



GIZEH GAZETTE



Summer 2023

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JoLynn Dickins - PAGE 9



L to R:

Noble Sony Bond;
Noble Peter Boddy,
HPP; Graham Youde
(son of Noble Bill
Youde); Ill. Sir Ron
Yates, Potentate
and Noble Jim Youn

Meet Bill Youde - 60 years of service

Bill was born on the 6 Feb 1917 in Liverpool, England, where he was raised and went to school. While at school he met Marjorie who became his wife. Unfortunately, she passed on February 21, 2006. They have one son Graham and daughter in law Susan.

During the war, Bill was in the Army for 6 ½ years. Afterwards he had many jobs over the years from working as an Office Boy at a Law Firm, to administration in a Children's Hospital. In 1948 they moved to Canada. Bill spent ten years with Pilkington Glass as an accounts manager. He and two coworkers then started Standard Glass Company, a very successful business.

Bill and Marjorie have had the pleasure of traveling to many countries in Europe and Japan.

Bill's Mother Lodge is Evergreen #148 in Burnaby, where he received his three degrees in 1961.

In 1979 he demitted from Evergreen Lodge and affiliated with Aviation #175, where he is still a Brother. In 2002 Bill affiliated with

Dunbar #118 Lodge.

Bill joined the Royal Arch Pacific Chapter #15 in 1986. Pacific Chapter #190 received its Charter from the Grand Chapter of Canada in 1913. When the Grand Chapter of BC was formed 1919, Pacific Chapter became #15. In 1991 it was merged with Joppa Chapter #31. There are not many records available for Pacific Chapter but after amalgamation with Joppa Chapter #31, Bill took on the role of being Scribe Nehemiah (Recorder).

During this time, he worked hard in the back ground, getting this Royal Arch Masonic Home built. He remained and worked hard on the Board for several years by raising funds and giving good direction.

Bill also joined the Shrine on 15 November 1963 and is still on their roll as Noble Number #5174.

Brother Bill is believed to be the oldest Brother in the Grand Lodge of BC & Yukon.

He has been a Masonic Brother for over 60 years.



Potentate's Report

ILL. SIR RON YATES



Hello Illustrious Sirs and Nobles all:

I am happy to see that we have the first issue of the Gizeh GAZETTE, as you can see, we have gone away from the Gizeh News to the Gizeh Gazette which is the original newsletter. I would ask that any of the nobles out there know of a fellow noble that does not have a computer or printer could you please kindly print out a copy for that noble or contact the office for a hard copy. For future editions, it would be good to submit pictures along with information or any reports or letters to the Editor; please do not hesitate to send them into the Gizeh Office.

We had a very successful Spring Ceremonial at the Chilliwack Coast Hotel on May 12 and 13 and had the privilege of doing the hot sands for fifteen new candidates. At the Stated Meeting prior to the Spring Ceremonial, it is the first time in my memory that applicants outnumbered the Black Camel. Regarding

that information, I am pleased to announce that Shrine International had in the last two quarters an increased number of Shriners over the Black Camel. It is nice to be in positive numbers for a change.

Regarding Shriner International, Ill. Sir Darwin Marsh, Ill. Sir Ron Yates and Noble Ron Erickson; your delegates for the Shriners International Annual Meeting will be on their way to Charlotte, North Carolina on June 30 and returning home July 7. We all look forward to being the voting representatives for the Gizeh nobility.

I had the privilege of attending Grand Lodge of BC and Yukon's Annual Communication on June 22-24 representing Gizeh Shriners as your Potentate and showing support for our Blue Lodge. I will be travelling to the north country in my motorhome with our HPP, Noble Peter Boddy; Noble Don "DJ" Davis, and brother David Goddard. Our first stop

will be Smithers, going up to Dawson City, Yukon for International Days, then onto Fort St. John, Dawson Creek, Chetwynd, Prince George and Williams Lake, then home from there. Our next Potentate's trip will be to the Kootenays, Rocky Mountain area in October or November; itinerary to follow.

