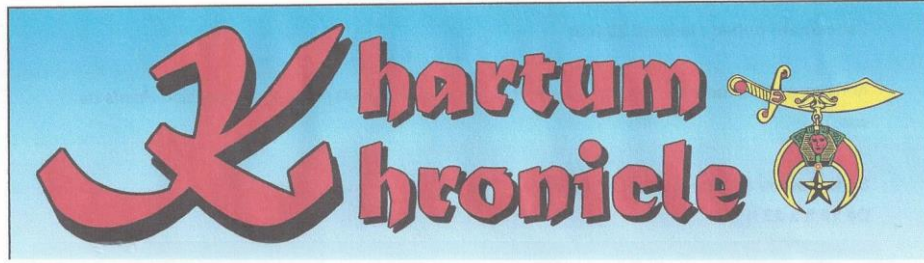


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Editor's Note

By Noble Allan P. Cantor Q.C. Editor

This is the first edition of the New Electronic Khartum Khronicle. It is primarily an electronic magazine. It is the product of the Communications Committee of Khartum Shriners. It is an attempt to recognize that many of the Shrine Members have e-mail addresses and that if this publication can be distributed to the Membership electronically, there will be a great savings and the possibility of publishing the magazine more often than twice a year. The issue will be how many actually read it. It is one thing to have an e-mail address; it is quite another thing to read the publication off the screen, or print it for later reading.

Your reaction will be appreciated.

2.

FROM THE DESK OF THE POTENTATE

Illus. Sir Chibu Uson

Well, summer is finally here although, as of this writing, it has been colder than ideal. But the forecast indicates more summery temperatures shortly.

I am pleased that we are resuming the Khronicle which generally will be sent out electronically. You can then print your own copy, if you want to. If you want to receive a hard copy, please check with the Recorder for the cost of getting one. Thanks to Noble Allan Cantor and the various contributors for getting the Khronicle going.

The Premises Committee continues to explore various alternatives to make Khartum viable. They should have a report regarding this within a few months. The report will be discussed by the Divan who will, in turn, present a recommendation to the Nobility for approval.

Nobles, we need your help to push for sales of the tickets for our raffles ('67 Ford F100 truck and Jets Season Tickets). We have sold at various venues and will continue to do so. We hope that the new website (to be online soon) will boost ticket sales. If you know of possible venues where we can sell the tickets, please inform the Chairmen - Noble Brent Gillespie for the Truck raffle and Noble Ted Jones for the Jets Season Tickets – both of whom I thank for their work.

As of this writing, Khartum is participating in the Red River Exhibition (RREX). Khartum Nobles and Ladies are driving golf carts to shuttle customers from the parking lot to the entrance. The drivers are enjoying giving rides and most customers give tips, which all go to Khartum. Our Pipes & Drums entertained the customers. RREX has granted us exclusive rights to get the empty cans (beer and pop) from the venue. The fez is visible at this year's RREX, thanks to our tireless Co-Chairmen, Illustrious Sir Jack Hildebrand and Noble Lorne Gregorash, and to Lady Shirley Gregorash, for her invaluable assistance in getting volunteers. Thanks to all the Nobles and Ladies who are volunteering their time working at the RREX.

We are about to start the parade season. Please check with the office regarding the dates, times and venues of the various parades. We have a number of new venues. I hope to see as many Nobles at the parades.

We are having a mini-Ceremonial at our June 29 Stated Meeting which will start at 7 PM. We will again be joined electronically by Clubs outside Winnipeg. Before the Meeting, at 6 PM, we have a dinner. If you want to attend the dinner, please call Dee at the Office.

If you know of any Master Mason who might be interested in starting his Shrine career, please send his contact information to one of our Membership Co-Chairmen, Noble Denis Lorteau or Noble Doug McKechnie, who will follow up with him. By the way, you can also download a Petition for Initiation and Membership from our website at www.khartumshriners.org. This year's Ceremonial will be on October 28, Saturday, at the Shrine Centre.

Lady Mae and I wish you and your families a safe, enjoyable and excellent summer.

Thank you for everything you do for Khartum, Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children. Let us continue to work together to help kids and have fun.

