

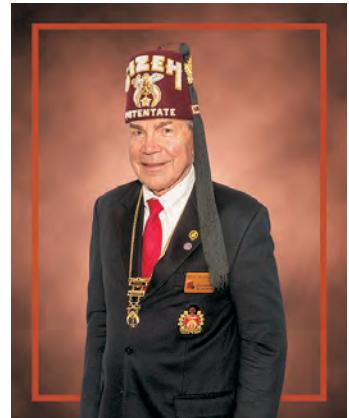
The Gizeh Gazette

BC & Yukon Shriners



We seem to have finally recovered from the COVID years and are changing our format to reach out and improve our communication with the Nobles. It is anticipated that this Gazette will be a monthly publication; your feedback would be appreciated.

On October 16, Shriners International announced the recipients of the prestigious Dromedary Awards for Shrine Temple Communications. Gizeh Shriners was honoured to receive the award for best Facebook communications. I join all of the Illustrious Sirs and Nobles of Gizeh Shriners of British Columbia & Yukon in congratulating our Oriental Guide, Noble Sean Martin, and the Nobles of the Marketing and Communications Committee for their outstanding achievement!



Ill. Sir Doug Franklin, Potentate

I recently travelled to Terrace with our Recorder III. Sir Ron Yates, Chief Rabban Noble Peter Boddy, and Lady Lisa, we were warmly welcomed by Noble Craig Fraser-Easton and Lady Diane. An afternoon ceremony with ladies and guests was held in the Kitselas Masonic Lodge, followed by a dinner at the Arabisk Restaurant. Hearty thanks to Noble Craig, not only for organizing this great celebration but also for reinvigorating the Shrine in northwest BC! We have been successful in adding new Nobles to our roster this year. May I also take this opportunity to thank all the Illustrious Sirs and Nobles who have worked to retain Nobles who may have otherwise been suspended in December.

Our Child Services Coordinator, Ms. Joy, sends monthly reports to all members of the *Child Services Society (CSS)*. This program sends children to the Shriners Children's Hospitals, while the *Shriners in your Community Fund (SYCF)* purchases medical equipment for children under eighteen.

Thank you to all Nobles and Illustrious Sirs who have spoken with families and caregivers of prospective patients, and for their follow-up in making referrals.

Our Stated meeting for the year will be held on Saturday, January 17th at 10:00 a.m. so I hope most of you can attend either in person or at an identified tiled location.

Lady Lisa and I wish you and your loved ones a Happy Festival Season be it Hannukah, Christmas or your special time of celebration, and a New Year filled with abundant good health and happiness.



Membership

This past year, we sadly said farewell to several devoted Shriners who were called by the Black Camel. Their kindness, dedication, and steady presence touched so many of us, and their memory will continue to be felt throughout Gizeh. At the same time, we've been uplifted by a wonderful sense of renewal. Many new Brothers have taken the meaningful step of becoming Nobles through Cold Sands ceremonies held across our Gizeh communities. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the Club Coordinators for their enthusiasm, encouragement, and effort in welcoming these new Nobles and guiding them through such special moments.

The Divan has truly enjoyed attending these gatherings and sharing in the camaraderie, and we look forward to being part of many more. We are especially looking ahead to the Spring Ceremony in Kimberley, BC on May 29 and 30 — a warm and memorable opportunity for our new Nobles to connect, form friendships, and feel embraced by the wider Shrine family.

With this new group of dedicated men joining us, our membership will return to just under 700 Nobles — a comforting reminder of the strength, continuity, and heart of Gizeh.



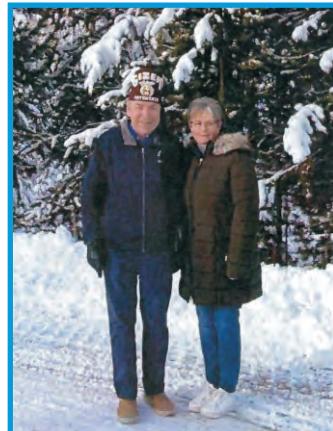
Divan Election Results

The following Nobles were elected on Saturday, December 13, Stated meeting.

