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**ILL. SIR DARREN CHRUIKSHANKS
& LADY APRIL**



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My Potentate's pin represents the unity that we have with our Masonic Lodges. Without these two organizations our world would most definitely be a much worse place to live. The power of the statement "together we can" is infinite and we all need to strive to achieve this with every single activity that we undertake as a Shriner.

"Together we can" move mountains, we all need to focus on moving forward with getting back to having fun and fellowship as we move those mountains and we need to involve our ladies because I believe they will play a very important part in the future of Gizeh.



MEET THE POTENTATE

POTENTATE 2021

III. Sir Darren Chruikshanks

Illustrious Sir Darren Chruikshanks is 55 years old, was born in Dawson Creek and raised in a rural area outside of Dawson Creek call Arras. His Masonic life started in 2012 in Peace Lodge #126; he then joined the Gizeh Shriners in 2013 in Vernon at Illustrious Sir Glenn Allen's, Spring Ceremonial. Darren was fortunate to be able to share his installation as a new Noble with his father George Chruikshanks, who also join the Shriners at this hot sands ceremony. He immediately went to work on getting his local Shrine Club (Mile 0 Shrine Club #24) back into the eyes of the residents of Dawson Creek by setting up the Tin Lizzy Patrol, which would be a welcome fixture in all the local parades. As the Vice President of his Club, Darren set up a deal with the local Browns Social House to do an annual fundraiser, which has now expanded to the Fort St. John restaurant and also did a one year fundraiser in Vernon at their Browns Social House.

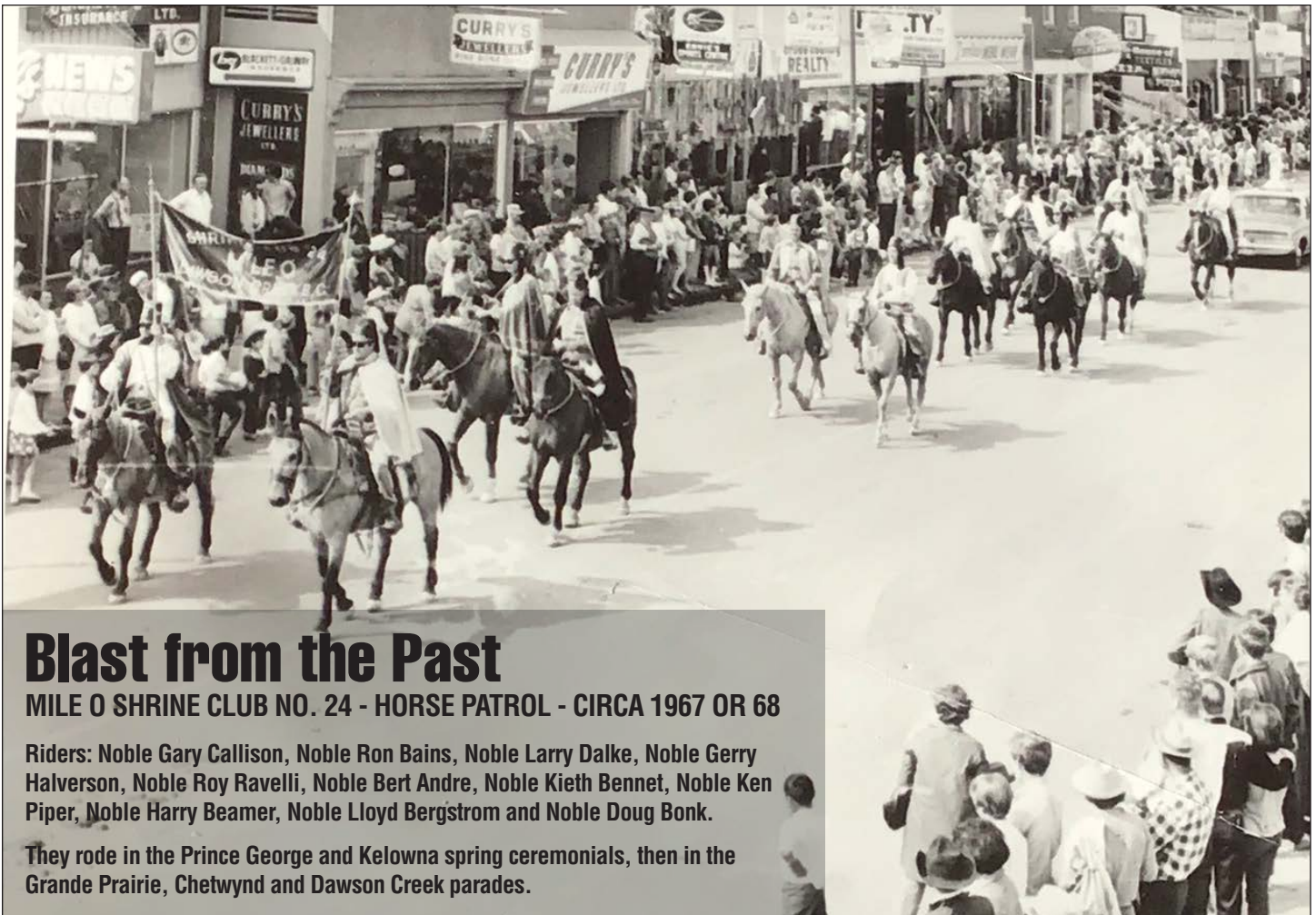
Darren went through the Chairs in his Lodge and eventually became the Worshipful Master of his Lodge in 2017,