3. SPONSORS

When the Khartum Khronicle was a print publication, many Nobles and their partners responded to the need to help with the cost of publishing the Khronicle by contributing to it. For \$30 you would get your name published in the magazine and the proceeds went to help defray the cost of publication. Our generous Sponsors continued to send in money after the November 2016 publication, even though it was announced in that publication that it would likely be its last printed publication.

The New Electronic Khartum Khronicle is “costless”. But the following people nevertheless contributed at least \$30 each to the “publication”. It was the recommendation of your Editor that these Sponsors be given the option of either the return of their money or the allocation of it to a Shrine Charity, such as Shrine Hospitals and be given a charitable receipt. At press time, this suggestion has not as yet been responded to.

But here are the names of those generous Sponsors

Arnold Packer	Khartum Komediands
Barbara McGregor	Khartum Past Masters
Brandon Car Patrol	Khartum Skooters
Glen & Mardi Thorsteinson	Lake of the Woods Shrine Club
Brandon Shrine Club	Linda Spina
Brian & Catherin McLaren	Lionel & Beatrice Kuran
Doug Kaminisky	Paul Bayda
Hamish Barrit	Pembina Valley Shrine Club
Illus. Sir Doug Virtue P.P. & Lady Yvonne	Raymond Gretsinger
Illus. Sir Gary Saunders P.P. & Lady Marcy	Ross Johnston
In Memory of Crawford Dawson	Samuel Mostowy
In Memory of Irene Mostowy	Sphinx Temple # 116
John Zdan	Yvonne Shaw

4. NOTICES OF MEETINGS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

June 29, 2017

Stated Meeting 7:30 PM - Dinner 6PM

August 13, 2017

Lake of the Woods Fish Fry

August 16- 19, 2017

MSA – Bloomington MN.

August 26, 2017

Border Shrine Club Fish Fry

August 27, 2017

Masonic BBQ

September 21, 2017

Stated Meeting 7:30

October 2, 2017

KLA Tea

October 14, 2017

Phoenix Lodge Fish Fry

October 15, 2017

Kids Halloween Party

October 27-28, 2017

Ceremonial Weekend, Fun Night, Ladies Brunch, Potentate's Ball

November 4, 2017

Pioneer Lunch & Honored Ladies Lunch

November 18, 2017

Dauphin Shrine Club 60th Anniversary

November 19, 2017

Shrine Kids Christmas Party

November 30, 2017

Presidents Appreciation evening

December 7, 2017

Stated Meeting, Elections & Parade to Glory

5.

IN MEMORIAM

*We do not lose the ones we love
They only go before there is everlasting life
Where sorrow is no more...And there the soul will always live
And peace is everywhere*

July 14 2016	6251	Archie McClendon	Feb. 17 2017	8235	Dan Talnicoff
Sept. 21, 2016	6525	Murray Smith	Feb 19 2017	7113	Roy Anderson
Oct. 8, 2016	8448	Ray Thurlback	Feb 23 2017	5866	Fred Fieldsted
Nov. 5 2016	4435	John Roscoe	Feb 23 2017	8342	Irv Jackson
Nov. 26 2016	4752	Ill. Sir Tom Sidebottom	Mar. 4 2017	6461	Ken Henderson
Nov. 23, 2016	6846	Emil Solypa	Mar 8 2017	5630	Bruce Holmlund
Nov 23 2016	8909	Randal Vandermeulen	April 11 2017	6658	Fred radford
Dec. 20, 2016	4986	James McNaughton	April 13 2917	4622	Wilfred Sanders
Dec 28, 2016	6555	Basil Smith	May 4 2017	6730	Gerald Collins
Dec. 27 2016	8252	Walter Bonkowski	May 6 2017	7910	Richard Malczewski
Jan. 26 2017	5198	Johann Aranson			

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HILLBILLIES



Khartum Shriners Hillbillies Unit



Hi ya'all... from the newest Unit of Khartum: "Khartum Hillbillies".

We started up earlier this year and although at this time we have a small membership we are hoping to attract new members as we venture forward. We are a very versatile unit with no specific uniform other than the traditional "Hillbilly" attire of coveralls, overalls and the like along with the traditional Hillbilly floppy hats, corn cob pipes, etc. Members (Cuzzinz) can walk or ride as they choose as we are also a motorized unit. Any "safe" vehicles such as old cars, trucks, scooter, go-kart, etc., etc can be used which would be subject to approval for public safety concerns.

