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Illustrious Sir John H. Neil
Potentate
Rameses Shriners
2025



**RAMESES POTENTATE'S GALA
HONOURING ILLUSTRIOUS SIR JOHN NEIL
AND FIRST LADY PEGGY**

Saturday, April 12, 2025

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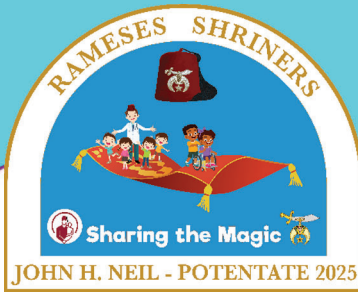
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Potentate's Message

ILLUSTRIOUS SIR JOHN H. NEIL POTENTATE 2025

Happy New Year Nobles, and thank you for the opportunity to serve you and our Shrine organization as your Illustrious Potentate for 2025. I am just a bit overwhelmed by the support shown to Peggy and I over the past four years on the progressive journey to this top position. To be quite honest with you, I never expected in my wildest dreams that we would be here. This was always a position that was way beyond my comfort zone. It's funny how our lives change, we accept new challenges, and we grow to new levels of comfort. I vow to do my best as your new Potentate to move our Rameses Shrine Centre forward, and lay ground work for years to come. May the good Lord guide me and show me the way.

Congratulations to Noble Randy Ling on being elected as our new Oriental Guide. Noble Randy will be a great asset at the Divan business table with his experience in business and as a seasoned manager of a large funeral home in Whitby. I look forward to working with him. I also congratulate Illustrious Sir Don Campbell on being elected to the position of Recorder of Rameses Shriners. Noble Don has an extensive background in managing people and business. I am confident that his experience and organizational skills will guide him to successfully managing the administrative affairs of your Shrine Centre. I also congratulate my fellow Divan teammates for their advancement and re-election. We all bring a different skill set to the table and I believe that Rameses has a very solid executive team. Let's move the yardstick forward and have some fun and fellowship along the way.

I acknowledge Illustrious Sirs John Domonkos and Bryan Lawson for their service to Rameses. John as Potentate for 2024 and Bryan for an incredible eight years as our recorder. The next time you see these Nobles, thank them for their contribution to our success.

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.

The year 2025 is special as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of our Canadian Shrine Hospital. Health care has changed over the years, and we rarely keep children in the hospital for extended periods of time anymore. That being said, we can no longer say that we have 22 hospitals, because we now have only 12. What we can say is that we have over 125 locations where we are providing health care service to our kids. Those locations are hospitals, clinics, outreach centers, and affiliations with other children's hospitals. One of locations is the new Rare Bone Disease Clinic at the London Health Sciences Children's Hospital in London. We are providing specialized Shrine health care services to more kids in more places and closer to home. We still maintain 12 hospitals for the more complex cases and in locations where there is a large demand for our level of care. Our Canadian Shrine Hospital in Montreal is one of those locations. As we celebrate the centennial of our Canadian Shrine Hospital, I remind you that this location is the flagship orthopaedic hospital of the entire Shrine system, providing not only amazing care, but is also home to an extensive research team, and a partner with McGill University to provide education for future doctors. Centennial recognition will kick off with a celebration launch taking place on February 18th, that date representing the date of our first patient visit. The hospital will continue celebrations on May 17th with an open house, and on October 4th with a fundraising gala.

At our installation on January 4th, I outlined to the members present that we need to look at our home. Do Rameses Shriners need a home? I believe that the answer is yes, but I also believe that our home at 124 Queens Plate is more than our current membership can afford. I have initiated a strategic planning committee, with a mandate to look at the future of Rameses Shriners. The study will look at demographics, geography, and membership growth potential as part of its work to determine the best financially sustainable alternative for Rameses Shriners. Noble Tom Lundy has been assigned the chairmanship of this committee and I believe you will see his report on another page of this publication. Regular reports will follow.

A busy year is forthcoming and Peggy and I look forward to sharing time with all of you. Wishing everyone the best for our Shrine year. See you soon and stay safe!



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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
February 2025				
28 February	Rameses HQ	Rameses Business Session	Rameses HQ	7:30 PM
March 2025				
22 March	Rameses HQ	Club and Unit Seminars	Rameses HQ	10:00 AM
April 2025				
12 April	Rameses	Rameses Shriners Potentate's Gala	Montecassino Hotel, Toronto	5:00 PM
25 - 27 April	Rameses	New York / Ontario Shrine Association Spring Session	Montecassino Hotel, Toronto	

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WINNERS WILL BE PRINTED IN THE TORONTO STAR, SATURDAY EDITION, CLASSIFIED ADS, SERVICES SECTION
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Shriners Lottery December 26, 2024 Draw 52

2441	M. NICKSY	PARRY SOUND	WAUBUNO	1000
2460	C. STEPHENSON	PARRY SOUND	WAUBINO	500
2024	K. WILSON	NIAGARA FALLS	NIAGARA	250
2530	J. BELL	SARNIA	WAUBUNO	250
2935	J. KYDD	IROQUOIS FALLS	TIMMINS	250
3138	P. POH	WOODVILLE	ORILLIA	250
0112	T. BEAUMONT	BRACEBRIDGE	MUSKOKA	100
0778	A. CISCO	ALLISTON	SHEBA	100
1005	P. REID	MINESING	MIDLAND	100
1672	G. DOHERTY	LINDSAY	KAWARTHA	100
3484	A. GUILATCO	BURLINGTON	DRUM CORPS	100

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Mr. J. DiGiacomo

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Presentation by Ill. Sir John Domankos,
2024 Potentate of Rameses Shriners.

Shriners Lottery December 31, 2024 Final Draw 53

2126	J. DIGIACOMO	MOUNT ALBERT	NEWBEAVER	40000
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Shriners Lottery January 2, 2025 Draw 1

1763	L. LEPP	WHITBY	MUSKOKA	1000
1914	D. L. LOCHBIHLER	BURLINGTON	OAKVILLE	500
1929	G. MORAES	BURLINGTON	OAKVILLE	250
1082	E. THOMPSON	KINGSTON	KINGSTON	250
0254	J. FERGUSON	GRAVENHURST	CREDIT VALLEY	250
0799	G. CARTER	MISSISSAUGA	MANITO	250
0800	R. & J. IAWSON	EVERETT	PROVOST	100
3246	G. HOMEWOOD	MCDougALL	WAUBUNO	100
3266	S. BELL	DUNCHURCH	WAUBUNO	100
1653	B. TAYLOR	BRACEBRIDGE	MUSKOKA	100
3076	A. HUX	TORONTO	RAMESES	100

Shriners Lottery January 23, 2025 Draw 4

1173	B. BOOTH	SCARBOROUGH	SECURITY	1000
0077	F. & E. WATERFALL	PORT HOPE	LAKESHORE	500
3686	R. GREIG	LUCKNOW	NEWBEAVER	250
0275	A. WILLIAMS	GEORGETOWN	CREDIT VALLEY	250
0823	K. CORBIN	UNIONVILLE	KAWARTHA	250
0882	S. CHRISTIE	NORWOOD	KAWARTHA	250
3698	D. HEELEY	PEPPERLAW	NEWBEAVER	100
1303	A. GOWER	MADAWASKA	MANITO	100
0735	A. GIFFORD	THOROLD	ST. CATHARINES	100
2349	R. DUTTON	OWEN SOUND	RAMOCA	100
0409	C. SWANSON	GUELPH	GUELPH	100

Shriners Lottery January 9, 2025 Draw 2

1083	R. MORROW	BATH	KINGSTON	1000
0175	A. FRANSKY	LAMABLE	ALGONQUIN	500
3340	J. LUNDY	POINTE AU BARIL	WAUBUNO	250
2746	D. & A. CAIRNS	PALGRAVE	TECUMSEH	250
0234	L. HILL	BELLEVILLE	BELLEVILLE	250
1798	P. PLOURDE	NIAGARA FALLS	NIAGARA	250
3665	S. JACKSON	PEPPERLAW	NEWBEAVER	100
1917	J. MICHETTI	BURLINGTON	OAKVILLE	100
1980	K. GARTON	OAKVILLE	OAKVILLE	100
0032	C. JOHNSON	CARRYING PLACE	BELLEVILLE	100
1075	R. D.	TORONTO	RAMESES	100

