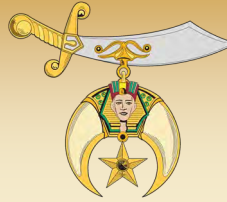


Khartum Khronicle



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From the Desk of the Potentate

By Illustrious Sir Denis Lorteau

Greetings Nobles and Ladies: As spring is upon us and warmer weather approaches, I would like to thank all members, units, clubs and friends for all the well wishes, thoughts, prayers and offers of help for Lady Lindsey and I as I recover from my recent health issues. It truly is a blessing to see and to have so many caring people in our Masonic Family and beloved Shrine.

Though COVID-19 is still among us, and we are limited in doing things in our communities, and for our Shrine kids, we at Khartum Shriners have tried to keep busy while staying within public health restrictions. Our building remains closed and occupancy within its walls and outside has also remained reduced as per those restrictions.

Since the beginning of 2021 our Membership Team has been busy with mailouts and reminders for the Nobility to pay their dues or how to make plans for monthly installments. I hate to see longstand-

ing Shriners lose their membership for non-payment of dues. This would be a shame as all of you are important to Khartum Shriners.

In February we saw some of the coldest days of winter. This did not deter Nobles Kevin Davis and Darrell Rostek in making an ice sculpture of a red fez on our front lawn. Their daily progress was captured on social media. They invited everyone to have their pictures taken with it but they were sporting their summer wear and sandals at -40 degrees. This sparked the spirit of "having fun in '21" at Khartum.

I had the pleasure of visiting with the ladies of Sphinx Temple No. 116, Daughters of the Nile in February and congratulated Queen Alma Acheson on her leadership during the pandemic. In March I attended a Zoom meeting of the Khartum Ladies Auxiliary and congratulated Lady Susan Woodward on being elected as President for the ensuing year. Neither of these



visits occurred as they usually do but we appreciate all the support they give to Khartum and our Shrine kids.

In March we were happy to host the first drive through Easter Egg Hunt at Khartum. The Chief of Staff, Nobles of the Khartum Komediants, Khartum Drifters, and Khartum Ruff Riders escorted the families' vehicles, handed out about 40 goodie bags to the Shrine kids and entertained all around. We also received help from the Klassie Klowns of Daughters of the Nile. Thank you to the par-

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*We do not lose the ones we love
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and peace is everywhere*

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Es Selamu Aleikum

... From the Desk of the Potentate Cont'd

icipating Nobles for bringing joy and happiness for one and all. It felt wonderful to be back doing something for our families and the community!

At our spring Ceremonial on April 17th we created four new Nobles over Zoom. Congratulations on becoming Shriners and we welcome you and your families to the Khartum Shrine family! I would like to thank the Ritualistic Unit and Membership Team for making this Ceremonial a great success. I received numerous congratulatory emails on a job well done by all. As Potentate there is no better accolade that one can receive from other Temples. I am proud of Khartum for an exceptional day.

On June 6th Khartum will be celebrating Shriners International Awareness day at the Shrine Centre. Noble Darrell Rostek and your Membership Team will be hosting a BBQ and static display of all units onsite. I encourage everyone to participate in this endeavour. Plenty of planning and organizing have gone into this celebration. This may end up being the closest we are to having a parade in 2021.

Nobles, I encourage you and your families to join myself at the Pote’s Oasis and Lady Lindsey at the Ladies Night In evenings over Zoom. These monthly get togethers have been educational and fun as we interact with our members, their families as well as those from outside our jurisdiction. We’ve been pleased to see participation from across Khar-

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NOTICE OF STATED MEETING

Saturday, May 29, 2021
Time: 1:30 pm

Location: Via Zoom or
If MB Health Regulations allow,
Khartum Shrine Centre
1155 Wilkes Ave
Winnipeg, Manitoba

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Agenda: Reports & Other Business

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Potentate/CEO

Illus Sir Doug McKechnie P.P.,
Recorder

Dress: Fez, Business Suit,
Walking Out or Unit Uniform

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tum’s jurisdiction as well as our own members now living outside of it. Social connections are vital, particularly as the pandemic continues on.

Keep in mind that the upcoming dates and events need to be flexible. I do hope in person events will be able to occur. If it becomes possible to do more as restrictions ease, it will be when it is safe to do so. Nobles, stay safe and stay healthy.

Illustrious Sir Denis Lorteau
Potentate | CEO

Khartum Pipes & Drums

By Noble W. Mark Fenny, Piper Wannabe

Better Times Ahead!

