



THE NUGGET

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Happy New Year

2022 Naja Divan



2022 Naja Potentate
Rick Holloway and
Lady Diana



Naja Shriners

Making a Difference One Child at a Time



Naja's Newsletter Promoting Fun and Fellowship

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Quick Note from the Pote

I would like to start by expressing my gratitude to the Nobility for allowing me an opportunity to work with you all in keeping Naja Shrine one of the shining stars in Shriners International. Naja has been blessed with so many great Potentates and Divans over it's 125+ years, and I will work to continue legacy of this great fraternal organization.



The journey through the Divan has been such a learning experience for both Lady Diana and I over the past 7 years. While it seems at times a whirlwind of activities, meetings, and more meetings, it has been absolutely fun! We are looking forward to even more great times with our Shrine family throughout 2022. We have always felt that for Naja to stay active, do the great works we do, and maintain our membership, we have to primarily have fun. We hope to see many of you and have fun with us this coming year.

The focus for the temple this year will continue to be membership. Improving membership is a three part challenge: recruit new members, retain current nobles, and restore those who have slipped away from our family. The Naja Membership Committee has been going strong for the past three years and we are starting to see some great results! Another focus must be on diversifying our fundraising options. If the last two years have taught us anything, it's that we cannot solely rely on the Naja Circuses and membership dues to maintain our operational budget. We must find other ways to not only keep our financial house in order, but engage and connect with the community. And finally, we will focus on expanding the Kids Camp program and engaging with our patients and families. We do so much to help our kids get the care they need, but we can also help them with experiences and opportunities to be a just a kid when they are home.

Here are some of the things to look forward to this year and help to achieve these goals: membership, financial stability, community engagement, and our kids. We will continue with smaller community outreach opportunities such as the Belle Fourche Duck Races; Aladdin, WY, Summer Concert; Black Hills Cart Races; Buffalo Chip Legend's Ride; and more. We are also planning on a full-slate of Naja Shrine Circuses in Rapid City, Deadwood, Wall, Lemmon, and Buffalo this spring and summer. This year we are partnering up with the Black Hills Stock Show Foundation and Brink Constructors to hold the "Back When They Bucked Rodeo" in Deadwood, SD, over Memorial Day Weekend. This event has the potential to not only raise significant funds for Naja, but raise our awareness in the community. This summer, we will hold a 2 night Kids Camp at Meeting the Needs Camp near Keystone, SD, as well as a Kids Day Camp again at Hidden Lake Campground near Hot Springs, SD. Scott Sharp and Joel Stephens and their Ladies are working hard on producing a Haunted House event that will certainly engage the community, but also potentially raise funds for our temple.

This year we would like to get Naja back to the Shrine Center with events and fun. We have such a beautiful facility, that many in the community are now starting to utilize; however, we need to start using the center for ourselves as well. I would challenge every unit to host an event: a Superbowl party, St. Patrick's Day; Cinco De Mayo; Halloween party. Or hold a dinner, happy hour, social, or unit party at the Shrine Center. Diana and I are working on some events of our own, so stay tuned. And as an incentive to come to the Shrine Center and have some fun, I have gift for you the next time we meet..... just ask me.

Finally, in 2022 we celebrate two great milestones in Shrine history. It is the 150th anniversary of Shrine and the 100th anniversary of our philanthropy, Shriner's Children's. You will see reference to these great anniversaries throughout the year,. In fact any party or event we have this year should be considered a celebration of these great events!

Again, I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for allowing me a chance to work with all of you over the next year. You all have my number in the 2022 Calendar and Directory, and you are welcome to call me any time (605)-415-3577. Naja Shrine is such a great Temple, and it is all because of it's amazing Nobles and Ladies.

