



Gizeh Shriners of BC & Yukon 2023 Spring Ceremonial

Chilliwack, BC May 12 and 13, 2023

Welcome to Gizeh Shriners of BC and Yukon's 2023 Spring Ceremonial

We extend our heartfelt gratitude for your esteemed presence at our 2023 Spring Ceremonial, which took place on Friday and Saturday, May 12-13, 2023, at the Coast Chilliwack Hotel. It was an absolute honour to have you join us for this special occasion dedicated to our Candidates, New Nobles and their Partners.

The event was planned to offer a diverse range of engaging activities. Our agenda was comprised of presentations, captivating guest speakers, a Silent Auction, 50/50 Fundraiser, a photo booth, and delightful entertainment. We trust you found the educational and informative sessions with our esteemed Hospital Representatives from Montreal, Portland and Spokane, as well as the informative presentations of the Gizeh's Units and by Noble Peter Boddy, our High Priest and Prophet; truly enriching. The Ritual Unit's presentation was performed magnificently, and the Black Camel was conducted with utmost reverence. We trust you had the pleasure of meeting our Candidates, New Nobles and their partners and experienced the true essence of fellowship and fun throughout the event.

The Potentate, Ill. Sir Ron Yates was genuinely proud and thrilled to have hosted this memorable weekend, uniting Candidates, and New Nobles with our esteemed current Nobles including their partners. The occasion provided an ideal platform for socializing and building long lasting relationships.

Once again, we express our deepest appreciation for gracing us with your presence at our 2023 Spring Ceremonial. Your attendance contributed to making this event a resounding success. We look forward to Chief Rabban, Noble Ron Erickson's 2024 Spring Ceremonial next year in Tsawwassen, BC to connect and share more moments of fun and fellowship.

Coast Chilliwack Hotel



Meet & Greet for Candidates, New Nobles and their Partners

Friday, May 12 at 4:30 pm

The late afternoon started with our Master of Ceremonies, Ill. Sir Harold Wallace welcoming and introducing our Candidates, New Nobles, Past Potentates, Ladies, and VIPs at our Meet & Greet.



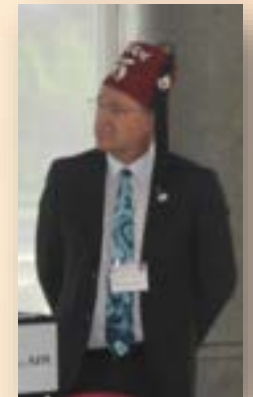
L-R:
MC, Ill. Sir Harold Wallace
Potentate, Ill. Sir Ron Yates
Angie Gofredo, Director, Donor
Development, Shriners Children's Portland

Ill. Sir Peter Rippstein
Chairman,
Shriners Hospital for
Children - Canada



Emmanuelle Rondeau
Director,
Business Development &
Shrine Liaison,
Shriners Hospital for
Children - Canada

Patient Ambassador
Tanner Jung



Noble Tony Mulder
Board of Governor
Shriners Children's Spokane

Meet & Greet for Candidates, New Nobles and their Partners Our Honoured Guests



Our Mascot, Fezzy Bear

a/k/a Noble Mac Robertson and Mascot wrangler, Noble Curtis Hogan



Candidates and New Nobles Meeting

Saturday, May 13th, 8:00 am



L-R

Ill. Sir Ron Yates, Potentate

Noble Sunil Debba, Treasurer

Ill. Sir Darwin Marsh, Recorder

Noble Doug Franklin, Assistant Rabban

Noble Ron Chard

Noble H. Kendall Turner



Candidates and New Nobles

Front L-R:

Elber De Pano, Dowell Salvador, Mike Davies,
Bill Johnston, Richard McLeay, Rick Keller,
Brian Prodor, and David Stroyan.

