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Naja's Newsletter Promoting Fun and Fellowship

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Quick Note from the Pote

I have heard for many years that the older you get, the faster time goes by. That theory seems to be running more true every year. I can't believe NAJA is half way through 2021 already, but looking back, we have held many events in the last 6 months. WOW! The nobility ball and ceremonial, that's about all I can really say. There was a great turnout of nobles/ladies and candidates for the fun filled weekend in Deadwood. I had a nice visit with two of NAJAs young new nobles that informed me it was "GREAT" and wondered if they could go through it all again next year. They said, "spending the day right next to each other, brought us close as friends/brothers/nobles, and now we chat every day." Other events that have taken place are PBR, Deadwood; Backlash poker run, Spearfish; Kickoff to Summer Concert, Aladdin, WY; Shawn Moore Memorial Cart Races, Rapid City. It is wonderful to see the units and nobility participate and work to help with these events. It shows that our temple is on the right track to get back to having fun and start growing again.



There are many more events planned in upcoming months, and they should get your units excited. July 31st is Naja's first, patient kids camp in the Black Hills, for a few of our shrine kids and families. It will be held at the Hidden Lake Campground in Hot springs. Summer MSA in Sioux City is coming fast August 11-14 and we want everyone who attends to parade for Naja. The 1/2k pub crawl in Deadwood is August 21st, and we can't forget the circus is coming back to Rapid City Sept 17-19. If you are interested in any of these events, watch the SNAP

Shot and for other emails about helping and attending.

I'm sure people are tired of hearing about membership, but it should be very important to all of us. A few of us just returned from Imperial Session in Houston, TX, this last week. Imperial is very focused on membership, as it keeps declining every year. In the 1950's after WWII, there were around 2 millions Shriners; 2019, there were just over 200,000; and as of last week, we were at 198,000 Shriners in the world. Panama, Mexico, Brazil, and the Philippines have all gained temples and Shriners in recent years and seem to be booming, but here in the US, we are in a decline that we can't seem to stop. NAJA is no different, we have gone from 2,200 members in 1970's to 550 today. We all have friends outside the shrine, and they would make great Mason/Shriners. Why not talk and encourage them to join a couple great organizations that make good men better and have a great time doing it? We can't forget we also have the best philanthropy in the world that helps children and gives them a chance at a normal life. On October 9th, the Grand Master of South Dakota is planning a Masonic "one-day" to get new Masons into masonry. Wouldn't it be exciting to get a group of gentlemen through this event and have a Ceremonial this fall/winter. It has been a few years since we have had a Fall Ceremonial, and we should set a goal to have enough nobles ready to do this again.

As I am writing this note, I received a call of the passing of a fellow noble and good friend of mine, prayers to his family. I hope and pray that all nobles/ladies and families are doing well and in good health, and I hope to see you all at some event very soon.

Keith Hanson

Potentate, Naja Shrine 2021

Naja Sip n Shop/Blood Drive

By Jeff VanCuren

The final Sip n Shop of the season was combined with the Shine/Mason Blood Drive—A huge success!

Naja has been hosting shopping events for several years now. This past April a twist was added to the event. As we all know, in this year of Covid-19, we have seen in the news that there is a significant need for blood donors. Whether it's because people aren't getting out or more people are getting sick and need blood products, there has been a huge cry from the medical community for blood donors.

The Grand Master of Masons in South Dakota last year, Jason Swindler, made it a point to ask all

the Masonic organizations in South Dakota to consider giving blood. Naja Shrine along with the two Masonic Lodges in Rapid City have a team together to do six blood drives. Their last blood drive was a joint venture with the Sip n Shop vendor event at the Shrine Center.

Vitalant Blood Services set up for donation beds in the main office and two intake booths. They set a goal of 18 appointments and 15 units. The Brethren and Nobles exceeded that goal and donated 24

units of blood and had a great time doing it. The Vitalant Blood Services' workers were so impressed with our facility and organization they asked to come back during two of our three fall events.

As the Summer continues please take the time and make a trip to your nearest blood donation center or event and give the gift of life, blood.



