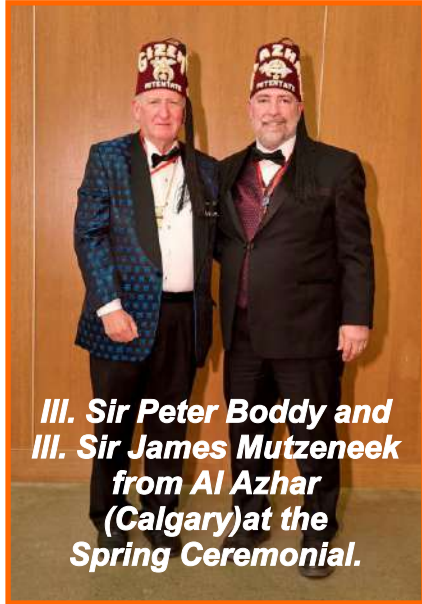




The Gizze Gazette

BC & Yukon Shriners



This has been a busy spring for the Divan and Nobles starting with the Spring Ceremonial in Kimberly, there was the Installation of the Supreme Queen of the Daughters of the Nile at the Empress Hotel in Victoria, Grand Lodge of BC & Yukon had their AGM and Installation in Nanaimo, we are also investigating a new property that has appeared on the market in the Fraser Valley. See article on Page 3.



III. Sir Peter Boddy



Nobles from Al Azhar (Calgary) at the Spring Ceremonial.

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Zarah Temple No. 72 Daughters of the Nile



*Supreme Queen
Kathy Rafter*

Zarah Temple No. 72, Daughters of the Nile, is gearing up for a very busy, exciting, and fun-filled summer! We were honoured to have co-hosted the organization's 110th Annual Supreme Session. This summer we will be hosting three exciting summer events that we hope will bring people together for fun and friendship.

prizes, a silent auction, delicious treats, and a few fun surprises throughout the afternoon. Tickets are available for \$20 per person. This year your ticket includes finger sandwiches, desserts, coffee, tea, and some additional special treats.

On Saturday, July 11, we will host a whimsical and entertaining *Mad Hatter's Tea Party*! Guests can look forward to games,

We are also excited to host two free *Fun and Fellowship Days* that will be open to the public at Park Lodge in Vancouver. These casual gatherings are a chance to relax, play games, socialize, share some laughs, and learn more about who we are, what we do, and why supporting Shriners Children's means so much to our members. Whether you know a little or a lot about the Daughters of the Nile, we would love to welcome you. If you would like more information about the Daughters of the Nile, please contact: *Queen Jeanette Colwell*, jcolwellno.72@gmail.com, 778-554-3679

Daughters of the Nile (DON) Supreme Temple Queen Meeting and Installation

On Sunday June 7, the Daughters of the Nile opened their 110th Annual Supreme Session at the Fairmont Empress Hotel in Victoria, with Ceremonies led by Supreme Queen Kathy Walliker, Nydia Temple No. 4 of Portland. The floor work, drumming and program was done to perfection! It was announced that the ten Canadian DON Temples have donated just under \$9 Million to the Canada Children' and when the combined all the DON Temples, over \$80 Million has been donated to the Shriners Children's.

There were 824 registered Queens and Princess's from North America, Brazil and Bolivia and 37 Gentlemen of the Creek. Following the Opening Ceremony, a banquet was held at the Crystal Garden which featured Salmon Fillet and all the trimmings. Greetings were brought from Imperial Potentate Imperial Sir Brad Koehn, Imperial Sir Dr. Stewart Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Shriners Children, BC & Yukon Grand Master MWB Ken Christofferson and Gizeh Potentate Ill Sir Peter Boddy.

On the Tuesday afternoon, Imperial Sir Brad Koehn, his wife Cheryl and the Imperial Chief Rabban, Imperial Sir Larry Lieb spent the afternoon whale watching where they saw two pods join together! Now they know why we live up here! Ill Sir Doug Franklin took some of Gentlemen of the Creek to the Aviation Museum and the Deep Cove winery, they also visited the Craigdarrock Castle, had lunch at the Victoria Masonic Temple and then toured Chinatown.

