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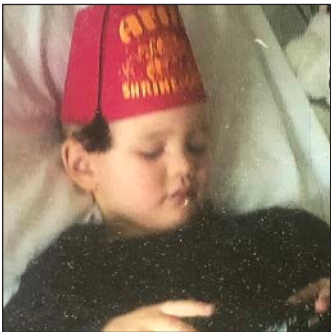


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Creston Noble installs Sign at his Restaurant

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“Thank you. Thank you. Thank you!”



Shrine Child Levi and his family enjoying the outdoors - thanks to the Shriners of BC & Yukon.

This is Levi- a beautiful boy, born with a rare genetic syndrome, affecting most of the systems of his body. In his first year of life, Levi struggled to breathe and move. Multiple surgeries and therapies later, Levi has learned to mobilize in a supported walker, a tricycle and a manual wheelchair.

Our family credits the Shriners of BC & Yukon with so much of Levi's development – through your incredible organization, Levi has acquired his first manual wheelchair (which he's mastered beautifully) and an oversized tricycle that he enjoys in all terrains. We cannot express the extent of our joy in seeing our boy take these opportunities and thrive.

Unfortunately, as Levi's club feet become more rigid, his ability to mobilize comfortably in his bike and walker has been considerably reduced. For this reason, our family set out to acquire a wheelchair that would open Levi's world

to new environments and experiences. The generous donation we received from the Shriners got us a new, light-weight, custom manual wheelchair that can be pushed up steep hills, run on roads, and maneuvered through tough terrain. Levi can even push himself through grass and on gravel! In the short time that we have had this chair, Levi has been able to come camping with his extended family, he's been rolled easily to splash in the ocean and lakes, enjoyed gravel hikes, wheeled himself down small hills with a beaming grin on his face, and run by his momma on rolling bike pump tracks (and more!). In short, Levi is having an absolute blast in this chair, and we are with him! We have been too busy having fun to lament his losses. Levi has been a great delight for our family, and as he continues to delight in life, so do we. This wheelchair has been a complete source of delight. We are endlessly grateful from the bottom of our hearts. Thank you, thank you, thank you.



Potentate's Report

ILL. SIR DARREN CHRUIKSHANKS

2021 - Another unexpectedly, different year with some success!

Illustrious Sirs and Nobles all:

2021 has been a very difficult year for Gizeh as you all are aware, but we did have some areas of success.

- We have strived to hold coffee with the Divan meetings on a monthly basis so that our Nobility can keep informed on what the Divan is working on and also it was intended as a place for the Nobles to just be able to talk and keep up the fraternal spirit. I believe that this online informal meeting has been a success and hope that it continues into 2022.

- We had a very successful year with our Gizeh News, I want to thank

Illustrious Sir Lew Rossner for his dedication and leadership with re-starting this vital information venue in October of 2020 and maintaining it to a standard that was above and beyond through 2021.

- We had a couple of very successful parades this year that helped raise the spirits of thousands of people.

- Most importantly we continued to help children and that is what we are all about. Our CSS/SYCF society was busy all year.

I must admit that 2021 did not turn out like I was hoping but we did the best we could with the cards that we

were dealt. It would have been so nice to have a normal year but that's life, I really hope that Noble Yates will have a much more successful year in 2022 with no pandemic interruptions. Our nobility deserves to have the fun back and be able to do what we do best which is help children lead better lives because of the hard work that we do to raise funds to assist them in their special healthcare needs.

Yours in the faith,
Darren Chruikshanks
2021 Potentate
Gizeh Shriners of BC & Yukon

Recorder's Report for Stated Meeting, Dec. 11, 2021

ILL. SIR DARWIN MARSH

Ill Sirs and Nobles all,

Here we are again in December of another year of Covid-19. Is it ever going to end? We all have felt the pressures and the continual anxiety of this evil virus. We have certainly missed meeting with our brothers socially as well as Shrine events and meetings. Hopefully this will change in the new year with the start of face-to-face meetings.

The first official face to face will be held at the AGM meeting in Qualicum Beach on Vancouver Island. Looking forward to this meeting and socializing once again. Let's get out to this meeting in person. Obviously, we will be adhering to the Provincial Health guidelines.

Now, for some updates as to what has been going on in Gizeh and Shriners International.

LOZELLS OFFICE

There is going to be some major changes here.

Dixie has been promoted to Office Manager. She will still be working closely with myself and will have additional duties of which will include supervising Sheila's office as well as monitoring the activities in Units 201 & 202.

Dixie will be moving into Sheila's office and Sheila will be moving into the unused Potentate's office, which is currently being used as a storage room. The contents from that office will

be moved to the new storage facility. Dixie's current workstation will be dismantled and moved to the new storage facility. In doing this, more floor space and seating area will be available for Stated Meetings, etc.

