



The Gizeh Gazette

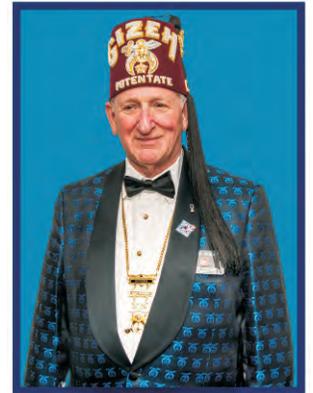
BC & Yukon Shriners



The past month has been a busy and exciting one for Gizeh, beginning with our Installation Ceremony held at the Italian Cultural Centre in Vancouver. We were pleased to welcome 92 Nobles and Ladies for this special evening of fellowship and celebration. (And yes—the food was excellent!)

The following Nobles were installed at the ceremony to lead Gizeh in the coming year:

Potentate: Ill. Sir 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.



Ill. Sir Peter Boddy

As we move forward, each officer will take on important liaison roles to support our committees and strengthen communication across the Temple. Noble Andre Holley will serve as liaison between the Divan and the Fundraising Committee. Noble Rick Hunter will work closely with both Membership and Child Services Society (CSS) Committees. Noble Sean Martin will oversee Education, and Noble Jorge Ibanez will guide and support Gizeh's Information Technology initiatives.

In early January, the newly installed Recorder Noble Ronn Martin and I travelled to Spokane to attend El Katif Shriner's Installation. It was a memorable occasion as Illustrious Sir Chris Wirt was fezzed by his two granddaughters—a proud and touching moment for all in attendance.

While in Spokane we toured Shriners Children's Hospital, witnessing firsthand the incredible care and dedication provided to the children and families we serve. Our road trip concluded with attendance at Nile Shriners Installation, where Illustrious Sir Darrick Hayman was installed as Potentate.

Closer to home, a very productive Teams meeting was held with our Club Coordinators at the end of January. Plans for the year ahead were thoughtfully discussed, and there is great enthusiasm as we look forward to connecting again in person at the Spring Ceremonial in Kimberley at the end of May.



Message from Potentate (contd.)

Noble Rick Hunter and I will be representing Gizeh at the upcoming business meeting of the Pacific Northwest Shrine Association (PNSA) in Sheridan, Wyoming in mid-February. The PNSA brings together 22 Temples, spanning Northern California across to the Midwest, north to the Yukon and Alaska, and west to the Pacific Ocean. (Sadly, Hawaii has yet to join our circle!)

We are especially excited that Gizeh will host the PNSA Summer Family Event in Kimberley from July 29 to August 2. This gathering is open to all Nobles, along with their families and friends, and promises to be a wonderful time of fellowship and fun.



***Noble Andre Holley, Noble Jorge Ibanez,
III. Sir Peter Boddy,
Noble Sean Martin, Noble Sunil Debba, Noble Ronn Martin
(missing: Noble Rick Hunter).***

Looking ahead, I will be planning a visit to Whitehorse in mid-March to meet with Yukon Shrine Club and Lodge Brethren and continue strengthening those important connections.



In an effort to reduce costs, the Divan held its February meeting virtually via Teams. However, we look forward to meeting in person in mid-March with the Board of Governors of Shriners Hospitals for Children Canada, who will be in Vancouver. It has been three years since their last visit, and we welcome the opportunity to reconnect face-to-face.



Message from Potentate (contd.)

Plans are coming together nicely for our Spring Ceremonial, which will be held May 29–30 at the beautiful Trickle Creek Lodge in Kimberley, BC. We are looking forward to welcoming Nobles from El Katif Shriners in Spokane and Al Azhar Shriners in Calgary as they join us for what promises to be a memorable weekend of fellowship and celebration. Registration forms will be distributed shortly. A block of rooms has been reserved for our group at Trickle Creek Lodge, and reservations may now be made for both the Spring Ceremonial in May and the PNSA Family Event taking place July 29 to August 2.

When booking:

For the Spring Ceremonial (May 29-30), use the group rate password “**Shriner.**”

For the PNSA Family Event (Jul 29-Aug 2), use the group rate password “**PNSA.**”

(The Resort chose the passwords—we simply follow instructions!)



