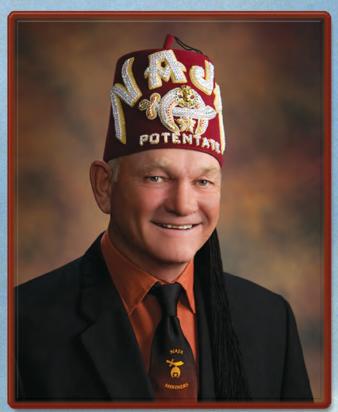


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**Potentate Willis Kopren** 

## Note from the Potentate...

Nobles and Ladies,

I was created a Master Mason on April 5, 1979 with Brothers Alton & Delvin Palmer. I went through Scottish Rite with my father Merle K opren, John Helms, Delvin & Alton Palmer and Herman VanDenBerg. Being a f airly new married person, with our first child due in May, I didn't have enough funds to become a Shriner with them in the F all Ceremonial. I drove semi for Nobel Emmett P almer and saved up enough mone y to join the Shrine in the winter session. I called Noble Truman Quaal to ask if he would be the first line signer on my petition, quietly without letting my fellows brothers from up North know that I was joining. Lady Cindy and I borrowed my parents' car to go to Rapid

City to join the Naja Shrine on Nov. 19, 1979. During my initiation, Illustrious Potentate Charles Linander asked us to donate a thousand dollars to the hospital, I didn't have a thousand dollars and I rolled of f my bed. To the Nobles that joined the Shrine in the Hot Sands you will relate to these events.

In November 1979, Lady Cindy and I joined Fairview Chapter 166, Order of the Eastern Star and we have been Past Patron & Past Matron. Living 60 miles from the North Dakota border and 70 from the Montana border I'm proud to be a member and P ast President of the West River Shrine Unit, which consists of Shriners from Naja, Yelduz, and El Zagel. Our youngest son Randy is also a Past President and our oldest son Wade is the current President.

I have been the Master of P asque Lodge 214. Our sons Wade & Randy are also P ast Masters of the lodge. I hope that we can continue to kep the family legacy going strong in our family as our boys are fourth generation Masons & Shriners.

I have been actively involved in our community. I served 10 years on the Perkins County ASCS Board and 6 years as a Perkins County Commissioner I chose not to run a second term as I was thrilled to promote my time to the Naja Shrine after being appointed in 2006 as Marshal by Noble Alton Palmer. I'm also past president of Homme Lutheran Church.

We, like any parents or grandparents, are v ery Proud of our sons and their f amilies. Wade, Jenny and Braden, Randy, Heidi, and Colt, Zoey and Maverick, I thank you each for your love and support all these years. I also thank my brother Ross & Bo and family and sister in law Deanna & Ardel and family for being there for us at home and work the last 6 years as we couldn't have left our jobs without your support!

To the Past Potentates, thank you all for your encouragement and support; each of you will be a Hard Act to follow! I am looking forward to our year with Hooking up for the Love of a Child! Our first commitment is our Masonic Brothers and remembering our Obligations to Each other and our second commitment is our Shriners Obligations to supporting our Shriner Children and Hospital.

I have chosen an Ambassador from each unit and club. Since I live so far from the Shrine club I would like these ambassadors to keep the communications open between Naja Shrine, Divan and the Nobles.

I am excited about all the events planned for the year, The Spring Ceremonial/Shriners Ball will be combined the week end of June 7 & 8 at the Lodge of Deadw ood. I am hoping this date works for everyone including ranchers that can't get away during lambing and calving.

Thank you to all Nobles for electing me as your Potentate for 2013. I am looking forward to working with all of you and up to the challenge.