UNITS 201 & 202 - 4238 LOZELLS

This space has been rented on a short-term basis. It sat empty for about five months, and we welcomed this opportunity to finally see some revenue.

A committee has been formed to look at our options regarding the fate of the Lozells property. The leader of this committee is Noble Doug Franklin. A report on this will be presented at the AGM with several options, I am sure. Here we go again!!



Noble Russell Jackson installing a sign at his restaurant property in Creston. He is also President of Creston Valley Shrine Club #35.



CANADA POST – GIZEH POSTAGE STAMPS – SALES REPORT

INITIAL INVENTORY:	600
SALES:	133 (with revenue of \$3,325)
INTERNAL AND PROMO USE:	21
BALANCE ON HAND:	446

*Potential revenue on sales
of remaining books = \$11,150.00 CAD*

Gizeh Postage Stamps sell for \$25/book and 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.

Shriners of BC & Yukon Child Services Society (“CSS”)

Current Statistics

AUGUST 1 - NOVEMBER 30, 2021

Families travelling to Shriners Hospitals for Children

Montreal	4
Portland	11
Sacramento	1
Spokane	10

Shriners in Your Community Fund

19 approved applications totalling

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

\$14,691⁸⁷

Transportation Costs

(Includes expenses from families,
hotel and air fare)

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

\$22,562⁰⁰



Nelson family donates \$1,000 in appreciation of care for Thorran

Letter reprinted with permission from the Nelson family.

August 2021,

Dear Chetwynd Shriners,

Please accept this donation on behalf of our son Thorran who was born with bilateral club feet. Thorran started treatment in Dawson Creek at the tender age of 4 days, and had his first surgery there at 6 months. The therapy he received was sub-standard and ineffective. Once we were introduced to the Shriners, everything changed! We took turns driving our son to Portland, Oregon where he received various surgeries and multiple treatments. The world-class service and medical attention that we received in Portland will never be forgotten. He will continue to receive treatment and check-ups until he is 18 years old.

If it were not for the greatest philanthropy in the world, our son may not have grown to be the confident, successful, young gentleman, scholar and athlete he is today. For this reason we are forever grateful! And what better way to show our appreciation than to support our local Shrine Club. We know that you all dedicate your time and money towards bettering your club and supporting the great organization that cares for so many children around the world. We know that this donation will be put to good use. Thanks again for all you do!

Sincerely,

Aaron & Julia Nelson
and our children: Thorran, Summer and Ocean



Gizeh Shrine bottle fundraising brings in \$1,308.13

Nobles, for the past couple of years, we have not been able to raise donations through our Auto raffle or Calendar sales, but the need for funding still exists. An easy way to collect money for the Shrine is through the collection of any drinking beverage containers.

All you have to do is collect the containers from your friends, neighbours or groups you belong to, put them into a blue or clear recycling bag that can be purchased at any grocery or hardware store. Take the bag(s) to any **Return It Centre**, which are located across the province.

In the Return It Centre, you will see what looks like a calculator on the wall. This device will print out stickers that are attached to the bags. It is very simple. Enter the Gizeh

Shrine's phone number 604-291-7707, confirm that it is for Gizeh Shrine on the screen, print out up to 6 tags at a time and stick one tag on each bag and drop them through a cut out in the wall. That's it!!! No sorting or dealing with anyone so it is very fast and easy although the staff are there to help. They do all the sorting and credit our account.

It is a good idea to print spare tags that can be placed on the bags at home before you go to the Return It Centers, which really speeds things up.

It is quick, easy and makes a huge difference to supporting Gizeh Shrine. We have received \$1,308.13 to date from Return It Centre.



News from Shriners Children's Ohio

One Children's Plaza – 2 West, Dayton, Ohio 45404

Patient's competitive spirit and Shriners' generosity pay off

Fifteen-year-old Bryson is still reliving his once-in-a-lifetime experience in Las Vegas where he represented **Shriners Children's™ Ohio** at the Shriners Children's Open. Bryson's competitive spirit and the generosity from Shriners like you made it possible!



Bryson's Story

Bryson was just 8-years-old when he sustained burns over 87% of his body. He spent more than 5 months in our hospital, but thanks to our clinical team and Bryson's hard work, he left the hospital a few days earlier than expected. That competitive spirit served Bryson well as standard bearer. His campaign raised \$11,500 - the most of any hospital!

A message from from Bryson

"It's a blessing to have been able to raise as much as we have! I hope it will bring more awareness to Shriners hospitals. All of the opportunities given to us from the Shriners have been amazing and we want to thank them for making it possible!"



Shriners Children's Ohio is one of only four hospitals in the country dedicated to the treatment of pediatric burns and specializing in plastic and reconstructive surgery. Our physicians' experience and expertise in pediatric burn treatment, cleft lip and palate, complex wound and skin conditions, and plastic and reconstructive surgery makes Shriners Children's Ohio a first choice for care.



