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"All the world loves a clown."

-COLE PORTER

Langford Loci and Caboose Tour Saturday, June 5, 2021



(L-R) Noble Robert Parker, Noble Jeanno Boivin, Noble Scott Houston, Lady Shannon Boivin and Lady Tracey Houston.

A big thank you to the Victoria Clown Unit members and their Ladies who were actively involved with the Langford and Caboose Tour. The weather was good, and we all had a good time. A Facebook comment was received from Noble Vance Smith after the tour through Belmont Park in Colwood, and it said:

"Thanks so much for passing throughout Belmont park Military housing today.. I have an 8-year-old son with special needs it light up his face to see your clown train drive by our house..."

This is what makes our involvement with the community well worth the effort we put in!!! Love it!! Let's continue to support the communities as much as possible!

Noble Jeanno Boivin, Secretary, Victoria Clown Unit

Victoria
Clown
UNIT

MEMBERS & LADIES

Noble Scott Houston
(Clown Head)
- Driver of the Loci

Noble Robert Parker
(Clinkers) - Shotgun

Lady Tracey Houston
- Passenger

Noble Jeanno Boivin
(Jeanno) - Navigator
in front of the Loci

Lady Shannon Boivin
- Driver in front of
the Loci

Noble Bruce
Corenblum (Cousin
Abner) - Helped out
at the Loci shed

Noble John Bruzas
(Clicky) - Rode the
motorcycle behind
the Loci

Noble Robert
Whitwell (Zoomy) -
Rode the motorcycle
behind the Loci



Potentate's Report

ILL. SIR DARREN CHRUIKSHANKS

Hoping for more Shrine Fun (FINGERS CROSSED)

Hello Illustrious Sirs and Nobles all:

I can't believe that we are on the doorsteps of October already! My year so far as your Potentate has not been what we were hoping for, but we have tried to make the best of the Covid situation.

Your Divan has done some important work in the background that will ensure the longevity of our fraternity's philanthropic wing of Shriners in Your Community Fund and we are currently doing the final touches on our long overdue bylaws update. Much work has been done regarding our banking, insurance and our temple's financial health, I would like to thank the members of our Divan for all their hard work especially Noble Sunil Debba and

Illustrious Sir Darwin Marsh.

We are still helping so many children to live better lives which is what we truly are here for. Another exciting item is our Montreal hospital is in the final stages of opening the first telehealth clinic in western Canada which is in our beautiful province (located in Osoyoos). This clinic will be so beneficial to our Shrine families and should help us save some money on travel so that we can help even more children in the future!

I'm hopeful that 2022 will be a much more normal year for our philanthropy, I personally think 2022 has the potential to be a stellar year with the SUMMER PACIFIC NATIONAL SHRINE ASSOCIATION session being held in

Chilliwack, which would be the first PNSA that has happened since early in

2020 that was the winter session that was held in Calgary. The Summer PNSA really is all about being a Shriner and doing the fun things that Shriners do so when the dates get posted make sure you mark your calendars so that you don't miss this great event.

Well, that's about it for this edition, I look forward to finishing off my reign as Potentate with hopefully less pandemic and more Shrine fun (fingers crossed).

Yours in the faith,
Illustrious Sir Darren Chruikshanks
2021 Potentate





PROFILE OF AN Oriental Guide

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When the election of Officers takes place in December, Nobles will be called upon to determine who will be chosen Oriental Guide to begin the long journey through the Divan to the highest post within the Temple.

When the members of the Shrine Temple elect a Noble to the office of Oriental Guide, they are virtually starting that Noble through the Divan line on the assumption that he will prove qualified for any merit advancement to the high office of Illustrious Potentate.

Hence it is quite evident that the nominations for Oriental Guide should be based upon thorough and accurate evaluation of character, ability and interest.

A Noble can be a fellow, hard worker and a loyal Shriner...and yet lack the basic qualification, which make a good Potentate. Unless a Noble is fully qualified for the job, it is unfair both to himself and to this Temple in seeking the office or in permitting his fellow Nobles to support and promote his candidacy.

