



AL BEDOONINGS

The Al Bedoo Shrine Newsletter



Message from the Potentate

August event activity by Units and Clubs was light, but the Daughters of the Nile were well represented with well over 100 people attending their 100 Years Celebration events. We were able to use our passenger van to transport the ladies to multiple events. The Shrine Motorsports Park had good driver attendance, and profitable concessions, but we need to promote it to get more spectators to increase our earnings at the gate. Schedule is posted on tsmpark.com. Our next event is a 2 day "Mud Fest Bog/Mud Drag" on September 28th & 29th. Let people know they can support the Shrine by attending!

Please check our upcoming events meeting locations, times, and dates in the calendar at albedooshrine.org and let us know if you've more information and text it to me at 208-8287.

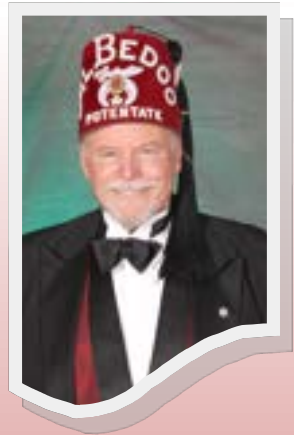
The Hospital Corps continues to meet every Tuesday to keep on track with duties and upcoming events. Every Shrine Noble is also a member of the Hospital Corps, and all are invited to attend our meeting, in person at the Scottish Rite Billings valley, or on Zoom. Contact Noble Ron Swenson for invitations at 740-8846.

We had no Social Meeting due to light attendance in July. Our next Stated Meeting is in September where we will vote on Candidates for our Ceremonial in Glendive, among other things. The First Lady, Patty, is planning a dinner with the Shrine Ladies that same night at 5:30p at the Red Lobster, 2250 King Ave W. Billings.

Our Fall Ceremonial is being hosted by Eastern Montana Shrine Club and includes our Stated Meeting. It begins on Friday October 18th at 5:00 pm, with a pre-ceremonial dinner. The ceremonial is on Saturday, the 19th at 10:00 am. The Stated Meeting is that evening with Oasis at 5:30 pm, dinner at 6:30 pm, and Meeting at 7:30 pm. Ladies are encouraged to attend as the facility is outstanding.

Check our upcoming events in our Shriner Event Calendar at AlBedooShrine.org, under the "SHRINERS" tab.

I'm disappointed in myself in that I've not hit on how to make our events have higher attendance. I know this is not a new problem, it's been steadily decreasing for 20 years that I know of. I'm trying to set up occasions that allow us to meet with friendship and fellowship and enjoy each other's company. I've heard from those of you who say the Temple location is too distant, or that we sold our Shrine building, but without better attendance, and your input, we don't know what to do to make the Shrine more relevant. We need to consider why we became a Shriner in the first place, and what we need to happen that our meetings are more worth our time, and more relevant. I feel that we are not providing what you need! We have so many good people that deserve a better Shrine experience!



Becoming More In 2024!

Bill Murphy

Potentate 2024

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2024 Divan

Potentate: Bill Murphy
Chief Rabban: Joe Hensley
Assistant Rabban: Vern Tesch
High Priest & Prophet: Nate Frickel
Oriental Guide: Lance Smith
Treasurer: Ron Swenson
Recorder: Dave Bergeson, PP
1st Ceremonial: Will Enloe
2nd Ceremonial: Mike Hynes
Director: Keith Dove

Al Bedoo Shriner Events Calendar

September, October, November 2024

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

9-5-24, Thursday, **UU Meeting**, 6:30pm-7:30pm, Zoom Meeting.

9-14-24, Thursday, **Divan Meeting**, 10:00-12:00, 711 Central Ave, Suite 122, Billings, Mt & Zoom.

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9-28 & 29, Saturday & Sunday, **Shrine Motorsports Park**, 12:00pm-5:00pm, Mud Fest, Bog/Mud Drag, Noon, 5650 US Highway 87 N, Billings, Mt.

10-3-24, Thursday, **UU Meeting**, 6:30pm-7:30pm, Zoom Meeting.

10-12-24, **Shrine Motorsports Park**, Mud Race, Season Finale, 12:00pm-5:00pm, 5650 US Highway 87 N, Billings, Mt

10-18-24, Friday, **Welcome Pre-Ceremonial dinner**, 5:00 pm, 202 S Merrill Ave, Glendive, MT.