I wish to remind the Nobility that our next Stated Meeting is September 23rd and if you have any potential candidates coming into the Shrine, please get their application into the Recorder's Office no later than the beginning of September.

I look forward to seeing a good number of applicants for approval by the nobility. Let's outnumber the Black Camel! Enough said, we wish you a happy Thanksgiving.

Yours in the faith,
Illustrious Sir Ron Yates
2022 - 2023 Potentate

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Noble Barry Mann, 25 years long service



Noble Jan Jansen, 25 years long service



III. Sir Darwin Marsh, 35 years long service



Noble Len Pettman, 35 years long service



Gizeh Shriners of BC and Yukon 2023 Long Service Awards

25 Years Long Service

Thomas J. Bell
Daryl R. Blackmore
Douglas Burke
Murray Chaplin
Gerald L. Cupples
James G. Forbes
Kenneth C. Hoskins
Jan F. Jansen
John H. Johnson
Raymond V. Johnson
Wayne F. Laughren
Barry W. Mann
Darryl J. Morphy
Robert J. Palmieri
George W. Paterson
George Pruden
David Schroeder
William R. Velie
James Wilson

35 Years Long Service

Philip C. Fry
William A. Guttridge
Terrance R. Landry
Darwin K. Marsh, P.P.
Alan C. Palmer
Raymond E. Peterson
Leonard A. Pettman
John M. Reibin
Robert C. Saul
Patrick L. Sewell
A Tim Sullivan
Gordon K. Vaughan
Leonard J. Wyllie

60 Years Long Service

Herbert J. Assman
Robert A. Dodds
Robert Harper
William R. Youde

**“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.

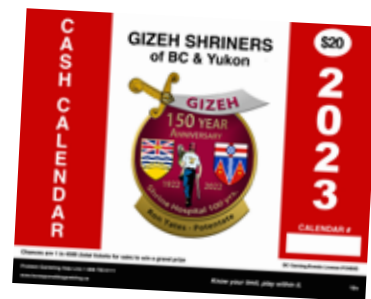
MAY 13, 2023 - JUNE 30, 2023

NOBLE'S NAME	RESIDENCE	DATE OF PASSING
Howard J. White	Chilliwack, BC	Sept. 24, 2021
Edward D. Stairs	Cranbrook, BC	Feb. 17, 2023
Alfred Clausen	Kelowna, BC	May 15, 2023
Robert M. Good be	Coquitlam, BC	June 26, 2023



Gizeh Shriners navigate the complexities of fundraising

From cash calendars to grants, Gizeh Shriners remain steadfast in their mission to support charitable causes



The invaluable work of the Gizeh Shriners stands testament to the power of community, commitment, and charity. In an age when philanthropy is crucial, the organization's fundraising arm stays unwavering in its quest to ensure the smooth running of operations and charitable activities. Shriners Children's™ opened its first hospital 101 years ago in 1922 with the mission to provide the highest quality medical care to children and their families regardless of their ability to pay. Since opening its doors, Shriners Children's has served 1.5 million children across the world with more than 100 access points of care. It goes without saying that fundraising is the backbone of our mission.

It is refreshing to see that so many clubs have become active after covid and setting up about 27 known fundraising events around the province since January. Most of the events are local, and that keeps Shriners visible. At least two other functions are Provincial, the latest Shriners Draw for Kids 2023, a 50/50 lottery ending Sept. 30 with hard copy and online tickets for sale.

The year 2023 opened with a blend of anticipation and determination as the Shriners awaited feedback on the Community Gaming Grants they had applied for. Though the results were a mixed bag, with some applications being successful while others were not, the organization stays determined to participate in this resource. Gizeh has streamlined plans and readied themselves for the upcoming application season which commences on August 1, 2023, earlier than in previous years. We will provide help again this year.

One highlight in the Shriner's fundraising endeavors is the Cash Calendar campaign, which has consistently proven to be a successful venture. The next Cash Calendars are slated to arrive in August, with sales kicking off on August 21. While the sales strategy mirrors that of the previous year, a notable change will be the engagement of Raffle Nexus services for winner selection and sales database maintenance.

