

February 2024

Happy Valentine's Day!

ALBEDOINGS



The Al Bedoo Shrine Newsletter

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Message from the Potentate

Becoming More In 2024!

As I wish you a Happy New Year, I want to express my gratitude for allowing me to be of service to you, our Nobility, and their families! This year's theme, "Becoming More In 2024!" Is multi-faceted; each of us becoming more in our Nobility, more in our family, and more as a person. We also want to focus on becoming more as a Shrine Temple and having more attendees at our functions and making more Shriners. Our Divan Team stands ready to serve our Shrine Temple family in making your Shrine experience as fulfilling as we can. Building bridges and mending fences! We are still recovering from the Covid pandemic and have gotten out of the habit of being a part of the "World's Greatest Philanthropy!" We are listening, and ask for your participation in sharing the many ways we can make our Shrine Temple the organization we want to have! We have added an event section to this Al Bedoings so you can have a 3 month snapshot to plan with. Additionally we have a Calendar located in our webpage, www.montanafreemasons.org/albedooshrine.htm. We have gone through much and now we are deserving of having fun, Uniting in common for Masonic Brotherhood and Shriners Children's!

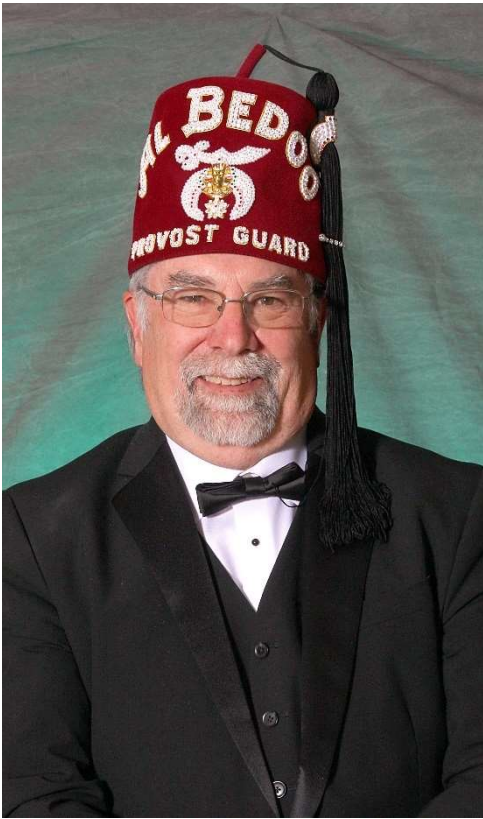
Bill Murphy

Potentate 2024



Bill Murphy, Potentate

Joe Hensley, Chief Rabban



Vern Tesch, Assistant Rabban



Nate Frickle, High Priest & Prophet



Lance Smith, Oriental Guide



Ron Swenson, Treasurer



Dave Bergeson, Recorder

“Becoming More in 2024!”



Who is your Potentate?

Your new Potentate. Bill Murphy, was born in Lafayette, Louisiana but raised in multiple states including California, Virginia, and Montana. After graduating High School in San Diego, California, he worked in multiple occupations then returned to Billings Montana.

Bill began his Masonic journey in January 2001 in Ashlar Lodge #29, and was Raised to a Master Mason in May of that year. He served the Lodge as an officer becoming Worshipful Master in 2006 followed by Lodge Secretary from 2007 to 2015. He affiliated with other Montana Jurisdiction Lodges Lavina-Temple #101, Virginia City #1, and Star in the West #40. He continues to assist in Degree Ritual conferrals in multiple roles. He joined the Al Bedoo Shrine and Oriental Band in 2001 and served in the Divan in multiple chairs and assists in the Ceremonial Degrees. He associated with Algeria Shriners in 2017. Joining the Scottish Rite in 2002 he served through the chairs to Venerable Master. He was invested in the Knight Commander of the Court of Honour and Coroneted with the 33rd Degree, Inspector General Honorary in Washington DC. He has assisted in several Reunion Degree roles. He received the York Rite Degrees in Chapter Royal Arch Masons, Council Cryptic Masons, and Commandery Knights Templar and has served from the East in each of those bodies in Billings.

