

The Gizeh Gazette

BC & Yukon Shriners



April and May have been busy months around Gizeh Temple, with plenty of activity both at home and abroad!

Several Nobles and Ladies recently enjoyed the Potentates Cruise around Japan and to South Korea. Along the way, we met Masons from all over the world, which made for some very interesting conversations and friendships. After two weeks exploring Japan and South Korea, part of the group continued touring Japan by land while the rest stayed aboard and sailed across the Bering Sea toward Alaska. The rough seas and towering waves certainly made for an adventure—and for the first time for many of us, crossing the International Date Line meant we experienced *two Fridays* in one week!



Ill. Sir Peter Boddy



Closer to home, our Clubs have been busy hosting community events and popular spring crab dinners. With warmer weather arriving, many Clubs are once again participating in parades throughout BC and the Yukon, attracting large crowds and helping raise the profile of Gizeh in our communities. Last weekend we received the Hyack Parade Marshal's High Maintenance Award!

Golf season is also in full swing across BC and the Yukon, keeping many Nobles busy enjoying some exercise, fellowship, and community involvement—while perhaps occasionally searching for the perfect drive!

Our annual Spring Ceremonial, where new Shriners are fezzed, is taking place in Kimberley, BC, at the end of May in conjunction with the Nobles of Al Azhar in *Message from Potentate (contd. on next page)*



Message from Potentate continued.

Calgary. With more than 100 people already registered, it promises to be a fantastic weekend in the mountains. The Gizeh Office Ladies are very busy getting prepared for it.

Looking ahead, the Pacific Northwest Shrine Association (PNSA), representing 22 Temples across Western Canada and the United States, will be holding its Summer Family Weekend in Kimberley from July 30 to August 2. The event will feature a wide variety of activities and family fun. We are proud that the PNSA selected Canada to host this year's gathering and hope to see an excellent turnout. For more information, please visit www.shrinerspsna.net/events.

As summer approaches, we encourage all Nobles and families to stay safe and enjoy the season—whether you're at home, camping, travelling, golfing, or out on the water. Please keep an eye out for children enjoying their summer break, and don't forget the sunscreen!

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



*Cherry Blossom
time in Japan.*

Understanding the Two Shrine Corporations

A lot of people don't realize the Shrine actually has two separate corporations. We usually call them the "Iowa Corporation" and the "Colorado Corporation" because of where they are registered.

The Iowa Corporation is Shriners International, the fraternity side of the Shrine. This includes the temples, Shrine Clubs, parades, units, ceremonials, traditions, and membership. It's the fun and fellowship side of Shrinedom and where Nobles spend time together serving their communities.

The Colorado Corporation is Shriners Children, the hospital side of the Shrine. This corporation runs the hospitals and clinics that help children, no matter their family's ability to pay.

In simple terms:

- Iowa Corporation = the fraternity
- Colorado Corporation = the hospitals

The two corporations are separate, but they work together closely. The fraternity raises money, volunteers in communities, and supports the hospital mission. The hospitals give the fraternity an important purpose by helping children and families every day. That's what makes the Shrine special. We have fun, build friendships, and support a mission that truly changes lives.

*Noble Sean Martin
High Priest & Prophet*



Williams Lake Crab and Prime Rib Dinner

On April 11th. I had the privilege of attending the Williams Lake fundraiser dinner on behalf of the Potentate. It was an outstanding event, with 208 tickets sold at \$150 per plate. The event sold out in just two and a half weeks. Lorne Doerkson, MLA for Cariboo-Chilcotin did a fantastic job as the Master of Ceremonies for the evening.

To describe the tremendous support this community has for the Shriners would be an understatement. The people were wonderful, and the crab-and-prime-rib dinner was excellent. The evening featured a silent auction, a live auction, two 50/50 draws, and a draw for first pick from the silent auction table. Many items in the silent auction attracted bids well above their posted value. The excitement really began with dinner and the live auction, with bids for the first three tables to go to the buffet. Table one sold for \$1,500, table two for \$1,400 and table three for \$900, even though the auction had not yet officially begun.

It quickly became clear that the residents of the Cariboo were there to support the Shriners with enthusiastic bidding. Two boxes of brownies sold for \$300, and a cake sold for \$400. A one-hour helicopter ride was bid up to \$3,100, and just as the auctioneer was closing the bidding, another bid of \$3,500 came in. Unfortunately, bidding had already closed, so the ride sold for \$3,100. In an extraordinary gesture, the company that donated the helicopter ride immediately offered a second ride, which was then auctioned off to the second bidder for \$3,500. My calculations show the auction raised \$52,700, including the first tables to the buffet. After including all silent auction 50/50 draws and other income, the event raised \$75,800 after expenses. This was achieved through the hard work and dedication of eight Nobles, six ladies, and other volunteers.