Family fun shopping at the Shrine Center!



Noble Joel Stephens giving blood at the Naja Shrine Center.



Ladies Auxiliary Helping POPS

This spring the Naja Ladies Auxiliary took it upon themselves to help our local patients and support the local clinics. For several years, staff from Shriners Children's—Twin Cities have been traveling to Rapid City to hold screening and follow-up clinics with some of our patients. These clinics allow the patients to get the care they need without having to drive the long distances to Minneapolis, saving them time and our temple money in travel funds. Additionally these clinics provide physician outreach to from Shriners Children's to local pediatric and orthopedic doctors in our area.

The Pediatric Orthotic and Prosthetic Services (POPS) equipment needed for some of the follow-up procedures cannot be transported back and forth from Minneapolis to Rapid City. As a result, it has been

stored at the Shrine Center in the shed. Additionally, now that the clinics are being held at Black Hills Orthopedic and Spine Center, they have to be moved to that location for every clinic.

The Ladies Auxiliary took action and purchased a small, enclosed trailer to store and transport the equipment. The trailer was adorned with Naja and Shrine logos to proudly promote our Temple. But most importantly, it serves as a functional and valuable tool in the care of children who attend these outreach clinics.

The first post-pandemic outreach clinic occurred this month in Rapid City. Twenty three patients were seen in total, with eleven of those patients being new to Shriners Children's.



The new POPS Trailer for the Shriners Children's—Twin Cities outreach clinics.

THE CIRCUS IS BACK!

The Naja Shrine Circus is Returning to Rapid City!

The circus is coming back this year to Rapid City. While the world-wide pandemic is still causing problems with events such as circuses, there is some hope for the return of the circus. Normally Naja is able to host the Rapid City Circus in early Spring, and the Deadwood, West River, and Wall Circuses at the end of June/ early July. But 2020 and 2021 these performances had to be canceled.

Scott Sharp, Assistant Rabban and Circus Co-Chairman, began to look for alternatives. He found an available time to hold the circus at the Monument in Rapid City and a provider willing to perform during that time. As a result, 2021 will feature the **NAJA SHRINE CIRCUS**. This circus is not just a Rapid City circus, but a Naja circus.

The Naja Shrine Circus will



be held on September 17th, 18th, 19th at the Monument (formerly known as the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center) in the Barnett Arena. It will be one of the last events in the Barnett Arena before it is converted into an event center.

All the traditional circus fun will be offered: Cotton Candy by the Naja Air Patrol; Slushies and Snow Cones by the Naja Greeters; Novelties and Toys by the Fall River Shrine Patrol, and the Famous Almond Candy Bars!. The circus also provides an opportunity to come and help your Unit earn some funds by helping with these items, and assisting with other activities.

Mark your calendar, make plans, and coordinate with your Units to attend, have fun, and help this event be a success for all of Naja!





The Season of the Onion

Hundreds more pounds were sold this year than in previous years. We have discovered many delicious ways to prepare our onions from many of our customers. Some of the best ways to prepare them?.....

Onion Chips: Cut into quarters and peel layers apart. Dip into your favorite batter and fry to golden brown. Great for dipping!

Grilled Onions: Cut into thick slices. Cover with olive oil and Lowrey's Season Salt. Grill to medium brown.

Smoked Onions: Cut in half and season with salt and pepper. Place in smoker for 1 hour. Mix with butter or in favorite dip recipe.

2021 brought Shriners Vidalia Onion sales back to Naja. Last year, onions were subjected to a blight that damaged the quality of the onion. As a result, we were not able to satisfy our onion fans in Western South Dakota. But not this year! With a successful crop and hungry fans, Nobles and Ladies set out to sell, sell, SELL.



Just a small portion of the Onions that have been sold this year. After two years of no Shriners onions, people could not get enough of the sweet treat!



Onions were sold all over western SD, from Wall to Bison, and Hot Springs to Rapid City. Event at the Belle Fourche Kite Festival and Duck Races. (see page 5)

IT IS PARADE SEASON!

Here are some shots of the great parades so far this year!

