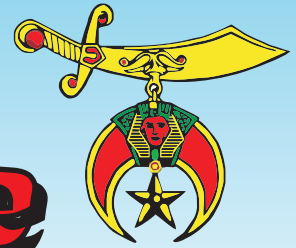


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Editor's Note

The deadline for submission of reports for the August 2011 edition of the Khartum Khronicle will be June 15, 2011.

I thank our Webmaster Noble Guy Arbez for assuming the duties of Khronicle Editor for the August 2010 edition, and our Membership

Chairman Noble Jonathan Cortes, who did the same for the December 2010 edition.

I also thank all our Khartum Khronicle Supporters, whose generous donations have made it possible to continue to publish the Khartum Khronicle. 

In Memoriam



We do not lose the ones we love
They only go before where there is everlasting life
Where sorrow is no more . . .
And there the soul will always live
and peace is everywhere
We do not lose the ones we love,
God takes them in His care.

December 14, 2010 . . . 5355 William Blyth
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From the Desk of the Potentate



By Illustrious Sir Gary Saunders



Illustrious Sir Gary Saunders, Potentate, 2011, Khartum Shriners

It was an honor when appointed to the Divan in 2002 by Illustrious Sir Doug Vialoux.

Today, I'm humbled by the confidence you placed in me by electing me as Potentate/CEO of Khartum Shriners for the ensuing year. I sincerely thank Illustrious Sirs Don Thomson and Doug Virtue for installing the officers on January 13, and Noble Craig Houston for all he did in preparing for the installation and reception.

This year, I especially thank Noble Craig for arranging for Abby Lobson (a Shrine patient) and her family to be part of the installation. I was truly honored to have Abby place the Potentate's fez on my head.

Lady Marcy and I thank the units; the Manitoba chapter, Order of DeMolay; Jobs Daughters; and Mrs. Darryl Gill for performing at the reception. Memories like that last a lifetime.

I warmly welcome the following new members of the Divan and their ladies:

Director: Noble Jack Hildebrand and Lady Lynne

NOTICE OF STATED MEETINGS

All nobles are reminded of the following Stated Meetings:

Thursday, April 14, 2011
Thursday, June 23, 2011
Thursday, September 29, 2011
7:30 P.M. Sharp
Shrine Activity Room
1155 Wilkes Avenue,
Winnipeg MB R3P 1B9

Agenda:

1. Conduct regular business of Khartum Shrine
2. Reports
3. Other business

Attest:

Noble Don Murray, Recorder Emeritus

Illustrious Sir Gary Saunders, Potentate/CEO

Fez and current dues card required

Unit Dress or Business Suit

Refreshments

Marshal: Noble Jim Krochenski (installed at the February stated meeting) and Lady June

Captain of the Guard: Noble Ken Galaschuk

Outer Guard: Noble Joel Segal and Lady Shirley

Lady Marcy and I and the Divan and ladies look forward to meeting and working with the Khartum nobility and ladies this year.

On January 16, Lady Marcy said to me: "You have an office now — go to it." In a few short weeks, I have come to realize what it takes to run the Shrine Centre on a day-to-day basis. We need to take the time to say *thank you!* to Brenda Tustin, Pam Pollock, Elfrieda McLean, and Nobles Freeman Myers, Don Murray, Glenn Lillies, and Craig Houston. Their dedication and commitment to Khartum Shrine Centre is beyond measure.

On January 28, Lady Marcy and I traveled with Chief Rabban Harry Rosenbaum and Lady Hope, Assistant Rabban Andrew Skene and Lady Irene, Oriental Guide Rick Wells, Director Jack Hildebrand, Captain of the Guard Ken Galaschuk, Membership Chairman Jonathan Cortes, and Hospital Chairman Craig Houston and Lady Joyce to Thunder Bay to visit with the Lakehead Shrine Club. On Saturday, January 29, we held a mini ceremony and wore our fezzes proudly as we witnessed eleven new nobles join Khartum Shriners. I welcome the new nobles and their ladies. Never stop believing that you can and do make a difference.

More than eighty nobles and ladies attended the luncheon, during which Nobles Craig, Rick, and Jonathan made presentations on the hospital, circus, and membership respectively. Noble Ken made his presentation earlier in the day. I sincerely thank President Craig Wolverton and Deputy Outer Guard Ed Carr for all the courtesies extended to us.

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Potentate. . . concluded from page 4

On behalf of the Lakehead Shrine Ladies' Club, Lady Sibyl Cadieu presented a cheque for \$1000 to the Transportation Fund, and, on behalf of the Lakehead Shrine Club, Noble Grant Poulin presented a cheque for \$10,000 to the Transportation Fund. **On behalf of the Khartum Shrine patients and their families, I give a "Tip of the Fez" to the Lakehead Shrine Club, and the Lakehead Shrine Ladies' Club.**

By the time this goes to print, Khartum will have hosted a successful MSA winter session (February 10–12). An enthusiastic MSA committee (God bless it) is in full swing, ensuring that all plans are completed for the MSA Summer Session (August 4, 5, and 6). This is the opportune time to showcase Khartum as our nobles and ladies host competitions, Thursday and Saturday parades, the ladies' program, and social evenings filled with fun, fellowship, food, friends, and family. Spread the word — the last MSA was hosted by Khartum in 1999, and the next one will be in 2025. **August 4, 5, and 6, 2011, is the time to "be dazzled" in Winnipeg.**

On February 14, the Divan hosted a tea for The Daughters of the Nile (Sphinx Temple #I16), to acknowledge and say thank you for the wonderful work the ladies do in supporting our Shrine Hospitals. In addition to the monetary donations as a result of successful fund-raisers, our ladies donate quilts, a variety of craft items, toys, games, school supplies, linens, pre-op dolls, and clothing to our Montreal hospital. Monies

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raised by the DON temples in Canada go to the Montreal Shrine hospital. The 149 DON temples throughout North America donate more than one million dollars each year to the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

On February 19, we traveled to the Dryden Shrine Club and took part in their ladies' night and installation of new officers for 2011. We always enjoy Dryden's wonderful hospitality.

As Shriners/Masons, we are all part of the Masonic family. From "The Foundation of Masonry":

"Let us remember that we are never really away from the lodge room. Every Mason takes with him, throughout his entire life, the Holy Altar of Masonry and his sacred obligations. . ."

W. Bro. C. Dwinal, St. John the Baptist
Lodge No.12, G. R. P. R., December 1984

Working together has been a positive experience. Let us continue to do so.

The Strategic Planning Committee chaired by Nobles Mark Fenny, Jimm Simon, and Bruce Weir are hosting a series of strategic planning workshops, the first to be in March. This process is quite structured and will take us through the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats facing Khartum. The result will be a flexible strategic plan strong enough to take Khartum forward well into the future.

This year, Khartum's major fund-raiser is a **cash draw** with a first prize of \$25,000 and a second prize of \$10,000. We hope this will be a win-win situation for everyone involved.

Enthusiasm is the one great factor in improving or advancing an individual or organization. According to Norman Vincent Peale, enthusiasm sharpens your mind and improves your problem-solving abilities. It builds the powerful motivation that makes things happen. It develops and maintains the quality of determination that helps you overcome fear and build self-confidence. It makes the difference between success and failure. With renewed enthusiasm, let us all remember the reason — *all aboard for the children.* 🙏

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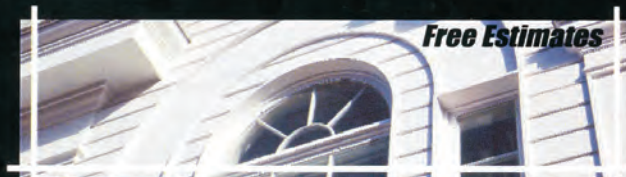


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Hospital Report

By Noble Craig Houston, Khartum Hospital Chairman



The year 2010 has gone and we are now into 2011. As usual, the Khartum Shrine Patient Hospital program still forges ahead full steam or, as our 2011 Illustrious Sir would say, "Remember the Reason — All Aboard for the Children."

Up to and including the end of February, we have sent our children for thirty medical visits to our "Temples of Mercy" in Montreal, Minneapolis, and Chicago. Our expenses for that period were about \$12,700.

I had the privilege and pleasure of attending a mini Ceremonial at the Lakehead Shrine Club in Thunder Bay in late January where they created eleven new nobles. They hope to create as many as twenty more new nobles by circus time in May of this year. I was also able to give a short presentation on the Shriners Hospitals for Children program and a short video on one of our patients.

We give a "Tip of the Fez" to the Lakehead nobles and their ladies for the excellent hospitality and the donations to the Khartum Shrine Patient Transportation Fund.

In mid-February, we attended the Midwest Shrine Association Winter Sessions, at which nobles from all fourteen Shrine temples throughout the Midwest attended. The Hospital program session of the event was a huge success. Our speakers were as follows:

- Dr. Reggie Hamdy, Chief of Staff at Shriners Hospitals for Children, Montreal, Canada

- Sara Klaas, Director of Physiotherapy Treatment at Shriners Hospitals for Children, Spinal Chord Injuries Unit, Chicago
- Dr. Ken Guidera, Chief of Staff at Shriners Hospitals for Children in Twin Cities, Minneapolis.



