



AL BEDOONINGS

The Al Bedoo Shrine Newsletter



Happy New Years all nobles and ladies!

I first need to thank everyone for putting on the Chief Rabban dinner. For circumstances beyond my control, my friends stepped up and did a great job. Many people told me that Chef Brian Engle outdid himself and prepared an over-the-top dinner. Thanks again, Brian.



Installation of officers went off without a hitch. Past Potentates Ken Fitchner, Jason Smith, and Dell Aman did a great job. Thanks again!

2026 is shaping up to be a great year. Past Potentate Joe Hensley is making great progress on the temple remodel. Most of the new roof will be installed by the time you are reading this.

A calendar will be forthcoming, but in the short term, we will have our annual stated meeting on January 15, 2026, at the shrine temple. Divan meetings are scheduled for the Saturday prior to our meeting nights. A bowling outing is in the planning process. Looks like sometime in March or April.

PNSA is scheduled for February 20-21 in Sheridan, WY. This is the closest PNSA will ever be outside of Billings. Where else can you have the opportunity to visit with your counter-parts as well as visit will Imperial Officers? If we have enough nobles signed up we will take the bus.

Please contact me if you have any questions or comments.

Illustrious Sir Vern Tesch

Potentate 2026



2025 Divan

**Potentate: Vern Tesch
 Chief Rabban: Nate Frickel
 Assistant Rabban: Lance Smith
 High Priest & Prophet: Will Enloe
 Oriental Guide: TBD
 Treasurer: Ron Swenson
 Recorder: Casey Dubbs, PP
 1st Ceremonial: Unreported
 2nd Ceremonial: Unreported
 UU Director: Keith Dove
 Marshall: Unreported
 Captain of the Guard: Unreported
 Outer Guard: Unreported
 Chaplain: Unreported**

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, Scottish Rite, 514 14th St. W.

Every Tuesday, **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

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

1-10-26, Saturday, **Divan Meeting**, 1:00pm-3:00pm, 5650 US Highway 87 N, Unit 1, Billings.

1-15-26, Thursday, **Stated Meeting**, 5:00pm-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.

2-7-26, Saturday, **Divan Meeting**, 1:00pm-3:00pm, 5650 US Highway 87 N, Unit 1, Billings.

2-14-26, **Valentine's Day**, Hug your sweetie! Might have to have a Valentine's party

2-19, 20, 21-2026, Thurs, Fri, Sat. **PNSA**, Sheridan Wyoming. Additional details in this issue & in Albedooshrine.org Calendar.

3-4-25, Thursday, **UU Meeting**, 6:30pm-8:00pm, Zoom Meeting, 711 Central Ave, Suite 122, Billings.

3-14-26, Saturday, **Divan Meeting**, 1:00pm-3:00pm, 5650 US Highway 87 N, Unit 1, Billings.

3-19-25, Thursday, **Social Meeting**, 5:00pm-10:00pm, Al Bedoo Shrine Temple, 5650 US Highway 87 N, Billings.

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.



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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 Haworth June 28, 1934 - September 8, 2025

Neil C. Wagner July 13, 1931 - April 16, 2025

Richard "Dick" Rosekelly March 2, 1933 - October 19, 2025

Leonard Dahl September 19, 1923 - November 15, 2025



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Nobles,

I am honored to be your new recorder for the ensuing year. I appreciate the trust you have put in me, and will work hard to fulfill my duties of the office.

If you have any questions or if I can assist in anyway please feel free to reach out.

Thank you again,

Fraternally,
Ill Sir Casey Dubbs
PP Recorder

2026 Officer Installation



Newly Installed Illustrious Sir Vern Tesch!

Potentate 2026



Ill Sirs Ken Fichtner, PP, Joe Hensley, PP, & Vern



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PC's Recipes



Better Than Anything Toffee Recipe

Ingredients

- 1 cup coarsely chopped pecans
- 1 cup unsalted butter
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- ½ teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup milk chocolate chips



Instructions

Spray a 9-inch square baking dish with cooking spray and line with parchment paper.

Spread the chopped pecans in a single layer on top of the parchment.

1 cup coarsely chopped pecans

Add butter, sugar, and salt to a heavy bottomed 3 quart pot.

1 cup unsalted butter, 1 cup granulated sugar, ½ teaspoon kosher salt

Bring to a boil over medium low heat, stirring frequently to dissolve the sugar.

Once the candy is boiling, stir occasionally, slowly and evenly, until the candy has reached 290°F to 300°F, or "hard crack" on a candy thermometer.

Once the candy has reached 290°F-300°F, remove from heat and gently stir in the vanilla extract.

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Carefully pour the mixture over the chopped pecans.

