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Rameses Shrine Potentate's Ball

Honouring ILL.. Sir John Slessor & Lady Barbara

Montecassino Hotel Event Center, located at 3710 Chesswood Drive, Toronto.

Saturday, April 18, 2026

NYOSA Luncheon: 2:00pm | \$25.00

Cocktail Social: 5:00pm | \$130.00 (Includes Complimentary Bar)

Banquet Dinner & Entertainment Reception: 6:00pm

Sunday, April 19, 2026

Farewell Breakfast: 8:00am – 10:00am | \$25.00

Accommodations

Please call the hotel directly at (416) 630-8100 to reserve your room. Availability is limited.

Single/Double Occupancy: \$145.00 + taxes | Executive Suite: \$165.00 + taxes

Ticket Orders

Call Rina at Shrine Office to order your tickets or complete and forward Order Form 416-633-6317 / rina@rameses.ca

Proceeds from this event are for the benefit of Rameses Shrine. Payments are not tax deductible.

Tickets to be picked up at Montecassino Hotel Banquet Lobby

Chairman: Michael Webb, Chief

Rameses Potentate's Ball Order Form

Name(s): _____ Club/Unit: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Luncheon: _____ tickets x \$25.00 each = \$ _____

Banquet: _____ tickets x \$130.00 each = \$ _____

Breakfast: _____ tickets x \$25.00 each = \$ _____

(cheques made out to Rameses Shrine) TOTAL: \$ _____

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WINNERS WILL BE PRINTED IN THE TORONTO STAR, SATURDAY EDITION, CLASSIFIED ADS, SERVICES SECTION AND ONLINE

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JAN 22ND

T No.	Name	City	Culb	Win	Draw
1958	S. CRAIG-PAUL	ORIIIIA	ORIIIIA	1000	4
2544	D. MUTCHLER	BARRIE	SHEBA	500	4
2344	L. ROSS SYKES	THORNBURY	RAMOCA	250	4
3131	A. GRAHAM	HOLLAND LANDING	VIKING	250	4
1451	T. TAYLOR	BRACEBRIDGE	MUSKOKA	250	4
1548	M. RHODES	BRACEBRIDGE	MUSKOKA	250	4
2964	K. PACHAL	TIMMINS	TIMMINS	100	4
3491	D. GORDON	CREEMORE	MANITO	100	4
2783	J & R. LA MARTAGNE	CALEDON	TECUMSEH	100	4
1009	J. WATERFALL	PORT HOPE	LAKESHORE	100	4
1684	Q. PATERSON	STOUFFVILLE	NEWBEAVER	100	4

JAN 15TH

T No.	Name	City	Culb	Win	Draw
0060	B. MCKINLEY	BANCROFT	ALGONQUIN	1000	3
3132	B. CHATWELL	OSHAWA	VIKING	500	3
1835	L. WILLIAMS	ENGLEHART	NORTHLAND	250	3
3138	J & N. COWIE	INNISFIL	VIKING	250	3
0246	M. WELSH	COLLINGWOOD	CREDIT VALLEY	250	3
1084	T. ENGEL	NOTTAWA	MANITO	250	3
1845	A. SINGHAL	MISSISSAUGA	NORTHLAND	100	3
2424	D. GRIFFIN	INNISFIL	SHEBA	100	3
2873	G. DEACON	PORCUPINE	TIMMINS	100	3
3063	G. DOWNER	KESWICK	VIKING	100	3
1978	B. CURRIE	OAKWOOD	ORIIIIA	100	3

JAN 8TH

T No.	Name	City	Culb	Win	Draw
1114	S/J. BRIGHTLING/ COTE	WASAGA BEACH	MANITO	1000	2
1476	W. HARRIS	BRACEBRIDGE	MUSKOKA	500	2
0124	A. GULIZIA	NobleTON	BELLEVILLE	250	2
2776	R. CAIRNS	EVERETT	TECUMSEH	250	2
3109	B. MARTIN	SUTTON WEST	VIKING	250	2
3249	K. HODGSON	POINTE AU BARIL	WAUBUNO	250	2
1296	S. QUIGG	BRACEBRIDGE	MUSKOKA	100	2
1849	B. REED	BURLINGTON	OAKVILLE	100	2
2216	B. JOHNSON	WIARTON	RAMOCA	100	2
2952	L & S. COUTURE	IROQUOIS FALLS	TIMMINS	100	2
3525	R. KLIAMAN	THORNHILL	SECURITY	100	2

JAN 1ST

T No.	Name	City	Culb	Win	Draw
3665	B. KAHLER	PATROLIA	SECURITY	1000	1
2304	J. DAVEY	OWEN SOUND	RAMOCA	500	1
1883	G. MORAES	BURLINGTON	OAKVILLE	250	1
2426	A. WILLIAMSON	BARRIE	SHEBA	250	1
2859	E. BRASS	DUNDALK	TECUMSEH	250	1
3563	K. ODELL SCHNUR	MEAFORD	MANITO	250	1
0406	G. DEAN	ST CATHARINES	ST CATHARINES	100	1
0736	P. DALEY	OMEMEE	KAWARTHA	100	1
0845	K. DAWE	BOBCAYGEON	KAWARTHA	100	1
1167	G. MEDLEY	BRACEBRIDGE	MUSKOKA	100	1
2571	K. TELLIAN	STOUFFVILLE	DRUM CORPS	100	1

DEC 25TH

T No.	Name	City	Culb	Win	Draw
3314	D. BRODERICK	FERGUS	WAUBUNO	1000	52
2840	D. RUBINO	PORCUPINE	TIMMINS	500	52
3155	A. TEEL	BEAVERTON	VIKING	250	52
3349	T. LUNDY	POINTE AU BARIL	WAUBUNO	250	52
2720	K/J. ARMSTRONG/ STEVENSON	PORT LAMBTON	TECUMSEH	250	52
0739	D. VERNAL	ST CATHARINES	ST CATHARINES	250	52
0615	B. LOEVENMARK	KESWICK	VIKING	100	52
1958	D. CLOUSE	OAKVILLE	OAKVILLE	100	52
3519	L. HANNA	PARRY SOUND	WAUBUNO	100	52
0444	G. CAMPBELL	ROCKWOOD	GUELPH	100	52
0839	G. BOSANAC	SIMCOE	KAWARTHA	100	52

DEC18

T No.	Name	City	Culb	Win	Draw
0180	L. TRUMAN	BELLEVILLE	BELLEVILLE	1000	51
1152	K. CAMPBELL	ST CATHARINES	SECURITY	500	51
3138	S. NEDDO	BARRIE	VIKING	250	51
2042	R. HAWTIN	PORT MCNICOLL	ORILLIA	250	51
1152	K. CAMPBELL	ST CATHARINES	SECURITY	250	51
3176	B. VIPOND	TORONTO	MUSKOKA	250	51
3132	A. GILLESPIE	BEAVERTON	VIKING	100	51
2090	J. COULSON	MILFORD BAY	MUSKOKA	100	51
2160	S. ROBINSON	OSHAWA	OSHAWA	100	51
2881	J. MAVRINAC	PORCUPINE	TIMMINS	100	51
1806	N. CRAWFORD	STEVENSVILLE	NIAGARA	100	51

GRAND PRIZE WINNER

- \$40,000 -



Rob and Cindy Hackett

The grand prize winner for the 2025 Ramesses Lottery was won by Rob and Cindy Hackett from Hillsdale Ontario. The \$40,000. cheque was delivered and presented to Rob Hackett by Past Potentate John Neil.

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POTENTATES MESSAGE

ILLUSTRIOUS SIR JOHN A. SLESSOR

Nobles, Ladies, and Friends,

on behalf of Lady Barb and myself, as the Potentate of Rameses Shriners for 2026, we extend our heartfelt thanks for allowing us the privilege to serve.

My 44 years as a Shriner have been an incredibly rewarding journey, and I am confident that this fulfillment will continue as we move forward together.

Gratitude and Welcome

To Illustrious Sir John H. Neil and Lady Peggy (affectionately known as Lady Jellybeans), we deeply appreciate your unwavering support and commitment to Rameses Shriners and Shriners Children's Hospital Canada. The legacy you have left is truly memorable and will long be cherished by the Nobility.

We also extend a warm welcome to Noble Steve Christie and Lady Cheryl as new members of our Divan family. We look forward to working and traveling with you as we fulfill our Divan responsibilities.

