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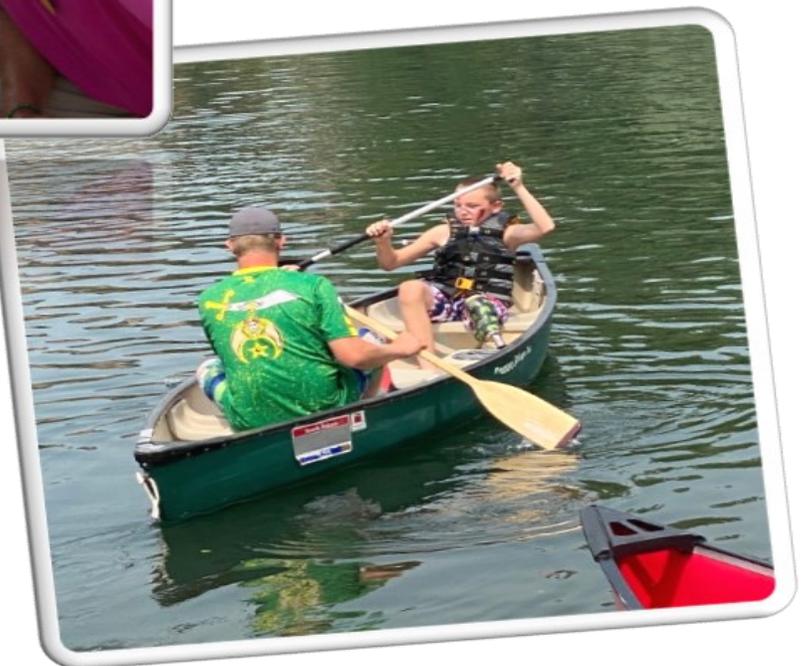
Naja Kids Camp 2021

An Amazing Day of New Experiences!



“ Thank you! You helped my children feel like every other kid feels in a healthy world!

~ Shrine Patient Parent



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Naja's Newsletter Promoting Fun and Fellowship

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Quick Note from the Pote



What a great group of nobles that we have in NAJA shrine! A temple can't ask for a more active group of people that seem to come out of the woodwork when you really need the help. With all the events that have taken place this summer, it seems that only a few days ago it was the first of July (summer few by). Imperial this year was held in Houston, TX, where NAJA participated in the First Imperial Cornhole Tournament. I'm pleased to say that nobles Tom and Rob Doyle are the National Champions. They won two sets of cornhole boards, but they graciously gave one set to the second place team. The set Tom and Rob won were proudly displayed the following week at NAJAs first annual cornhole tournament that was held at the shrine center in Rapid City.

Lady Julie's project this year was to start a kid's camp in the Black Hills area. Hidden Lake Campground in Hot Springs was selected for the first camp, and it was a huge success. This was one of the events that we asked for a lot of help, as we had no idea how it was going to go. Nobles and ladies came in great force, and I have to thank everyone for coming and helping make this a great time for our patients and families. Summer MSA was held in Sioux City the first part of August. Three trailers of parade vehicles were taken for the two parades that were held. We had 16 couples attend, and everyone had a great time hanging out with nobles and friends from Zor Temple who were also staying in the hotel.

The circus committee for the Rapid City Circus refused to go another year without a circus. After a lot of work and looking, they came up with a provider, place and time, and on September 17-19 NAJA held a circus at the Monument (formerly known as the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center). I was unable to make it to the performances, but a clown named Squeak was at every performance in my place. I shaved off my whiskers (the first time in maybe 16 years), put on some clown makeup, and had a blast. I'd have to tell the nobles, join a new unit, or get involved with another unit for awhile, it may change your outlook and get you excited about doing something new in Shrine again like it did me. If lady Diana Holloway wouldn't have told Rick it was me, I think I could have had him fooled for a couple days. Again, thank you to everyone that came and helped with the Naja Circus, it was exciting to have a circus back again and watch the attendees enjoy themselves.

There are still more events planned through the end of the year, and it would be great to see you nobles attend. Christmas parties and Stated Divan/ Noble meetings. Look in this Nugget and keep watch out in the SNAP for times and locations.

Thank you Nobles, Ladies and families for making this year 2021 a year of fun and fellowship.

Keith Hanson

Potentate, Naja Shrine 2021

BREWERS BRING BEER TO BISON

The Naja Brewers have been brewing beer for Shrine events for over 3 years. Since the passage of new laws this past year in South Dakota, they now will have opportunities to share their beer with the public!