He was first appointed to the Grand Lodge Line, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Montana, in 2010 and has served through multiple chairs, serving as Grand Master for the 2021 – 2022 year term.

He is a car enthusiast starting with a DeLorean and now has several custom Fieros.

Bill married his wife, Patty, in 1983 with two boys and has 2 grandsons. He resides in Billings Montana and has been a business owner for over 30 years where he currently operates a computer system design, consulting, and computer service, company.

Recorder News

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Dave Bergeson, PP
Recorder



Treasurer News



Unit News



MINUTES OF MEETING

Al Bedoo Uniformed Units January 4, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Ron Swenson at 6:30 pm.

Minutes of the prior meeting were not available.

Roll Call: The roll call was dispensed with.

Attendance Noted:

Potentate Bill Murphy, Ron Swenson, Vern Tesch, Steve Hopes, Lance Averett, Sandy Stinnett, Mike Hynes, Terry Osborn, Gary Kartevold, Paul Ryan, Chuck Rushing and Tom Green

Bill Murphy

Discussed important dates for Shrine events and noted calendar on the website ontanafreemasons.org/albedooshrine.htm
Encouraged all members to visit the site and check the calendar as it is updated regularly.

Noted the next Al Bedoo Stated Meeting is January 18th, 2024 at the Al Bedoo Temple (Black Horse Patrol Property). Oasis at 5:30 PM, Dinner at 6:30 PM and Meeting at 7:30 PM. The Divan is providing the meal, cost is \$12.00 per person.

Discussion of the various UU and Clubs to take turn providing the meals for the Stated Meetings. Group loved the idea!

Eastern MT / Glendive Shrine Club will provide the February Stated Meeting Meal.

Discussion on having the Stated Meetings available on Zoom.

What are the requirements etc.? Well received as due to weather, roads and help with communication.

OLD BUSINESS

Onions: It was discussed to have an onion chairman and committee formed for Al Bedoo. Bill Murphy will work on setting that up. Also discussed unifying the onion and condiment purchases.

NEW BUSINESS

Stated Meetings: Bill Murphy discussed plans to have the Al Bedoo Stated Meetings in outlying locations, Clubs around the area.

EastWest Shrine Game: The dates are June 14-15, 2024, in Billings. Vern Tesch talked about the East West Shrine Game. Looking for an Ambassador / Patient. 5 to 12 YOA.

The next UU meeting will be February 1, 2024, at 6:30 PM.