Supporting the Nurses Research Program for O.I.

As highlighted in the previous two Papyrus articles, the Nurses Research Program for Osteogenesis Imperfecta (O.I.) is a cause worthy of your consideration. When making donations to Shriners Children's Hospital Canada, please indicate "Nurses Research Program for O.I." on the memo line of your cheque. The program directly benefits children living with O.I., helping them lead fuller, more normal lives. Your support makes an important difference.

Notice of Stated Meeting

In this edition of Papyrus, you will find a Notice for a Stated Meeting on February 27th. The Financial Statements of Rameses Shriners for 2025 will be presented to the Nobility at this meeting. We encourage you to attend.

Closing Thoughts

As I write this message from the mid-north country, over two feet of snow have fallen in the past two days, and it continues still. We hope the weather will soon improve so that Lady Barb and I may join you at your club Installations.

Thank you, be safe, and God bless!

WEBB'S WUNDERINGS

BY NOBLE MIKE WEBB
CHIEF RABBAN



Welcome to 2026! New Year, new opportunities. First, Lady Leslie and I would like to thank ILL. Sir John Neil and Lady Jelly Bean for a wonderful 2025. This was a great year and the beginning of a new era. Under ILL. Sir John's leadership, Rameses has established a Strategic Planning Committee and has begun the process of relocating to a new home that better meets the needs of our Fraternity in our Region. We were able to assemble a great Membership Committee who have made great strides in promoting our Shrine Center, our Clubs and improving our communications. We have new materials to support our efforts to attract new members and hopefully improve the results of the effort that you Nobles are putting forward to preserve and grow our fraternity.

Next, Lady Leslie and I would like to welcome Noble Stephen Christie and Lady Cheryl to the Rameses Divan Family. Noble Christie was a member of the Appointed Divan a few years ago. He helped us with the new Papyrus and our new website. He is eager to join the team and help as we move forward.

The election weekend was a huge success, and I thank Potentate ILL. Sir. John Slessor and Lady Barbara for their efforts on planning and executing the 2026 Rameses Shriners Elections at the Montecassino Hotel. With concerns about the safety of our Nobility, reducing costs and having the entire weekend at a single location to reduce travel, I believe it was a resounding success. There are always a few points to look at to improve next year,

and we will work towards an even better weekend in 2027. One of the things I liked best was a return to a weekend event to support the outgoing Potentate and the incoming Potentate. It was a chance for the Divan to meet and talk to the Nobility in a social setting to ensure your voices are heard. As we look forward to in 2026, I think we all should focus on the fraternal purpose of Rameses Shriners and Shriners International as a whole. We are here to support each other. Spring Ceremonials for instance are to introduce the new Brothers who wish to join our ranks to the nobility. This is the first opportunity we have to make an impression them as to the nature of our organization. We should keep a watchful eye on whether a Noble/Brother is having a challenge and seek ways to help as in many cases, the Noble/Brother may be too proud to ask out right. As I remember back to the final charge in the first degree of masonry, to the description of a mason, this is what I believe it looks like. Having a watchful eye, providing help where needed without expectation of recognition. We need to reduce or eliminate our demits and ensuring that every Noble/Brother feels like they are a valued member of our Rameses Shriners and Shriners International. This will go a long way to ensuring we keep those worthy men who choose to join our ranks. We have had many 25 and 50 year pins distributed in 2025. Lets work even harder to get more and more members of our Nobility to this level. Could you imagine the things we can accomplish?

TOM'S TWO CENTS

BY NOBLE TOM LUNDY
ASSISTANT RABBAN



Happy New Year Nobles & Ladies!

Wow! Another year has come and gone, and so, so very quickly. Lady Janice and I were forewarned that the five-year Divan progression would “fly by”. And the first two years certainly haven’t disappointed. What an amazing ride. Two down and three to go!

Serving on the Divan is time consuming and demanding, but it is also incredibly rewarding. This year Lady Janice moves up to the 3rd Lady (no such designation, but we have fun with it with the Divan, friends, and family).

Congratulations to ILL.. Sir John Slessor and Lady Barbara as they begin their very demanding year representing Rameses Shriners as Potentate and First Lady.

The 3rd Lady and I would like to extend a warm welcome to Noble Steve Christie and Lady Cheryl in joining the Rameses Divan. We congratulate Noble Mike Webb and Lady Leslie, and Noble Randy Ling and Lady Christine on their progression. And congratulations to Noble Jim McKinney P.P. on winning the election for Treasurer. And to Most Worshipful ILL.ustrious Sir Don Campbell P.P, on being confirmed as Recorder.

Lady Janice and I are looking forward to working with the newly elected Rameses Leadership Team, the Appointed Divan, and their Ladies as representatives of Rameses Shrine, internally with our Clubs and

Units, and externally at the Association & Imperial level, and at Shriners Hospital for Children Canada.

In closing, we would like to thank ILL.. Sir John Neil and Lady Peggy (aka Lady Jellybean) for their leadership, hospitality and kindness in 2025. ILL.. Sir John, you had a marvellous year with a successful Spring Ceremonial. Marching behind your chariot in the parade, it appeared half the town knew you. And at the Imperial Session in Atlanta, again marching your chariot, when we were passing the Viewing Stand, we had to stop as the majority of the Imperial Officers came down to shake your hand. Truly impressive!

“The way a team plays as a whole determines its success. You may have the greatest bunch of individual stars in the world, but if they don’t play together, the club won’t be worth a dime.” Babe Ruth

That’s my two cents!



LINGER'S UNDERTAKINGS

BY NOBLE RANDY LING,
HIGH PRIEST & PROPHET



First, my quote to begin the New Year.

"Today's accomplishments were yesterday's impossibilities."

Robert H. Schuller, American Evangelist, Pastor, Motivational Speaker and Author

Nobles, a very Happy New Year to you and your families, from Lady Christine and I.

Hoping you are all enjoying the snow as much as I am this year.

First, congratulations to ILL.. Sir John Slessor on being installed as Rameses Potentate for 2026, and to all Divan members on your re-election. Congratulations to our new Oriental Guide, Steve Christie and Lady Cheryl, enjoy the trip.

Congratulations to ILL.. Sir John Neil and Lady Peggy for a fantastic year and leading Rameses for 2025. Tip of the fez to you both.

Let's see, what can I tell you all, I had the good privilege to conduct elections at five clubs in December. All went well and the clubs were most welcoming, and some good laughs were shared with the Nobility.

Nobles, don't forget that we still have the Potentate's Coffee and Tea available for sale at the Shrine.

I must give another tip of the Fez to Chief Rabban Mike Webb and Assistant Rabban Tom Lundy and their

Long Range Planning Committee for all the work they have done for our future, great work guys!

Not to be outdone, another tip of the Fez to Herb Koch and his membership committee for all they have done as well, great work Nobles!

So, the first year on the Divan is complete and Lady Christine and I thank you all for the fun we have had. A few years ago, the thought of being the Oriental Guide wasn't even on my radar, imagine. I thank each of you for the faith placed in me for this journey.

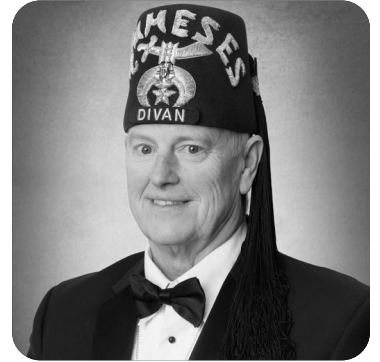
May the G.A.O.T.U. watch over you and your families. Stay safe Nobles.

"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn."
Benjamin Franklin

Remember this for the new members of your clubs Nobles, it can only help us all.

CHRISTIE'S COMPASS

BY STEPHEN CHRISTIE,
ORIENTAL GUIDE



Nobles of Rameses,

As I begin my service as your newly appointed Oriental Guide, I want to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude.

First, thank you to my nominator Noble John Sharpe for the confidence you placed in me and for believing in my ability to serve this Divan and our Shrine. Your support means more to me than I can adequately put into words, and I will work every day to honour that trust.

To all the Nobles of Rameses Shriners, thank you for allowing me the opportunity to represent not only our present leadership, but the future of our fraternity. I am deeply humbled by your confidence and mindful of

the responsibility that comes with it. Our strength has always come from unity, tradition, and a willingness to guide the next generation forward while respecting the path laid by those before us.

