



# AL BEDOONINGS

The Al Bedoo Shrine Newsletter



Happy holidays Nobles,

I hope that everyone had a great time with Family and friends. Many Clubs and units have been busy with parades and other public events. For your commitment I thank you. Your presence in the community is great advertisement in our communities. As far as Fraternal events, we had a great turnout our annual Step-up night and turkey dinner. Bob Snow and his crew put on an amazing dinner and Ill. Sir Wally Hall and other Nobles entertained guest by running the Turkey Bingo. On Saturday November 22<sup>nd</sup> many Nobles attended the Chief Rabban Dinner in Big Timber. Noble Brian Engle provided an amazing Prime rib dinner, and we raised quite a bit of money for the incoming Potentate.



The work at the temple is coming along. Progress is a bit slow now due to the weather change. It will make things more difficult, but we will manage. Some upgrades to the original plans have been made and much-needed improvements to the main building will be done while we are there. One of the biggest issues is the Insulation value is seriously inadequate for a building that is getting as much use as it does now. Increasing those values will cut propane costs and save wear & tear on the furnace. We are hoping to have everything framed and dried in before the December meeting.

Speaking of December meeting, it will be on December 11<sup>th</sup> at the Temple. The meeting will be election night. Please attend and support your candidates for the positions. New positions come up every year, and it is your time to step up and make a difference. If you feel things should be different, come and state your case. If you have talents, opinions, or experience that will make the future of Al Bedoo better, bring them to the meetings.

Have a great holiday and stay safe out in these winter conditions. I look forward to talking to you all at the December meeting.

Thanks,

Ill. Sir Joe Hensley

Potentate 2025



## 2025 Divan

**Potentate:** Joe Hensley  
**Chief Rabban:** Vern Tesch  
**Assistant Rabban:** Nate Frickel  
**High Priest & Prophet:** Lance Smith  
**Oriental Guide:** Will Enloe  
**Treasurer:** Ron Swenson  
**Recorder:** Dave Bergeson, PP  
**1st Ceremonial:** Sandy Stinnet  
**2nd Ceremonial:** Casey Dubbs, PP  
**UU Director:** Keith Dove  
**Marshall:** Dan Logan  
**Captain of the Guard:** Tom Green  
**Outer Guard:** Jason Ferguson  
**Chaplain:** PC Moran



## Al Bedoo Shriner Events Calendar

December 2025, January, February 2026

### Recurring Events

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

Every Tuesday, **Shrine Coffee**, 7:30am-9:00am, **Hospital Corps** (except 4th Tuesday), 9:00am-10:00am, Scottish Rite, 514 14th St. W.

4th Tuesday, **Hospital Corps Zoom Only Meeting**, 6:30pm-8:00pm.

Every Friday, **Oriental Band**, 6:00pm-8:30pm, 2824 1st Ave N, Billings.

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

2nd & 4th Mondays. **Clowns**, 7:00pm.

2nd Wednesday, **Provost Guard**, 6:00pm.

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

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

### Upcoming Events

12-4-25, Thursday, **UU Meeting**, 6:30pm-8:00pm, Zoom Meeting, 711 Central Ave, Suite 122, Billings.

12-11-25, Thursday, **Stated Meeting-Annual Elections**, 5:30pm-10:00pm, Al Bedoo Shrine Temple, 5650 US Highway 87 N, Billings.

12-27-25, **Installation of Newly Elected Officers**, 11:00am-2:30pm, Scottish Rite, 514 14th St. W. Billings, Mt 59102

1-1-26, Thursday, **UU Meeting**, 6:30pm-8:00pm, Zoom Meeting, 711 Central Ave, Suite 122, Billings.

1-15-26, Thursday, **Stated Meeting**, 5:30pm-10:00pm, 5650 US Highway 87 N, Unit 1, Billings.

2-5-26, Thursday, **UU Meeting**, 6:30pm-8:00pm, Zoom Meeting, 711 Central Ave, Suite 122, Billings.

2-15-26, Thursday, **Stated Meeting**, 5:30pm-10:00pm, 5650 US Highway 87 N, Unit 1, Billings.

There is no schedule yet for the 2026 Shrine year. UU Meetings and Stated Meetings are extrapolations from Recurring Events. Until posted, for additional details and events contact Chief Rabban Noble Vern Tesch at (406) 665-5697 or verntesch@gmail.com.

Full event details are available on our calendar posted on **AlBedooshrine.org**. Please note if we are missing some days, times, and locations of your event, notify me at billm@consul-comp.com.

