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ILLUSTRIOUS SIR CHIBU ULSON AND LADY MAE

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1. A Message from the Editor



With the issue of this Khronicle, I close 2017 as Editor of your Khronicle.

We have now moved rather decisively into the “electronic age” by producing the Khronicle as an electronic magazine. It has meant a rather steep learning curve and, at times, a difficult and frustrating time for your rather ancient Editor, as this “old dog” has had to learn a lot of new tricks.

There have been a few stumbles on the way, like the distribution of the September Khronicle as a grey and dismal product. Fortunately, I did manage to get the “Office” to correct this misstep and to send it out again as a glorious full colour model.

On the positive side, without very much pressure, some 30 items for the December publication were submitted by the December 10 deadline. I thank all the contributors for their prompt attention.

On a personal note, I am now entering into the third year in which I have been editing and producing the Khronicle. I have a rule. In any organization in which I am involved, I place a 5 year limit on my tenure. So, this coming year of publication will be my “middle” year. I have learned a lot about how to produce this electronic “beast” which I would just love to share with a new prospective Editor. Applicants will be most welcome.

As they say in the song “this is a wonderful time of the year”. I am happy to extend to all of you my very best wishes for a Merry Christmas, a Happy Chanukah and a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

“Yours in the Faith”

Noble Allan Cantor, Editor.

NOTICE

PUBLICATION DEADLINES.

The “Plan” is to produce four editions of the Khronicle each year; for March, June, September and December. Accordingly, the deadline for submission of Articles for publication on 2018 will be, respectively, March 10, June 10, September 10 and December 10, 2018.

2.

POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Illustrious Chibu Ulson, Potentate, Khartum Temple

Dear Nobles , Ladies, Family and Friends,

As 2017 comes to a close, it is appropriate to reflect on the past twelve months and be thankful for all our blessings. Let us celebrate with family and friends peace on earth and goodwill towards all men and remember those who have passed on or are not in our midst. Let us also pray for those who are less fortunate, in distress, in sorrow or ill. And let us specially remember those who are serving far away to protect our liberties and freedom.

“Faith makes all things possible. Hope makes all things work. Love makes all things beautiful. May you have all these three for this Christmas.”

Thank you for all you have done and continue to do for Khartum Shriners, Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Lady Mae, our daughter Anna, our son Mikey and I, wish you and your family a blessed, meaningful & very merry Christmas and a blessed, safe, peaceful, prosperous, healthy & happy New Year!

Happy Hanukkah to our Nobles and Ladies of the Jewish faith!

Happy Holidays to all!

3. THE 2017 CEREMONIAL AND POTENTATE'S BALL
Held October 28, 2017
(Editor's Note: We are indebted to Lady Valerie Webster for most of these pictures)

The Ceremonial was held at Shrine House



The cast assembled and prepared to enter the hall'



The Ceremonial Divan: Chief Raban, Ian Dark, Ceremonial Potentate, Bob James; Assistant Raban, David Lerner



The cast paraded in:



The Candidates are obligated:

The Cast:



The Chanters provided the required musical accompaniment, and marching songs.



The Cast included Nobles Bob James, Potentate, Ian Dark, Chief Rabban, Dave Lerner, Assistant Rabban, Larry Cherrett, High Priest, Greg Ward, Inspired Charge, Joh Hill, Orator, Larry Ross, emblems and Jewels, Allan Cantor, Oriental Guide, Norm Pohl, First Ceremonial Master, (Continued next page)

John Szczerkowski, Second Ceremonial Master, Klaus Knors Shriner's Creed, Joel Segal, Scribe and Prompter, Lanny Silver, Gong, Ken JB Egerter, Captain of the Guard, Ross Johnston, Alchemist, Tim McIssac, Alchemist, John Cole, Fan Bearer, Shawn Burke Fan Bearer.

The Choir Director was Noble Gerry Krawchuk, the Pianist was Noble Gord Fardoe



Our Potentate, Illustrious Sir Chibu Ulson and his Lady Mae enjoyed the performance.



The Ceremonial was in Honour of Illustrious Past Potentate Sir Harry Rosenbaum and he is pictured here with his Lady Hope with the Potentate, Illustrious Sir Chibu Ulson and Lady Mae.

The Potentate's Ball was held at Breezy Bend

Golf and Country Club.



The Pipes and Drums lead in the Head Table



And piped in our Illustrious Potentate and his Lady



There was an elaborate and extensive Head Table



It was a large crowd



The Honoree, Illustrious Sir Harry Rosenbaum and his Lady



The new Nobles were Fezed

And More Presentations



And presentations were made:



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NOTICES

a.

Khartum Kronicle Print Subscribers

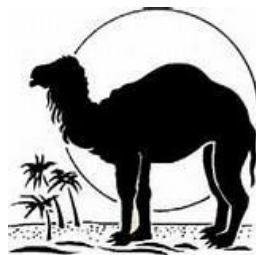
For those of you who would like to receive the Kronicle via Canada Post, there is an additional cost to Khartum to print and mail the Kronicle to your residence. Please consider becoming a Subscriber to cover those additional costs.

There will be four publications annually and we estimate the additional costs to be in the order of up to \$3.50 per copy. To become a Subscriber, mail your cheque to the Shrine Centre or call the office at 204-925-1432 and pay for your print subscription using your credit card.



b.

BLACK CAMEL



May, 2017 to November 2017

It is with great sadness that we note that the Black Camel has visited the following Nobles.

Noble Robert Bergson	5/23/17
Noble Jack Main	6/16/17
Noble Bernard Sexton	6/26/17
Noble Raymond Hickin	7/11/17
Noble Dennis Boss	7/20/17
Noble Guenther Strelski	8/12/17
Noble Paul Romas	8/14/17
Noble Ken Harris	9/16/17
Noble Bonne Lemon	10/12/17
Noble W.D. Hughs	10/12/17
Noble E.W. Carlson	11/5/17
Noble Morley Golden	11.26.17

c.

Holiday Hours



Khartum Centre

The Khartum Centre office will be closed from December 22nd at Noon, and the office will remain closed for the holidays until 9:00 a.m. January 2nd, 2018.

Khartum Centre officze staff wishes you and yours a Happy Holiday. A Happy Hanukkah a Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy and prosperous New Year

d.

Notice of 2018 Stated Meetings

Annual Stated Meeting
Thursday, January 11th, 2018, 7:30 p.m.

Installation of Officers and Potentate's Reception
Saturday, January 13, 2018, 1:00 p.m.
Location: Khartum Shrine Centre

To consider such business as might properly come before the assembly.

Ill. Sir Chibu Uson, Potentate
Recorder
Noble Alvin Allard (Potentate elect)

Attest: W. Mark Fenny,

Dress: Fez, Suit, Walking Out or Unit Uniform 2018 Membership Card

Stated Meeting
Thursday, March 22nd, 2018, 7:30 p.m.

Location: Khartum Shrine Centre

To consider such business as might properly come before the assembly.

Noble Alvin Allard, Potentate
Recorder

Attest: Ill. Sir Jack Hildebrand PP,

Dress: Fez, Suit, Walking Out or Unit Uniform 2018 Membership Card

f.