As Oriental Guide, my compass is set toward service, growth, and continuity. I'll do my best to keep us pointed in the right direction, highlight what's ahead, and share a few signposts worth noticing along the way. I look forward to working with all members of the Rameses Divan under the leadership of ILL.. Sir John Slessor and learning from each of you. Most importantly I look forward to supporting our mission, and contributing wherever I can to ensure Rameses Shriners continues to thrive. So, grab your fez, enjoy

RECORDERS CORNER

BY ILLUSTRIOUS SIR DONALD A. CAMPBELL, P.P.
RECORDER



Please accept my sincerest thanks for re-electing me as your Recorder for the ensuing Shrine year. It is a great honour, and I look forward to serving you. Congratulations to ILL.. Sir John A. Slessor for being installed as our Potentate. I look forward to your leadership. Also, welcome, Noble Stephen J. Christie, on being elected as our Oriental Guide. Thank you, ILL.. Sir John H. Neil, P.P., for your leadership and for introducing a new direction for Rameses to follow in the future. Your forward thinking brought us back to what Shriners do best: having fun!

Communications

Communication is still a problem. We are sending out more up-to-date information, but it is not getting to the membership. There is a breakdown between Rameses, Clubs, Units and those who do not belong to a Club or Unit. We need to improve the dissemination of information. Remember, when the Recorder sends an email, unless it is marked as confidential, it is not your private information. It needs to be passed on to your membership. It is not just the Club and Unit Secretaries' responsibility; it is everyone's responsibility to pass on the information. The Potentate's goal is to deliver the Papyrus electronically to every Noble and Special Lady as the Ontario Mason Magazine does each

month. If they can do it, we can do it. To do this, ensure we have your proper email address.

Nobles who don't belong to a Club or Unit

Again, I encourage Nobles to join a club or unit. I understand belonging to a Club or Unit may not be within your cable tow. Hundreds of Nobles don't belong to a club or unit. I know you are not getting timely information, if any. The only way you receive information is from the Papyrus Magazine. If you don't belong to a Club or Unit, email me. Please enter your first and last name in the Subject line, followed by "Noble at Large." When a group email is sent to the Clubs and Units, I will send it to all "Nobles at Large".

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Nobles, Clubs, Units and our Ladies Groups who want to make submissions to the Papyrus need to use the form on the website. The form is at this link: <https://www.ramesesshriners.ca/members-centre>. Please be aware of the submission dates for the 5 Editions of your Papyrus. That can be found on Page 2 in the Papyrus.

Please note. Nobles at Large and our senior members who don't have access to a computer or

are not computer-friendly: if you want a hard copy of the Papyrus, contact me, or send me a message, and I will send you one. Rameses will pick up the cost. The price for 300 high-quality hard copies is just under \$3,000. Canada Post charges us \$4.20 for each copy of the Papyrus mailed.

Office Staff

Please join me in welcoming one of our new staff members. Ms. Cheryl Henry has been hired as our new bookkeeper. Cheryl has extensive experience working in the private business and Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) sectors, with the focus of the previous 24 years on small business and not-for-profit social services and charitable organizations. Welcome, I look forward to working with you.

Financial Reports must be submitted

Some Clubs are failing to submit financial reports to Rameses in a timely manner. After all events, a financial report must be submitted within 30 days after a Charitable Fundraiser. For all Fraternal fundraising events, a financial report must be submitted 60 days after the event. It is preferred that all funds submitted to Rameses HQ be accompanied by the correct financial report.

Social Events

Samples of Event Tickets, brochures, advertisements, etc., must accompany the event application when submitting to Rameses HQ for the Potentate and Recorder approval. This allows the office to confirm the proper disclaimer is listed on such. Social events such as BBQs, picnics, parades, etc., only require an event approval application. If an Insurance Certificate is required, the full name of the City or Town and address must be listed.

General Order No. 1 – Gaming and Raffles

Shriners International, as of January 1, 2026, requires that gaming activities and events be reviewed by the Shrine attorney to ensure they are planned and operated lawfully. Although we have strict Ontario Lottery and Gaming (OLG) rules, we still need to comply with the directive.

Membership

We have a membership and retention problem, and we need your help. Standing around and talking about it is not the solution. Some of our loudest critics haven't sponsored a new candidate in years. You won't find candidates if you only attend Shrine functions! You need to attend and support your Craft Lodge. That's where you will find future candidates.

Everyone knows a good Mason.

Approach him and ask him, "Why haven't you considered joining the Shrine. When asked why? Your answer should be: "Masonry made me feel better within myself. Shriners make the world a better place. " Our membership as of December 31, 2024, was 1,828, including 4 Associate Members. Our membership as of December 31, 2025, was 1,680, including 4 Associate Members. A reduction of 142 fewer Nobles than this time last year. In 2025. Forty- four Masons joined Rameses. As I said, we need your help. Get involved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

BY ILLUSTRIOUS SIR JAMES (JIM) D. MCKINNEY, P.P.

TREASURER

Nobles . I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the nobles who came to the election back on January 3rd and especially the nobles who voted for me to be your treasurer. Thank you. It is an honour to serve you as treasurer. I would also like to congratulate ILL. Sir John Slessor on his election as our potentate for 2026. I have known our ILL. Sir for over 40 years and I am very confident he will do a great job. he certainly has assembled a fine group of shriners for his appointed divan. congratulations to all the other members of the divan especially noble Steve Christie as our Oriental guide. he too will do a great job. Welcome to the divan Steve. I hope you enjoy your time on the divan as much as I have. I would also like to thank ILL. Sir John Neil on a really great year. Well done ILL.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

BY ILLUSTRIOUS SIR REVEREND BEVAN CARIQUE, P.P. CHAPLAIN

Thank you to the Nobles who helped with the election of our new Divan for 2026. I would also like to thank those who put their names forward to run for office. We have two Nobles who are interested in running next year for Oriental Guide.

We are looking forward to great 2026. Chains can be broken in your life. Sometimes it feels like we are stuck, bound up by chains of the past. There is good news today!



Sir John. Rameses now has a new accounting lady in the person of Cheryl Henry who I feel will do a very good job for us. Our committee headed by Noble Tom Lundy is working hard wrt not only selling Queens plate but also finding a new home for Rameses Shriners. It is not an easy task to find something that will be good for Rameses but I am confident that Tom and his committee will do a great job. in closing let's make 2026 a really great year. Our ILL. Sir John Slessor has a great year planned.

Yours in the faith Jim McKinney P.P. Treasurer.



God is in the chain-breaking business. Ask Him to set you free from the things that have held you bound, then watch as those chains are broken. If I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

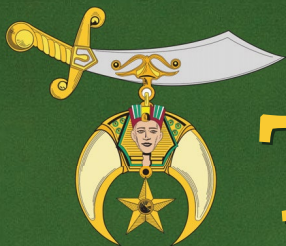


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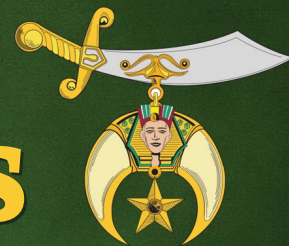
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Noble Stephen Christie was born in Campbellford, Ontario. He is a graduate of Sir Sandford Fleming College, graduating with honours in Business Administration – Marketing. Noble Steve spent most of his 35+ year career working in the foodservice and retail industries. He held various leadership positions throughout his career including Vice President of Sales & Marketing, Vice President of Procurement and Executive Vice President of Sysco Central Ontario. He is a member of Otonabee Lodge No. 101, Peterborough, Ontario and is currently sitting in the chair of Sr. Warden. He is also a member of

the Peterborough Valley Scottish Rite. Stephen became a Shriner in 2012 with the Kawartha Shrine Club. He has served as club President, Ambassador and Secretary. Stephen and Lady Cheryl have been married for 39 years and have two adult children (Brandon and Kyle). Stephen enjoys all kinds of sports and music. Hockey, football and baseball are his favourite sports and ACDC would be one of his favourite bands. Stephen retired in October of 2024, and is looking forward to spending the next chapter of his life enjoying time with family and friends, travelling and expanding his Masonic and Shrine career.