To reserve your room, call toll free **1-877-282-1200** or **250-427-6745**, or visit the resort website, <https://tricklecreeklodge.com/>

Preferred group rates (plus 15% tax) are: Spring Ceremonial Studio \$129 / One Bedroom \$139 / Two Bedroom \$189 plus taxes / PNSA Studio \$187 / One Bedroom \$201 / Two Bedroom \$281 plus taxes.

We encourage everyone to book early and plan to join us for a wonderful time in Kimberley.

For more information on our Spring Ceremonial, please contact the Gizeh Office at 604.291.7707, ext. 1.

*Yours in the faith,
Ill. Sir Peter Boddy
2026 Potentate*





The Daughters of the Nile is an international women's fraternal organization founded in Seattle in 1913. Affiliated with the Shriners, it is dedicated to charitable service, with its primary philanthropic support directed to the Shriners Hospitals system across North America. Funds raised by Canadian Temples specifically support Shriners Hospitals for Children Canada in Montreal. Membership is open to women 18 years of age and older, with thousands of members organized into local Temples around the world.

March is a very busy time for Daughters of the Nile as our Temple Officers are changed over, including our Queens. As our Temple elections do not happen until just before our Installation dates, we are unable to say for sure who the incoming Queen will be but it does not happen often that our Princess Royal does not go on to becoming Queen.

We would like to extend invitations to the Gizeh Shriners, their partners and any others who would like to attend our 2026 Open Installation of Officers for both of the BC Daughters of the Nile Temples. Saturday, March 21, 2026, Miriam Temple No. 2 will be hosting their Open Installation of Officers at Ashlar # 3 AF & AM Masonic Lodge, 101 Commercial St, Nanaimo, BC beginning at 2:00 pm with a reception to follow. Please RSVP to Princess Recorder Diane Scott at miriam2temple@gmail.com.

Saturday, March 28, 2026, Zarah Temple No. 72 will be hosting their Open Installation of Officers at the Executive Suites Hotel at 4201 Lougheed Hwy, Burnaby BC beginning at 2:00 pm. There will be a dinner that follows at 5:30 pm that will be \$75 per person and we would love to have you join us for both events. For any questions or to RSVP to Princess Royal, Jeanette Colwell at jcolwellno.72@gmail.com. We congratulate both Temples, their Queens and Officers and look forward to working closely with them.

Another very special event is taking place in June 2026, when the Daughters of the Nile host their 110th Annual Supreme Session in beautiful Victoria from June 7–10, 2026. During this distinguished event, the Supreme Queen will be crowned. This year, our very own Supreme Princess Royal, Kathy Rafter, Past Queen of Zarah Temple No. 72, has put her name forward for this very special honour. The Installation of Supreme Officers will be held on Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at the Victoria Conference Centre and is open to all. We warmly invite you to join us in celebrating our wonderful ladies and showing your support for our incoming Supreme Temple Officers.

<https://web.cvent.com/event/8AFA18B9-D89B-443D-B74E-FB68288396A9/summary>.



Child Services Society January 2026 Summary

Travel Summary

Gizeh Shriners Child Services Society (CSS) was able to send two children and their caregivers to Shriners Children's Hospitals this month.

Hospital	Departure City
Montreal	Vancouver
Montreal	Vancouver

Shriners in Your Community Fund (SYCF)

The Shriners in Your Community Fund was able to cover the following costs of equipment for children in Gizeh territories using funding from the gaming grant and our generous donors.

Approved Applications	City	Approved amount
1	Delta	\$472.00
3	Surrey	\$1,688.00
1	Vancouver	\$456.00
1	Burnaby	\$456.00
1	Lions Bay	\$228.00
1	Kelowna	\$888.25
1	Hope	\$1,444.52

Help Children get to Shriners Children's Donate Aeroplan Points

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact: **Joy Ogbé** Coordinator, Child Services Society
604-291-7707 ext 2 Services@bcshriners.com



SHRINE CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS

The three main Shriners Hospitals that we send our Kiddos to have been kept busy. The Board of Directors and staff from the Shrine Hospital Canada will be having their monthly meeting in Vancouver from 18 to 20 March. They were here three years ago and have since been moving around Canada as well as the Hospital location in Montreal. Last month they were in Newfoundland. Ill Sir Ron Yates is Gizeh's Board member to Shriners Canada. Spokane Children's has Noble Tony Mulder from Creston representing Gizeh. Noble Mulder is presently the Vice Chair of the Board. There will be three Board of Governors vacancies to fill for the 2027 term at Spokane.