Back L-R:

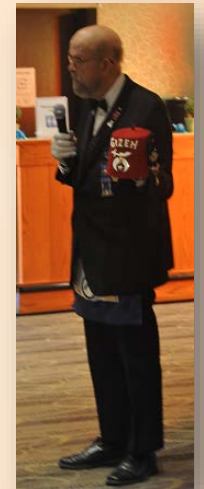
S^yowah, James Emerton, Mike Neiser, and
Trevor Hutchinson.

First Section

Saturday, May 13th at 9:00 am

The First Section of the 2023 Spring Ceremonial was led by Ill. Sir Harold Wallace, who took on the role of Master of Ceremonies. His lovely partner, Lady Michelle Wallace who commenced the First Section Presentation by singing the national anthems, captivating the audience with her melodious voice. The Potentate, Ill. Sir Ron Yates, warmly welcomed all attendees and officially declared the 2023 Spring Ceremony open, setting the stage for a memorable event.

Noble Doug Sowden took the podium to deliver a heartfelt invocation, setting a reverent tone for the proceedings. This was followed by Ill. Sir Wally reciting “My Old Fez”, a cherished tradition that resonated with the audience. The solemn Black Camel observance was conducted with utmost respect and reverence, paying homage to the departed members of the fraternity from the past year.



First Section

The Ritual Unit took center stage, showcasing their customary and intricately choreographed ceremony. Adorned in vibrant and eye-catching costumes, their performance was nothing short of magnificent, leaving the audience in awe of their performance.

Bringing the First Section to a close, Angie Gofredo, Director of Donor Development from Portland Shriners Children's, delivered an enlightening presentation. Her insights shed light on the valuable work being done at the hospital and the impact of donors in making a difference in the lives of children. Ill. Sir Ron Yates concluded the First Section with his closing remarks, expressing gratitude to all attendees for their presence and participation in this auspicious ceremony.



Men's Luncheon

Salish Park at 11:30 pm



The Men's Luncheon was held at Salish Park, a charming park nestled in the heart of downtown Chilliwack just behind the Coast Chilliwack Hotel. Following a morning of engaging presentations, our members had the opportunity to enjoy some fresh air and stretch their legs.

The weather was delightful, with abundant sunshine and warmth, making it the perfect occasion for a leisurely stroll along the paved pathways adjacent to the cool, tranquil pond.

The picturesque pond featured a fountain at its centre; inhabited by colourful koi fish, turtles, geese, and an abundance of ducks. The men took pleasure in feeding the ducks and geese while relishing a delicious hot dog and refreshing soda, creating a relaxed and laid-back atmosphere.

Shortly after, the Divan departed from the Men's Luncheon to attend the Ladies Luncheon, where they extended a warm welcome to the Candidates and the New Nobles Ladies.



Ladies Luncheon

Saturday, May 13th at 12:30 pm



Lady Maureen Marsh

We would like to acknowledge and commend Lady Maureen Marsh for her invaluable assistance in organizing the Ladies Luncheon for our Candidates and New Nobles partners. First Lady JoAnne Yates appointed Lady Maureen Marsh to take charge of the event as the Master of Ceremonies and Planner, and she demonstrated exceptional organizational skills, handling the task with ease and professionalism. We extend our gratitude to Lady Maureen for her outstanding contributions to the success of the Ladies Luncheon and Ceremonial.

The Ladies Luncheon featured several engaging and informative speakers who captivated the audience. Our lineup of speakers included Angie Gofredo from Shriners Children's Portland; Past Imperial First Lady Shirley Smith; Emmanuelle Rondeau from Shriners Hospital for Children-Canada; Lady Susie Chamberlain, Daughters of the Nile; Tanner Jung, Patient Ambassador; and Nadene Jung, Tanner's mother.

Nadene provided a poignant mother's perspective on Tanner's journey, and her heartfelt account moved the entire room of Ladies and myself to tears as we listened to the challenges Tanner had faced. We were overjoyed to hear that Tanner is now employed as a heavy-duty diesel mechanic and takes pleasure attending concerts where he proudly "throws his leg on stage" for the singer to sign. Tanner and Nadene, we express our deepest gratitude for sharing your inspirational story with us!