As you can see the sky is the limit with this Unit and there is no specific purchase of particular vehicles or clothing, etc. or surprise expense that members would have to incur. Members will be given a hat and corn cob pipe. So far we've attended the Winnipeg Circus and Transcona Hi-Neighbour parades and are looking forward to upcoming events. We have received many positive comments during the parade as well as many people snapping photos and a "thumbs up". We are looking for new members and all Nobles of Khartum Shriners are welcome to join us, so if you are looking for a Unit that's different and can be a lot of fun please contact our "Keeper of the Quill" (Secretary) Cuzzin Herb 204 667-9496.

Have a great summer!

7.

KHARTUM PROVOST CORPS
Submitted by Noble Norm Rimmer

We have been busy with the two circuses, Winnipeg and Portage la Prairie, each with two shows. It is that time of the year that the various parades will be keeping us on our toes. At least the parade are spread out and not three or four on one day.

Again we would like to thank all the Units and bands for your cooperation at the circuses and upcoming parade; it certainly makes our job easier. Let us hope we have good weather for all our parades this summer. The Transcona parade was good.

The Provost Corps is still looking for any Noble not yet a member of a Unit or Club and maybe interested in joining our Unit. Please come out to one of our meetings to see what we are all about. We meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. We are here to have fun and help our kids, building for their future.

We wish all our shut-ins the best and hope they each have a speedy recovery. We extend our condolences to those who have lost a loved one since the last publication of the Khartum Khronicle.

8.

KHARTUM RUFF RIDERS

By Noble Dennis Handford

Hello, from the Ruff Riders. We have started our parades this year with the first being The Hi Neighbor Festival in Transcona. The number of parades that the Ruff Riders participate in, will be the same as in previous years, 8 to 10 parades.

The Ruff Riders are a fun group, so come out and visit us. Jim Krochenski has joined our unit knowing we have so much fun. We have a few functions throughout the year that include our ladies.

They say things happen in three's:

1. Tire man Hamish was one incident.
2. The flame Curtis Rossman was the second incident.
3. Last but not least Scar face Ken Duguid; the third incident.

So now, you would be safe to join us.

The following have been elected: President: Noble Hamish Barrit; Vice President: Noble Curtis Rossman; Secretary: Noble Albert Lee; Captain: Noble Doug Seel.

Our new Liaison Officer: Noble Ken Duguid.

Ending on a sad note, one of our founding members passed away this spring, Stan Buksak. He will be missed. Rest in peace.



In 2016, the Big Reds had a great summer appearing in many parades. Our first one was the Transcona parade. In July we went to Pinawa. And for the first time we went to La Rivière. After the parade we were given a certificate thanking us for attending.

In August was the Gimli parade which is always a big parade. After the parade we went to Noble Doug and Lady Peggy Seel's for our Oasis which is held every year. While at Doug and Peggy's we had quite a lighting storm. At least this all happened after the parade. As Hamish always says," it never rains on a Shriner", he was right this time.

There was a break in parades after Gimli as some of the Units were off to Mid-West in Marquette Michigan from August 3 to 6th, 2016. The members said a great time was had by all. Once back we did a parade in Stonewall. We then went to Noble Alvin and Lady Judy Allard's for our Oasis. Morden was our last parade in August. Last but not least was the Beausejour parade in September. From there we went to Noble Curtis and Lady Dawn Rossman's for our Oasis. We want to thank all of them for hosting these events. It was greatly appreciated by all.

Our annual Christmas dinner and ladies night was held at Rae and Jerry's. Our holiday fest was held at the Shrine house on December 14th, 2016.

We welcome any new members who wish to join the Ruff Riders. Our ladies are always supporting us in every way possible.

9.

Skooters Unit Report

By President Noble Lorne Britton

A quiet winter for Skooters as most are away at least part of the time.

We, along with the Ruff Riders, held our annual donkey races May 7th. The races were well attended, a silent auction, a great meal. And over all a good time was enjoyed by Shriners having fun and helping kids.

Looking forward to this summer's parades although we are, at this time, only confirmed for Selkirk, Gimli & Morden.

10.

Khartum Sport Car

By Noble Gary Saunders P.P.
President of the Khartum Sport Car Unit

Officers for the year are as follows: President: Noble Gary Saunders; P.P.