Yours in the Faith, Willis Kopren

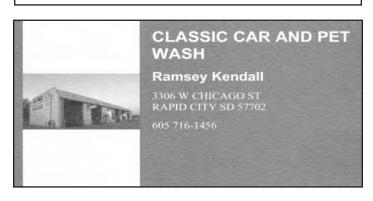


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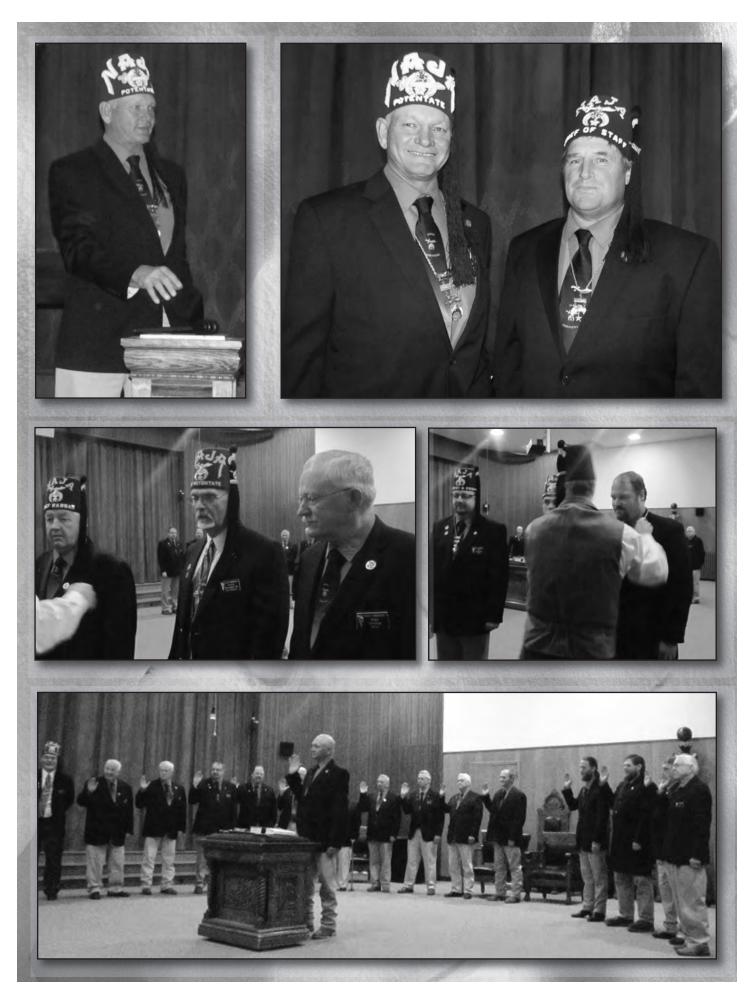
# INSTALLATION 2013



Introducing the 2013 Divan Top Five Oriental Guide, Tim Rensch; Chief Rabban, Dan Arnio; Potentate, Willis Kopren; Assistant Rabban, Mike Stirling; High Priest and Prophet, Jeff Schroeder



Front Row, Left to Right: Oriental Guide, Tim Rensch; Chief Rabban, Dan Arnio;
Potentate, Willis Kopren; Assistant Rabban, Mike Stirling; High Priest and Prophet, Jeff Schroeder,
Middle Row: Chief of Staff Ardel Reder, 1st Ceremonial Master Jack Hantz; Marshal Jim Bacon;
Captain of the Guard Jim Cummings; Recorder Rod Baumberger, Back Row: Assistant Chief of Staff
Al Jensen; 2nd Ceremonial Master Max Myhre; Co-director Tim Palmer; Co-director William Biegger;
Outer Guard Jeffrey Meyer; Not pictured: Treasurer Don Livesay



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## Lady Cindy & Divan Ladies



















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## **HOSPITAL NEWS...**





#### Jim Hopkins

#### Twin Cities Shriners Hospital for Children Board of Governors

Potentate Casey Derflinger received notice informing him that Noble Jim Hopkins has been selected to serve on the Twin Cities Shriners Hospital for Children Board of Governors. Hopkins will commence his tenure on the Board with the May 2013 meeting.