Esquimalt Celebration of Lights Parade, December 5, 2021



Gizeh Shriners of BC & Yukon

AGM Election

DECEMBER 11, 2021

GIZEH SHRINERS OF BC & YUKON - 2022 DIVAN ELECTION

POTENTATE:

Noble Ron Yates

CHIEF RABBAN:

Noble Alp Isin

ASSISTANT RABBAN:

Noble Ron Erickson

HIGH PRIEST AND PROPHET:

Noble Troy Bell

ORIENTAL GUIDE:

Noble Doug Franklin

TREASURER:

Noble Sunil Debba

RECORDER:

III. Sir Darwin Marsh

2022 IMPERIAL REPRESENTATIVES:

Potentate Elect: Noble Ron Yates;
Chief Rabban Elect: Noble Alp Isin;
and Recorder: III. Sir Darwin Marsh

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



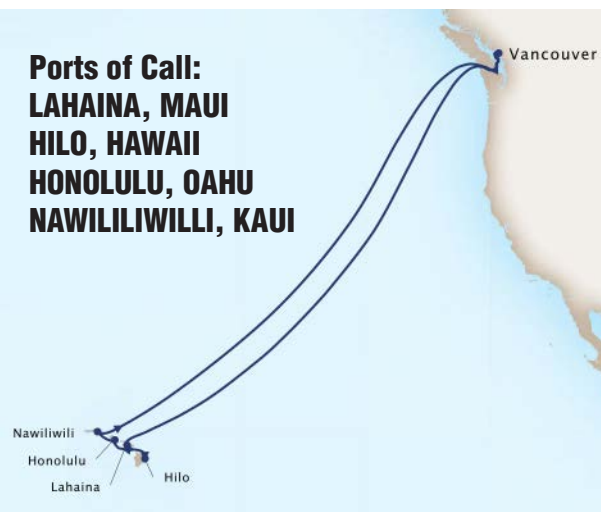
The Divan and Nobility of Gizeh Shriners are saddened by the passing of their Nobles reported since the last meeting from May 22 to Dec 1, 2021

NOBLE'S NAME	RESIDENCE	DATE OF PASSING
Noble Sidney E.C. Thrussell	Burnaby, BC	Jun 4, 2020
Noble Thomas P. Finlay	Dalkeith, Scotland	Jan 25, 2021
Noble Earl John Wilson	Prince George, BC	Mar 12, 2021
Noble Donald G. Barr	Fort Steele, BC	Jun 27, 2021
Noble Henry Jochen Schoof	Creston, BC	Jul 13, 2021
Noble Gordon H. Clarke	Campbell River, BC	Jul 21, 2021
Noble Brian K. McLeod	Burnaby, BC	Aug 18, 2021
Noble Emil A. Roy	Port Moody, BC	Aug 18, 2021
Noble Charles Spittle	Victoria, BC	Aug 18, 2021
Noble Walter Stecyk	Vernon, BC	Aug 28, 2021
Noble Gerald B. Sauder	Victoria, BC	Aug 31, 2021
Noble Edwin Newman	Alert Bay, BC	Sep 5, 2021
III. Sir Lorne H. Donaldson	Abbotsford, BC	Sep 6, 2021
Noble Robert Duncan Gillon	Richmond, BC	Sep 26, 2021
Noble Joe Walter Compart	Princeton, BC	Oct 2, 2021
Noble Dennis V. Ratcliffe	Coquitlam, BC	Oct 5, 2021
Noble William Fredrick King	Nanaimo, BC	Oct 20, 2021
Noble Earl Gordon Cornish	Penticton, BC	Oct 21, 2021
Noble Jacob A. Terpstra	Vernon, BC	Oct 25, 2021
Noble Ian Swann	Penticton, BC	Nov 2, 2021



SHRINE MASONIC CRUISE October 8 - 24, 2022

Ports of Call:
LAHAINA, MAUI
HILO, HAWAII
HONOLULU, OAHU
NAWILIWILI, KAUAI



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VANCOUVER TO HAWAII
RETURN
OCTOBER 8TH –
OCTOBER 24TH, 2022



Bringing you Gizeh News since February 2017

Gizeh News December 2021 will be the last one Ill. Sir Lew Rossner will have coordinated.

Great thanks and acknowledgement goes to the work of Kari Wilkinson from Toliver Advertising and Design - located in Salmon Arm.

June 2018 Gizeh News won the Shriners International, Dromedary Award for "Print Newsletters/Newspapers."



Gizeh News Submissions

Noble Rob Whitwell (250-686-7687) will take over as Editor of Gizeh News in January 2022.

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