Secretary: Noble Wally Stowell

It is a pleasure to introduce our newest member Noble Bob Kowaluk and his Lady Marilyn. They have enjoyed participating in parades and social gatherings.

We enjoyed working together with the nobles and ladies of the Khartum Ruff Riders in jointly hosting the 17th annual Grey Cup Party. This event was held at the Shrine Centre on Nov. 27, 2016.

At present time there are two Bradley vehicles available, if anyone is interested please contact Noble David Lerner @ 204 338-0480.

The Sport Car Unit's motto is "Fun with a Purpose". If any Noble is looking to join a new unit, we welcome you. Nobles are not required to have a vehicle, as you may join as a rider. We meet on the third Monday of the month at the Shrine Centre.

A "Tip of the Fez" to our liaison officer Noble Ken Duguid.

We extend our sincere thanks to Past Potentate Illustrious Sir Jack Hildebrand and his Divan, First Lady Lynn and her Divan ladies for their dedication and commitment to Khartum Shrine and the children at our Shrine hospitals.

11. SHRINE BARBEQUE

Under the capable administration of Nobles Dennis Lorteau and Doug McKechnie, the Membership Committee mounted a Shrine Barbeque at Shrine House on June 7th, 2017.

A goodly number of Shriners, Ladies and children attended.

The Oriental Band offered entertainment.

Here are some pictures of the event:





12.

HOSPITAL REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

As of May 31, 2017, Khartoum Shriners have provided for 91 patient visits at a cost of about \$78,400.00 including 6 new patients to date. However, there may be a stretcher transport back to Winnipeg cost, in June, of about \$16,000.00 in addition to our normal transportation costs. This unexpected expense may bump our transportation cost over the \$230,000.00 budgeted for 2017.

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November 2016 the Joint Boards of the Hospitals approved;

1. Implement the Telehealth Care Network Expansion
2. Selection of Affiliates and completion of Telehealth Site & Services as well as Radiology agreements for each of the locations
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If you know of a child who we could help provide them with a better quality of life or health please have them contact your hospital chair at 204 925-1439 or email khartumhospital@mymts.net.

13. Brandon & District Shrine Club

By Rod March

We congratulate Noble Allan Cantor on his efforts to keep the Khartum Khronicle in place as the primary information outlet for Shriners in Manitoba and northwestern Ontario.

Since it has been a long interval between publications some readers may not be aware of happenings over that time. Noble Fred Fjeldsted, who was a longtime member of the Dauphin Shrine Club and the Brandon Shrine Club, passed away. We offer our sympathy to his Lady Cecilia and family. Noble Jack Roscoe, an active member of the Brandon Car Patrol, passed away. We express our sympathy to his family. Noble Richard McCullagh was also an active member of the Brandon Car Patrol and we send our sympathy to his Lady Shirley and family. Noble Bob Bergson, a drummer with the Brandon Pipes and Drums passed away recently and we send our sympathy to his Lady Ada and family.

The Ladies of the Brandon Shrine Club were saddened by the passing of two members. Lady Ruth Kent, widow of the late Noble Bruce Kent, was an active worker for our Shrine Circuses. We send our sympathy to her family. Lady Joanne Mann, a Past President of the Ladies Club and a supporter of our Circuses passed away. We express our condolences to Noble George and family.

We are pleased to welcome newly created Noble Balfour Spence and his Lady Angela to the Club. We look forward to their participation in Club events and meetings. Noble Balfour has already joined the Brandon Car Patrol and is ready to hit the parade circuit this summer.

Nobles Cam Moore, Drew Mills and Bill Cumming have been busy over the last months organizing fund raising activities – the Annual Fall Supper and Easter Dinner. We thank all those Nobles and Ladies who pitched in to help at these events. A good number of Nobles and Ladies sold CD's at the Brian Adams Concert – all proceeds went to the Canadian Shrine Hospital for Children. Special thanks go out to Nobles Ross Mann and Brian McLaren for a terrific job with the Shrine Circus Daddy program. The sales team raised in excess of \$11,000.00 for 2016 – all proceeds went to the Khartum Hospital Transportation Fund. Ill. Sir Jack Hildebrand was most pleased to accept the cheque. The Club also made a donation to the Parade to Glory.

More recently, Nobles Alvin Taft and Rod March addressed the graduating class of Early Childhood Education students at Assiniboine Community College. The students were very impressed with the work of the Shriners Hospitals for Children and will use the seminar information in their careers to inform parents of the services available to children in need of specialized treatments at Shriners Hospitals for Children.