10-19-24, Saturday, **Al Bedoo Ceremonial**, 10:00am, 202 S Merrill Ave, Glendive, MT.

10-19-24, Saturday, **Divan Meeting**, 4:30p-5:30p, 202 S Merrill Ave, Glendive, MT.

10-19-24, Saturday, **Stated Meeting**, 5:30, Oasis, 6:30p, dinner 7:30p. 202 S Merrill Ave, Glendive, MT.

11-7-24, Thursday, **UU Meeting**, 6:30pm-7:30pm, Zoom Meeting.

11-16-24, Saturday, **Chief Rabban's Banquet**, 5:00p-10:00p, American Legion, 110 E 3rd Ave, Big Timber, MT 59011.

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11-21-24, Thursday, **Divan Meeting**, 4:30p-5:30p, 5650 US Highway 87 N, Billings

11-21-24, Thursday, **Step Up Night, Stated Meeting**, 5:30p-10:00pm, 5650 US Highway 87 N, Billings

11-29-24, Thursday, **Thanksgiving**.

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

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Our Chaplain, Noble Gerald Giebink, has been accepted into law school and has now relocated out of town. We wish the best to Noble Gerald in his studies!

However we are now 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

Eugene Engen 11/28/1938—8/17/2024



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Memory Of Don Shaules

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Deborah & Stephen Brownlee, Renea Larson,
Will Mc Coy

DIVAN COMMUNICATIONS

Our Chief Rabban Banquet has been moved to Saturday, November 16th. It is being held at the American Legion, 110 E 3rd Ave, Big Timber, Mt, with the Oasis beginning at 5:00 pm and dinner at 6:30 pm.

Noble Joe Hensley—Chief Rabban

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Dues Notices Are Out, Thank You for Supporting Your Shrine!

Noble Vern Tesch—Assistant Rabban

From the Recorder

Greetings Nobles, After reading a recent edition of Aladdin's Lamp I am inspired by the growth and activity in Aladdin Shriners of Columbus, Ohio. More than anything else Al Bedoo needs growth. They have been successful because they have lots of activities and good participation and they are not hesitant to charter new units that interest their new and old members. Among their interesting units are: Hillbillies who do whatever hillbillies do, Empty Mug Club who meet in local microbreweries with the ladies and enjoy exploring the many new creations together; the Knife & Fork Unit that meets monthly for a great dinner they jointly prepare and also hold special fundraising dinners such as a recent Murder Mystery Night; and the Motorcycle Club open to all with all kinds of bikes and even has some available for those without. they do great little rides to area destinations and to their regional Shriners Childrens Hospital. We have a Ceremonial in October and are looking for a few good men. Do you know a Mason you can ask?



A great message that I hope some of you Nobles take to heart. We are rebuilding and renewing. We need your help in sticking with your Brothers during these difficult times as well as the great times. Support Al Bedoo. What can you personally do to make her stronger and more viable for the long term. Thank you Brothers (and ladies and others) for reading this rather long and preachy pep talk, but it needed to be said.

The Al Bedoo Shrine is not just a physical building. Neither is being a Shriner just another Masonic Body. When you are a Shriner, you are not only part of a larger-than-life family, but now you have entered into a life-long commitment to yourself and your family to not only help the helpless, but to enjoy and extended family in many new adventures. Take your commitment and excitement to the next level. Bring a Brother Mason to one of the Al Bedoo Shrine Events. Let him and his family see first-hand what a great group we are. Encourage him to take the next step in becoming an Al Bedoo Shriner."

Fraternally, As-Salaam Alaikum,

August 24, 2024

Dear Nobles of Al Bedoo Shrine Center,

It seems our newly developed Shrine Temple has turned into a museum of mishaps, a gallery of gaffes, if you will.

The recently resurfaced driveway, a beacon of hope, leads to a disparaging site. Our once majestic Black Horse meeting hall now hosts a collection of junk. And the goat heads and cheat grass! It stands tall, defying every lawnmower and weed killer that dares to glance its way as it looks for tires and soft soled shoes of the infrequent visitors.

It's a sight that would have our founding Nobles turning in their fezzes. I would hate to think of the comments coming from those Al Bedoo Shriners who over the years have passed on. We all can name a few of them.