Jim and his wife, Jan, moved k Hills in 2000 after Jim's

permanently to the Black Hills in 2000 after Jim's retirement as Chairman, CEO of Commercial Bank in Mitchell. Jim was also chairman and president of Commercial Bancshares, the community-owned holding company owning the bank. Jim served in many management positions in several communities during his 36-year banking career.

While in Mitchell he served on many civic boards to include The Salvation Army (Board Chairman), The Abbott House (Capital Campaign Chairman & B.O.D.), Dakota Wesleyan University (Board of Trustees), Corn Palace Stampede Rodeo Committee (Parade Chairman), and Avera Queen of Peace Hospital Advisory Board. Other endeavors included Mitchell Rotary Club (President), Mitchell United Way (Board President & Campaign Chairman), and Vice President of the South Dakota Independent Bank ers Association. Jim w as honored in 1998 by being selected to recei ve the Mitchell Community Service Award.

Jim was raised to Master Mason at his home to wn Masonic Lodge in North East, PA, in April 1968. He obtained his Thirty-Second Degree a couple of years later in The Valley of Erie. Jim joined El Riad Shrine in 1987 and became a member of the Corn P alace Shrine Club.

While with the Corn P alace Shrine Club he served on the board and circus committee as president of the club and chairman of the circus committee.

Since joining Naja Shriners in 2001 he has been active in many of the clubs. He serv ed as Chairman of the Hospital Division and on its board. He has serv ed on the board of the Rapid City Shrine Club and held the position of Vice President. Other interests include the Greeters, where he served as President, the Provost Unit, serving as Vice Marshal, the Santa Claus Unit and the Hospital D.A.D.S. where he serv ed as president and continues to drive on a regular basis.

Noble Hopkins will be replacing PP Don Mattson who is finishing his nine-year tenure as the Hospital Representative for Naja Shriners. Don has just completed a two year term as Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Twin Cities Hospital.

We as Naja Shriners should be elated in the exemplary fashion Don has represented Naja during his term on the Board and his achieving the position of Chairman. When you have the opportunity, be sure to thank Noble Mattson for his unselfish efforts on your behalf and the advancement of our Twin Cities Shriners Hospital.

### Hospital Division Happenings

from Curtis L Bentz, Chairman, Naja Shrine Hospital Division

We will once again be awarding a crutch pin to our Nobles who are first-time sponsors of a new patient. Please be sure the family has your name so you will get credit for the referral. If you give them a referral card or an Intake form, you will need to write your name on it. If they are going to call the hospital directly, remind the family to give your name to the Intake Coordinator. Nobles can also earn their first crutch pin by sponsoring a new patient during our Evaluation Clinic in October.

Please feel free to give our office a call if you or the family you are sponsoring has any questions. Forms, cards and brochures can be picked up at the Shrine Office.

Continue spreading the word about our hospitals and services!



#### **HOSPITAL D.A.D.S.**

Thank you to our D.A.D.S. for dri ving the Hospital Express to Minneapolis for No vember, December and January! They are: Earl K ennedy(2), Richard Waits(2), Jim Hopkins, Roger Andersen(2), Ron (2) & Louise Nenaber, Hugh Thompson(2), Ray Leeman, John Wise, Ken Moss, Don Huxford(2), Yogi Weiss(2), Frank Foster Sr., Lowlyn Stratton, Paul Holtsclaw, John Narem, Roger Horton, and Stuart Hall. Thank you to our D.A.D.S. for dri ving the Hospital Express to Chicago for November, December and January! They are: Yogi Weiss and Roger Horton. Thank you for your dedication!

#### **Always Needing more drivers - Interested?**

We are looking for more Nobles who would consider volunteering their time to drive Shriners patients and one of their parents to Shriners Hospital – Twin Cities and/or Chicago at least once per year. Could this be you?