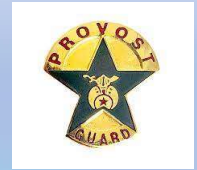
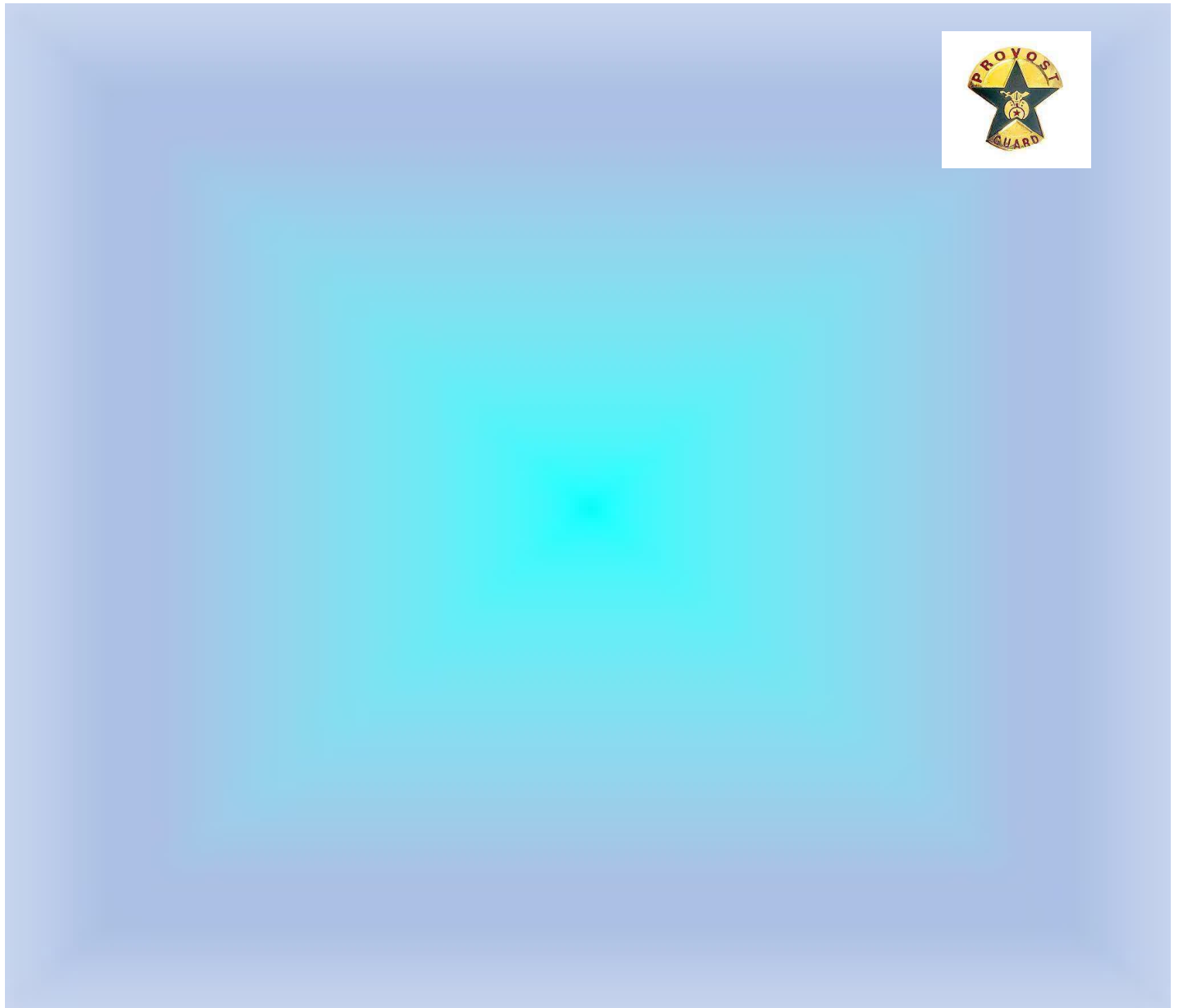
There being no further business the meeting was adjourned by Ron Swensen at 7:40 p.m.

Closing Prayer by Chuck Rushing.

Minutes by Tom Green - 1/4/241



Provost Guard



Fund Raising Unit

PENDING



Clowns

Hospital Corps



Attention Shriners! Every Tuesday at 9AM, the Hospital Corps meets at the Scottish Rite Center. Please attend! Zoom attendance is also available. Please contact Aaron Larson @ 406-647-5891.

Aaron is also needing help for the St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 16. Please contact Aaron so The Shriner's can make people smile.

REPORT OF THE AL BEDOO HOSPITAL CORPS

Al Bedoo Hospital Corps meeting held at 9:00 am on January 16, 2024.

The members present were: Aaron Larson, Chairman; Laris Roberts, PP, Vice Chairman; Ron Swenson, Treasurer; Earl Bricker, Gary Sparr and Bud Jensen. Meeting began with a prayer by Noble Earl Bricker.

The January 9, 2024 minutes were moved to approve as printed by Noble Bud Jensen, and seconded by Noble Gary Sparr and approved.

Noble Ron Swenson presented the financial report: \$15,177.17 in the bank. Information on costs of the Christmas party was a total of \$992.40. Funds needed to continue to search for patients for the Shrine Hospitals for Children.

Sickness and Distress: All are doing their normal routines.

Discussion: The Hospital Corps will be hosting a screening clinic on February 3, 2024 at the Billings Riverstone Health Clinic from 9 am until Noon. Call the Al Bedoo Shrine office and visit with Rachel about specific information. Noble Bud Jensen told of radio station 94.1 FM as advertising the screening clinic to educate the public. Noble Mike Wren stated that Child Protective services would like to be notified of clinics and other information to locate needy children. Need to get all information as to the activities to local radio stations.

Saint Patrick's Day Parade will be on the 16th of March. The fee will be between \$80-\$90. Moved to participate by Noble Ron Swenson and seconded by Noble Gary Spear. Motion Passed

East/West Shrine game to be played at Wendys field in Billings in honor of the 100 years of the Shrine Spokane Hospital. More information later. We have three patients to be represented at the Montana East/West Shrine football game.

Dues for Al Bedoo Hospital Corps need to be paid for 2023 and 2024. Dues are \$10.00 and are to be paid to Noble Ron Swenson and he will send your cards. A Family fun day will be held at the Old Shrine Building on April 13, 2024 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

The Jordan Circus will be performing at the Metra on April 25 to 28.

The next Hospital Corps meeting will be on January 23, 2024 at the Billings Scottish Rite building at 9:00 am.

Adjourn at 9:55 am

Brass Band



Contact Michael Brown at 406-696-3440

Legion of Honor

PENDING



Nobles, please send us a list of all the officers in your clubs, and contact information.

Onions Fundraiser is going to be starting soon! Flyers with details on the fundraiser will be sent out on WebFez.

CLUB NEWS



Oriental Band Al Bedooings Article for February 2024

Now that all the Holidays are over, the Oriental Band is back to practicing our chops. We are getting ready to do our bit for the Temple and Al Bedoo's Ills. Sir Bill Murphy for the Ceremonial. Our Spring Ceremonial may not be happening, but we will be ready for the Fall Ceremonial. I hear we may have up to twelve new Masonic Brothers wishing to become Nobles! Yay! Great news.

Once again, our Ceremonial team is looking for a few Nobles that would desire to become more involved with their Temple and join our successful and storied team to give us some depth in available actors. Let me point out, one need not be a member of the Oriental Band to join the team, we are inviting all Nobles within Al Bedoo. Thank you so much in advance for those wishing to join our team and help the Temple support our Illustrious Potentate and those desiring to become a Noble. I am delighted to say we have a few Nobles show some interest but we're still looking some more; thank you Nobles! If you are still interested, please let me know, we can ALWAYS use the extra support.

The new year is here and the O.B. is looking forward to performing for Al Bedoo, and I hear there is a gig coming up in March with the Desert Flowers Dance Group that we will be delighted to support.

Thank you for all your help and support.

Remember, if you ain't havin' fun, ya ain't doin' it right!

Noble PC Moran, Sultan Oriental Band



It is onion time again! This year, we will be getting jumbo onions from Bland Farms in 5 pound bags. Please click on this link and look on the drop down for condiments and snacks too. It will be nice to have condiments and snacks again to sell year a round. Delivery will be towards the end of April. We will be unloading Albedoo onions at the Black Horse Patrol when they get to MT. Please let myself or Potentate, Bill Murphy know if anyone has any questions or concerns. If there is a club or unit that wants 10 pound bags we can accommodate. In Big Timber, we find it is a lot easier to sell a 5 lb. bag than a 10 lb. one. Crazy Mtn Shrine is going to order 2000 lbs. (instead of our normal 1000 lbs.) this year plus snacks and condiments. I challenge each and every unit and club to increase the amount you normally order and increase your sales efforts. I will be checking on final prices and delivery date as April gets closer. My email and cell number is 406-930-0905 Brianengle84@gmail.com. Please let me know who is interested.

Thank you,

Brian Engle

On January 24th the Crazy Mountain Shrine Club members and guests were enjoying fellowship and the much warmer weather. Starting the evening out with the customary appetizers, refreshments and visiting, we were soon treated to a wonderful meal of scalloped ham and potatoes. Brian then called our first meeting for 2024 to order. Election of Officers went quick as a motion to keep the same individuals in the same chairs was quickly seconded and passed. Annual reports to the Al Bedoo Officers were discussed and would be finalized soon so that they could be submitted. Much discussion took place about all of the activities and fundraisers that we wanted to accomplish this year. Fun upgrades to the go carts was planned out and tasks assigned to various individuals. These discussions also included the Shrine Circus and the East-West Games to be held in Billings. All were encouraged to help out this year.

Next meeting will be February 28th 2024!

Fraternally

Cliff Brophy

CMSC Secretary

Eastern Montana/Glendive Shrine Club

. Greetings Nobles,

Eastern Montana / Glendive Shrine Club meets the First Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM at Hiram's Oasis, Main Level of the Glendive Masonic Lodge.

We had a great time celebrating the Nurses Banquet on December 9th, 2023. A great presentation was given by our Nurses, Deb and Naomi!
A huge appreciation for all those that came out to celebrate!!!

From the Office

Al Bedoo Shrine 3-month Event Calendar

- January 12-13 2024 Officer Installation, Bagdad Shrine, Butte**
- January 13, 2024 "Glendive Shrine Club, Christmas Party", Glendive**
- January 18, 2024 Stated Meeting Al Bedoo Shrine, Billings**
- January 24, 2024 Crazy Mountain Shrine Club, Big Timber**
- February 1, 2024 UU Meeting, Al Bedoo Shrine, Billings**
- February 1, 2024 Eastern Montana/Glendive Shrine Club, Glendive**
- February 3, 2024 Screening Clinic at Riverstone Health, Billings, MT**
- February 15-18 2024 Pacific Northwest Shrine Association, Billings**
- February 15, 2024 Stated Meeting Al Bedoo Shrine, Billings**
- February 16, 2024 "Al Bedoo Shrine Temple Potentate's Counterpart Dinner" Rib & Chop House, Billings**
- February 23-24 2024 Initiation Ceremonial, Al Bedoo Shrine Temple, Billings**
- February 28, 2024 Crazy Mountain Shrine Club, Big Timber**
- March 7, 2024 UU Meeting, Al Bedoo Shrine, Billings**

March 7, 2024 Eastern Montana/Glendive Shrine Club, Glendive
March 14-15 2024 "Oriental Guide Leadership Conference, Shriners International", Tampa Airport, Tampa, FL 33607
March 16, 2024 St. Patrick's Day Parade, Billings, MT
March 16, 2024 "Al Bedoo Shrine Temple Potentate's Ball", Hilton Garden Inn, Billings
March 21, 2024 Stated Meeting Al Bedoo Shrine, Billings
March 22-23 2024 Craft Retreat - Daughters of the Nile, Shrine Temple Billings
March 27, 2024 Crazy Mountain Shrine Club, Big Timber
April 13, 2024 Family Fair, Billings, MT

Al Bedoo Shrine Online Webpage & Calendar for latest updates
www.montanafreemasons.org/albedooshrine.htm

From The Office

Email from a new patient's parent: **Giving you an update on Our Chicago visit. Everything went well. We couldn't be happier with the people we encountered on our visit.**

Looks like sometime in March we will be going back for the first surgery (her lip and tube in ears) of many to come. I will keep you informed of all happening. (Shared with parent's permission.)



We have a new mailbox at the Temple site! Thank you Bill for taking care of the little things that need to get done!

My wife and I had the opportunity to see the Rose Bowl parade up close this year. I chatted with the Imperial Potentate and his wife, and when I told him my Temple he said I should say hello to Larry Tipton for him!

Submitted by Joe Roy





Black Camel



Don Shaules January 12, 2024



Birthdays in February

Geoffery Goble	2/2
Jerry Spicher	2/4
Douglas Wiedeman	2/5
Ronald Askin	2/7
Levi Bollinger	2/7
George Atkinson	2/8
Kenneth Olson	2/8
Thomas Girvin	2/10
Mark Johnson	2/11
Lucky Seibert, P.P.	2/12
William Dove	2/15
Ronny Aasterud	2/15
Alan Anderson	2/17
Shane Gibson	2/19
Gary Sparr	2/21

Wallace Stadtfeld	2/23
Timothy Swan	2/24
VR Keim	2/26
William Kronmiller	2/26
Dana Latsch	2/29