The Federal Government recognized the pandemic's toll on community organizations and set up a 400 million dollar fund to assist the rebuilding effort. Gizeh Shriners promptly applied for the Community Services Recovery Fund grant, asking for over \$100,000. Some clubs also applied for a BC Government Events fund. Unfortunately, the high volume of applications for these grants led to the rapid depletion of available funds. No grants were received.

Further into 2023, the Gizeh Shriners undertook an exciting venture: their third 50/50 lottery. There is a growing acceptance of this fundraising method, as evidenced by other organizations' successes with it. The Shriners recognize the necessity of building a strong mailing list, akin to established organizations, to bolster the potential of such campaigns.

Fundraising is the lifeblood of Gizeh's operations, and with it comes a sobering realization of the challenges. The returns on fundraising efforts, based on past experiences, hover around 35%-50%.

In a 50/50 lottery, half of the income is awarded to the winner. Additionally, the lottery website and credit card fees consume approximately 13%, with

ticket printing and advertising taking up another 5%. This leaves us with less than 35% income. The numbers are daunting, but the mission is vital.

The Gizeh Shriners welcome all ideas and support in fundraising. The path is paved with challenges, but through a shared commitment to service and community, the impact can be profound.

Be sure to have your event approved by the Potentate so your club and members are covered by insurance during events. Administration has a form, it was sent out to you all by the Recorder and is available on the Gizeh website.



\$3,676.38 raised to date!

No sorting, no line-ups, no handling cash and a great way to donate to the Fraternity. Just bag them and drop them off – that's it!

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4. Print your tags, tag your bags and leave them.



SEPTEMBER 2, 2022
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Guitar winner finally appears!

Mötley Crüe, Def Leppard, Poison and Joan Jett & the Blackhearts Concert

Submitted by Dixie

Noble Norm Atha, in collaboration with Rock It Kids, organized a highly successful fundraising event for the Shriners Hospital for Children – Canada. The event took place on September 2, 2022, at BC Place Stadium, Vancouver during the Mötley Crüe, Def Leppard, Poison and Joan Jett & The Blackhearts concert.

Over the past six years, Rock-It Kids, Inc. worked with Gizeh Shriners on eight concerts donating over one million to our hospitals.

The event's success would not have been possible without the support of 43 enthusiastic volunteers of Shriners, Masons, and Ladies. These dedicated volunteers played a crucial role in selling over 1,800 CDs to more than 40,000 concert fans. The CDs were offered in exchange for a chance to win a guitar signed by the members of the bands, adding an exciting element to the fundraising effort.

The winner of the coveted signed guitar was announced on the big screen during the concert. Unfortunately, the prize was not claimed that evening and was brought back to the Gizeh office for safekeeping. We made numerous attempts to contact the winner over several months.

Finally, in March of 2023, Glenn, came forward with the winning ticket to claim



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his prize. Accompanied by his actor dog, Glenn was elated to become the owner of the prized guitar, adding to his impressive collection of memorabilia. His collection already boasts an astonishing 33 signed guitars and drumsticks, including a rare set of drumsticks signed by Paul McCartney, valued at \$300,000. Congratulations to Glenn, a truly deserving winner who cherishes these musical treasures.

Noble Norm Atha expresses his gratitude to all the volunteers, concertgoers and donors who contributed to the success of this fundraising event. He looks forward to working with Rock-It Kids, Inc. and our dedicated volunteers again this year.



Fezzy Bear and Tin Lizzy at the Spring Ceremonial



A very busy club!

Our Shrine Club has been and will continue to be very active with events for the summer.

Our Cook Wagon crew led by Noble Rick Mellson have done 2 Cookouts and we have 4 more planned for August and September. Thanks to the Nobles, Ladies and Guests that have helped out, this has been a great Fraternal Fundraiser.