The normal starting point of Shrine leadership is the office of Oriental Guide. The following checklist may prove helpful in evaluating potential candidates for the Office of Oriental Guide.

However, no thinking man would be so naïve or presumptuous as to believe that any one Noble could possibly embody all of the virtues, talents and qualifications which are set forth in this check list – for eventual evaluation of potential candidates by the voting members.

- Leadership**
- Executive ability**
- Business sense**
- Community standing and influence**
- Financially secure**
- Energy and vitality**
- Free to devote ample time**
- Capable of building good public relations**
- Good habits and moral character**
- Interest in Shrinedom**
- Ability to give and get Cooperation**
- Ability to give and get Leadership**

So, let's be fair, honest and wise in the all-important matter of electing to office only men who are eminently qualified for the job.

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

Current Statistics

MAY 1 - JULY 31, 2021

Families travelling to Shriners Hospitals for Children

Montreal	2
Portland	2
Sacramento	1
Spokane	1

Shriners in Your Community Fund

41 approved applications totalling

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

\$30,138¹⁶

Transportation Costs

(Includes expenses from families,
hotel and air fare)

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

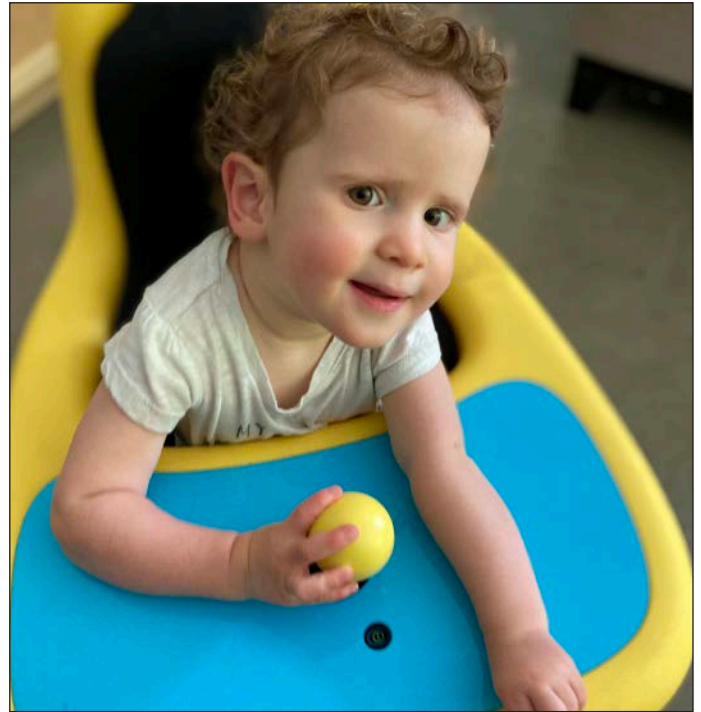
\$7,882⁴⁰



BILLIE ROSE Experiencing and exploring independence

Since last Spring, 2 year-old Billie Rose has been able to enjoy more independence in her every day life when she is in her Permobil Explorer Mini. Billie has a chromosome deletion which impacts her mobility.

BC Shriners helped her family acquire this very specialized piece of equipment. This early power mobility device helps Billie Rose discover her surroundings in an upright position. The joystick is a key feature for Billie as it allows mobility using only one hand - Billie has left hemiplegia, which means the function of her left side, primarily her left hand, is compromised. It's a real joy to watch Billie Rose as she explores her world and starts to get access to all of the cupboards, the way any other child her age would!