Let the candy sit for a few minutes, undisturbed, before sprinkling the chocolate chips over the top.

1 cup milk chocolate chips

Cover the baking dish with foil and let sit for 5 minutes or until the chocolate has softened.

Remove the foil and gently spread the softened chocolate into an even layer. An offset spatula works best for this.

Place the candy in the refrigerator and let cool completely. Give it at least 2 hours.

Lift the parchment out of the baking dish and place the toffee on a cutting board or solid surface.

Use a knife to gently break it into smaller pieces. Store in an airtight container in a cool place.

Notes

Toffee should be stored in an airtight container for up to 2 weeks. You want the toffee to stay cool and dry so store it away from heat and moisture. Toffee can get sticky so keep that in mind if you live in a humid environment.



Winter Business Seminar

PACIFIC NORTHWEST SHRINEASSOCIATION

February 20th – 21st, 2026

Ramada Inn and Convention Center
1809 Sugarland Drive Sheridan, WY

Last Name First Name Middle Initial

Shrine Center Current Title

Mailing Address City State (PV) ZIP

Home Phone Business Phone Cell Phone e-mail

Special Needs (specify ADA requirement, Meals etc.) _____

Means of Travel: Auto _____ Arrival date _____

Airline _____ Flight # _____ Arrival Date _____ Time _____ **Only Sheridan Airport available for pick-up.**

Hotel Reservations: **Registration deadline Wednesday, February 7th.** Please make your reservations with **The Ramada Inn and Convention Center**, central reservations number is **307- 672-8931 Block code 021826PAC** for reservations. Hotel rooms: \$84.00 +Taxes

The room block enables PNSA to have reduced and often NO CHARGE use of facilities. Please abide by this.

Two ways to Register Deadline to Register February 1st, 2026.

- 1. Registration Fee: Complete 2 Day Conference (Conference only. No Seminars) \$239.00 \$ _____
- or-----
- 2. Registration Fee: Complete 2 Day Conference plus one of the following Seminars: \$259.00 \$ _____
- Clown College Chief Rabban OG/1st CM Select Your Choice

TOTAL PAYMENT \$ _____

No Refunds after February 1st, 2026

* Register online <https://www.shrinerspnsa.net/events> or mail to:

PNSA Winter 2026
P.O. Box 1385
Columbus, MT 59019

Agenda opposite Side

Questions or comments please email pnsa24@outlook.com

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Schedule of Events

All Events at Host Hotel Ramada Inn and Convention Center unless otherwise noted.

Booking at this hotel allows PNSA to receive reduced rates and often NO CHARGE use of some facilities.

Times are subject to change.

Thursday February 19, 2026

Please remember these seminars are additional to basic registration.

9:00am Clown College

1:00pm Chief Rabban Seminar

1:00pm Oriental Guide – 1st Ceremonial Master Seminar (open to all with \$259.00 registration)

6:00pm Imperial Officers Reception (included with registration)

Kalif Shrine Temple

145 West Loucks Street

Sheridan, WY

All Nobles and Masons Invited - Registered or not Registered.

Bring a potential Shrine Mason with you for this reception only.

No Host Bar (6:00 to 9:00) & Light hors d'oeuvres (7:00 to 8:00 pm)

Friday February 20, 2026

9:00am Business Meeting Called to Order

12:00pm Lunch

1:00pm Business Meeting Resumes

4:00pm Counterparts Meetings

6:30pm Counterparts Dinners

Saturday February 21, 2026

9:00am Business Meeting Called to Order

12:00pm Lunch

1:00pm Business Meeting Resumes

4:30pm Hospitality Rooms

6:00pm No Host Reception Presidents Banquet

7:00pm Presidents Banquet

8:30pm The PNSA Show

Sunday February 22, 2026

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Winter Session has concluded, Have a safe trip home.

Ramada Inn Hotel & Convention Center

1809 Sugarland Drive

Sheridan, WY

307-203-1149

Don't Forget the Hotel Reservation Number is 307-672-8931 Block Code is O21826PAC

Al Bedoo Christmas Party 2024



Noble Vern Tesch



Ill Sir Casey Dubbs



Noble Nate Frickel



Nobles Tree Henderson &



Nobles Of The Oriental Band



Zach Rudolph, a patient family member, helped us out with the drums



Santa made it!



Lilly Ascheman



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Tricky

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2	4	5	7	8	1	9	6	3

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3	7	1	2	5	8	6	4	9
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4	5	6	1	8	2	7	9	3
5	6	7	8	4	1	9	3	2
2	1	8	7	9	3	5	6	4
9	3	4	6	2	5	1	7	8

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 for further tips and help about how to play – and good luck!”

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Families, so far, for the month of July





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Address correction requested

Upcoming Events Month At A Glance

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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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