The Duncan Cowichan Festival Society Grand Parade will be on Saturday July 15th starting at 10 AM. We are expecting the Mid Island Fire Truck, the Victoria Clown Unit with their Loci, Minibikes and Mini Clown Cars to be in attendance. Our Potentate Ill. Sir Ron Yates will be attending and hopefully some members of the Divan. We will finish the Parade off with our Club's customary After Parade Refreshments.

Our Annual "Island Scramble" Golf Tournament will be held on Friday July 28th at the Chemainus Mt. Brenton Golf Course. A big Thank You goes to Nobles Charlie Gonzalez, Rick Mellson, Mark Androski and Rick Mellson for all the work they have done. For more information on this

please go to our website cowichanvalleyshrineclub.org

At the end of the month July 30th will be our Club's Annual Summer BBQ to be held at the Duncan Community Lodge Hall starting at 3 PM with refreshments and comradery and a Steak or Chicken BBQ Dinner at 5 PM. Nobles, Ladies, Guests are most welcome. If you are planning on attending, please let our Secretary Noble Terry Landry know by emailing him at cvsc27@gmail.com

September starts with our first Regular Meeting at the new location of the HW Wallace Centre, 2853 Roberts Rd. Evening starts with dinner at 6 PM and meeting at 7 PM. Dress is Shrine Casual and again please let our Secretary know if you will be attending. The Daughters of the Nile (DON) Badoura Club Ladies meet the same night as us and if your Lady is a DON Member, she is most welcome to attend.

For more information about our Club and it's activities please go to our up to date Website at cowichanvalleyshrineclub.org.

Have a great summer!



Gizeh News Submissions

NEXT EDITION: For possible inclusion in the next edition of the GIZEH GAZETTE, please send your articles and photos (.jpg) to:

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

Current Statistics

JUNE 1 - 30, 2023

Shriners in Your Community Fund

8 approved applications totalling

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

\$15,323²¹

Transportation Costs

(Includes expenses from families, hotel and air fare)

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

\$7,982⁰⁰

2023 TO DATE

Families travelling to Shriners Hospitals for Children

Portland	14
Montréal	9
Spokane	14



Susan Page and Noble Peter Boddy. Susan is the Grand Prize Winner of our Shriners Draw For Kids 50/50 winner of \$15,672.50 drawn on October 14, 2022.



Recorder's Report

ILL. SIR DARWIN MARSH, P.P.

Happy Summer Everyone! We're all preparing now for a fun summer with family and friends.

It's been a very busy time for Gizeh Divan over the past few months.

SPRING CEREMONIAL

The Spring Ceremonial was a great success. One hundred plus for a great banquet. There were 15 new Nobles that were Fezzed. Thirty-Five Years Long Service awards were presented to Ill Sir Darwin Marsh, Noble Len Pettman & Noble Raymond Peterson. Twenty-Five Years Long Service awards presented to Noble Jan Jansen, Noble Barry Mann and Noble David Schroeder. Montreal Hospital representatives, Ill Sir Peter Rippstein, Chairman of Board of Governors and Emmanuelle Rondeau, Director, Business Development and Shrine Liaison were in attendance for the two days and did a number of presentations on Shriners Hospital for Children – Canada.

We are already working on next years Spring Ceremonial. In an effort to streamline the events, it will be a one-day event with a meet and greet Friday for those that want to arrive Friday. It will be held at Coast the Tsawwassen Hotel. Mark your calendar! On my next report, I will attach events and meetings for the next two years which I will be sharing with all concordant bodies in an effort to try and eliminate conflicting events.

GIZEH DIVAN

Your elected Imperial Representatives just returned from the Imperial Sessions Charlotte, NC and were very busy from the moment they arrived. It was a challenge getting there that included flight cancellations and lost baggage. The Potentate's flight was cancelled out of Toronto and had to spend the night there. In speaking with other Nobles, most had the same problems. So much for the airlines telling us they have resolved the travel problems.