Shriners Lottery January 30, 2025 Draw 5

3651	S. COATES	WILLOW BEACH	NEWBEAVER	1000
1773	O. RASMUSSEN	BRACEBRIDGE	MUSKOKA	500
2178	P. BILENDUKE	OSHAWA	OSHAWA	250
2256	D. MCGREGOR	TARA	RAMOCA	250
2054	G. CLARK	BEAVERTON	ORILLIA	250
3434	M. COURT	HAMILTON	RAMESES	250
2730	S. CARRUTHERS	NIAGARA FALLS	TECUMSEH	100
1480	K. RHODES	BRACEBRIDGE	MUSKOKA	100
1147	H. FULLER	CALEDON	TECUMSEH	100
1557	D. MCDOWELL	MINESING	MUSKOKA	100
0890	M. SULLIVAN	DOURO DUMMER	KAWARTHA	100

Shriners Lottery January 16, 2025 Draw 3

0896	J. PICCO	CANNINGTON	KAWARTHA	1000
0229	J. NEIL	STIRLING	BELLEVILLE	500
3234	W. MARTIN	MATTAWA	WAUBUNO	250
1377	T. ENGEL	NOTTAWA	MANITO	250
3577	B. GIBBONS	MEAFORD	MANITO	250
2527	G. MOFFATT	BARRIE	SHEBA	250
1135	L. VAN STRAALEN	NEWBURGH	KINGSTON	100
2630	J. WICKENDEN	LIVELY	SUDBURY	100
1379	C. TUCKER	COLLINGWOOD	MANITO	100
0409	C. SWANSON	GUELPH G	UELPH	100
0232	J. BONNIN	FRANKFORD	BELLEVILLE	100

Shriners Lottery February 6, 2025 Draw 6

3404	S. MCEACHERN	JACKSON POINT	NEWBEAVER	1000
0360	J. LEENDERS	ERIN	CREDIT VALLEY	500
3139	C. BOAG	KESWICK	VIKING	250
0954	E. STOUFFEN	KIRKFIELD	KAWARTHA	250
0608	B. SKWARCHUK	BRADFORD	VIKING	250
0285	M. WITTER	KITCHENER	CREDIT VALLEY	250
3563	M. LOUGHEED	SINGHAMPTON	MANITO	100
3145	A. TRAN	ZEPHYR	VIKING	100
2688	P. TASSE	MINDEMOYA	SUDBURY	100
2273	W. COLE	OWEN SOUND	RAMOCA	100
0307	S. KEEFE	GEORGETOWN	CREDIT VALLEY	100

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Please accept my sincerest thanks for electing me as your Recorder for the ensuing Shrine year. I am grateful and humbled by this great honour and look forward to serving you.

I will take this opportunity to thank Ill. Sir Bryan Lawson, P.P., Recorder Emeritus, for his service over the past 8 years. Congratulations to Ill. Sir John Neil for being installed as our Potentate. I look forward to your leadership. Also, welcome Noble Randy Ling on being elected as our Oriental Guide.

Communications

My goal is simple, we need to modernize our communication between the Nobles and your Divan. We don't have a membership problem, we have a retention problem, probably due to the lack of communication from Rameses headquarters. As your Recorder, I will seek to implement real-time updates that can offer ALL Nobles critical information to better inform them about the job we must do. We need all Nobles to log on to "WEBFEZ" to ensure your address, telephone number(s), and email address are correct. You may edit this area on WEBFEZ. Also, ensure your Grand Lodge Identification Number has been added to your Lodge Information. Your Grand Lodge Identification number can be found on your Grand Lodge Master Mason's Certificate at the bottom of the third Column. Although you won't be able to edit this area, please send me an email with your I.D. number. Please email jessica@rameses.ca your mailing address changes so she may update the Papyrus Mailing list as well.

Nobles who don't belong to a Club or Unit

I encourage Nobles to join a club or unit. I understand belonging to a Club or Unit may not be within your cable tow. Hundreds of Nobles don't belong to a club or unit. I know you are not getting timely information, if any. The only way you receive information is from the Papyrus Magazine. I need your help by sending me an email. Please enter your first and last name in the Subject line followed by "Noble at Large". When a group email is sent to the Clubs and Units, we will send it to all "Nobles at Large".

Papyrus Magazine

We had problems publishing and mailing the Papyrus, so it will



RECORDER'S CORNER

BY ILLUSTRIOUS SIR DONALD A. CAMPBELL, P.P.
Recorder

arrive at your doorstep on time, as promised. The cause is most likely trying to accommodate a few Nobles by holding up the publishing so they can complete their articles. The result is lost income from our advertisers whose function came and gone before the Nobles received their Papyrus. I had a conversation with the Potentate and Divan on this matter. The Potentate has directed all articles or pictures that arrived after the due date won't be published in the magazine's next issue. Please be aware of the following deadlines:

1. The February Edition deadline is Monday, January 13, 2025,
2. The April Edition deadline is Monday, March 10, 2025,
3. The June Edition deadline is Monday, April 28, 2025,
4. The September Edition deadline is Monday, July 28, 2025, and
5. The December Edition deadline is Monday, September 20, 2025.

We need to get this magazine back on track.

Upcoming Meetings/Functions

- Friday, February 28, 2025, 7:30 pm. Rameses Financial Meeting.
- Saturday, March 22, 2025. Clubs and Units Leadership Seminar.
- Saturday, April 12, 2025. Rameses Potentate Ball.
- Rameses Shriners Spring Ceremonial. June 13 - 15, 2025.

Please make early arrangements to attend and support Rameses Shriners.

Office Staff and Volunteers

I want to remind all Nobles and their Ladies to treat our staff and volunteers with dignity and respect when contacting the office in person or on the telephone. Please don't vent your frustrations on them. Ask to speak to the Recorder if you have a complaint or an issue. Your cooperation on this matter would be greatly appreciated.

- May 15-17 – Hospital Seminar & Open House
- Aug 7 – Hospital Golf Tournament
- Oct 4 – Hospital Gala

Noble Tom Lundy and I will be working on forming and gathering input on Rameses Strategic Plan for our future. There will be more details to come shortly as we look forward to fruitful discussions with as many of the Nobility as we can get in contact with to form a strategy to be presented to the Divan and eventually everyone at a Stated Meeting.

One of the things I keep thinking of is how lucky we are at Rameses Shriners. We are in the top 15 Temples worldwide by membership, we are the largest Temple in Canada and the largest contributor to our Shriners Childrens Canada. We are also the largest member of CAST (Canadian Association of Shrine Temples) and NYOSA (New York Ontario Shrine Association) and I for one want to keep this legacy going and growing as we move through 2025 and beyond.

Please join with me and help Ramses Shriners in 2025 and support our Potentate Ill. Sir John Neil and Lady Peggy.



WEBB'S WUNDERINGS

BY NOBLE Mike Webb
Assistant Rabban

Well, here we are at the beginning of a new year at Rameses Shriners, and it looks to be a great one, filled with hope and opportunities. Lady Leslie and I would like to congratulate our new Potentate Ill. Sir John Neil and Lady Peggy and welcome Noble Randy Ling and Lady Christine to the Divan after their successful election at the meeting in January. We have a very strong Divan and Ill. Sir Neil has given us a busy schedule and lots of things to do for 2025. I hope you can join with us in moving Rameses Shriners forward.

One of our big events this year will be the 100th Anniversary of Shriners Childrens Canada in Montreal. With Ill. Sir John Neil's history with the Canadian Hospital, he would greatly appreciate all the support you can provide throughout the year. There will be multiple events, and I hope you can help.