Sara Klaas of Shriners Hospitals for Children, Chicago, addressing the attendees at the Midwest Shrine Association Winter Sessions in Winnipeg

At our patient recruitment session on the Friday morning, Dr. Susan Thompson, in charge of the Khartum Shrine Satellite Clinic in Winnipeg, gave an interesting talk to the nobility.

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Each speaker gave a talk on their hospitals and patient care and how their individual medical treatments were carried out. Also, it was fitting that they were accompanied by Winnipeg patients of their respective hospitals (six patients and one sibling in all) and this all added up to the reason why we are Shriners. With each presentation, the patient and/or the family member spoke of the hospital staff in glowing terms and of the friendly attitudes and medical attention received by them at the various hospitals during the visits for surgery and medical treatment.



Shealan and Afzai, Winnipeg patients at Shriners Hospitals for Children, Chicago, tell their stories at the Midwest Shrine Association Winter Sessions in Winnipeg

To add to our inquisitive minds, Shriners Hospitals for Children Canada, Montreal, sent along their information Booth on the new hospital to be built soon in Montreal, and of various other items of medical interest. The booth was initially placed in the foyer of the hotel and then later on the seventh floor where the meetings were going on at the Fort Garry Hotel. The



The Kemp family from Winnipeg attending Shriners Hospitals for Children, Twin Cities Unit, Minneapolis, tell their story to attendees at the Midwest Shrine Association Winter Sessions in Winnipeg

booth was ably manned by Emmanuelle Rondeau of the Public Relations Department, Montreal Hospital, and assisted by Nobles Ernie Borowski and Evar Balodis of Khartum Shriners.



Dr. Reggie Hamady, Chief of Staff at Shriners Hospitals for Children Canada, Montreal, with Manitoba patient Dustin at the Midwest Shrine Association Winter Sessions in Winnipeg

It was fitting that we came away with accolades in our Hospitals presentations at the Midwest Winter Sessions, furthering our knowledge and interest in what we know as "The World's Greatest Philanthropy," and that we are all involved in giving children a better quality in life. The tremendous success of the event in itself was a plus for Khartum Shriners, the hosts this year.

WestJet has again come through big with their donation of considerations in our transportation of Shriners Hospitals patients and their families. We have also brought Al Azhar Shriners of Calgary and Mazol Shriners of Newfoundland and Labrador into the fold, and they are reaping the benefits along with Khartum Shriners and Wawa Shriners of Saskatchewan, who already participate in the program. We give a big "Tip of the Fez" to WestJet.

I took part in our usual conference call with the hospital recently and we were advised of a few items which will be of interest to the nobility.

Our new Montreal Hospital is still progressing. We expect to see some diagrams of the various floor layouts sometime shortly, and I understand that some groundwork is currently being

done. I hope to visit the site in May and will have a better idea of the progress being made. Final construction is scheduled for the fall of 2014.



Dr. Ken Guidera, Chief of Staff at Shriners Hospital for Children, Twin Cities Unit, Minneapolis, talks to the attendees at the Midwest Shrine Association Winter Sessions in Winnipeg

Eighteen of twenty-two beds would be for general use and the other four would be for pediatric intensive care. Areas for education, research, and physio and occupational therapy are planned. A new website will be set up so that the progress of the hospital construction can be reviewed.

Some new equipment has been obtained for histomorphometry (which I believe is to make a quantitative study of the microscopic organization and structures of a tissue (as bone) especially by computer-assisted analysis of images formed by a microscope). Now you know as much as I do!

I spoke with Jeff Smith of El Riad Shriners, one of the Imperial photographers, and he was shooting at the Midwest Winter Session. He sent me some pictures of our Hospital presentation which we have included in this issue.

This ends my report to you for this issue. I trust that you will have a good summer, and always keep in mind Shriners Hospitals for Children and their patients. The kids always remember the Shriners. As our Illustrious Potentate proclaims: "Remember the Reason. All Aboard for the Children." 🎩



Brandon & District Shrine Club

By Noble Rod March



At the time of preparing this report, things are pretty quiet around the Club with many snowbirds still away and some of the locals in hibernation mode for the winter season. However, winter has been loosening its grip and there is great anticipation that spring is just around the corner.

Before the Christmas recess, a new executive committee comprising the following nobles was elected and installed:

- President: Drew Mills
- Vice President: Grant McMullan
- Past President: Art Arbour
- Secretary: Alvin Taft
- Treasurer: Terry Metcalf
- Directors: Bob Bergson, Richard McCullagh, and Cam Moore

We wish you and all committee members every success for a banner year.

I regret to convey that two former Club members passed away recently. Noble Bill Blyth was an active member of the Brandon Oriental Band. We send our sympathies to his Lady Eileen and family. Noble Bert Thrower spent many years with the Brandon Pipes and Drums. We express our condolences to his Lady Dona and family.



Brandon Shrine Club officers for 2011 (l. to r.): Nobles Grant McMullan, Vice President; Alvin Taft, Secretary; Drew Mills, President; Art Arbour, Past President; Cam Moore and Richard McCullagh, Directors; and Terry Metcalf, Treasurer

We note that Noble Brent Richards is capably serving the Grand Lodge of Manitoba as the District Deputy Grand Master for the Assiniboine District and we wish him continued success as he completes his term.

Shriners always strive to maintain their strong association with the Craft. This was recently evidenced by two

nobles, Worshipful Brothers Bob Dennis and Jack McLeod, who were conferred with their 50-year jewels in November at Fenwick Lodge No. 158. We recognize this outstanding achievement with our special congratulations to you.

The Club continues to help the local community. We hosted an 'Elder Driver Safety Program' by donating the use of our facilities to the Alzheimer's Society. It was well attended and the convenors were most appreciative of our donation.



Presentation of 50-year Masonic jewels. (L. to r.): W. Bro. Terry Metcalf of Fenwick Lodge No. 158, and jewel recipients W. Bro. Bob Dennis and W. Bro. Jack McLeod

Our Club maintenance crew is always busy, and thanks to Noble Drew Mills, material was made available to the team to install "bumpers" on the walls to prevent damage when tables are being moved — a good solution to a major irritation! As a reminder to all members, please promote the Clubrooms whenever you can to anyone who may be looking to rent a hall. With the renovations completed over the last while, our Club is certainly quite suitable for hosting a wide variety of functions.

The Brandon Shrine Circus will return on May 21 after a two-year hiatus. As usual, everyone's help will be required. Our ladies have agreed to manage the sale of novelties. Ticket and program sellers will be needed. Circus Daddy salesmen, novelty assemblers, ushers, and security staffers will be in demand. Circus Committee co-chairmen, Nobles Bob Dennis and Alvin Taft, will be counting on everyone to help in any way possible.

A reminder is included here for our Annual Golf Tournament at the usual date in June. Plan now to attend and invite fellow Shriners, Masons, friends, and their ladies.

See you at the Club meeting on the fourth Wednesday! 🎩



Khartum Shrine Circus 2011



Greetings, nobles and ladies.

It's been a long cold winter: but spring is in the air and it's "show time" again for the Khartum Shrine Circus. This year Winnipeg is continuing the tradition and will be celebrating its 78th consecutive year of Shrine Circus fun for the whole family. This year the Annual Winnipeg Shrine Circus will be held again on the Red River Exhibition Park Grounds.

We are happy to announce that this year we have an exclusive website up and running for Khartum Shrine Circus ticket sales. Long hours and a lot of work has gone into this by Noble Ken Galaschuk (KennyG). Customers will be able go online to our website at www.khartumshrinetickets.com and purchase Khartum Shrine Circus tickets. They can use any major credit card or use their PayPal account if they have one. All necessary information is available on the website. This will expand the market to the ever growing electronic age and simplify ticket purchases and payment procedures for customers. Circus Dad / Mom Club subscriptions are also

available for purchase on the website.

Ticket prices for the Winnipeg Circus are: \$10 advance (purchased at Shrine Centre or website) and \$12 at the gate. Coupon books are back and each book will contain \$26 worth of coupons for \$25. *Coupons are valid only at the Winnipeg Circus venue and for Circus tickets purchased from the Shrine Centre.*

This year the Khartum Shrine Circus will be presented by Circus Producer Cindy Migley and has a fresh, exciting lineup of acts.

Nobles and Shrine Ladies or members of the Masonic Family wanting to volunteer their help in various areas are to please contact the Circus Office at 925-1436 or Lorne/Shirley Gregorash at 832-1200.

All updates will be posted in the Circus article of the monthly website edition of Khartum Tidbits and also mentioned and/or posted in the usual places around Khartum.

Please make every effort to support the Shrine tradition and attend the circus that's coming to your area.

