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O' Christmas Tree & Hannukah Lights



**THE CHILD SERVICES SOCIETY
TREE OF GRATITUDE**

Dear Illustrious Sirs and Nobles all:

I am so happy to present this "Special Edition" of the Gizeh News. I would like to thank each and every Noble and their ladies that contributed their Christmas tree pictures to this "just for fun" idea.

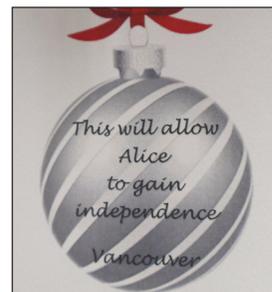
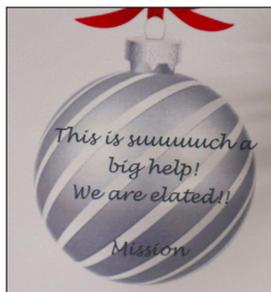
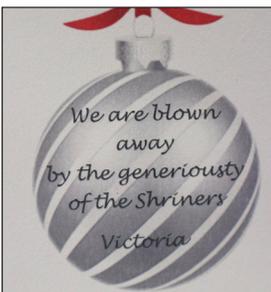
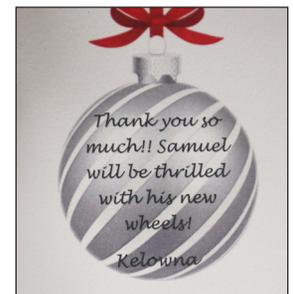
We need to give a special shout out to the ladies in our temple office for sharing the tree that they decorated with our CSS patient's names displayed with each decoration. This truly exemplifies the warmth and caring that our fraternity has for our Shrine Children, and our staff really has gone over and beyond doing the 2020 Christmas tree.

I am looking forward to a very interesting 2021 and have a few more ideas to help us all get the fun back in our fraternity in the months to come.

"Together we can."

Yours in the faith,

Noble Darren Chruikshanks, Potentate Elect 2021 and Lady April





The Christmas Tree

A LIGHT COMEDY

By Noble Doug Sowden

T'was two weeks before Christmas,
and here was my thought
Get in the car, and head for the lot
Where last year's Christmas tree was bought.

We drove to the lot; I picked out a tree,
It was the second one that I did see.
A noble fir, short but well set,
It was the one I wanted to get.
Adeline checked all over the place,
Trees of every species, size, shape and race.
I stood to one side, my tree in my hand,
And patiently waited as she traversed the land of the lot—
Then shortly, the short noble fir ...we bought.

Tree to the top of the car, roped on good and tight
We drove it home through the dusk of the night.
Into a bucket of water we plunked it.
"No drying of needles" we said as we dunked it.

Doug's jobs he well knows; he need not even ask
Put the tree up and hang the lights is his only task.
Out came the old stand and Doug washed it to shine
And filled it to brim-full with water, not wine.
The tree he placed in, and tightened the screws.
"It's small... not so tall... It'll never come loose",
He said to himself. "I can erect a tree better than Santa's
old elf."

Off the shelf came the old light strings and
spare bulbs galore,
Which we have collected for eons—who needed more?
Oh! One string of 100 lit up by a third,
Another out-did it, as two-thirds did shine.
Doug uttered a not-so-polite, unprintable word,
As he went to the kitchen for a glass of good wine.

Then, he fiddled and diddled for the next hour or three,
Trying to get one string of lights lit for the tree.
With spare bulbs, and spare strings,
and cannibalizing some
He managed to make FOUR strings shine, by gum.

Now to the tree, and he hung all the lights,
But they were all dark—none showed its brights.
'Cause somehow and somewhen, and these
things come to the fore
The extension cord from last year was "gone".
It's no more.

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NOBLE ANTONIO GONZALEZ



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NOBLE DAVID CHAMBERLAIN



From the closet with all the Christmas stuff,
 It's a goner, it's missing, a lost cord, sure enough.
 So off to the store in Robert, his red Ford,
 Doug braved all the crowds to find a new cord.
 Three-ninety tax-in for the cord at Canadian Tire,
 To supply the juice to make all the lights fire.

Back to the house, where he had hung all the light strings
 Plug in the extension, and a rainbow of tree's lights it brings.

Then Adeline put on all the ornaments—she's a winner.
 We sat down in the den to consume our hot dinner.
 When what to our fearful ears became clearer—
 The top of the tree, to the floor fell nearer and nearer.
 Not really a crash, it was more of a gush
 As water from tree-stand turned carpet to mush!
 SO, pick up the tree, and soak up the water
 Using old towels for a living-room blotter.
 And, pick up the pieces, the ornaments and lights
 And "hold up the tree", and don't start any fights.

One held the tree, and one got a hammer
 And we banged nails in the wall,
 strung string to hold up all
 Then finished the dinner that was cold on the platter.

Then some of the light strings went dark, darn those things
 So Adeline went to Canadian Tire for new strings.
 She bought their last box, for twenty-four dollar—
 Two hundred more lights, but THEY WORKED, give a holler
 Of joy and thanksgiving and praise.
 New cord and new lights, and they all worked
 what we raised!

A pretty tree with lights glowing bright
 We started at 1pm---it was now nearly midnight.

Then Adeline thought, and said to herself
 "I'm going to the Christmas closet, to re-check the shelf."
 What to her wandering eye should appear,
 But TWO 150 bulb strings of modern LED tree lights
 and a brand new extension cord which we had
 purchased only last year.
 We laughed and we giggled with amnesiacal delight
 Over new strings of lights, a cord, and no fight.

The tree is a beauty, adorned and lit-up.
 Doug sips some wine from a glass, not a bottle or cup.
 As is his wont, he seldom takes booze...

But says he,
 "Next Christmas, think on it, can we take a cruise?"
 It has to be thoughtfully chosen and carefully selected
 So that we'll see a tree out at sea....
 which somebody else has erected!



**NOBLE GEORGE CHRUIKSHANKS
 & LADY JUDY**



**NOBLE DARREN CHRUIKSHANKS
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NOBLE KEN ZUTZ & LADY JUDY



Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

Dearest Shriners,

No words can describe how much we appreciate your kindness and generosity! Over the last two years you gave our precious little Alice the greatest gifts possible - so much needed orthotics and a special orthotic undergarment suit. These gifts, that we could not afford, have significantly improved her mobility and confidence and we are so very grateful!

It warms our hearts to know there are caring people out there!!! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

Wishing you and your loved ones a Wonderful Holiday Season and much happiness and love throughout the New Year!

Roxanne, Alexander and Alice



NOBLE KEN SEELY & LADY PAM



NOBLE SHANE STIRLING



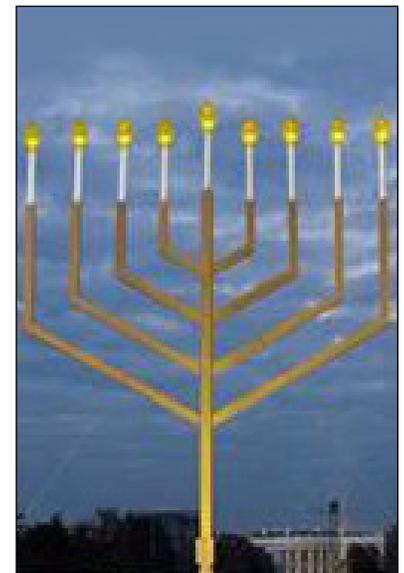
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