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OUTHOUSE NEWS

HIIIBIIY CLAN 46 OUTHOUSE NEWS By Cuzzin Stan Fenton (aka Smilin' Stan) Raban of the Clan Outhouse #2 - Sudbury, Outhouse #3 - Huntsville, Outhouse #4 - North Bay

Greetings and Salutations Cuzzins and Flatlanders,

Here's weeze goes fer another year. The Committee for the 2026 Chowdown has regular monthly zoom meetings (10am - 2nd Friday of each month). The Committee has representatives from each of the Outhouses but we would certainly enjoy getting some input from our Cuzzins to the South. The last 2 Chowdowns have been fantastic but, sometimes, ya need to add that little extra to make it more enticing. So let me know if you would like to be involved.

There have been many new candidates that have come on board as Shriners at the Spring Ceremonial and the Cold Sands Ceremony in North Bay and are now Nobles. So if'n you is a Shriner but not a Cuzzinthen you is a Flatlander.

But that can be remedied. Keep a lookout for all the details on becoming a Cuzzin in the next little while.

In the last issue of the Papyrus I hinted that we

will be having something different at the next Chowdown. So here is a comment from Cuzzin Roy, the Raban of the Clan for Outhouse 3.

"We plan to have a wedding of reasons, love and strengthen family unity. So come and join us in happiness, unity and sorrows in this country setting. There will be a certificate to prove the occasion. A peace keeper will be present whether it be by law or Pa seeing it is right. Please come and join us for a grand event".

So thar ya have it. Weese is going to have a wedding. The Cuzzins will have to dress up in their Sunday Best.

Until next time, take care and stay safe.
Smilin' Stan

Y'all come back now, ya hear.

SUDBURY SHRINE CLUB NEWS



Greetings fellow Nobles and Ladies, Here's hoping that everyone had a fantastic time during the festive season and the pounds that were put on, are soon gone. Time to start off a New Year but first, some leftovers from last year.

Congratulations to Noble Darren Foy and Merd Bolder on them receiving their 25 year certificate as a Shriner.

In the last issue of Papyrus I mentioned that there was to be 68 floats going in the Sudbury Santa Claus parade and, actually, there were more floats than that as the area for staging was backed way past the limits. And there was a good turnout for the Capreol Santa Claus parade as well. Another great year for parades to put in the books.

In December, the elections took place for the new officers for 2026 and the cake sales in November went very well again this year. Many thanks to Noble Dave Marshall, Cake Chairman, Noble Brian Stoddard, Wal-Mart Coordinator and the many sellers (Nobles, Ladies and businesses). The Penny Farthing Unit and Hillbilly Unit had their Christmas parties. The PFU had an enjoyable time swapping and stealing gifts from each other. Instead of a gift exchange, the Hillbillies had an auction of all the gifts that were brought in and the proceeds will be sent to the Shriners Hospital for Children in Montreal.

So to start the New Year we have, what else, but the New Year's Day Levee where finger food and comradery were in abundance.

Rameses held their annual Installation on January 3, 2026 withILL.. Sir John Slessor being installed as Potentate for 2026 along with Noble Dick Stewart being installed as President of the Sudbury Shrine Club and Noble Trevor Sykes as our Ambassador. The Sudbury Shrine Club will be installing their Officers later in January. A big Thank You to Noble Kevin Branch, Lady Cathy and the 2025 Executive for a great year.

There is something new that the Shrine Club will be doing this year. It is the Onion/Garlic 2026 Campaign. As most know, the Vidalia Onions didn't materialize last year, so on a suggestion, the club investigated the possibility of selling onions produced from a local farmer. Details were ironed out and it appears we will be selling onions and garlic to boot.

In February, the Hillbilly Unit will be having a Hawaiian Beach Party to drive the blues and blahs away. I can just hear the music and the waves hitting the beach. More details of this event in the next issue.

Now that the Hillbilly Ramblers have had their time off, they are back into the full swing of entertaining the locals in the Senior Residences. I'm advised that they have 3 gigs lined up for February.

That about brings me up to date on what has happened or will be happening.

Until next time, take care and be safe.
Submitted by Noble Stan Fenton

SHEBA SHRINE CLUB

NEWS

By Noble Doug Griffin SSCCS
Sheba Shrine Club Chief Scribe

Let me welcome you to the near shores of Kempenfelt Bay where Santa Claus used his GPS to find my house and put a special gift to my wife Sheena under our Christmas Tree. He also left a lot of mistletoe all over the place. It was a Very Merry Christmas!

Now Let's Go Way Back for the News:

On Friday November 7th we celebrated the reopening of our renovated meeting room with a Special Lunch. It was great to finally open the lower floor after the spring flood. Now we can invite everyone to our Friday Luncheons to see the fantastic renovation and enjoy a great meal prepared by Kym of Traditions.

The next day, November 8th I journeyed south to Rameses Shrine Center for the Fall Ceremonial where we fezzed 14 new Shriners. Our Divan then travelled to North Bay for a Cold Sands Ceremonial where 9 more Shriners were created. Let's give an enormous welcome to every new Shriner and show them how we have Fun with a Purpose.

The Barrie Santa Claus parade was on Saturday November 15th. The weather was wet and chilly for this night parade. The Circus Unit had a well lit float with a few clowns. (I think I said that right) We decorated the Colour Party Float in the marshalling area putting up the flags, some red bows, lots of lights and a popup Santa. Then we started up the generator bringing everything to life while we waited.

Finally after an hour and a half we started to move. That's when scrooge put us into darkness. Our generator stopped and no matter what we tried we couldn't get it to go. We waved the Circus Float on as we pulled out of the parade. The Clowns reported to us later that a huge crowd lined the parade route and everyone had the Christmas spirit.

The following Sunday was the Innisfil Parade. As

reported by Doug Crawford in the Innisfil News "The skies finished their morning dribbling, so it was a dry start to the annual Innisfil Santa Claus Parade on Sunday afternoon." he also took some great photos. The Sheba Circus Unit supplied all with hot coffee and cream. HO! HO! HO! Peter Hughson fixed the generator and our inflatable Snowman and Santa Claus rose to the occasion. After waving and shouting "Merry Christmas" for 45 minutes these jolly old men in red fezzes had used up most of their energy. Thanks again to Doug Crawford for all the photos and news writeup. The Rameses Shriners Annual Christmas Carol Service December 6th got everyone into the spirit of Christmas. ILL..Sir Rev. Bevan Carrique P.P. Rameses Chaplain led us in prayer and song. His sermon "Christmas Meditation" based on the Christmas Carol " Silent Night" compared the events of Jesus's birth and how we would perceive it if it happened today. Well done! You sure got us thinking.

The next day December 7th was Sheba Shrine Club Christmas Party. Newly appointed Sheba President Mike Long officiated the event which featured a D.J., a photo booth and the great food and service of Traditions. The place was packed with guests coming from all over. The Muskoka group arrived a little late due to the snowy roads and complained about the way us Southern Folk drive. After dinner a lot of us tried to keep up with the music but most of us ended up out of breath with soar ankles. It was a great time!

On Saturday December 20th at 7 a.m. in the morning...yes I said 7 a.m. in the morning, before the sun comes up! 340 fellows gathered at Sheba to celebrate "Cal's Gentlemen's Breakfast" What a fabulous turnout even the Mayor of Barrie and the Commissioner of the R.C.M.P showed up. After breakfast there was a prize auction, a 50/50 draw and lots of door prizes. The \$3,000 raised was

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donated by Joyce Madill to the Food Bank and will provide 1200 meals to those in need. The Rameses elections were held on January 3rd at the Montecassino Hotel and Banquet Hall. The accommodations, the rooms and the meals were excellent. One hundred and fifty four Nobles cast their votes which resulted with election of Steve Christie as our new Oriental Guide, John Slessor as our new ILL. ustrious Potentate, Mike Webb Chief Rabban, Tom Lundy Assistant Rabban, Randy Ling High Priest and Prophet, Jim McKinney Treasurer and Don Campbell Recorder.

Congratulations !!!!!

I would also congratulate ILL. ustrious Past Potentate John Neil on behalf of Rameses Nobles for leading us in 2025. Thank You!!!!

Well that's a wrap for now. I have to pull out my broom and put on my rubbers for the Whitefish Bonspiel.

See you next time . I should have some more news and gossip!





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IN MEMORIAM NOBLE DAVID GILLIES A CLASS ACT, START TO FINISH

I thank Dave's family for the honour of speaking today on behalf of Rameses and the Niagara Shrine Club. Dave wasn't just a Noble to us; he was a friend, a steady presence, and the man we all leaned on more times than we can count.