Fraternally Yours,

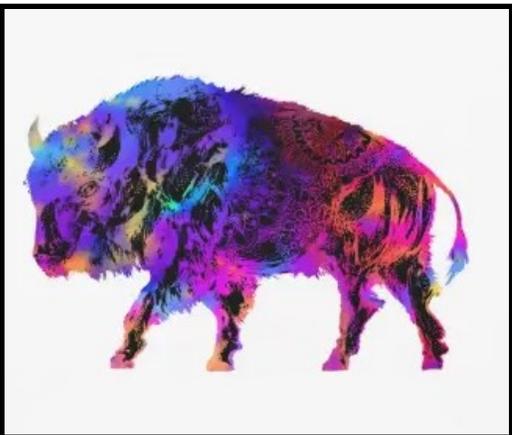
Rick Holloway, Naja Potentate 2022



Lady Diana's Program

Nobles and Ladies;

I want to thank everyone for all the well wishes as we start 2022. It was great to see so many in Deadwood for installation, and I hope you had fun. For those of you who were not able to attend, I'd like to tell you a little about my program goals for this year. Since the summer of 2015, when I attended a lady's function in Fargo, ND, during MSA, my goal was to develop a kids' camp program in Western South Dakota. I wasn't exactly sure how I was going to do it at the time, but I wanted our Naja Shrine patients to be able to attend camps with kids who were experiencing some of the same things they were. I wanted "our kids" to have the same smiles and joy of the kids I saw in Fargo. Then while attending Imperial Session in Nashville, TN, in 2019, Lady Julie and I started talking about how she also wanted to create a kid's camp program! From there we found a way to get the project off the ground and went to work. I'm so excited to continue to grow this program and make it something Naja Shriners will be giving our patients for years to come.



As you may know, the annual Black Hills Meat Fest is currently the main fundraiser for the Kids Camps with generous donations from West River Electric Cooperatives and Touchtone Electric. The event is hosted at Black Hills Harley Davidson and is held in November. So, mark your calendars to be at this event, help spin wheels, sell raffle tickets, or help in many other ways. Personally, I am also raising funds for the Kids Camps by selling a buffalo charm for the ladies and a buffalo tie/hat pin for the Nobles, men's tie's and ladies bling nametags. The strength and grace of the North American Bison is a great model for the strength, courage, and grace of our shrine patients and their families. I will also continue to sell socks that you can either keep or donate to the kids who attend kids camps this year.

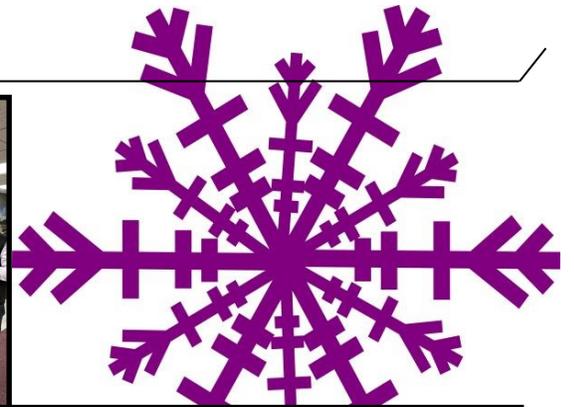
In 2022 we have two major Kid Camp events planned. The first overnight camp will be held at the end of July and will be at the Meeting the Needs Camp near Keystone, SD. This will be an amazing two-night/three-day camp with our Naja kids and their families. We will need volunteers for several activities and meals, so if you have interest in working with these kids and their families, we have a space for you! The second camp will be a day camp, a repeat of the successful and popular camp Lady Julie did this past summer. The day camp will again be held at the Hidden Lake Campground in Hot Springs, SD. In fact, make it a weekend, rent a campsite or a cabin, enjoy the fellowship with Shriners, and fill your heart helping our kids. I can tell you if you want to get a full day of nothing but smiles, hugs, and "THANK YOU'S" these camps are for you.

I'm asking all of you to join Rick and I, in having a lot of fun this year and making the Naja Kid's Camp program a legacy. Please contact me with any idea's for raising funds, activities at the camps, how to get involved, or donating from your units.



Naja Christmas Party and Fezzing

Deadwood, SD



Again, this year Naja hosted the All Naja Christmas Party at the First Gold Hotel in Deadwood, SD. The party was free to all Nobles and Ladies, and many attended this year's event.

With appetizers, prime rib, and plenty of holiday desserts, no one was left hungry. The party continued with a White Elephant gift exchange. It is not your traditional gift exchange, as each gift can be "stolen" rather than picking a new gift. Gifts changed owners several times, but everyone had a great time.

Naja also welcomed a new Noble Welchie Patterson to the family at the party this year. Welchie and his lady Patrice attended the party as guests of Ray and Jan Leeman. After dinner, the Nobles "cold-sands-ed" (an informal ceremonial) Welchie and his Lady Patrice fezzed him into our fraternity.