NOVEMBER CHALLENGE RESULTS

The Dauphin & District Shrine Club challenged the other clubs and units of Khartum to contribute towards raising enough funds to defray one month of Khartum's operating expenses. This was a great idea and the members of the Dauphin Shrine Club are to be highly commended for their support of Khartum. The results are as follows:

Dauphin & District Shrine Club	
	\$3,550
Noble George Kuch	\$ 50
Noble John Zdan	\$ 77
Provost Corps	\$ 50
Noble Steve Kane	\$ 45
Khartum Pipes & Drums	\$1,000
Noble Ray Haslam	\$ 50
Noble Michael Blake	\$ 50
Noble Evar Balodis	\$ 17
Brandon & District Shrine Club	\$2,000
Noble Bryan Cruda	\$ 17
Ian Watson	\$ 50
Director's Staff	<u>\$1,000</u>
Total	\$7,956

Great Job! Our thanks to all the individuals, units and clubs who contributed to the Challenge.

g.

Khartum's Kan Van

Needs your Help....

The Kan Van team is looking for volunteer drivers (and helpers) to use our truck to pick up empty pop cans and cancelled licence plates at businesses and private residences around Winnipeg. These materials are recycled and net proceeds go towards the Khartum Patient Transportation Fund.

If you are willing to donate a half day of your time a few times a month to this worthy cause, please contact:

Noble Dennis Deley
P: 204-890-7772
E: dennis.deley@shaw.ca

5. IN HONOUR OF OUR KHRONICLE SUPPORTERS.

For a number of years, when the Khronicle was printed magazine, Khartum Shriners were encouraged to contribute funds to help defray the cost of the publication of the magazine, as “Khronicle Supporters”. On payment of a minimum of \$15 per name the contributor’s name would be published as a “Supporter”. Since the Khronicle is no longer print magazine publication, but created and distributed as an electronic publication, the publication of the Khronicle no longer constitutes an expense to Khartum. Any Shriner who wants to have the publication produced in printed form can do so on request and on payment of the costs of such printing and mailing involved.

However, notwithstanding the above, it would appear that a number of Shriners and friends have in fact paid in funds to Khartum as “Supporters” of the Khronicle and we wish to acknowledge their generosity. The following are the names of those who have contributed, but whose names have not appeared in the printed Khronicle:

Arnold Packer	Memory of Warren McAdam
Barbara McGregor	Job’s Daughters
Ben D. Mathews	Khartum Komedians
Brian & Catherine McLaren	Linda Spina
Glen & Mardi Thorsteinson	Marjorie Kelly
Illus. Sir Andrew Skene P.P. & Lady Irene	Raymond Gretsinger
Illus. Sir Doug Virtue P.P. & Lady Yvonne	Samuel Mostowy
In Memory of Irene Mostowy	Yvonne Shaw

We thank them for their support. If there is any question as to the disposition of the funds contributed, please contact the Recorder.

6.

Chaplain's Corner



Noble Norm Pohl

In Praise of the “Khartum Khronicle”

Happy New Year to all, and also best wishes of good cheer for the continued publication of our Khartum Khronicle. It is our in-house magazine providing us the opportunity to share with one another what each Unit has done and is planning to do. But more importantly it is also our chance to shine, writing about what we know best, offering to the outside world insight as to who we are and what we have to offer, as in our “Hospital Report,” from Illustrious Sir Don Thomson. In it he highlights the care to children with very specific needs in our Shriner Hospitals, all without regard to race, creed or financial ability to pay for that care. It is that kind of reporting that presents Khartum Shriners as “authorities” and “experts” in our work and philanthropy.

Editor Noble Allan Cantor voluntarily has taken on the dauntless task for the past several issues of producing our current “Electronic Khronicle”. He has every reason to be proud of his achievement, however the Nobles who have heard Noble Allan present his thoughts in his inimitable and legalistic manner on the “E” publication and the production of the black and white version for those Nobles without email, probably know that he is not really happy about either the E version or the black and white.

We do live in a time when we are “always on.” and near panic sets in when we temporarily lose the ability to receive or send messages. Someone said, in only ten years, electronic communications have developed into the critical utility on which our economic, cultural and social life depends. So electronic messaging is here to stay and we will continue to use it and develop its use.

However the question is how often is our digital Khronicle opened after the first read, whereas the printed version remains visible in your home to be picked up and the readers interest is stimulated by whatever the eye sees when the magazine is opened even for a few minutes. . The printed version also has the advantage of being dropped off in waiting rooms where magazines can carry their message beyond the normal expected reach. The question might be, when was that last time your digital Khronicle was opened to reference a date or event.

On September 29th, 2017 Freeport Press issued the results of their three-day survey to questions on how we consume our magazines. The survey generated 1025 respondents. The finding that

came out of their informal survey indicated that more people are engaged with their print magazines than their digital ones. Another interesting result was how little magazines are “followed” via social media. Not that content isn't found in them, but that many respondents indicated that they do not directly follow magazine sources via social media.

All of this is only to say, we respect the current need for financial restraints in every phase of our Temple, but lets hope that soon, very soon we will again be able to receive our printed version of the Khartum Khronicle in full color, and be able to share it with those in less fortunate situations that are not always able to access the internet.

God Bless Khartum and the Masonic family.

7.

Musings of the Recorder

Noble Mark Fenny

By the time you read this the Temple elections will have taken place and a new Divan for 2018 will have been elected. What with the financial challenges and a shrinking membership 2017 has been a real challenge for the Potentate and members of the Board/Divan. With a little luck the Temple will show a modest surplus this year. This was achieved by a Potentate and members of the Board and Divan that kept their eye on the ball and maintained a tight fiscal discipline. This is significant given a loss of \$62,519 in 2016 and losses in 2011, 2013 and 2015. All of which adds up to an accumulated losses since 2010 of slightly more than \$400,000. The Board of directors/Divan are to be commended for their efforts this past year.

The budget process in 2016 began with the assistance of the Financial Advisory Committee which took a zero-based approach to the budget and which had the effect of eliminating all but the most necessary discretionary spending.

The 2018 budget process picked up where 2017 ended. The difference being was there was very little “fat” to cut. If we had to survive on internally generated revenue (excluding fundraising) we would run a deficit in excess of \$100,000. Quite simply this means that our fundraising needs to generate in excess of \$100,000 a year just to break even. That is becoming increasingly problematic given our shrinking and aging membership. We desperately need to have individuals step up who have an understanding of contemporary fundraising techniques to work as a committee to get us off the raffle treadmill. The other options are to increase dues (to \$125) or reduce our expenses even further. The largest expense of course remains the cost of maintaining Shrine House.

To that end, the Potentate and Divan took as one of their Strategic Planning objectives a review of the options available for Shrine Centre. The Property and Premises Committee has been meeting for a year reviewing a seemingly endless number of options and to recommend a plan that is in the long term best interests of Khartum. They concluded along with the Divan/Board that we should revisit an old idea: that being to try and find a way to have the Masons and Shriners come together under one roof. This could have resulted in the Masons moving in with

Khartum, Khartum moving in with the Masons or selling both buildings and leasing, buying or building a new facility. At the end of the day the conclusion was to see if we could arrange to rent space from the Masons. We are currently in discussions with the Masonic Memorial Centre executive with the hope that suitable arrangements for both parties can be reached. If we are unable to do so, then it is on to plan “B”. It still remains to be seen what the fate of the Shrine Centre will be. Khartum owns it outright and so it would be possible to turn it into some sort of revenue property or perhaps sell it outright.

The other Strategic Planning objectives being: to improve communications; creation of financial report(s) that are easy for anyone to understand; and stabilizing and increasing membership. We have financial reports that summarize our current financial position and in the interests of transparency these are being circulated regularly throughout the year. We are now communicating using email to reach most of our members while reducing our postage costs. This is enhanced with our new and improved website, which we are now able to control internally. Finally, in an attempt to eliminate the “Perimeter-itis” which has limited the ability of our out of town members to participate in the business of Khartum, an electronic meeting format has been introduced. This format allows out of town clubs to participate in any meetings and to vote as well. There is still a good deal of work to be done but I think Khartum is off to a good start. The Board/Divan/Strategic Planning Committee will be meeting at the end of December to review the progress this far and to identify objectives for 2018.