### ATTENTION—NOTICE—ATTENTION—NOTICE—ATTENTION

#### Official Notice, 2nd

#### Attention Nobles!

**Annual Elections to be held at Stated Meeting on Thursday, December 11, 2025. Elections will be held at :**

**Al Bedoo Shrine Temple  
5650 US Hwy 87 North  
Billings, MT 59105**

5:30 Social. 6:30 Dinner, 7:30 Meeting & Election

**This is a Stag event, *RSVP's requested.***

Al Bedoo Nobles and Shrine Family,

I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving! What a day and season to be thankful! The Chief Rabban dinner was a great success, and the folks in Big Timber deserve a great big thank you. Step up night took a different turn as everyone stepped up 2 places. I was not able to present the 2026 budget due to circumstances beyond my control. The budget will be presented at the meeting on December 11, 2025, as well as the raffle drawing, and we will vote on the budget at the annual meeting on January 15, 2026. Imperial has permitted us to complete this as stated given the circumstances.

Illustrious Sir Joe Hensley and his crew have made great progress on the addition to the clubhouse that will house our business offices. When completed, it will be very nice.

The weather dealt a blow to participating in the Holiday parade in Billings. Safety first. From reports Eastern Montana Shrine club looked like they had a great time playing in the snow.

2026 dues are now due. If you have not made your dues payments, please do so. Remember, you can make a monthly payment through WebFez. If you have questions, please contact our business office.

**Installation of Al Bedoo officers will be on DECEMBER 27, 2025, Saturday, at the Scottish Rite temple with Divan pictures at 11:00 am, snacks at 12:00 pm, and installation at 1:00 pm.** I hope to see you there.

In closing, I want to thank everyone who has extended well wishes, phone calls, and messages to me during my little ordeal. It is greatly appreciated and made me realize I have more family than I thought of. If you have any questions, please contact the business office or any Divan member.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy and safe New Year!!



Noble Vern Tesch



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## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

We are looking for that special Noble to visit our infirm and house bound Nobles! If you have a calling, we have a place for you! Please contact the our office and let us know.

### Attention!

**Al Bedoo is looking for a new keyboard player for the Calliope! The calliope is still working after a hundred years! If you can play the piano, you can play the calliope! Call Dave Bergeson, at the office, if you are interested in making music!**

### Black Camel

Richard Howorth June 28, 1934 - September 8, 2025



### **Memorial Donations for Richard Howorth**

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**Greetings from your Al Bedoo Recorder,**



Greetings All this Holiday Season, As I write this tomorrow is Thanksgiving Day (also my birthday this year) and things are truly busy around the Office. We had a good turnout for the Stated Meeting dinner on November 20<sup>th</sup> which was a traditional holiday dinner of turkey or ham prepared by Chef Bob Snow. Also a good crowd for Turkey Bingo following where over 20 turkeys were given away and better than average attendance at Stated Meeting considering some Nobles were downstairs at the Scottish Rite helping with Bingo. The meeting which was of course under proper dispensation was Step-Up Night, but because Chief Rabban Vern Tesch was in the hospital we stepped up two steps and Assistant Rabban Nate Frickel presided. Most Worshipful Grand Master Jason Smith was in attendance as were a number of Past Potentates and out of town Nobles from Glendive, Big Timber and Rapid City. Because of being offsite under dispensation no votes were taken on any financial matters.

Our Hospital Patients Christmas Party is coming up at the Scottish Rite soon on Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> and soon after our Stag Stated Meeting/Elections Night at the Temple on Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>. Dinner will be served for the guys. At that meeting also the Annual Budget for 2026 will be put forth for discussion and per Imperial instructions will be voted on at our Annual Meeting in January. The budget was not available to be discussed at November meeting due to unusual circumstances.

It's been a good year at Al Bedoo and I am positive that will continue in 2026. Progress is being made on the new office adjoining the Temple and projected time for the move is now in March.

The best of Holidays to you all and a Happy New Year! Don't forget the Al Bedoo Installation of Officers and Open House at the Scottish Rite on December 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Fraternally,  
III Sir Dave Bergeson  
PP Recorder**





# DC's Recipes



## Home made Irish Cream

Recipe: mix in a quart jar

- 1 c. Maple syrup
- 1 1/3 c. Half and half or heavy whipping cream
- 2T. Instant espresso powder
- 2T. Vanilla extract
- 3 T. Hershey's chocolate syrup



Put lid on and shake well, then add

1 1/3 c. Whiskey, Irish if you like

Mix well again. Label with date. Refrigerate and consume for up to 2 weeks.

Happy Holidays!



## Job's Daughters show support for Shrine Kids!



Honored Queen Lily Ascheman, Nobel Gary Sparr, Chance from Target in the Heights, and Noble Forrest "Tree" Henderson.  
Image by Megan Ascheman.

Honored Queen, Lily Ascheman along with Job's Daughters developed a successful fundraiser, utilizing funds from the Mystery Dinner, to provide Weighted Stuffed Animals to the Shrine Kids.



These weighted animals offer additional sensory input, which allows patients to feel comforted and secure. Therapists report that the deep pressure therapy from these huggable plush items helps reduce stress and anxiety, with some studies showing up to a 91% reduction in stress for recipients.