Welchie and Patrice are from New Castle, WY. Welchie is retired



New Naja Noble Welchie Patterson and his Lady Patrice. Past Potentate Casey Derflinger helped with the ceremony.

from the U.S. Air Force and also a retired police officer from New Castle. Patrice is a retired dispatcher from Weston County, WY. One of the primary reasons Welchie and Patrice wanted to join Naja Shrine was to be a driver and join the DADS. Next time you see Welchie or Patrice, welcome them to the Naja family.



You will notice in this picture, Past Potentate Casey Derflinger without his potentate Fez. Because we did not have Welchie's fez, Casey generously offered his fez for the ceremony. Thank you Illustrious Sir!

Last spring the Naja Blast and Cast Unit sponsored a Daddy/Daughter dance for the community, and all the proceeds were donated to the Naja Kid's Camp fund. That dance was so successful the organizer approached Naja to do it again.

The theme for the fall dance was Ties and Tiaras. The Blast and Cast Unit was blown away at the participation this time, with participation about 50% higher from the spring. The event featured the DJ from Colt 45 Entertainment (kind of appropriate for the Blast and Cast Unit), photos and photo booth from Complete Weddings, and cake and Slushies by the unit.



Daddy Daughter Dance—Part Two!

Ties and Tiaras by Jeff VanCuren

There were over 100 Daddy/Daughter couples, and of all the couples, only 3-4 were Masons/Shriners. The rest were from the community and learned about our facility and a bit about Shrine.

One special guest of the evening was our newest Shriner, Charles Lehman and his Daughter Ruby. Ruby was a guest at our Kids Camp this summer, and was the driving factor for her dad to become a Shriner-Mason. Charles, like so many other patients or family members,

want to now give back to the organization that has helped his daughter so much. In total, the two dances allowed Blast and Cast to contribute \$2,600 to the Naja Shriners Kids Camp Fund. Everyone is looking forward to The Princess and Superhero Dance in the spring. If you have a friend or family member who you think would like to participate, contact Jeff VanCuren or any member of the Blast and Cast Unit for more information.

Noble Charles Leeman with his daughter Ruby, a Naja patient dancing to groovy music. The Daddy Daughter Dance is a great way for fathers and daughters to connect, have fun, and have a special night all to themselves. If you want to help at the next Dance, contact Jeff VanCuren at 605-646-8899.



Annual Naja Kids Christmas Carnival

Then came Santa Claus, right down Santa Claus Lane, and brought Mrs. Claus with him!

That was the exciting end to a wonderful Christmas Carnival for Naja's Families and Friends!

Naja has been holding a Christmas Party and Carnival for patients and Naja kids for years and years. It is a time for the young and old alike to swing right into the Christmas Spirit.

This year, kids (and parents too) had a great time playing carnival games and winning prizes. Nobles and the ladies manned the various games like the fish pond, mini golf, ring toss and ball toss. You could hear Christmas music starting and stopping as the cake walk winners claimed their tasty prizes!

Kiddos walked around sucking on candy canes they won at the candy cane pull game.

When they weren't playing the games they munched on a lunch of chicken nuggets, hotdogs, and fries. Yummy!

Santa and Mrs. Claus ended the day by taking pictures with the kids and giving them each a gift bag. A big thank you to Noble Howard and Sally Mehringer who arranged for Santa and Mrs. Claus to join us that day - They were great!

You better watch out, and better not cry, cause Santa Claus is coming again next year, and you all will want to be there! Mark your calendars, the 2022 Kids Christmas Carnival will be on Saturday, December 3rd!



Santa and Mrs. Clause. (AKA Howard and Sally Mehringer.)

Rick Holloway helping to catch snowballs and giving away prizes.



Joel Stephens baiting a line. The fish were biting!



By Susanne Dennis

Naja held the Second Annual Black Hills Meat Fest on November 6th. Black Hills Harley Davidson again hosted the event and helped ensure the success of this event. Black Hills Harley Davidson has had so much fun hosting the event over the past two years, they have committed to do it again in 2022!