leading his Lodge for a 2-year period. This was the same year Darren decided to run for Oriental Guide and was nominated and accepted by the Nobility to represent them on the Divan. In January 2018, Darren was installed as the Oriental Guide in Nanaimo under the leadership of Illustrious Sir Harold Wallace.

Darren is a founding member of the Allied Masonic Degrees chapter in Dawson Creek and was the Sovereign Master of that Lodge in 2019. He is a member of Royal Arch and President of the Peace Masonic Temples Association.

Over his life Darren has worked with many local charities and organizations as a board member such as the Dawson Creek Hospital Foundation of which he was the Chairman in 2019, the South Peace Oilman's Association and the local Chamber of Commerce. Helping people is just something that you do he said.

Darren is married to Lady April.



Blast from the Past

MILE 0 SHRINE CLUB NO. 24 - HORSE PATROL - CIRCA 1967 OR 68

Riders: Noble Gary Callison, Noble Ron Bains, Noble Larry Dalke, Noble Gerry Halverson, Noble Roy Ravelli, Noble Bert Andre, Noble Kieth Bennet, Noble Ken Piper, Noble Harry Beamer, Noble Lloyd Bergstrom and Noble Doug Bonk.

They rode in the Prince George and Kelowna spring ceremonials, then in the Grande Prairie, Chetwynd and Dawson Creek parades.



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Together We Can

Membership is our biggest issue plaguing the Shrine today with the Black Camel taking many of our senior members each year and fewer and fewer young men joining fraternities.

Ill. Sir Darren Chruikshanks has made membership his number 1 priority for 2021. His slogan says it all - "Together We Can".

Remember when we first became Shriners? We all had so much hope and promise of sharing fun, fellowship and helping our Shrine children. Many of us have wonderfully fond memories of doing all those things and look forward to doing them again.

But suddenly for a lot of us, we got tired.

Tired of doing the same old things. Waiting for someone to come up with the next new BIG idea that would make it all exciting again. Well, that someone is you, and you, ... and you and me, because "Together We can".

"Together we can" enthusiastically welcome all new members and their families into the Shrine. "Together we can" rebuild our Clubs and Units with renewed purpose. "Together we can" encourage our Masonic Brethren to join us in the works of the world's greatest philanthropy. "Together we can" have fun and purpose again.

Your Membership Committee is working with the Marketing Committee to build towards an effective social media presence. The Membership Committee is also at work putting together an action plan for Gizeh's future. We need your participation and we need our ideas, for "Together we can".

Ill. Sir Joe Trerice P.P.

Potentate, 2017

2021 Gizeh Membership Chair



CANADA POST – GIZEH POSTAGE STAMPS – NOW AVAILABLE

Yes, Gizeh Postage Stamps are now available and selling for \$25/book. Gizeh Postage Stamps are available from any Divan member as a cash sale, or from the Gizeh Shrine Centre Office (Dixie) 604-291-7707 with a credit card.

Dear Illustrious Sir
and members of the Divan:

I'm the guy who was asked to join your organization. I'm the guy who paid his dues to join. I'm the guy who stood up in front of you and promised to be faithful and loyal. I'm the guy who came to your meetings and no one paid any attention to me. I tried several times to be friendly with some of the fellows, but they all had their own buddies to talk to and to sit next to. I sat down alone several times, but no one paid attention to me. I hoped very much that somebody would have asked me to take part in a fundraising project or something, but no one saw my efforts when I volunteered.

I missed a few meetings after joining because I was sick and couldn't be there, nobody asked me at the next meeting where I had been. I guess it didn't matter very much to the others whether I was there or not. The next meeting, I decided to stay home and watch TV. I attended the following meeting and nobody asked where I was when the last meeting was held.