*Noble Andre Holley
Chief Rabban*

The 8th annual Harvey Sayles fishing derby for the Creston Valley Shrine club did not happen. A mild winter for 2026 had ice that was less than an inch thick. However, the Creston and District Credit Union did step up with a cheque for \$1,000 as they continued the tradition of support. The club has popcorn machines at parades and community events to raise funds for Shriners Children Patients. The club raises money by distributing popcorn by donation.

Noble Tony Mulder (left) is from Creston and is on the Spokane Shrine Hospital Board. He will be the Chairman of the Board next year or the year after.



PACIFIC NORTHWEST SHRINE ASSOCIATION Summer Event
July 30 to August 2 Kimberly, BC

The PNSA Summer Family event will be held in Kimberly, BC from July 30 to August 2. The PNSA are now the lead host and will be putting out the event schedule shortly, which include Ladies events. Registration is available on line for \$400 USD plus a \$10 service fee for a Noble and his Lady or \$239 USD plus a \$5.95 service fee.

Accommodation is available at Trickle Creek Resort at the Ski Hill in Kimberly at a super price for this location.

For more information check out the following websites or contact Ill Sir Larry Tipton at email: tpeddler@hotmail.com or 406-698-1079.
<https://www.shrinerspnsa.net/events-1/summer-pnsa>
<https://www.shrinerspnsa.net/events>



Greetings from Nile Shrine!

On May 15, Nile hosted the Northwest Shriners Children's Classic golf tournament. This charity tournament was a fund raiser for both our Spokane and Portland hospitals and was very successful! This year, we raised \$35,000!! We were excited to partner with local businesses who sponsored our lunch and dinner as well as competitions for longest drive, straightest drive, and a hole-in-one challenge where a golfer could win a three year lease on a new Honda! At the end of the tournament, we had a tie so we had to have a tie breaking hole where the competitors tied again! The contest was finally decided in double overtime!!

In addition to golf, we were able to meet and chat with some of our patient ambassadors and their parents. It is always heartwarming to connect with kids and their families to see the difference we make every day! Nile plans to host this tournament again next Spring. I invite you to make the journey south to join us in the fun!!

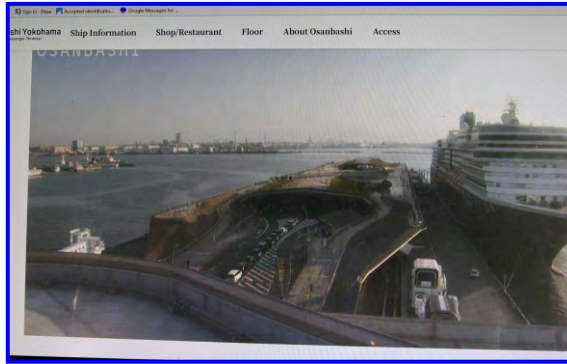


*Yours in the faith,
Illustrious Sir Darrick Hayman
Nile Potentate*





POTENTATE'S CRUISE



MS Westerdam dockside in Yokohama.



III. Sir Wally hiding in Japan!



Nobles Herb Willberg, Peter King, Alex Bobsien, Trenor Tilley, Peter Boddy, Wally Lee, John Laing.



Shopping in Japan.



Child Services Society

April – May 2026 Summary

The Gizeh Shriners Child Services Society is able to function through the generous support of our Shrine Clubs through the gaming grant funding, fundraising events, and dedicated donors.

We sincerely appreciate the continued generosity and support of everyone who contributes to helping improve the lives of the children and families we serve.

Travel Summary

Gizeh Shriners Child Services Society (CSS) was pleased to assist children and one caregiver each with travel to various Shriners Children's hospitals during the months of April and May. Please see the details below.

Hospital	Departure City
Montreal	West Kelowna
Montreal	Golden
Montreal	Port Moody
Montreal	Vancouver
Montreal	Kaleden
Portland	Maple Ridge



Shriners in Your Community Fund (SYCF)

The Shriners in Your Community Fund was able to cover the cost of equipment for children within the Gizeh jurisdiction; more information is below.

Applications	City	Approved amount
3	Abbotsford	\$1656.00
12	Surrey	\$24165.07
2	Langley	\$760.00
2	Burnaby	\$974.92
1	Delta	\$7282.00
2	Coquitlam	\$6077.51
2	Chilliwack	\$1344.00
1	New Denver	\$4,650.00
1	Garibaldi Highlands.	\$2,144.60
1	Kamloops	\$1,392.50
1	Kelowna	\$1,273.56
1	Fernie	\$4,339.00
1	Prince George	\$1,157.12
TOTAL	30	\$57,216.28



Nobles Freddy Li, Andre Holley, and Brent Bowden at Jared Rowland's Golf fundraiser for the Shrine Hospital Canada at Country Meadows Golf Course. They raised over \$5,000!





On May 6, the Campbell River Shrine Club proudly donated \$23,000 to Gizeh Shriners, helping Shriners do what Shriners do best: supporting children, families, and communities with heart, purpose, and a whole lot of fun. A huge thank you to the Campbell River Shrine Club Nobles, volunteers, and supporters who made this incredible contribution possible. This is Brotherhood in action.

