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NOTES FROM THE POTENTATE

Happy May Day everyone! We had a great Ceremonial in Glendive bringing in 7 new Nobles. Our new Nobles left to right – Wade Rider, Tim Swan, Maxwell Knodel, Justin Damm, Illustrious Sir Casey Dubbs, Potentate, Patrick Burlison, Elliot Barnhart, and Ryan Albright.



A big thank you to the Eastern Montana Shrine Club. It was a lot of fun and Mike & Joann are great cooks! We all ate very well! Also, another awesome job by the Oriental Band – well done fellow Nobles!

On Saturday, May 6, 2023, we are hosting our Honored Ladies Luncheon and the Divan will be helping as servers. The Luncheon will be held at the Billings Hotel & Convention Center starting with a No Host Bar at 11:30 AM with lunch being served at 12:30 PM.

Our next Stated Meeting will be on Wednesday, May 24, 2023, at 7:00 PM at the Black Horse and a notice will be sent out with further information. As for the vote on the Temple, we hit a snag and will have to vote again, but it will not be a big problem.

The Potentate Honored Queen Ball is scheduled for August 26, 2023 – details to be announced.

Peace to all and God bless!

Casey Dubbs

Potentate



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RECORDER NEWS

Greetings Nobles, ladies and any others who may be reading this.

Al Bedoo is moving ahead slowly and sometimes it seems like two steps forward and one back (occasionally even like one step forward and two steps back). There are many hurdles on the way to reorganizing and as you all know no one (and particularly Masons and Shriners) likes changes. Our vote on moving the temple charter and location to our Black Horse Patrol property on Hwy. 87 N. has been declared invalid and we must redo that process. There was a formal complaint submitted to Imperial Shrine headquarters about the process - specifically that the locations for tiled off-site voting via Zoom (and the location Moderators) were not stated on the original announcement sent to all entitled Nobles. Imperial offered an apology that the requirement to do so was not part of their instructions to us but agreed that it should have been done. Since we had submitted our legislation for the move to Imperial for Imperial Session vote by the deadline for this year it can still happen if we do a revote in the proscribed manner and the vote is affirmative to make the move. Hopefully we can move on with this next vote. The same complainant also filed a complaint prior to our Glendive Ceremonial regarding some procedural issues that could have prevented the Ceremonial from happening, but all was rectified the day before. It was a fine Ceremonial in Glendive that brought in 7 new Nobles to our Al Bedoo Shrine family. The 7 new Nobles are from Broadus, Sidney, Glendive, Glasgow, and Saco. We also have additional petitions for a couple of gentlemen who weren't able to make this Ceremonial but will be present for our next one later this year.

Al Bedoo will get over this bump in the road and I believe come out stronger and better than before. It will not, of course, be the "old" Al Bedoo with the Shrine Auditorium most of us loved, but it can be a viable fraternity again dedicated to Brotherhood, having fun, and helping children.

If you would like to contact me at any time you can use either one of my email addresses:

neverraisedave1@outlook.com or recorderalbedoo@gmail.com

Fraternally,
Dave

TREASURER NEWS

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UNIT NEWS

Provost Guard

A meeting was held on April 12th, and we discussed the upcoming onion sales. We have a total of 1,000 lbs. to sell. Noble Bob Repac was instrumental in selling so many lbs., so we all need to do a little more to make up for that difference.

The Provost Guard purchased a half-page ad for the upcoming East/West Shrine game program. Remember the game will be held in Butte, MT on Saturday, June 17, 2023.

The 5 5 5 dance will be on Thursday, May 18, 2023, from 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM. We will need two members to take tickets. The dance will be at the Moose Lodge at 131 Calhoun Lane, Billings, MT.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, May 10th at 6:00 PM at the Al Bedoo office at 711 Central.

Oriental Band

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Hospital Corp

From Aaron Larson, President

We've received a few acknowledgments, which I'd like to share with you. District 7 Human Resources Development Council sent us a thank you card for participating in their First Family Fun Fair. Hopefully our participation in that fair provided more information to the community about the Shriners and what services we provide to the children. The money we earned from Pancake Day at the IHop was donated to the Spokane Shriners Children's Hospital. We received a thank you letter from Shriners Children's in Spokane for that \$776.27 donation. We also received a personal handwritten thank you from one of our patients. I have included the copies for your review.