Where, oh where, has the pride in our great fraternity vanished to? Perhaps the building committee is hiding, playing hide and seek amongst the ruins, or maybe they've set sail on the sea of oil leaking from our tractor.

I ask you a simple question; If you had a Mason that you know would be a great Shriner, would you bring him to the Black Horse property to show him that he can join the Greatest Fraternity in the World?

It's high time for a change, a revolution of renovation, to restore the shine to our Shrine. Will you join me

in calling upon the leadership of Al Bedoo to submit a plan to make our once great Fraternity once again

be a pillar of the community.

Sincerely disappointed,

Ill Sir Lucky Seibert

August 15, 2024

Al Bedoo Shrine P.O. Box 20673 Billings, MT
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On behalf of Don Shaules and Yellowstone Valley Electric Cooperative, we are pleased to provide the enclosed contribution in support of your organization.

YVEC supports community causes that are important to our members, directors and employees. All YVEC employees are encouraged to be active in charitable and community organizations. Our goal is to support a broad range of activities that are consistent with our desire to improve the quality of life in the communities where we live and work. We are proud of our employees and pleased to support their efforts.

We wish you continued success with your program.

Sincerely,



Brandon J. Wittman
CEO/General Manager
Yellowstone Valley Electric Cooperative

I sure miss Al,

I sure miss Al, his tales echo through the halls of time, or at least through the halls of Billings. Al was a man of great repute; Al was the life of every party and the spark in every meeting. His meetings on the third Thursday of the Month were legendary and many of us called them "Date Nights" where we could dine for a nominal fee and enjoy the friendship of the evening.

Al's table was the roundtable of modern-day Shrine, discussing everything from parade floats to the secret of the next big event planned for us to help and volunteer. And let's not forget those epic journeys to far off places, where friends would venture, not only for gold or glory, but to proudly proclaim, "We are part of Al!"

Now, if Al is out there, wandering the streets or perhaps leading a parade in another dimension, let him know he's missed. Tell him that this old Past Potentate sends his regards and that the memories of his friends and their camaraderie are cherished.

So, here's to Al, may his legend continue to inspire tales of friendship and community spirit. And if you do see him, remind him that the third Thursday of the month is approaching, and the Nobles and their spouses are surely missing his charm at the dinner table.

Al is great and I sure hope we can find Al again. Oh, sorry, just in case you remember Al, his last name is Bedoo, yep good old Al Bedoo. Boy I sure miss him.

Fraternally,

Larry Tipton PP

Potentate 2008

CRAZY MOUNTAIN SHRINE CLUB

The Crazy Mountain Shrine Club met Wednesday evening on July 24th. Beginning at the usual time of 5:30 at the Level with some great appetizers and beverages. Everyone was treated to another great meal prepared by Brian Engle. While we finished our meals and the great desserts, President Brian called the meeting to order at 7 PM. Brian gave a detailed report of the success we had with the various fundraisers. Many of them were packed into one weekend. The rodeo, Sweet Grass Fest, Booth at the parade, were all very successful. A few of the Nobles drove the go carts in the parade. The following week, some of the Nobles and Brothers traveled over to the Livingston area and helped with their events. Brian named the Nobles and their family members that helped at each event. Elephant ears (fried bread dough) were an even bigger hit now that people know what they are and that they are delicious!

No meeting in August! Hope to see you in September

Cliff Brophy



Shriners patient Brynleigh came to visit the office! Wishing her continued health and success on her journey with the Shriners Children's Hospitals!



The Billings Outlaws, 2024 Arena Bowl Champions, brought their Championship Cup to the Al Bedoo Shriners booth. Aaron Larson is working on setting up some opportunities for Shriners and the Outlaws! Stay tuned!



Aaron Larson greeting families and patients at the Montana Fair.



Former patient Roger (green shirt), and his son Leo (red shirt) pose with Mike Kirschenmann, Dave Bergeson, Aaron Larson, and Rachel Schlender, at the Montana Fair. Leo is a current patient.



Adalynn Cole , EW Shrine Game Ambassador, pose with Al Bedoo Fair Ambassadors! Pic 2 is Aaron Larson with Amanda . Amanda is the Nurse who went to Texas for the Shriners Burn Unit.