Black Hills Roundup



Wasta 4th of July



Bison Gala Days



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Divan Meetings: Come Join Us!

- **August 18th Regular Meeting, Wall, SD @ 6:30. Three Amigos Bar & Grill**
- **September 8th Finance Meeting, Deadwood @ 4:30; Stated Meeting, Deadwood @ 7:00.**
- **October 13th Regular Meeting, Rapid City @ 6:30**



In a time when Naja Shrine needed some help bouncing back from the pandemic, the City of Belle Fourche generously stepped forward to assist. City leaders have decided to hold four annual events to promote the city, engage the community, and have some fun. One event that we all know is the Black Hills Roundup and Rodeo. Another event, that has recently become a community favorite is the Belle Fourche Kite Festival and Duck Races.

For the kite festival, children from the area are given a kite kit to build and decorate their own kite. Prizes are awarded for the most creative and decorated kite.



Some clowning around with Fezzly!



Some of the great kit decorating entrants, who also enjoyed some balloons from the Naja and Rapid City Clowns.

This year marks the first time hundreds of yellow ducks floated down the Belle Fourche River. Planners hoped to sell 500 ducks for the first ever duck race, but with the help of Naja Shriners all over Western South Dakota, nearly 1,000 ducks were sold. As a result two races were needed to get all the ducks down the river.

But how do you catch all those swimming ducks? You find Naja Nobles willing to get wet and fish them from the river. Thanks to the Potentate, Keith Hanson, Past Potentate Kip Wagner, and Nobles Rick Holloway, Eric Fischer, and Bryan Fischer, every duck was rescued from the river.



First place race trophy.



The race ducks just before they were dumped in the Belle Fourche River.



Presentation of the donation check.

Naja was also able to give away slushies and cotton candy to all the kids who attended. Members of both clown units tied balloons for all the kids in attendance as well.

After a fun and wet day (for some), the City of Belle Fourche was able to donate \$6,734.00 to Naja Shrine. This is an amazing gift, that is truly appreciated by our Temple. Naja will work hard to help the Belle Fourche Kite Festival and Duck Races remain a successful event for years to come!



October Nugget

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Two Weekends of Fun!

Friday and Saturday June 11 and 12
PBR and BACKLASH POKER RUN

Four events in two weekends was the highlight of a week of fun fundraising. The Professional Bull Riders Association (PBR) kicked off the weekend with an event Friday night, and again on Saturday, in Deadwood, SD. Naja sold 50/50 tickets for both nights, while nobles who helped with the event camped at the Days of 76 campground.

The second annual Backlash Motorcycle Poker Run was held again this year in the Black Hills on Saturday. Approximately 40 bikers showed up to ride on a beautiful day and support Naja Shrine.



The winners of the PBR 50/50 drawing on Friday and Saturday nights.



The owners of Backlash, Cody and Nicole Kellen appreciate all that Shriners do, especially for Cody's brother, who was a Shriner Kid.

Members of the Motor Corps and Hillbillies worked to make this year a huge success. When you need a motorcycle repair or happen to drive by, stop in and thank Cody and Nicole for supporting Naja Shrine!



Some of the riders with Cody and Nicole Kellen.



Naja getting ready to cruise the race track at the Shaw Moore Memorial Cart Races in Rapid City.



Above: Dale Claymore (PP) showed off is Naja Drift Trike at the Care Races..

Saturday June 19
CART RACES and SUMMER CONCERT

Also on Saturday, in Aladdin, WY, Naja partnered with the Aladdin General Store owners Jordan and Trent to hold the first annual Summer Kickoff Benefit Concert for Naja Shrine. The open air concert, featured the opener Skylar Gartemaker, and headlining Tris Munsick and the Innocents.

Members of the Brewing Unit, Cowboys and Hillbillies assisted in parking for the event, sling-ing beer, and cooking all the food for the evening. Ill. Sir. Keith Hanson's secret Steak Tips were served to the crowds all night long. Naja is very appreciative of Jordan and Trent for selecting us as the beneficiary of this great event.