Left: Emmanuelle Rondeau, Shriners Hospital for Children-Canada, Right: Angie Gofredo, Shriners Children's-Portland



Lady Lisa Franklin



Tanner Jung
Patient Ambassador



Nadene Jung
Tanner's Mother



Lady Susie Chamberlain

Afternoon Session

Saturday, May 13 at 1:30 pm

After enjoying a leisurely Men's Lunch at the serene Salish Park, the Afternoon Session commenced with a warm welcome from Ill. Sir Harold Wallace who served as the Master of Ceremonies. With enthusiasm, he greeted the assembled Nobles and their Ladies, setting a positive tone for the event.

To provide an informative overview of Shriners International and Gizeh Shriners, our High Priest and Prophet, Noble Peter Boddy, skillfully delivered a PowerPoint presentation. Through engaging visuals and compelling information, he enlightened the audience about the organization's mission and its connection to Gizeh Shriners.

Continuing the program, we were honoured to have Ill. Sir Peter Rippstein, the Chairman of the Board of Governors of Shriners Hospital for Children – Canada, as our keynote speaker. His profound expertise and dedication were evident as he graciously engaged in a question-and-answer session, sharing valuable insights and addressing queries from the audience.

To promote camaraderie and encourage participation, several esteemed Nobles took the stage to share their experience and knowledge of our various Units. Their passionate speeches aimed to inspire others to join a Club or Unit, highlighting the joys of belonging and fostering fun and fellowship within the organization.

- ❖ Camels – Noble Alex Bobsien
- ❖ Drum & Bugle Corps. – Noble David Chamberlain
- ❖ Mount Arrowsmith Clowns – Noble Douglas Sowden
- ❖ Ritualistic – Noble Douglas Sowden
- ❖ Temple Guards – Noble Bill Fernihough

Overall, the Afternoon Session was a delightful blend of informative presentations, engaging discussion, and heartfelt encouragement. It was an occasion that underscored the sense of community and purpose that thrives within Gizeh Shriners.

Fun times and making memories...



Nobles Darryl Fraser & Bill Fernihough



Marshal, Noble Rick Hunter



Divan Members: Nobles Sunil Debba, Ron Erickson & Ill. Sir Darwin Marsh



Noble Gordon McInnes



Camels, Noble Len Pettman



Ladies Maureen Marsh & Susie Chamberlain



Nobles Gordon McInnes, Bill Fernihough & registration staff

Zem Zems

Saturday, May 13 at 5:30 pm



Noble Tony and Lady Eunice Mulder



Nobles S^yowah and Len Pettman



Ill. Sir Darwin Marsh and Noble Ron Erickson



Fezzy Bear and Peace Arch Shrine Club's
Tin Lizzy

Gizeh's Divan and their Lovely Ladies



Lady Maureen Marsh & Recorder, Ill. Sir Darwin Marsh



Chief Rabban, Noble Ron Erickson & Lady Gail Erikson



Oriental Guide, Noble Andre Holley



Treasurer, Noble Sunil Debba & Potentate, Ill. Sir Ron Yates



High Priest & Prophet, Noble Peter Boddy, Lady Lisa Franklin & Asst. Rabban, Noble Doug Franklin



Potentate's Banquet

Saturday, May 13 at 6:30 pm

The Potentate's Banquet, led by our esteemed Master of Ceremonies, Ill. Sir Harold Wallace, commenced with a warm welcome and the introduction of Gizeh's Divan and Special Guests. Adding to the enchanting ambiance, the talented Lady Michelle graced us with her captivating voice as she sings the Canadian and American anthems. To start off the banquet, Noble Doug Sowden recited grace and Ill. Sir Harold Wallace asked if there were any bids to be the first table to start eating, with the Potentate waving his bill in the air, the Divan secured the privilege of being the first table to "dig in" at the delicious buffet.