Feb 18 – Launch of Celebrations



TOM'S TWO CENTS

By **NOBLE Tom Lundy**
High Priest & Prophet

Happy New Year Nobles & Ladies!



Lady Janice and I would like to extend a warm welcome to Noble Randy Ling and Lady Christine in joining the Rameses Divan. And to Ill. Sir Don Campbell, Past Potentate, in your new role as Recorder. Welcome back Don! Congratulations to Ill. Sir John Neil and Lady Peggy as they begin a very busy year representing Rameses Shriners as Potentate and First Lady. Jan and I are looking forward to working with the newly elected Leadership Team and their Ladies as representatives of Rameses Temple, and to a rewarding 2025.

Nobles, our first year on the Divan was demanding and informative for both me and for Lady Janice. After last years elections, fellow Divan members, Past Potentates, and their Ladies advised us that the five-year progression "will fly by," and to "enjoy the ride." Well, our Oriental Guide year lived up to expectations, and we are looking forward to the next four. One year fulfilled, four to go!

In the April 2024 edition of Papyrus, I referred to Lady Janice as the "The 5th Lady", relative to her position on the Divan line. And that nickname stuck. So, this year, it only makes sense that Lady Jan moves up to "The 4th Lady". While there is no such Shriner designation, we have fun with it within the Divan and the Nobility, and it is an easy way to explain to our non-Shriner family and friends that we are a "Team" on the Rameses progressive Officer line. Watch for this "term of endearment" in future editions!

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

In his acceptance address, Ill. Sir John Neil explained the financial challenges facing our Temple, and announced the appointment of a Strategic Planning Committee, with myself as Chair, Noble Mike Webb, Deputy Chair, and Noble Jeff Laceby, Real Estate Consultant. We are excited about our appointments and look forward to taking part in the evolution of Rameses Temple. Please refer to my report elsewhere in this edition.

I would like to congratulate Illustrious Sir John Neil as Potentate for 2025. He will do an excellent job. Let's give him all the support as we can. Congratulations to Noble Randy Ling on being elected Oriental Guide and Illustrious Sir Don Campbell, P.P., as Recorder. All three of these Nobles will do an excellent job. Thank you to the Nobles who voted for me in the election as Treasurer. I am grateful to serve as your Treasurer. Illustrious Sir John Neil is correct in saying that the condo fees have gone up

VIDALIA ONIONS

Springtime is Vidalia Onion time. As outgoing Vidalia Onion Chair, I have reached out to our Supplier and Logistics Partner to secure preliminary costings. Costing on the onions is up \$0.50 / bag, Currency Exchange is up approximately \$0.08 on the dollar, and Freight should remain close to last year. For planning purposes, you should expect \$2.00 increase to \$14.00 / bag in 2025. ALSO, please plan to order full Master Bags, 5 X 10 LB Bags. Randy Ling, Oriental Guide will be taking over this project for 2025. I will collaborate with Randy to ensure a smooth transition. Watch for further information on this annual fundraiser for Rameses and the Clubs in the next couple of months.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Clubs that took part in the 2024 Vidalia Onion campaign, and recognize our top three performers: Sudbury Shrine Club in first place with 895 bags, Muskoka Shrine Club in second place with 500 Bags, and Orillia Shrine Club in third place with 120 Bags.

Temple sponsored Fundraising programs, like the Onions, Potentates Coffee, and Christmas Cakes, compensate both the Temple and the Clubs and are mutually beneficial in meeting our Income goals thus diminishing the potential burden on our members via dues increases. Please consider supporting the Vidalia Onion fundraising program in 2025.

In closing, we would like to thank Ill. Sir John Domonkos and Lady Elizabeth for their leadership, hospitality and generosity in 2024. Ill. Sir John, I remind you that P.P. denotes Past Potentate, not Perpetual Potentate. I learned that at Oriental Guide School. And to Ill. Sir Bryan Lawson and Lady Ingrid, thank you for your years of service to Rameses Shriners Divan. Ill. Sir Bryan, congratulations on being elected to Emeritus status. Lady Jan and I look forward to seeing the four of you in our travels.

SUCCESS IS A TEAM SPORT! By building a strong Rameses Team, we will reap the rewards in support of our Shriners Hospitals and our Children.

That's my two cents!



TREASURER'S REPORT

By **ILLUSTRIOUS SIR JAMES (JIM) D. MCKINNEY, P.P.**
Treasurer

a pretty significant amount. It is for this reason that a Strategic Planning Committee has been formed to look at alternatives to staying at Queens Plate. Let's have a great year.



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

First and foremost, thank you to the Nobility for putting your trust in me for this new journey in Shrinedom. A thank you to Ill. Sir Roger Lippert for the nomination. I can hardly wait to get started. As Larry The Cable Guy says, "Let's get 'er done!"

Enthusiastic? Perhaps, but a note on enthusiasm is best said by the late Aldous Huxley (English writer and philosopher) "The secret of genius is to carry the spirit of the child into old age, which means never losing your enthusiasm." Nobles, with what we do for our kids and hospitals, please, never lose the enthusiasm for it.

Congratulations to Ill. Sir John Neil and your Divan.

I had the good fortune to visit 23 clubs this past year on my journey to become Oriental Guide and I was always greeted with respect, kindness and support at every turn, all I can say is, wow, what a great group of Nobles and Ladies. With this type of kindness in our Temple how can we not grow and showcase what we are all about.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

BY ILLUSTRIOUS SIR REVEREND BEVAN
CARIQUE, P.P.
Chaplain

I would like to congratulate our newly Elected and Appointed Divan and wish them a great year.

HAPPY! HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! Congratulations to Ill. Sir John H. Neil on being Elected and Installed as the Potentate for Rameses Shriners for 2025. To Lady Peggy Neil (the jellybean queen) we wish you an enjoyable year on your journey as First Lady of Rameses Shriners.

To Ill. Sir Donald A. Campbell, Past Potentate and Past Grand Master, we welcome you as our Recorder for Rameses Shriners and appreciate the knowledge and skills that follow with you.

To Noble Randy Ling - Oriental Guide and Lady Christine, we also welcome you both on your journey as the newest member of the Divan. Noble Randy has travelled extensively throughout Rameses Shrine over the last 3 years, and we look forward to his knowledge and skills.

To Ill. Sir Bryan Lawson - Past Potentate and Recorder and Lady Ingrid, we thank you for your many years of service and dedication to Rameses Shriners. We wish you well in your future



LINGER'S UNDERTAKINGS

BY NOBLE RANDY LING
Oriental Guide

I will be soon reaching out to the Clubs and Units of Rameses about our Vidalia Onion program. Oriental Guide presents, The Golden Vidalia Onion Trophy to the Club that sells the most onions. Since it is such a new concept, stay tuned for an update on the trophy.

Lady Christine and I look forward to seeing you in the coming days, weeks, months, and years. Be safe!

In closing,

"Be the best of whatever you are."

- Martin Luther King Jr.

God will make your path straight.

Ever feel like the road stretched out in front of you is jagged and confusing? You're not sure which way to go? Even if the path appears to be crooked, God can and will clarify which way to go. Trust Him each step of the way. Go in peace.

If I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.



SLESS'S NOTES

BY NOBLE JOHN SLESSOR
Chief Rabban

endeavours.

Finally! The Potentate's Gala, on April 12, 2025, as published in this Papyrus, will soon be upon us. Please try to attend and support our New Potentate - Ill. Sir John H. Neil and his Lady Peggy. Ill. Sir John has spent many years on the Board of the Montreal Hospital and still is involved, and this is the event that we can show them our appreciation for their service and dedication to The Shriners Children Hospital in Montreal. To those who plan on staying at the hotel overnight, I encourage you to book your room as soon as possible - as rooms are limited.

See you at the Gala! Take care and be safe!