IMPERIAL SESSIONS REPORT

Your Recorder's Sunday began with a 6:30 am CAST (Canadian Association of Shrine Temples) Annual General Meeting breakfast meeting. Immediately following that I attended the Annual General Meeting for the Recorder's Association. Lasted 4 ½ hours.

Interesting to learn how expensive it is now to put on these events. For example, at the breakfast, one gallon of coffee costs \$130.00. This event used 10 gallons for a total expense of \$1300.00 plus tax and automatic gratuity.

HIGHLIGHTS OF IMPERIAL SESSIONS

This year the introduction of sign-in electronically at the morning and afternoon meetings using the new web sign-in worked very well.

There were 1,123 Iowa registered Imperial Representatives in attendance plus of course the Colorado Representative.

Two new Temples were given their Charters: Salah Shriners, Brazil and Lubnan Shriners, Lebanon.

Two temples in California were granted permission to join Pacific Northwest Shrine Association (PNSA). PNSA is growing to be become one of the larger associations in shrine.

Probably the most important and contentious legislation was the raising of the Shrine assessment from \$30.00 to \$60.00 for 2024. There was a lot of back-and-forth debates on this issue. There is no doubt that the assessment needs to increase in order for Shrine International to survive. They like a lot of us have been hit hard in the market caused by interest rate increases as well as inflation.

Nobles, we had the opportunity to speak with other Canadian Temples and I am happy to report Gizeh is a very strong Temple not only financially but membership wise. We have a Divan that works well together and gets things done.

I met with Noble John Piland, Executive Director of Shriners

International about a couple of small issues. He complimented Gizeh on what they have accomplished with Zoom meetings and refers us to other temples as the pioneers of this. He calls it the Gizeh method. He refers other temples to contact us for guidance in setting up electronic meetings via Zoom.

Enjoy your summer!

Yours in the Faith,
Darwin Marsh, PP
Recorder



Fezzy Bear and Potentate Ron Yates.



Spring Ceremonial

MAY 12 - 13, 2023
CHILLIWACK, BC

*Report by Noble Peter Boddy,
High Priest & Prophet*

The 2023 Spring Ceremonial took place at the Coast Hotel in Chilliwack during the weekend of May 12 and 13th. The event saw fifteen (15) Candidates installed as Nobles and Fezzed, with participants from various locations including Smithers, Kelowna, Mill Bay, Airdrie (Alberta), and the Lower Mainland.

FRIDAY, MAY 12

The weekend began on Friday evening with a meet and greet session for the Candidates, their Ladies, a Shrine Patient Ambassador, representatives from the Montreal, Spokane, and Portland Shrine Hospitals, and the new 4-meter Gizeh Bear. This was followed by a general reception for all Nobles, their families, and guests.

SATURDAY, MAY 13

Saturday began bright and early where there was more meeting, greeting and networking. The Gizeh Bear also made an appearance. The First Section was opened with the Potentate Ill. Sir Ron Yates welcoming everyone and then Ill. Sir Harold Wallace taking over as the Master of Ceremonies. This was followed by an Invocation by Noble Doug Sowden and the Black Camel Ceremony.

The Ritual Installation of the Candidates was conducted by veterans Noble Mark Mikulec, Doug Sowden, and making his debut Noble Ron Chard.

The Nobles retired to a no-host

Gourmet Hot Dog Luncheon in the sunny and warm Salish Park behind the Hotel.

Meanwhile, the Ladies were assembled for a luncheon at the hotel's Fraser Room which was hosted by Lady Maureen Marsh. Guest speakers, Emmanuelle Rondeau of the Montreal Shrine Hospital, Shrine Patient Ambassador Tanner Jung, and his mother, Nadene provided an educational talk about the several years that they spent at the Portland hospital. I personally enjoyed hearing her perspective as a mother watching Tanner go through his ordeal throughout the years, it was so heartbreaking it brought many of the Ladies to tears, she was an amazing speaker.