Numerous toasts were raised throughout the evening, beginning with a toast to the King by our Oriental Guide, Noble Andre Holley. This was followed by a toast to Gizeh by Noble Freddy Li, with a response from the Potentate, Ill. Sir Ron Yates. Next, a toast to the Ladies, by Ill. Sir Wayne Reese, met with a response from Lady Maureen Marsh. Lastly, Noble Cliff Cawley offered a toast to the Grand Lodge which was reciprocated by M.W.B. Doug Franklin, Past Grand Master.

A significant highlight of the evening was the official fezzing ceremony of our candidates and new nobles. Led by the Potentate, Ill. Sir Ron Yates, they were called to the front of the ballroom and witnessed by the nobility, marking the memorable start of their journey with Gizeh Shriners of BC and Yukon.

Following the fezzing ceremony, a series of presentations took place. The newly formed South Vancouver Island Shrine Club No. 56 was presented with a Charter, signifying a new Club addition to Gizeh Shriners. Additionally, Long Service Awards were bestowed, and Cheque presentations were made. The keynote speakers for the evening were Ill. Sir Peter Rippstein and Emmanuelle Rondeau, representing the Shriners Hospitals for Children – Canada.



Noble Freddy McLi



Lady Elaine and Noble Cliff Cawley



Ill. Sirs Wayne Reese and R. Glenn Allen



Nobles Kendall Turner and Mark Mikulec

Potentate's Banquet

Long Service Awards

Following the Fezzing ceremony, our 25 years long service nobles were honourably presented with their certificates and 25-year pins. The 25 years long service presentation included Nobles Jan Jansen, Barry Mann and David Schroeder.

25 Years Long Service



Noble Barry Mann



Noble Jan Jansen

Potentate's Banquet

Long Service Awards

Next, the 35 years long service awards were presented to Nobles Raymond Peterson, Len Pettman, and our Recorder, Ill. Sir Darwin Marsh. Ill. Sir Marsh's Shrine and Masonic biography was read out highlighting the many years of his dedication and commitment; it is impressive!

Congratulations to all these great men who have served to fulfilled the philanthropy of the Shriners, we bow our heads to you in admiration!

35 Years Long Service



Noble Raymond Peterson



Noble Len Pettman



Ill. Sir Darwin Marsh

Potentate's Banquet

Cheque Presentations



Noble Cliff Cawley
Big Country and Cariboo Shrine Clubs



Club Coordinator, Noble Bert Fredin



Ill. Sir Wayne Reese
Drum & Bugle Corps.



Nobles Bert Fredin and Gordon McInnes
Kelowna Shrine Club



Ill. Sir Ed Wilson and Noble Doug Davie
Fraser Valley Shrine Club



Nobles Neil Racicot and Ian Cole
Sidney & Victoria Shrine Clubs



Noble Bill Fernihough
Tsawwassen Shrine Club

Potentate's Banquet

The audience was deeply moved as our 2023 Patient Ambassador, Tanner Jung shared a video recounting the challenges he had faced since childhood. His mother, Nadene Jung also provided a heartfelt perspective as a parent witnessing Tanner's journey.

The excitement continued as the winners of the Bird Houses, lovingly painted by our patients at Shriners Hospitals for Children – Canada, were announced, with the proceeds benefitting our hospital. Additionally, the results of our inaugural Silent Auction were read aloud, bringing joy to the many fortunate winners. We extend our sincere gratitude to all the organizations and donors who contributed items and services, ensuring the success of the Silent Auction.

As the banquet drew to a close, Ill. Sir Ron Yates, the Potentate, expressed his closing remarks, followed by closing remarks from M.W.B. Doug Franklin, Past Grand Master for Grand Lodge of BC and Yukon.

The evening culminated in a delightful performance by the talented singer entertainer, Alyssa Nielson, who delighted guests with her captivating songs, inspiring everyone to join in and enjoy the dance floor. The conclusion of the banquet ended with a fabulous singing entertainer, Alyssa Nielson wrapping up with a fun time dancing to her songs.

Overall, the Potentate's Banquet was an unforgettable event, filled with heartfelt moments, inspiring speeches, and joyful celebrations, marking a truly remarkable evening for Gizeh Shriners of BC and Yukon.