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 31st, 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:

Donald A. Campbell, P.P. - Recorder

John H. Neil - Illustrious Potentate

R A M E S E S DIVAN 2025



John H. Neil
Illustrious Potentate



James "Jim" D. McKinney
Treasurer



Donald A. Campbell
Recorder



John Slessor
Chief Rabban



Michael Webb
Assistant Rabban



Thomas E. Lundy
High Priest & Prophet



Randy Ling
Oriental Guide

Introducing your 2025 Oriental Guide, Noble Randy Ling

Who is our new Oriental Guide you ask? Noble Randy was born and raised in St. Catharines and spent most of his life there where his Masonic journey began in 1995 at Seymour Lodge No. 277, being raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in June 1995. From there it was to the Hamilton Scottish Rite, Peterborough Rose Croix and Consistory in Barrie in 1997 to become a 32nd degree Mason. Currently a member of Mount Zion Masonic Lodge No. 39 and to be installed as Junior Warden on February 4, 2025. Noble Randy joined Rameses Shriners in 2000 in North Bay's Spring Ceremonial. Upon entrance into Shrinedom, Noble Randy immediately began his venture into becoming a Shrine Clown and has been a member of ISCA (International Shrine Clown Association) for a good number of years. He has been the First Ceremonial Master for 2023 and 2024 and also been Membership Chairman both years as well. Noble Randy is the Past President of Oshawa &

District Shrine Club, 2022, Trustee 2024, a current member of the Oshawa & District Shrine Club and Kawartha Shrine Club.

Noble Ling is married to Christine. They have a daughter, Sarah, who is currently attending college taking nursing, and all residing in Whitby. Randy has been employed in the funeral business for the past 35 years and the past 30 years he has been part of Arbor Memorial. Managing funeral homes for the past 27 years, his business acumen for budgets and expense control have served him well. His employer has been very supportive of his Masonic and Shrine endeavours and will continue to support him.

Randy has been active in his community over the years and has sat on the Board of Directors of AIDS Niagara and was Chairman for a term, helped register Wyatt's Warriors for Congenital Heart Defects as a non-profit organization and was

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Introducing Your 2025 Oriental Guide, Noble Randy Ling ...Continued from page 10

a board member for many years; past vice president of the Whitby Minor Hockey Association; past VP of Operations of the Ontario Junior Hockey League, Whitby Fury. Currently sitting on council with Proaction Cops & Kids, Durham; is a regular contributor to

Victim Services Durham; volunteers for death care information; committee member of Epilepsy Durham annual Epic Golf Classic; billet family for the OHL Oshawa Generals; hosted the Ontario District DDGM annual BBQ since 2014 and attends charitable fundraisers and golf tournaments on a regular basis. Due to his commitment to community, he was awarded the National Funeral Director Association community award in 2023.

Clubs and Units Leadership Seminar

22 March 2025

Rameses Shriners Headquarters
124 Queens Plate Drive
Toronto, ON M9W 0B4



Registration
9:30 am

Seminar
10:00 am to 2:00 pm



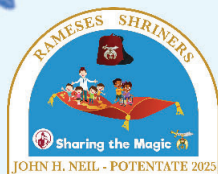
Who should attend?

All Officers

Presidents, Vice Presidents, Directors, Chiefs, Conductors, Secretaries, Treasurers, Trustees, Ambassadors

Further information to follow.

*Potentate Illustrious Sir John Neil, First Lady Peggy, and the Nobility
request the pleasure of your company at the*



Special Ladies' Luncheon

Saturday, 24 May 2025



at the Rameses H.Q., 124 Queens Plate Drive, Toronto, Ontario, M9W 0B4.

*Ladies, start making plans now to enjoy a fun-filled day with your friends.
Activities commence at 11:00 a.m. with light beverage followed by a sit-down
luncheon at noon - entertainment follows.*

*RSVP Rameses Temple (416-633-6317) no later than 9 May 2025
as we must know numbers attending for catering.*

*Your local Club Ambassador will contact you to arrange
transportation to and from the Rameses Shrine Centre.*

Chairmen for this event are Nobles Aubrey Pereira and Karl Prohaska.

Port Colborne/Welland & District Shrine Club News

By Noble Thomas G. Skelton

Each year, the Port Colborne/Welland & District Shrine Club sell calendars to support the Shriners Childrens Hospital. Our customers pay \$20 for the calendar with the chance of winning a cash prize everyday of the year. Each day of the week is \$25 prize. Every Friday is \$50 and the last day of the month is \$200. June and December, we have a \$1000 draw as well as a \$500 draw in March and September. If your ticket gets drawn, it goes back into the drum for a future chance to win again. This is one our major fund-raising events that we hold as well a selling Christmas Cakes and Cookies at local malls in the area during the festive season. We have many customers buying multiple calendars to give as stocking stuffers. Pictured are the Nobles lining up to draw tickets, Noble President Bob Cole reading the winners name and ticket number, and Noble Larry Layne recording the winners' details so a cheque can be mailed. Excellent support



to Noble John Slessor. Noble Radford is the chairman of this fund-raising group. We hope to continue raising money for this very worthwhile endeavor.



from the community on this endeavor each year.

Shriners Childrens Hospital - Canada, London Clinic Donation

The Nobles of the Port Colborne and Welland District Shrine Club are proud to present to Noble John Slessor, Chief Rabban, a cheque for the amount of \$2000 to go to the Shriners Childrens Hospital - Canada, London Clinic.

The monies raised were through the efforts of our Pop and Beer Can Fund. Some of our Nobles collect cans from our area and recycle to generate revenue for this cause. The photo is the presentation made by Noble Ralph Tyler and Noble Brian Radford

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Potentate's Special Blend Coffees

POTENTATE'S BLEND COFFEE: 454 gm Whole Beans or Ground Coffee

TASTING NOTES: Sweet dark chocolate notes, with caramel and subtle Valencia orange coming to the forefront.

ORIGINS: Brazil, Colombia, and Ethiopia

POTENTATE'S ESPRESSO COFFEE: 454 gm Whole Beans

TASTING NOTES: Smooth velvet cup with a rich crema, cocoa notes, caramel with stone fruit lingering on the palate.

ORIGINS: Colombia, Brazil, Ethiopia, and India.

POTENTATE'S DECAF COFFEE: 454 gm Whole Beans or Ground Coffee

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

ORIGINS: Colombia, and Ethiopia.

NOTES

MINIMUM ALTITUDES OF THE FARMS: 3,500 Feet above sea level

ROASTED LEVEL: Medium Plus (Bold Cup)

Potentate's Special Blend Teas

ENGLISH BREAKFAST LOOSE LEAF TEA: 75 gm

A brisk morning "pick me up" tea with a rich malty taste.

SPRING SENCHA LOOSE LEAF GREEN TEA: 75 gm

A light clean and fresh tasting green tea, with beautiful slender leaves.

EARL GREY LAVENDER LOOSE LEAF TEA: 75 gm

One of the most favourite tea blends in the world. Truly a classic tea blend with the addition of dried Lavender flowers, fit for a King.



HILLBILLY CLAN 46 OUTHOUSE NEWS



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



Outhouse #2 – Sudbury,

Outhouse #3 - Huntsville,

Outhouse #4 – North Bay

Well howdy Cuzzins and flatlanders,

How y'all doing. Hopefully you all have recovered from the holiday festivities. Start of another year and the 2025 Chowdown Team is looking forward to putting on another great event.

Unfortunately, we had to change the date of the event to Saturday August 23, 2025 due to conflicts with other events. So be sure and mark that date down on your calendars.

The cost of the event is \$30 per person (same as last year) which will include your participation in any event such as the games, the degree and whatever else comes up. There will a great meal, short speeches and a fire with possibly a singsong going,

The location will be the same as last year with Cuzzins Laundry agreeing to be the hosts again. We had a fabulous time there with the 2024 Chowdown and it is in a great location being located in the Huntsville area.

Any Shriner or his Lady can become a Hillbilly. The onetime fee to become a Hillbilly Guy is \$50 and a Hillbilly Gal is \$25. With this price you will receive a certificate, a crest, a membership card and a bona fide Hillbilly hat and corn cob pipe.