This year we established a Leadership Search Committee. The purpose of this committee is to locate Nobles who have the background and skills to become part of the Elected Divan. If requested they may also assist the Chief Rabban with the Appointed for the ensuing year. It would be nice to think that there are many Nobles out there that wish to assist Khartum by sharing their knowledge and skills. That would be nice but it isn't the case. The committee has received very few applications from Nobles who might be interested in stepping up. Nobles, whether it is this committee, or any of the other groups which contribute to Khartum, we need your help. Regardless of whether you are working or retired, able bodied or mobility impaired, we have a job for you. There aren't a lot of us left, so we need your help even more now.

It has been a busy fall, what with the Ceremonial Weekend, the children's Christmas Party, the Grey Cup Party and a variety of dinners. I want to congratulate the groups that put in many hours to organize and run these events; they were great, and they collectively made a small profit.

This will be my last report as the Recorder. I want to close by thanking: all the Nobles (you were patient and supportive); the Potentate who was supportive throughout this transitional year; the Divan, many of who were able to see the big picture; and finally the office staff (Dee and Pam) for all that they do day in and day out.

Thank you, and please accept my best wishes to you and your family that that you have a happy, healthy and prosperous Holiday Season.

8.

CHIEF OF STAFF



Noble George Kuch

Hello Nobles and Ladies

This is my first report in the Khronicle.

What a year we have had, starting off with The Teddy Bears Picnic. The Khartum Flag Patrol and Pipes and Drums have been doing this event for 31 years, yes that is right 31 years Congratulations Nobles.

Flag Patrol participated in the opening ceremonies of the Circus; they also attended several parades this year, starting with High Neighbor Festival, then going off to Winnipeg Beach, Lac Du Bonnet , Riverton , Selkirk , Gimli. Also, when unable to attend the parade their golf cart was in attendance, providing music and the colours. And they also performed the duties for the memorial service in the fall, and also brought in the colours for the Potentate's Balls . I thank the unit very much, A job well done.

Khartum Pipes and Drums are surely the pride and the joy of the Khartum Shrine. They attended the Gimli parade and were very well received by the local town, played at the Potentate's Ball, it's always a great pleasure to march with these fine Nobles, they may be small in numbers but OMG their sound is really one of joy to ones ears. I thank you Nobles for all the great tunes you provide to us. They also did the opening for the circus in Winnipeg and Portage. Also, a special thank you to pipers and drummers who helped you.

Khartum Fife and Drum also known as the Mighty Fife and Drum, performed for us at the Circus this year in the rotunda welcoming the crowd coming in they played several tunes and received a good reception from the people attending. Nobles I thank you for your time, at the circus.

Oriental Band participated in the opening ceremonies at the circus in Winnipeg, and also went out to Riverton parade, Gimli parade, Pinawa parade, and Winnipeg Beach parade. Thank you, Nobles, for your participation in these events

Khartum Komedians What can I say that has not been said about these Nobles. They attended the circus and made kids laugh with joy and also made some very cautious of these Nobles but it was all in good taste. One thing Nobles, never let these Komedians surround you. Bad mistake on my part. But it was all in good fun right KD? I thank the Boss Klown for letting his

characters participate in the circus, and also in the parade at Selkirk, Gimli, Riverton, Minnedosa. Thank you Nobles for your participation.

Klassy Klowns: One must not forget the Klassy Klowns for their hilarious skit at the circus. Job well done. They too made kids of all ages laugh.

Khartum Hillbillies: I welcome this new unit. Small as they may be, they did make an impression at the circus in Winnipeg, and also in the Selkirk parade, plus the Winnipeg Beach parade, and in Transcona, and Gimli. Nobles thank you.

Khartum Rough Riders: (Here comes trouble) he! He! This unit is the wild bunch, but it is in all good taste. They do their routine and yes some side show tricks. But they have participated in many of the parades, come smartly dressed, bikes well-tuned and ready to go. They have done the Gimli parade, Selkirk, Lac du Bonnet, Morden and always hold a great show with their renowned donkey races. Thank You Nobles.

Sport Cars: This unit has been a great help in the parades providing transportation for the Divan and the Potentate. They have shown up to every parade without fail, so I thank you Nobles

Vintage Cars: These great Oldies are always a joy to see go by in any parade. People look with amazement at these cars. They too have come to many of the parades. Thank You Nobles.

Skooters: These fine-tuned and precision riders participate in the circus and the parades as well. Also doing the ride down Wellington, and have attended Gimli, Selkirk Morden. Thank You Nobles.

Fez Cart: Noble John Hunt, my hat goes off to you for putting this cart together and providing rides for our shrine children in the parade, which I know these kid have enjoyed. Once again THANK YOU Noble John.

Provost Corps: Nobles not much I can say: that your unit is always ready to assist me in any way I need leading off the parades, and checking membership cards for valid dates and lining up of units at the parades, helping my Asst. Chiefs. Thank You Nobles.

Director's Staff: The Directors staff has been out to many parades and to the circus as well and take part in the ceremonies at the Shrine and riding their beer coolers in the parades. Once again Thank You.

SBI Van: Thank you Noble Lorne and his Lady and Richard and his lady for going to the parades with this Unit, making it noticeable to the public, to what we are all about, thank you.

A Special Thank You to the following Nobles and Ladies for their participation in the parades and circus: **Noble Denis Lorteau and Lady Lindsey** for coming out to the parades with me as Klowns; **Brother Mason Serge Laforge** of Stoney Mountain Lodge for coming with me to the parades; **Illustrious P.P. Andrew Skene** for always pitching in to help the patrol out in dressing up for carrying the colours. Whether it be in the memorial service or the circus; **Illustrious P.P.**

K Kristjanson this fine Noble can be seen walking the parade route for many years with his bigggg smile and greeting everyone on his way, it's always a pleasure to see him. Thank You Sir; **Noble Allan Hadley and Lady Carol** for coming out to the parades especially the one in Minnedosa. I'm sure heads must still be ringing from the fire engine bell; **The Brandon Motor Patrol** for coming out to the circus in Portage and the Travelers day parade in Brandon, and in Minnedosa; **Khartum Kowboys** (aka Pony soldiers as named by K.D.) for coming out to the circus and the parade in Selkirk; **Ladies Auxiliary and Sphinx Temple No.116** for all the work they do for the shrine and support our cause; **To my Deputy Chief of Staff Noble Bart Hawkins**, thank you for your help in the rural areas; **To my Assistant Chiefs of Staff** Noble Bill Quinn, Noble Norm Rimmer, Noble Jim Graham without your great help I would be lost Thank You Nobles.

I would like to congratulate the following Nobles on being elected to the following seats

Noble Alvin Allard Potentate elect

Noble Doug McKechnie Chief Rabban elect

Noble Allan Hadley Asst chief Rabban elect

Noble Denis Lorteau High Priest and Prophet elect

Noble Mark Fenny Treasurer elect

Illustrious Jack Hildebrand P.P. Recorder elect

A very Special thank you to the office Staff to Dee and Pam for all your help. I am looking forward to working with you this coming year. Last but not forgotten: the **Ritualistic Unit** This unit put on a tremendous performance at the installation of new Nobles, of all the installations I have seen this was a plus 10 a job that was done to perfection Nobles to you a Very Big thank You for excellent Performance.