Joel Stephens, Roger Anderson, Howard Mehlinger

The following weekend saw two major events on the same day! The Shawn Moore Memorial Cart Races at the Black Hills Speedway in Rapid City, and the Kick-off to Summer Concert, hosted by the Aladdin Store, Aladdin, WY. The Rapid City Clowns, Old McDonald Brigade, Provost and The Moonshine Gulch Hillbillies ran the full concessions at the event for the day. Additionally, some of the gate from this event, as well as an event this fall, will be going to Naja for a donation. Many thanks to Black Hills Cart Racing for supporting Naja!



Concert workers rocking it out in Aladdin!



Daddy Daughter Dance

By Jeff VanCuren

“The best dance ever,” at the Naja Shrine Center

“The best dance ever!” This was the quote from one of the daughters who attended the event with her father.

After a year of being cooped up and isolated, the Blast and Cast Unit decided to do some thing for the community. When they were approached by someone who wanted to help with a fundraiser, they jumped all over it. Rachelle White of RWhite events, asked about sponsoring a Daddy-Daughter dance. There had been a Daddy-Daughter dance in Rapid City in years past but, over the last two years they were unable to do one because there was no location to hold the event. Blast and Cast unit reached out to local DJ and friend of Naja Shriners, Colt 45, and started making plans to put together our first and hopefully not last Daddy-Daughter event.

The theme was a glow dance, and the Blast and Cast had fun decorating the dining room of the Shrine center in Rapid City. The Flying aces worked diligently to make over 100 bags of cotton candy that would be given free to each daughter who attended the dance. The Greeters, donated slushy mix and the machines which would also be giving away to each attendee.

The Blast and Cast and RWhite events then solicited donations from local businesses and put together baskets for a Raffle. When all was said and done 37 dads and 41 daughters (we also had one mother and one son) attended this first event and made it a huge success.

Some of the comments heard as the daddies were leaving the event were, that this was the best daddy daughter dance they had ever been to.

Blast and Cast would like to thank the Flying Aces and the Greeters for their assistance in helping put on such a great event for the community.



Music, dancing, slushys, cotton candy, and neon lights all added to the fun and special times for dads and their daughters at the Daddy Daughter Dance hosted by the Blast and Cast Unit (along with help from the Flying Aces and Greeters). Stay tuned because another dance is planned for this fall!



MEET YOUR NEW GRAND MASTER OF SD

Most Worshipful Master & Oriental Guide Jeffery P. VanCuren

Naja's very own Oriental Guide and just been elected the Grand Master of the State of SD for 2021-2022. This is a great honor for Naja to have another Grand Master among our fraternity.

For those of you who have not met Jeff yet, and for some who have, you may find this bit of information interesting. In Jeff's own words from a recent Facebook post:

Today I got to take a picture with the four 2021-2022 Shriners Children's Patient Ambassadors. How many people think you know me? I am a Shriners' kid. I was born with a severe club foot. Shriners made me "normal".

I was an all-conference football player. I got a 3 year Army ROTC scholarship. Served 20 years in the Army. All I am I owe to the Shriners! I am now a Shriner. Giving back to those that gave so much to me!!!!



Jeff with the Shrine Patient Ambassadors 2021



Left: Jeff with his Lady Pam after being becoming the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota.

Below: The newly elected and appointed Grand Lodge of South Dakota Jeff VanCuren - front/center; and Naja Nobles Bryant Stokes - back/2nd from left, and Chad Tipton, back/3rd from the left.



COMMUNITY DONATION

Naja Noble James Washnock and his Lady Katie help with raising funds for the Abbott House in Rapid City, a new therapeutic foster home for boys & girls.

In 2021, Abbott House will serve more children and families than ever before. In just a few years, they have more than doubled the number of youth served in South Dakota. In the past 18 months, we have opened three new Bridges Therapeutic homes; a boy's home in Mitchell and boy's and girl's homes in Rapid City.

Abbott House children have rebuilt five damaged motorcycles from 2011 to 2017 while rebuilding their own lives.

Since then Abbott House had turned its focus towards building and rebuilding homes to provide for youth and young adults who have no safe place to live and no family to support them.