In September every year, the community of Bison, SD, hosts a BBQ cookoff, bringing in competitors from all around the region. Grillers and smokers spend hours working on their best creations of pulled pork, ribs, wings, beans, and desserts using smokers and grills.

What could make this even better? Beer from Naja Brewing Unit! When the Brewers were asked to help with this event, they had 30 gallons of different styles of beer ready to serve. They had brewed this beer to compete in the Imperial

Session Brewing Competition; however, logistically they could not get the beer to Houston.

The beer was served to all who wanted to try the different styles, and within 4 hours, it was all gone! Just in time for the brewers to go and sample all the great BBQ that was ready to eat.

Later that evening, the Brewers, along with the West River Shrine Unit, participated in the Beer-In-Hand Kickball Tournament. A lot of beer was worn, but it was fun!



30 gallons of beer ready to serve. From lagers, to pale ales, to stouts, the Brewers served it all.



Members of the Naja kickball team from the West River Shrine Unit and Brewers cheering on their team. No beer spilled here.



Buffalo Chip Legends Ride



This year's Buffalo Chip Legends Ride was one the biggest on record. With record crowds attending the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally this year, many chose to support the great causes benefiting the Legends Ride this year. Naja, again this year was one of those beneficiaries.

The event started at the new Outlaw Square and Legends Steak House in Deadwood this year with lunch. Hosting the lunch was actor Tom Berenger, stock car racer Mike Skinner, and Super Bowl Champion Earl Dotson.

After, the crowds assembled in the square for live auctions and a guest appearance by the Governor of South Dakota, Gov. Kristi Noem. A painting of her by artist David Uhl was auctioned raising \$55,000 for charities, as well as \$25,000 for the flag the governor carried on stage riding her horse Ice Man.



Deadwood Mayor and Past Potentate Dave Ruth addressing the crowd .

After the auctions, everyone hit the road for a ride to the Buffalo Chip in Sturgis, SD. The governor and Buffalo Chip president and founder, Rod Woodruff led the ride.

"Getting to make this ride every year and support the charities in this area has become a tradition every time I come to Sturgis," one biker commented. Another stated, "You folks in this part of the country are so lucky! You have all this wonderful land and the people here are the best!"



Naja Legends Ride from right to left: Joel and Lesa Stephens, Rick Holloway, Julie and Potentate Keith Hanson, Kristi and Kip Wagner (PP), and Diane and Scott Sharp.



Noble Rick Holloway helps with the auction at the Outlaw Square.



Governor Noem with the winners of the custom Motorcycle and painting. Can you spot the Naja people in the crowd?

The Hillbilly Clan again picked a great summer weekend day to host the Dakota Rods Classics, 2nd Annual Car Show. Held during the Sturgis Rally this year the thought was to lure in a few out-of-towners with a giant Budweiser sign hanging on Lola May. The plan worked pretty well, but the warm weather made it even better.

Forty to fifty beautiful cars were shining in the sun thanks to the membership of the Dakota Rods and Classic Car Club, and a few cars displayed by members of other car clubs.

Many thanks to all the Hillbillies, Shrine members, and their ladies who helped make this a fun event. We are looking forward to an even bigger and more lucrative event next year!



New Naja Noble, Brendyn Medina standing in front of the Rapid City Police Department's classic patrol car. The car is fully set up as a modern patrol car for daily patrols, including state of the art communications, radar, and deployment firearms. Brandon is a liaison and public relations representative for the RCPD.



The classic cars were lined up and filled the Naja Shrine Center parking lot. Nearly every decade in the past 100 years was represented at the car show, including Lola May, the Hillbillies trusty and rust clan wagon.

Second Annual Hillbilly Classic Car Show



SUMMER MSA FUN - SIOUX CITY, IA



Mostly, the Summer MSA allowed for time to socialize with each other and with friends from other temples.

The Shriners and Ladies who attended the final parade in Sioux City were treated with a heart-warming thank you from Mia, a Shrine Patient from the Sioux City area. Mia was also able to thank Imp. Sir Bill Bailey and the other Imperial representatives. Moments like this melt your heart.

If you did not make MSA this year, plan to attend next year in Green Bay, WI. You will have a great time!

Right: Ill. Sir Keith Hanson and Naja Nobles with Mia after the parade.