Call 343-4279 if you have any questions or to get started!

## YOU ARE INVITED TO HOSPITAL DAY

## AT SHRINERS HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN – TWIN CITIES MAY 16 & 17

Naja Shriners Hospital Division has chartered a bus and will provide lodging for all Nobles and their wives for Hospital Day. The bus will leave Rapid City on Thursday, May 16 and return to Rapid City on Friday, May 17 following the program.

The day will include a program put on by the staff and patients of the Twin Cities hospital, a tour of the hospital and a variety of departmental programs that will give you an idea of what all they provide for the patients, along with the opportunity to meet the staff.

This is a very valuable trip as you will witness the true culmination of the fruits of their labors. Please try to make this trip – you will not be disappointed!

CALL 605-343-4279 TODAY FOR YOUR SEAT ON THE BUS!

#### **Shriners..Changing the World through Caring for Kids**

If you know a child that is 17-years-old or younger and experiencing bone, muscle or joint problems or has a burn, spinal cord injury or cleft lip and palate, call 605-343-4279 today for more information.



## Greetings from Lady Cindy

I am excited to tell you about my projects for this year! For those that have been around Noble Willis and I over the years know that we definitely have our Guardian Angels watching over us.

My first project is the Children's Miracle Network. We had two preemie grandsons: Ray, born June of 2000 weighing 1 lb 9 oz and Braden, born Nov. 5, 2001 weighing 1 lb. 11 oz. Braden is a healthy 11 year old. The CMN did so much for our family and I want to thank them for all they do for so many families.

My second project is the Daughters of the Nile blanket fund. Our granddaughter Zoey received a blanket at the Hospital day and she was thrilled. I appreciate all that the Daughters of the Nile do by putting a smile on children's faces.

My bracelet charm this year is the Guardian Angel. I am a spoon and Christmas ornament collector so we will also have them to sell. I also will be having the divan/ambassador ladies holding a 50/50 drawing at each of your meetings to help raise money for both of these projects. Please consider purchasing a charm, spoon, or ornament or buy some tickets.

I am looking forward to "Hooking up for the Love of a Child" this year!

The Rapid City Shrine Club cordially invites you to attend the

**2013 President's Party** 

in honor of President William Biegger And his Lady Kay Lynn Cook



Saturday
March 23<sup>rd</sup>
at the
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## Kids Holiday Party



The Naja Shrine held their annual F amily Holiday Movie/Christmas Party Day on December 8 at the Rapid City Shrine Club. There was a fantastic turnout with about 75 kids and 35 adults. The party started off with a lunch of hotdogs, sloppy joes, chips, carrots, cookies, and punch. After feasting, some of the kids grabbed spots on the floor, but others remained in their chairs for the feature mo vie, "Arthur Christmas." During the movie, fresh popcorn was popped and handed out to all. From the round of applause at the end I think everyone enjoyed it. Finally, Santa Claus made an appearance just as things were wrapping up. He and his helper (elf/Potentate Case y Derflinger) passed out candy-filled candy canes to all the kids. It was a great event!











## CHARACTER COUNTS



Monte Tisland and Steve Hendrickson with our school kids from Black Hawk Elementary for this year's Character Counts program.

#### **Nobles and Ladies**

Naja Shrine would like to invite you, your children, grandchildren and friends to an

## Easter Egg Hunt

@ the Rapid City Shrine Club
 4091 Sturgis Road
 Saturday, March 30 @ 11:00 am
 Donations Appreciated
 Please RSVP by March 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 342-3402

Don't have any children to bring...
please come, as we could use
your helping hands!

#### **OUTDOOR EXPO**

Coming February 8 – 10 CABIN FEVER??

Get out of the house and come help with the Northern Plains Outdoor Expo at the Civic Center February 8-10.

As in the past, a portion of the proceeds from this event goes to Naja Shriners. We just need to provide manpower for ticket sales & ticket taking at doors, etc. If you would like to sign up for Manpower, please call the Naja Business Office at 342-3402.