As the format of the Second Section was changed by the order of Shriners International a couple of years ago, the Nobles, new and old, received an overview of Shrine International and Gizeh Temple by High Priest and Prophet, Noble Peter Boddy. This was followed by a presentation and question-answer session from Ill. Sir Peter Rippstein, Chairman of the Board of Governors, Shriners Hospital Canada. Short Unit presentations were given by Noble Doug Sowden who spoke about the Clown and Ritualistic Units. The main message was to join a Club or Unit for fellowship and to get more enjoyment from being a Shriner.

The evening formal Banquet was held at the same facility with 130 in

attendance. Master of Ceremonies was Ill. Sir Harold Wallace. As the Piper was not able to attend, Noble Freddy McLi had the Honour of having the Piper's dram with the Potentate.

Noble Doug Sowden did the Invocation and Lady Michelle Wallace sang the National Anthems. After several toasts, the 15 newly installed Nobles were Fezzed by their Ladies.

Ill. Sir Peter Rippstein and Emmanuelle Rondeau of the Shriners Hospital for Children - Canada spoke about the Hospital, staff, and patient load. Shrine Patient Ambassador, Tanner addressed the group with the moving story of his trips to the Shrine Hospital in Portland from the time he was 3 to 17. A short video was shown of his time there, where he underwent several surgeries to correct an issue with one leg. He is now 23 and working as a heavy diesel mechanic in the Lower Mainland area. His Mother and Grandparents were in attendance.

The Potentate thanked and congratulated Noble Jack Bell, his committee, and Ladies Maureen, Dixie, Heidi, and the Recorder for their dedication and hard work which ensured the Spring Ceremonial was a success. He also stated that the new Nobles families are welcome and encouraged to attend the First Section.

The dinner was followed by entertainment provided by Alyssa Nielson who sang several songs that all were familiar with.



First Section Induction Ceremony Candidates



Ladies Luncheon guests, Shriners Hospital Ladies - Emmanuelle and Angie



Banquet guest speaker, Patient Ambassador Tanner Jung

Shriners far and wide from BC to Panama

Report by Noble Troy Bell

Very early (5:30 am) on a Saturday morning in mid-April 2023 I was in Tocumen Airport in Panama City, Panama. While waiting for the check-in counter to open, a gentleman walked by me wearing a Fez, so I stopped him, and we chatted. He was waiting at the airport for a shrine child and his mother to arrive, who were heading to the Pasadena Shriners hospital.

His name is Daniel Ryan, and he is a Tug boat captain at the Panama Canal and a Noble with Shrine Temple AbouSaad in Panama City. He was acting as the Shrine liaison at the airport to make sure the family had all their documents, visas and passports for the trip to America and for entry to the hospital.

The mother and teenage son had been in a horrible fire several years ago and he was travelling to the Shrine burn center in Pasadena, California for skin grafts now that he was growing.

Daniel asked if I could help the family through security and immigration and help them with their connection in Houston as we were going on the same flight that far. I happily agreed and assisted them till we parted later that afternoon.

Coincidentally later that day, April 15th, 2023, was their celebration of the Grand Lodge of Panama for 107 years old, founded in 1916

The location of the event is where Simon Bolivar signed the Constitution of Grand Colombia (the union of Venezuela, Ecuador, Colombia and Panama). Currently it houses the Foreign Relations Ministry

While continuing to wait in the airport for the ticket counter to open, Daniel's 24-year-old stepson Sebastian walked by and stopped to talk with Daniel. He is a pilot for Copa Airlines, and I got to meet him as well.

A chance meeting because Daniel was wearing his Fez early one Saturday morning 6,000 km's from home, turned into a very positive and informative experience.



Noble Daniel Ryan and Noble Troy Bell



A community tradition reborn: The Ladner Salmon BBQ's resilient legacy

Report by Noble Bill Fernihough, P.Eng

In the quaint community of Ladner, British Columbia, an aroma that's been cherished for over five decades fills the air every first Sunday in June. The annual Salmon BBQ, a time-honored tradition, has graced the community for the 52nd time, spread over 54 years. This event is a testament to the power of community, resilience, and cultural heritage.