This year Blackout Motorcycles, owned by James and Katie, in conjunction with Black Hills Harley Davidson, rebuilt a 2013 Harley Davidson Road King. Tickets are \$100 and only 750 will be sold. All proceeds will go to this great organization. Way to go James and Katie!



Above: James and Katie speaking about the work they did to restore the bike.



The 2013 fully restored Road King!



Right: James and Katie unveiling the bike for the first time.

Old McDonald Brigade's Wall Celebration

Old McDonald's Brigade in Wall, SD, helped to make one of the largest community events in the area a huge and refreshing success on July 11th. The Brigade sold snow cones, worked the beer tent and tended bar at the Celebration, earning all the tips from the thirsty attendees. Approximately 50 spots needed to be filled for 25 shifts during the 2-day celebration. With a little help from outside The Brigade earned nearly \$2,500 for their Unit. Funny how having so much fun can also be a great way to get together with friends and raise a bit of cash.

Toby Wagner, Jed Kammerer and Lesa Stephens serving cold beer.



Above: Kristi Wagner, Lesa Stephens, Diane Sharp, Scott Sharp, Casey Sawwell, Tessa Mitch Kammerer, and Kip Wagner.

Left: Eric Fischer and Rick Holloway.



West River Shrine Picnic

The West River Shrine Unit likes to have fun, eat, and camp. Mission accomplished on the weekend of June 25th - 27th. From fishing, to cornhole, steaks, and just relaxing with friends, the camping and picnic weekend at the Shade Hill State Park near Lemmon was fun for all.



Past Potentates Willis Kopren and Alton Palmer.



147th Imperial Session - 2021

Houston, we have landed!



Shriners from all around the world returned to Imperial Session in Houston, TX, from July 4th through July 8th. After the events of the past 18 months, many Nobles felt blessed to be able to return to see long-time friends, meet new acquaintances, and have some good old Shriner fun.

While there was a virtual Session last year and some business was accomplished, there were many items on the agenda this year to consider. From amending the by-laws to adapt to national and natural disasters (passed), to allowing international Masons to join our fraternity unaffiliated with a temple (failed), to raising the annual per capita fee to Shriners International (failed), there were many items resolved this year. Ill Sir Keith Hanson and Chief Rabban Rick Holloway will answer any questions you have about the business of Imperial—just ask!

But the Session was not all business; there was of course a parade! Temples from all around the US, the Philippines, and Central and South America

participated in the Imperial Parade in downtown Houston.

There was also a block party in the heart of the city, brewers competition with the Shriners International Taproom Association (of which the Naja Brewers are a part of), and the 1st Shrine International Cornhole Tournament.

Naja held a cornhole league throughout the spring this year. The winners of the league, Nobles Tom and Rob Doyle, accompanied the Naja delegation to Imperial to compete in the tournament. Even though the Doyle team (named Aces and Eights) lost one game in the first round and had to come back from the losers bracket, they beat the undefeated team in two straight games in the finals to become international Cornhole Champions! Their trophy's will soon be proudly displayed in the Naja Shrine Center, and they vow to return next year in Minneapolis to defend their title!

Naja encourages all Nobles and Ladies to start making plans to attend Imperial Session next year in Minneapolis. We have

set aside more rooms than we normally do, and at an area where we can park and store parade vehicles and equipment. Come have some fun with all your international Shriner friends in 2022!



Most Worshipful Grand Master of SD Jeff VenCuren with Imperial Sir Jim Smith.

Below from left to right: WM Jeff VanCuren, Unknown, Nobel Rob Doyle, Imperial Chief Rabban, Kenny Craven, Noble Tom Doyle, and Ill. Sir Keith Hanson.



The Naja delegation was easy to spot in their "tough" pink Divan shirts. From left to right: Past Potentate Pat Roberts, Rob Doyle, WM Jeff VanCuren, Ill Sir Keith Hanson, Rick Holloway, and Tom Doyle.



Rob Doyle sizing up the game just prior to their big win!

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Naja Ceremonial & Nobility Ball

Deadwood, SD

June 4 - 6th

Naja descended upon the town of Deadwood, SD, in early June this year with three goals in mind. Create new Shriners, honor the Nobles and Ladies who have made Naja great, and have a lot of fun doing it. Mission accomplished!