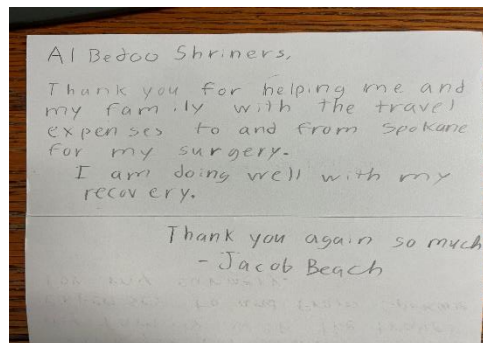
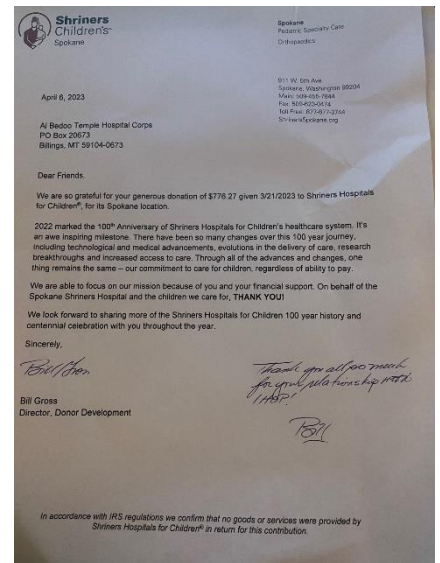
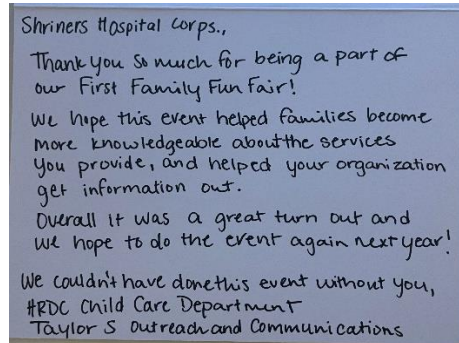
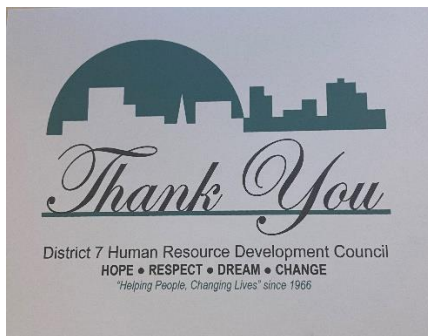
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Thank you to everyone that participates in our meetings and functions. Remember every Shriner is a member of the Hospital Corp, so you are welcome to attend the meetings at any time either in person or via Zoom. The Hospital Corp Meetings are held on the first and third Tuesdays at 9:00 AM at the Al Bedoo Shriners office at 711 Central Ave; and the second and fourth Tuesdays are done via Zoom only starting at 6:00 PM.

Our Administrative Assistant, Denise, will be sending an email out for me next week that will include a flyer that has all the information about our Screening Clinics and what services the Shriners for Children's Hospital provide. If you have any questions or would like more information on the Hospital Corp, please feel free to call me at (406) 647-5891.

Our next Hospital Corp Meeting will be on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 9:00 AM at the Al Bedoo Shriners office at 711 Central Avenue. Hope to see more members in attendance!



From Vice President, Laris Roberts, PP

Recognizing that all members of the Shrine support the recognized philanthropy of the Shrine Hospitals for Children, the Al Bedoo Hospital Corps invites all Shriners to attend their weekly meetings. For members who are available during the daytime hours, the Al Bedoo Hospital Corps meets at the Central Ave location at 9:00 AM for a live meeting with Zoom access for this meeting. There is also a possibility for an evening meeting - only by Zoom when meetings are requested. Zoom meetings are made possible by Noble Ron Swenson. We appreciate his efforts to make these meetings accessible to any noble who desires to attend.

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Recent topics at the Al Bedoo Hospital meetings have included the results of the recent Patient Screening Clinics. Keep in mind that these clinics offer parents and caregivers the chance to have a child reviewed by medical personnel who are familiar with the services provided at a Shrine Hospital. Screening clinics have been held in Lewistown by the Lewistown Al Bedoo Hospital Corps at the Central Montana Medical Center and at Riverstone Health of Billings with the support of the Al Bedoo Hospital Corps. Doctors who are familiar with the services provided by a Shrine Hospital for Children can always refer a possible patient for evaluation. Patients are referred to any of the 22 Shrine Hospitals depending on the medical care needed.