Shriners International is Governed by two different corporations. The Colorado Corporation, our hospital system and the Iowa Corporation which is the Fraternal side. Shriners International is very protective of these two Corporations and as Shriners we must make sure that they are not comingled in any manner.

Shriners International conducts a meeting yearly in the city of the outgoing Imperial Potentate's selection. This is called the Imperial Session. Delegates are regulated by the number of dues paying members each Temple has at the end of the previous year. Currently, Al Bedoo has two delegates to the Iowa Corporation. They vote on matters regarding the business of the Fraternity. Delegates for Al Bedoo are selected at the January Business Meeting.

Requirements for delegates for the Colorado corporations are handled differently and will be addressed in a future article.

This year in Reno, Nevada there were items put on the "call" to be voted on by the elected delegates. Here is the list of legislation brought forward and the results of the votes on those resolutions.

2024 IMPERIAL SESSION LEGISLATION RESULTS

Motion #1 : This Motion would require written or electronic voting on issues involving payment of monies to Shriners International.

Results: Passed

Motion #2: This Motion would require final votes on amendments to the bylaws involving payment of money to Shriners International be made by written or electronic ballot.

Result: Passed

Motion #3: A temple which files frivolous or non-meritorious legislation involving another temple, causing it to incur costs to defend, would be responsible for those costs if the legislation was withdrawn prior to session.

Result: No Action, motion withdrawn

Motion #4: This Motion would require the temple to submit all required tax information, financial documents, and annual returns to Shriners International to have elected Representatives.

Result: Failed

Motion #5: This Motion would phase out the payment of expenses for Representatives for travel expenses.

Result: Motion Tabled

Motion #6: This Motion would provide that Representatives entitled to mileage allowance shall be paid within 10 business days after the close of Imperial Session.

Result: Passed

Motion #7: This Motion would allow additional titles to be included on a member's fez and provide a mechanism to allow additional approved titles for a fez.

Result: Passed

Motion #8: This Motion would allow for a process to approve an alternative to the fez in areas where wearing a fez is culturally unacceptable or would pose a risk to the Noble's safety.

Result: Failed

Motion #9: This Motion would require that votes on the sale, lease, exchange, mortgage, pledge or other disposition of all or substantially all of its property and assets be held at the temple location.

Result: Passed

Motion #10: This Motion would require that a member expelled wait two years before reapplying for membership and create a new process for reapplying for membership.

Result: Passed

Motion #11: Temples would be required to adopt their budget by the last day of December and submit their budget by the last day of January or pay a penalty of \$250 per month of delinquency.

Result: Failed

Motion #12: This Motion clarifies that no check payable to a Noble or a family member of any company which the signatory has a controlling or fiduciary interest may be signed by that Noble.

Result: Passed

Motion #13: This Motion would require that any vote on the sale, lease, exchange, mortgage, pledge or other disposition of all or substantially all of its property and assets would be subject to 324.1©(3).

Result: Passes

Motion #14: Upon dissolution, a temple-controlled corporation's assets could be distributed to either the temple, Shriner's Hospitals for Children or the Shriner's International Education Foundation.

Result: Passed

Motion #15: Emirat Shrine would have exclusive jurisdiction in the Middle East other than Lebanon.

Result: Passed

Motion #16: Aleppo and Al Rai'e Salah would have concurrent jurisdiction over the Island of Hispaniola which includes the countries of the Dominican Republic and Haiti.

Result: Passed

Motion #17: The Pennsylvania Shrine Association will be dissolved and will not be recognized as a Shrine Association.

Result: Passed

Motion #18: Moslem Shriners would relocate to 37987 Interchange Drive, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48335 and the charter would be amended to reflect the change of location.

Result: Passed

Motion #19: Acrux Shriners, in the country of Australia, would be granted Dispensation.

Result: Passed

Motion #20: Nemity Shriners, in the country of Paraguay, would be granted Dispensation.

Result: Passed

Every member should be aware of the Bylaws of Shriners International and Al Bedoo Shrine as well as General Order #1. The entire General Order #1 is filed in the Recorder's office and is mandated by Shriners International to be made available to any Noble for review upon request.

I hope that this article will help Al Bedoo members with the working of Shriners International and become more interested in learning more about our Fraternity. More information is available on Web Fez.

Fraternally,

Larry Tipton PP

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