Annual Khartum Shrine Circus Schedule for 2011

- May 13-14 (Friday and Saturday) Thunder Bay ON
- May 16 (Monday) Dryden ON
- May 17 (Tuesday) Fort Frances (Border) ON
- May 18 (Wednesday) Kenora ON
- May 19 (Thursday) Portage La Prairie MB Shrine Circus
- May 20 (Friday) Selkirk MB Shrine Circus
- May 21 (Saturday) Brandon MB Shrine Circus
- May 23 (Monday) Thompson MB Shrine Circus
- May 25 (Wednesday) Swan River MB Shrine Circus
- May 26 (Thursday) Dauphin MB Shrine Circus
- May 28 (Saturday) Winnipeg MB Shrine Circus

The following nobles are the 2011 Circus Management team members:

General Circus Chairman: Rick Wells

Help as needed: Ian Dark

Communication: Ken Galaschuk

Manpower: Lorne Gregorash

Oasis: Jim Krochenski

Portage Circus and Masonic Family Displays: Brian Langtry

Circus Dad/Mom: Ken Duguid

Selkirk Circus and help in other aspects: Wayne Stewart

Production and sales and distribution of coupon books: Norm Wolk

See you there!

Noble Ken Galaschuk

For: Khartum Shrine Circus Committee



Provost Corps

By Noble Don Campbell



Whatever happened to our unit presentation during the Ceremonial? In the past, each unit was allocated approximately three minutes during their unit presentation to explain the unit's purpose and to model their uniforms. No longer is that the case, so I am taking this opportunity to enlighten these new nobles about the Provost.

The Provost was officially sanctioned as a needed and recognized Unit of Khartum in 1955. Its purpose is to assist in all Khartum ceremonials, pilgrimages, and other activities authorized by the Potentate. We provide members to protect and guard Khartum Shriners functions, when security is required, on direction from the Potentate or his delegated officer. We will act in liaison with local police authorities when Khartum is on a pilgrimage to distant Shrine centers.

We offer these advantages over most other units:

- Besides the parades, ceremonials, etc., we meet only once a month. Some units meet once a week to practice .
- We do not parade or march as most other units are required to do.
- At many functions we may be the first unit required to be in attendance, but most often we are finished first, except for the Shrine Circus, when the hours of duty are long each day during such activities, but are very rewarding.

- You may have been told that you may not be officially allowed to join a unit for almost a year, as you will be required to serve and assist with other various activities including circuses. The Provost Corps is the only unit exempt from these provisions.

We do not offer you the glamour of exotic, colorful costumes, dress, or uniforms, or the noise of rolling or pounding drums or the blare of various wind instruments. We can offer and extend to you, brotherhood, a warm association within the unit and with other units, and a personal pride of self accomplishment.

We invite you to consider membership in the Provost Corps. Should you desire to apply for such membership, any member of the Provost will be glad to provide you with necessary particulars and an application. 🐾

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Dauphin & District Shrine Club

By Noble Aubrey Marcotte



We congratulate Illustrious Sir Gary Saunders on his election and installation as Potentate of Khartum Shriners for 2011. We extend our best wishes to he and his Lady Marcy for an enjoyable and a rewarding year. The new Executive members of the Club for 2011 include the following nobles:

- President: Darren Carlson
- Vice President: Not yet filled
- Past President: Frank Toporowski
- Secretary: Aubrey Marcotte
- Treasurer: F. D. (Rick) Zaplitny
- Directors: Doug Cooke, Les Ford, Terry Maxwell, George Richardson, David Romaniuk, and David Yeo

We regret the passing of Noble Forbes McRae in December and Noble Bill Green and Lady Shirley Ford in

January. We extend our sincere sympathy to Lady Ruth, Lady Karen, and Noble Les.

We give many thanks to Noble George Richardson and his Lady Jean for their top-notch handling of

the Club's Christmas Cake sales, once again a great success. We also thank Nobles Jim Chute and Terry Maxwell for their handling of the Khartum Calendar and the WestJet ticket sales.

Plans for the Shrine Circus in Dauphin on Thursday, May 26, are underway with the Credit Union Place Arena booked, posters ordered, tickets printed, and letters to outlying schools ready for mailing. Noble Terry Maxwell is tending to the Club's annual 50/50 Cash Raffle. All that's needed now is good weather and a good crowd.

Should we ever manage to rid ourselves of the snow banks, next in line comes the summer parades starting in late June as well as the upcoming Midwest in Winnipeg ... and the never ending upgrading and restoration of vehicles and the Club float.

We hope your summer is a sunny and enjoyable one. 🐾



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Drum & Bugle Corps

By Noble Jack Goods



With the start of a New Year, we have reached 2011, the year of the Shriners Midwest in Winnipeg, and a busy year for our President Phil Sexton. It will be a challenging year but with the assistance of Noble Rick Jones as his second-in-command, and our first-year Noble Captain Hank Russell taking on his duties

with his first-time ambitions and the desire to put his energies to work, Noble Phil will have no problem in leading the biggest and best band in Khartum.

Noble Phil had a good start in January with the Potentate's Reception. There was a good turn out to parade for our Super Potentate and his Lady Marcy, and our efficient Chief Rabban Harry

Rosenbaum and his Lady Hope. Our first-year captain did a good job getting the unit together and Noble Rick, the entertainment chair, did a wonderful job getting the room for our January Jolt dinner. These first year nobles have shown their enthusiasm.

Nobles, one of the President's fund-raisers is the big monthly 50/50 draw. It is a win-win situation, because when you win you get your money back. Noble Phil has informed us that he has more contributors from out-of-town and small Shrine clubs than he has from Winnipeg. Nobles, it is a fun gamble, and since you stand to get your money back, please support it so the Drum Corps can support the children to attend out-of-town circuses and support our hospitals. That is what most of those funds are used for. Thank you to all who have participated and to all those who intend to this year.

President Phil and his first-year Captain Hank, are looking forward to having the Drum Corps attend the circuses at Kenora, Selkirk, Winnipeg, and this year, Portage la Prairie. We have not attended the one in Portage in a long time. It will be different in Portage's exciting new arena. Our standard Lunder Fair Parade on July 16 helps small communities and also gives exposure to the Shrine. And we must not forget the Gimli Icelandic Festival and the Morden Corn and Apple Festival.

This year, because the Midwest is being held in Winnipeg and some of the other parades may conflict with it, our first-year captain has a lot of
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planning and adjustment to do. But with his first-year's dedication to the Drum Corps as captain, our President Phil can assure the unit that our military leader has things under control. We must all say thank you, Captain Hank. The unit has faith in you and that's why you were our first choice this year. This will be your big year.

Adding to the many other functions necessary during a Midwest, we must not forget our Ladies' Night on May 6, 2011, at the Shrine House. Our ladies will need some encouragement and appreciation being that this is our Midwest year. Every year, our unit attendance seems to get smaller. It was rumored among some that it might be a good idea to join with another unit that has the same problem due to decreasing numbers. We could enjoy a Ladies' Night together. There would be a better crowd and some good camaraderie with other fellow nobles and their ladies. That might not be such a bad idea for Noble Rick to look into.

Being that our new officers and their executive have only been installed, plans are still in the making for the Midwest. But most of the oases will be at the Fort Garry Hotel and Shrine House.

A Midwest breakfast will be held at the St. James No. 4 Legion, 1755 Portage Avenue, from 9:00 to 11:00 A.M. for all the Midwest Drum Corps units. Please try and attend to show a good representation to our visiting Drum Corps.

Nobles all, it looks like a busy year coming up. President Phil is looking forward to seeing that the Drum Corps will enjoy all the festivities of the Midwest. But remember, circuses cannot be set aside. They are our bread and butter, keep our dues to a minimum, and support our Childrens Hospitals. That is why we wear that fez with pride, so please try and attend all the circuses you can.

President Phil and his Lady Rita wish you all a great summer, and the Drum Corps wishes our Divan the best success. Ask them to guide us with leadership that God created and taught us through our Masonic illustration. 🕊



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Flag Patrol

By Noble George Einarson



The association between the Patrol and the Fife & Drum Band has proven to be beneficial to both units and has led to enjoyable socializing each Monday night and participating together at special events and parades.

Hello 2011 . . . and for Khartum Shriners an extremely active year with community parades, circuses, Shrinermas, and, of course, the Midwest Summer Session hosted by all our Khartum nobles and their ladies.

Since the last issue of the Khronicle, the Patrol has been active, holding regular meetings and electing the following nobles as our new executive for the coming year:

President and Quartermaster: Carl Hrechka

First Vice President and Treasurer: Wayne Hudson

Secretary: George Einarson

Captain: Wilf Blommaert

Past President (Chief of Staff): Bruce Barton

Past Captain: George Kuch

As predicted, our annual meeting in November was held after a wonderful dinner with the Potentate, Illustrious Sir John Czarniecki, and all the nobles from the Fife & Drum Band.

