

# AL BEDOOINGS

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## NOTES FROM THE POTENTATE

I am proud to have been elected and installed as your Potentate for the upcoming year. We, as a Temple, have many challenges ahead of us which we will overcome. This is the time to move forward and work together as a great Temple. We had a great Installation and I want to thank everyone who attended.

In moving forward, we are off to a good start with the upcoming Ceremonial Planning in Glendive on Friday, April 14 and Saturday, April 15th. It will be a lot of fun to welcome new Shriners to our Temple. Also planned is the St. Patrick's Day parade and we will need everyone's participation, so our communities know we are still here.

I would like to thank Central Montana Shrine Club for a great evening and Christmas dinner. It was great to visit with the Nobles and their families.

### **Reminder:**

We will have the Stated Meeting on Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm at the Blackhorse. Hopefully, we will have Zoom set up by then for those that are not able to attend in person.

Peace to all and God bless!

Casey Dubbs

Potentate



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## Recorder News

Greetings Nobles and Others,

It is very interesting to be back in the Recorder's chair after a 10-year hiatus. It was not something I had aspired to, but a need that had to be filled and I wanted very much to see Al Bedoo remain on track or get back on track and I also wanted Illustrious Sir Casey Dubbs to have as fine a year as possible under the present circumstances. Denise and I are working hard to get the new office in shape and reinstall some procedures and etiquette that seem to have fallen by the wayside over the years. Please be patient as this process plays out. We also have a committee appointed to look into a new home for our Shrine and in the meantime the plan is for Stated Meetings at the Black Horse Patrol clubhouse. Treasurer Ron Swenson and I will be attending the first-time joint Recorders' and Treasurers' seminar "school" in San Antonio the first week of March. Hopefully, we can pick up on all the latest from Imperial. Thank you for remaining faithful to Al Bedoo and our mission to help children. Be very proud of being a Shriner, Recorder Dave Bergeson PP

## Treasure News

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## UNIT NEWS

### Provost Guard

The Provost Guard hasn't been as active as we need to be. We held a 5 5 5 dance in October with a fair turnout. The election of officers was held with the reelection of Vern Tesch, President, Casey Dubbs, Secretary, and Ron Swenson, Treasure. We lost a pivotal member of the Provost Guard named Bob Repac. What a guy!

### Oriental Band

Greeting from the tents of the Oriental Band. Since the sale of the building, we have moved our camp to downtown at the Monte for our oasis and across the street to an open space in their office building on 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. N. In the future we may buy the Northern Hotel on Montana Ave.

In December we played a fundraiser along with some local belly dancers at the Last Chance Pub towards the end of Montana Ave. It's no wonder why we are known as The World Famous Al Bedoo Oriental Band, we rocked the joint playing our traditional repertoire and then took requests. The belly dance girls also did a wonderful job and really kept the place entertained. They surpassed their fundraising goal and not only did everyone have fun, but the event was also a success.

If anyone out there thinks he might have what it takes to be O.B. please join us on Friday night at around 6:00 P.M. at the Monte Bar & Casino, 2824 Montana Ave., and about 6:30 we will head across the street and play some great mid-east caravan beats. It's a great way to spend a Friday night. **Warning: it can become addictive.**

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Doug Irion

Secretary & Treasurer

Al Bedoo Oriental Band

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Greetings to the Nobility of Al Bedoo,

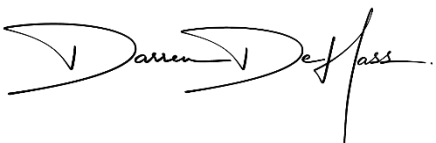
As you can see from Doug's missive, above, the Oriental Band is alive and well. We were able to pull up stakes and find a temporary (hopefully), centrally located meeting area for ourselves. We are very thankful for the generosity of the Monte Bar & Casino. It is not the same as having a dedicated clubhouse, but we are making due for now.