Supreme Queen Kathy Rafter was piped into the auditorium on the Wednesday evening where she was installed along with her Court. It was an impressive ceremony where the Daughters of the Nile again put a display of their floor work.





Gizeh Shrine has been looking for a building to provide a meeting place, storage of files and parade equipment. At present, we are spending just under \$20,000 a year for storage. Over the past months, the Gizeh Divan and the Gizeh Temple Building Society Board of Directors have been evaluating a property 2473 240 Street in Langley. As part of our due diligence process, we would like to share the details of this opportunity with the Nobility and keep everyone informed as we continue to explore the feasibility of this purchase.

This unique 13.5 acre property offers a combination of modern facilities, residential accommodations and significant development potential. Built in 2018 and meticulously maintained, the property provides ample space and infrastructure that could support a variety of future uses for Gizeh and well as potential rental income.

The Equestrian Riding Centre on the south side of the property has a 104' x 232' wooden custom tongue and groove built interior, includes an riding arena and features automatic windows, overhead dust sprayers, twelve spacious 12' x 12' horse stalls each with attached paddocks, heated public and private tack rooms, wash and grooming bays. This building will be leased out to a private operator as well as a single-wide mobile home with its own private driveway.

There are two outdoor riding areas on the property and it is close to horse riding trails. The hay field at the west end of the property has its own pond and is surrounded by shade trees. This hay field will produce enough product to satisfy ALR requirements. Both the perimeter and pasture areas are fenced.

The updated 3,600 sq. ft. four bedroom residence on the northeast corner of the property includes a pool and hot tub. It will be leased out to provide cash flow. There is a six stall barn behind the residence with a covered storage (30'x150') area which will be retained by Gizeh for storage of parade equipment and other equipment.

The two storey, four-year-old finished garage has never been used. It will be retained by Gizeh for meetings and social events. We will be exploring other uses such as weddings, movie rentals, community use, equestrian events and out of town Noble camper parking.

Property Tour Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u0YYTk34FHw&t=27s>

Property Listing:

<https://www.realtor.ca/real-estate/29255107/2473-240-street-langley>





Joint Spring Ceremonial

The 2026 Joint Spring Ceremonial brought together Nobles and their families from across Alberta and BC for a weekend of fellowship, education, entertainment and celebration in beautiful Kimberley, BC. The event officially began on Thursday, May 28, with arrivals throughout the afternoon and evening. The Potentate's Hospitality Room was open from 8pm to 10pm and provided an excellent opportunity for Nobles and guests to reconnect, welcome first-time attendees, and begin the weekend in true Shrine fashion. It was a popular gathering place throughout the weekend.

Friday's activities began with registration and the Club Coordinators Meeting. Representatives from Shrine Clubs across the jurisdiction gathered to discuss membership, communications, fundraising, education initiatives, and future opportunities. The meeting provided valuable information sharing and generated several ideas that will help strengthen clubs throughout the jurisdiction.

While meetings were underway, Nobles not required for business sessions and guests were free to enjoy the attractions, shops, restaurants, and hospitality of Kimberley. Friday evening featured *Beer-and-Burgers* in the Square. Included with registration, the event combined food, fellowship, and a variety of games and activities;



the response was overwhelmingly positive. Based on participant feedback, the Divan intends to expand this style of programming at future Shrine events.

Saturday began with a breakfast buffet before candidates and Nobles assembled for the Joint Spring Ceremonial. The ceremony with the Gizeh Nobles was further enhanced by the participation of Ill. Sir James Mutzeneek, Potentate of Al Azhar Shriners, along with his Divan and Nobility from Calgary. The Al Azhar Oriental Band added colour, tradition, and excitement to the proceedings. The Ceremonial welcomed a new class of Nobles into our fraternity.

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Gizeh Divan at the Spring



Spring Ceremonial continued.