Also, continue to sell Gun Raffle tickets for the 100-gun giveaway on Sunday afternoon of the Expo, Feb. 10. Extra books of tickets are available in the **Business Office.** 

Don't miss this great fundraising event. CALL TODAY!





## NAJA SHRINE CIRCUS AT RUSH HOCKEY

Coming Saturday, March 16, 2013

A great way to promote our upcoming circuses in Rapid City and Deadwood.

The Naja Shriners have a block of tickets available at \$16.50 each.

Just call Charli at the Temple office: 342-3402 to reserve yours. We will also be giving away novelty items to the first 1,000 kids, so we are asking the Nobles and their Ladies to come early (5:30 p.m.) to help get ready for this big event.





## UNIT NEWS...

#### **RAPID CITY SHRINE CLUB HIGHLIGHTS**



#### **OCTOBER MEETING**

The Rapid City Shrine Club held its annual Casino Night on October 27, 2012. Thirty two Nobles, Ladies, and friends joined us for an evening of hors d'oeuvres and fun. Several door prizes were provided by members of the RCSC Board of Directors or donated from the community to be auctioned off to the big winners at the gaming tables.









#### **NEED A PLACE TO GET TOGETHER**

The rental polic y of the RCSC has recently been changed to allow us to rent to the general public. The rental fee is \$600.00 per day for full use of the facility. If you become aware of any group that would like to rent the RCSC, contact Noble Denny Schaar at 343-0739 or 381-3003. We can accommodate up to 300 people, so this may help us to attract some re venue to offset the cost of operating the building. Nobles who are current

members of the RCSC and ha ve been for three consecutive years can still use the building for their personal use at no charge for one day and \$100.00 per day for additional days. If a Noble w ants to rent the building for use by a non-Shrine person or group that he is affiliated with, the fee is \$450.00 per day with additional days at \$200.00 per day.

#### **NOVEMBER MEETING**

The annual meeting was held on November 26 for the purpose of electing officers to the 2013 RCSC Board of Directors. A supper of oyster stew and chili was prepared by PP Alton Palmer and Rick Mills and all appetites were satisfied by the sumptuous repast. During the b usiness meeting the following officers were elected: President: William Biegger; Board of Directors Members: Howard Mehringer, Dave Mills, Jamie Mills, and Ben Kirkland. These Nobles will assume their office effective January 1, 2013.

#### WHAT'S COOKING

Repairs and upgrades were recently made to our kitchen to mak e it more user friendly for those whose functions at the RCSC require the use of the kitchen. Many thanks to our Building and Grounds Committee for their professional craftsmanship on this project.

#### **SHRINE CLUB** ~ CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual Christmas P arty was held on December 15, and hosted by RCSC President Guy Donley and his lady Anita. Seventy five Nobles and their ladies were in attendance. A delicious ham supper was catered by the Parkway Restaurant and entertainment was provided by the Crystal Blue band. Gift baskets were donated by many of the units of Naja Shrine and our ladies groups to be auctioned during a Silent Auction. Many thanks for the donations as the proceeds were used to help pay for the new chairs that now grace our meeting room.





















#### Santa Claus Unit ~ Santa Claus Tour



The Santa Claus Tour was a big hit again this year. Our Santas and Mrs. Clauses, along with a few chaperones, hopped on the big Stagecoach West sleigh. They brought popcorn, bananas, and sodas to the nursing homes in the area, along with the Daisy House, Works facility on and the Black Hills December 18th. The Mrs. Clauses belted out some holiday tunes with the accompaniment of Dee Holmgren on the piano. On the 19th they ventured to Sturgis to visit with their v eteran friends there. Ne xt they came back to the Rapid City Shrine Club for lunch. Every year they bring more smiles to all the girls and boys (no matter what age). If you are interested in joining our Santa Claus Unit, Please contact the Temple office 342-3402.