Below: Mia's personal thank you to Shriners, "Thank you Shriners, Because of you, I'm now LEG BRACE FREE!!!!"



Summer MSA is a time to see old friends, enjoy some great food and BBQ at an oasis, and of course PARADE! This year's Summer MSA was hosted by Abu Bekr Shriners of Sioux City, Iowa from August 18th through the 21st.

Summer MSA is a great time for temples in the Midwest to come together and enjoy a lot of fun and fellowship. This year's MSA had something for everyone, BBQ's, a Ladies Luncheon, unit competitions, a street dance and concert, counterparts gatherings, and two big parades.



Rick Holloway, Eric Fischer and Bryant Stokes cruising during the Sioux City MSA Parade.

The Naja Blast and Cast paraded with their newly acquired mini-ATVs, doing their best to parade in style. They even performed for the Imperial Potentate, Bill Bailey, and other Imperial Divan members who attended MSA this year.

During competitions, Naja's own Ray "Pappy" Leeman walked away with three awards for his clowning around, placing 2nd in Character Clown and One Man Skit competitions, and the winner in Best Clown in Unit. Congratulations Pappy, and thank you for representing Naja at this year's competitions.



Naja Ladies at the MSA Ladies Luncheon.



Naja Ladies taking a break and cooling off before heading to the Street dance.



Ray "Pappy" Leeman with his awards from the clown competitions.



Naja Partnered with Yeldez Shrine for an awesome hospitality room!



Ill. Sir. Keith Hanson and Lady Cindy Kopren relaxing in between MSA events.



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Divan Meetings: Come Join Us!

- **November 10th Regular Meeting, Rapid City @ 6:30.**
- **December 8th Finance Meeting, Deadwood @ 4:30;
Stated Meeting and Elections, Deadwood @ 7:00.**
- **January 15th Finance Meeting, Deadwood @ 10:00 am;
Stated Meeting and Installation, Deadwood @ 4:00**



Common Cents Charity Golf Tournament

Working Together,
Golf Tournament
and Stores Raise
Over \$100,000 for
Shriners!

By Steve Hendrickson

Working together towards a shared goal . . . That's what they are all about here at Common Cents. Throughout the past year and a half, this commitment could not have been more important. And by working together, the employees, customers, and suppliers at Common Cents helped raise over \$100,000 to support Shriners in their five state trade area.

The Common Cents Charity Golf Tournament was again held in Rapid City on September 9th at the Golf Club at Red Rock. This tournament is ultra popular with the suppliers, and this year a record number of teams and players attended.

The Corona Virus was again on everyone's mind, but the players got a chance for some good old fashioned fun and comradery on and off of the golf course, with some excellent food thrown in as well.

The highlight of the day was when Naja Shriners' own Sean Holloway shot a hole-in-one on the Par-3 8th hole during the event! That Naja team also placed 2nd overall for the day. Naja was well represented at the tournament with several teams competing and having fun.

The Golf tournament itself raised a record \$45,000 for Shriners!

Add to the amazing story . . . the Common Cents store team members really got behind the customer donation part of the fund raising during the last several weeks of July and August. What started out as a spare change donation campaign, quickly turned into a commitment by employees to raise money to support Shriners.

Steve Hendrickson was Potentate in 2010 and has organized the Golf Tournament and Change Program for many years. The funds raised have helped Naja help the kids we work with. Next time you see Steve thank him for all he has done!



Noble Sean Holloway with his hole-in-one ball from the tournament.

The great thing is that this money will stay right in the community where it was donated. This year, the Common Cents teams raised a record amount of \$61,000, lead by store in Wall with \$8,100!

"As a Shriner, I want to thank each and every one of the customers, suppliers, and especially the Common Cents staff for supporting something I have devoted half of my life to . . . Having Fun Helping Children."

~Steve Hendrickson, PP



The Naja 2nd Place Team of Sean Holloway, Jack Viger (middle), Aric Lopez (not pictured) and Cody Schriber (not pictured) are all new Nobles to Naja this year! Also pictured are Nobles Rick Holloway, Loui Osborn, and Steve Hendrickson.



Naja Shrine Fezzes greeted everyone who registered for the event.



January Nugget

DEADLINE

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Broken bones are never convenient, now more than ever. We're here to help.

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NAJA KIDS CAMP

July 31, 2021, at the Hidden Lake Campground, Hot Springs, SD

Naja held it's first Shrine Patient Kid's Camp at the end of July this year. The event had been planned and worked on for many months as part of Lady Julie Hanson's project for this year. It all started last year with the creation of the Black Hills Meat Fest, which raises funds to support the Kids Camp program.