Following lunch, attendees were privileged to hear from Kristin Monasmith, Director of Marketing and Business Development at Shriners Children's Spokane. She provided valuable insight into the work being done throughout the Shriners Children's healthcare system. Also in attendance was a Patient Ambassador and family who shared their personal journey at Shriners Children's. Their story provided a powerful reminder of why we do what we do as Shriners.

Saturday evening featured the Zem Zem's reception followed by a formal dinner in the ballroom. Entertainment was provided by Dani Strong, whose performance received enthusiastic praise from attendees. The final Potentate's Hospitality Room of the weekend welcomed approximately forty Nobles, Ladies, and guests, providing a fitting conclusion to a memorable event.

The Joint Spring Ceremonial successfully combined tradition with new ideas, creating an event that was both meaningful and enjoyable for all who attended and renewed commitment to Shrinedom.

On behalf of Ill. Sir Peter Boddy and the entire Divan, we extend our sincere thanks to every Noble, Lady, guest, volunteer, performer, presenter, and organizer who contributed to the success of this event. We hope everyone enjoyed their time in Kimberley and we look forward to seeing you at future Gizeh Shrine events.

*Yours in the Faith,
Noble Sean Martin
High Priest and Prophet*



Noble Sean Martin



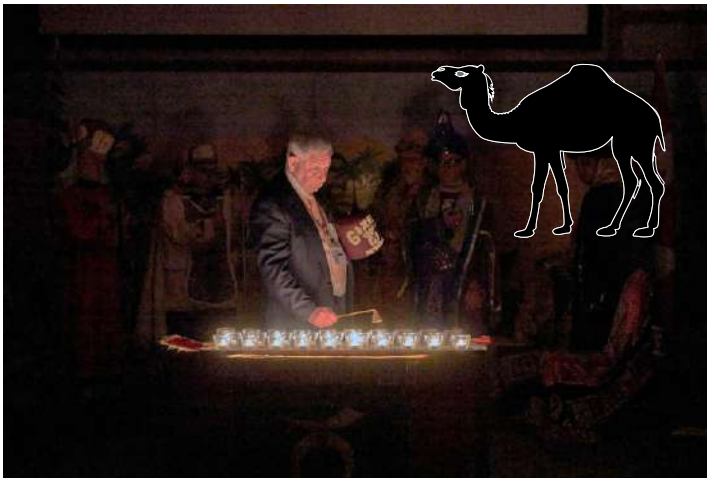
The Candidates being installed as Nobles at the Spring Ceremonial.

*Ambassador
Anne from the
Spokane
Children's
Hospital spoke
about her time in
the hospital
being treated.*



*Nobles Doug Sowden,
Sunil Debba and Hani Nino.*





The Black Camel Ceremony.



III. Sir James Mutzeneek, Queen Wendy McQueen, (Miriam Temple No.2), Queen Jeanette Colwell (Zarah Temple No. 72) and III. Sir Peter Boddy at the Spring Ceremonial.



Kimberley recording artist Dani Strong and friend played during dinner.



Lady Kirsten Monasmith from Spokane Children's Hospital speaking at the Spring Ceremonial.



Kimberley Mayor Don McCormick.



III. Sir Wally Lee speaking about "This Old Fez".



The Oriental Band from Al Azhar provided music during the Installation.



Noble Doug Sowden performs at the Installation.