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Mt. Rushmore Lodge #220 teamed up with the Rapid City Shrine Clowns to put a float in the Rapid City Parade of Lights that w as held No vember 24th at 6:00pm. This is hoped to be the first of a new annual tradition between the Lodge Brothers.

Mt. Rushmore #220 Senior Deacon Zac Pengra headed up the building of the float which w as done out at Trentdaddy's Repair. A big thank you to Trent for the use of his shop so we had a place to work inside! Those who assisted in building the float or riding in the parade were Lodge #220 Brothers Zac Pengra, Trent "Flem" Sheeder, Lee "Harley" Mai, Steve "Otis" Hendrickson, Cody "Klem" Nelson, Joel "Katchup" Stephens, Howard "Giddy" Mehringer, Tom "Squeeky" Huwe and Walt Meltz (Dave's brother).





The float had twenty eight strings of white lights plus se veral clusters of colored lights on it. It also had a powerful sound system that played Christmas music as we went down the parade route. Brother Carl Pengra donated the use of his pickup to pull the float. Also a big thank you to the Pro vost unit for letting us borrow their big Naja Fez as the show piece of the display.

A good time was had by all!

Story and Pictures by Noble Tom "Squeeky" Huwe

## Chaplain's Corner

Once again I have the honor of serving the nobility and ladies of the Naja Shrine. This will be another good year, as they have been in the past. I ran across an article in the Mt. Rushmore Lodge #220 news letter titled "Somebody, Everybody, Anybody, Nobody, and Someone Else." This got me to thinking about our beloved Shrine – where somebody is always doing something good for adults and children. I guess

it's our Masonic nature to help someone when the y ask, without giving it any additional thought. Now, if everyone pitches in then we w ouldn't have anyone asking us to do someone else's work. There is an old saying, "Everybody has to be somewhere." So, I guess everybody is important. Do you agree?

See you next issue Nobles, and everybody get to work! So long and God Bless

Joe McCarty Shrine Chaplain

## New Member

Naja's new Noble Stephen Sisk went through the Cold Sands at the January Divan Meeting. Pictured with Noble Sisk is Noble Ray Leeman, Jr.



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## THE CIRCUS IS COMING, THE CIRCUS IS COMING!

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Another way you can help is by purchasing your Noble Ticket Book, which will be mailed to you in March! If you don't know of any kids to give the tickets to, we can help through the "Circus Dad's" program we have here at Naja. Just return your book to the office with your payment, and we will

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donate them to those kids who would otherwise not be able to attend the circus without your kind donation. The tickets in your book have a space at the bottom for you to print your name as the sponsor, so please write your name in on all of the tickets.

Nydia Club Daughters of the Nile, will host their annual Circus Brunch on Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am to 11:30 am at the Rapid City Shrine Club. Price is \$8.00 for a delicious brunch of an egg dish, sausage, fruit, muffins, coffee and tea. Everyone is welcome. Tickets will be available for early purchace and during the Circus.