As time goes along please check out <https://www.facebook.com/clan46hillbillies>, our Facebook page, for further details such as accommodations, directions and scheduling for the day.

So jump on the bandwagon and come on out to what will be a fabulous time.

Y'all come back now, ya hear.

Smilin' Stan
Raban of the Clan

From the Head of the Hammer

By Noble Robert "Buzzb" Gordon
Shriners Club of Hamilton

Christmas is past and I now have enough coal to last the winter. New Years has come and gone and with it, those pesky New Years resolutions have already faded into the laughable past.

Our Club, the Shriners Club of Hamilton has experienced a wonderful year under the governance of our past President Frank Westaway. We have had more Shriners join our Club and bring

their better halves with them. Our dinners were a success at every turn and we made great new friends.

Our Montreal Hospital was gifted through our Sneaker Fund with just over \$50,000.00 from our loyal members and our corporation and for that, I will be eternally grateful. Thanks to all who opened their hearts and wallets for our Kids. At our Christmas dinner, we were introduced to a beautiful young lady, who is one of our Shrine Kids with Osteo Genesis Imperfecta or Brittle Bone Disease, by none other than Patrick McKenna, the fantastic comedian and actor. She brought her entire family along, presented the Sneaker Fund chairman with a cheque and then sang like an angel. There wasn't a dry eye in the house. Our members finally got to see what our sneaker fund does in real life. Kudos to her and her family and special thanks to Patrick, who came all of the way into the Hammer from his storm ravaged area of Ontario just to introduce this terrific young lady.

We also met another exceptional young lady from St. Catherines area who, in turn presented out Sneaker Fund ambassador with two cheques for the fund and was, in turn presented with an appreciation plaque for hosting our Clown Unit and the St. Kits Clown Unit at an annual car show sponsored by O'Hara Trucking. What a real delight it was meeting her and her parents on this special evening.

Our Club then presented a cheque to the Special Olympics car show fundraiser coordinator Sgt. Allen Shultz, so that our money will assist with their programs. We were invited to partake in arranging and selling the 50/50 tickets at the annual Cops'n'Rodders Car show by Sgt. Shultz; which has just finished its 10th annual appearance and we have been staunch supporters of the Special Olympics and the Car Show since day one.

President Frank introduced our Potentate Illustrious Sir John Domonkos and his Lady Elizabeth; gifts were exchanged and fun was had by all. Special thanks to the Potentate and his Lady for joining us at the dinner, after all, our Club is entirely co-ed and we owe our successes to a great extent to our Ladies. President Frank wrapped up the evening with surprise Christmas treats to all of the Ladies and the Potentate wished everyone well.

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

On behalf of all the Ladies of Bokhara Court, we wish everyone a joyous and productive 2025.

The Ladies were off to a great start by attending the Great Lakes Unit Meet in Middleburg, Ohio. It was a great way to meet old friends from the USA and Mexico and make new ones of our very own. The Trent Severn Steelers performed while our High Priestess Lady Deb watched from her position on the floor. Lady Deb's official visit to Barrie was held October 1st. In



October, the Muskoka Ladies had a successful fundraising dinner. At the October Court meeting a request was put to the Court for permission to organize a new unit, "The Northern Dancers". This group is continuing to seek formal permission from the Court and Grand Council. It will be interesting for all to follow this process and welcome a new performing unit. The Sharamazda Ladies Shrine held their regular fall auction on the 5th and this was a definite success!

November 9th rolled around and at 2PM in the afternoon, the Bokhara Court initiated 24 new members into the Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America. Following the ceremony, dinner was served to over 100 ladies, new candidates and guests. The Ladies Drum Corp, led by Lady Karen McCullough, played followed by the Trent Severn Steelers led by Lady Meredith Pennock.



December was a month that we had a cancellation of the Club meeting and the Court meeting due to inclement weather. This will mean a catch up of business for January. The bright light in December was the ability of some of our ladies to come from far

and near to join in the Shrine Christmas services on December 9th. Thank you for the lovely poinsettia gift.



January saw five Court Ladies attending the Rameses Shriners Installation with their nobles. The luncheon was excellent as well as the afternoon entertainment. It was also a pleasure to attend the inaugural Potentates Dinner following the installation. The beef dinner was provided by Traditions of Barrie.

The High Priestesses' Message

My year as High Priestess of Bokhara Court is ending. What an exciting year it has been. There have been many travels, Grand Council in Kalamazoo Michigan, Montreal Hospital tour with our Grand High Priestess, Imperial Sessions in Reno NV. Potentate's receptions in Toronto, Buffalo and Utica, NYOSA in Saratoga NY, Great Lakes Unit meet in Cleveland OH. Mid States unit meet in Oklahoma City OK, Dendarah Court Ceremonial Perrysburg OH, and Finally the institution of a new Court in Scranton PA. I also attended the Men's Ceremonial in Niagara Falls, my home territory. I want to thank all the Ladies of Bokhara Court for their support during my year as High Priestess, without their support I would not have been able to achieve what I have. I would also like to thank Illustrious Sir John Domokos and his Lady and ours Elizabeth, the Divan elected and appointed for all their support during my year. We must always remember that the children come first and foremost, that is why we are in the greatest philanthropic organization.

Sincerely, Lady Deb Jones, High priestess.

There are two very important dates coming up to which all Shriners and their ladies and friends are invited. The Bokhara Spring Tea is being held on March 8th at 2 PM. At the tea, there will be a Shrine Child and his or her story as well as a presentation from the Shriners Hospital Montreal to receive all the items and money collected in the past fiscal year for our special children. The second date is April 5, 2025, for the open installation for Lady Amanda Dart, the new High Priestess for 2025-2026 and new officers as the Court continues to expand and work for our special children.

Our sincere thanks to Noble Steve Singleton who kindly donated many pairs of glasses to help with our "Gift of Glasses for New Sight" program.

We wish you all a great year with safe travels.

Sincerely,
Bokhara Court Ladies



NEW MEMBERS

4 new members welcomed, and more to come!

Oronto Temple No. 69 News

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

Change and Growth as We Spring Forward in 2025

We are already off to a strong start in 2025! On January 11, we welcomed four amazing women into our Order during our first Oronto Temple No. 69 Stated Session meeting - an exciting beginning to a year filled with potential and growth. As we reflect on another successful year for Daughters of the Nile - Oronto Temple No. 69, we're reminded of the diverse community that makes our organization so special. Our membership spans generations of dedicated women, from seasoned leaders who carry our traditions forward to enthusiastic new members bringing fresh perspectives and energy.

Just as Spring brings renewal, the new year marks an exciting time of transition for our Daughters of the Nile Temples across Canada, the United States, Brazil, and Bolivia. By March, installation season begins, ushering in new Officers, position changes, and fresh strategies for the year ahead. It's a time of both celebration and planning, as we honour those who've served while welcoming



OHANA GROUP SHOT

Celebrating our Ohana-themed Stated Session

new leaders ready to guide us forward.

The strength of any fraternal organization lies in its ability to work together and adapt while maintaining our core values and commitment to supporting our philanthropy. Communication plays a vital role in keeping our members connected and engaged. Whether through traditional newsletters, social media updates, or personal outreach, staying in touch helps ensure every member feels valued and informed about our activities and opportunities.

Many fraternal organizations face the "80-20 challenge," where it may always be the same individuals or small group handling most of the work. Every member brings unique talents and perspectives that can enrich our organization. Whether it's joining a committee, considering an officer role, or simply sharing new ideas, there are countless ways to get involved and make a difference. Involvement is key to the growth and relevance of any fraternal organization, and participation is always valued.

Oronto Temple No. 69 is grateful to our friends, family, and appendant body fraternal colleagues for supporting our Temple throughout 2024-2025 - Thank you! Your ongoing support helps us continue our critical work supporting Shriners Hospitals for Children Canada and Shriners Children's™. Join us in making 2025 another year of growth and service.