Al Bedoo Hospital Corps also spends time in activities to build awareness of the services provided by Shrine Hospitals for Children. Booths have been set up to provide information at local medical and health fairs. Information is available to all who stroll by. For many years, an informational booth has been set up at the Montana Fair. Shriners who have worked this booth have had the pleasure of meeting former patients who are very willing to tell their stories and to talk about their experiences at whichever hospital they received their care.

How can you become more involved or attend a meeting or help at a screening clinic? Contact the Al Bedoo Office for more information or give one of the current officers a call or email. Noble Aaron Larson serves as President, Laris Roberts, PP serves as Vice President, Noble Ron Swenson serves as Treasurer, and Noble Mike Kirschenmann serves as Secretary.

Brass Band

The Brass Band continues weekly rehearsals at its temporary location: Westpark Village at 2351 Solomon Ave. (that's off 24th Street West, North of Grand Avenue). Rehearsal begins promptly at 7:30 pm.

The band has been invited to play for the Honored Ladies luncheon being put on by Billings Lodge 113 on June 10. We are also gearing up for summer performances at Zoo Montana on Kiwanis's movie nights. Musicians – come join us!

Contact Joe Roy at mobile 940-391-9285 for more information.

Legion of Honor

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Clowns

Clowns are trying to put it back together like the rest of Al Bedoo. We are working at getting our equipment inside the barn, but it is slow going.

We did get the word on the train for the fair and Jeff will be in contact with all of you to either drive or ride the train at the fair. We will have a cleanup day for the train as soon as it warms up a bit.

I still have not got the Model T worked on. Looking for parts and a warm place to fix it – any ideas or volunteers? We do have several gigs coming up this fall – The Rubber Duck Regatta and the Yes Kids.

Don't forget PNSA in Spokane is always fun. Lucky has another Clown College set up.

A special event coming up on the 24th of June – our great clown Conrad and his lovely wife Miriam will be celebrating their 70th Anniversary. Open House June 24th @ 1:30 PM at the Masonic Center. Come give your love to a great couple and a great Shriner! No gifts please.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 1st @ 7:00 PM at the Al Bedoo Office on Central. Hope to see you all there!

Thank you!

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CLUB NEWS

Crazy Mountain Shriners

The Crazy Mountain Shrine Club meet at the "Level" in Big Timber MT on Wednesday evening the 26th of April. About 20 folks started the evening with the customary social hour at 5:30 PM. The appetizers were meals in of themselves. Many thanks to the talented members and guests that prepared the goodies to go along with the refreshments served! Just when we thought we couldn't eat any more, Brian served up one of the best steak dinners with baked potatoes and his favorite of all... SALAD!!!! The side dishes and desserts brought by the members and guests were just as good as the appetizers.

Our meeting then started up at 7:30 with president and master chef, Brian presiding. Members agreed to the new meeting dates for the CMSC to be held on the 4th Wednesday of each month. The November

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meeting will not be held due to the Holiday. The December meeting will be a Christmas Party. Oasis will begin at 5:30 at the "Level". Meal at 6:30 and Meeting at 7:30. Members are encouraged to take turns bringing food items.

Brian sent photos of the purposed wraps for the CMSC fire truck and hearse out to members prior to our meeting. Members voted to proceed with both wraps. Brian announced that onions will be arriving soon. Arraignments will be made to pick those up and distribute them. Much discussion was held on the various parades and events that are coming up in our area. General concepts were agreed upon for each event. Details and scheduled shifts will be worked out as each event gets closer.

We hope to see you at our next meeting (May 24th) and at as many events as you want to participate in!

Cliff Brophy
CMSC Secretary

Eastern Montana/Glendive Shriners

Greetings Nobles,

The Eastern MT / Glendive Shrine Club was honored to host the Al Bedoo Spring Ceremonial 2023 April 14 & 15! Seven new Nobles entered our Mystic Shrine! Several Ladies participated in the Sip and Paint class put on by Lady Fern Thompson, Past Queen, Daughters of the Nile. I believe a great time was had by all!! Great fellowship, great food and many great memories created!

We continue to work in preparation of the Golf Tournament in Sidney with the Sidney Shrine Club! May 27, 2023, is the tournament! We also continue to work on our parade equipment. Our fire truck nears completion and will soon be parade ready!

Shrine Vidalia Onion sales season is fast approaching. We anticipate having our onions within a few short weeks.

Enjoy the spring weather that has finally shown up!