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February 3	<b>Super Bowl Party</b>	July 10	Divan/Finance Meeting-Rapid City	
February 7-9	MSA Winter Session- Duluth MN	July 13	Northern Hills Shrine Club Picnic	
February 9	Nemo Outhouse Races	July 14	All-Shrine Picnic	
February 13	Divan/Finance Meeting-Rapid City	August 7	<b>Divan/Finance Meeting-Rapid City</b>	
February 8-10	Outdoor Expo	August 12	D.O.N. Supreme Queen Visit	
February 23	RCSC President's Party	<b>August 14-17</b>	MSA Summer Session-Duluth, MN	
March 9	Naja Circus Night at Rush Hockey	August 24	West River Shrine Picnic	
March 13	Divan/Finance Meeting-Rapid City	August 29-Sept 7	Alaskan Cruise	
March 16	Installation of Queen of the Nile	September 10	<b>Common Cents Golf Tournament</b>	
March 30	Easter Egg Hunt -RCSC	September 11	<b>Stated Divan/Finance Meeting</b>	
April 5	<b>News Nugget Deadline</b>		Deadwood	
April 10	Stated Divan/Finance Meeting-	September 19-21	Grand York Rite-Pierre	
	Deadwood	September 27-28	Scottish Rite Reunion	
April 20	D.O.N. Style Show	October 4	News Nugget Deadline	
April 26-27	<b>Scottish Rite Reunion</b>	October 9	<b>Divan/Finance Meeting-Rapid City</b>	
May 3-5	Rapid City Circus	October 11-13	Eastern Star Grand Chapter -	
May 8	Divan/Finance Meeting-Rapid City		Pierre	
May 16-17	Hospital Day Trip	October 18-19	Rapid City Clinics	
<b>June 1-2</b>	<b>Eastern Star Grand Family</b>	October 19	Ladies Night and "Roast the Pote"	
	Gathering - Redfield	November 13	<b>Divan/Finance Meeting-Rapid City</b>	
June 7-8	Spring Ceremonial/Shriner's Ball -	December 7	Naja Shrine Family Movie	
T 10	Deadwood  Diagram Watta Paril Cit	D 1 44	Day/Christmas Party	
June 12	Divan/Finance Meeting-Rapid City	December 11	Stated Divan/Finance Meeting/Elections Deadwood	
June 21-23	Grand Lodge Pierre	December 14	Northern Hills Shrine Club	
June 29	Northern Hills Circus	December 14	Christmas Party	
June 30	Lemmon Circus	December 21	RCSC Christmas Party	
June 30-July 4	Imperial Session-Indianapolis	January 8	Stated Divan/Finance	
July 5	News Nugget Deadline	J J -	Meeting/Installation-Deadwood	



## NAJA SHRINERS SPRING CEREMONIAL AND SHRINERS BALL

Mark your calendars
This fun-filled event will be held at The Lodge in Deadwood

June 7 & 8

All Shriners and Masons are encouraged to attend!
Invitations and more info coming soon.



## From the Office

Wow, a new year and it is shaping up to be an exciting one. Here's what has been happening at the Divan/Finance Committee meetings.

#### November

- Noble Guy Donley presented three bids for the proposed addition to the storage b uilding located by the Shrine Club. The bids were discussed as well as alternative funding possibilities. This issue was tabled at this time.
- Darrick Brooks from Wells Fargo gave a quarterly report on the in vestment accounts including the Shoblom, Baldwin, and Children's Hospital Trusts. All investments have had good returns and no changes were discussed.
- CIF requests were presented and approved: Rapid City Clo wns-\$59.32; the Hospital D.A.D.S. \$404.89.
- Noble Dave Ruth, Jr., PP announced he had been contacted by the coordinator of the Outhouse Races to request Naja be a larger part of the races. It was decided by the Divan that this year Naja will work with them and learn how the event works and then possibly do more next year.
- The Divan voted to pay half of the Tessiers bill

- for the replacement of the heating unit on the Shrine Club building.
- The Hospital Division Report was given by Curtis Bentz for October: 6 trips were made and new current patient total is 437.
- Petition for Affiliation was approved for Robert Jesso.
- Divan voted to remit 1 year of dues for the nobles in active military status.

#### December

- The 2013 Hospital Di vision Budget, Naja Temple Budget, and Club and Unit b udgets were presented, discussed, and approved.
- The Rypkema Scholarship Fund Management Committee requested someone from the Shrine to be a member; Baumber ger volunteered to serve.
- Nenaber presented a proposal for an addition to the Belle F ourche Building. Project amounts to approximately \$20,000. This item was tabled.
- Petition for Affiliation was approved for Harold Kruse and a Petition for Membership was approved for Stephen Sisk.
- A motion w as approved to suspend an y members who are 2 years in arrears on the last day of the month unless payment received.