As I close you will see pics of the some of the Nobles and ladies that I have been in contact with through the year at various locations. I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Healthy Happy New Year.

Yours In The Faith

The following pictures have been provided by Noble Kuch and are all this year, 2017.





Ritualistic Unit performing at Ceremonial



Rough Riders Selkirk Parade



Directors Staff in Selkirk Parade



Klassy Klowns Winnipeg Circus





Fife and Drum Winnipeg Circus



Khartum Kowboys Winnipeg Circus

9.

TRUCK RAFFLE

By Noble Brent Gillespie, 2017 Raffle Chairman.

Two

One.



Three

By the time you are reading this, our major raffle prize (1967 Ford Pickup) was won by Illustrious Sir Tom Johnstone. It was a busy year and we faced a number of challenges. Sincere thanks to Noble Alvin Alard who gave up a full weekend and coordinated the March World of Wheels venue while I was hitting golf balls in Texas. The Chamois car wash was also on board this year and was of great assistance selling tickets at their three locations. "The Chamois" sold our tickets from the front till area which meant a zero-time commitment from the nobility, I just had to keep them supplied with tickets. Nobles I would encourage you to support the Chamois as they have supported us.

Total ticket sales were just in excess of 1500, which put just over \$60,000 into the till at Khartum. After expenses we cleared just a little less than had been budgeted, however I still viewed this as being a successful raffle. Lastly, another sincere thank you to Noble Hamish Barrit of Berrydale Auto. Hamish provided his one-ton pickup and trailer with which I was able to take the raffle truck to a number of venues, only having to pay for fuel used. Without the generous gift of the use of his truck, our ticket sales and revenue would have been much less. I

know there were many others who volunteered their time and expertise with the raffle, I thank you all. Our incoming Potentate (Potentate elect ?) Alvin Alard, has a great plan for the 2018 raffle, but I will leave that to him to advise the nobility.

Truck Raffle Winner



Illustrious Sir Tom Johnston is the winner of the 2017 Raffle. Seen here receiving the keys to his new 1967 Ford Pickup from Raffle Chairman Noble Brent Gillespie.



10.

Khartum Pipes & Drums



Noble Mark Fenny

I guess I missed a meeting along the way, because it seems that I am now the Kronicle reporter for the Pipes & Drums. Unfortunately, I have neither the wit or wordsmithing skills that Jimm Simon possesses, but I will give it my best shot.

This past year was a tough one for the Marching Officers and in particular the Pipe Major. The band has reached a point where we are never quite sure what the band will look like. It is frustrating and it affects the musicality of the band, the performances we can accept, and everything else. The upside is that an idea that Wayne Lucas championed a number of years ago is starting to bear fruit. Wayne thought we should consider including members of other bands when we play at non-Shrine events.

It certainly worked well this year, with musicians from a number of bands joining us at various gigs. The change to the Imperial bylaws now allows the ladies to join us on parade, and this has certainly made a difference. Among others Aileen Simon joined us as a tenor drummer together with our Pipe Major. It turns out that Aileen is quite a talented drummer who is an example of the benefit of having some very accomplished instructors in the band, in this case Creighton Kerr.

On a sad note, in February, the band lost a long time Piper and friend Bob Ferguson, who was visited by the Black Camel. Bob is missed every Saturday. To add to the challenges the band is facing is the fact that Pipe Major Emeritus Norman MacDonald is no longer able to pipe with the band, as the result of a bad hip and knee.

Those folks who join us at various performances we refer to as "Volunteers" and we have been fortunate to have several. Of note are the two lads from the Transcona band. These fellows journeyed with us to Sioux Falls and played with us at the Gathering of the Clans. They are fine young men and they fit in extremely well. Add to that the two Nobles from Wa Wa Shrine who joined us in Sioux Falls, who also add a lot to the band.

In the near term, use of volunteers may be how the band survives. Clearly what was the situation in the past is not going to be the situation in the future. The band is changing and for the most part the members are accepting the changes, our survival depends on it.

The band has been invaded. Three of Drum Sargent Emeritus Craig Kirby's son's in law are under instruction and ready to join Capital Lodge in January 2018. Tom Morrow is under the

instruction of his father in law on the side drum, Pat Savard is a piper wannabe under the instruction of Pipe Major Emeritus George MacDonald and Matt Kruse joins Murray Hurrell on the tenor drum under the guidance of Nobles Creighton Kerr and Jimmy Little. This invasion of the Kirby Clan, is certainly welcome.

2017 began with our performance at the Installation for Ill. Sir Chibu Uson. It was a good band and the audience was quite appreciative. Following the Installation, we made our way to Heather and Craig Kirby's home for the annual Cocktail party. It is always a highlight and we continue to wonder why Heather tolerates the invasion of her home in this fashion, but it was great. Following the libations, we adjourned to Maxime's for a lovely dinner.

March brings Sioux Falls. We headed south accompanied by our two volunteers from Transcona and our friends from Wa Wa Temple. It was much like every trip down south, extremely busy with some 18 performances in two days. The Nobles at El Riad Temple always treat us like rock stars. This year we were the front page of the Cactus, their official publication. We are of course guests of the Sioux Falls and District Chamber of Commerce and they continue to bend over backwards to take care of us. An interesting trip, on the one hand there is always a lot of fun, on the other it is tough not to leave at least one of the schools we visit without a tear in your eye. It serves to focus us on what we are really should be all about.

In May we attended the Winnipeg and Portage circus performances. Things have certainly changed. In fact, at one performance I think we had more people in the "spec" than we had in the stands. The band did its' duty and it was appreciated. It was disappointing to see what this once truly spectacular event has become.

The spring brought the Gathering of the Clans. It was another sellout and with the assistance of Kelly Eldridge's company and their supplier we able to generate a good profit. All of which was dedicated to the Shrine Hospital for Children Canada. The entertainment was good, the band played twice with the help of a number of volunteers and we ate well. It was a good night.

It wouldn't be summer without the Gimli parade. The band was supplemented by a number of volunteers. Really it was more of a massed band, but the music was good and people did appreciate seeing the band on parade. It wouldn't be August without Folklorama. The band played two performances at the Scottish Pavilion to very large and appreciative crowds.

Along comes October and the Ceremonial. The band played for the memorial service and piped in the dignitaries at the Potentate's Gala. The band sounded okay, with 8 pipers and two side drummers and the crowd enjoyed our efforts but is another example of how difficult it has become to field a band.

On November 11th we attended West Kildonan Legion for their Remembrance Day service. We had a good turnout and the crowd was impressed. It is always a sobering thought to be reminded

of those members of the armed forces, together with the police fire and paramedics services who put their lives in harms way on a daily basis. It takes a special kind of person to do that.

Our Annual Meeting in November was well attended and we were pleased to have five Past Potentate's join us. It was also good to see that Pipe Major Emeritus Norman MacDonald was able to join us for the evening. Noble Wayne Lucas presented the Potentate's representative with a cheque from the band to round out our contributions to Khartum and its' charities to over \$10,000 for the year. The band leadership did not change this year with Noble Wayne Lucas remaining as the President for another year and Noble Jimm Simon as the Pipe Major.

We finished out the year with a safari led by Noble Ron Gillan to South Beach Casino, where money was won and lost, but everyone seemed to have a good time.

We will be closing out the year on December 18th with our Christmas party. Catered by Fenny and the elves, and with entertainment by Kirby Productions, it promises to be a great event.