This year, Naja hosted 10 patients and their families. The kids were able to fish, go on a hike, create some fun art, enjoy face painting, swimming/water fun, and boating. The food was amazing, and at the end of the day, the kids were able to be in their own Shrine parade through the campground.

When they were done with the day's activities, all patients went home with goody bags, fishing poles, beach towels, and Naja Shrine Kid's Camp t-shirts.

The day was so much fun, with many helpful Nobles & Ladies making the camp a huge success. The best way to describe the impact of the camp on these kids, is from the thoughts from one patient's mother:



Face painting was a big hit for the kids

"Thank you so much for inviting our children to your day camp- they had a BLAST! They did not have a single complaint from the day and in fact- were delighted to have been a part of it!!!

We really enjoyed the diversity of activities and thought you really put together a great event!

Starting the day in groups was kind of nice because it helped to associate the kids with one another. Although, the beauty of children is, once they get to having a good time, making acquaintances is easy for them!

The location was amazing. It was large enough that you had some space but small enough you could keep an eye on everyone. The lake was fabulous for and, the kayaks and canoes and paddle boats were fantastic- all super fun water activities that not every kid gets to experience!

Giving the kids cameras and film was brilliant! They loved feeling like little photographers and, they both kept all of their photos in their special boxes at home. For my kids, that really means something!!!

The food was BEYOND expectation—Thank You! It was a real treat to have WARM food and cold watermelon. It was above and beyond if you ask us!

It was nice to have calm down activities like the craft and paint areas too... sometimes the littles get to running so hard, they forget they are tired.

Being part of the parade was awesome for them also- they really felt like little rock stars.

As a parent, to not one but two disabled children and Shriner Patient's is a humbling experience. My kids are both just on the cusp of everything. Not quite disabled enough to outright be excluded but indeed disabled just enough to not quite be totally capable of participating either. The Shriner events always help to fill that gap for them.



Noble Roger Anderson teaching the fundamentals of fishing. Many kids had never fished before this camp. Every kid was able to take their fishing gear home with them and continue to enjoy fishing for years to come.



Arts and craft time.

You help them be a part of something and not... feel "less than" while participating. You always help them to feel, like every other kid feels in the healthy world. You always do it with absolute love and sincerity. Some folks try this with other organizations but it flips on them and my kids tend to feel like bugs in a jar. With the Shriners, this is never the case. They feel whole and one-normal. And, as a Mom... that is without words, measure or worth.

In closing... thank you. For always inviting us, to everything. Thank you for taking us in when other medical associations told us we were not enough. Thank you for supporting us when we felt lost and alone. Thank you... for loving our children.

With all our love in return~ "



NAJA KIDS CAMP

We want to thank everyone who helped make the first Kid's Camp a huge success. Our goal every year is to extend our care of Naja's patients beyond the hospital walls. We are devoted to giving patients the opportunity to participate in activities that build skills and interest in outdoor activities, develop friendships with other patients and their families, and most importantly, spend time just being kids with other kids.

Many of these kids experienced some of the activities for the first time. New friendships were created between patients, and parents were able to connect with other parents of children that have similar experiences.

Naja Shrine will continue this program for years to come, with the goal of developing multiple camps each year, tailored to specific activities and needs. We are also planning to partner with other programs in Western South Dakota to offer our patients and their families an opportunity to enjoy winter activities and outdoor adventures.

Again, the support of our patients and their families by Naja Nobles and Ladies means more than words can say.



Illustrious Sir Keith Hanson and Noble Tom Doyle relaxing with Ruby in between activities.



Marshall enjoying his first kayak ride. His uncle, Nobel John Thomas, later said that Marshall now wants a kayak for Christmas rather than the video game he had been asking for.



Nobles Casey Sawvell and Scott Pinney helping Nate with his new passion for fishing.



Picture anyone? The campers each received their own camera to take pictures along their nature hike. They also took many pictures of the new friends they made while at the camp.



FROM THE FRONT COVER:

Top: Noble Camden Sawvell helping Marshall with his first canoe experience.

Bottom: Noble Joel Stevens bringing lots of smiles to Lily.