With his passing, Rameses and Niagara Shrine Club have lost not only a faithful Noble but one of its most steadfast pillars, a man whose quiet strength, tireless service, and unwavering loyalty shaped the very character of the Fraternity he loved. For many of us, Dave was the first call we made when something needed to be done. He was the "go-to guy," the one who could be counted on to fix, build, organize, or steady the ship when the waters grew rough. He never sought recognition, never asked for applause, and never once stepped back from a task that needed a willing pair of hands. In every sense, he was the embodiment of service before self.

The Steady Hand of Niagara Shrine Club

Every club has its visible leaders, the officers, chairmen, and Nobles who stand at the front of the

room. But every strong club also has its foundation stones: the ones who quietly ensure that the lights come on, the parade unit rolls out, the paperwork is in order, and the traditions are upheld. Dave was one of those foundation stones.

He had a gift for organization that kept the Niagara Shrine Club running smoothly. Whether it was a parade lineup, a fundraiser, a social event, or a last-minute crisis, Dave was the one who stepped in with calm assurance (sometimes with real Passionate assurance). He had an instinct for what needed to be done and the discipline to see it through to completion. Many of the Club's successes — the ones we celebrate publicly — were built on the unseen hours he invested behind the scenes.

A Builder of Fellowship

Beyond his practical skills, Dave was a builder of people. He had a way of motivating others without ever raising his voice (sometimes he slipped and passionately expressed his views). He encouraged younger Nobles, supported new members, and offered guidance with a gentle hand. His humour, his patience,

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and his steady presence made him a natural mentor. He understood that Shrinedom is not only about events and obligations — it is about fellowship. Dave strengthened that fellowship every time he walked into the room. He made others feel welcome, valued, and part of something meaningful. His example reminded us that the true measure of a Noble is not the fez he wears, but the heart he brings to the work.

A Guardian of Tradition

Dave respected the traditions of the Shrine and the legacy of those who came before him. He believed that our rituals, our customs, and our shared history were not relics, but living threads that bind us together. He carried those traditions forward with dignity, ensuring they remained vibrant.

In many ways, he was the Club's memory — the one who remembered how things were done, why they mattered, and how to keep them alive without losing sight of the future. His devotion to the Niagara Shrine Club was not passive; it was active stewardship.

The Working Tools of a Noble Life

If we were to describe Dave using the language of our Craft, we might say he lived by the plumb, walked by the level, and acted upon the square. His life was upright, his dealings were fair, and his service was true. He wore his apron — and later his fez — not as decoration, but as a reminder of duty. He understood that the greatest honour in our fraternity is not the title we hold, but the work we do for others.

The Camel's Journey

The Black Camel kneels only once, and in that solemn moment, we are reminded of the fragility of life and the strength of legacy. Dave's journey with us has ended, but the tracks he left in the sands of Shrinedom remain clear and deep. He carried burdens quietly.

He endured challenges without complaint. He ensured the caravan moved forward. And now, having completed his earthly pilgrimage, he travels on to the Grand Lodge Above, where labour is rewarded with rest.

A Legacy We Are Called to Carry

As we mourn the loss of Noble David Gillies, we also celebrate the life he lived — a life of service, humility, and Brotherhood. His example challenges us to continue the work he cared for so deeply. The Niagara Shrine Club is stronger because of him, and it will remain strong if we honour his memory not only in words, but in action.

May his memory be a lamp to our path.

May his example be a charge to our hearts.

And may we, in our own time, prove as faithful to the Craft and to the Shrine as he was.

Noble Gillies was, in every sense, a class act — start to finish.

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BELLEVILLE & DISTRICT SHRINE CLUB

NEWS

Illustrious Potentate John Slessor and First Lady Barbara travelled to Belleville on January 10th to preside over the ceremony of Installation of the executive of the Belleville and District Shrine Club. The annual Presidents Night was attended by 54 Nobles, Ladies, and guests. Visitors were welcomed from the Algonquin, Trent Valley, and Kingston District Shrine Clubs.

Our guests enjoyed a delicious meal of roast turkey

and all the fixings. Our outgoing President, Noble John Preston, named Noble Ralph Bullock as our Shriner of the Year for his continued work in the clubhouse and his leadership as Director General of the very successful 2025 Spring Ceremonial. Our 2026 President, Noble Wayne McFaul and his executive were installed by our Illustrious Potentate. The evening concluded with messages from our new President and Illustrious Sir John Slessor. Some photos are attached for your



MUSKOKA SHRINE CLUB NEWS



Wasn't that a Parade? In the little town of Baysville where it's so nice we go around twice. After a season of parades in Muskoka our favorite is always Baysville, its our last of many. Now we can clean up the floats and bikes and clown shoes. Another season of supporting the communities all over Muskoka. This year it had extra special meaning, not only did the Hillbillies show their YEE HAW, and the whole contingent

of Muskiteers mini bikes slide around on the snow but it was the last flight of our big trailer. Next spring at the Rameses Ceremonial in Huntsville will be the maiden voyage for the new trailers. Muskoka Shriners are always having fun supporting the kids in our Hospitals and the kids and adults in our communities with our parade floats. Proud of who we are!





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Good Day Nobles,

As we welcome the new year, it gives me great pleasure to introduce the 2026 Spring Ceremonial, to be proudly hosted by the Muskoka Shrine Club in beautiful Huntsville, Ontario. A great deal of time, effort, and dedication has gone into planning this event, and we are excited to share what promises to be a memorable and meaningful weekend for Nobles and Ladies alike. The weekend will feature a variety of activities designed to appeal to everyone. Friday will offer a golf tournament at the Deerhurst Lakeside Course, along with a luncheon at the Boat Museum and a scenic cruise aboard the Wenonah II for those who prefer a more relaxed start to the weekend. Friday evening will bring us together for dinner and live entertainment with two bands at the Summit Centre.

Saturday will be a full and festive day, highlighted by the Men's and Ladies' programs, the parade, and the Feast. We will conclude the weekend on Sunday with ILL. Sir, Rev. Bevan Carrique's Drumhead Service, providing a fitting and reflective close to our time together.

To ensure everyone can fully enjoy the weekend, transportation will be provided for the major events. Nobles are encouraged to contact their Housing Chairmen early to secure accommodations, as space in Huntsville is limited and demand is high.

The Muskoka Shrine Club looks forward to welcoming you to our region and sharing our hospitality, fellowship, and commitment to our great philanthropy. Our guiding theme for the 2026 Spring Ceremonial is simple and heartfelt:

"WE DO IT FOR THE KIDS"

We truly hope you will join us for this special occasion.

Yours in the Faith,

Butch Hall

Director General, 2026

THE MUSKOKA SHRINE CLUB WELCOMES YOU TO THE 2026 RAMESES SHRINE SPRING CEREMONIAL JUNE 11-14

Dear Nobles:

The indigenous people of Muskoka, mostly from the Algonquin and Huron tribes, have enjoyed the area's 1600 lakes for some 10,000 years. The explorer Samuel de Champlain reveled in Muskoka's beauty in the early 1600's. American industrialists travelled by train and steamship to relax and recharge in Muskoka in the 1800's. Now, it's your turn! The Muskoka Shrine Club is hosting the Rameses Shrine Springtem Ceremonial on June 11-14, 2026 in Huntsville Ontario. We've dubbed it the Muskoka Oasis. We don't have any desert, but we do have lots of lakes and rivers to quench your thirst for adventure. We have a few great breweries too! We've chosen the events and locations to give the Nobles and Ladies a true sense of Muskoka as we welcome our new Candidates into the Shrine. We sincerely hope you join us. We have bus transportation arranged to most events so Shriners can leave their cars at their hotel.



On Friday June 12, you can enjoy a lunch and some local history at the Muskoka Steamships and Discovery Centre on the shores of Lake Muskoka in Gravenhurst. We'll follow that with a 2-hour cruise on the 200 passenger Wenonah II. We leave from Gravenhurst Wharf and steam north on Lake Muskoka, taking a true step back in time to the days where Muskoka's grand resorts were served by a fleet of steamships. Bus transportation is available from the Ceremonial hotels in Huntsville.



Alternatively on Friday, we are hosting a golf tournament at the Deerhurst Lakeside course at Deerhurst Resort in Huntsville. This course was built in 1966 by the great architect C.E. "Robbie" Robertson and was renovated by Thomas McBroom in 1988. This 9 hole scramble tournament features beautiful views of Peninsula Lake and will conclude with a gourmet burger bar lunch provided by Deerhurst Resort.