It has been a year of change and there is more to come. However, in spite of the occasional bickering the brotherhood of the band continues. Please accept my best wishes to you and your family that you will enjoy a Happy Holiday, a Happy Hanukkah, a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year!



Picture of the Khartum Pipes and Drums as it appeared on the cover of El Riad Cactus (the voice of the El Riad Shrine) for the May 2017 issue.

11.

Khartum Sport Car Unit

Noble Gary Saunders P.P.

The Unit has been busy this fall. We assisted with the selling of Truck raffle tickets, Jets raffle ticket, Grey cup tickets, and Christmas Cakes.

Our nobles and ladies attended/enjoyed the Ceremonial weekend including the Fun Night and Potentate's Ball.

Coordinated by Noble Hamish Barrit, we co-hosted the first annual Halloween Fun Day with Jobs Daughters, Klassy Klowns and Khartum Ruff Riders. This event was held at the Shrine Centre on Oct. 15, 2017 and was attended by 85 children and adults. Everyone enjoyed games, crafts, cake decorating, face painting, the haunted graveyard, food and refreshments, with candy treat bags to take home. We thank everyone who helped plan and prepare for this event (If you need assistance hanging spiders please contact Noble Denis Lorteau & Lady June Krochenski , thanks! you were both great sports). We look forward to our planned Halloween event for 2018.



On November 26, 2017 we co-hosted our 18 annual Grey Cup party with the Ruff Riders. This event was held at the Shrine Centre. All in attendance enjoyed an evening with friends watching football, our awesome auction, and food provided by Evolve Catering. Thank you to everyone who supported this event. Never too early to mark your calendar, plan to come out and join us at the 2018 Grey Cup party next year. Blue Bombers????

A nice crowd gathered to watch the game



On a wide screen



And there were winners



more winners



After which there was a Silent Auction



and more winners



And still more winners



We welcome new members and at this time we do have one “Bradley” car for sale. For more info on membership or the car please call Noble Gary @ 204-256-0811.

A heartfelt THANK YOU!! to Dee for all you do for us during the year.

To our nobles & ladies facing health challenges, we wish you improved health each day.
To each, we extent our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy/Healthy New Year.

12.

RITUALISTIC UNIT

Noble John Hill (with some help)

The Ritualistic Unit mounted this year’s Ceremonial, which is reported on separately in this Khronicle.

On November 27th, 2017, the Ritualistic Unit held their Annual General Meeting in the company of their Ladies at The Gates Restaurant.



The table was graced by Nobles Larry Cherret (Acting Secretary), John Hill, incoming Vice President, and his Lady Carla, Norm Pohl and his Lady Edna, Doug McKechnie with his Lady to his left, Bob James and his Lady Gayle, Israel Kuwonu, President Elect, with his Lady to his right and Allan Canto, with his Lady Gloria to his right.

Noble Norm Pohl installed the new officers: President, Israel Kuwonu, Vice President John Hill, Treasurer Allan Cantor, Secretary, Gregory Ward, Ceremonial Director, Bob James, Quarter Master Doug McKechnie, Educational Director and Archivist, Ross Johnston, Fund Raising, Klaus Knortz. Noble Allan Cantor installed Noble Norm Pohl as Honourary President.

13.

RUFF RIDERS



By Noble Dennis Handford

This is the last Khartum Khronicle for 2017. Where did the year go!

This is my last writing for the Kronicle. Noble Doug McKechnie is going to show his talents with his writing skills, as he accepted this position, best of luck Doug. I know you will do an excellent job going forward.

The Potentate's Pandemonium Ball was on the weekend of October 27 and 28th. Friday night they had the donkey races. Saturday's dinner was held at Breezy Bend Country Club. The truck draw was on October 27 and the winner was Tom Johnston congratulations. Our Grey Cup party was held at the Shrine House. The Vintage Cars and the Ruff Riders organized this function, everyone had a great time. The only disappointment was, it seemed the same person's name was drawn a number of times on the silent auction. (Of course, I am only kidding) some people do have better luck than most of us!

We are busy selling Christmas cakes and have customers that are on a list to receive them. Nice to see how popular these Christmas cakes are. Hope we find more so we do not disappoint the ones that are waiting for them. We are also selling our calendars for 2018.

We will be having our Christmas Feast at the Shrine House on December 16. We always have a good meal and a good turn out with the Ruff Riders and their Ladies. Noble Ken Duguid always has everything well organized for this special occasion.

We wish Rick Wells a speedy recovery. Rick has been at the Deer Lodge Centre since November. He is to be released on December 16. Get well soon Rick!

We welcome Noble Jun Magsino as a new member to the Ruff Riders along with Lady Mirafe. The Ruff Riders meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. We attend approximately 10 parades from June through September. If anyone is interested in joining our unit, please feel free to join us at one of our meetings.

From the Ruff Riders, to all of the Khartum Shrine we wish you and your Ladies and loved ones a great holiday season and a Happy New Year. Much success in 2018.



Khartum Shriners Hillbillies Unit



"Hi ya'all !! " .. from Khartum Shriners Hillbillies Unit !!

Hard to believe another year has almost come and soon gone.

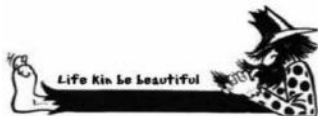
The Hillbillies had fun this year being our "start-up" year and look forward to another fun-filled new year and are planning to participate even more. We welcome any member of Khartum Shriners that may be looking for something different to join with us. As we've boasted previously this year that members or as we call 'em "Kuzzinz" can walk or ride as they may choose as we are a man powered or motorized unit. Any "safe" vehicles such as old cars, trucks, scooters, go-karts, old bikes, ATV's etc., etc can be used which would be subject to approval for public safety concerns. Our "uniform" is also individually specific with the traditional "Hillbilly" attire of coveralls, overalls and the like along with the traditional Hillbilly floppy hats, corn cob pipes, etc., making each and every Hillbilly "unique". For those that don't have a "Floppy Hat", we will supply one along with a corn cob pipe at no cost and you're ready to go, so if you are looking for a Unit that's fun & different, "just ask" our "Keeper of the Quill" (Secretary) Kuzzin Herb by calling 204 667-9496 and he'll be glad to answer any other questions you may have.

Congratulations to all the newly elected and appointed Officers of Khartum for 2018 and to have a successful year.

Meantime we'll all be prepping for the Christmas, Hanukah season and to ring in the New Year 2018

We'd like to take this opportunity to wish all Nobles, their Ladies and families a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, and a Happy Healthy New Year 2018.

Till the next time, stay warm!!!" "Ya'll come back now...hear!"



15.

KHARTUM FLAG PATROL



By Noble George Einarson



Since the last issue Khronicle of September, the Patrol had a very active summer and fall attending parades and outings in the community. Attendance was very good with the help of several "Honorary" Patrollers who regularly help bring our numbers up. The Patrol sends a sincere thank you to Nobles Keith Duncan (Provost), Peter Campbell (Cycle Escort), Andrew Skeene (P.P.), Wayne Hogbert (Oriental Band), these Nobles have been regular participants in our Patrol activities and are Commended for their dedication and support.

Since the deadline for the Khronicle is December 10th 2017, some of my information is a little hopeful and under the good wishes category.

The Patrol Executive will remain the same for 2018 with our election being held in January. Thank you, Nobles we can't do it, without you. Unfortunately, we had to postpone our Ladies Night but are looking at another get together later in the New Year, all details will be passed on as soon as confirmation and planning is completed.