Story of persistence, perserverance and patience THE JOURNEY OF THE MUCH ANTICIPATED CALLIOPE

Noble Rod Marquet of the Penticton Shrine Club No. 20 indicated that obtaining of the Club's Calliope (see December 2020 and February 2021 editions of Gizeh News) was an exercise involving many interesting trials. The Club pursued several calliope manufacturers in the USA and finally found one where the price, reputation and reliability seemed the best. The Club contacted the selected manufacturer but could only communicate by e-mail as the owner had a throat problem. The Club negotiated a price well below the advertised price, and got a few extra calliope tapes thrown in. The manufacturer started the project right away, upon receipt of the money paying for first half of the price of the Calliope - then suddenly there was no further contact. After months of no contact, the Club finally got one, very disjointed e-mail from the owner, but no further responses to the Club's many attempts at contact. By this time the manufacturer had received the full amount of the agreed upon price. The Club could

almost see the purchase price money going out of the window! However, the Club President, Noble Keith Donkin was able to track the owner down in a USA hospital, where he had been a patient for several months. The Club made contact with the owner, and from his hospital bed he was able to have a friend pack and ship the calliope to us. When it was finally received, the calliope arrived missing

many parts. Again, Noble Keith was able to have the missing parts sent to us, and the Club eventually got the whole thing up and running. From the start of the order to the final receipt of the calliope took well over a year. Now that it is fully functional, the Penticton Shrine Club looks forward to using it when the Club is finally able to take part in many of the Okanagan parades.





Fun in the sun!

SEAL BAY RV PARK & CAMPGROUND COMOX VALLEY, JULY 2021

The Vancouver Island RV Shrine Club #52 members met up in Comox at the Seal Bay RV Park and Campground. in July. They camped in this 20 acre peaceful park setting in the group site area circulating a large fire pit in the middle. Members enjoyed the many amenities it had to offer such as the nearby beach, trail into Seal Bay Nature Park and the large 2500 sq. ft. picnic pavilion with many picnic tables and a wood burning British style Inglenook Fireplace for them to gather.

The camp out was well attended and included nature walks and a karaoke night complete with rain. The karaoke starred Lady Michelle and Noble Bill and was witnessed by many campers from around the park. The nature walk at Mt. Washington was followed by lunch on the patio at the lodge and a zip line adventure by five of us; Ill. Sir Harold, Lady Michelle, Noble Steve, Lady Tracey (a first for the Poole couple!) and myself. What an experience! In fine Shrine tradition, we did not miss a Happy Hour.

Cheers,

Noble Mark Donaldson, Wagonmaster of Vancouver Island RV Shrine Club #52



The Lovely Ladies in the Front Row (L-R):

Lady Ann Nelson, Lady Barbara Christofferson, Lady Rosemary Gibson, Lady Dodie Skaife, Lady Tracey Poole, Lady Michelle Wallace, Queen Maureen Marsh, Lady Carole Daem, Lady Karen Lewis, Lady Rachel Soer and Lady Kathy Donaldson.

III. Sirs and Nobles in the Back Row (L-R):

Noble Bill Nelson, Noble Ken Christofferson, Noble Jack Gibson, Noble Tom Earl, Noble Steve Poole, Ill. Sir Harold Wallace, Ill. Sir Darwin Marsh, Wayne Wheeler, Noble Neil Lewis, Noble Morris Soer and Noble Mark Donaldson.



Vancouver
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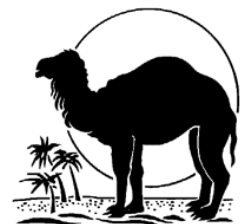
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NEXT EDITION: December 2021/January 2022. For possible inclusion in the next edition of the GIZEH NEWS, please send your articles and photos (.jpg) to one of the following email addresses:

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**“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.

NOBLE'S NAME	RESIDENCE	DATE OF PASSING
Sidney E. C. Thrussel	Burnaby, BC	June 4, 2020
Thomas P. Finlay	Dalkeith, Scotland	Jan. 25, 2021

APRIL 1 - SEPTEMBER 6, 2021

NOBLE'S NAME	RESIDENCE	DATE OF PASSING
Arthur H. Buckmaster	Lillooet, BC	April 26, 2021
George W. Eaton	Vancouver, BC	July 5, 2021
Gordon H. Clarke	Campbell River, BC	July 21, 2021
Emil A. Roy	Port Moody, BC	Aug 18, 2021
Charles Spittle	Victoria, BC	Aug 18, 2021
Ill. Sir Lorne Donaldson Potentate 2008	Burnaby, BC	Sept 6, 2021



Campbell River Go Kart Unit

The Go Kart Unit of Campbell River held a practice on August 1st to run up our equipment and get drivers back in form. We will be participating in our first parade since the 2019 season in Campbell River on August 7th.