Fraternally,

Tom Green
Secretary / Treasurer
Eastern MT / Glendive Shrine Club

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Sidney Shriners/Richland Shrine

The Richland Shrine Masons are working hard out in Sidney, MT to raise much-needed funding for the Shriners Hospital for Children in Spokane, WA.

The Sixth Annual Shrine Mason Early Bird Charity Golf Scramble is set for Saturday, May 27th at the Sidney Country Club, an event that has already raised more than \$50,000 for the Spokane hospital. Richland Shriners Jon Skinner and Lance Averett have spearheaded the local effort since its inception. "The golf course was looking for a new group to take the lead on the Early Bird tournament after the previous group dropped out. The Richland Shrine Masons had been looking for a fundraising opportunity and we decided to take this on as an annual event," Skinner said. Last year's event drew more than 100 golfers to the 18-hole course. The tournament is a 4-person Team Scramble with lunch and dinner provided. In addition to the golfers, dozens of area businesses participate financially through a variety of Sponsorship opportunities. Which includes the following: Helping Hand, \$100; Healer, \$250; Angel, \$500; Savior, \$750; and Miracle Worker, \$1,250.

Since 1922, the mission of the Shriners Hospitals has been to provide the highest quality free medical care to children in the fields of pediatrics, orthopedics, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate. The mission of Shrine Clubs across the globe is to provide the more than \$575 million dollars that is needed every year to keep the Shriners' 22 hospitals in North America up and running. "Children up to the age of 18 are eligible to receive free medical and services in a family-oriented environment at no charge," Averett said. "Many of those children are from right here in Richland County and eastern Montana. These funds help local kids get the care they need."

Central Montana Shriners

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Big Horn Shriners

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Livingston Shriners

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Roundup Shriners

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Fundraising Unit

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Uniformed Units

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UP COMING EVENTS

Honored Ladies Luncheon

Saturday, May 6, 2023, at the Billings Hotel & Convention Center
Opens at 11:30 AM with a No Host Bar & Lunch served at 12:30 PM
Lunch is \$20.00 ~ (Honored Widows are free as guests of the Potentate)
For more information, please call the Al Bedoo Shriners office.

5 5 5 Dance

Thursday, May 18, 2023, from 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM
At the Moose Lodge, 131 Calhoun Lane, Billings, MT.

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Stated Meeting

Wednesday, May 24, 2023 @ 7:00 PM
At Black Horse

Charity Golf Tournament

The Sixth Annual Shrine Mason Early Bird Charity Golf Scramble
Saturday, May 27th at the Sidney Country Club

Brass Band Performance

Billings Lodge 113 Honored Ladies Luncheon
Saturday, June 10, 2023

East/West Shrine Game

June 17, 2023, Butte, MT

Open House

For the 70th Anniversary of Conrad and his lovely wife Miriam Ostwalt
Saturday, June 24th @ 1:30 PM at the Masonic Center

Imperial Session

July 2-6, 2023

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Memorials & Memorial Donations

In Memory of Leslie Campbell

In Memory of Roger Baxter

In Memory of Bob Repac

In Memory of Robert "Robbi" Samuels

In Memory of Tony Abril {Mason}

In Memory of Ken Miller

Odds and Ends

Dear Nobles, one of our members out of Big Timber, Noble David Rudolph, has requested our prayers for his upcoming surgery. Let's all pray and keep him in our prayers for a great outcome, speedy & healthy recovery.

Lord, as David undergoes this surgery, come and be present, watching, waiting, moving to help and guard every moment during this procedure. May he be held in your loving arms and protected from all harm. In Jesus name, Amen.

If any of you know of any businesses that we deal with or even don't deal with (yet) that would like to be listed on our Sponsors page, please let them know that it is only \$100 per year. They can reach out to either Denise at the Al Bedoo Shriners office or to Vern Tesch for further information.

The Vidalia Onions have been ordered and should be delivered estimated mid-May out at the Black Horse property. Once we have a more definite timeframe Denise will send out an email through WebFez. She has received quite a few phones calls from the public requesting to buy the onions and she is keeping a list so she can call them once they arrive.

A Workday will be planned for the Black Horse Property time and date to be determined.

Please be advised that the deadline for your information to be included in the next issue of the Al Bedoings is the 25th of each month. Please email your information to Denise at office@albedooshrine.org

If you received this by U.S. mail, please provide the office with your email address by sending an email to Denise at office@albedooshrine.org

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