We did have some disturbing news in October and in November; long time Patroller and Past Secretary Wally Stowell and Lady Jo were broadsided by a car going thru a red light, Noble Wally ended up with broken hip bone and spent time in Deer Lodge Hospital. Lady Jo was shaken up and went to the hospital, and then to the Lions Manor. At last report they have moved to Dakota House, where a few Shriners and their Ladies reside. They are still recovering from their ordeal. So, send them a card, to cheer them up.

Then early in November our dedicated President and Quartermaster had a run in with a step ladder and of course you guessed it the ladder won. Noble Carl ended up in the Concordia Hospital with a broken pelvis and bruised ribs. "Ouch!". We were told he would be bed ridden for six weeks so he would welcome visitors and cards of wishes for a speedy recovery. Take care Carl we are pulling for you.

The struggles that Shrine is facing with numbers falling and very few young men interested in joining, is similar to other fraternities and organizations. But we must preserve and become more united between units and clubs. We should also encourage participation of our Ladies because it's great to have them with us and we truly appreciate their support.

Hopefully this coming year may have some new nobles willing to join Khartum and help keep our philanthropy going, thus helping many of our young children.

This edition of the Khartum Khronicle is coming out in late December so on behalf of all our Patrol Nobles, may we Wish You and your Family a Wonderful Christmas filled with Love , and Joy and Peace. They say that the Sun always shines on the Shrine and may 2018 be an exciting and prosperous year for each Noble and his Lady

16.

Khartum Provost Corps

Noble Norm Rimmer

Well here we are again at winter. We had a good summer with attending the parades in the various locations within the province.

We were stretched pretty thin for some of the parades as we had our members on Sick Bay for most of the summer. Nobles Don Atkinson, Glenn Lillies and Norm Rimmer were all in hospital over the summer. Noble George Wright is now at home recovering from shoulder operation.

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., except January, February, March and December. 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.

Khartum Provost Corps would like to wish all nobles and their ladies a Merry Christmas and a very safe and happy holiday.

17.

Fife and Drum

By: Noble Evar Balodis

To squelch rumors to the contrary, I am pleased to announce that the Fife & Drum Unit is alive and well. Our music is as sweet as ever, albeit a bit quieter than in the past. We continue to practice on a somewhat regular basis (Monday evenings). While we may not be at "parade" strength, we do perform when the opportunity presents itself. We do have openings for fifers, drummers and glock players. We will provide the instruments, friendly instruction and the appropriate uniform. Here is a chance for anyone with a secret desire to be part of a performing group to indulge. If you have an interest, please contact Noble John Hunt (Pres.) at 204-837-7648 (jhunt@mymts.net) or Noble Evar Balodis (Sec'y) at 204-667-5279 (ivars@shaw.ca). May the blessings of the Christmas season be with you throughout the whole year.

18.

SBI (Stop Burns Injuries) Unit.

Noble Lorne Gregorash.

Greetings form the SBI (Stop Burns Injuries) Unit.

The SBI unit wishes a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a Happy, Healthy and Safe 2018 to all Khartum Nobles, Ladies and Families.



Pictured are Nobles: Wilf Blommaert, Steve Garrow, Chairman Lorne Gregorash, Fred Dagg and Bill Hiebert

The SBI Unit has been functioning for over 20 years. It is dedicated to the presentation and demonstration in schools of the dangerous areas in a home where children could get badly burned. It does not recruit members: at Unit Council meetings and Stated Meetings volunteers are called for. Steve Garrow, Fred Dagg and Lorne Gregorash have been together for many years. They have talked to thousands of children over those years.

First contact for a presentation comes from any noble who live in an area where he feels a presentation would be appreciated. The Noble is asked to contact the school division in their area and speak to the Superintendent to advise him/her about our school home fire safety program.

The Superintendent then calls the SBI chairman, who will explain complete program; that it is about fire safety in the home and takes about 45 minutes, and also that it is made for presentation to Grades Kindergarten to 6 and it is done all in one sitting.

The Superintendent then advises all schools in his or her area and asks them to call the SBI Chairman if they wish to have the presentation.

The SBI Chairman will then receive a call from the Principal of a school advising that they would like to have the presentation.

The Chairman explains that the presentation takes about the whole 45 minutes and what is needed for the session: a gym or large room to accommodate the number of students, a DVD player, two tables and the number of chairs depending on number of Nobles and guests attending.

The date and time is set. E-mails are exchanged with the address of the school. All Nobles on the team are contacted and advised of the school location, date and time. The Noble who was originally contacted is given this information and asked to contact all Nobles in his area and also to ask any Firefighters and local media in the area to attend if possible. In most cases Firefighters and media attend and there appears in the paper a write up of the Presentation, with pictures.

At the Presentation, the Principal introduces the Chairman. The Chairman introduces all Nobles and guests. Students are informed about the fez. A very short explanation is given about what Shriners are and about our hospitals. The students are told that they now are going to watch a Walt Disney video with four cartoon characters. The four cartoon characters are: Bugs Bunny, Sylvester, Tweety and Daffy. The voices are done by a Shriner, Mel Blanc.

The four characters will take a boy and girl through a house and show all the dangerous areas in a home where they could get badly burned. The dangerous areas are: the garage, the kitchen, the bathroom and the bedroom. How to escape from the home and the importance of establishing, in advance, a meeting place, are explained

After the video the students are asked questions on what they had just watched. Two students, a boy and a girl, are asked to come up and demonstrate how to escape and where to go. The two children are asked to come up front, and re-enact a scene where one child's pant leg catches on fire while playing with matches and the other, while playing with sticks at a bonfire, has a sleeve catch on fire. Both are shown how to stop, drop and roll, to put out the fire.

A prepared package containing; a safety colouring book, (supplied by Wawanesa Mutual Insurance), a stop, drop and roll card, safety stickers and a magnetic shrine fez. Each child and adult receive the package.

That completes the presentation.

19.

Khartum Ladies Auxiliary
Lady Carol Hadley

The object of the Khartum Ladies Auxiliary is to raise funds to support Shriners' Hospitals, Khartum Shrine Transportation Fund and the Rehabilitation Centre for Children (MB), and any organization ministering to children with disabilities within the Khartum Shrine Jurisdiction.

Khartum Ladies Auxiliary is open to any lady, over the age of 18, related to a member of Shriners International, to a member of the Masonic family or past patient of Shrine Hospital. Dues are \$20.00 a year. Please contact **June Krochenski, Membership Chair, 204-255-5545**, if you wish to become a member.

Ladies; as we begin the holiday season we can be thankful for all our blessings – our family, good health, good friends and helping others who are not so fortunate. I wish you all a wonderful season as you reflect in your own faith and may you be granted wonderful memories.

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard selling the Raffle tickets and congratulations to the winners (see our Blog on the website). Thank you also for those who bought Morden's Chocolates – enjoy.

EVENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO:

**January Meeting at Khartum Shrine Centre, Wilkes Ave
January 15, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.
Reports of Committees and Installation.**

20.

Brandon & District Shrine Club
Noble Rod March

So far we have been enjoying a mild start to the winter season. Let's hope the weather stays that way as we look forward to an early spring.

Having missed the last Khronicle issue, we'll catch up on some important "old" news and recognize some individuals for their important contributions to the Shrine.

Noble Ross Mann and his crew organized a very successful Golf Day at Glen Lea Golf Course. Following a few trips to chase balls through the trees and the rough, "golfers" were treated to a very fine lunch prepared by Noble Don Johnston and his Lady Donna, Noble Drew Mills and his Lady Lynn, with Noble Charlie Duguid looking after refreshments. Many thanks to Noble Cam Moore for providing snacks and sodas at the 11th hole. A great day for all who participated! Thanks to all the Nobles and Ladies who canvassed for prizes for all the golfers.