The Patrol, the Fife & Drum Band, and the Drum & Bugle Corps formed an Honor Guard for our new Potentate, Illustrious Sir Gary Saunders, at the stated meeting in January. And, at the Potentate's Reception, the Patrol, the Fife & Drum Band, and our ladies formed a special Honor Guard for the Illustrious Sir as various dignitaries came forward to congratulate our new leader.

Then, as the performing units paraded in to salute the Potentate, the Fife & Drum Band invited the Patrol to march with them. Thus, four Canadian flags with captain Wilf and nobles of the Fife & Drum Band proceeded to pay tribute to Illustrious Sir Gary Saunders. We were told that it was impressive and well received.

The Patrol is busy planning activities, preparing for the summer session, and was on hand to bring in the colors at the winter meetings at the Hotel Fort Garry in February.

President Carl and his executive are coordinating the

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The Patrol Honor Guard at the Reception for the new Potentate of Khartum Shriners, Illustrious Sir Gary Saunders. L. to r.: Captain Wilf Blommaert; Nobles Ted Sherbrook and George Einarson; President Carl Hrechka; Nobles Tom Pinchbeck, Bob Baldwin, Bert Jolly, and George Kuch; Chief of Staff Bruce Barton

Flag Patrol . . . concluded from page 18

Midwest competitions, awards, and breakfast meetings involving Honor Guards; Patrols; and Color Parties coming to Winnipeg in August. We will certainly be calling on all active and non-active nobles to help us make this an outstanding event.

Arrangements have been made with Minto Armories to have competitions on Friday, August 5, from 12 noon to 4 P.M. And then on Saturday at the No. 4 Legion, the awards and trophies will be presented to the successful units. We thank Nobles Bruce Barton and George Kuch for setting up these details on behalf of the Patrol.

In May, the Winnipeg Children's Hospital will be celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Teddy Bears' Picnic and the Patrol and Pipes & Drums will be on hand . . . as they have for each and every year for twenty-five consecutive years! Nobles, your support and dedication is outstanding! Congratulations!

And before the Midwest sessions are here, the Patrol will carry our colors at the parades in Selkirk, Kenora, Portage La Prairie, Morris, and Gimli. We'll also be on hand for many circus performances as Khartum nobles kick off each performance.

The Shrinera in Selkirk is also on our agenda and, by all reports,

should be an exciting event (rodeo and fair) on July 15 and 16.

Here are the Circus dates:

Wednesday, May 18, Kenora, two shows

Thursday, May 19, Portage La Prairie, two shows

Friday, May 20, Selkirk, two shows

Saturday, May 28, Winnipeg, three shows

Well, that's all the news to date and the Patrol looks forward to a fantastic spring and summer. Let's put our best "fez" forward and show our community and the visiting temples that true Manitoba hospitality and enthusiasm. 🇨🇦

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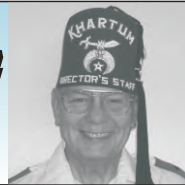
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Director's Staff

By Noble Fred Dagg



By the time this newsletter is read, we will be well into 2011. It's time to get ready for a busy summer. Congratulations to the following nobles who comprise our 2011 executive:

- President: Royce Hall
- First Vice President: Roberto Manalang
- Second Vice President: Norm Frederickson
- Secretary/Treasurer: Herb Andrusyshyn

We also thank the 2010 executive for a job well done. Thanks to Noble Ken Galaschuk for our 2011 rosters. We also congratulate Illustrious Sir Gary Saunders and his Divan. The elections at the January stated meeting drew 177 members. If we could get the same number at every stated meeting it



On October 14, 2010, Darian Bercier, Manager of Dauphin's Main St. Gas Bar, and staff, were presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for their continued support of fund-raising through the Collection Box Program by Royce Hall, First Vice President of the Director's Staff of Khartum Shriners in Winnipeg.

would be great. The Winter Midwest is over and we must now plan for the Summer Midwest on August 4-6. Circuses and parades for the Director's Staff in 2011 are: **Shrine Circuses** – Portage La Prairie, May 28; Selkirk, May 20; Winnipeg, May 28. The success of these circuses depends on the help of all units. Please keep these dates on your priority list. **Parades** will be Selkirk in July; the Gimli parade, Midwest sessions, and the Morden parades in August; and then it is winter again. Our new Director, Jack Hildebrand, a past president of the Director's Staff, welcomes all the help he can get for the Summer Midwest.

Sick and Visiting Chairman Bruce Burke reports that the conditions of Wilf Lake and Bob Sizeland are unchanged. Olive Kandia is recovering from a broken femur. Stan Pachal had a shoulder operation. Freeman Myers celebrated his 90th birthday on February 2, 2011. How can someone who looks and acts so young be so old?

On a sad note, Carl Christensen passed away on March 2, 2011. Our sympathy goes out to Lauren and family.

Khartum's main fund-raiser for 2011 is a cash raffle with prizes of \$25,000 and \$10,000. Tickets are \$5.00 each and come in books of ten. Let's all support this effort!!

Now a few questions:

- Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?
- If police arrest a mime, do they tell him he has the right to remain silent?
- How do they get the deer to cross at the yellow road signs?
- If you try to fail and succeed, which have you done?

In closing, try this. *You'll be amazed!!*

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2. Multiply by first three numbers of your S.I.N.
3. Add the number of years since you left school.
4. Divide by the number of cars you've owned.
5. Subtract the numbers on your license plate.
6. Divide by year of your father's birth.

Answer next issue. Bye for now – Fred. 🍀

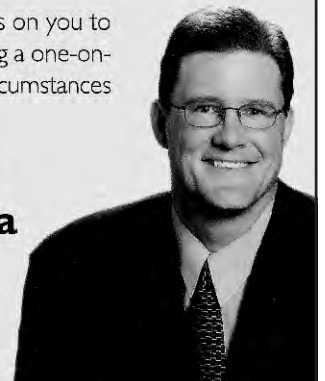
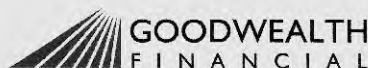


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Pipes & Drums

By Noble Jimm Simon



While discussing revenue, I'm pleased to say that, once again, the Super Bowl draw, organized by Pipe Sergeant Craig Kirby, generated nearly \$1000 in profit.

For those of you who aren't lucky enough to have ancestors from the British Isles, a gathering of the clans is defined as an occasion when a large number of friends and family come together for fun and festivity. This year, the Khartum Pipes & Drums held its first annual Gathering of the Clans at Shrine House. To say the event was well received would be a great understatement. We sold out, packed the hall, reached the limit that the fire marshal would allow, blew the roof off the place, etc. The Pipe Band was extremely pleased to welcome friends, family, and guests to partake of drink; eat a traditional Scottish meal of haggis, tatties and neeps; watch Highland dancers; and listen to the band. We even provided an opportunity for some of our guests to join us onstage as members of the percussion section. Congratulations to associate band member Stano (Mc)Spina, to our longtime Vice President Mark Fenny, and to everyone else who participated in planning and executing this event. Expenses came in under budget, revenue was greater than expected, and we generated a sizeable evening of revenue for the Shrine House bar. All Shrine events should be this successful. Plans are already in place for next year's event.

On a completely different note, I apologize for not being more timely, but because of the publication deadlines, this congratulation comes a little late. Regardless, it's certainly worth noting that in early January, Noble Kline Virtue and his Lady Hilda celebrated their 65th (yes, sixty-fifth) wedding anniversary. We're always pleased when there is an event in the Virtue family, not so much because it means we'll get to hear stories about the old place in Carman, but more because it means we'll get a visit from Illustrious Sir Doug Virtue, P. P.

Looking forward, we're off again on our annual visit with our southern brethren. First comes our annual Fargo workshop, which builds strong ties of friendship among pipe bands from five temples now attending. This year, we're anticipating more than fifty people. It should be quite an impressive band when we start to play. A little later in the spring, we're off to Sioux Falls for the annual St. Patrick's Day weekend. I'll have lots to report on those two trips in the next issue.

We are also busily at work on the planning for piping and drumming competitions as this year's Midwest is being held in Winnipeg the first week of August. It's going to be a great event and, we hope, well attended by Shrine Pipes & Drums bands from Canada and the U.S. 🍀



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Ruff Riders

By Noble Terry Burt



Another year has rolled swiftly by. An excellent parade season, successful fund-raising, and many enjoyable social events made 2010 most enjoyable for our nobles and ladies.

Our annual Dinner and Ladies' Night at Rae and Jerry's Steak House was again enjoyed by all. During cocktails, Santa Barrit delivered his sackful of goodies. Noble Ken Duguid made an eloquent toast

to the ladies who each received a lovely gift. I thank my Lady Marianne who was recruited by our nobles to again arrange for the purchase and beautiful packaging. Our usual providers of mirth were not present. However, "Colonel Klink" and "Sergeant Schultz" admirably stepped into the breach. This was the second successful year with a new format for the dinner.

A cocktail reception and luncheon at

our annual meeting preceded the business portion and elections. We were pleased to have as our guests Noble Don Murray, Recorder Emeritus; and Noble Bruce Barton, Chief of Staff. Both nobles reviewed the year's activities and thanked the unit for the cooperation they received. Noble Murray was presented with our unit's annual donation.