Portland Shriners Children's also has Board of Governors vacancies to fill for the 2027 term. Any potential nominee will be expected to serve more than one three-year term. In addition, the Nominee should be aware the Board meets monthly and he is expected to make every effort to attend all meetings, he serves without compensation, and he must commit to becoming familiar with the rules and regulations of Shriners Children's.

We encourage you to consider becoming an active part of the important work we already do in support of our hospitals—work that ultimately serves the children and families who depend on us.

If you are interested in one of these Board positions or require further information, contact the Gizeh Recorder at recorder@bcshriners.com and Administration@bcshriners.com. Applications have to be submitted through Gizeh before March 16, 2026.



Education Opportunities Within Shriners International

Education continues to be a cornerstone of growth within Shriners International. Through the Shriners International Education Foundation (SIEF), members and the broader Masonic family have access to high-quality learning designed to strengthen leadership, improve operations, and grow membership.

The sixth annual Noble Academy Membership & Marketing Virtual Event Series returns with fresh content, new speakers, and practical strategies that temples, clubs, and units can apply immediately.

Upcoming virtual event dates:
May 21, 2026
August 20, 2026
January 21, 2027



For those who value in-person learning and collaboration, the 2026 Membership Conference will take place November 6–8, 2026, in Washington, D.C.

In addition to live events, Shiner U and Cornerstone Academy offer centralized, on-demand education available anytime. These platforms provide one-hour single sessions ideal for lunch-and-learn formats, comprehensive courses drawn from past Noble Academy programs, and bite-sized micro-learning modules that can be incorporated into stated meetings.

Content is tailored for Divan members, marketing and membership chairs, recorders, treasurers, clubs and units, spouses, temple staff, and the general Nobility. Participants can earn certificates and badges in recognition of their progress.

Education within the Shrine is intentional. By investing in leadership development and operational excellence, we strengthen our temples, enhance membership engagement, and ensure a vibrant future for our fraternity.

Noble Sean Martin
High Priest and Prophet

Registration Open!



Shriners Children's™ Northwest Classic
Celebrating Over 100 Years in Portland and Spokane

Friday, May 15 @ 11 A.M
Nile Shrine Golf Course
6601 244th St SW Mountlake Terrace, WA 98043
ShrinersNWClassic.org





Jobs Daughter's Grand Session

Sheraton Guilford

March 26 Formal Opening, March 27 Pageant, March 28 Installation

Contact Secretary Niki 604-866-0628 for more details.

Parades

Parade season will be starting soon. As outlined in General Order No.1, please ensure the Gizeh Recorder is advised of all Parades your Club or Unit is planning to enter, or may potentially enter. This allows Gizeh to confirm that your participation is properly included under our insurance policy. Gizeh covers the cost of insurance for all Clubs and Units, this policy extends to everyone participating with the Shriners in a parade. Please email Recorder@bcshriners.com.

PNSA Winter Session

A report of the proceedings of the Pacific Northwest Shrine Association will be in next months Gazette.

Upcoming events for 2026

Mar 15-17	Whitehorse Shrine meeting
Mar 18-20	Montreal Hospital Board in Vancouver
Mar 21	Stated Meeting
Mar 21	Miriam #2 DON Installation Nanaimo
Mar 21-26	Recorder Seminar Amarillo Texas
Mar 26-29	JOBS Daughters Grand Session
Mar 28	Zarah #72 DON Installation Burnaby
Apr 3-5	Easter
Apr 8-26	Potentates Cruise (Japan)
Apr 11	Williams Lake Crab Night
May 15	Shrine Northwest Golf at Nile Temple
May 29 - 30	Club Coordinator and Spring Ceremonial Kimberly
Jun 7	Tsawwassen Fish BBQ
Jun 7-10	Installation Supreme Queen DON Victoria