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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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



Niagara Shrine Club News

By Noble Dave Gillies, Niagara Shrine Club

MECHANICS REPORT #101... PLUS

While attempting to start the Maids' generator following a battery replacement, we soon discovered no power to turn the starter. This led to a flurry of activity as everyone volunteered to be the hero of the moment, starting it; unaware of future results. After a gruelling series of pulls, someone suddenly spotted sparking wires, prompting us to take



a much-needed break. In our haste for bubbles and lights, we jury-rigged a small generator set aside for Misty to provide the parading Maids' exciting effects. The situation became puzzling when we examined the generator; many of its wires had become welded together, likely due to our repeated pulling. The repair technicians delivered the disheartening news: "So sorry, but it's completely pooched." It was clear that we weren't cut out to be electricians! Now, I'm concerned that the Club executive will reconsider my nonexistent mechanic's ticket and question my improvised mechanical skills before allowing me to "repair" any equipment in the future.

As December rolled in, Niagara-on-the-Lake hosted our final Christmas parade, the eighth event in our festive lineup, all in honour of jolly old St. Nick himself. With the chill of November and December temperatures plunging below zero, we braved



the biting cold, which nipped at our toes and fingers with a filled crew. In Hagersville, the not-so-surprisingly freezing temperatures transformed our bubble-making machine into an icy block. Amidst the festivities, the Newbeaver train and crew dazzled us with their new lighting, making for a truly impressive sight. With the Maid and Misty now retired for the season, we can

set aside time for our annual maintenance in preparation for their seaworthiness in 2025.

During our November Club elections, Chief Rabban John Neil presided as we filled the hall with voting members. He rubber-stamped a non-contested slate of officers for 2025, warmly congratulating the newly appointed President, Noble Walter Brooks, and his dedicated crew. On that same day, Ill. Sir John graciously took time out of his busy schedule to visit us, offering his congratulations on our successful Ceremonial, while also picking up two significant cheques — one for the Montreal Hospital and another for Rameses to continue to "FLY HIGH FOR OUR KIDS".

The Niagara Nobles squeezed from the van at "The Greeks" for a hearty breakfast before heading to the Rameses elections. Unfortunately, I parked a little too close to the adjacent vehicle, which caused the squeezing and only missed one turn on the way to Queens Plate. We



raise our glasses in congratulations to the new Potentate, Ill. Sir John Neil, and his capable crew from Rameses. As I walk through the Valley of the Shadow of Death, I am reminded that you can't always trust Google Maps. President Walter confidently took his oath of office, but Ambassador George encountered more than a tinge of disappointment, as he was only "declared". Missing out on his chance to swear out loud in a large crowd.

Christmas brought warmth and camaraderie as most of our club members gathered for the annual Xmas dinner with our



handlers, the lovely wives. I double-dipped and also had one at my daughter's, an intimate dinner for 27. Noble Jim, a tireless worker and candidate from the Spring Ceremonial, went above and beyond by preparing a sumptuous turkey dinner, complete with all the traditional trimmings and a dessert to die for. It wrapped up our Shrine year beautifully and ensured that no one left the table hungry. In my advancing age, I've noticed that the handler's leash, so to speak, seems to be getting shorter. This isn't due to a once wandering eye, but rather all the time I spent at the Club, leaving my home "job jar" unattended. I subscribe to the Latin American philosophy of "Mañana" whenever the topic of those household chores arises.

As I sit down to write this, I am eagerly awaiting a delivery of East-West Shrine Bowl goodies all **Continued on page 19...**

Niagara Shrine Club News

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CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF THE EAST-WEST SHRINE BOWL 1925-2025

the way from Tampa, intended for an enthusiastic fun*raising watch party on our big screen on January 30. I sincerely hope the postal workers manage to deliver them before the referee's whistle punctuates the beginning of the game.

How many of us have visited a town and looked up the Masonic Lodge or the local Shrine Club? While attending the Imperial in



Denver we did this by accident when exploring Central City in Colorado. There we found a lodge that was considered the cradle of Masonry in the Rocky Mountains in 1804. Also found was the custodian after some inquiries who gave us the grand tour. Not quite as dramatic but a Shriner from the Atlanta region dropped in with his dad to check out our Club Rooms in December. We're not sure, but think we was taking his dad on a tour of his youth as he was from the Timmins area and transplanted years ago to Georgia. While they sampled a cold foamy Canadian draft we all asked in true Niagara fashion; where are the best bars in Atlanta when we visit for the Imperial. Robert seemed to know them all and promised a tour when we get together in July.

I can't help but empathize with the countless homeless individuals out there, particularly when temperatures plummet. However, their audacity sometimes leaves me surprised. One morning, we drove to the Club only to find our garbage bin secured with a hefty padlock. Upon further inspection, we discovered it was crammed full of someone's belongings, including an electric bike. As we waited for local law enforcement to arrive, we reviewed security camera footage. It revealed that someone had rummaged through our recycling, converting our trailer parking area into

a makeshift brown paper tent city. While I can understand their desperate need for shelter and the desire to protect their possessions—but in a seemingly fully occupied building? Nobles frequently come and go, and our other bin must have been filled with “fresh” refuse. Rather than heeding the police's suggestion to discard their items in the street, we decided to leave a note. Informing them they had 24 hours to remove their belongings. The following day everything was gone. Their occupation and lock up, what a bold move! We do support a soup kitchen located downtown, with donated food; so our compassion for their situation remains. Another side of the Ill. Sirs' "SHARING THE MAGIC".



Karen Caldwell Presenting Recorder Ill. Sir Bryan Lawson, P.P., with a cheque for Shriners Hospital for Children – Canada in Montreal

This is a photo of Karen Caldwell, Grand Inspector of Women Freemasons in Canada, presenting a \$10,000.00 cheque to Ill. Sir Brian Lawson, P.P., Rameses Recorder, for the Shriners Hospital for Children – Canada located in Montreal. It was their 70th Anniversary of Women Freemasons in Canada. It was held at Qssis Banquet Centre, Kingston Road, Scarborough, on October 6th, 2024.



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SUDBURY SHRINE CLUB NEWS

By Noble Stan Fenton

Greetings one and all,

We may have started a new year but we have to look back on some of the events held in the latter part of the 2024.

At the end of October, the Hillbilly Unit held their Octoberfest which included a penny table and that went over quite well. Some members were even clad in their oom pa pa outfits and everyone seemed to have enjoyed themselves.

In November, the Club was spruced up for Christmas, thanks to the Decorating Party. It was a pot luck dessert event with the Club cooking up a turkey to be enjoyed by all who attended.

Later in the month, the President of the Club, Noble Dick McIvor, held a lavish President's Cocktail party in which many were in attendance. There was music, dancing and, as always, great food. The Past Presidents got together to have their photo taken.



We had another successful year of Cake sales along with shortbread cookies and maple syrup. Many thanks to the coordinators, the sellers and the volunteers who managed to pull off another great year.

The Sudbury Shrine Club participated in the Santa Claus Christmas parades in Sudbury and Capreol with a wonderful turnout of people in both locations.

At our regular meeting in December, our annual Club elections

took place which saw the new executive elected for 2025. It was also great to see some members receiving their 25 and 50 year as a Shriner awards. Congratulations to those members.

Another first for the Hillbilly Ramblers was to be asked to play at the Annual Children's Christmas party. The band had a great time playing for the parents and children right up until the arrival of Santa. Now how can you compete with Old St. Nick when he makes his entrance.

December saw Christmas parties for both the Penny Farthing Unit and the Hillbilly Unit and at each, everyone got into the festive spirit especially with the gift exchange, the socializing and all that fine food that don't have calories.

Members of the Club participated in the CTV/Lions Telethon by answering phone calls for donations with the Telethon exceeding their expectations. The club also made a donation towards the cause.



How can you not start the year off without a Levee? Well, the Sudbury Shrine Club didn't miss out. There was a very good turnout at the Club on the first day of the year for the social aspect of comradery, brilliant conversation and laughs with a topping of finger foods. A great way to start off another year.

