



GizehNEWS

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2018 DIVAN - BACK ROW, L TO R: Noble Sunil Debba, Treasurer, Noble Darren Chruikshanks, Oriental Guide, Noble Bruce Cowie, High Priest and Prophet, III. Sir Darwin Marsh, Recorder. FRONT ROW, L TO R: Noble Lew Rossner, Chief Rabban, III. Sir Harold Wallace, Potentate, Noble Wally Lee, Assistant Rabban

Through the Eyes of a Child

Noble Harold Wallace and Lady Michelle, The Divan and their Ladies, thank you for joining them for the 2018 Gizeh Divan Installation and Banquet.

The installation of the 2018 Potentate and his Divan was conducted by Past Potentates III. Sir Kurt Wensler and III. Sir Darwin Marsh. Master of Ceremonies, Noble Don Denny guided the proceedings. The evening followed with a beautiful banquet celebrating our new 2018 leadership team.



2018 DIVAN LADIES L TO R: Lady Ashika (Sunil), Lady Maureen (Darwin), Lady Michelle (Harold), Lady Midge (Lew), Lady Josie (Wally), Lady Dale (Bruce)



Letter from 2018 Potentate

Nobles,

As this is the first communication for 2018, I wish to take the opportunity to thank the Nobles for having confidence in me to lead this organization for the ensuing year. It is an honor and privilege to do this. I am grateful for the 13 Past Potentates who attended the Installation of the Divan, as well as the Lower Mainland club officers. They have promised 100% support of the Divan.

As Gizeh Temple moves forward in 2018, we most focus on what is best for the Nobility, and most importantly, the most effective way we can get patients, and raise money for transporting our kids. Other areas of concern are where do we move, building our membership, restoring demitted Nobles, and finally, the implementation of Club Coordinators.

Building our membership, in my opinion, should be our biggest concern. The Temple has been losing members at an alarming pace; which is disturbing. The second priority is to have the restoration committee focus on the Nobles who have demitted; if we can restore even 20% of the Nobles who have demitted, will increase membership greatly. So I ask you, the Nobility: if you know of a Noble who has demitted, encourage him to come back to one of the greatest philanthropies in the world.

The Building Society executive will have a relocation committee in place to bring suggestions as to where we should move to the Nobility. This will be done sooner than later, as we are only 7 months away from the sale agreement date of September 30, 2018.



The Club Coordinators have been reinstated to be the voice of the Divan and open the lines of communications between clubs, units and the Divan. Communications has been the biggest issue that I have heard from you, the Nobility, over the last four years. So, let us all work together and make a difference.

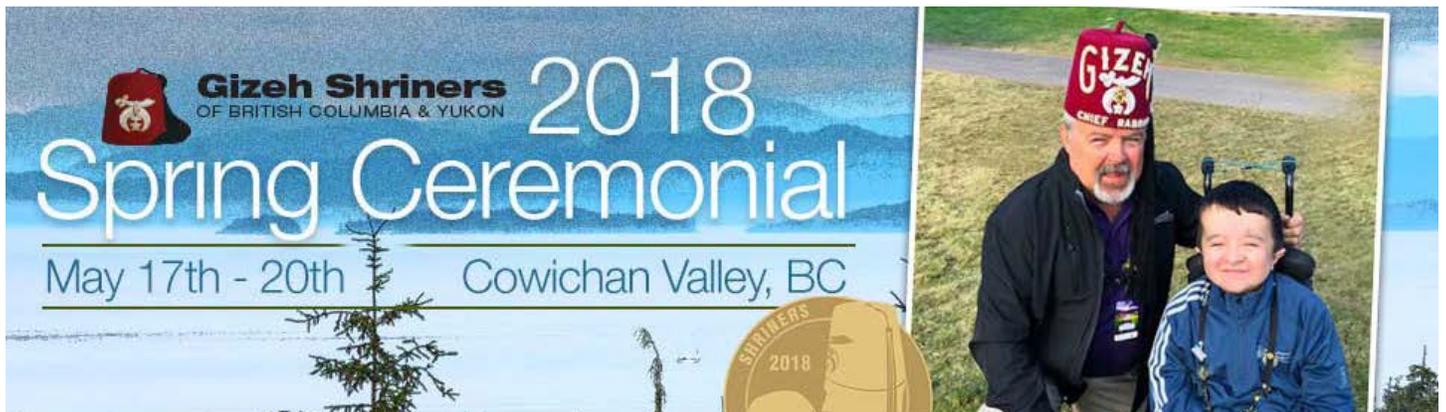
The Spring Ceremonial will be held in Duncan, on May 17th through 19th, and there will be the opportunity for you to participate in the Nanaimo Days Parade on the 20th, as well as the Victoria Day Parade on the 21st. So let's make this a holiday and enjoy the hospitality of the Cowichan Valley.