Here we are again, several months later and not a lot in the way of band activity to report. We're in the third wave of COVID and now its variants. As far as aware none of our members or their families have had to deal with COVID. That doesn't change the fact that people are getting very frustrated with the need to isolate and not associate with our friends and families. Fortunately, we don't have to go through with the privations associated with a war or earlier pandemics. The good news is that technology has progressed to a point where we now have a vaccine in remarkably short order.

I am not aware of any new ailments among our members or their families. Fred Dodd has been moved from his home to palliative care at the Riverview Centre. The thoughts and prayers of the members and officers of the band go out to Freddie, Penny and his family during this difficult period.

With the help of Jeff Greene and Craig Kirby we have continued with our ZOOM meetings every other Monday. We've had as many as eleven members attend, but it would be nice to see even more. All you need is a telephone and those of you with access to a computer and a camera will get to see us in splendid colour.

We have been discussing the fact that the band has not been able to undertake any of our fundraising activities. Unfortunately, the hospitals continue to need to operate and the children need to get to the hospitals, regardless of the pandemic. So the question is, how do we continue to make donations to the Shrine charities as well as the others which we support. If we look around there are a number of excellent examples where not-for-profit groups have taken advantage of technology and social media to continue with their fundraising.

To that end we formed a small fund raising committee (Greene, Hudson, Watson, Kirby and Fenny) to look into various options which would allow us to continue with our donations. We are currently looking into what might be involved with a 50/50 draw. If any of you have any ideas, please don't be shy.

Clearly Sioux Falls was cancelled this year but we understand that Noble Craig has been in touch with the Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce and they have extended an invitation for next year (conditions permitting). Some of you may remember a piper by the name of Mike McKenzie a piper from ZURAH. He tells me that the event that prevented them from joining us in the past is no longer an issue and that a number of their members would be interested in playing with us. We also discussed the possibility of resurrecting a get together with the other Temples in the mid-west.

It was sad to learn about HRH Prince Phillips' death on April 9th. Given all that has been written about his life and support of the Queen he was a fine man. The officers and members of the Khartum Pipes & Drums offer their sincere condolences to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and the entire royal family.

The band had a connection to Prince Phillip. During his many visits to Manitoba we are told that his personal piper was Pipe Major Emeritus Norman MacDonald. One of the stories was that the Prince asked Norm if we would take him to the Queens Own Cameron Highlanders mess late one evening. Norm went to pick him up at Government House, where he was told by the Prince's security that it wasn't going to happen.



Khartum Komediants

By Kevin Davis, Past President

So here we are into the 2nd Khartum Khronicle, Thanks to Illustrious Sir Denis for keeping this publication moving forward.

The Khartum Komediants were happy that for the first time in 15 months a few of us got to put on our makeup and costumes to perform in front of families like we use too. It may have been at a distance but hey anytime we can be adults and perform and have fun like kids is a treat. March 28, 2021 was the start of "**FUN in 2021**", The unit prepared 51 goodie bags which included the SBI & Komediants colouring books as well as lots of chocolate for the kids. Then we had to find a Noble who was of the hopping kind that would entertain kids and adults alike, so with a little persuasion Noble Bill "**Quincee**" Quinn became "**Harvey**" the Easter Bunny for the day. If we could have taken a video of Noble Bill getting into the bunny suit we could make millions by sending the video to Americas funniest video.

Komediants do not like to steal too much of the limelight even though we are the premier unit every child and adult comes to

see at parades. We invited Khartum's newest motorized unit - the Drifters - to perform for the adults and kids. These "**big wheel bikes**" do amazing burn-outs and mind bending turns all afternoon. They helped escort the vehicles up to visit with Harvey the Easter Bunny and the Komediants. Illustrious Sirs McKechnie & Thomson handed the goodie bags to the children from a safe distance. Being COVID-19 focused, everyone wore masks; everyone sanitized after each vehicle left. Klowns and kids both waved at each other. Noble George Kuch our Chief of Staff or as we call him Captain "**CUDDLES**" was there with his new super quiet sound system that just gave off a lot of clicks thru it's speaker. I think "IF" he read the manual instead of just looking at the pictures he could have got the system to work so that Harvey could have done his famous dance moves for the kids. Maybe next year Cuddles will be able to assist us.

Our unit going forward will highlight members of the Komediants. Our first Noble has been with the unit since 1967. He is our oldest member and one of

the busiest Nobles we know. Who is it - Noble Allan Johnston. Noble Al joined the Shrine in October 1967 and joined our unit in January of 1968. His clown name is "JUMBO". Noble Al is very active when the unit meets at Khartum Shrine Centre. Noble Al is very community minded - weekly he can be found chatting with residents at the Middlechurch Personal Care Home. Every Christmas, Noble Al delivers boxes of chocolates to the ladies of the Komediants. All this at the young age of 94 - age has not slowed him down. I personally have never seen him in makeup but I am sure he was a crowd pleaser in the glory days of our Shrine Circus. Noble Al is still going strong today in spite of a set back with hip surgery in the past few months. I don't think it will be long till he is back up chatting with us at our door.