Potentate	Noble Peter BODDY
Chief Rabban	Noble Andre HOLLEY
Assistant Rabban	Noble Rick HUNTER
High Priest and Prophet	Noble Sean MARTIN
Oriental Guide	Noble Jorge IBANEZ
Treasurer	Noble Sunil DEBBA
Recorder	Noble Ronn MARTIN

Nobles Greg Sawchuk and Michael Klaber were elected to the GTBS Board.

Elected representatives to the Imperial Shrine Conference were Nobles Peter Boddy, Andre Holley and Rick Hunter.



III. Sir Franklin and Lady Lisa.





Celebrating 100 Years of Hope and Healing

The Gala of the Century

The stars were out at Le Salon Richmond for the Gala of the Century, a dazzling celebration of 100 years of hope, healing and innovation at Shriners Hospitals for Children Canada. Shining brightest, filling the room with hope, inspiration and even tears, were our incredible patients. The program brought the hospital's mission to life by uniting donors, patients and the community in a celebration of – and for – the children. CBC Montreal news anchor Debra Arbec took the stage as master of ceremonies. “It is pure joy to open our doors wider to the broader community and share what we Shriners have dedicated our lives to for 100 years,” said Gary McKeown, chairman of the Board of Governors for Shriners Hospitals for Children Canada.

One of the most unforgettable moments was a dance by patient Emma, performed to the song *I Am a Fighter*. Emma lives with congenital scoliosis, a rare condition that impacts her mobility, breathing and comfort. Despite those challenges, her strength shined through every moment of her performance.

Twenty-five patients attended the event, with representation from all the provinces and Shiner Temples across Canada. “Each of you carries a story of courage, resilience, and triumph. You are the reason we are here, the reason we do what we do,” said keynote speaker Kelly Thorstad, acting administrator at Shriners Hospitals for Children Canada. Mr. McKeown then welcomed the leadership of Shriners Children's – Ill. Sir Leslie Stewart, M.D., chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Imperial Potentate Ill. Sir Brad T. Koehn – to the stage. Together, they took the audience on a journey through the remarkable history of the hospital – from its beginnings in 1925, through the pivotal years of growth, to the establishment of our first research centre and the pioneering innovations that set new standards of care around the world.

With over 350 in attendance, this very special evening raised over \$500,000 for SHC Canada! Rameses Shriners Toronto was represented well with the majority of Divan and invited guests in attendance highlighted by our Rameses patient ambassador Laynee and family. It was an honour for our Potentate, Ill. Sir John Neil to accompany Laynee into the Gala. 



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Message from 2025 Chief Rabban

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the Nobles of Gizeh Shriners for your trust and confidence over the past five years, culminating in my election to the position of Potentate of Gizeh Shriners of BC and Yukon for 2026. It is truly an honour and a privilege to represent you. I am committed to serving our membership with energy and optimism, and to supporting the children and families who rely on our work.

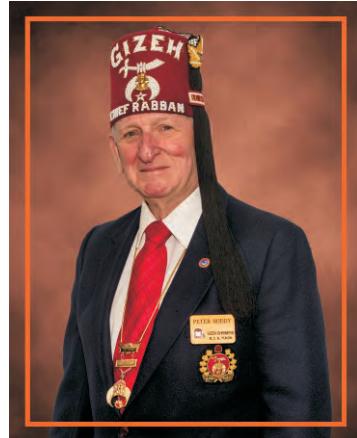
My sincere appreciation goes to Ill. Sir Doug Franklin for his guidance and mentorship this past year. I also offer warm congratulations to our newly elected and appointed 2026 Officers of Gizeh Temple. Your dedication, support and shared enthusiasm strengthen Gizeh Shriners and the various communities we serve across BC and Yukon.