Lady Michelle and I will be travelling to Newfoundland from September 4th through September 15th (Itinerary on web page). Come and enjoy true Newfie hospitality, beautiful scenery, and visit some of the oldest historical sites in our fair country.

Let's all work hard for the unity of our philanthropy, and better serve the kids we look after.

Yours in the faith,

Illustrious Sir Harold W. Wallace
Potentate – Gizeh Shriners of BC & Yukon



REGISTER ONLINE at www.bcshriners.com
For details: www.cowichanvalleyshrineclub.org/2018-ceremonial

2018 AGM & Installation Dinner



2018 Divan being sworn in.



Noble Lew Rossner being escorted in.



III. Sir Joe Terrice addressing the nobility.



III. Sir Joe Terrice and his Lady Mary Rose.



Noble Darren Chruikshanks



III. Sir Harold Wallace and his Lady Michelle



Potentate with his custom bobble head.



Honolulu Shriners Hospital, Hawaii

Vernon Shrine Club member Noble Mike Caira and Lady Lori tour the Honolulu Shriners Hospital on the island of Oahu.

“We had an amazing tour here and so very glad we went. Notice that their outdoor statue says Aloha on the Fez as this hospital receives no funding or support from other Temples; and of course the beautiful flower on the little girl.”

Upon his return, Noble Mike brought a small gift back from Oahu for our Divan; Aloha Shriners’ Potentate Pins.



SHRINERS VARIETY SHOW



APRIL 12 **Victoria** **7:00PM**
McPherson Theatre

APRIL 13 **Nanaimo** **7:00PM**
Port Theatre

JUNE 2 **Sidney** **4:00PM & 7:00PM**
Mary Winspear Theatre

JUNE 3 **Campbell River** **4:00PM**
Tidemark Theatre

SEPT 21 **Nanaimo** **4:00PM & 7:00PM**
Bebin Park Theatre

SEPT 22 **Parksville** **4:00PM & 7:00PM**
Ballenas High School Theatre

SEPT 23 **Comox** **4:00PM & 7:00PM**
Filberg Centre Auditorium

OCT 6 **Victoria** **4:00PM & 7:00PM**
To be confirmed

OCT 7 **Duncan** **2:00PM**
Quamichan High School - *to be confirmed*

DEC 6 **Kamloops** **7:00PM**
Coast Hotel Conference Centre

DEC 7 **Vernon** **4:00PM & 7:00PM**
Vernon Performing Arts Centre

DEC 8 **Kelowna** **4:00PM & 7:00PM**
Rotary Centre for the Arts

DEC 9 **Penticton** **4:00PM**
Cleland Community Centre

Peace Arch
Shrine
CLUB
#23

Gentlemen’s Dinner & Draw

Friday, April 27th, 2018

Star of the Sea Hall, White Rock, BC

15263 Pacific Avenue, White Rock, B.C.

Doors open at 6:00 PM - Dinner 7:15 PM

- Tickets \$100 - includes dinner & refreshments.
- 1st prize \$4000 plus many others.
- Contact Bob Huta 604-377-9958
or any member of Peace Arch Club.

Net proceeds are 80% to Child’s Service Society, 10% to Shriners in Your Community and 10% to the Peace Arch Club.

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2017 Chalet Lights brighten the season

The Ribalkin/Viau family were at it again – covering their roof, gardens, gutters, railings and driveway in thousands upon of lights, blow-up displays, Christmas decorations and holiday cheer.

From 2010 to 2016, this family display has raised \$65,252.38 and 769 bags of groceries. But this total is hopefully just the beginning, said John Ribalkin, one of the owners of the house.