The Ladner Salmon BBQ initially started as a gathering of fishermen celebrating their catch. Over the years, it evolved into a much-anticipated event that draws in not just locals, but people from all around. The Tsawwassen Shrine Club #31 adopted the BBQ as a fundraiser many years ago, due to a predominance of fishermen members, and it has since been a yearly tradition.

A PAUSE, AND A REVIVAL

Like countless other events around the globe, the Ladner Salmon BBQ faced the unprecedented challenge of the COVID-19 pandemic. It was not held during the COVID-19 years, but the determined community ensured it came back in full force in 2022 and continues to thrive in 2023.

THE PROCESS, AN ART HANDED DOWN

What makes this BBQ so special? None of the original fishermen members remain, but the art and expertise have been passed down. New members learn the craft of cutting the fish into succulent pieces that are seasoned with oil and spices. The salmon is then cooked over a charcoal fire in the same BBQ pit, using the same grills that have been used for over 50 years.

Starting the charcoal fire and preparing the pit is a coveted responsibility. Ill Sir Lloyd Jones, a revered member, held this position for several years. With keen eyes and skilled hands, the salmon is expertly guided through the cooking process.

THE ULTIMATE CULINARY EXPERIENCE

As the hours pass, the anticipation builds. When the clock hits noon, fish servers meet the public at the end of the grill, handing over perfectly cooked pieces of salmon to eager customers who have already picked up French fries and coleslaw.

Over the years, the Salmon BBQ has seen attendance numbers as high as 1,900, with almost 2,000 pounds of fish being served. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the attendance has steadied to a more traditional 1,300, keeping the event intimate yet vibrant.

MORE THAN JUST A BBQ

The Ladner Salmon BBQ is not just about the fish – it's about community. Attractions such as Shriner Clowns, Shriner Bands, and the crowd-favorite little cars add to the festive atmosphere. Recently, children have been enchanted by the attendance of OWL, a group dedicated to rescuing wild birds. In true community spirit, other Shrine Clubs, as well as youth groups like the DeMolay and Job's Daughters, join in to help.

WRAPPING UP AND LOOKING FORWARD

By 6 pm, as the final servings are made, a dedicated cleanup crew begins to tear down the setup. The air is filled with contentment, gratitude, and a sense of fulfillment as another successful Salmon BBQ comes to a close.

But in Ladner, there's always an eye on the horizon. The next Salmon BBQ is already in the early stages of planning, and the community looks forward to keeping this treasured tradition alive for many more years to come.

In an era where the world has faced so much change and uncertainty, the resilience and enduring spirit of the Ladner community and the Tsawwassen Shrine Club #31 ensure that the Salmon BBQ will continue to be a beacon of tradition, unity, and celebration for all.



L to R: Noble Kevin "Lunchbucket" Lainchbury and ...



The lineup of people at the Ladner BBQ.



WELCOME!

Noble Alan "Cobby" Cobbs

Submitted by Dixie

We are delighted to share the news and extend our warmest congratulations to Noble Alan "Cobby" Cobbs on his recent affiliation with Gizeh Shriners. Noble Cobbs has been an associated member of Gizeh since 2007 and is an invaluable asset to our organization through his dedication to the Drum and Bugle Corps.

Despite facing a stroke in early July, Noble Cobbs exhibited remarkable resilience and quickly regained his active involvement in our community. He has enthusiastically embraced his participation in events with the Ladies, and his love for dancing and cigars continues unabated. The Gizeh staff holds great appreciation for Noble Cobb's charming character, as he consistently brightens the atmosphere by presenting a rose to the office ladies on his visits.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Noble Cobbs and celebrate his affiliation and unwavering commitment with Gizeh Shriners.



Noble Alan "Cobby" Cobbs and III. Sir Ron Yates.