Looking ahead, we have an exciting year in store. We will continue our efforts to raise public awareness of the Shriners and continue to increase our membership. Following the April Potentate's cruise to Japan, we look forward to gathering at the Spring Ceremonial in Kimberley on May 29 and 30. Later in the summer, Kimberley will once again host the Pacific Northwest Shrine Association (PNSA) Summer Family meeting from July 30 to August 2. With Temples joining us from Northern California to the central United States, and all the way up to the Yukon and Alaska, it promises to be a wonderful opportunity to connect with our Shrine family across the region.

The Gazette will be sent out monthly to keep all Nobles informed of upcoming events, Temple news, timely updates from Gizeh, Daughters of the Nile (DON) and Shrine Hospitals.

As Potentate Elect of 2026, I look forward to a productive, and enjoyable year together. I wish each of you a very Merry Christmas, joyful celebrations with family and friends and a safe, healthy, prosperous New Year.

*Yours in the faith,
Noble Peter Boddy
2026 Potentate Elect*



**Potentate Elect
Noble Peter Boddy**





Queen
Crystal Chow

Daughters of the Nile is an international fraternal organization open to women 18 years and older who value friendship, fun, and meaningful service. Members come together to support the organization's single philanthropic purpose: raising funds for and supporting Shriners Children's. Founded in Seattle in 1913, Daughters of the Nile has grown to more than 15,000 members in 120 cities across the United States, Canada, Brazil, and Bolivia. For over a century, members have proudly supported Shriners International and remain dedicated to helping Shriners Children's deliver exceptional, world-class pediatric care.

Charitable Work

Daughters of the Nile focus exclusively on supporting Shriners Children's. Members contribute more than \$2 million annually through the organization's foundations, and since 1924 have donated over \$75 million. In addition to financial support, members generously give over 180,000 volunteer hours each year. Their contributions include sewing quilts and clothing, creating special items requested by hospitals, and donating books, toys, games, and other materials that brighten the lives of young patients. Members also organize monthly parties and activities for children and their families. Collectively, the value of volunteer hours and donated items adds more than \$1 million in support annually. In Canada, all funds raised directly benefit our national Shriners Children's hospital in Montreal, Quebec.

Local Distinction

Gizeh Shriners is proud to be the only Shrine Temple to house two Daughters of the Nile Temples—an honour unique within Shriners International.

*Crystal Chow
Zarah Temple No. 72*



Mark on your calendar, January 24th, 2026 at the Italian Cultural Centre at 3075 Slocan Street, Vancouver for the Divan and Club Installation.

The meet-and-greet will start at 4 p.m., dinner at 5 p.m., followed by the Installation. Hotel accommodation information will be coming out shortly.



FRANK FORGOT HIS FEZ!



III. Sir Ron Yates has announced that he is retiring from Gizeh Divan, after spending two years as the Potentate and assuming the position of the Recorder for the past year and a half. We wish him a long and enjoyable retirement after the many dedicated years he has spent volunteering with Gizeh.



Bottles, Bottles, Bottles!





Joy, Diana and Katrina decorating the Christmas tree at Gizeh.

Upcoming events for 2026

Jan 10
Jan 17
Jan 24
Jan 30
Feb 05
Feb 16
Feb 19 - 20
Mar 28
Apr 14
May 29 - 30
July 30 - Aug 02

Nile Temple Installation
AGM Stated Meeting
Gizeh Divan and Club Installation Italian Cultural Centre
Club Coordinators Zoom meeting
Daughters of the Nile Supreme Visit
Creston Family Fishing Day
PNSA Sheridan Wyoming Open to all
Stated Meeting
Potentates Cruise (Japan)
Spring Ceremonial Kimberly
PNSA Family Event Kimberly



*Cloverdale Christmas Parade
November 30*



**2025 is drawing to a close
all the Best of the Christmas Season**

*See you all in
2026!!*