I am sorry to report the passing of Noble Ken Harris who was also a member of the Brandon Oriental Band. He sold Circus Daddy subscriptions for many years in the Minnedosa/Neepawa

area. We send our condolences to his Lady Ava and family. Noble Cal Szakacs, a former Club member and original member of the Brandon Car Patrol passed away this fall. Our sympathy goes out to his family.

Congratulations to Noble Bill Cumming for organizing a very successful Fall Supper again. Special thanks are due Nobles Drew Mills and Cam Moore, the kitchen crews, the ticket sellers and of course our Ladies who always help to make this a special event.

The Brandon Shrine Car Patrol held their Annual Social Evening in October. Once again, a huge crowd was entertained with a fantastic meal with all the trimmings; all the while learning about the Shrine Hospitals and the Shriners' reasons for being through a fine slide presentation.

Noble Brian McLaren, Club President, represented the Club at the local Remembrance Day Service by laying a wreath in memory of those Shriners who served Canada and those who made the supreme sacrifice in wars and conflicts around the world.

Noble Drew Mills and his Lady Lynn, President of the Ladies of the Brandon & District Shrine Club, recently visited the new Canadian Shrine Hospital for Children at Montreal. They enjoyed a tour of the facilities and recommend all Nobles to visit the hospital if they are ever in Montreal. Here are a couple of photos with this report.



The Brandon Shrine Circus Daddy Club under the direction of Noble Brain McLaren conducted a very successful 2017 campaign – an amount in excess of \$11,000 was collected by the local Noble salesmen. Congratulations Nobles for a terrific job! These funds will go to the Khartum Patient Travel Fund. Also, our Blue Van collection from the Refreshment Committee and Club Meeting Attendance Draws made a solid contribution to the same fund. And, our Nobles who collect aluminum cans and license plates have added to this fund too. The Club was able to make a \$2,000 donation to the Khartum Shrine Temple operating account recently to meet the challenge raised by the Nobles of the Dauphin Shrine Club.

Our Ladies held their Annual Children's Christmas Party with a good crowd attending to enjoy the festivities with the kids and a visit from Santa.

Noble Brian McLaren, Club President, sends Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all the Khartum Nobles and Ladies from the Nobles and Ladies of the Brandon and District Shrine Club.

21.

LAKE OF THE WOODS SHRINE CLUB

Noble Ross Sillery

Lake of the Woods Shrine Club in Kenora is now mid-way through our mid-winter fundraising with Christmas cakes, calendars and Santa picture taking.

Noble Wally Gustafson worked feverishly to get the ball rolling before he had to leave with his wife lady Betty to Thunder Bay for medical reasons and will not return until February some time. We miss them dearly and will not let them down and will make this year another successful year as is our tradition for many years.

In the picture (below) are Nobles Bruce Kroeger, Lorne Greenwood, Berk Newman VP., and old St. Nick, Ross Sillery. Honorable mention also to Noble Charlie Strachan who sells the bulk of the Christmas cakes and Noble Stan Arbuckle who is always there to help when his job permits.

Christmas is always a special time for us as the time spent together is so rewarding with the joking and friendship and of course the little kids that get to see Santa and tell them what they want for Christmas and hearing their stories.

Summers are very special also as our fish fry brings our Winnipeg Nobles and Nobles and their Ladies from different parts of Northwestern Ontario for an afternoon of friendship leaving us with cherished memories that we are anxious to repeat again and again.

In conclusion I would like to wish all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and productive New Year.



22.

HOSPITAL REPORT

Don Thomson PP

Nobles and ladies, to quote the words of a John Lennon song “so this is Christmas and what have we done, another year older and a new one just begun”, well what have we done? As of the end of November Khartum Shriners have provided for 249 patient visits at a cost of approximately \$179,000.00. This year we have sent patients to the Canadian, Twin Cities, Boston and Philadelphia hospitals with the majority of our patients still attending Twin Cities. We have sent 16 new patients this year, 12 of which have gone to the Canadian Hospital. Of the 16 new patients the Khartum Ladies Auxiliary (KLA) provided travel bags to 11 of the new patients that flew out of Winnipeg. The other new patients either flew from Thunder Bay or went to Twin Cities Hospital and I did not have the opportunity to meet prior to their departure. I attended the KLA meeting on Monday December 7, 2017, provided a status report to them, personally thanked the Ladies for their continued support of our children and received a check for Patient Transportation for \$10,000.00. Since 1998 the KLA has donated in excess of \$175,000.00 to Khartum Patient Transportation in addition to their travel bags for patients as well as donations to the Shriners Hospitals for Children and the Million Dollar Club.

Of the 249 Patient visits 162 (65%) Twin Cities, 74 (30%) Canada, 9 (3%) Boston and 4 (2%) Philadelphia. The patient visits from each area are; Lakehead Shrine Club 81 (4 new, Twin Cities 76, Canada 5), Dryden Shrine Club 1 Canada, Lake of the Woods 9 Canada (2 new), Winnipeg & Area 121 (8 new, - Twin Cities 72, Canada 45, Philadelphia 4), Interlake Shrine Club 9 (Twin Cities 3, Canada 6), Selkirk Shrine Club 5 (1 new Twin Cities 4 Canada 1), Brandon Shrine Club 6 (1 new, Twin Cities 4, Canada 2, Pembina Valley 14 (Canada 5, Boston 9) and Dauphin Shrine Club 3 (Twin Cities).



As a member of the Board of Governors I have the honour of presenting checks to the Shriners Hospital for Children Canada from Units and members sent through Khartum Shriners. Above is a picture of me presenting donation checks at a recent board meeting to Illustrious Sir Bill Miller Chairman of the Board of Governors Shriners Hospital for Children - Canada.

As a member of the board I sit on 3 committees; Performance Improvement, Public Relations/Donor Relations and Plant and Facilities. The Performance Improvement Committee reviews and makes comments relating to the operations of the hospital. We get reports from the

Hospital Administrator, Director of Nursing and Patient Care, Head of Information Services, Head of Environmental Services, Performance Improvement Coordinator and the Chief of Staff.

Plant and Facilities Committee reviews and makes comments relating to the building operations (bricks & mortar). We receive reports from Maintenance and Operations Staff regarding deficiencies (outstanding from construction), space requirements/changes, maintenance issues and complaints. If there is a cost requirement this committee reviews the costs and forwards to the Board for approval. In some cases, this may require Tampa's approval as well.

Public Relations/Donor Relations reviews, makes comments and in some cases, approves the activities presented by both the Donor Relations and Public Relations Departments. These presentations advise the members of the committee the status of the Donor Relations Activities, Public Relations Activities and the Joint Activities including recent, ongoing and future activities. One discussion that was recently held related to the difficulty of the PSA for Canada. In order for them to be approved they must be in French and English. As an example Brendan Gallagher (Montreal Canadians) recently shot a PSA at the Hospital with Kaleb one of our patients for the Canadian audience these are available on you tube using the following links; English: <https://youtu.be/6n71JEKOsV8> French: https://youtu.be/kZe5UU_9lFw

Kaleb and Brendan discuss Shriners Hospitals for Children as a place where children overcome disabilities and achieve their dreams. The PSA is a reminder to the public that the advanced medical care provided at Shriners Hospitals for Children - Canada could help a child in their community, so feel free to show it to your friends and family.