2017 was the biggest year yet! The display raised \$31,667.61 and 182 bags of groceries,” said John.

The three charities benefitting from this project are – the Harvest Project, Shriners Care for Kids, and BC Epilepsy Society.

- **Harvest Project** received all the bags of food and they also get 30% of the total funds raised which was \$9500.27.
- **BC Epilepsy** receive 35% of the total donations, making their portion \$11,083.67.
- **Gizeh Shriners of BC & Yukon** receive 35% of the total donations making their portion \$11,083.67.



250 Reverse Draw - Noble President Tony Mulder receives a \$1250 cheque from Noble Vern Hickson from our “250 Reverse draw”. 250 tickets are sold for \$10, a reverse draw is held, with 5 tickets winning \$50 each, while the last two tickets win \$500 each. The remaining \$1250 is donated to Gizeh. This draw is held 4 times a year with a total of \$5000 sent to Gizeh.



Second Generation Shriner - Noble Ron Wilkinson, a second generation Shriner, was presented with his 50 Year Certificate, Pin and Letter on Tuesday, November 21, in his home at Scotch Creek, BC . The Presentation Team comprised Assistant Rabban Noble Lew Rossner, Vernon Shrine Club President, Noble Jan Loos and Vernon Shrine Club Vice President, Ken Seely.



Stated Meeting ↓ NOTICE



Gizeh Shriners OF BRITISH COLUMBIA & YUKON

**Notice of Gizeh Shriners of BC & Yukon
Stated Meeting
Wed, March 28, 2018 at 7:00 pm**

You are hereby notified that the Stated Meeting of Gizeh Shriners of BC & Yukon will be held at Gizeh Shrine Centre, 3550 Wayburne Drive, Burnaby BC and at the following seven (7) Satellite locations:

- **Dawson Creek** location: 600 – 103rd Avenue, Dawson Creek BC
Coordinator: Dino Soucy (604) 261-0222
- **Penticton** location: 102 – 2510 Government Street, Penticton BC
Coordinator: Ron Champken (604) 493-5479
- **Prince George** location: 1272 3rd Avenue, Prince George BC
Coordinator: Scott Harriman (604) 328-5004
- **Vernon** location: Miriam Masonic Lodge, 3005A 32nd Street, Vernon BC
Coordinator: Mike Caira (250) 540-8833
- **Duncan** location: H.W. Wallace Center, 5285 Polkey Road, Duncan BC
Coordinator: Patrick Beattie (250) 537-7722
- **Campbell River** location: TBA
Coordinator: Neil Lewis (250) 923-3268
- **Kamloops** location: 351 Nicola Street, Kamloops BC
Coordinator: Charles Molloy (250) 319-9541

Agenda

Business – General
Balloting on Petitions

Harold Wallace
Potentate

Darwin Marsh
Recorder

Pictured Below

LEFT PHOTO: III. Sir Harold and Shrine Child Lucas Yuill (a patient of Shriners Hospitals for Children – Portland) with his parents.

RIGHT PHOTO: Treasurer Noble Garry Burch receiving a cheque from President Noble Tony Mulder for \$1000 for the sale of Gizeh Cash Calendar sales in Creston, BC.



Cash Calendars raise a lot of dough!

On behalf of Gizeh Shriners of BC and Yukon, I would like to thank all the Shrine Clubs and Units, as well as the concordant bodies and volunteers, who participated in the 2018 Cash Calendar project. A special thanks goes out to all the purchasers of our 2018 Cash Calendars.

The draw was made on December 30, 2017 and was audited by a representative from BC Gaming, as this was the first time that the draw was made electronically. This proved to save at least a couple of hours in the draw process from the old system of using a draw barrel.

This year, the Cash Calendar Project should net in the region of \$48,000 to \$50,000. Although this is a significant amount, increased sales would generate considerably more revenue. This can be achieved by more of our Nobility participating in this worthwhile project. All our endeavours are for our Shrine Children, and as we dedicate our volunteer efforts for these children, let us stand proud when looked at *“Through the Eyes of a Child”*.



Some of our dedicated volunteers hard at work on the day of the draw held at Ill. Sir Harold Wallace's facility in Duncan, BC.