To all our friends be safe, and keep a smile on your face.

*Noble Kevin "Boba" Davis
Past President
(2005, 2009, 2019)*



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July 9
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Fourth Fridays, 7 pm

May 28
Show & Tell

June 25
Bingo Night

July 23
Noisy Charades



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instructions, etc
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Membership Team

By Noble Kevin Davis, Chairman

Greetings, People of Khartum - I am the membership Chairman, my job is to "WOW YOU" into bringing candidates from the Blue Lodge to become worthy Nobles who will embrace **Fun, Fellowship** and be part of the best **Fraternity** on the global stage.

I must be doing something wrong, I was taught to be nice (**really hard for me**) be sincere (**even harder**) and to show how great wearing a Fez can be. (**That is easy to do**). So we have had in the past year 8 new Nobles join our ranks but we lost 29 Nobles to the Black Camel. We need to do better.

So here is the plan, on April 17th this Temple will be doing a **VIRTUAL CEREMONY** where we will have 4 Brothers walk across the snowy sands to be fezzed virtually. This has been no easy feat. But we have Nobles like George Paterson and the great guys in the Pipes & Drum bring in a worthy Piper, then we have a Noble way out west in the Dauphin Shrine Club who last year brought in a record 7 Nobles all by himself, his name Noble Rae Csversko not to be out done he wanted to carry on this year with another 2 that will join the seven from last year doubling the SC membership within a year. Congrats to both Nobles.

So how do they do it, well it is easy REALLY!

Step 1.

Chat with your Lodge Secretary get a list of Brothers who are in your Lodge.

Step 2.

Is someone in your Lodge not a Shriner??

Step 3.

You have a list of Brothers from Lodge, then phone the ones who are not Shriners and chat with them about joining, get an email address from them or just their phone number if they don't have email.

Step 4.

When you chat with them asked them when they joined lodge, have they completed their MM degree or are planning to complete the journey? Ask them what they like to do as a hobby? Are they MARRIED? Now we move to the fun part

Step 5.

If they have email ask them to go to

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and join. Once they are in our system we will do the rest and you will become their Mentor when they come in. Now if they do not have email we can still get them in, have them fill out a paper petition and bring that into us here at the office, **C/O Membership Chairman**. I will then send them out info on the Shrine. Easy So Easy.

So unfortunately by the time you read this our Spring Ceremonial (**Virtual**) will be over and we will be working on our Fall Ceremonial (**Virtual**) we need 28 New Nobles this year, the Potentate wants 50 but I will settle for 28.

We have at the time of writing this report 528 Nobles, it can not

be done by one person or can it? Take a look at Noble Rae and the Dauphin SC that brought in 9 new Nobles with a lot of hard work. Can you do the same? **Do you have your 2 minute elevator talk ready for the next Brother to possibly join our ranks?**

Well all I want is for everyone in Khartum to bring in



#JUSTONE. Let's make this Fall Ceremonial something to remember.

On a lighter note, did you know that we here in membership have not just been waiting for you to bring in new Nobles? We have been in school! Yes, online school. We started our training way back in November of 2020 and will finish the online training in June. Then if all works out we may head to Tampa and the HQ of Shriners International to do a weekend of in-person training to graduate in the first ever Membership & Marketing Class. Your students are Ills. Sir Denis Lorteau, Nobles Bill Gilchrist, Darrell Rostek, Bob James and Kevin Davis. The training we are receiving will help us move forward with changes that will need to be made to keep us viable in the years to come not only with recruiting & retention but Marketing the building we all love to meet in. So you see we have not rested we have been busy and so should you. Let's have fun in 2021.

Fraternal Greetings from your Membership Team

Khartum Ruff Riders

By Illustrious Sir Doug McKechnie, President

The “White Stuff” has bit the dust and the “Snow Birds” have returned, hey wait a minute! Because of Covid – 19 the Snow Birds all had to stay home this year with the rest of us. It can only mean that it is time to polish up the “Big Reds” and with our batteries recharged and hopefully roar into the summer of ‘21 and at least roar around our parking lot. Last year was a total bust so let’s hope for the best.

