore Vienna's Danube Island by bike with your Adventure Host. Or explore the Habsburg empire with a morning Guided City Tour of Vienna's gilded landmarks. See the Imperial Palace complex, the grand Vienna Opera House and stunning St. Stephen's Cathedral. Or join a Guided Visit of Austria's largest museum, the legendary Kunsthistorisches Museum.

**Day 8 BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA.** Follow your Avalon Adventure Host on a hike to lofty Bratislava Castle. Or take a Guided City Walk, including the quaint streets of Old Town, Town Hall, and the sight of royal coronations at St. Martin's Cathedral. (B,L,D)

**Day 9 BUDAPEST, HUNGARY.** Hike up to a magnificent viewpoint in Budapest with your Adventure Host. Or enjoy a Guided City Sightseeing, including the iconic Heroes' Square. (B,L,D)

**Day 10 BUDAPEST (DISEMBARKATION).** Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning. (B)

# THE 150TH IMPERIAL SESSION SHRINERS INTERNATIONAL

JUNE 30–JULY 4, 2024  
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Get ready for the 150th Imperial Session of Shriners International, June 30-July 4, 2024, in Reno, Nevada. All nobles, ladies and their families are invited to join Imperial Sir Ed Stolze and First Lady JoLynn for the fraternity's biggest event of the year.

## ENJOY "BIGGEST LITTLE CITY IN THE WORLD!"

The 2024 Imperial Session will take place in the Reno Events Center. Located in the entertainment center of downtown Reno, the Reno Events Center offers 118,000 square feet of space that will be perfect for our 150th event. The Events Center is located in the heart of downtown Reno with an abundance of affordable accommodation, dining, shopping, arts, culture and entertainment possibilities all within easy walking distance. Nobles will love experiencing this city with their families, friends and brothers, so come and see the versatile venue for yourself!

## EXPLORE RENO

JoLynn and Ed welcome you to Reno, where the country's largest alpine lake meets the Biggest Little City in the World. From Reno and Sparks to North Lake Tahoe, you'll find nightly entertainment, luxurious rooms and world-class spas, as well as renowned sporting events, miles of trails to explore and wonderful shopping and dining.

The city is known for its gaming tourism industry, and in the last decade, Reno's arts and culture scenes have boomed. Are you or a family member a self-proclaimed foodie? Reno is fast becoming one of the biggest foodie hotspots in the Southwest. Food trucks have become quite the craze in Reno, so check out some of the area's most popular food trucks for the perfect mix of good food and sunshine.

Like the locals, Shriners and their families can hike Lake Tahoe, hit up a museum or go on a downtown mural hunt, and enjoy an award-winning restaurant all in one day. Only in the Biggest Little City in the World can you be on top of a mountain in the morning, floating in Lake Tahoe by afternoon and reveling in the glittering lights of the casinos by the evening.

If you'd rather pick just one particular area for a shopping spree, you can do it without running all over town. You'll find plenty of stores within walking distance downtown. Or select one of the malls and make a day of window shopping at dozens of stores right in one location.

Reno is home to top attractions like the Nevada Museum of Art, The National Automobile Museum, the largest outdoor climbing wall, and a half-mile, snowmelt-driven kayak park right in the heart of downtown.

## WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE

The 2024 Imperial Session will be one of fun, fellowship and celebration. Imperial Sir Ed Stolze, Lady JoLynn and Kerak Shriners look forward to hosting our nobles, families and friends in Reno. Come enjoy The Biggest Little City in the World while celebrating the fun, fellowship and philanthropy that makes Shriners International the greatest fraternity in the world.

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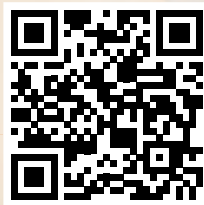
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