Naja hosted the Ceremonial and Nobility Ball this year at the Deadwood Mountain Grand. Events started on Friday with the Naja Golf Unit and a tournament at the Tomahawk Country Club. Golfers from all over Naja, as well as from other temples played 18 holes with pin prizes and awards at the end of the tournament.

One new candidate liked the fact that they were selected to golf among golfers and Nobles they did not know. Everyone had a great time, regardless of their golf skills. You are encouraged to watch the SNAP Shot for the next golf outing and come join the fun!

After an afternoon of golf everyone returned to The Grand for social. Everyone except the new candidates. This year for the Spring Ceremonial, Naja had 13 new candidates to bring into the fraternity. We also had 6 other Nobles who had walked the "Cold Sands" to become a member and who wanted to experience the "Hot Sands Of The Desert."

The candidates and Nobles participated in the First Section of the Ceremonial at the Masonic Temple before they enjoyed the rest of the evening and all the fun Deadwood has to offer.

Saturday morning is the best time for a parade; especially if you are a new Noble and had too much fun in Deadwood!

So everyone gathered at the Temple to get ready to make their Shrine parade debut. The new Nobles were escorted by seasoned Nobles to the beginning of Main Street Deadwood. To make sure we did not lose any in "The Desert," they were tied together to ensure safety. Many visitors to Deadwood marveled in the quality of new Shriners that were about to be made, and many more complimented those who were in Fezes about the great work that Shiners do all around the world.

After several stops along the way to make sure our candidates and Nobles were well hydrated, the parade commenced up Main Street.



Preparing our new Nobles for their journey through the "Hot Sands" of Deadwood.



For the safety of our new Nobles..... Many said this was the best part of Ceremonial: creating inseparable bonds for a lifetime.



Rick Holloway with his cart partner Tessa Nelson .



Past Potentate Clyde Smith and Wade Koppren showing the new guys how to golf (Brennan (left) and Sean (right) Holloway).



Ill Sir with Lady Thea Derflinger and Cindy Koppren.



Kevin Wieshaar and Past Potentate Rod Baumberger.



Naja golfers ready to hit the course!



Always clowning around! (Left to Right) Ray "Pappy" Leeman, Joel "Ketchup" Stephens, and Howard "Giddy" Mehringer.



Ceremonial and Ball

Continued

After guiding our new Nobels through the Ceremonial, it was time to celebrate our new Shriners, as well as all the Nobles of Naja Shrine. Everyone gathered in the event center of the Deadwood Mountain Grand for a prime rib dinner, music from and the Fezzing of our new Nobles.

Nineteen Nobles were formally Fezzed in front of everyone gathered for this event. Many of the new Nobles who were welcomed into Naja Shrine were legacy members; adding to the family tradition of being a member of the greatest fraternity and philanthropy in the world!

Thanks to all who attended this year's celebration of Naja! If you know of a good friend, family member or neighbor who would make a great Mason/Shriner, please encourage them to join and have fun with us!



Ill. Sir Keith Hanson and Lady Julie.



New Noble Nolan Froke.



New Noble Brandyn Medina and Lady Tasha.



Past Potentates Dave Ruth and Jeff Schroeder present Ill. Sir Keith Hanson with his Potentate smoking jacket from the Pipe and Dram unit.



Ill. Sir Sean Gardiner and Lady Tracy from Osman Shrine in Minneapolis came to celebrate with Naja Shrine.



New Noble Bailey Escott and his Lady Dez.



Past Potentate Tim Rensch and Lady Kim present Lady Julie with her Greeter roses.



Ray Leeman and his Lady Jan.



Queen of the Nile, Nina Nachtigall celebrated the with the nobility.

May Divan Meeting - Reva, SD

Ill. Sir Keith Hanson vowed in his year to hold at least one Divan meeting in his home town. After many years of traveling the 110 miles - one way - to Rapid City for Divan Meetings. Keith stated on more than one occasion that "it wont hurt you to drive to Reva."