The executive for 2021 will be:
 President: Doug McKechnie
 Vice President: Ken Duguid
 Secretary/Treasurer: Albert Lee
 Past President: Hamish Barrit

***Interested in riding
 a “Big Red”?***

The Ruff Riders continue to seek out new Members to replace those who no longer ride. We meet the second Tuesday of each month (except July & August) in Room 117, Shrine House at 7:30 PM. Our Cycles have a perfect safety record and are not that difficult to learn to ride; time commitments is not extreme; the costs may be more reasonable than you think; and it sure beats walking.

If you are interested in sharing good fellowship in a Unit where your lady will be a part of as

many activities as possible, we would be most pleased to have you visit with us. Our Membership Chairman, Noble Hamish Barrit, can be reached at 204-253-0293. We look forward to hearing from you!



Khartum Ladies Auxiliary

By Susan Woodward, President

Khartum Ladies Auxiliary is a group of hardworking dedicated ladies who raise funds to make a difference in special needs children’s lives. It is a non-profit charitable organization with membership of approximately 100 ladies. We are a registered charitable organization and as such, tax receipts may be issued for any donation.

The mandate of our organization is to raise funds to support Shriners Hospitals for Children, the Children's Rehabilitation Foundation, and any organization helping children living with disabilities within the Khartum Shrine jurisdiction. We support the Khartum Shrine Patient Transportation fund as well as

fund equipment, computer programs, toys, books, etc. for the Children's Rehabilitation Foundation.

Due to Covid-19 we have reduced our fundraising to two projects this year. We are selling Bothwell Cheese this spring and will sell Morden’s Chocolate’s in the fall. Both projects will be safe and follow Pandemic protocols. To order Bothwell Cheese, contact Bonnie Davies at 204-284-6229 or e-mail bonniedavies@mymts.net or e-mail myself woodwards1954@gmail.com.

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 are eligible for membership in the Auxiliary.

Our Meetings are held the first Monday of each month, September to May at the Khartum Shrine Centre, 1155 Wilkes Ave, Winnipeg, MB. In 2020, due to the pandemic, meetings were paused and resumed virtually by zoom in February, 2021. Meetings begin at 1:30 p.m. Dues are \$20.00 annually. If you are interested in joining as a guest to see what we are about, please call me at 204-797-7295.

*Susan Woodward,
 Khartum Ladies Auxiliary President*



VIRTUAL CEREMONIAL April 17, 2021 — In Honour of Illustrious Sir Brian Terin

- Noble Thedwinston Paris
- Noble Melvin Domingo
- Noble Gaudencio Arcega
- Noble Joe Hooper





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Khartum Hospital Report

By *Illustrious Sir Don Thomson, Hospital Chair*



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As you know 2020 was not a great year for the Shriners Organization. With everything being cancelled or postponed globally due to the pandemic, it was a very disappointing experience to Khartum Shriners and the complete Masonic Organization. I apologize for not having a report in the last issue of the Kronicle, however, I was incredibly pleased that Illustrious Sir Denis and Lady Lindsey recognized and committed to the value of communication and reinstated the Kronicle once more.

With the advent of the pandemic in March 2020 Khartum Shrine patient visitations fell greatly. From January to the end of February we had provided for patients to attend 22 appointments including 1 new patient who went to the Canadian Hospital. During the months of March, April, May, and June we did not have any patients travelling due to appointments being cancelled or postponed based on Public Health Orders. In July we had some patients start to travel again; by year end Khartum provided the opportunity for a total of 41 patients (20 to Canadian, 20 to Twin Cities, 1 to Philadelphia) get to 70 appointments, included in this total were 12 new patients. In addition, we had 5 patients receive Telehealth Visits. Other than the telehealth visits, the patient appointments varied in length from 1-day to 2 weeks or longer.

Khartum's patient costs for 2020 were approximately \$80,000.00. And while our costs were down, so too were the donations. However, I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge and graciously thank the Khartum Ladies Auxil-

iary for your continued unwavering support and annual donation to the Patient Transportation Fund. Unfortunately, because of COVID, we were only able to provide 1 travel bag to a patient this year. I have discussed this with Lady Pat Allenby and advised her the patients that were missed will be provided bags on a subsequent visit when Public Health Orders permit me to see them off at the airport once again.

I should also add that thanks to the Khartum Shrine First Lady's Program "Big Wheels Keep on Turning". This program allowed Khartum Shriners to be able to replace a Khartum patient's wheelchair which had been provided through the Canadian Hospital.