- Livesay presented a letter drafted by Wells Fargo Advisor, Buddy Belzer, to have the corporate heads at Wells Fargo return the Shoblom Trust investment responsibilities to Mr. Belzer since he was, until recently, the investing officer as well as in vestment manager of all the Naja accounts.
- Naja Temple Budget for 2012 w as amended as follows: Increases of \$1,000 for a donation to the MMSA TP and \$6,263.00 for the purchase of the Temple Van.
- Club and Unit b udgets were presented and signed by Potentate Derflinger.
- Three CIF requests were approved: Ritualistic Divan for \$21.88; Provost for \$52.59; and the Hospital D.A.D.S. for \$110.00.
- The Hospital Division Report was given by Curtis Bentz for December: 2 van trips and 5 airline tickets purchased. We received one new patient and one application. We have a total of 439 current patients.
- Petition for Initiation and Membership w as approved for Thomas Nelson
- The 2013 Mud Bog was discussed and Naja will be co-sponsor for the September 7th event.

#### Memorials and Gifts

#### Miscellaneous Donation Rhonda Van Patten

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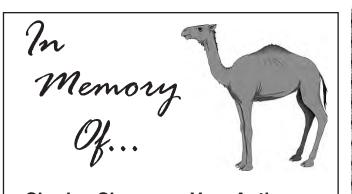
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Scottish Rite:
Deadwood, Business meeting, 2nd Mon, 7:00 pm

York Rite:

Spearfish, 3rd Mon. – Feb., Apr., Sept., Dec. Rapid City, 2nd & 4th Tuesdays

Lodges:

Belle Fourche, Cedar #124, 4th Tues, 7:30 pm
Bison, Pasque #214, 1st Thurs, 8:00 pm
Buffalo, Cedar Branch #179, 3rd Wed, 8:00 pm
Custer, Custer City #66, 3rd Tues, 7:00 pm
Deadwood #7, 1st & 3rd Tues, 7:30 pm
Dupree #171, 2nd Wed, 8:00 pm
Eagle Butte #172, 1st & 3rd Mon, 7:30 pm
Edgemont, Mt View #161, 2nd Sat in April, 9:00 am
Faith #168, 1st Thurs, 8:00 pm
Ft Pierre, Hiram #123, 3rd Mon, 8:00 pm
Hermosa, Battle River #92, 2nd Sat, 7:30 pm
Hill City, Tin City #112, 1st Wed, 7:00 pm
Hot Springs, Harmony #110, 1st & 3rd Tues, 7:30
Isabell, Sunshine #163, 1st & 3rd Thurs, 7:30 pm
Kadoka, Mt Moriah #155, 2nd Mon, 8:00 pm
Lead, Golden Star #9, 1st Thurs, 7:30 pm
Lemmon #151, 1st Wed, 7:00 pm
Martin, Pioneer #219, 1st Thurs, 8:00 pm
Philip #153, 3rd Tues, 8:00 pm
Prerre #27, 2nd Mon, 7:00 pm
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**High Twelve Clubs:** 

Mt. View #161, 4th Thursday, 7:00 pm, Dark July & August Rapid City, every Thurs Noon, Masonic Center Whitewood, 2nd & 4th Thursdays, WWD Family Restaurant

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- **Super Bowl Party** RCSC
- Nemo Outhouse Races
- 7~9 MSA Winter Session Duluth, MN
- 8~10 Outdoor Expo
  - Divan/Finance Meeting-Rapid City 6 P.M.
  - 14 Happy Valentines Day!

## March 2013

- Divan/Finance MeetingRapid City 6 PM
- 16 Installation of Queen, D.O.N.
- Naja Circus Night at Rush HockeyGame
- 17 Happy St. Patricks Day!
- 23 RCSC President's Party
- 30 Easter Egg Hunt at RCSC