So the elections are over and now it is time for the Installation which will happen on Saturday January 18, 2025. Will tell you more in the next edition.

May your Shrine Clubs have a particular GREAT year in 2025.

Rameses 2025 Directory Changes

Page 6 - Appointed Divan Marshal - Noble Peter Wallace - New Email: petewallace@rogers.com

Page 7 - Appointed Divan Outer Guard - Noble Robert Wigmore - New Cell Phone: 613-392-5936

Page 24 - Kawartha Shrine Club - New Web Site: www.kawarthashrineclub.com

Page 27 - Mississauga Shrine Club - New Web Site: www.mississaugashrineclub.ca

Page 29 - Northland Shrine Club - Secretary Noble Bruce Praskey passed away. New Secretary T.B.A.

Page 32 - Ramoca Shrine Club - New President - Noble George B. Smith, 172 Alfred Street W., Box 897, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0, Phone: 705-441-2559 - Email: applevaleprop@gmail.com

Page 32 - Ramoca Shrine Club - New 1st Vice Noble Brian Johnson, 32 Sykes Street, North, P.O. Box 3296, Meaford, ON N4L 1A5, Phone: 519-379-4110 - Email: bjnotebook@rogers.com

Page 33 - Shriners Club of Hamilton - New Email: shrinersclubhamilton@gmail.com

Page 43 - Ambassador Emeritus - Noble Dale E. Letts - remove * beside name - still alive and kicking

Page 55 - Potentate's Events - April 24-27 NYOSA will be held in Toronto, ON

Strategic Planning Committee

By Noble Tom Lundy
High Priest & Prophet

This is the first report of the newly appointed Strategic Planning Committee.

At Rameses Shriners Installation of Officers on January 4th, 2025, Ill. Potentate John Neil, in his acceptance speech, outlined the key costs of keeping our building. He focused on Property Taxes, Condo Fees, and Insurance, as follows:

1. Property taxes of \$62,000 are expected to rise to \$68,000 in 2025 (+9.5%)
2. Insurance at \$32,000 is expected to rise to \$33,000 in 2025 (+3%)
3. Condo Fees of \$58,000 are expected to rise to \$82,000 (+\$2,000/month)
 - a. Special assessment (not budgeted) of \$125,000 spread over 2024 & 2025.

We estimate that these three line items will account for \$250,000 in our 2025 Rameses Temple Shrine Club Expense Budget.

Ill. Sir John also announced the appointment of a Strategic Planning Committee to develop a financially sustainable solution for Rameses Temple:

Chair:	Noble Tom Lundy, High Priest & Prophet
Deputy Chair:	Noble Michael Webb, Assistant Rabban
Consultant, Real Estate:	Noble Jeff Laceby, Tecumseh Shrine Club

To this Steering Team, we added two ad hoc members from Laceby Real Estate:

- Noble Mike Laceby, Board Member, Montreal Hospital
- Bro. Ross Pollock, Junior Deacon, Sunnylea Lodge No. 510

Call for Additional Members!

Transparency and accountability being crucial to the success of this Committee, we are in search of up to four more Nobles from within Rameses membership, providing geographic representation, and allowing for a limit of seven voting members.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Common Sense, Open Minded, Forward Thinking, and a TEAM PLAYER.
- Business or Financial background an asset, but not a requirement.

The Strategic Planning Committee will report directly to the Board of Directors (Divan) and ultimately to the overall Nobility of Rameses Shriners.

Interested Nobles should reach out to Mike or myself.

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Waubuno Shrine Club President Noble Don White presents \$5,000 donation to Rameses which is received by Illustrious Sir John Domonkos.

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SHEBA SHRINE CLUB NEWS

by Noble Doug Griffin, SSCCS
Sheba Shrine Club Chief Scribe

Welcome to the near shores of Kempenfelt Bay. Come in from the cold, sit down by the fireplace and warm up. Let me get you some hot chocolate and shortbread cookies. Now open your ears, I got some news to tell you.

If you missed the Fall Ceremonial, you also missed the Stated Meeting so let me fill you in. Here are some numbers:

- 18 Nobles are up for non-payment of dues suspension
- 57 Nobles have demitted
- 57 Nobles have passed since the Spring Ceremonial

Hospital Reports:

- Montreal Hospital has 600 active patient cases being managed
- 50 regular patients being treated
- Erie Hospital is only doing diagnosis, surgeries are sent to our Pittsburg Hospital in an effort to treat more kids in more places.

Fall Ceremonial Highlights:

- Four new Nobles were created to join Rameses at the Fall Ceremonial!
- Ill. Sir John Domonkos presented a certificate to Noble Donald Alland for 50 years of Service (see photo)



- Congratulations Don! Who knew you were that old?
- The Feast was attended by 58 Nobles and their Ladies.
- Thanks to Kym and her crew from Traditions at Sheba for providing us with a great meal and service.

Sheba Nobles led the way for St. Nick in both the Innisfil and Barrie Santa Claus Parades. There were a lot of smiling little faces in the crowd as we passed. We got some unexpected attention from some of the kids when they thought they saw Santa. But it was only Noble Garry Chandler with his long white beard wearing his red Fez and red jacket. Ho Ho Ho!

The Rameses Shriners Carol Service was held on December 8th.

I had practiced for two weeks singing in the shower or alone while driving my car. Ill. Sir Rev. Bevan Carrique, P.P., Rameses Chaplain, had given me the job of leading the congregation in singing the first hymn while he with the Divan, Appointed Divan, Past Potentates and other Dignitaries were marched into their seats. I sang Loud and Proud and was thankful that everyone turned away from me to watch the procession come in. Noble Steve Singleton gave me my next job. Myself along with Randy Ling took up the offering by systematically passing the collection plates back and forth through the rows of people. I was lucky that Steve had this all choreographed so there were no mistakes.

If you haven't been to our Temple in a while you are in for a great surprise. The six leather chairs in the entrance have all been reupholstered in a lush brown leather. They look magnificent and bring a regal presence to the room. Thank you to Ill. Sir John and Lady Elizabeth for their gracious gift.

Now here is an editorial from my good friend and assistant scribe Ken Lees.

The Tradition Continues at Traditions

A number of years ago a group of gentlemen from the Barrie area started meeting for breakfast on the Saturday before Christmas at which time after their bellies were full, they would recount the events of the previous year, tell a few tall tales and wish each other a very Merry Christmas. Many of the men were Shriners some were not but that didn't make any difference. Some years later, one of the members of the group, Noble Cal Madill suggested that they make the breakfast a little bigger, sell tickets to their friends and neighbours, raffle some prizes and make some money for charity. That was always Noble Cal's way of thinking. Having a connection with Sheba Shrine Club he was able to secure the banquet hall to hold the event and prepare a breakfast with the help from a number of Sheba members and others. The event continued to grow in numbers attending and in popularity. Money raised was used to cover the cost of the event, pay for the venue and purchase some prizes. Any profits realized were donated back to worthy community causes, local hospital, Salvation Army, the Food Bank and Shriner's Hospitals.



Unfortunately, Noble Cal was taken from us all too early in August 2023. As plans were underway to hold the breakfast that year some of the Nobles from Sheba along with others under the leadership of Noble Geordie Frame *Continued on page 24...*

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who mobilized the troops the breakfast continued on with much success. The success made the group realize that Noble Cal's dream must continue on. So early in 2024 Noble Geordie and crew got busy planning for another breakfast in December 2024!

In keeping with tradition on Saturday December 21st one hundred and forty-six gentlemen converged fittingly at Traditions Banquet Hall at The Sheba Shrine Centre which was done to the nines with Gorgeous Christmas decorations to enjoy a fantastic breakfast and some fellowship. Those in attendance came from all parts of southern and central Ontario and included a table of Noble Cal's relatives who were all treated to an excellent presentation by Noble Thomas Carrique Commissioner of the Ontario Provincial Police. After a short break including some winter vacations we are sure the boys will be back working on plans for breakfast in December 2025. See you there!