The following nobles are our officers for 2011:

- President/
- Treasurer: Terry Burt
- Vice President: Ken Duguid
- Secretary: Ron Werry
- Past President: Nils Lindberg
- Captain: Doug Seel
- Lieutenant: Hamish Barrit

We completed the year with more super fellowship at our holiday fest "The Rockin' Roosters." Along with our guests, we enjoyed ample libations and our friend Cheryl Taylor provided paw-lickin' good poultry with all the fixin's.

Our 27th annual Grey Cup raffle was another success as we sold out both series. We seem to have stumbled onto the secret of success and we thank those who helped in our sales. We also thank those who bought tickets. Although it has gotten tougher for some of us to get around, the unit did reasonably well with Christmas cake sales.

A "Tip of the Fez" to our nobles, of whom 90 percent are Khartum Khronicle Supporters for 2011; also to Editor Glen Thorsteinson for the quality of the publication. Several of our nobles attended the January Stated Meeting and also enjoyed the Potentate's Reception. We congratulate our new Potentate, Illustrious Sir Gary Saunders. We hope that 2011 is an enjoyable year for him and

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Lady Marcy. It will be a busy year for the Illustrious Sir, the members of the Divan, and their ladies. We wish them every success. We welcome an old friend, Noble Tom Love, as our new liaison officer. We look forward to continuing our relationship with him and Lady Donna.

Dates have been set for our spring activities and tentative plans made for summer and fall.

- Our spring dinner will be held on Saturday, April 2, at Gashouse Gutenberg. Cocktails are at 6:00 and dinner at 6:30 P.M.
- What is always a fun afternoon, the annual Day at the Races, hosted by the Skooters and the Ruff Riders, is on Sunday, May 1, from 1:00 to 6:00 P.M. at the Shrine Centre. Can Bucky reign supreme again after joining Past Queens J. Lo and Lolita as tops on the track? There will also be a silent auction available, and, following the last race, a barbecue supper. Tickets are available from members of both units.

This year, we again hope to attend the Winnipeg and Selkirk circuses. We enjoy Portage but are unable to be there. We are looking to participate in six or seven parades this summer and also enjoy our usual post-parade activities. After an absence of many years, we participated in Beausejour's parade in September last year. In spite of a cold, raw day, there were lots of spectators. If you are looking for an additional parade, you may want to consider it.

We also plan on participating in the Midwest and look forward to receiving information so we can make plans for related activities. Unfortunately, we will not have a sufficient number of "Big Reds" available to compete in the Drill competition. However, two of our "aces" promise they will capture a trophy for Khartum in the Obstacle Course.

We don't have much to report on the health front. Lady Eve Werry and Noble Ron are much the same. Noble Stan Buksak is having more tests done and Noble Murray Wilkie is waiting for a hospital bed. We have nothing new to

report on those others who have experienced problems.

We welcome the interest of any noble who is not a member of a unit or looking for a change. If you contact us soon, we can have you on your "Big Red" in time for 2011 activities. We meet on the third Tuesday of the month, September through May, at 7:00 P.M. in Room 117 of the Shrine Centre. You can phone our membership chairman, Noble Ron Werry, at 888-5054. We enjoy great fellowship in the unit and would be most pleased to answer any questions you may have. 🇰🇲



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Komedians

By Noble Thor Weidenbacher



Urias for their many year of service as quartermasters for the Komedians. Our unit equipment was well looked after by these nobles for many years.

We congratulate Noble Reg Hall on becoming Komedians' President for 2011. This is Noble Reg's second time as unit president and we look forward to his leadership once again. Good luck and have a great year Noble Reg.

At the Komedians' January meeting, our Past President Cliff Hartmier formally announced the 2010 Klown of the Year recipient. Noble Allan (Jumbo) Johnston accepted the award with much joy and gratitude. Noble Al has been a long-time member of the Komedians and we are proud of him. He has dedicated many years to the Shrine and to his Lodge. He certainly is a worthy recipient of this recognition. Thanks again, Noble Al, and we look forward to many more years of enjoying your friendship and commitment to the Komedians.

On the birthday front, both Nobles Bob Brock and Al Johnston recently celebrated their eightieth birthdays. The members present at the January meeting sang "Happy Birthday" to them and a cake was made available after the meeting. Congratulations, Nobles, and best wishes for many more in the future.

The unit thanks Nobles Dennis McQuade and Steve

and the skit equipment always made it to the circus and countless parades due to the selfless service of these nobles. They have big clown shoes to fill but they will certainly be helping the unit in other ways for many years to come.

For those members of the Shrine who are wondering if there will be a Komedians' Polar Degree this year, the answer is that, due to "global warming," the Polar Degree will be postponed until next year with hopes that this present heat wave will soon dissipate!

Here is the latest news from Noble Kevin Davis on preparations regarding Komedians for the upcoming Midwest:

- The clown competitions will be at the new downtown Manitoba Hydro Building.
- The banquet will be held at the Masonic Memorial Centre.
- The first of two parades for the Midwest will be held on Thursday, August 4, at 7 P.M. Form-up will be at the Legislature.
- All units will move onto Broadway and head east to the Hotel Fort Garry where an oasis will be made available to all.
- On Saturday morning at 9 A.M. the form-up will be in the Assiniboine Park area. All units will move through the park to the zoo parking lot and an oasis will be held there.

Let's get out and show our support for Khartum Shriners and our Potentate. We would love to have all members of the unit come out and put on a face or just wear your fez. We have lots of stuff in the trailers to use, so I hope you will come out and "be dazzled." All members in the parade have to be registered with the MSA. 🎩

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Donor Relations Program

By Noble Kelly Eldridge, B.A., CFP

Avoid the pitfalls of gifting to family or charity

So you're preparing to give your favorite relative or charity a big wad of cash. What could possibly go wrong? You may be surprised to learn there are potential pitfalls when giving cash or investments. Here's what you need to know to ensure your good intentions don't have unintended consequences.

The Pros

Aside from giving you pleasure and helping someone, the gift may help you trim taxable income during your lifetime and possibly preserve income-tested government benefits such as Old Age Security. Probate and estate tax may also be reduced.

The Cons

The tax implications are not all positive. A gift of securities or other capital property could trigger tax on a profit you never actually pocketed. Depending on your relationship with the receiver, you may even continue to be taxed on income earned on the investment — potentially forever if the

gift is to your spouse. Interest or dividend income on investments gifted to minor children will bounce back to you for tax purposes each year until those children become adults. Adult children will be taxed on all types of income generated by the asset.

As with any gift, you lose control of the asset. The asset may become exposed to the creditors of a family member, including future ex-spouses. Or the money may be spent in a way you never contemplated — at a casino, for example.

But potentially the most serious consequence is that you will end up with too little money to meet your own financial needs, especially in the event of a health crisis.

Potential Solutions

Before making a gift, get help to estimate how much you need to support your desired lifestyle through your expected long life. With proper planning, you can minimize problems related to gifting, possibly by:

- transferring assets to a trust to maintain control;
- creating an endowment fund to gift

- a regular and pre-determined amount;
- contributing funds to a Registered Education Savings Plan;
- extending a formal loan to an adult child to ensure creditor protection;
- lending money to a child of any age to start a business; or
- lending money to a spouse at the prescribed government interest rate.

Taking back a gift is a lot harder than making one. Make sure you understand your objectives and identify the optimal solution so you can fully enjoy the rewards of giving it.

Gifts of assets has many benefits. It may also be the solution to an estate tax issue. If you're interested in learning more about gifting strategies and possibilities, or to review your overall estate plan, please call me at (204) 989-7075 or e-mail kelly@goodwealth.ca.

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Ladies' Auxiliary

By Irene Campbell



The year 2010 ended on a high note with several events taking place.

The Auxiliary presented a "Freedom Concept Bicycle" to the Adapted Skills Program at Norquay School. Attending the ceremony were Chris Schellenberg, representing the Rehab Foundation; and from the Auxiliary, President Deanne Czarnecki, Darryl Gill, and Carol Hazelwood. This specially constructed bicycle provides core and torso strength and postural stability. As well as providing physical therapy, it brings joy to the children who have never been able to ride a bike. The ten to twelve children in this class were all so excited that they could hardly wait for their turn. One young boy had the first turn and the teacher had a hard time getting him to stop. The children made a big thank-you poster for the Auxiliary which we hope to show at Shrine House. It was a heartwarming experience to witness the joy that one of our donations has given to the kids.

The raffle draw took place at our November meeting. Carol Kehler, staff member of the Rehab Center, drew the lucky tickets. The first-prize quilt was won by Taylor Frederikson, the second-prize painting by Irene Campbell, and the third-prize gift certificate by Anne Burns. Congratulations to the winners. Thank you to all who helped make our raffle a success.

A memorable moment for President Deanne was the

presentation of a cheque for \$8000 to the Shrine Patient Transportation Fund. The presentation was made at the Parade to Glory. She received a standing ovation from the nobility.