Lady Lesa Stephens granting wishes with face painting



FOREIGNER

The 70's and 80's rock band Foreigner has had a relationship with The Shrine and Shriners Children's for many years now. The band contacts local shrine temples when they play in a community and asks them to help sell CDs at the concert. Proceeds from these sales go back to that local temple as a fundraiser. Additionally, \$1.00 from every ticket sales at their concerts have been donated back to Shriners Children's.

Over time, it became more than a nice charitable offering for them. They saw what we do for our patients, and they wanted to have a bigger impact. Foreigner's manager, Phil Carson, approached Shriners Children's with the mind-blowing offer to donate their #1 hit song, *I Want To Know What Love Is*.

The concept for a new music video, featuring lead singer Mick Jones, keyboardist Kelly Hanson, and some Shriners children. Foreigner loved the idea and decided to donate all proceeds from the music download to Shriners Hospitals.

As the video was being developed, the band wanted to do more, so they produced a new live version of their greatest hits, and have been donating all proceeds to Shriners Children's.

Shriners are eternally grateful to Mick, Kelly, and Phil for showing so much love to our kids, by donating their art, their music, and their time and talent to help them out. We love Foreigner!



Mick Jones (above) and Kelly Hanson (right) with Shiner patients during filming of the music video.



(Above) Foreigner in concert at the Monument in Rapid City, September 10th, 2021. Naja Shrine was present and sold CD's and a chance to win an electric guitar signed by the band. Proceeds from the CD sales were donated to Naja Shrine. This concert was one of the first concerts the band has performed since starting to tour again after the Covid-19 pandemic. Foreigner rocked the house!



The Longest Day Cornhole Tournament



During the tournament, Naja brought in a new Noble. Noble Cody Schreiber was fezzed by his good friend and fellow new Noble, Sean Holloway during a break in the tournament. Cody, Sean, and 14 other new Nobles joined Naja during the Ceremonial in June this past summer. (See the July-Sept issue of the Nugget).

Welcome Noble Cody to our fraternity next time you see him.

On July 17th, the Naja Shrine Center was the meeting place for the Longest Day Cornhole Tournament organized by the West River Cornhole Association. The tournament was billed as one big long day of cornhole games, food, BBQ, beer and fun.

There were 5 tournaments held throughout the day, starting at 8:00 am, and not ending until 9:00 pm that evening. It was HOT, and the games were competitive.

All proceeds from the tournament went to Naja Shrine. Thank you West River Cornhole Association for your continued support of Naja Shrine!



Ill. Sir Keith Hanson and Nobel Mitch Kammerer battle it out to advance to the next round of the final tournament.

The Naja Brewers worked to develop a new and fun fundraiser this year to support their unit and Naja temple. In conjunction with beer activities in Deadwood on the weekend of August 21st, the Naja Brewers decided to focus on fitness for people who love beer.

Billed as an adult beer run, a challenging course, spanning seven downtown Deadwood locations; complete with stair climbs and requiring less than a half-mile in total exertion absolutely beckons for participation as the Naja Brewers roll out the barrel for their first-ever 1/2K Beer-a-Thon, the perfect respite from the dog days of summer.

Participants were allowed to chart their own course from Saloon #10 to Outlaw Square. For example, a Beer-A-Thon participant could start at the Saloon #10, venture over to the Bodega, prepare for an elevation change at Diamond Lil's, experience an even steeper elevation change at The Elks, then head over to Hickocks, on to His/Hers Ale House, and finish up at The Silverado Deck.

Noble and Brewer, Kevin Wagner lead the planning and implementation of the event. The Brewers are hoping to grow the "race" in coming years by involving local home brewers and breweries in the Black Hills.



1/2k Beer-A-Thon

The Brewer's mascot, HopFoz was on every cup. And racers stopping for some hydration at the Midnight Star.



Part of the Naja Beer-A-Thon Team and Brewers are registered and ready to run!



By Don Stover

NAJA SHRINE CENTER - Did you know?

We've all seen our advertising at one time or the other, "Event Room Rental." And we are not alone. As it turns out, many people have seen it and take advantage of a great opportunity to rent an amazing facility. Yes, our spacious and well appointed Shrine Center is routinely in demand.

Just how popular is it? Read on and you will get an idea how the decision to rent the Naja Shrine Center back in 2018 has paid off while providing excellent visibility to our name and our logo. We thought it would be of interest to share the high level of usage of our facility even though Covid-19 interfered with all our lives. Take a look and you will get an idea of how important this revenue stream is to Naja.

A tour bus waits to unload tourists from around the country enjoying the Black Hills.