Fun and fellowship at the '23 Imperial Session

*Submitted by Noble Andre Holley,
Oriental Guide*

The Public opening was great with a lot of fun. There were dueling pianos and a name-that-tune contest hosted by WBTV News Anchor Moly Grantham. The Shriners Children's Greenville patients Jala, Ava, Jesse, and Makaila put on a fantastic talent display, followed by the National Patient Ambassadors Katherine and Parker talking about their years as ambassadors.

The Membership Summit Sunday Morning had a theme of Adapt. Evolve & Thrive. The presentations and discussions centered on creating new Clubs and Units. These Clubs and Units should focus on attracting new members by targeting what young Freemasons will find interesting and

fun. Lots of good ideas.

On Wednesday there was the Pageant for the incoming Imperial Potentate Illustrious Sir "Ed" Stolze and First Lady JoLynn Dickins with the Year of the Lion theme.

Every year, Shriners Children's selects two patient ambassadors to represent the healthcare system's patients. These ambassadors spend the year sharing their stories and the ways Shriners Children's has made a dramatic difference in their lives. For 2023-2024 the International Patient Ambassadors are Gianna and Juan Diego.

Imperial First Lady JoLynn Dickins, as the new chair of Woman Impacting Care, has chosen a white feather for this year's theme, "Believe in Tomorrow." The program supports Shriners Children's efforts to help teenage

patients with life-long conditions transition to adulthood. The feather which is a symbol of hope and promise in Native American tradition is often given to someone to remind them that they are not alone.



Imperial Potentate James "Ed" Stolze Jr. and First Lady JoLynn Dickins



100 Mile House Shriners dinner auction was a snapping good time

*Story and photos by Fiona Grisswell,
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It was a packed house for the Big Country Shrine Club's Prime Rib and King Crab Dinner Auction on Saturday.

There wasn't a ticket to be had for the annual fundraising event which sold out in record time. The bidding action got an early start when, for \$800, Donna Barnett auctioned off the rights to be the first table to sample the buffet prepared by James Clancy and the staff of the Red Rock Grill.

Expenses are still being calculated, said Shriner's club president Glen Clancy so they do not have a figure yet on how much was raised by the charity event.

Near the beginning of the night, Barnett announced that due to price of king crab the club might need to consider options for next year's dinner. Before being shut down by COVID-19 the club was paying approximately \$8,000 for crab while now they are paying \$16,000.

Clancy confirmed, saying a shortage of king crab is pushing prices up.

A questionnaire left at each place setting listed three alternatives for attendees to vote on: Dungeness crab, lobster or prawns.

Patient ambassador Wendy Fredrickson and her husband Terry travelled from Williams Lake for the dinner. She made her first trip to the Shriners Hospital in Portland, Oregon when she was around one.

"I was born with Syndactyly which is a deformity of the hand," said Fredrickson. The Shriners Hospital did all the surgeries to release the webbing between her fingers up until she was 19.

She said she can use her hand for all manner of tasks now including typing,

playing piano and doing print shop work.

She was the youngest of seven children and said her parents used to make a trip out of the visit.

The Shriners went above and beyond to make sure everything was looked after for the family to get to Portland.

Ron Yates, the potentate of the Gizeh Shriners of B.C. and the Yukon said it was nice to see the Shrine dollars raised in the Cariboo being spent here.

"We try to do these things to raise money to look after our children."

Any transportation, lodging and meals are looked after by the Shriners, he said, adding that Air Canada and Westjet have been good at providing free seats for children and their parents or guardian heading to the Shrine Hospital in Montreal.

Val Azevedo attended the dinner with her husband Roy. She said it was the second time they had purchased tickets to the event. "It was so much fun we wanted to come again. The food's wonderful and the Shriners do so much good work for the community and the province."

She indicated the line of auction tables behind her and said, "The live auction is really fun too."

Clancy thanked the public for their support of the evening, both for buying tickets to the event and for making donations. Without the donations, many of which came from Williams Lake, the event would not be as successful.

Ron Yates asked those who know children in need of assistance to call the Burnaby office at 604-291-7707 or 1-800-661-5437.