We sincerely welcome our newest members, Marie Carlson and Dorothy McLeod. Both ladies also joined our bowling league.

Our sympathy goes out to the families of Vi Carpenter and Helen Thorne. A donation of \$1000 has been made to the Khartum Shrine Donor Relations Program in memory of our members who passed away in 2010. Their names will be inscribed in the Memory Book at Shrine House.

Due to its hard work and dedication, the Auxiliary was able to make donations of more than \$15,000. All our fund-raising profits are donated to the Shrine Hospital and Rehab Center. Our membership fee of \$10 per year covers all of our operating expenses.

The Christmas luncheon meeting was held at Shrine House. For many years, we have held a Penny Parade and a fun auction after the meeting. Proceeds go the Christmas Cheer Board. This year we were able to donate almost \$400 and about seventy children's toys. Giving can be fun! We prove this every year as the ladies bid on mystery articles and have fun doing so.

The Fez ladies' bowling league held their Christmas luncheon at Canad Inn. They too each brought along a toy for the Cheer Board.

In honor of incoming Potentate Illustrious Sir Gary Saunders, a donation of \$100 was made to the 100 Million Dollar Club.

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The 2011 Executive for the Khartum Ladies' Auxiliary. L. to r.: President Darryl Gill, Secretary Cathy Kabernick, Membership Chair Carolyn Haslewood, and Treasurer Vera Malczewski. Missing: First Vice President Darlene Borowski.

Installing officer Eve-Anne Kristjanson conducted a warm and sincere installation ceremony. Ruth McCorrie gave the invocation. We congratulate our new 2011 Executive shown in the photo.

It was a poignant moment for President Darryl when she took the gavel for the first time. Darryl's mother had been president in 1986, our first mother-daughter combination. Rae Spear presented the past president's pin to Deanne Czarnecki, complimenting her on her fine stewardship and all her efforts on behalf of the Auxiliary. Deanne commented on how much she enjoyed her year, how many wonderful memories she had, and what a great experience it had been.

An Auxiliary Memory: In 1949, the Winnipeg Shrine Hospital opened the Wellington Crescent location. The Auxiliary contributed \$5000 to the hospital. Our membership at that time stood at 293. Attendance at meetings averaged 96 ladies. In 1950, the big flood hit Winnipeg. The patients were evacuated to Regina. Our ladies manned a 24-hour canteen for the dike workers.

Plans are underway for our major fundraiser, the Bud, Spud and Steak night. It will be held June 4 at Canad Inn. We would appreciate your support.

The Member's Annual Dinner will be held April 13 at Shrine House. It is a great time to renew acquaintances. Call Janet at 275-0482 for tickets.

We give a cheery "Hello" to our shut-ins and wish a great summer for all our members. 🌻

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Carol Kehler picks the Auxiliary raffle winners as Darlene Borowski supervises



Lake of the Woods Shrine Club

By Noble Ross Sillery, Past President



Congratulations to Illustrious Sir Garry Saunders on his election and installation as Potentate of Khartum Shriners for 2011. We also congratulate the members of the Divan and sincerely wish all a successful and rewarding year.

Further, we thank Illustrious Sir John Czarnecki and his Lady Deanne for attending and supporting our various functions throughout the year.

The following nobles make up our new executive for the ensuing year:

President: Bruce Kroeger

Vice President: Berk Newman

Secretary/Treasurer: Wally Gustafson

Directors: Bill Trodd, Garnet Hardy, and Lorne Greenwood

Once again our functions were well attended and successful. Tina and Tyra White were the lucky girls who were selected for the Disney Takes Flight trip and we had the pleasure of meeting the two young ladies and presenting them with pictures from their trip. They were most deserving recipients and a joy to talk to. We give many thanks to Noble Pat Reid on their behalf for bringing this opportunity to the children of Kenora.



The two girls selected for the Disney Takes Flight trip. Back row (l. to r.): Nobles Bill Trodd, Ross Sillery, and Walter Gustafson. Front row (l. to r.): Tina White and Tyra White.



Santa and his helpers. Back row (l. to r.): Lorne Greenwood, Walter Gustafson, Ernie Tittlemier, Bill Trodd, and Garnet Hardy. Front row (l. to r.): Santa's helper Laurene Sillery, Santa Ross Sillery, and "Toady Do" Bruce Kroeger

Noble Ernie Tittlemier once again ran the Santa picture taking which was a huge success as you can tell by the smiles of Santa's helpers. Not only is it a great way to raise funds but it is also great exposure to the people of Kenora who make the trip to buy their Christmas cakes and Cash Calenders and chat about what good work the Shriners throughout the world do to help children.

Congratulations, Bruce, for stepping up to the plate and taking on the responsibilities and duties as President of the Lake of the Woods Shrine Club. We look forward to working with you throughout the year. 🎅

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Ritualistic Unit

By Noble Ross A. Johnston
(Report submitted by Secretary Norm Pohl)



duties takes some organizing, a bit of humor, and lots of perseverance. For 2011, our newly installed Ceremonial Director Bob James is well suited to take on this massive challenge. However, he will need continued help from

At the time of this writing, our competent Ritualistic Unit Khronicle reporter, Noble Ross Johnston, is on his annual sojourn to the flea markets of Florida. Upon his return, it will be interesting to hear about the treasures that he found at those unique markets. So, in his absence, I will provide a report for this issue of the Khronicle.

At the February 1 meeting of the Khartum Unit Council, Chief Rabban Harry Rosenbaum asked for unit representatives to give short reports of plans and activities of their units. This will provide an opportunity for the Ritualistic Unit to keep the nobility informed on the changes and progress in the presentation of the Ceremonial. Planning for the 2011 Ceremonial will begin on February 28 at our regular unit meeting. We know we will need the support of many faithful nobles in addition to our own members.

We are thankful for the dedication of nobles from other units who have helped us by taking on major character roles. In 2010, more than twenty nobles from other units helped in the Ceremonial. Noble David Lerner was our Assistant Rabban, Noble Lanny Silver sounded the gong at all the appropriate times, Noble Jim Simm was our expert as an Alchemist and his understudy, Noble Steve Ponomets, observed and learned the duties of second Alchemist. Noble Joe Segal was our Prompter and has also taken on a number of other parts. Nobles Irv Jackson and Dave Logan are our regular Makeup Artists. Music, that integral part of the Ceremonial, was provided for us by pianist Noble Brandon Little with Noble Gerry Krawchuk conducting the Chanters; Nobles Steve Faryna, Bob Lane, Doug Stewart, Don Kunderman, Lloyd Berry, Harry McFee, Gerry Mastaler, and Bob Stewart to sing the chants and lyrics that are all part of this production. To get more than thirty-eight nobles to march with the Oriental Band for three practices and a full day of Ceremonial

all who have assisted our Ceremonial production in years past, plus others who want to be part of this for our 2011 Ceremonial.

New nobles, if you are considering joining a unit, give the Ritualistic Unit some thought. Or if you are a noble with another unit, but would like to take part in the Ceremonial production, just give us a call. You will be welcomed and given an opportunity to be part of one of the great highlights of Khartum Shriners' activity.

There are non-speaking parts and setup crews, but the important ingredient is the camaraderie that is provided by working together. Practices for the Ceremonial are held on the three Wednesdays preceding the Ceremonial at 5:30 P. M.

Our regular meetings are held on the fourth Monday of February, March, April, August, September, and October at 7:00 P. M. in Room 123 of the Shrine Centre. Our meetings are short, friendly, and usually end with coffee and a cookie and sometimes even a cake.

Now let me introduce you to one of Khartum's new nobles from the 2010 Ceremonial, Noble Tim McIsaac. Noble Tim is new to the Shrine but not to Masonry. He has served as Worshipful Master of Charleswood Red River Lodge for three terms, and has been elected and will be installed Junior Warden for the first Masonic District at the June Communication of Grand Lodge. Noble Tim's blindness has not prevented him from many fascinating achievements in his life. Now he is taking on the task of putting our Ceremonial script to Braille so he will be able to take a part and become a full fledged participating member of Khartum's Ceremonial cast. Now that is exciting.

We look forward to supporting our Potentate, Illustrious Sir Gary Saunders, and his Divan with a dynamic Ceremonial this October. Plan now to be part of this excitement. 🏴‍☠️



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Skooters

By Noble Keith Phillips



passed out the usual "Santa" hats and song sheets and had us entertain the dining room patrons. We insisted on limiting ourselves to one song for fear of being evicted from the premises.

The Skooters' year ended with their usual Christmas roast beef luncheon at the Granite Curling Club on Friday, December 17. Santa (Noble Jack Codd)

The unit attended the Potentate's Reception on Saturday, January 15, participating as part of the Honor Guard. The nobles and our ladies enjoyed a delicious dinner and camaraderie at the Paradise restaurant. We were particularly delighted to have Noble Ernie Marks able to join us. The party was crashed by Noble Doug Collins and the Arabian Horse Guard and their ladies and we were fortunate enough to trade a few barbs and enjoy their presence.