If you don't know what the Black Hills Meat Fest is all about, let us tell you. Participants spend the afternoon placing bets on raffle tables for chances to win meat and cheese. For this event, a whole beef, two whole hogs, 30 large turkeys, and 250 pounds of Dimmock cheese were raffled off. The turkeys ranged in size from 20 to 30 pounds and were obtained from the New Elm Hutterite Colony near Yankton, SD. The beef included NY Strips, Ribeye, roasts, burger, steaks and ribs. And the pork included thick cut chops, bacon, roasts, steaks, and brats.

Many participants walked away with well over 30 pounds of meat and cheese for their freezers. People also enjoyed pizza, wings, beer and tested their luck at pull tabs throughout the day.

Most of the people who attended the event were from the public and

not from Naja Shrine. This increased Naja Temple's exposure to the community and demonstrated how much fun we have as group.

But best of all, all of the proceeds of the event went to help support the Naja Kids Camp Program. Last summer and again this summer, Naja will host summer camps for our patients and their families. The funds from this event help to support those camps and ensure many patients can participate in fun summer activities with other patients and Shriners.

This year the Black Hills Meat Fest raised over \$14,000 for the Kids Camp Program!

So, mark your calendars for the Black Hills Meat Fest in 2022. It will again be held at Black Hills Harley Davidson on Saturday November 12th. We could always use your help at either the Meat Fest or at one of our Kids Camps. For more information on helping at either of these events contact Eric Fischer at 605-641-4520 or Sherri Fischer at 605-641-5688.



Above: one of the raffle wheels for meat. Right: Ribeye steaks and poker.



Above: Diana Holloway holding a pre-event meeting and getting everyone ready for a big day.



Left: Participants also purchased tickets to win coolers full of gifts, cooking and grilling supplies and other cool stuff.



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Divan Meetings: Come Join Us!

- **February 9th Regular Meeting, Rapid City @ 6:30.**
- **March 9th Regular Meeting, Rapid City @ 6:30.**
- **April 13th Finance Meeting, Deadwood @ 4:30 pm; Stated Meeting, Deadwood @ 7:00. Meal in between by the Ladies Auxiliary.**

Imperial Session 2022

July 2 through July 7
Minneapolis, MN



Naja will be attending the 2022 Imperial Session this summer in Minneapolis, MN. This Session marks the 150th anniversary of Shrine, as well as the 100th anniversary of Shriners Hospitals for Children. The celebration for these two events will be huge and all nobles of Naja Shrine are welcome to attend.

Naja has secured rooms at the Doubletree hotel located right next to Imperial Headquarters. The Doubletree is also located directly on the Imperial Parade route, making it easy for your unit to parade in an Imperial Parade. There are not many opportunities for a temple like Naja to parade at one of these large parades, but this year Naja can do just that.

The Divan encourages all units to make plan to attend the Imperial Session this year to parade and to celebrate the history of Shrine and our hospitals.

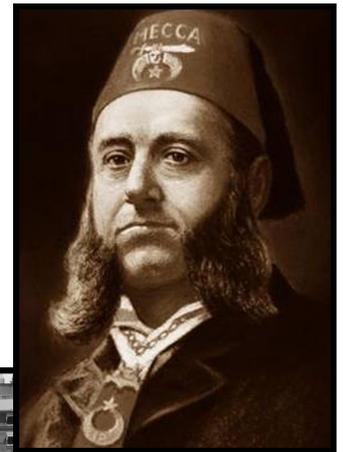
For those interested in attending Imperial Session, you can also vote on amendments to the bylaws of Shiner's Children's (or the Colorado Corporation). We simply need to register you as a Noble of Naja and you can vote on important amendments and call items during Session.

You can also sit in on and hear all the changes and business of the Fraternal Corporation (or the Iowa Corporation). Attending and participating in Imperial Session is a great way to learn more about the inner workings of Shriners International, have fun and fellowship with nobles from all around the world, and this year parade in an Imperial Shrine Parade.

Oh..... and did we mention the International competitions? Unit competitions, like motor corps, clowns, horse, and brewing are all being held on Saturday, July 2nd. Again, there are not many opportunities to compete at an international level, and we hope Naja will be able to represent this summer.

Imperial Session, with the competitions on the 2nd, and Parade on the 3rd, is scheduled so that many people can attend Imperial Session over the long 4th of July weekend.

For more information on the events and activities of Imperial Session, check out the web page at: ImperialSession2022-imperialsession.com or their Facebook page at: [20+ Shriners Imperial Session 2022 | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/20+ShrinersImperialSession2022).