*Noble Sean Martin
High Priest & Prophet*

The Daughters of the Nile held its 110th Annual Supreme Session at the Victoria Conference Centre in Victoria, British Columbia with over 800 attending.

Since 1924, Daughters of the Nile has contributed more than \$75 million to Shriners Children', including more than \$7 million to Shriners Hospitals for Children Canada.

Supreme Queen Kathy Walliker of Nydia Temple No. 4 in Portland, Oregon, will presided throughout the week's events. The Session concluded with the installation of the 2026 Supreme Queen, Kathy Rafter of Zarah Temple No. 72, in Vancouver, the wife of our own Noble David Rafter.

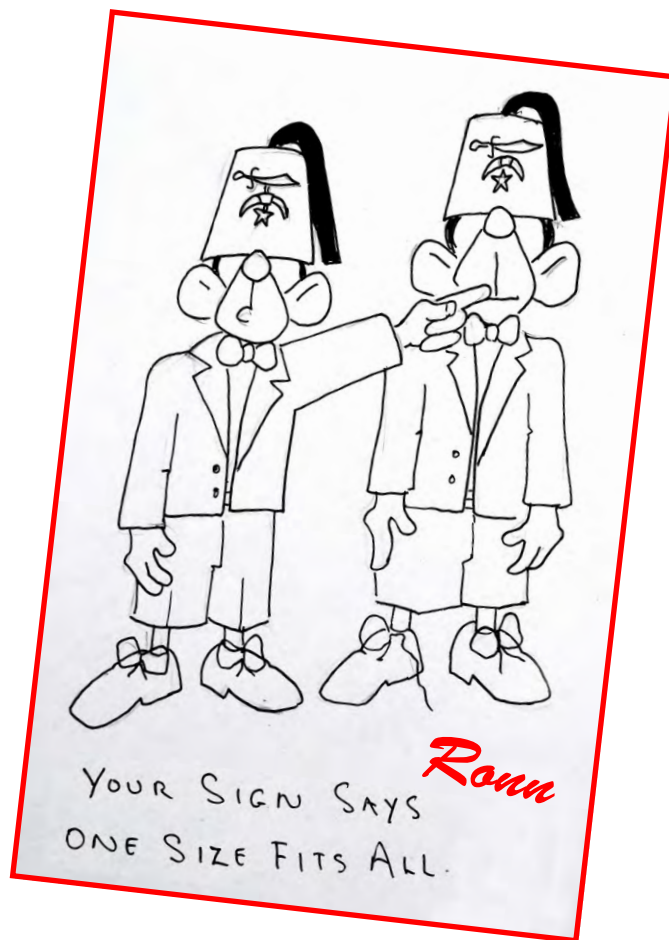
The Supreme Session was honoured to welcome Imperial Potentate-Imperial Sir Brad T. Koehn, Imperial Chief Rabban-Imperial Sir Lawrence J. "Larry" Leib, and Illustrious Sir Dr. Leslie D. Stewart, Chairman of the Shriners Children' Board of Trustees, along with their Ladies.

Supreme Queen Kathy' first official appearance will be when she attends the Installation of Officers Job's Daughters Bethel No. 63 on Friday, June 12, 2026 at 7:00pm, at DeWolfe Lodge, [2660 Shaughnessy Street, Port Coquitlam](https://www.google.com/maps/place/2660+Shaughnessy+Street,+Port+Coquitlam,+BC/V6B+1K4).



Upcoming events for 2026

- June 7 Sunday Tsawwassen Fish BBQ
- June 7 Sunday to June 10 Wednesday Daughters of the Nile Supreme Installation Victoria
- July 5 Sunday Blue Jays Seattle Mariners Ball game with Nile Temple
- July 12-17 Shrine Imperial Session Tampa Florida
- July 30 – 2 Aug Pacific Northwest (PNSA) Family Sumer Session Kimberley
- Sept 26 Saturday Gizeh Stated Meeting



It's been another busy month at Gizeh. The biggest being the Spring Ceremonial in Kimberley. We had a great turn out with Shriners and their families who arrived from not only BC and Yukon but also



Alberta. Illustrious Sir Peter Boddy, the entire Divan and the staff at Gizeh put in a lot of hard work into making this a great success.

Once again, it is parade season and I have already been in four parades with the Geezers of the Westminster Shrine Club. It's nice to see many of the clubs out there participating along with Job's Daughter and Daughters of the Nile. Always a lot of fun for all.

With all the parades, events and barbecues that the Shrine partakes in, there is something going on in every community this summer. Please show your support whenever possible it goes along way in raising our profile.

*Noble Ronn Martin
Recorder at Gizeh Temple*



Stopping off on the cruise, III. Sir Peter Boddy visits the Nobles in Prince Rupert.