Our new executive for 2011 comprises the following nobles:

- President: Bill Gilchrist
- Vice President: Keith Phillips
- Secretary: Jack Codd
- Treasurer: Jonathan Cortes

The Skooters congratulate and thank Joel Segal for

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L. to r.: Illustrious Sir Gary Saunders, Potentate; First Lady Marcy Saunders; Lady Shirley; and Noble Joel Segal, Outer Guard; at the Potentate's Reception



Some of the Skooter guys receiving an award from Noble Jack Codd and wearing their masquerade (aka "soaring eagles") masks at the annual Ladies' Night dinner

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Skooters . . . concluded from page 30 serving as our unit president for the last two years and also on his appointment to the Divan as Outer Guard.

As you read this edition of the Khronicle, the Winter Sessions will have already taken place with many Skooters members participating. Our own Noble Paul Winslow will be presiding as the 2011 president of the Midwest Shrine Motor Corps Association. The Skooters are involved in

the planning and organizing of various functions related to the Motor Corps including motorized competitions, our ride along River Road to Lockport, and also the breakfast and presentation of awards. Nobles or units wishing to help the Skooters and MSMCA are asked to contact any of our members.

Nobles Al Jeliff and Les Fawley have had some "ticker" problems, but, appear to be doing well. The unit looks forward to the return of our

"snowbirds," — the Grahams, Carmichaels, and Porters. Hopefully, when they return, we will not all be sandbagging. We especially congratulate Jack Codd on his sixty-fifth birthday while celebrating with Lady Shirley on a Mediterranean cruise. The Mad Hatter's Ball will never be the same again.

In closing, we extend our best wishes for 2011 to the Divan and nobles and ladies of Khartum Shrine. ♣

Upcoming Events Calendar

Event	Place	Date	Time	Details
Stated Meeting	Shrine House	April 14, 2011	7:30 P.M. sharp	
Stated Meeting	Shrine House	June 23, 2011	7:30 P.M. sharp	
Golf Tournament (costs not known until course opens in spring)	Glen Lea Golf Club— just east of Brandon	June 26, 2011	Tee off between 9:00 and 10:30 A.M.	Contact Noble Garth Cumming at 1-204-726-5790 or gwcum@mts.net
Stated Meeting	Shrine House	September 29, 2011	7:30 P.M. sharp	



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Fife & Drum Band

By Noble Al Newton



It seems like ages past when, in the company of our new associate members, the Flag Patrol, we enjoyed a scrumptious roast beef dinner. After the Patrol had left to conduct their own unit business meeting, we “hunkered down” to our affairs. The main item on the agenda was the election of the officers for 2011. After giving due accolades to outgoing President Ernie Borowski, it was on to “hail to the chief” – the new president and his team who will guide us through another successful year.

Our 2011 Executive comprises the following nobles:

- President: Trevor Odgers
- Vice President: Ken Miller
- Treasurer: Don Haddock
- Secretary: Evar Balodis
- Membership: Ernie Borowski

Noble Trevor has appointed all other positions in the band but we will refrain from listing their names at this time due to space restrictions. However, we do want to mention that Noble Pat Moore, who has been absent from the band for quite some time has rejoined the ranks and has assumed the positions of Entertainment Chairman and Drum Major. Welcome back, Pat. Another piece of good fortune is the return of Noble Rick Gustafson, having overcome his medical difficulties, as Noble Pat’s unofficial assistant. Who can possibly forget the pink-clad, long-eared Energizer Bunny beating the bass drum in so many of our parades?

This year the Fife and Drum Band is being kept warm from the harsh winter by the fond memory of hosting the Christmas party for “Craig’s Kids,” who have been and are still being treated at Shrine Hospitals for their various conditions. This was the first time the mighty Fife & Drum has undertaken such a venture. In previous years, the task was initiated by the past potentates. It is our hope that we can carry on this honorable tradition. To see the looks of joy and amusement on the faces of

these unfortunate innocents and the looks of appreciation and gratitude on the faces of their parents and caregivers was worth “all the tea in China.” Of course, the Fife & Drum could not have carried the day without the help of a myriad of folk who donated things like hot dogs, buns, cookies, ice cream, potato chips, and soft drinks. And how could we have managed without the help of the Clowns who kept the children amused with balloon tricks and cheerful patter, or the Pipe Band, who escorted Santa into the festivities, and the children’s entertainer, Fred Penner, who contributed his time and talents to the program by singing and playing such favorites as “The Cat Came Back,” “Sandwich,” and “This Old Man.” At the end, our Illustrious Sir John, in a short speech, heaped well-deserved praise on Noble Craig Houston for organizing the affair. However, Noble Craig, in turn, later submitted a beautifully worded letter to this unit for all of its hard work and dedication to this project. It was much appreciated.

As I watched the miracle of love and good cheer unfold as the party progressed, I felt somewhat ashamed to have complained about my own personal ailments. At the same time, I was tremendously proud to be a Shriner and to help bring hope and relief to these beautiful children. Which leads

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Oriental Band

By Noble Bernie Gross



Season's greetings to all the nobles of Khartum Shrine. We have all commenced work in the New Year with a new slate of officers and determination to make this year better than the one before. And, like other units, the Oriental Band has put its faith in those nobles elected to lead and direct our unit for this year. The responsibility this year falls on the following nobles:

President: Richard Veley

Vice President: Jim Simm

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me to another train of thought as I contemplate those individuals who are Shriners in name only and are not affiliated with any particular unit. Why not enjoy the *full* impact of Shrinedom by becoming involved with its various activities? Why not join a group of fellow Shriners and enjoy the fellowship while helping those less-fortunate physically handicapped and burns-injured children? Of course, I strongly recommend the Mighty Fife and Drum Band.

Many will say that they can't join the Fife and Drum Band because they cannot play a fife or they are not musically inclined. Let me share a secret with you. The fife is not as difficult an instrument to play as you might think! Most of

the other members of the Band have placed their confidence in these nobles and as such are committed to support and assist them in their duties. As Freemasons, we know that some must lead and others must follow, as clearly articulated in the final charge at the installation of Craft officers, so we must all work together for the benefit of our collective goals. We also must thank the previous executive for their work last year.

When looking back on the Oriental Band's previous year, it was one of much sadness as we lost a number of good and committed nobles to the Black Camel. They had served the Band and the Shrine well. We could ill afford to lose these nobles considering their contribution to the Band and our diminishing numbers but, in a sense, it brought those left closer together. We hope that we can continue the work of the legacy that these nobles left and we enter this year full of anticipation of good things to come for the Band.

To all nobles, we wish you a successful year — a year filled with good health and prosperity and, most of all, happiness. May what you wish for come true and may all of our units grow and flourish to enable us to fulfil our primary function of helping our kids. 🕎



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the players in the band cannot read music but play by numbers. Simple! It is absolutely amazing what can be accomplished if one would only give it a try. The band meets every Monday for practice from 7:30 to 8:30 P.M. except for the second Monday of each month when we have our regular business meeting. Won't you please come out to a practice and join the members in an evening of fellowship and camaraderie? Regardless, join a unit and be proud to be a Shriner.

As we all close ranks to support a new potentate and his Divan, the Fife and Drum extends to all Khartum Shrinedom a sincere wish for peace, contentment, and goodwill throughout the coming year, remembering "We Put The Children First." 🕎



Sphinx Temple No. 116 Daughters of the Nile

By Joy Derhak, Past Queen



The draw for the Safeway gift certificates was held at the December 13 session. Prizes were given to those who sold the most tickets with 240 being the top prize. Two winners were drawn: Past Queen Darlene Brooks won the \$500 gift card and Cathy Drennan, the \$100 gift card. Happy shopping, ladies!

The Sphinx Temple Choir entertained the residents of Dakota House and Seine River Retirement Home with Christmas carols prior to the Christmas season. The residents enjoyed their singing so much that they joined in by singing along.

At the January session, Sphinx Temple welcomed new Princesses



L. to r.: Princess Linda Shram, Queen Debbie Clairmont, and Princesses Helen Hrechka and Akemi Ebata at the January session

Akemi Ebata, Helen Hrechko, and Linda Schram, who were initiated into Daughters of the Nile in a beautiful Ceremony of Initiation.

Our annual Fun Night was held in January and, as usual, everyone enjoyed the fun, fellowship, and refreshments in spite of the cold weather. We thank the committee headed by Princesses Barb Green and Shirley Gibson, who provided this much needed diversion from the humdrum of everyday life. It is said that laughter is the best medicine and a lot of laughs were to be had.

We congratulate Illustrious Sir Gary Saunders, noble of our own Past Queen Lady Marcy, on his election as Potentate of Khartum Shrine for 2011. We wish you a happy, harmonious, and enjoyable year. The Ladies of the Household were treated to a Valentine's Day tea hosted by the Khartum Potentate and his Divan at our February session.