A summary of the numbers:

• 6,000 calendars printed	GROSS SALES	\$92,560
• 4,628 calendars sold	DONATIONS	\$887
• 1,320 calendars returned	TOTAL GROSS	\$93,447
• 52 calendars lost		

Estimated net \$48,000 to \$50,000

- Noble Colin Craig, Committee Chairman
2018 Gizeh Cash Calendar Project

And the winners are...

The Campbell River Shrine Club #22 held its annual raffle in the fall of 2017 with the draw on New Year's Day 2018. This annual event has a very long history dating back to the 1970's. Prize winners were all from the Campbell River area and are as follows:

- 1st prize \$1000** Yvonne Buxton;
- 2nd prize \$500** Claudette Yeoman;
- 3rd prize \$250** George Hartley.

“Our club is very grateful for the community's support in our fundraising for our philanthropy. We wish to thank all of those who make this event possible, from ticket purchasers to the public venues that support us.”

-Noble Mark Donaldson



2nd Prize Winner with Noble Mark Donaldson



1st Prize Winner



3rd Prize Winner



Cowichan teen needs help to get spine surgery

Eden Weiss has been diagnosed with idiopathic scoliosis, a curvature of the spine. Due to her skeletal maturity, Weiss said the only treatment available in Canada for her is "fusion".

Gizeh Shriners assisted Eden by having her examined at our Shriners Hospital in Portland Oregon. She said that once a spine is fused, especially in the lumbar region, the long term risks can include nerve damage, hardware failure, disk degeneration and chronic pain.

"My parents decided to try alternative treatments to avoid surgery," Weiss said. "They spent thousands of dollars on a custom brace, physiotherapy and chiropractic treatments. Unfortunately none of these treatments have stopped the progression of my curves. If we leave my scoliosis untreated, the long term consequences are hip surgery, degenerative disk disease, chronic pain and compromised heart and lung function."

Weiss said that after researching less invasive options to fusion, the family discovered a relatively new procedure called anterior scoliosis correction. She said this surgery allows the spine to remain flexible while straightening the curve. "Unfortunately, ASC is not available in Canada for skeletally mature adolescents," Weiss said. "We have had to look for a qualified surgeon outside of our country."

Weiss said a specialist in Germany has reviewed her X-rays and due to her flexibility, she is still a candidate for ASC. She said that as the spine matures, flexibility is lost and, along with it, her opportunity for this life-changing surgery.

"BC Medical has denied our request for coverage for out-of-country surgery costs," Weiss said. "We will have to come



Nobles Brian Nicol (hospital rep.), Ian Milne, Tom Mitchell, Harold Wallace (Potentate of Gizeh Shriners of BC & Yukon), Eden Weiss, Art Bossons (president CVSC), and Monte Engelson.

up with all the funds needed to cover surgery, airfare and accommodations. Surgery has been scheduled to take place very quickly due to my skeletal maturity. We are in a race against time to come up with the remainder of funds needed before my surgery date, scheduled for March 19."

Weiss and her family need a total of \$90,000 and have managed to raise \$75,000 so far. With money raised by donations through the Gordon Closson annual baseball tournament and donated to the Cowichan Valley Shrine Club to be used to assist a local child, it was a perfect "fit" for our Shriners In Your Community Fund.

The **Shriners In Your Community Fund** donated \$2500 to assist Eden.

Sweetheart Christmas Luncheon

Thirty eight Nobles and Ladies of The Parksville Qualicum Shrine Club entertained nine "Sweethearts" to a sumptuous turkey lunch at the Royal Canadian Legion hall in Parksville on November 29, 2017.

Sweethearts present were Sylvia Flynn, Carol Terry, Joan Turner, Beverly Butler, Marjory Rose, Liz Court, Marsha Ball, Lilian Horning and Barbara Woodstock.

They were welcomed by Club President, Bob Webber and each was presented with a hand-made microwave potato baking bag courtesy of Lady Lynda LeGros and a group of volunteer Ladies. A special guest was Honoured Queen Margaret Logan, Honoured Queen of Miriam Temple, Daughters of the Nile.

The Ramblers, a local group of musicians lead by no less than the banjo "King", Noble Colin Craig, provided seasonal music for a very enjoyable occasion.