Naja has always rented out the Shrine Center, but in 2018 we were approached by a local caterer to be the host facility for tourist bus tours that visit the Black Hills every summer. During the summer of 2018, the Shrine Center hosted over 3,700 visitors, and over 3,050 in 2019. There were no busses for 2020, but even with a shortened season in 2021, the Shrine Center hosted over 1,500 visitors.

The Shrine Center has also been rented during that time for weddings, birthdays, graduation, memorials,

and business meetings.

During these same time periods, there were 9 weddings with 1200 total attendees.

Even though we have rented the Shrine Center to the public more in recent years, we have also had nobles who rented the center for family or personal events. The center also provided attractive space for 2 patient events and 3 community fundraising events for Naja. These included: 2 car shows, "Daddy Daughter Ball", and five Sip N Shops. And we also can't forget the fun, community "Trunk or Treat" activities.

Yes, there were surely more fun and entertaining events, but you can easily see the significance of the value of our Center to the overall financial health of the NAJA Shrine Temple.

We can all help by sharing information on the space, attractiveness, and utility of our center. Keep your ears open, and should you encounter a possible renter, ask them to call our office, 605 342 3402 or share the email of:

TheShrineCenter@gmail.com



Birthday parties and other family events have been held at the Shrine Center. The Daddy-Daughter Dance was a big hit and a good fundraiser for the Blast n Cast unit. Use the Shrine Center for your next unit fundraiser!



Weddings are a big hit at the Shrine Center all year long.



I DONATED BLOOD




Shrine—Mason

Donate Blood and Platelets

MEMBERS OF NAJA SHRINE AND ALL LODGES GIVE TO HELP OTHERS IN OUR COMMUNITY!

DONATE



Next opportunity to give is at the Naja Sip n Shop at the Shrine Center, December 18th from 10 am to 2 pm. Contact Rick Holloway /605-415-3577) or Jeff VanCuren at 605-646-8899. Or you can give blood anytime!! When you give, make sure you tell them you are a Shriner and use code: R2MS4KIDS.



The Return of the Circus!

The Naja Shrine Circus returned in 2021 to the delight of many young - and old - fans. This year proved to be a difficult year again to try and schedule circuses for Naja. While the pandemic has subsided with the development of vaccines and therapeutics, there were still concerns about new variants of the virus for some communities. This resulted in continued restrictions in some areas of the country.

While restrictions were minimal in our area, the problem with scheduling and finding circus providers who could put enough shows together and perform in our area was a huge challenge. It quickly became apparent our spring and summer circuses were sadly not going to happen again this year, putting a financial strain on the operations of the temple.

Assistant Rabban, Scott Sharp, had other plans. He started to look for other circus providers and coordinated dates with the staff at the Monument (formerly known as the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center). And in late spring brought a proposal to the Divan to hold a fall circus in September.



Knowing many in the community wanted to bring the circus back to our area, the Divan approved the plan and the return of the Naja Shrine Circus.

While the circus committee was behind in planning and preparation, and there were shortages of novelties and other items needed to pull off a successful circus, everyone worked to get things in place come show time.

On Friday September 17th, the doors opened at the Monument, to a small crowd. Sadly, the pandemic had started to impact the area through the schools.

Both the Pine Ridge tribal schools and the Douglas public schools had quarantined and were in a distance-learning operation. Additionally, the nursing homes were reluctant to bring their residents out into a public setting. Consequently, the attendance at the Friday afternoon show was very low.

However, the show must go on, and the performance was a big success. Throughout the rest of the weekend, attendance was very good and everyone was entertained by the elephants, tigers, motorcycle acts, and the Naja Clowns.

The Circus provider brought in a tiger act from Connecticut specifically for the Naja Circus. Additionally, with the illness of the elephant trainer, they flew in extra help from Florida to assist with the elephant rides. And those rides were a big hit, with lines stretching from the floor of the arena to the upper seating level for some shows!



Many kids took the opportunity to do some clowning around with the Naja Clowns. Nobles Howard Mehninger and Casey Dolney.



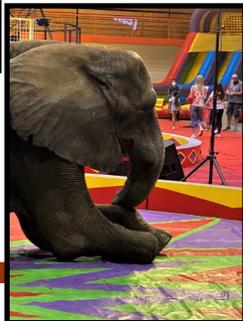
This little clown was so happy to be at the Naja Shrine Circus. He is a pretty cute guy!