Additionally, he wanted to bring the Divan meeting to the nobility. In May, he did just that.

Holding the regular meeting of the Naja Divan at the Reva Hall, numerous nobles from around the area attended the meeting, participated in the business of Naja Shrine, and had a good time along the way. Lady Julie organized a dinner for everyone who attended and the meeting "continued" at the Reva bar into the evening.

Keith is working to hold other

meetings outside of Rapid City or Deadwood. Watch the SNAP Shot emails that come out every other Thursday for the latest information on where and when the next Divan meeting will be. Whether in Rapid City, Deadwood, or your community, you are encouraged to attend and participate in making your Temple work.



May 2021 Regular Meeting of the Naja Divan, Reva SD.



The Nemo Outhouse Races

They are Just Around the Corner!

Start waxing your outhouse! Start greasing your shovel! Start working on your competition chili! Because the 2022 Nemo 500 Outhouse Races have been scheduled. Every year this event grows bigger, so mark your calendars and get ready to have some fun in the snow and sun! Make sure you let your friends know and have them put a team together!



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Ultimate Hawaii Escape 2022 – SHRINER STYLE

Relaxation, Exploration, and Fellowship!

Naja Shriners Chief Rabban Rick Holloway and his lady Diana announce their Ultimate Hawaiian Escape for 2022. Open to all Nobles & their ladies, families, friends, and all our Brothers, Family, and Friends.

Departing Thursday, July 7,
2022

Oahu - 4 Nights

Maui - 6 Nights



Oceanfront Rooms



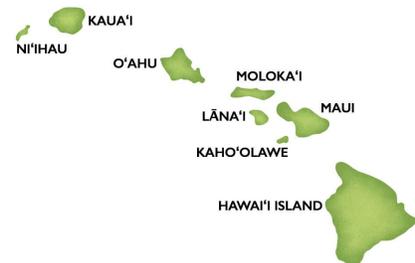
Pearl Harbor, Fireworks Dinner Cruise, Luau, Beaches, Snorkeling, Golf, and so much more.

We hope you'll join us!

Mahalo,
Rick and Diana



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Informational Meeting coming Soon!



August 2021

BOLD AND ALL CAP INDICATES NAJA FUN FUNDRAISER—HELP NEEDED

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Old MacDonald Brigade Mtg	2 Rapid City Clowns Mtg Blast & Cast Mtg	3 Air Patrol Mtg	4	5 Fall River Shrine Patrol Mtg	6 GOOD FRI- DAY	7
8 Cruise-In Car Show - Rapid City	9 Legends Ride	10	11 Summer MSA Session—Sioux City, IA	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Divan Mtg - Rapid City	19 Naja Clown Patrol Meeting, Branding Iron, Belle Fourche	20	21 Brewers 1/2 K Pub Crawl
22	23	24	25	26	27 West River Shrine Unit Mtg	28
29	30	31				



September 2021

BOLD AND ALL CAP INDICATES NAJA FUN FUNDRAISER—HELP NEEDED

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5 Old MacDonald Brigade Mtg	6 Rapid City Clown/Blast N Cast Mtg Labor Day	7	8 Stated Mtg Deadwood	9	10 Foreigner Concert - Rapid City Sell Merchandise	11 Bison Beer Event
12	13 D.A.D.S Dinner	14 Air Patrol Mtg	15 Black Hills Shrine Club Mtg	16 Naja Clown Patrol Mtg	17 Naja Circus	18 Naja Circus Cowboy Meeting
19 Naja Circus	20 Provost Meeting	21	22	23	24 West River Shrine Meeting	25
26	27	28	29	30		



October 2021

BOLD AND ALL CAP INDICATES NAJA FUN FUNDRAISER—HELP NEEDED

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Old MacDonald Brigade Mtg	4 Rapid City Clown Mtg Blast N Cast Mtg	5 Air Patrol Mtg	6	7 Fall River Shrine Patrol Mtg	8	9 Masonic One Day Oktoberfest
10	11 Greeters Mtg	12	13 Divan Mtg Rapid City	14	15	16 Cowboy Mtg
17	18 Provost Mtg	19	20 Black Hills Shrine Club Mtg	21 Naja Clown Patrol Mtg	22 West River Shrine Unit Mtg	23
24	25	26	27 Patient Ser- vices/ D.A.D.S Mtg	28	29	30 Halloween Party
31 Trunk or Treat Shrine Center						