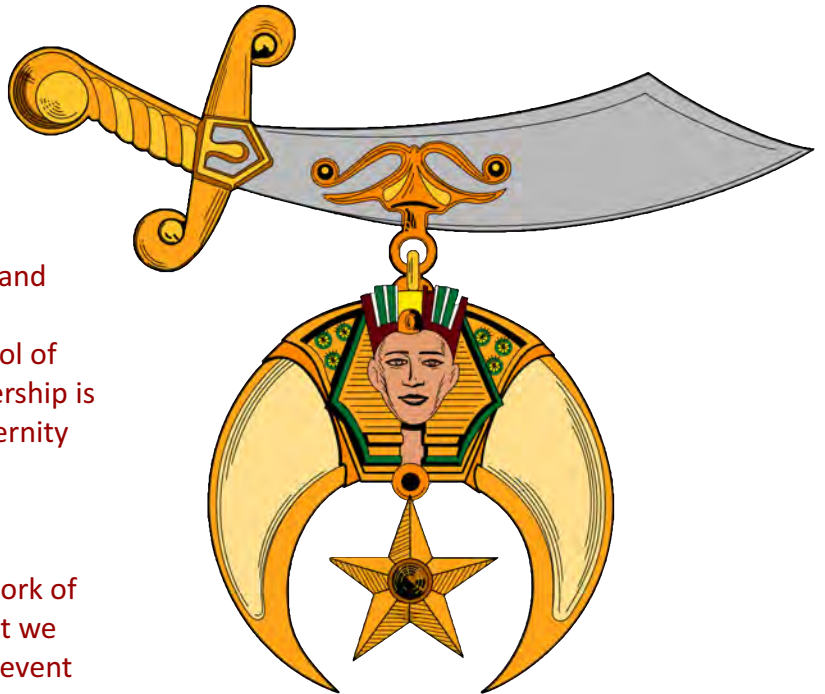


MORE THAN A LOGO: THE MEANING OF THE SHRINE EMBLEM

Every Shriner has seen the Shrine emblem thousands of times. It is on our fez, buildings, vehicles, newsletters and signs. But have you ever stopped to think about what it actually means?

The Shrine emblem, often called the **Crescent and Scimitar**, is more than just a logo. Each part has a meaning and tells the story of who we are as Shriners. At the top is the **scimitar**, the curved sword, it represents the members of our fraternity. Nothing the Shrine does would be possible without the dedication, time and effort of Nobles across North America.

The **crescent** underneath is made from two tiger claws joined together. These claws represent the two things that make the Shrine what it is: our fraternity and our philanthropy. We enjoy fellowship, fun and friendship, but we also share a commitment to helping children through Shriners Children'. Both are important, and neither would be the same without the other. In the centre is the **sphinx**. The sphinx is a symbol of wisdom and leadership. It reminds us that leadership is about serving others and helping guide our fraternity into the future.



Below the sphinx is the **star**, this represents the children whose lives are changed through the work of Shriners Children'. It reminds us why we do what we do. Every fundraiser, parade, club meeting, and event helps support our mission of providing world-class care to children and families.

Many Shrine emblems also include the Latin words "**obur et Furor**," which mean "**trength and Passion.**" It is a reminder to approach our work with energy, commitment, and pride.

When you put all these symbols together, the message is simple:

- The **scimitar** represents the members.
- The **crescent** represents our fraternity and our philanthropy.
- The **sphinx** represents leadership and wisdom.
- The **star** represents the children we serve.
- **Robur et Furor** reminds us to carry out our mission with strength and passion.

The next time you put on your fez, take a closer look at the emblem, it is more than just a symbol. It is a reminder of our friendship, service, leadership and our commitment to helping children. For more than 150 years, Shriners have proudly worn this emblem. It connects us to the generations of Nobles who came before us and reminds us of the difference we can make when we work together.

Noble Sean Martin, HP&P, Gizeh Shriners





New member Wayne Cope was initiated in 100 Mile House on June 13th, at Lac la Hache Lake.

The initiation ceremony was conducted by Noble Cliff Cawley, assisted by Nobles Glen Clancy, Rick Brown, and Josef Hofmann. Noble Cope joined Big Country Shrine Club #50 and was fezzed by his Lady, Dawna.

Upcoming events for 2026

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| July 12-17 | Shrine Imperial Session
Tampa, Florida |
| July 30-Aug 2 | Pacific Northwest Family Summer Session
Kimberley |
| Sept 26 | Gizeh Stated Meeting |
| Dec 12 | Gizeh Stated Meeting and Elections |