At this time, on behalf of all Nobles I would like to thank Ill. Sir John Domonkos and Lady Elizabeth for their leadership and contributions in 2024 and look forward to Ill. Sir John Neil and Lady Peggy in guiding Rameses in 2025.

I would also thank Bryan Lawson P.P. for his years as Recorder and welcome Don Campbell as our new Recorder.

Also, congratulations to Randy Ling on being elected as Oriental Guide.

Well now that you have ate all my shortbread cookies and have had your fill of my hot chocolate it's time for me to take my pencil and notepad to the Whitefish Bonspiel to get you some more gossip. Please turn off the light on your way out.



Rameses Drum Corps By Noble Jack Tellian, Captain

We resumed our activities in September, after our summer recess. On November 13, we held our regular meeting, during which our annual elections were conducted by Ill. Sir Brian Davenport. Thank you, Ill. Sir, for running our Unit elections. I would also like to congratulate our new Unit President-elect, Noble Diony Garcia, and our new Treasurer, Noble Elito Lim, as well as all the nominated members. Thank you to all the members who attended to support this evening.

I would also like to express my gratitude to our Parade Coordinator, Noble Bruce McKerracher, for organizing the parades. On November 16, the Drum Corps participated in the Santa Claus parade in Bradford, which was a great parade. Additionally, on December 7, we took part in the Stouffville Santa Claus parade, where we were warmly welcomed by the local community.

On December 8, we had another performance at the Carol

Service, where we were invited by Ill. Sir Rev. Bevan Carrique, P.P. Thank you, Ill. Sir Rev. Bevan Carrique, for your kind invitation.

On December 30, we held our annual Christmas party at the Mandarin Restaurant to show our appreciation to our Ladies for their support. Thank you, Noble Victor Andino, for organizing the event. We had an enjoyable evening with delicious food and wonderful company during the holiday season.

Finally, on January 4, 2025, we attended the Temple Elections at 124 Queens Plate Drive, Toronto. On behalf of myself and the members of the Drum Corps, I would like to congratulate Ill. Sir Potentate John H. Neil, the members of the Divan, and our new Oriental Guide, Noble Randy Ling. The event was wonderfully organized, and we wish you all a successful and prosperous year ahead.

The Rameses Drum Corps is welcoming new members. No prior musical experience is needed. We will provide instruments, uniforms, and musical instruction. Please email me Noble Jack Tellian, Captain of the Drum Corps, at ja.tellian@rogers.com or call me at 416-529-1115 if you are interested.



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There will be a \$30 Registration/Binder fee required from each household when completing your online registration. This will automatically be added to your shopping cart during the checkout process.

Rameses Shriners Spring Ceremonial 2025 Program

Thursday, June 12th:

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM - Advanced Registration at the Belleville Shrine Club.
3:00 PM - Flag Raising Ceremony at the Quinte Sports & Wellness Centre
7:00 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) - **\$150 per person**
11:00 AM - Registration Desk opens at the Quinte Sports & Wellness Centre
6:00 PM - Buffet Dinner at the Quinte Sports & Wellness Centre - Dance begins at 7:00 PM - Entertainment featuring "The Reasons" (Live) - **\$60 per person**

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 - **\$50 per person**
12:00 PM - Oasis Opens at the Quinte Sports & Wellness Centre
1:00 PM - Ceremonial Parade
6:30 PM - Ceremonial Feast at the Quinte Sports & Wellness Centre - **\$125 per person**

Sunday, June 15th:

8:00 - 11:00 AM - Brunch and Farewell at the Belleville & District Shrine Club - **\$25 per person**
9:00 AM - Ceremonial Drumhead Worship Service at the Belleville Cenotaph, 127 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.

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Rameses Shriners Spring Ceremonial 2025 Housing



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Best Western, Belleville, ONT 387 North Front Street, (613) 969 1112. A block of rooms are set aside for the 2025 Spring Ceremonial. All restaurants are nearby and the Quinte Mall is close for all your shopping needs. Free continental breakfast included. Close to a walking trail along the mighty Moira river . The hotel has an indoor pool and hot tub. Cut off for the reservations is April 10/2025. Rooms are \$189.00 + Tax & + Tourism Levy. **Be sure to mention the Shrine Ceremonial when booking by telephone.**



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Registration/Binder Fees

We need to clear the air around the stigma of Binder Fees. It is NOT a cash cow for the organizing Shrine Club. The binder fee was designed for and used for the cost of the parade. There is a significant cost in planning, organizing, and holding a parade on City/Town streets. We experience fees for insurance, city lawyers, city permits, and city workers on overtime, street closures, barricades, security, and police expenditures. Just to get a street closure permit, organizers require all three levels of First Responders approval. It would be nearly impossible to collect a fee from all parade participants, so the only mechanism we have is to add the binder/registration fee to the 2025 registration website, remember the binder fee pays the cost to hold a community parade for all to enjoy. If any Noble can think of an idea or a better way to pay for the parade, please drop me a line.

**Note for 2025 the binder fee/registration fee has been added to the registration website:
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DECEASED NOBLES REPORTED IN THE MONTH OF September 2024

Ernest B. Robinson
Belleville, ON
September 3, 2024

Malcolm MacKay
Mississauga, ON
September 7, 2024

Bradford Hansen
Pickering, ON
September 21, 2024

Marvin E. McClenny
Newmarket, ON
September 28, 2024

DECEASED NOBLES REPORTED IN THE MONTH OF October 2024

Bernard L. Nehring
Niagara Falls, ON
October 5, 2024

John A. Corbett
North Bay, ON
October 10, 2024

John Daley
Georgetown, ON
October 16, 2024

Brian R. Graham
Barrie, ON
October 26, 2024

Peter Barrow
Georgetown, ON
October 30, 2024

DECEASED NOBLES REPORTED IN THE MONTH OF November 2024

Dougald A. McNicol
Collingwood, ON
November 2, 2024

Paul A. James
Hamilton, ON
November 5, 2024

Frederick J. Tayler
North Bay, ON
November 5, 2024

Robert E. Kerr
Grimsby, ON
November 6, 2024

William N. Gordon
Hamilton, ON
November 17, 2024

James R. Vamplew
Owen Sound, ON
November 17, 2024

George R. Fair
Cavan Monaghan, ON
November 19, 2024

Arthur D. Hamilton
Midland, ON
November 20, 2024

John B. Watkins
Orillia, ON
November 23, 2024

Eric F. Welbanks
Stella, ON
November 27, 2024

David C. Taylor
Owen Sound, ON
November 29, 2024

DECEASED NOBLES REPORTED IN THE MONTH OF December 2024

Arend Vanderwiel
Newmarket, ON
December 5, 2024

Clair W. Atchison
Campbellford, ON
December 8, 2024

Bruce G. Edwards
Toronto, ON
December 11, 2024

Sham Huda
Toronto, ON
December 14, 2024

William J. O'Brien
Coe Hill, ON
December 17, 2024

Wesley Booth
St. Catharines, ON
December 23, 2024

James J. Seckington
Brampton, ON
December 24, 2024

DECEASED NOBLES REPORTED IN THE MONTH OF January 2025

Voitto Rintala
Lively, ON
January 5, 2025

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Where sorrow is no more. . .
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And peace is everywhere
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Algonquin Shrine Club News

By Noble Wayne Wiggins, Ambassador

At our January meeting we donated two cheques to Illustrious Sir John Neil, Potentate of Rameses Shriners, to go to the Shriners Childrens Hospital - Canada in Montreal: \$3000 from our golf tournament ran by Noble Dave Reeves, matching the previous donation of \$3000 presented the day of our tournament; \$3000 from this years Christmas Cake

Sales. We want to thank everyone that supported either of our fund-raising events. Because of you, we make Kids' Lives Better!



Noble Dave Reeves was presented with Shriner of the Year for his hard work and assistance. Ambassador Noble Wayne Wiggins greets Illustrious Sir John H. Neil, Rameses Potentate 2025.



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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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