Potentate's Banquet



Presenting South Vancouver Island Shrine Club No. 56 their Charter



Ill. Sir Peter Rippstein
Chairman, Board of Governors,
Shriners Hospitals for Children-Canada



Patient Ambassador Tanner Jung and mother, Nadene Jung



Silent
Auction
Items



Entertainer, Alyssa Nielson and
Ill. Sir Harold Wallace

Bird Houses

Centre Pieces at the Banquet Painted by the Patients at Shriners Hospital for Children – Canada



Nathan

Charlotte

Chloe

Ben

Yasmina

William

Cecilia

Emma

Alexis

Arnaud

These birdhouses were meticulously painted by the patients of our Shriners Hospital for Children – Canada, showcasing their artistic skills. They served as delightful centerpieces surrounded by bright spring flowers at our Spring Ceremonial banquet tables, adding a touch of whimsy to the event. The birdhouses were auctioned off, with proceeds benefiting the Shriners Hospital for Children – Canada. Above are the names of the patients who painted the birdhouses for Gizeh.

One fortunate bidder, our Oriental Guide, Noble Andre Holley, proudly took home the winning birdhouse for his daughter, Navjot, who was overjoyed upon receiving it. “Navjot, who absolutely loves it and has insisted on showing it to all her friends.” It is heartwarming to witness a happy and grateful recipient of our patient’s hard work.



Navjot Holley
Daughter of Noble Andre Holley,
Oriental Guide

Photo Booth

Hospitality Room Fun



Noble David and Lady Susie Chamberlain



Lady Akiko and Noble Freddie Li



Noble Bill Fernihough

Photo Booth

Gizeh's Lovely Ladies



Lady Akiko, Dixie and Lady Eunice.



Ladies Akiko and Eunice



Ladies Akiko Hasegawa, Eunice Mulder and Susie Chamberlain

Photo Booth

A time for fun and frivolity



Ill. Sirs Ron Yates and Harold Wallace



Ill. Sir Ron Yates and Noble Peter Boddy



Ill. Sir Wayne Reese



Nobles Tony Mulder and Rick Keller



Noble James Emerton and Lady Susie Chamberlain

Congratulations to our Candidates and New Nobles Fezzed at the 2023 Spring Ceremonial

Noble Michael Davies
Airdrie

Noble Elber De Pano
Surrey

Noble James Emerton
Smithers

Noble Trevor Hutchinson
Kelowna

Noble William Johnston
Langley

Noble Richard Keller
Kelowna

Noble Baljeet Kundan
Langley

Noble John Laing
Delta

Noble Richard McLeay
Mill Bay

Noble Michael Neiser
Smithers

Noble Brian Prodor
Kelowna

Noble Dowell Salvador
Burnaby

Noble David Stroyan
Abbotsford

Noble S^yowah
New Westminster

Noble Jorge Vera Gonzalez
Richmond



Potentate's Closing Remarks

Welcome Candidates and Ladies, we hope that this Spring Ceremonial was an enjoyable event and informative at the same time. I would like to point out it would be helpful to you, if you would consider joining a Club, Unit, or a committee at the Gizeh temple level. Since covid came upon us, there was a momentary pause of our Spring Ceremonial, with that came new instructions that our Afternoon Session had to be changed; consequently, we had to reorganize what we presented to the new nobles and the nobility themselves. In fact, in this Spring Ceremonial, if you have any suggestions for the Spring Ceremonial Afternoon session to be more information or entertaining, please contact us and let us know.

I was quite pleased how things were carried out, but If you can imagine as we progress thru these Spring Ceremonials, you might find we can perhaps do things better and make changes for the next ceremonial. I would like to personally thank Lady Maureen Marsh, Dixie Pukanich, Ill. Sir Darwin Marsh, Noble Jack Bell and his committee for all their hard work to pull this event off, many thanks!

**Ill. Sir Ron Yates
2022-2023 Potentate**