Social Media
 Networking Naja
 Advertising
 Promotion

The SNAP Unit is charged with bringing all the communication within NAJA to the next level. This unit will work on The Nugget, the NajaShriners.com site, pushing out PSA's, updating the calendar online, keeping a current presence on social media, bi-weekly communication with nobles and their ladies, taking pictures at events, helping units advertise their events, and promoting NAJA to the community.

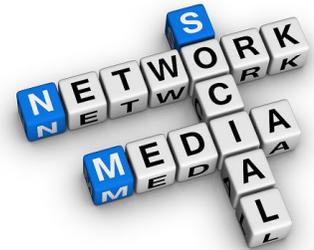
New members are welcome. This is a working group that needs people who have experience with websites, social media, and writing/editing articles. If you are interested or have questions about this unit, or have some ideas for information in The Nugget, contact the SNAP Unit at NajaSnapUnit@gmail.com

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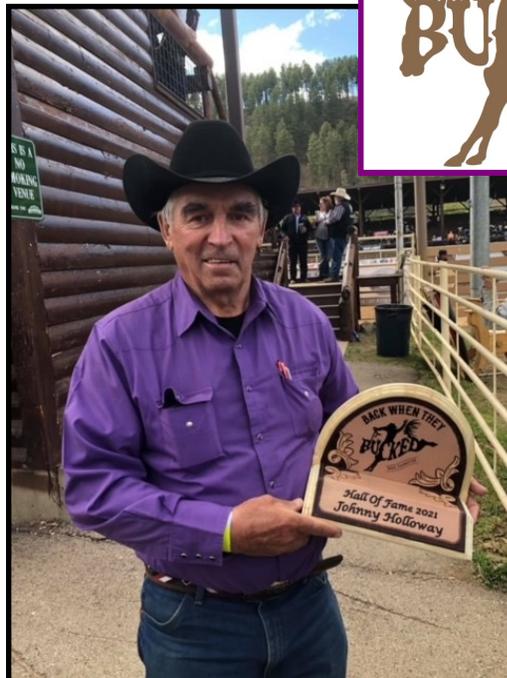
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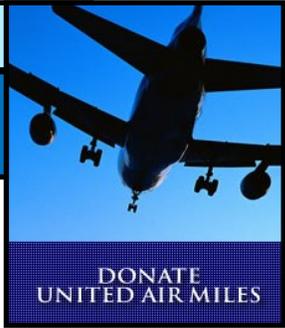
Noble Johnny Holloway, Eagle Butte, SD, was inducted into the Let'r Buck Hall of Fame of the Black Hills Stock Show Foundation in Deadwood, SD on May 30th. Johnny becomes the first inductee into the Let'r Buck Hall of Fame. The award was presented at the Back When They Bucked: An All Day Rodeo event.

Johnny and his team have regularly pulled the Naja stage coach in both the Days of 76 Parade in Deadwood, as well as the Black Hills Roundup Parade in Belle Fourche.

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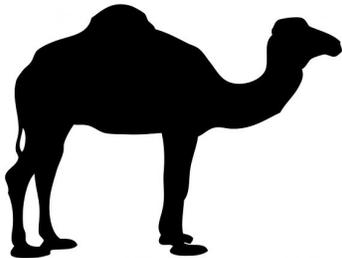
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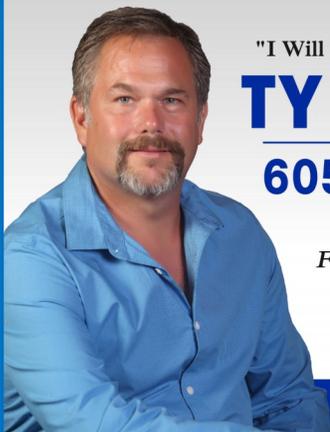
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