I will fly to Montreal on Wednesdays, as our Committee meetings begin at 07:30 on Thursday Morning and end with the Board meeting adjournment at about 3:30 PM. This allows me to fly home that evening after the meetings.

Over the past year we have undergone some major staff changes to Management: Mr. Jacques Boissonneault has been hired as the new Hospital Administrator; Ms. Kelly Thorstad has been appointed Director of Nursing and Patient Care; Ms. Kathryn Fournier has been appointed Director of Quality, Evaluation Performance and Ethics; Ms. Josee Lanteigne is the New Director of Finance; Dr. Rene St-Arnault is Director of Research; and Dr Reg Hamdy is the Chief of Staff. With his new Management Team in position Mr. Boissoneault stated that the hospital is in good hands for the future.

For a second year in a row, the In-Patient Care Unit received the Guardian of Excellence Award from Press Ganey, this recognizes outstanding results in patient satisfaction.

Some interesting statistics for the Shriners Hospitals for Children Canada in 2017: in October they received 548 new referrals with total to the end of October - 4544 patients; to the end of October they had 17,368 Clinic visits, with 1,987 in October; 903 surgical Operations at Shriners Hospitals for Children (107 in October); 80 surgeries outside of Shriners (8 in October). Year to the end of October average length of stay is 2.9 days with an average of 10.6 patients/day in hospital rooms. In October there were 129 "No Show" patients who never kept their

appointments for one reason or another without informing the Hospital. It is interesting when you see the work that they are doing at SHC Canada yet they are still looking for more patients.

The Canadian Association of Pediatric Health Centers utilized the Shriners Hospitals for Children Canada as one of the host sites for their annual conference. As one of the host sites the Shriners Hospital for Children Canada really shone, not only as hosts, but the volunteers thorough impressed the steering committee and we had a strong presence from a scientific perspective as well. Overall this presented an excellent opportunity for our Hospital to shine.

Unfortunately, I do not have much information to pass on regarding the Shriners Hospitals for Children Twin Cities. Last year at the SHC Canada Hospital Seminar Imperial Sir Gantt made some comments regarding the joint boards looking at some hospitals and Twin Cities was one he mentioned, however I have heard nothing since then. Illustrious Sir Monte Routledge, PP from El Zagal, is completing his term on the Board of Governors for Twin Cities stated *“It has been an honor and privilege to serve on this board. I owe a thank you to all of you for supporting our Twin Cities Shrine Hospital. I have had opportunities to see kids walk that were told they would never be able to walk. Children coming in with severe spine curvature almost perfectly straightened out. There are so many miracles occurring at our Shrine Hospitals. It is all possible because we have dedicated hospital staff that makes us as Shriners look good.”* Illustrious Sir Monte has served on the Twin Cities board for the last 10 years and will retire as the Chairman of the Board of Governors for Twin Cities. I would like to thank Illustrious Sir Monte and commend him for his years of service.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and thank the Khartoum Ruff Riders and Sport Cars for hosting the Halloween Party and the Director’s Staff for hosting the Kids Christmas party. The comments I received from the patient’s families confirm that both events were a huge success.

Shriners Hospitals for Children is a Health Care System incorporating our 22 Shrine Hospitals located in North America, (1 Canada, 1 Mexico, 1 Hawaii and the remaining 19 in continental USA). They provide specialized care in the areas of Orthopedics, Cleft Lip and Palate, Spinal Cord Injuries and Burn Care. Shriners Hospitals accept Children from Infancy to age 18 if in the opinion of our physicians we can provide each child with a better quality of life. 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 khartoumhospital@mymts.net and I will follow up with them.

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 are greatly appreciated and does not go unnoticed.

To close off I offer the following from the same John Lennon song “A very Merry Christmas and a happy new year. Let's hope it's a good one Without any fear ‘

In closing on behalf of Lady Dawn and myself, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas, Joyeux Noel, Maligayang Pasko, Shchaslyvoho Rizdva, Happy Hanukkah or whatever the greeting for you and your family and a Happy Healthy New Year. I look forward to serving you again in the New Year.

23.

Donor Relations
Noble Kelly Eldridge

Have a Family Conversation about your Estate Plan. *Discuss your financial wishes before you receive a visit from the black camel.*

If you haven't had a frank family discussion yet regarding your estate plan, it's time to communicate your wishes and get everyone on the same page. With an estimated \$750 billion expected to be passed on to the next generation over the coming decade – the largest intergenerational wealth transfer in Canadian history – talking about your estate plans should be a high priority. Shockingly, it has been estimated that approximately 40% of Canadians have not discussed their estate intentions with their heirs.

Meanwhile, we all want an orderly, tax-efficient transition of wealth to our heirs.

Avoiding future conflict by sharing intentions

For many, engaging in conversations about inheritance may be difficult. It's hard to talk about death! But not addressing your plans for transferring assets after you die can lead to misunderstandings, unpleasant surprises, and possible legal complications. To avoid the prospect of future family conflict, now is the time to have a practical estate planning conversation. Invite the key people that you're including in your will, as well as executors and Powers of Attorney, into that conversation. During the meeting, focus on open, direct communication. After all, the more open you are, the more likely that your wishes will be carried out after you die.

Consider for your family conversation:

- **Start by clearing the air** – It's important to set the tone right from the get-go. Begin the meeting by clearly identifying the most important issues at hand, and be concrete and clear. For example, you may wish to immediately ensure that everyone is on the same page about your intentions for the future. Or you may want to start off with specific issues, such as how you will distribute your possessions, succession planning, provisions for your care, etc.
- **Don't make assumptions** – You should go into the conversation knowing that everyone is likely to see the situation differently. This may become apparent once everyone's opinions are shared, as family members are often surprised by their children's or siblings' perspectives. Therefore, it's important to clarify what you mean and what others are trying to convey by, for example, reiterating "Just to be clear".
- **Listen to everyone** – Let everyone speak and ensure that participants feel heard and understood. Don't attempt to address concerns and solve problems right away. Instead, process feelings and take note in a non-judgmental way.

- **Offer solutions** – By setting the right tone and listening to everyone, the conversation will become easier and solutions may begin to emerge on their own. Perhaps you can resolve some differences right away. You may also need to schedule a follow-up meeting, or you may need to hold one-on-one conversations instead of group meetings if you think that will drive more constructive conversations.

Your estate wishes are too important to leave to chance. Speak to your family, financial planning and tax advisors about creating your estate plan. Let me know if I can be of assistance.

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24.

MEMBERSHIP MESSAGE



Shriners International

Dear Nobles:

As a network of Brothers, we can band together to meet any goal we envision. Our international membership goal of 12,000 new members this Imperial year is not only believable, it's achievable. Our new I AM – RU Referral program is making it easier than ever to refer a good man. The simple beauty of this program is that any Noble has the ability to recommend a good man, known to him, that he will then mentor. In under a minute, your temple can have a new prospect listed in your temple's database on the path to becoming your newest member.

Your help is needed. Please ensure that all the nobility at your temple are aware and understand how to use the program.

The process is simple:

1. Go to beashrinernow.com/referral
2. Click on the button to refer a good man
3. Complete and confirm your noble membership information
4. Fill out the form with your referral prospect's information
5. Click the submit button

To complete the form, the referring noble will need their member number as well as the prospect's first name, email address, whether or not he is a Freemason and his country, province, city, and/or postal code.

You may view a video of the referral process by clicking [here](#).

We are excited about the tremendous participation we already have from temples. The majority have used the system and are working diligently on their specific temple membership goals.

Your enthusiasm, hard work and dedication to our fraternity is highly valued and appreciated. Join in on our I AM-RU program today.