While the attendance was a bit smaller than normal years, and the pandemic impacted what we could offer attendees this year, many people who attended expressed their appreciation for Naja's efforts in bringing the Circus back to area. One parent stated, "Thank you so much for the circus! I really thought that my kids might never see a circus with tigers and elephants again. I hope you keep doing this in the coming years."

Well Naja plans to hold circuses for as long as we can do it. It is still unclear how the pandemic will impact the circus providers in the future. Jordan Circus has pledged to come back to Naja next year with circuses



The elephant rides were a huge hit with kids and adults at the Naja Shrine Circus.



Lorali Mutschelknaus was a big helper selling novelties. But hey, she needed a slushie break! Eric Fischer also liked the novelties

Right: Ladies Julie Hanson, Kim Rensch, and Diana Holloway help Nobel Larry Broomfield with the ever-popular slushies.



in Rapid City, Deadwood, Wall, and north western South Dakota just like in years past, and Naja will plan to keep the fun and entertainment coming back to South Dakota!



Las Vegas

Shriners Children's Open

Sun, Fun
Great Golf

For the past 14 years, Shriners Children's (formerly Shriners Hospitals for Children) have sponsored the FedEx cup PGA tournament to promote the work we do for children all around the world. The event generates great promotional opportunities and exposure for our cause.

To run a tournament of this caliber, it takes approximately 1,000 volunteers to marshal the golf course, attend to the driving and practice ranges, assist in tracking the balls and shots, and supporting the operation of the tournament. This provides Shriners, Ladies, family and friends an opportunity to help a great cause, enjoy spectacular Las Vegas weather and fun, and watch some of the best PGA golfers in the world compete.

Naja has had volunteers at the tournament in the past, Past Potentates Dave Jones, Floyd Rummel, and Willis Kopren have helped, along with their ladies and family. This year, Naja was represented by Floyd and Luanne Rummel, Rick and Diana Holloway, Kel Brockel and his son Jim, Sean Holloway, and Jake Viger. The group assisted El Riad Shrine with Marshalling several holes and with the pros on the driving range and practice greens.



The tee-box (left) and the fairway and green of hole #8.

The Shriners Children's Open is held at the beautiful TPC Summerlin, in Las Vegas, which has been honored by Golf Digest magazine as "One of America's Best Golf Courses." With a purse of \$7 million, the event attracts some of the most recognized names in golf each year – Tiger Woods took home his inaugural PGA TOUR win here in 1996. Past Open tournament champions include Fuzzy Zoeller, Greg Norman, Davis Love III, Tiger Woods, Jim Furyk, Webb Simpson, Bryson DeChambeau, Kevin Na and in 2020, Martin Laird. This year's champion was Sungjae Im from South Korea with a score of – 24.

Each year, 22 patients are chosen to represent the healthcare system during the tournament. The patients serve as standard bearers – carrying the scores of professional golfers as they compete in the tournament, while making memories that will last a lifetime. The Shriners Hospitals representatives enjoy a rare "inside the ropes" opportunity at the PGA TOUR event where they meet and interact with the pros, patients from across the country, Shriners and the Shriners Hospitals for Children community.

As part of their participation in the tournament, the ambassadors' and standard bearers' stories and photos appear in the tournament program, and are also shared with the Golf Channel, which televises the tournament, reaching over 700 million homes across 240 countries worldwide!

In 2022, the Open will be held on October 6th - 9th, and Naja will again make plans to volunteer at this great event. Watch the Nugget and the SnapShot for details throughout next summer, and we hope you can join us in the fun!



(Above) Rick Holloway with Imp. Sir Matt and Lady Mandii Sturlaugson. (Right) Their daughter Gabbie who is a Patient Ambassador for Shriners Twin Cities.



Leader Board at the 9th Green on Day 1 of the tournament.



Part of Team Naja from left to right: Sean Holloway, Floyd Rummel (PP), Diana Holloway, Rick Holloway, and Jake Viger on Marshalling the 8th tee-box .



The Nemo Outhouse Races

They are Just Around the Corner!