As we moved into 2021, we had one patient who spent Christmas in Montreal leaving Winnipeg on November 10, 2020 and returning home February 3, 2021. In addition to this patient during the first quarter of 2021 Khartum Shriners assisted 10 patients (8 Canadian 2 Twin Cities) travelling to 17 appointments and had 5 patients receive Telehealth visits. Our costs to the end of March are about \$15,000.00, a big thanks to the Air Canada Foundation for flight support. This year we have patients that are having longer stays due to procedures in hospital; 1 patient went to Montreal on January 16 and is expected to return end of April, 2 patients had 3 week stays, 2 patients had 2 week stays, while 1 patient has had 7 appointments in Twin Cities. I have had a couple of families cancel their appointments because of the quarantine require-

ments on returning home.

Khartum Shriners has again received West Jet Travel vouchers for use by the Canadian Temples for 2021, due to revised schedules and lack of available flights the Temples have not been able to utilize these yet. I had been using Aeroplan miles to help save some costs, but those have run out at present. Air Canada has provided some flight passes to Shriners Hospitals for Children Canada which I have been able to utilize, however these passes require us to pay some taxes and fees (just under \$3000.00).

In 2020 the New Shriners Children's Twin Cities was opened in Woodbury MN a suburb of Minneapolis. This facility is strictly an outpatient clinic; surgeries for our patients are conducted at Gillette Children's or other facilities including SHC Canada. Our patients and families who use this facility are incredibly pleased with the staff, location, and facility.

Dr Christopher S Vara MD Pediatric Orthopedic Surgeon at Shriners Children's Twin Cities has been recognized as one of Minnesota's 100 Most Influential Health Care Leaders. Dr Vara says that like any business, health care must balance quality and finances. Health care is extremely complicated for patients to navigate, including factors such as gaining access to a provider, locating a specialty, coordinating care between providers, and understanding clinical and financial responsibilities. Our wrap-around service provides patients access to orthopedic specialty providers, ancillary services, and care management in a

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single location to remove barriers in the advancement of their care. We have taken further steps to simplify the patient experience via telehealth in our new outpatient location, which is available throughout our six-state service area. We provide high quality of care to children without regard to the ability of a patient or family to pay

Michelle Jones, child life specialist at Shriners Children's Twin Cities, has been chosen as one of *Twin Cities Business Magazine's* Notable Heroes in Health Care! They recognize medical professionals who serve on the front lines and behind the scenes, fighting COVID-19 and working to keep their patients as healthy as possible. Michelle received this honor because of the adaptations she made to her work when COVID-19 restrictions did not allow her to see patients face-to-face. She created several video presentations to help families through the beginning of this pandemic.

In December 2020 Shriners Hospitals for Children — Canada proudly launched the French adaptation of *Rinascero, rinascerei*, composed by Roby Facchinetti and written by Stefano D'Orazio, who sadly passed away from COVID-19. Singer Daniela Fiorentino, an Italian from Naples and a Montrealer by adoption, has adapted the song into French for Quebec audiences. In March 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic brought the whole world to its knees, especially in Italy. Roby and Stefano have graciously decided to donate all proceeds from the diffusion of *Rinascero, rinascerei* to the Giovanni XXIII Hospital in Bergamo, a city severely hit by the pandemic. On

this side of the world, all the profits from the diffusion of the French adaptation will go to Shriners Hospitals for Children — Canada. Composed in tears but brought to life with strength and resilience during quarantine, *Rinascero, rinascerei* received over 15 million views in just a few days. Around the world, artists are translating the song into their own languages for the benefit of foundations in their respective countries. You can view the video by copying and pasting "*Je renaitrai, tu renaitras*", in your web browser. This song demonstrates a musical act of solidarity between Italy and Canada, a simple way to do some good in spite of COVID.

Dr Thierry E. Benaroch, Orthopedic Surgeon at Shriners Hospitals for Children - Canada, has been named as the Chief of Staff at Shriners Hospital for Children Canada. Dr Benaroch started at the Shriners Hospitals for Children – Canada in 1993, however he did his master's degree there starting in 1986. He says that thinking about everything the Shriners has brought me over the last 27 years, I only want one thing: to give back. This institution is simply extraordinary, and my wish is to continue sharing the legacy that the Shriners network established at the beginning of the 20th century. His clinical interests are cerebral palsy, foot disorders including club feet, and developmental dysplasia of the hip. Dr Benaroch is also Division Director of Pediatric Orthopedics and Associate Professor of Surgery at McGill University.

Overall, the Canadian Hospital has returned to nearly 100% pre-

COVID capacity in the Ambulatory Clinic, Rehabilitation Department as well as the Operating Room all the while ensuring all sanitation requirements are met. An incredible total of 2060 visits occurred in the Ambulatory Care Clinic, a strong beginning of the year with numbers reaching impressive pre-COVID levels. I am happy to say that the Canadian Hospital remains COVID Free and as of the middle of March, 94% of hospital staff have been vaccinated.