You might say I'm a good guy, a good family man who holds a responsible job and loves his community. You know who else I am? I'm the guy who never came back. It amuses me when I think back on how the heads of the organization were discussing why the organization was losing members. It amuses me now to think that you spent so much time looking for new members when I was there all the time and all you needed to do was simply make me feel needed, wanted and welcome.

Regretfully yours,
A member that you lost ☹



2021 Divan Committees

Noble Ron Yates, CHIEF RABBAN

Bylaws Committee (member) Noble John Parks (chair)
Fraternal Relations Committee (chair)
Insurance Advisory Committee (chair)
Long Range Planning Committee (member)
Noble Neil Lewis chair

Noble Alp Isin, ASSISTANT RABBAN

Bylaws Committee (member) Noble John Parks (chair)
IT Services Liaison-Internal Systems (chair)
Long Range Planning (member) Noble Neil Lewis (chair)
CSS Travel & SYCF Committee (chair)

Noble Ron Erickson, HIGH PRIEST & PROPHET

Fraternal Relations Committee (member) Noble Ron Yates (chair)
Lotteries Club & Unit Gaming Grant Approvals (chair)

Noble Troy Bell, ORIENTAL GUIDE

Leadership Search Committee (member) Ill. Sir Wally Lee (chair)
Membership Committee (member) Ill. Sir Joe Trerice (chair)
CSS Travel & SYCF Committee (member) Noble Alp Isin (chair)

Noble Sunil Debba, TREASURER

Finance Committee (chair)



CORRECTION!

Dear Gizeh News,

Great job on your Dec 2020 issue, however I'd like to point out a minor error in your page 3 story beside the photo "New Calliope for Penticton Shrine Club No.20".

The Noble mentioned in the article and standing beside the Calliope in the photo is Noble Rod Marquet, not Champken.

Perhaps a correction could be reprinted in the next edition.

*Thank You,
R C, Penticton Shrine Club No. 20*

The Harvey Sayles Fishing Derby event, sponsored by the Creston Shrine Club No. 35 has been cancelled due to Covid19. The event is expected to return in 2022.



Gizeh News Submissions

NEXT EDITION: May/June 2021. For possible inclusion in the next edition of the GIZEH NEWS, please send your articles and photos (.jpg) to one of the following email addresses:

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Vernon Shine CLUB #7

The Vernon Shrine Club #7 recognized two long-time Shriners at their January 2021 virtual meeting. Noble Ken Seely and Noble Jan Loos were recognized by their Club Membership for their dedication to the Club, our fraternity, and especially to Shrine Children.



Presented to
Noble Ken Seely
With Thanks for
Outstanding Leadership
as
Club President
VERNON SHRINE CLUB #7



Presented to
Noble Jan Loos
In recognition of your
exemplary dedication in promoting
the care of Shrine Children &
always being there for sick kids
VERNON SHRINE CLUB #7

2021 Fraternal Relations COMMITTEE REPORT

The current Fraternal Relations that we have registered with Gizeh Directory is The Grand Lodge of B.C. and Yukon and The Daughters of the Nile.

We plan on expanding this to include all the Concordant Bodies along with their Officers and related information.

We will also be putting in the Directory of when and where their Annual Meetings will be held.

If we miss anything please notify Noble Ron Yates at Home 1-250-248-9969, Cel 1-250-228-3345 or email rjyates@shaw.ca.

Yours in the Faith,
Noble Ron Yates (Chair)

**“Death is a
black camel that
kneels unbidden
at every gate.”**



The Divan and Nobility of Gizeh Shriners are saddened by the passing of their Nobles during the period.

NOVEMBER 15, 2020 - JANUARY 31, 2021

NOBLE'S NAME	RESIDENCE	DATE OF PASSING
Ross K. Fraser	Ladysmith, BC	12/22/2020
Murray L. Morrison	Vancouver, BC	12/12/2020
George A. Jolly Jr.	Burnaby, BC	1/11/2021
Frederick G. Osborne	West Kelowna, BC	12/6/2020
Gerald E. Martin	Coquitlam, BC	11/15/2020
J. Michael Cruise	Delta, BC	1/21/2021
Cecil E. Rees	Victoria, BC	1/9/2021
Archibald C. Walker	Langley, BC	11/29/2020
Norman B. Johnson	Parksville, BC	11/29/2020



NOBLE BRIAN SCHIERER | NOBLE TONY MULDER Shriners Hospitals for Children - Spokane Hospital Board Change

Gizeh Nobles,

I have some big shoes to fill with

Noble Brian Schierer's term concluding on the Board of Governors of the Shriners Hospitals for Children - Spokane. Noble Brian was a well respected Gizeh representative for 10 years. I am looking forward to working with the excellent staff of the Spokane Shriners Hospital that provide "The Best Care Anywhere".