Friday night we're hosting the Shriner's Cottage Party at the Jack Bionda Arena at the Summit Centre in Huntsville. We'll start with a casual Tex Mex buffet and then dance to two great bands starting with Juno and Maple Blues Award winner the Paul James Band. Paul and the boys will surely get us dancing with 50's 60's and 70's tunes. Then Huntsville's own Tobin Spring Band will take over

and the party will continue with 70's through 90's music. Our major sponsor Canvas Brewing of Huntsville will keep us from overheating. Tickets are available to Shriners as well as friends of your Lodge or Shrine Club. Great food, drinks and great live music in Muskoka!

Shriner Candidates and the Ritual team report to the Huntsville High School at 8:30am on Saturday morning with the Initiation Ritual beginning at 9am.



Our Ladies program kicks off in downtown Huntsville Saturday morning with two exciting arts and crafts programs to choose from. Local artists Andrea Balmer and Frances Balodis are offering two entertaining creative workshops that the Ladies will surely enjoy. From there the Ladies will be served a catered lunch and they will be in great position for a bit of shopping downtown and viewing the Parade.



Our 2026 Ceremonial Shriners Parade starts at 1pm and proceeds right down the main street of Huntsville, crossing the Muskoka River and ending at Canvas Brewery where we'll cool off at the Oasis Room in the Brewery. We've already told the whole town to come see the biggest Shriner Parade in Canada!



After the Oasis you'll enjoy bus transportation back to the hotels to change for the formal Ceremonial Feast back at the Jack Bionda Arena. Cocktails start at 5:30pm with a delicious dinner being served at 6:30pm.

On behalf of our Potentate, the Illustrious John Slessor and Lady Barb, we invite you to join them and the Rameses Shrine Divan at the Feast for a wonderful evening of great food and Shrine fellowship.



Here's hoping we see one and all in Muskoka in 2026!

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Thursday June 11th

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- 3 pm flag raising ceremony at the Canada Summit Center
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Friday June 12th

- GOLF TOURNAMENT and LUNCH, 9am registration and 10am Tee-Off
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- Wenonah II Lake Muskoka Boat cruise and lunch - \$90 per person **SPACES LIMITED, BOOK EARLY**
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10am museum opens, 11am lunch
Muskoka Discovery Center Museum, 275 Steamship Bay Rd., Gravenhurst
1pm Cruise - 185 Cherokee Lane, Gravenhurst
- Shrine Cottage Party Dinner and Dance - \$85 per person
5:30 Cocktails, 6:30pm dinner, 7:00pm bands start - Canada Summit Center, 20 Park Dr., Huntsville,
Featuring The Tobin Spring Band and The Paul James Band

Saturday June 13th

- 8:30 am CANDIDATE REGISTRATION
9 am Ritual, Huntsville High School, 58 Brunel Rd,
Huntsville
- 10 am LADIES PROGRAM at the Canvas Brewing Co. - \$90/\$60 per person
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- 1 pm CEREMONIAL PARADE, Main Street Huntsville. Nobles and their partners invited back to the Oasis
following the parade at the Canvas Brewing Company,
12 John St, Huntsville
- CEREMONIAL FEAST - 5:30pm social, 6:30pm dinner - \$150 per person
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Sunday June 14th

- 9 am Ceremonial Drumhead Worship Service at Huntsville Cenotaph - 38 West Street S, Huntsville

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LADIES ORIENTAL SHRINE

Happy New Year to one and all! The Ladies of Bokhara Court wish everyone a safe and productive 2026.

First to the Nobles. A heartfelt thank you for all your support to the Ladies of the Oriental Shrine. Your support to us is marvellous and each and every Noble gets a hearty "THANKS"

On October the 25th 2025, Bokhara Court celebrated their 100th Anniversary. The Shrine Shrine walls were decorated with posters of Past High Priestesses' years. The room also had tables with memorabilia from years past! What a lot of memories!

It was such a joyous occasion with the celebration of a High Tea. We were truly blessed with visitors from 4 Sister Courts, 7 Past Grand High Priestesses including our own Lady Lynda Stone and 118 Ladies. As well, we were supported by Rameses Shrine and our own Nobles.

Greetings and welcome were made by our

High Priestess Lady Amanda Dart, as well as a presentation to Lady Joan Cox for her years of service and dedication to Bokhara Court.

Each attendee was given a memorial book Celebrating Bokhara Court 100th Anniversary. Our thanks and gratitude go out to Lady Donna Ervine who spent so many, many hours of her time searching old records, and co-ordinating the book as well as the printing and distribution. (extra copies are available from the Court Recorder)

Following the High Tea there was a dinner, music and dance. A truly good time was had by all. A huge thank you to all the Ladies that participated to make the 100th Anniversary a memorable occasion.

High Priestess lady Amanda Dart had the privilege of presenting a Member Emeritus certificate to both Lady Joan Cox and Lady Donna Ervine

BOKHARA COURT NEWS

On November 15th, Bokhara Court welcomed 21 new members. We all welcome these Ladies with "Mermaid Kisses" and celebrate that they are now going to assist us helping our Special Kids.

Two presentations were made as well. The first was in remembrance of Lady Valerie Kalena Past High Priestess, by Lady Lynda Stone Past Grand High Priestess of a Hand-crafted Lotus Flower that Lady Valerie had made for the Grand Council in Canada which was cancelled due to Covid. The second presentation was in Loving Memory of Lady Margaret Meekind by her daughter Lady Mary Stewart. Lady Margaret was born in the same year that Bokhara Court was formed.

Bokhara Court No 22 is thrilled to announce that the Sesemar Ladies Shine Club is being brought back as an active club in Hamilton and will be

soon accepting new members. This will be a "Daylight Club" with meetings being held at the Hamilton Shrine Club, enjoying lunch, fellowship and working together on fundraising initiatives to support our beloved Shrine Kids.

On March 14th each and every Lady Shriner, Noble and Friends are invited to the Annual Orthopaedic Tea. This special event is open to one and all. The Court will be presenting all the funds that we have worked for and collected over the past year. A representative from the hospital will be in attendance to accept our donations as well as give an update of our Shrine Hospital. Along with this will be a presentation by a Shrine child. So please remember March 14th 2pm at 124 Queens Plate Drive.

April 11th is the open installation of 2026-2027 officers of the Court. This event starts at 2pm and includes a dinner. All are welcome.





NEEMA LADIES SHRINE CLUB

December is always a fun night and this past December was no exception. We joined the Oshawa and District Shrine Club's Christmas Celebration on December 17th. We were entertained by the Durham Men's Barbershop Choir and Karin put on a delicious dinner. Lady Nefer LePard provided a fantastic holiday

opportunity basket and with the help of Ladies Barb Davis, Irene Gray, Linda Dart and Carmen Chan we made a profit of \$530.00. Thanks to all who generously participated. We are pleased to have our High Priestess Lady Amanda Dart at our meeting in January for her official visit.

SHARAMAZDA CLUB

As usual our club has been very busy. We had two Barrie Fraud policemen come to the September meeting as speakers. It was truly eye-opening to realize the extent of fraud now occurring. It was a very important lesson on how to recognize fraudulent calls and to prevent them from occurring.

November 2nd the Club held its Silent and Loonie Auction with 87 people in attendance. This followed a delicious turkey dinner. The money raised was \$4183.43.

All are welcome to the Valentine Tea on February 11th at the Sheba Shrine Club on John Street.

MUSKOKA LADIES SHRINE UNIT

On October 25 the Court will be celebrating its 100th birthday. On November 15th Bokhara Court will welcome new members at the Fall Ceremonial. Thanks to Noble Steve Singleton for his generous donation of glasses to support our "Gifted Glasses for New

Sight" program. All the Ladies of Bokhara Court wish each and everyone a Happy New Year. All the best in 2026. Contributed by Lady Marion Searle PHP

NORTHERN LIGHTS CRAFTERS

Early December was a very busy time as our group of 8 Ladies joined forces for our first fundraiser! Over 120 dozen perogies were made and sold. This made for a successful first endeavour. Thank you goes out to the Sudbury Shrine Club for the use of the space and a hearty THANKS to Nobles Kevin Branch, President and John Miszczak, Treasurer for their help.(picture)



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Shriners Hospitals for Children Canada

NURSING RESEARCH PROGRAM

EMPOWERING YOUTH TO TAKE CHARGE

For teens living with Osteogenesis Imperfecta (OI), leaving pediatric care can be daunting.