We hope the members of the Brandon Shriners Car Patrol enjoy their travels as they represent Khartum Shriners at parades in Western Manitoba. Now, on with summer and golf. Enjoy!

14. Khartum Ladies Auxiliary
Lady Carol Hadley, President

I hope the ladies are enjoying a restful, healthy summer recess. We will resume our meetings on **September 11, 2017 at 1:00 p.m at the Children's Rehab.** Many of the ladies have decided to carpool so if you don't have a ride please let Joy Derhak, (204- 257-1879) know and if you have room in your car please let her know so that all who wish to go may do so. Rehab will have a tour and cake for refreshments.

October 2, 2017, we will meet at Shrine centre again with the Khartum Divan supplying the lunch.

October 22, 2017, at 5 p.m., is our next fundraiser. Pasta and Pint at the Viscount Gort. Your drink ticket may be used for coffee and there will be cookie favours. Silent auction and 50/50.

Please continue to sell the Raffle tickets and return them to June Krochenski as soon as possible. If you have time to water or weed the plant boxes at the Rehab please let Gail Hunt (204-837-7648) or myself, Carol Hadley (204-837-6754). Thank you.

15. SHRINE PAST MASTERS ELECTION

At the November 28, 2016, annual meeting of the Shrine Past Masters Club Nobles Stanley Barclay was elected President, Douglas Webster was elected First Vice President and Douglas McKechnie was elected Second Vice President.

Installation was conducted by Noble Brian Monkman, Secretary of the Club.



16 Noble Fredrick Radford celebrates his 100th birthday.

On March 23, 2017, the Sioux Lookout Shrine Club had the great pleasure of presenting Mr. Fredrick Radford with a special local lifetime achievement certificate for 60 years as a local Sioux Lookout Shriner!! This occurred on his 100th birthday!!!

Fred has helped out for years to raise money for the local Sioux Lookout Shrine Club, local hospitals, children's clubs and we believe Khartum Shriners. He also was instrumental in raising the funds and helping to build the local seniors activity center which is still in use 35 years later.

His original Shrine membership certificates are so faded they are almost impossible to read. He was active locally until he was 95 years of age. He is a great supporter of our philanthropy, a true noble and brother.

Nobles Shawn Burke, Vice President of the Club and Klaus Knorz, Past President of the Club had the great pleasure of presenting him with his local lifetime achievement certificate.



17. RITUALISTIC UNIT MEMBERS VISIT TO SIOUX LOOKOUT SHRINE CLUB

On the invitation of several of the members of the Sioux Lookout Shrine Club, interested in joining the Unit and participating on the annual Ceremonial, several members of the Ritualistic Unit and their Ladies journeyed to Sioux Lookout on May 27th, 2017.

The members of the Club impressively entertained their visitors at the Masonic Hall in Sioux Lookout with a wonderful and delicious chicken and steak barbeque.

Here are some pictures of the event:



Back row: Nobles Bob Gould, Ian Dark, Klaus Knorz John Cole and Shawn Burke
 Front row: Nobles John Sczerokoski, Allan Cantor, Bob James, Greg Ward, Norm Pohl and BJ Egerter,



Back row: Lady Lori Donnelly, Noble Bob Gould Noble Ian Dark, Noble Klaus Knorz,
 Noble John Cole;
 Middle row: Nobles John Sczerokoski, Allan Cantor, Bob James, Greg Ward, Norm Pohl
 and BJ Egerter;
 Front Row: Ladies Edna Pohl, Gloria Cantor, Gayle James, elizabeth

18. RITUALISTIC UNIT ANNUAL DINNER

The Ritualistic Unit held its Annual Meeting and Wind Up event for the 2016 year at the Silver Grill Restaurant on November 21st, 2016.



Back row: Nobles Ian Dark, Israel Kuwonu, Allan Cantor, Tim McIssac, Larry Cherrett, Ross Johnston, Doug McKechnie, Norm Pohl
Front row: Noble Bob James, Ladies Heather McIssac, Gloria Cantor, Edna Pohl and Gayle Pohl.