We continue to be active within the Billings community and try to do our part in keeping the Al Bedoo Shriner's name out to the public. A little more info on the benefit that we participated in. It was December 10<sup>th</sup> at the Last Chance Pub. We were the opening act and really set the pace for the evening as we ramped up the speed of our music to the whoops and applause of the audience. The beneficiary of this fundraiser was the "Backpack Program". This program provides bags filled with nutritious food that is child-friendly, non-perishable, and easily prepared at home. Backpack bags are discreetly distributed to children on the last day before the weekend or school holiday to ensure that children have enough to eat when they are away from school meals. Each Backpack bag contains enough food for one child to enjoy breakfast, lunch, and snacks on Saturday and Sunday as well as shelf-stable milk, juice, and a treat! 100% of the proceeds that evening were donated to this program.

Our next stop will be on March 11<sup>th</sup> for the annual Desert Flowers Belly Dancers fundraiser "An Evening at the Oasis". Though historically this was held at the Al Bedoo Shrine Auditorium every year they have contracted to hold this event at the Moose Lodge, 131 Calhoun Ln, here in Billings. It is always a great time with dancers and musicians from across the region participating. Come on out and support our Daughters of the Nile sisters and cheer the band n.

As you can see, the Oriental Band is still very active and living the principles of Fun, Fellowship, and Philanthropy. Always remember, it has never been a building that defined us, it is WE the nobility that decides what Shriners are and what we will become.

Keep the faith, my dear brothers, and come visit the Oriental Band if you need a good healthy dose of fellowship and fun!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Darren DeHass". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Darren DeHass P.P.  
The Sultan  
Al Bedoo Oriental Band

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## Hospital Corp

**Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> is International Pancake Day!**

In celebration of Pancake Day, the Shriners will be helping at our local IHop Restaurant!

They are located at:  
2833 King Avenue West  
Billings, MT 59102

We will be there during the hours of 8:00 am – 7:00 pm. If you would like to help with this event, please feel free to stop by and join in!

Our next Hospital Corp meeting will be on Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am at the  
Al Bedoo Shriners Office  
711 Central Avenue, Suite 122

Hope to see you there!

## Brass Band

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## Clowns

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## CLUB NEWS

### Crazy Mountain Shriners

The Crazy Mountain Shriners in Big Timber held a family dinner for all members. Chef Brian Engle prepared an excellent meal. We had a great turnout with members from Billings attending as well. Elections were held as Joe Hensley has been President for 5 years and decided it was somebody else turn. Brian Engle was the lucky winner! We strive to be very involved with community activities.

### Eastern Montana Shriners

We meet on the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM at Hiram's Oasis.

We have submitted one Shrine petition already and expect several more for the Spring Ceremonial in Glendive on April 14 and 15, 2023!! We are jacked about hosting this event!

We have been busy working on our 1981 La France fire truck that was gifted to us from the City of Glendive. Working on getting it Parade/road trip ready!

We have sold our go-karts and are prepping to purchase two golf carts for parade use. We will deck them out to look fun, and classy in true Shriner's style!

We also keep our 1938 Mercury Shrine Train parade ready too!

We are also prepped for the annual onion sales and hope to get condiments this year also!!

We anticipate having a St Patrick's Day parade here in Glendive that we will be participating in on March 18th, 2023!

We will also be preparing to join the Sidney Shrine Club in their annual Golf Tournament which is held in Sidney on Memorial Day weekend and is an enormous fundraiser for the Shrine Hospitals!

There is a lot of active, energetic and supportive Shriners in Eastern MT with a lot going on!

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Sidney Shriners

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## UP COMING EVENTS

### Ceremonial

April 14 – 15, 2023  
Glendive, MT

### Screening Clinic

Saturday, April 15, 2023  
9:00 am – Noon  
Central Montana Medical Center  
408 Wendell Avenue  
Lewistown, MT 59457  
406-366-5245

Saturday, April 22, 2023  
8:00 am - Noon  
Riverstone Health Center  
123 S 27<sup>th</sup> Street  
Billings, MT 59101  
406-247-3350

### East/West Shrine Game

June 17, 2023, Butte, MT

### Imperial Session

July 2-6, 2023

### Odds and Ends

Please be advised that the deadline for your information to be included in the next issue of the Al Bedoosings is the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month. Please email your information to Denise at [office@albedooshrine.org](mailto:office@albedooshrine.org)

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