Shriners Hospitals for Children – Canada wants to hear from our patients and families. They may receive a satisfaction survey in the days following their visit. Press Ganey an independent firm evaluate their experience with our hospital. They measure our performance to guarantee the accuracy of the results and ensure that the process is confidential. Press Ganey is a highly recognized firm within the health sector that has been working with hundreds of hospitals in North America for over 35 years. Founded by Drs. Press and Ganey, an anthropologist and statistician respectively, Press Ganey's mission is to assist health establishments to understand and improve the patient experience. All Shriners hospitals use their services.

The survey is sent out every time a patient visits the hospital (except if they've had several appointments within a short period of time). They receive the questionnaire by mail (with a self-addressed envelope), by email or by text. The electronic version will come from survey@pressganey-surveys.com and contains a link to the survey. If received by email, they can use a computer, tablet or smartphone to complete it. The way the surveys are sent out is ran-

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dom so the hospital can't tell whether they'll receive a paper or electronic version.

The feedback regarding the out-patient or rehab experience, surgery or hospitalization is important, the survey will allow families to rate several aspects of their hospital visit. As examples; were you satisfied with the way you booked an appointment? Was the staff courteous? Did you feel safe in the hospital? Did you feel that there was teamwork among the clinicians? Did you feel ready to leave when you were discharged from the hospital?

Survey results are usually very positive and many of you say that they'd recommend our hospital to someone else. In the last four years, our hospitalization unit won the Press Ganey award for outstanding organizations. However, the results also show that there's room for improvement in some sectors and departments. Their feedback helps to improve our services and staff listen to what they have to say.

Patients can be rest assured their feedback – good or bad – will in no way affect the quality of the services they receive at the Shriners Hospitals for Children – Canada.

In closing I recently received a card from a patient's family which I would like to share . This patient underwent a series of bone lengthening procedures. *"We wanted to thank you for everything you did to support our son during this process. We wouldn't have done this without the support from Shriners. We had a few firsts this week our son could see himself in the bathroom mirror, and he could reach his bedroom light switch. These are things that we will never take for granted LIFE ALTERING. Thanks for everything you do to make this possible, we are forever grateful to the Shriners."*

I also received an email from another patient's family which read *"Want to let you know we*

came home Friday the trip except for the 7 hour delay in Toronto was perfect our accommodation and everything. The surgery was well beyond what we thought possible we are extremely grateful to all, from you to the surgeons, nurses, social services, and everybody in between. Thanks again for everything".

These thank yous are a culmination of the work you have all provided. While I may have the privilege of being the face of Khartum Shriners to our patient families -it is your efforts, your devotion, and your care that provides for these families. The difference you make is real; the lives you change is real; and the legacy of love, time, energy, hours, finances and care make a difference in the life of each and every child we help.

Nobles and Ladies thank you for your support and everything you do and have done for the Shrine and our Shrine Patients. You have put smiles on our children's faces and given them the greatest gift of all – HOPE FOR THE FUTURE.



Illustrious Sirs Don Thomson and Doug McKechnie handed out goodie bags through the car windows at the Drive-through Easter Egg Hunt

Sioux Lookout Shrine Club

By Noble BJ Egerter, President

The Covid-19 pandemic has prevented all Masonic activity in the Province of Ontario, as it has elsewhere. The Grand Lodge of Ontario has advised that all current restrictions will remain in effect until at least September 1, 2021.

As such, no new Masons can be voted on, initiated, or advanced through their Masonic journey. This in turn, limits Masons available to join our ranks in the Shrine Fraternity. It also prevents any meetings or activity at our Lodges.

Despite this, the Sioux Lookout Shrine Club has maintained communication via phone, email and Zoom discussions. Although pandemic restrictions have limited our activity somewhat, we have been able to make some progress in our goals for 2021.

Our club has recently placed our order for the Christmas season's Shrine cakes and cookies. We were able to completely sell out our stock last year, with the community demand for the shortbread cookies exceeding our supply. We have raised our order for this year, and are encouraged by the new shortbread cookies being ordered, which are very much in line with what our

customers have been requesting.

As noted in the last edition of the Khronicle, we are hoping to have the opportunity to raise money through several barbecues that are scheduled through the community of Sioux Lookout in the summer. These barbecues are always a great way for our Nobles and Ladies to spend time together, having fun while raising money to support our fraternity.