Our flagship project, **Teens Taking Charge: Managing Osteogenesis Imperfecta Online (Teens OI)**, helps them take that next step with confidence and support.

Co-designed with youth, parents, and clinicians, Teens OI is an interactive online program that:

- **Transforms care** through evidence-based tools that strengthen physical and emotional well-being
- **Empowers families** with resources that build resilience and improve quality of life
- **Mentors future healthcare leaders** in delivering compassionate, whole-person care

Michael



FROM CANADA TO THE WORLD — A RIPPLE OF HEALING



From VR headsets and pre-op tools that ease pain, to digital transition programs empowering teens like Michael, every innovation developed at Shriners Children's Canada is now shared across the Shriners system and with partnering pediatric institutions globally.

These discoveries strengthen Shriners' wraparound care model, improving the physical, emotional, and psychosocial well-being of every child we touch.



Each project, whether a puppet play, a storybook, or a pain education video — is co-created with patients and families to help children understand, express, and overcome pain with courage and creativity.

YOUR GENEROSITY TRANSFORMS RESEARCH INTO HEALING

NURSING RESEARCH PROGRAM

At Shriners Children's Canada, **nursing research transforms care by combining evidence-based innovation with compassion.**

Our nurses are redefining pediatric care, helping children manage pain, build confidence, and thrive through every stage of treatment.

TURNING PAIN INTO COURAGE

No child should be afraid of care

Through **Virtual Reality (VR)**, children like 12-year-old Alab, who receives regular IV infusions for Brittle Bone Disease, are immersed in calming, fun, interactive worlds during procedures, easing distress, improving cooperation, and reducing the need for medication.

Tools such as *The Dream Machine* book, I-Spy games, and other co-created resources help children prepare for and cope with pain, teaching mindfulness and resilience so they can face care with calm and confidence.

Developed and designed in Canada, these innovations are redefining how children experience care: **less fear, less pain, more confidence.**

Shriners Children's Canada leads this research, meeting the evolving needs of patients and families.



Alab, a patient, testing a Virtual Reality game designed to make care less stressful.

Since **2013**, the Nursing Research Program has been improving the lives of children by focusing on **three goals:**



Coping

Helping children manage pain and anxiety



Transition

Guiding teens toward independence



Thriving

Discovering new ways for every child to live fully

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SCHEDULE

Depart Toronto on July 21st, 2026 to Amsterdam - (Hotel & land tour TBA)

Day 1 – Jul 22, 2026 – Arrive Amsterdam

Day 2 – Jul 23, 2026 – Amsterdam

Day 3 – Jul 24, 2026 – Amsterdam

Day 4 – Jul 25, 2026 – Rotterdam

Day 5 – Jul 26, 2026 – Rotterdam, The Netherlands

Day 6 – Jul 27, 2026 – Days At Sea

Day 7 – Jul 28, 2026 – Haugesund, Norway

Day 8 – Jul 29, 2026 – Molde, Norway

Day 8 – Jul 29, 2026 – Scenic cruising Molde Fjorden

Day 9 – Jul 30, 2026 – Olden, Norway

Day 10 – Jul 31, 2026 – Sandnes (Stavanger), Norway

Day 11 – Aug 01, 2026 – Days At Sea

Day 12 – Aug 02, 2026 – Rotterdam, The Netherlands

PRICING

Cruise Rates Starting At:

Outside Cabin: \$2799.00 CAD/PP

Veranda: \$3125.00 CAD/PP

Vista Suite: \$3602.00 CAD/PP

Signature Suite: \$5206.00 CAD/PP

Neptune Suite: \$6,134.00 CAD/PP

Rates are per person based on two people sharing a cabin. Deposit is: \$464 CAD/PP (deposit is refundable until April 14/26)

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SPECIALTY DINING

Dinner at a fine dining restaurant

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1 Shore Excursion – up to US\$100 per guest

CREW APPRECIATION GRATUITY (Must be booked by Sept 26, 2025 to be included in above prices)

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WI-FI

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Contact: Sherri McCarten

Phone: (613) 827-0717

Email: sherri.mccarten@transat.com

Please email for more details

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COLLECTORS' VOYAGE

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TICO: 96543171

SCHEDULE

Depart Toronto on July 17, 2026 to Reykjavik, Iceland – (Hotel TBA)

Day 1 – Jul 19, 2026 – Reykjavik, Iceland

Day 2 – Jul 20, 2026 – Heimaey, Westman Islands, Iceland

Day 3 – Jul 21, 2026 – Djupivogur, Iceland

Day 3 – Jul 21, 2026 – Scenic cruising Berufjordur

Day 4 – Jul 22, 2026 – Days At Sea

Day 5 – Jul 23, 2026 – Aberdeen, Scotland, United Kingdom

Day 6 – Jul 24, 2026 – South Queensferry (Edinburgh), Scotland, United Kingdom

Day 7 – Jul 25, 2026 – Days At Sea

Day 8 – Jul 26, 2026 – Rotterdam, The Netherlands *

Day 9 – Jul 27, 2026 – Days At Sea

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Day 12 – Jul 30, 2026 – Olden, Norway

Day 13 – Jul 31, 2026 – Sandnes (Stavanger), Norway

Day 14 – Aug 01, 2026 – Days At Sea

Day 15 – Aug 02, 2026 – Rotterdam, The Netherlands

Depart Amsterdam on August 2, 2026 back to Toronto

*John & Barbara will join cruise on this day

PRICING

Cruise Rates Starting At:

Inside Cabin: \$5259.00 CAD/PP

Outside Cabin: \$6552.00 CAD/PP

Veranda: \$6577.00 CAD/PP

Vista Suite: \$8089.00 CAD/PP

Neptune Suite: \$12,135.00 CAD/PP

Rates are per person based on two people sharing a cabin. Deposit is:

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BEVERAGE PACKAGE

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SHORE EXCURSIONS

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WI-FI

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In Memoriam

The deepest sympathy of the ILL.ustrious Potentate, Divan and Nobles of the Rameses Shrine is extended to family and friends.

Beverly F. Rawson

Innisfil, ON | October 1, 2025

Neal D. Cathcart

Cavan, ON | November 16, 2025

Donald M. Martyn

Bridgenorth, ON | October 15, 2025

Mark A. Hayward

Corbeil, ON | November 26, 25

Robert B. Phillips

Midland, ON | October 30, 2025

David A. Gillies

Niagara Falls, ON | December 1, 2025

Ross A. Nicholson

Campbellford, ON | November 9, 2025

Calvin W. Thomas

Bloomfield, ON | December 11, 2025

Gary L. Martin

McKellar, ON | November 13, 2025

Steven J. Muir

Sundridge, ON | December 22, 2025

Theodore J. Johnson

Alliston, ON | November 15, 2026

"ES SELAMU ALEIKUM"

We do not lose the ones we love They only go before,
Where there is everlasting life Where sorrow is no more. . .
And there the soul will always live And peace is everywhere
We do not lose the ones we love God keeps them in His care.



Illustrious Sir James W. Culham
1933 - 2026
Potentate 1990
President Rorab Shrine Club 1981
Ambassador 1984

Illustrious Sir James W. Culham passed away on January 22, 2026, in Saskatoon, SK.
Beloved husband to Lady Betty Ann.

In the year of 1990, the start of the new decade, Rameses Shriners saw many innovations and thrived under the leadership of Illustrious Potentate Sir James W. Culham. Illustrious Sir James Culham was the first Potentate of Rameses Shriners from northern Ontario, his home club being the North Bay RORAB Shrine Club.

Rorab Shrine Installation Album Friday, January 30th, 2026



Here is a collection of photos from the Rorab Installation for 2026 which was held at the Rorab Club on Friday January 30th, 2026. Rameses Potentate III. Sir John Slessor performed the installation of the Rorab Club executive and President. Noble Rob McDonald was the MC for the evening. Excellent social hour music was presented by Pianist Isonoph Carillo. Feizing of New President by Lady Sylvie. The Passing of the Gavel was handed to Noble Patrick Demeres by outgoing President James Stamatakis.