We had the pleasure of meeting our Shrine Kid Kelsey and her family from Victoria. They were thrilled to be part of the action and have pictures with the Nobles. Kelsey had a "ride" in a kart and was all smiles.

Yours in the Cause,
Noble Mark Donaldson



Noble Dave Storrie and Kelsey
PHOTOS: NOBLE CHRIS TSAROS



Kelsey & Family with Gizeh Nobles.

Back Row, L-R: Noble Gerry Swanson, Noble Bill Rogers, Noble Dave Storrie, Noble Dave Wardell, Noble Larry Cagna and Noble Mark Donaldson.

Campbell River Salmon Festival Saturday, August 7th, 2021

We had a good turn out of Shriners, but unfortunately, we had some bad luck with our karts. The year off has been hard on the karts. We had six in the parade at the start and lost one to mechanical problems part way through. We did have a good time in the light rain. The streets became slick and dangerous for us, but all went well. Within a few minutes of putting our equipment away, the sky opened up to a cloud burst not seen in Campbell River in many years. Timing is everything.

Mark Donaldson
Secretary, Campbell River Go Kart Unit



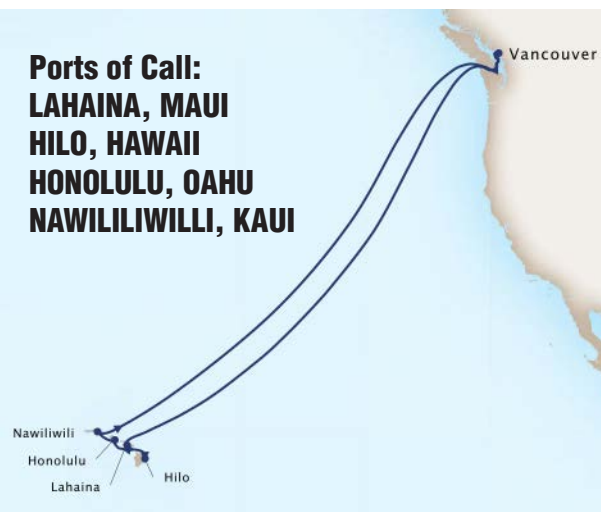
CANADA POST – GIZEH POSTAGE STAMPS AVAILABLE

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.



SHRINE MASONIC CRUISE October 8 - 24, 2022

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Summer BBQ!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1, 2021

DUNCAN COMMUNITY LODGE

Where there is happiness and laughter, there is a BBQ! It was a picturesque day with beautiful blue skies, sun shining bright and warm with almost forty members and their Ladies in attendance plus two petitioned Candidates and their partners.

The event was by invitation only to Shrine members and many of the members have not seen each other for the past year and a half making this the perfect opportunity to get together since everyone had their 2nd vaccine shot by now.

Food was abundant, drinks flowed freely and laughter was plenty as it was a wonderful get together for the Cowichan Valley Shrine Club members.



Cowichan
Valley
CLUB
#27

THE GATHERING PLACE. Good food, good friends, good company.



(L-R) Noble Doug Franklin, III. Sir Harold Wallace, III. Sir Darwin Marsh, III. Sir Daniel Dyke, and Noble Ron Yates.



Natural Born Grillers!

III. Sir Harold Wallace and Noble Patrick Beattie



Here Come the Queens

(L-R) Lisa Franklin, PQ, Margaret Logan, PQ
Maureen Marsh, PQ, Donna Stafford, PQ