Plans continue to develop for the annual golf tournament, planned, organized and run by the Ladies of the Sioux Lookout Shrine Club, with the Nobles happy to assist their ladies. ***Remember Kevin Davis, the Shrine is also a Woman's Organization***LOL

Again, current plans are for the golf tournament to take place during the week of Sunday June 27, culminating on Saturday July 3. Golfers will be able to play at any golf course, in any jurisdiction. Last year we had golfers from Ontario, Manitoba, and even as far as Arizona. Registration fee is only \$25, for which the participant will receive an income tax receipt.

It is hoped that the tournament will conclude with a bbq and

silent auction on Saturday July 3 in Sioux Lookout. If pandemic situation permits, we are hoping to have the closing ceremonies bbq at the Legion in Sioux Lookout, or possibly an outdoor location if necessary. Please help to support this wonderful cause, and have some fun. Fun with a purpose is a big part of being a Shriner.

It would be greatly appreciated if Nobles from Winnipeg were able to make the trek from Manitoba to Sioux Lookout to help support the event, and to just have a good time. A reminder that Sioux Lookout Shrine also provides designated driving services, in case Nobles wish to enjoy a cocktail at the bbq. I repeat that we recognize that all plans are tentative pending the evolving regulations and safety concerns.

We are keeping our fingers crossed that as vaccines increase, and health conditions improve, hopefully restrictions will start to ease up, and we will slowly make our way back to more social activities.

Take care, stay safe,

Noble Klaus Kuorz.

on behalf of Noble BJ Egerter

President

Sioux Lookout Shrine Club

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From the Recorder's Desk

By Illustrious Sir Doug McKechnie, PP, Recorder/Building Manager

Hopefully a busy year- A new Potentate and Khartum Temple is stuck once again for the 2nd year because of the Covid-19 situation. At the moment the temple is closed down and limited to 10 people until the red zone is lifted to orange zone which will allow us to have unit meetings at least.

We all have our work cut out for us during this pandemic, Membership especially or lack of it. This past year we have dropped our numbers by quite a few and we need you to do your best to help out our Membership Chairman Noble Kevin Davis with this. We know he will welcome all your help and assistance.

We receive many donations, "In Memory of" a deceased Noble,

Potentate's Lady

By Lady Lindsey Lorteau

I'm continuing to host monthly virtual get togethers where the ladies will chat, catch up, play bingo, play trivia, etc! It's been great having a casual, fun evening so far. See you on Zoom!

This year, my First Lady's Project is iPads to facilitate a research project at Shriners Hospitals for Children – Canada in the field of Arthrogyrosis multiplex congenita (AMC) and build a database. AMC is clinically defined as congenital joint contractures in two or more areas of the body; meaning affected joints become permanently fixed in a flexed or extended position. This rare condition can completely or partially restrict joint movement, impacting the joint function and range of motion. .

relative or friend, from time to time and the cheques are made out to a variety of names. It is very simple to follow these guidelines:

1. If you require an official receipt for Income tax purposes, make checks payable to Khartum Patient Transportation Fund, or Shriners Hospital for Children-Canada and provide us information where the donation has come from and where you would like acknowledgement sent to, this is helpful to better serve our generous donors.
2. If you do not require an official receipt for income tax purposes it is certainly acceptable to make check payable to Khartum Tem-

ple; these funds help with the every day cost of running our temple.

We have used this time to improve the building and the outside grounds; we have done lots of touch up painting and cleaning. We have organized a lot of the storage lockers, cleaned garage etc. We are also looking at putting surveillance cameras in and around the building and costing out a security fence at the back of the building to secure our Can Van much better. The catalytic convertor was cut off on March 5, 2021 at a replacement cost of \$700.00.

Hopefully as the year goes on the pandemic will get better and will be able to get together once again, please stay healthy and safe.

This research project, lead by the research team at Canada Shriners Hospital, will gather data from over 300 families, and a functional assessment providing current information on the child's mobility, contractures, joints, level of autonomy in their daily life, pain level and quality of life. Paired with their history of medical procedures, this information will give a better understanding of the child's medical and clinical needs. The ultimate goal of this database is to map out the relationships between the physical traits—or phenotype—and the genotype. As the only Canadian Hospital with a multidisciplinary AMC Clinic, AMC patients seek their expertise.

One of the main fundraisers for this Project will be a virtual Walk for Love **from May 21 -- 31**. Please see <https://donate.lovetotherescue.org/khartumshrineladies> to donate or join a team. Consider creating a team as your Unit or Club. The poster on the previous page has been sent to all Nobles from the office. You can walk anywhere from anywhere and contribute in Canadian or US dollars. If you know someone who would like to be a sponsor, please call the office.

I hope we will see you all out at parades this summer but I'm not holding my breath for that. Please stay safe everyone!