Queen Debbie's 50s Sweetheart Dance, our major fund-raiser held on February 26, was another huge success. By all accounts, everyone enjoyed dancing to the sounds of the fabulous 50s, the 50s nostalgia luncheon, and the special guest performances. The hula hoop contest and costume contest provided some of the most fun entertainment. Elvis is still alive and he never looked so good nor was he enjoyed as much!

Past Queen Audrey Hill has been kept busy packing cartons to ship to the Montreal Shrine Hospital. Since October, she has shipped two large cartons and five huge cartons. In her report to Sphinx Temple, PQ Audrey thanked not only the members for their thoughtfulness and donations, but also mentioned others who have heard about what we do and who contribute various items. We especially thank the following people:

- Princess Jan Robinson's granddaughter for the large garbage bag of Ty animals
- Queen Debbie's (and Noble Jim Krokosh's) mother for the quilt and matching pillow case
- the gentleman from Lac du Bonnet who dropped off four large crocheted afghans at Shrine House on behalf of a lady who reads our articles and finally,
- the lady in Dauphin who sends us the packages of Campbell soup labels.

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Fund-Raising

By Nobles Reg Stephenson and Gerry Krawchuk

We attended the Midwest Winter Sessions in Winnipeg along with fund-raising representatives from ten visiting temples. Ideas discussed ranged from bike raffles, holiday trip raffles, circus, onion sales, license plates, pop cans, golf tournaments, Christmas cake sales, cash calendar sales, Bud Spud and Steak nights, Texas hold'em nights, gun raffles, wild game feed, haunted house program, Tables Du Jour Dinners, and sport shows. A few of these seemed to be interesting and may be looked into for future fund-raising. Everyone agreed that there is no magic to fund-raising. It takes hard work and everyone in the temple has to be involved.

As for Khartoum's fund-raising, things are moving

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along smoothly. We had a banner year in Christmas cake sales netting \$27,000. The Calendar Lottery brought in \$12,529, Pop Cans and Licence Plates \$13,617, the Golf Tournament \$23,495, the Car Raffle \$72,411, and Koin Boxes \$3,353. We thank our chairmen for each of these projects for their great efforts and a job well done.

Our major fund-raiser for this year has just taken off and we urge everyone to get behind it and make it a huge success. It is a cash draw with a first prize of \$25,000 and a second prize of \$10,000. All concordant bodies of our Masonic Family are invited to participate in sales and will receive \$5.00 for each book they sell. Tickets are \$5.00 each and each book will contain ten tickets. (value: \$50.00 per book). 🍀

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Your donations are greatly appreciated and are included in the packages that are sent out. PQ Audrey receives many thank-you letters for our donations.

Princess Pat Cameron has suggested that Sphinx Temple begin collecting pennies — the one-cent coin. As it is rumored to be or about to be removed from circulation, she has recommended that we collect all that we can before they are totally eliminated. So the members are on a mission to collect as many one-cent coins, pennies, or coppers, however you refer to this coin, as possible. Coin wrappers will also be needed to roll these pennies keeping many hands busy. Everyone has loose pennies in pockets, purses, or junk drawers. Just imagine how many could be collected and turned in before their demise.

Next on the horizon for Sphinx Temple is the installation of our new Queen in March. This will take place at the Masonic Memorial Centre. As one year begins to wind down, a new year begins with new officers and events. Plans are underway for the Supreme Session in Tampa in June. It appears that several of the Ladies of the Household will accompany our queen.

Sadly, we mourn the loss of Princesses Vi Carpenter and Helen Thorne. These ladies were longtime members of Sphinx Temple and, over the years, contributed a lot of their time and talent to our order. We extend our sympathies to their families. Our thoughts and prayers go out to those members who are ill or in distress. 🍀

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Lakehead Shrine Club

By Noble Craig Wolverton



Winter Solstice: Regardless of the fact that old man winter has been rearing his head with regularity in Northwestern Ontario, the Lakehead Shrine Club has had a busy January. The Membership Initiative is beginning to pay huge results. Nobles have been active in delivering the details of the program to the Masonic, Royal Arch Masons, and Scottish Rite concordant bodies. The early results of all nobles' efforts have been quite rewarding. The club's membership has grown with the addition of eleven new members.

The annual Past Presidents day was filled with numerous activities. It began with a briefing by Khartum Circus nobles which focused on sharing information relative to on-line ticket sales. General Circus Chairman Rick Wells and Noble Ken Galaschuk of the Divan are heading up the development of this new ticket marketing effort. They led the presentation to a core group of LSC Circus Committee members, www.lakeheadshrineclub.ca webmaster Noble Graham Peter, and Noble Trevor Curran, editor of the LSC Bulletin.

Following this on-line ticket discussion, the day's activities changed gears and many Khartum Shrine Divan members, led by Illustrious Sir Gary Saunders, Potentate, participated in the Mini-Ceremonial by elevating the eleven Masonic candidates to Shrinedom. Many of the Khartum, Lakehead Shrine Club, and newly initiated nobles' ladies witnessed the ceremony and were delighted to see the new nobles receive their fezzes from Illustrious Sir Gary. LSC has nine applications in-hand and anticipates having a second Mini-Ceremonial when the Khartum contingent returns to the Lakehead for the 56th Annual Shrine Circus during the weekend of May 13-14, 2011.

Seventy-seven nobles and their ladies attended the Past Presidents' Luncheon. After lunch, numerous presentations took place and among those was a presentation to Khartum Shrine for \$10,000, a result of the combined efforts of the Club and the monetary results of participating in numerous summer festivals

throughout the area. The afternoon's activities concluded with presentations by Noble Jonathon Cortes, Khartum Membership Chairman, and Noble Craig Houston, Khartum Hospital Chairman. Khartum was well represented with twelve nobles and their ladies spending the weekend in Thunder Bay.

Plans are well underway for this year's circus production. The planning process began in November and has been continuing on a regular basis led by the capable and experienced Circus Committee Chairman Noble Bob Foley. New marketing efforts this year will focus on promoting the circus via the website, on-line ticket availability, and the utilization of Thunder Bay billboards for the month leading up to this year's event. With the addition of numerous new and more riveting acts,

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it is the goal of the circus committee to increase this year's attendance.

The Ladies' Club has announced their 2011 Executive. The following ladies are the officers:

President: Sheila Shannon
Second Vice President: Jackie Thierry
Secretary: Dawn Eccles
Treasurer: Sibyl Cadieu

Membership Secretary: Mae Friday

Group Leaders: Lois Johnson and Mary Urban

The Ladies' Club is busy with many community-based activities which bring visibility to the efforts of the Shrine. They also presented a check to Khartum Shrine for the Hospital Transportation Fund. In addition, the Ladies Club has added five new members as a result of the newly initiated nobles. Congratulations to our ladies on this most notable accomplishment! 🌟

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Stop Burn Injuries

By Noble Lorne Gregorash, Chairman



At the recent Midwest winter sessions held in Winnipeg, three temples, Wawa, El Riad, and Khartum competed for the plaque for the best presentation. In the last ten years, either Khartum or Wawa has won the plaque. Due to their excellent presentation, El Riad won for the first time. Congratulations!

At the session, two doctors, one

from our hospital in Montreal, and the other from the hospital in Minneapolis were impressed with our new coloring books and requested some to give to their patients.

We attended Peace Valley School on a Hutterite colony, where we read to the students before our presentation. We were also invited to stay for lunch.

On March 21 at 9:00 A.M. we will be

attending Pacific Junction Elementary School, 715 Cathcart Street, Winnipeg. We ask that as many Shriners as possible attend and wear their fezzes.

We are looking for a flatbed trailer and truck to prepare for the 2011 Santa Claus parade. The current Nile Queen, Debbie Clairmont, will be in charge of decorating. If you are able to help, please contact Debbie. The theme will be our Shrine kids, who will ride on the float.

I thank my SBI assistants, Nobles Fred Dagg and Steve Garrow, for their help at the recent Midwest and during the year. 🌟



Chanters

By Illustrious Sir Don Kunderman, P.P.



The Chanters have been "silent" for the past year as we have not had a pianist to accompany us. We sang at the Ceremonial but that was it. We are having new members coming into the Shrine but none have expressed any interest in joining our unit. If these members are interested in starting a unit, they can have ours. We will provide them with what we have available.

Other Midwest Chanters have twenty-five to forty members singing and are very active. They perform at care homes, churches, and wherever a choral group can entertain.

Although the strength of Khartoum Shrine is our bands, motorized units, and units that entertain on the street to promote the work of the Shrine, our units are

becoming smaller and, yes, older. We need these new nobles to replace those who can no longer continue.

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- Do not use deep-fryers with children present.
- Keep pot handles turned inward; use oven mitts or pot holders.

- Keep clothing from coming into contact with flames or heating elements.
- Store all chemicals and cleaners out of reach of children, or lock the cabinet.
- Follow instructions and cautions for heating items in a microwave oven.
- Avoid area rugs in the kitchen.
- Do not handle hot items while holding young children.

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