April Nugget

DEADLINE

March 15, 2022



FROM SHRINERS CHILDREN'S

Kip Wagner (PP), Twin Cities Hospital Representative

WHAT'S A SHRINER?

Our story begins in Manhattan, NY in 1870. A group of 13 Masons gathered in a restaurant to discuss a new fraternity for fun and fellowship. 30 years later in 1900, there were 55,000 Shriners in the United States.

At the 1920 Imperial Session Imperial Potentate Freeland Kendrick proposed establishing the "Shriner's Hospital for Crippled Children" to be supported by a \$2 annual assessment from each Shriner. Conservative Shriners expressed doubts about assuming this kind of responsibility but Noble Forrest Adair from Yarrib Temple stood up and said, "If there is a Shriner in North America who objects to having paid \$2 after he sees the first crippled child helped, I will give him a check back myself." The resolution passed unanimously.

Our first hospital was built in Shreveport, LA in 1922. The Twin Cities hospital was next and by 1927 there were 12 locations in North America. The rules were simple: To be admitted, a child must be from a family unable to pay for the orthopedic treatment he or she would receive, be under 14 years of age, and in the opinion of the chief of staff, someone whose condition could be helped. Surgical techniques developed at Shriners soon became the standard in the orthopedic world.

In 1963 the first seven-bed wing was opened in Galveston, TX to treat children with burns. In 1980 the Shriners started working with children with spinal cord injuries and we now find ourselves in an era of change. Currently only 10% of our patient procedures require an overnight stay in the hospital. Tele-Med virtual visits, clinic visits, outpatient surgeries and outreach have all changed how healthcare is now delivered.

"Vision 2035" and the best care anywhere:

More kids, in more places, closer to home and at a lower cost. The goal for our Shrine healthcare system is to have Centers of Excellence with over 200 touch points in North America. The first to begin the process was our own Twin Cities Hospital in 2017. The Board of Governors, guided by our excellent medical team, looked at our model of care and found we would be more successful operating as a clinic and doing all surgeries at another full service facility. Not having our own emergency facilities made this an easy decision. So in June of 2020 we moved into our new clinic in Woodbury, MN along with our new name, "Shriners Children's Twin Cities." In 2019 we entered a collaboration agreement with Boystown National Research Hospital in Omaha and saw our local Out Reach Clinic open in Rapid City.

Then in October of 2020 an affiliation with Blank Children's Hospital in Des Moines and the hiring of two new Shrine doctors.

Our Shrine system across North America will treat over 400,000 kids in 2021. We continue to grow our patient numbers by 2.5% annually. Centers of Excellence, Out Reach Clinics, Tele-Medicine will all help us to increase the number of kids we help and the lives we change.

Shriners Children's: The Most Amazing



Shriners Children's Woodbury, MN Clinic. Shriners Children's Twin Cities has moved their pediatric health care facility to a new building in the City Place development in Woodbury, MN. This move is the final step in the transition to a pediatric orthopedic outpatient clinic model.



INSTALLATION WEEKEND

2022 Naja Divan

Deadwood, SD

On January 16th and 17th, Naja nobles and ladies recognized the great year that was 2021 and Illustrious Sir. Keith Hanson and Lady Julie on one day, and on the other day installed the new leadership of the Temple with Potentate Rick Holloway and Lady Diana, as well as the 2022 Naja Divan.

Elections were held at the December Stated Meeting: Rick Holloway, Potentate; Scott Sharp, Chief Rabban; Joel Stephens; Assistant Rabban; Jeff VanCuren, High Priest and Prophet; Eric Fischer, Oriental Guide; PP Mike Stirling, Recorder; and PP Jeff Schroeder, Treasurer.

Rounding out the remainder of the appointed Divan: Bryan Cole, 1st Ceremonial Master; 2nd Ceremonial Master; Bryant Stokes, Marshall; Brian Fischer, Captain Of The Guard; and Tom Doyle, Outer Guard.

Installation for Naja occurs at the January Stated Meeting. All Stated Meetings are held at the Masonic Lodge (our official Temple) in Deadwood. This year, Installation included a day to celebrate 2021, and a return of a fun event that used to be part of the transition between one potentate and the other - Roast the Pote!

A panel of roasters took their turn telling truths, half-truths, and stories about Illustrious Sir Keith Hanson. