



AL BEDOOSINGS

The Al Bedoo Shrine Newsletter



Message from the Potentate

As this is my last "Message from the Potentate" I'd like to start with thanking the Nobility and our families for letting me serve you this year. Our goal was "becoming more in 2024" and we saw, through your hard work, improvement in meeting attendance and increased participation in events while improving the quality of our interactions with each other. We started the Shrine Motorsport Park Unit featuring mud related races and events. Driver participation was great but we fell short on spectators attendance for gate income. We had profitable concession sales but the volume needed improvement. We will be evaluating our plan to see how we may improve. Thank you to all the Nobles and their families for their contributions in time and resources in our various activities and I'm looking forward to that getting better each year!



Our Chief Rabban Banquet on November 16th was well attended and raised substantial funds for our next year. I was reminiscent of our previous years, pre-Covid, with a great time had by all. My hope is we continue to improve this event making the Al Bedoo Shrine more important and relevant to our busy lives. November 21 hosted our annual Step-up Night combined with Turkey Bingo. Again, this was well attended with 24 Turkeys distributed to the ladies while we had our meeting. The traditional Ham/Turkey dinner, served by Bob Snow, was a great start for the evening. We had 2 parades since our last Al Bedoosings, the Holiday Parade in downtown Billings & The Laurel Holiday Parade. Both were well attended by the community even though the cold temperature was challenging. We were represented by the Clown Train, The Hospital Corps trailer, and the Potentate's Cadillac at both events. The Al Bedoo Temple decoration committee was revived on November 30th to get that festive look at our Temple.

We are still soliciting articles, pictures and features for the Al Bedoosings to make it the newsletter you want. I will continue as an editor so please send suggestions to me at billm@consul-comp.com or call or text me at 208-8287. The deadline for articles is at the end of the month.

Becoming More In 2024!

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Potentate 2024

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Al Bedoo Shriner Events Calendar

December, 2024, January, February 2025

Recurring Events

1st Thursday, **Big Horn Shrine Club**, 7:00pm – 8:00pm.

1st Thursday, **Eastern Montana Shrine Club Meeting**, 6:30pm–9:30pm, Main Level of the Glendive Masonic Lodge, 202 S Merrill Ave, Glendive, MT 59330.

Every Tuesday, **Shrine Coffee**, 7:30am-9:00am, **Hospital Corps**, 9:00am-10:00am, Scottish Rite, 514 14th St. W. Billings, Mt.

Every Friday, **Oriental Band**, 6:30-8:30, 2824 1st Ave N, Billings, MT.

Every Saturday, **Central Montana Shrine Club Meeting**, 11:30am–1:00pm, Doc's Casino Sports Bar & Grill 1660 W. Main St, Lewistown, Mt.

1st & 3rd Mondays. **Clowns**, 6pm.

2nd Wednesday, **Provost Guard**, 6pm.

3rd Wednesday, **Musselshell Valley Shrine Club meeting**, 6:30pm-8:30pm, 317 1st Ave W, Roundup, Mt.

4th Wednesday, **Crazy Mountain Shrine Club**, 5:30pm-9:00pm, 101 W 2nd Ave, Big Timber, MT.

Upcoming Events

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1-23-25, **Stated Meeting**, 5:30p-10:00pm, Al Bedoo Shrine Temple, 5650 US Highway 87 N, Billings, MT 59105.

2-6-25, Thursday, **UU Meeting**, 6:30pm-7:30pm, Zoom Meeting.

2-19-25, **Stated Meeting**, 5:30p-10:00pm, Al Bedoo Shrine Temple, 5650 US Highway 87 N, Billings, MT 59105.

2-21-25 to 2-23-25, **2025 PNSA Winter Meeting**, Spokane, WA

Please note if we are missing some days, times, and locations of your event, please notify me at billm@consul-comp.com.



Our new Logo for our Transportation Van



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

We are still in need of a Chaplain to lead us in prayer in our gatherings and someone to visit our ill and shut-in Brother Nobles. This job requires an huge heart and great care for your Shrine family! Please contact us at office@albedooshrine.org if you see yourself in this position!

Black Camel

Wayne M. King 6/11/1925 — 10/23/2024

Edward Ferguson 5/21/1931—7/9/2024



Memorial Donations

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Greetings All!

Here we are in December already and about to end our year under the direction of Illustrious Sir Bill Murphy, Potentate. Illustrious Sir Bill has worked hard at the task of being your Potentate this year and has certainly overseen more successes than setbacks. People have settled into our new temple at the former Black Horse Patrol Clubhouse and plans are on the drawing board to expand that facility to make it more useful for us. The expansion will include room for the ladies when the Nobles are in sessions and also include space to move our Central Avenue office to that location. Meetings are more congenial now with Nobles acting as Brothers during our times together. It's once again truly fun to attend Shrine dinners, meetings and events.