Cheque presentations were made to
 III. Sir John Slessor by the following Rorab Club units.
 Cycle Unit \$5,000.00 Baybillies Outhouse #4 \$3,000.00 Rorab Ladies \$2,000.00
 Rorab Klowns \$ 2,000.00 Christmas Cakes etc. \$4,400.00
 Pop Can Bottle Team \$20,000.00

Total of \$18,400.00

Noble Patrick Demers -President



152nd Imperial Session

Tampa, Florida – July 12 – 16, 2026



Imperial Session Schedule



<https://imperialsession.com/2026-schedule-of-events/>

Rameses Shrine Hotel

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Room Rate: \$216.22 USD, Tax Inclusive
First Night Deposit is \$216.22 USD/\$302.00 CAN
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Rameses must send first night's deposit on all rooms prior to June 10, 2026
Rooms are limited and on a first come basis.

Contact: Rameses to register
at rina@rameses.ca or 416-633-6317



THE WESTIN TAMPA WATERSIDE

NOTICE AND EVENTS

NOTICE OF THE BUSINESS SESSION

Date: Friday, February 27, 2026

Location: Rameses Headquarters

A Business Session of Rameses Shriners, Shriners International, will be held at our Headquarters, 124 Queens Plate Drive, Toronto, Ontario, M9W 0B4, on Friday, February 27, 2026, at 7:30 p.m.

The Nobility are urged to be present to receive the Financial Reports for the year ending December 31, 2025, the Auditor's Statements and to conduct such other business as may be brought before the Rameses Shriners in accordance with the by-laws of the Rameses Shriners.

Attest:

Donald A. Campbell, P.P. – Recorder John A. Slessor – Chief Rabban

ATTENTION ALL NOBLES, PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR ADDRESS CHANGE INFORMATION

ADDRESS CHANGE

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Mail to Rameses Shrine, 124 Queens Plate Drive, Toronto, ON M9W 0B4 or email to jessica@rameses.ca

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

By Noble Tom Lundy
Assistant Rabban

Nobles, our commitment to all of you is transparency and accountability during the process of selling our building and finding a new home.

To that end we would like to provide you with a brief update:

First and foremost, a Rameses condition of sale is that the final offer must be approved at a Special Meeting of the membership.

The listings can be viewed on the Laceby website

Sale – https://lacebyrealestate.com/commercial_listings/_trashed-2/

Lease (Hall) – https://lacebyrealestate.com/commercial_listings/124-queens-plate-dr-toronto-ontario-2/

Your Divan has directed the Laceby Team that the preferred choice would be to sell both units together.

The Steering Committee and the Divan have been encouraged by the level of interest in the first couple of months of the listing process. Your Divan feels that while there has been considerable interest in both facets, Lease and/or Purchase, we do not have the right offer in front of us yet.

NEXT STEPS:

The Steering Committee is reviewing our office space requirements. Once finalized the Strategic Planning Committee will address suitable geographic locations. SPC will be looking for input from the membership. More to follow on that process.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Steering Committee,

Tom Lundy, Chair
416-550-3434
tom.ramesesshriners@gmail.com

Mike Webb, Deputy Chair
705-937-0971
michael.webb911@gmail.com

SHRINERS INTERNATIONAL REVENUE AND EXPENSE COMMITTEE

JAN 2026 MEETING OVERVIEW

At the 2025 Imperial Session ILL. Potentate Brad Koehn requested interested members of the Nobility apply to create a committee to review the Revenue and Expenses of Shriners International and come up with ways to ensure the financial stability of our great fraternity. And to communicate this effectively to the Nobility so that recommendations can be implemented. I was fortunate to become a member of this committee on behalf of Rameses Shriners. We held our first meeting on Jan 7th.

As you are well aware, membership has been a focus of both Shriners International and Rameses Shriners for over a decade. In 1971 there were approximately 980,000 Shriners worldwide. Our numbers today are under 160,000. This is a huge drop and makes it very difficult for Shriners International to provide the services it does to the Nobility at our current per capita rate. As we are all too familiar, the cost of providing the existing services to the Nobility is not decreasing. Part of the challenge is that membership is dropping by approx. 7,000 Nobles annually and this reduces the revenue to Shriners International by close to \$500,000 per year. And the needs of the Nobility are not decreasing. The last thing anyone wants is a decrease in service from our headquarters. At the last Imperial Session, the Nobility approved an operating budget with nearly a 1 million loss. At the same time, a motion to increase the annual per capita to \$50 USD was defeated. Over the past decades, costs have been cut and the operating budget of Shriners International has been reduced accordingly. One area that we could cut costs on is the reimbursement for elected delegates attending the Imperial Sessions. This motion to phase this out was also defeated. Shriners International does have an investment fund that has assisted in covering some of the costs over the years and now we are at a time when the growth in this fund is in jeopardy of not meeting our needs.

As an organization, we cannot demand to maintain

our services/benefits and not increase our revenue (per capita). This is the purpose of the committee and our great challenge. One area that we may improve the perception of value of Shriners International is through better understanding and usage of the resources that are currently available.

There are great resources available to the Shrines and the Nobility to assist in attracting new members and supporting the existing membership. Unfortunately, there is a lack of knowledge of how to access and to make use of these resources. This is a problem partially with Shriners International in their communications and partly with the membership as we rarely look for things until we need them and then sometimes become frustrated if we cannot locate the resources where we think they should be.

Have you been on to Webfez, our Shriners International website recently? If not, why? You can update your address, interests, personal profile and ensure your most recent information is available to those who need it like Ramses. You can access logos, videos and other resources to help you attract new members. There is an E Petition that is accessible on your phone to help you capture a potential candidate and get their information to Rameses on the spot without waiting for paperwork. That candidate may not even be for Rameses, it could be for another Shrine, and you are helping the fraternity from anywhere. This is but one function that Shriners International provides.

As your representative on this committee, any ideas you may have would be greatly appreciated. I will bring them forward to the committee and see how we can plan for the future and ensure the success of Shriners International and Rameses Shriners. You can email me at michael.webb.911@gmail.com with the subject line SI Revenue & Expenses.

2026 Spring Ceremonial – Candidates – Muskoka Shrine Club

Huntsville, ON

First Name	Last Name	City	Occupation	Craft Lodge	Sponsors
1. Robert	Ackerman	Bowmanville, ON	Lawyer	Oakville #400	Adam Cormier, Bill Lee
2. Craig	Caston	Tiny, ON	Mechanic	Coronation #466	Frederick Aldred, Craig Webb

2026 Spring Ceremonial – Carryovers – Muskoka Shrine Club

Huntsville, ON

First Name	Last Name	City	Occupation	Craft Lodge	Sponsors
1. Alberto	Canicosa	Richmond, ON	Retired	Grenville #629	Teodolo Diaz, Romher Gallardo
2. James	Estrella	Toronto, ON	Software Engineer	Remembrance #586	Richard Allgood, John Parrilla
3. Richard	Golden	Massey, ON	Retired	Bethel #699	David Marshall, Trevor Sykes
4. John	Holt	Elmvale, ON	Carpenter	Coronation #466	Frederick Aldred, William Wheeler
5. Arif	Hussain	Mississauga, ON	Funding	River Park #356	Romher Gallardo, Felix Ramos
6. Thomas	Joseph	Oakville, ON	Self-employed	Trafalgar #712	Paraag Suchak, Dio DeBrito
7. Sninder	Lochab	Ancaster, ON	Retired	Buchanan #550	John Lumsden, Jeffrey Valentine
8. Robert	MacDonald	Melancthon, ON	Realtor	Lorne # 377	Wayne Balon, David Rawn, P.P.
9. Christopher	Pappas	Orangeville, ON	Mtc. Electrician	Harris #216	Stewart Brass, Barry Johnson
10. Haroon	Rahimi	Mississauga, ON	Advanced Tech Solution	Mississauga #524	Lawrence Francis, William Bath
11. William	Right	Brampton, ON	Associate Merchant	Unity #710	Mehdi Pakzad, Tony Benevento
12. N. Adrian	Sanchez Jaramillo	Thorold, ON	Public Accountant (Auditor)	Garden City #221	Dean Gould, Mohammad Refaei
13. Jesse	Segura	Kirkland Lake, ON	Geologist	Doric #623	Mark Wooldridge, Arvind Aggarwal
14. Michel	Ventura	Scarborough, ON	Attendant	Trillium #575	Sidney Cometa, Elito Lim

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