Job's Daughters were able to donate 67 of these beneficial animals to our Shrine Kids!



## Why is PNSA important

Next February in Sheridan Wyoming the Pacific Northwest Shrine Association meets for the 114<sup>th</sup> time. The purpose and mission of this Association are:

The Pacific Northwest Shrine Association is constituted by the Shrine Temples located in the States of Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming and Provinces of Alberta, British Columbia and Yukon Territory Canada and Northern California.

The purpose of this association shall be to create good fellowship among the members of the Shrine Temples in this association and provide continuing education regarding the fraternity and Shrine Hospitals.

As a member of Al Bedoo attending the winter meeting is not only important but a tool to help you learn more about Shrine International and Shriners' Children. PNSA is not just for Divan members and Past Potentates. Every Noble is encouraged to attend.

Imperial Sir Brad Koehn, Shriners International's Imperial Potentate, along with three members of the Imperial Divan, will be present at the event. This creates a unique chance to meet and connect with the Imperial Sir and Divan members in an informal setting. Shrine leaders from across the Northwest United States and Canada, as well as Shriners from all parts of Shrinedom, will also be in attendance.

Membership Directors plan to introduce new strategies—not just to attract new Nobles, but also to share ideas for retaining current members and keeping them engaged. Normally, learning directly from Imperial Committee members would require a trip to Tampa, but this time they're coming within ninety miles, saving us substantial hotel and travel costs.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of February there will be Three classes for better knowledge for Nobles attending PNSA. One is a Clown College, where Nobles can learn more about Clown Skits, makeup and balloon tying. A Class for Chief Rabbans and another for Oriental Guides and 1<sup>st</sup> Ceremonial Masters. There is an additional fee to cover the cost of supplies for these classes.

Hotel accommodation is available at \$84.00 per night, with double occupancy rooms offered.

The PNSA Board of Directors has worked hard to organize this meeting in Sheridan. You will have the opportunity to make lifelong friends among fellow Nobles.

I am happy to answer any questions you may have about PNSA. Please do not hesitate to contact me.

Fraternally,  
Larry Tipton PP Al Bedoo Shrine  
Executive Director PNSA  
Cell: 406-698-1079  
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# Turkey Bingo Night!

November 20, 2025



Nurses Camille Blocher and Israel Seeman share their experience at the November 20 Stated Meeting. Noble Aaron Larson and Ill Sir Joe Hensley, Potentate.

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Bingo callers, P.P. Ill Sir Bill Murphy, PP and Ill Sir Wally Hall, PP, making turkey dreams come true!

# Eastern MT Glendive Shrine Club, Glendive Light Parade





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The aim of Sudoku is to complete the entire grid using the numbers 1-9. Each number can only be used once in each row, once in each column, and once in each of the 3x3 boxes. Visit [www.sudokuoftheday.com](http://www.sudokuoftheday.com) for further tips and help about how to play – and good luck!”

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## Hospital Corps

These are some of the Highlights for the Hospital Corps activities in November 2025;

- \* Created new video brochure on "what Shriners Do" and is posted on albedooshrine.org website under Shriners -> Units -> Hospital Corps.
- \* Hospital Corps Board members made personal calls to Shrine Kids to invite them to Annual Christmas party for higher attendance.
- \* Nurses to give a presentation at the dinner before the stated meeting as to the experience on November 20 at the Scottish Rite building for the Nobles and Ladies.
- \* Lamar Billboards continuing development of Shrine Visibility Billboards for Billings, Glendive and Lewistown communities.
- \* New awnings, with updated Shrine graphics, for the Hospital Corps Trailer.

Forrest "Tree" Henderson

RETIRED 🧑🏻‍🦳

## 2024 - Hospital Patient Transportation Fund report Treasurers Report

### Receipts:

Memorials: \$270.00  
Donations: \$16,601.88  
Interest & dividends: \$11,447.86  
Unrealized Gain/Loss: 14,603.51  
Total Receipts for 2024: \$42,926.99

### Expenditures – 2024

Transportation-air fare, bus fare, train fare and rental costs: \$41,279.34  
Lodging (driver, parent or guardian and patient only): \$15,496.27  
Self Transport-mileage (calculated using an on-line map program and the IRS medical rate): \$21,492.85  
Office supplies: \$277.61  
**Total Expenditures for 2024: \$78,622.91**

Respectfully submitted,  
Noble Ron Swenson  
Treasurer  
Al Bedoo Shrine  
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Address correction requested

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Full details page 2. Full year calendar posted to AlBedooShrine.org.

**Editors Note:**

Please make your submissions by the last Friday of each month that we may publish before the next month begins. Text contributions to be in a "text" format, like Microsoft Word or Notepad, rather than a "pdf" or "jpg" image so that we may modify as needed.

**Your contributions are requested and encouraged!**

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