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Ritualistic Unit

By Noble John Hill, President

The Khartum Shrine Ritualistic Unit, under the leadership of our Ceremonial Potentate, Noble Bob James, has been busily preparing for the virtual Mini Ceremonial on April 17, 2021. At least four new Nobles will be fezzed, and joining our fraternity.

A big thank you to Noble Kevin Davis, our Membership Chair. These are challenging times, with limited Shrine or Masonic activity, yet you continue to find new Brothers to join the Shrine. Well done Noble Kevin.

As we all know, Covid-19 restrictions have prevented much of our planned activities and meetings. The Ritualistic Unit

has continued to meet by Zoom, which has allowed us to keep our members informed, and also maintain some degree of normalcy in our activities.

The upcoming Mini Ceremonial will also see a playing of the Shrine Arch Ceremony performed by the Ritualistic Unit in 2019. We are cautiously optimistic that we will be able to build on this performance, and include several new Unit members at another full installation and ceremonial.

We encourage all Nobles and their friends and family to watch this presentation, and hopefully another live version in October. The Shrine Arch presentation

explains the degrees of Masonry as well as connection to the Shrine Fraternity.

Noble Bob James traveled to several Shrine jurisdictions to observe different Arch presentations, as well as meeting with the Kansas City Noble that scripted the original Arch Ceremony. Thank you Lady Gayle for lending Bob out to the Ritualistic Unit for the long hours he has been putting in.

Until we can see each other safely again, please continue to stay safe and healthy.

Noble John Hill

President

Khartum Shrine Ritualistic Unit



After getting challenged by Noble Jacob Cummings of Ben Ali Shrine, Khartum participated in the **#SHCJelloChallenge** after the Virtual Ceremonial: Potentate Illustrious Sir Denis Lorteau, Hospital Chair Illustrious Sir Don Thomson and Membership Chair Noble Kevin Davis. Noble Kevin won but they all got covered in Jello! They challenged others in their support of Shriners Hospitals for Children. If you didn't see the video on Zoom, check it out on the Khartum Facebook page!

#CutTheBull



Anti-Bullying Tips

Respect: Let us look beyond one another's differences and overcome our fears to see the ability in everyone.

Reach Out: Talk to, include and get to know someone who is being treated differently.

Respond: If you see someone being teased or put down, do not participate. Instead, show support for the person and tell an adult.

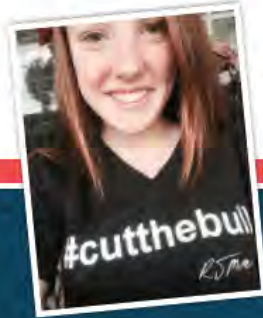



Be an Anti-Bullying Advocate

Kids with physical disabilities are twice as likely to be bullied than others.* It's time to embrace our differences. It's time to see the ability in one another. It's time to cut the bull.

Shriners Hospitals for Children wants to empower all kids with the information they need to be anti-bullying advocates in their communities.

For additional resources, including a #CutTheBull tool kit and article from our experts, visit cutthebull.org.



* National Bullying Prevention Center, pacer.org/bullying

« Madelyn Hubbs, a Shriners Hospitals for Children patient ambassador is also an anti-bullying advocate.



Noble Darrell Rostek, Noble Kevin Davis and Illustrious Sir Denis Lorteau with the ice sculpture fez in -40 C temps! Thanks to those who drove out to Khartum to snap their picture with it or added yourselves in through the magic of technology to have some #FunIn21!

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Upcoming Events

DATE	HOST	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
May 4	Temple	Unit Council	Shrine Centre/Zoom	7:00
May 14	Potentate	Pote's Oasis	Zoom	7:00
May 21—31	First Lady	Virtual Walk for Love	Various	
May 28	First Lady	Ladies Night In	Zoom	7:00
May 29	Temple	Stated Meeting	Shrine Centre/Zoom	1:30
June 1	Temple	Unit Council	Shrine Centre/Zoom	7:00
June 6	Temple	Shriners Awareness & BBQ	Shrine Centre	1:00
June 11	Potentate	Pote's Oasis	Zoom	7:00
June 15	H. Barrit	Calendar Draw	Shrine Centre	7:30
June 21	Potentate	Temple Birthday	Shrine Centre	All day
June 25	First Lady	Ladies Night In	Zoom	7:00
June 27 — July 3	Sioux Look-out Club	Golf Tournament	Sioux Lookout	
July 4—8	Imperial	147th Imperial Session	Houston, TX	
July 9	Potentate	Pote's Oasis	Zoom	7:00
July 23	First Lady	Ladies Night In	Zoom	7:00

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