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Nov 2021

BOLD AND ALL CAP INDICATES NAJA FUN FUNDRAISER—HELP NEEDED

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 RC Clown Mtg Blast & Cast Mtg	2 Air Patrol	3	4	5	6 Black Hills Meat Fest @BH Harley
7 Old MacDon- ald's Brigade Mtg	8	9	10 Finance/Divan Mtg ~ Rapid City	11 Veteran's Day	12	13
14	15 Provost Mtg	16	17 BH Shrine Club Mtg	18 Naja Clown Patrol Mtg ~ Branding Iron Belle Fourche	19 West River Shrine Christ- mas Party ~ Bison	20 Sip N Shop ~ Shrine Ctr Cowboys Mtg Daddy Daugh- ter Dance ~ Shrine Ctr
21	22	23	24	25 Thanksgiving	26	27
28	29 Provost Meet- ing	30				



Dec 2021

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Kids Carnival ~ Shrine Ctr
5 Old MacDonald's Brigade Mtg	6 Rapid City Clown/Blast N Cast Mtg	7 Air Patrol Mtg	8 Stated Meeting and Elections, Finance/Divan Mtg ~ Deadwood	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 BH Shrine Club Mtg	16 Naja Clown Patrol Mtg	17	18 Sip N Shop/Blood Drive ~ Shrine Ctr All Shrine Christmas Party
19	20 Provost Mtg	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas
26	27	28	29	30	31 New Years Eve	



Jan 2022

BOLD AND ALL CAP INDICATES NAJA FUN FUNDRAISER—HELP NEEDED

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 New Year's Day
2 Old MacDon- ald's Brigade Mtg	3 Rapid City Clown/Blast N Cast Mtg	4 Air Patrol Mtg	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 Roast the Pote ~ Deadwood	15 Finance/Divan Stated Mtg Installation ~
16	17 Provost Mtg	18	19 BH Shrine Club Mtg	20 Naja Clown Patrol Mtg	21	22 East/West Shrine Bowl Pre-Game ~ Robbinsdale Lounge RC
23	24	25	26	27	28 West River Shrine Unit Mtg	29 Past Potentate Dinner
30	31					





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.

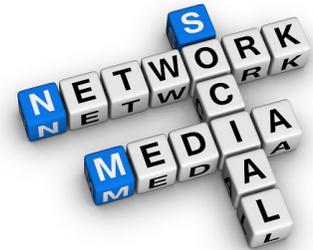
New members are welcome. This is a working group that needs people who have experience with websites, social media, and writing/editing articles. If you are interested or have questions about this unit, or have some ideas for information in The Nugget, contact the SNAP Unit at NajaSnapUnit@gmail.com

While some of us are more tech savvy than others - Naja Shriners are connecting through our social media sites!

JOIN US!

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Noble Spotlight:

Past Potentate Pat Roberts (2001) has been part of the Naja family for many years and in leadership for 30 years! After serving 10 years on Naja's Divan and finishing his year as Potentate, Pat wanted to continue to do more for Naja. He ran for, and was elected to represent Naja Shrine at Imperial Session for a total of 15 years, earning an Emeritus Status and life-time voting privileges. Those privileges guarantees Naja an extra vote at Imperial Session every year.

But just as important, Pat has also been serving on standing committees for Shriners International. He currently serves on the Borders and Jurisdictions Committee, and has done so for over 15 years.

This year at Imperial Session in Houston, TX, Pat was

presented with the Imperial Potentate's Award of Merit. The award recognized his *"outstanding achievements and selfless and extraordinary contributions to the heritage, culture, and mission of Shriners International and to the mission of Shriners Hospitals for Children."*

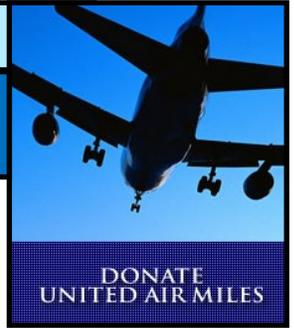
Congratulations Ill. Sir Pat, and of course Lady Annie, for your award, and thank you for over 20 years of representing Naja Shrine at the Imperial level.



Pat Roberts (PP), along with his lady Anne, accepting the Imperial Potentates Award of Merit from Imperial Sir, Jeff Sowder at the Imperial Session, Huston, TX, this year.

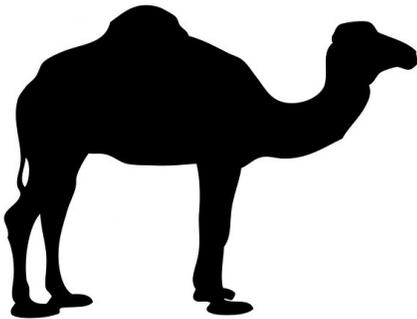


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