With Covid19 affecting all of our lives. The Shrine hospitals continue to provide the much needed care/ surgeries. "Change" is the word that leads us into 2021.

I'm looking forward to where the Shriners are leading healthcare services for Children.

The future looks bright.

Noble Tony Mulder



NOBLE BRIAN SCHIERER



NOBLE TONY MULDER



Alec Cabacungan, spokesperson for Shriners Hospital for Children

Shriners of BC & Yukon Child Services Society ("CSS")

Current Statistics

NOVEMBER 28, 2020 TO FEBRUARY 3, 2021

Shriners Hospitals for Children

Portland	Spokane	Montreal
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Transportation Costs

(Includes expenses from families, hotel and air fare)

\$4,353⁶⁰

* Approximate figures based on patient averages and quoted travel and accommodation costs.

Shriners in Your Community Fund

("SYCF") Applications: 37 approvals

\$55,195⁹¹

TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT

** SYCF figures are from quotes received and the summary of approvals.



A Shrine Child Story results in a new member

I was phoned by Shrine Child A's father Jeff, out of the blue in February 2020, who first asked me "what kind of tattoo would be appropriate to show my appreciation in helping my son." I was shaking my head going WTH. Jeff then told me the same old story we have heard many times about how Children's Hospital in Vancouver and Calgary, about delay after delay. Jeff didn't say how he heard of Shriners hospitals but was extremely grateful. I chatted with him and suggested he could be a Shrine Mason, he agreed. I sent Jeff's info to WB Will Nixon from Fisher Peak Lodge in Cranbrook, and Will's info to Jeff. Then this Covid thing happened.

I was dropping off some debris at a local transfer station 20 minutes north of my house when Neil Arrowsmith, a person who I had worked with 14 years ago, walked up to me and said, "I have some xrays of my Grandson's back surgery, would you like me to send them to you?" I said for sure. I gave him my email, and WOW, I have never seen such a visual of what we raise funds for, I had to send that out to everyone.

Shrine Child "A" was born in 2002, he graduated high school in 2020, and is now working in computers.

Shrine Child "A"'s great grandfather was Noble Doug Floyd, who was President of Creston Valley Shrine Club in 1992.

Hi Derick.

Here are the X-rays of our grandson's spinal surgery before and after which was done last February.

Special thanks to all of you Shriners. We went down to visit him when it was done, it is an amazing facility.

Thanks again,
Neil





"LOCI" dressed up for a festive food drive!

The Victoria Clowns had a very successful food drive at the Luxton Fair Grounds during December 2020. The Clowns trimmed "LOCI" in the spirit of the Season.

TOP LEFT: Noble Vance (Quackers) Smith, Ringmaster
TOP RIGHT: Lady Shauna (Tease) Smith
BOTTOM LEFT: Garry (Dukey) Dukelow
BOTTOM CENTRE: Noble Jeanno (Jeanno) Boivin, Secretary
BOTTOM RIGHT: Noble Robert (McBaggins) Russell, Clown

PHOTOGRAPHER: NOBLE ROBERT WHITWELL



Meet the new Oriental Guide - Noble Troy Bell

Gizeh's former Oriental Guide, Noble Ron Erickson meeting our now, 2021 Oriental Guide, Noble Troy Bell for the first time, in the Gizeh Shrine Centre, wearing their masks and being socially distanced.

NOBLE TROY BELL: Noble Bell became a Mason May 17, 2016 and was raised November 22, 2017, in Eureka Lodge 103 in Langley, becoming a Shriner June 25, 2018 with Peace Arch Shrine Club in South Surrey.

He enjoys rebuilding and riding one of the scooters in the Lower Mainland parades his unit participates in.

In the mid 70's when he was a young boy growing up in Calgary, he had a neighbour who was larger than life and he was a Shriner and Troy always looked up to and wanted to emulate him.

Understanding finance is Troy's passion, this lead him to become a Commerce & Business Graduate and he carried this interest throughout his career. Which has included owning several successful franchises, a dealership and a commercial property. With this understanding of finance, micro and macro economics Troy hopes to help the Shrine increase its finances and build a fun fraternity of like minded Nobles with a vision for the future!

When he is not working he can be found restoring classic MG sports cars, a hobby his dad and him enjoy together. So please forgive him if there is a little dirt under his nails.