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Hospital Report

Illust. Sir Don Thomson PP

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On May 15, 16 and 17, 2017 I along with the Assistant Rabban Doug McKechnie and our ladies attended the Annual Shriners Hospitals for Children – Canada Seminar and Board meeting in Montreal. The program consisted of numerous presentations by various Hospital Staff members, Imperial Officers and Doctors as well as some hands on learning stations. In addition we got to listen to 2 patient stories; Jerron Hawley, a past patient who is now and EMT/Fire Fighter in Fort McMurry and Phil Arseneault a current patient from Quebec. Both of these fellows talked about how Shriners Hospitals for Children help them to overcome their adversities. Of particular interest were the presentations by Imperial Sir Jerry Gantt Chairman of the Board of Trustees and President of Shriners Hospitals for Children and Dr Scott Kosin, Chief of Staff SHC – Philadelphia.

Imperial Sir Jerry stated that Shriners Hospitals for Children (SHC) endowment fund was \$ 5.8 Billion in 1996, went up to \$ 8.9 Billion by 2006 and in 2016 was at \$ 7.9 Billion, while the operating costs for the hospitals continues to grow from \$335 M (1996) to \$605 M (2006) and \$836 M (2016) which draws down on the endowment fund. In 2016 the actual deficit was \$ 172 M which would draw down the endowment fund. He stated that in 2016 SHC Canada was in the top percentile regarding patient referrals, outpatient encounters, inpatient discharges and the average patient census. During his presentation Imperial Sir Gantt commented that there is a concern regarding the low number of patients being served by some of our hospitals, Twin Cities being one. He also stated that in November 2016 the Joint Boards approved;

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It was noted that SHC Canada is set apart from the US SHC because of its High Demand and High Volume as well as it is designated as the pediatric orthopaedic provider for McGill. It was noted that the financial support for the SHC is coming from; third party pay, endowment fund and donations and in the future the Board of Trustees may have to reorganize the way we conduct business. Outpatient rather than inpatient health care - Less emphases on “bricks and mortar” be more “virtual” Re-think priorities of Shriners Hospitals for Children Mission; Patient Care, Clinical and Basic Research and Medical Education. **“Treat more kids in more places.”** Imperial Sir Gantt thanked all Shriners and Ladies for all they continue do in improving the lives of the children and their families that we are blessed to serve.

Dr. Scott H Kozin, MD – Chief of Staff at SHC – Philadelphia provided an excellent talk on the double hand attachment surgery conducted in Philadelphia. He was 1 of 10 Doctors part of a team of 50 persons (doctors, nurses, anaesthesiologists, nurses aids, etc) who were involved with this lengthy surgery. He talked about the team work involved by all, not only during the surgery but in the practice runs leading up to the surgeries. They practices as a group so that they were ready to go when the time arose. He stated that when he started the operation with his team he was working on one hand but during the surgery he ended up working on the other hand. Everything was worked out so that when teams switched out they could pick up where the other team left off. The surgeries to both hands were completed within minutes of each other. I talked to Dr Kozin about coming to Winnipeg to give a presentation here; depending on the audience it might be possible.

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SHC TC continues to run short radio spots on a couple Twin Cities radio stations in an effort to build brand awareness. Approximately 20% of their patients are from the Twin Cities area and they would like to increase that percentage closer to 25% - 30% in an effort to build the patient volume. Presently 59% of Khartoum’s patient load goes to SHC TC, however additional patients still remains as their greatest need in order to remain viable.

As information two of the physicians at SHC TC are the only non-Mayo Clinic physicians allowed to perform surgery in a Mayo Clinic operating room. Surgeons Dr. Cary Mielke and Dr.

Chris Vara have been granted those privileges and SHC TC are very proud of these two physicians.

If you are interested in serving as a member of the Board of Governors, SHC TC please contact the President or a board member for nomination and application forms. All candidates must have the endorsement of the Elected Divan. Individuals on the Board of Governors are eligible for three terms of three years each for a total of nine years. The Board meets on the third Friday of each month and is charged with the responsibility of ensuring that Shrine policy is being followed and providing oversight of hospital procedures. Applications need to be forwarded to the Twin Cities Shrine Hospital by June 30th.

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Let us not lose sight of the fact as a philanthropy we have fun and help Kids. On behalf of Shriners Hospitals for Children and the children you help, I thank you and your ladies for everything you do; your love, compassion and support is greatly appreciated and does not go unnoticed.