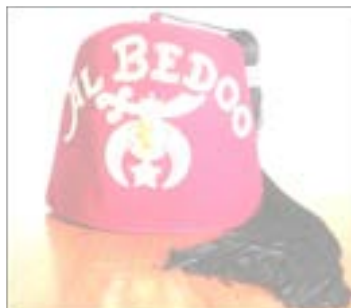


It has been an awesome autumn for us. The Chief Rabban's Fund Raiser Night was held in Big Timber this year and was open to the public. All who were able to attend (and there were many) told of a wonderful evening and some even stayed over for a breakfast the next morning. To my knowledge it was the most successful Chief Rabban Night money-wise I have ever seen. Illustrious Sir Casey Dubbs PP was the winner of the raffle for the \$350 Scheels Gift Card. Congratulations Casey! And Step-Up Night in November was well attended with a ham or turkey dinner prepared by Bob Snow and the traditional Bingo for turkeys played by the women while the men went to the meeting where Chief Rabban Joe Hensley presided and each of the line officers moved up one notch for the session. Joe handed out copies of his proposed budget for 2025 for Nobles to study before discussion and vote on approval at the December meeting. We are all looking forward to the December Stated Meeting at the Temple where we will discuss and vote on annual budget and have the official Election of Officers for Al Bedoo for 2025. Join us if you are able and bring your current dues card be it hard copy or on your smart phone. Either will suffice. And don't forget that Installation of Officers is early this year on Saturday Dec. 28th from 1-4 at the Scottish Rite instead of the traditional New Year's Day.

Tis the season when most religions are celebrating holidays and I wish you all Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas for many of us. Happy New Year 2025!

Fraternally

Dave Bergeson, PP, Recorder



PC's Recipes



Potatonik

This has many variations (just Google it), but this is how I do it. It is delicious and it's important for the top to be dark golden brown, the corners crunchy, and the onions on the bottom to be plentiful and sufficiently oily. It is especially delicious when eaten cold and sprinkled with salt. (Very healthy!!!)

You will need 2 pans Pyrex or Metal or cast iron (No aluminum foil pans): About the size of Brownie Pans (9" x 13" x 2-3" deep)

(Big clunky black shoes and stockings rolled down to your ankles are optional)

You will also need an enormous bowl to mix everything together.

Do not cut the recipe in half. Reason: You will need two finished products because the first one is consumed almost immediately. There is also some element of knowing how much flour to add until the dough "feels" right (loose mud might be an apt description) and as well as "when it's done"...so it may take 1-2 tries before you get it right.

Ingredients:

2 tsp. Kosher salt

Pepper to taste

1/2 teaspoonful sugar

1.5 Dry Yeast Packets (Fleischmann's is preferred)

Large Idaho potatoes 4-5 lbs. (Do not substitute)

Approximately 2 1/2 cups all purpose flour

5 Medium - Large onions:

Vegetable oil (about 1 cup...more or less)



Directions:

Peel and grate the potatoes. This can be done by hand or using the food processor grating blade

Throw the grated potato into the food processor with the steel blade and run it until the potato is finely chopped (close to but not totally liquefied). You may need to do this in batches.

Finely chop about 1/2 the onion in the food processor...same consistency as the potato

Try to remove as much excess liquid from the potato and onion as possible...not mandatory, but extra flour will be required if you don't

Dissolve the yeast with the sugar in about 2 oz of warm water. Let the mixture "activate" until foamy and doubled in size.

Place processed potatoes and onions in the enormous bowl. Add flour, yeast mixture, salt, pepper, and about 1/2 cup of oil.

Put the mixture into a slightly warm oven and let it rise (could take 2 hours)

While mixture is rising, lightly caramelize the remaining onion with the remaining oil (on the stovetop)

Once these steps are completed, assemble your pans by:

Create a layer of caramelized onions and oil on the bottom of each pan. Make sure there is sufficient oil so that you can see a shallow layer covering the bottom of the pan

Gently stir down the risen potato mixture and spoon it into the pans directly on top of the onions

Bake on the middle oven rack @ 350-375°F This can take 1.5 - 2 hours.

Getting to the exact level of proper doneness will take a Ouija board and contact with Grandma on the other side (tell her to say hi to Uncle Nick, and Aunt Dottie)...but the top will get golden brown and you will see oil bubbling in the corners of the pans

Remove from oven and let cool (if you can keep your cotton-picking hands off of it...I know that I can't)

Save the crispy corners for yourself...they are the best!!

Enjoy!





Illustrious Sir Casey Dubbs



Al Bedoo Clown Train

Photos courtesy Robin Hanel



Illustrious Sir Bill Murphy, Noble Vern Tesch & Noble Nate Frickel



Al Bedoo Clown Train

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**SPECIAL HOLIDAY
CONTRIBUTION!**
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Noble Vern Tesch, Lady
Fern Thompson, Lady



Al Bedoo Temple



Lady Fern Thompson

Season's Greetings!
Al Bedoo Shrine
Temple Decoration



Al K. Hall

Sudoku Corner

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January ~ December 2024



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Attention Nobles and Ladies! Are you a former Shriners Children's patient looking to network with other former patients and strengthen your connection with our healthcare system? If so, you are in the right place!

The Patient Alumni Network (PAN) was formed in 2022 as part of our 100th Anniversary Celebration. The goal of the network is to connect former patients with each other and provide opportunities for them to share their stories and accomplishments with other patients, Shriners, donors and the public. This might include attendance at Shriners Children's and Shriners International events, in addition to other functions.

Each and every person who has been cared for at Shriners Children's has a story to tell, and those that go on to become Shriners deepen their relationship with our healthcare system. We look forward to connecting with you and helping you share your inspirational stories with others.

Ways to become involved as a PAN member:

- Share your story with others
- Attend local and national events
- Engage with the group on social media
- Become a patient mentor

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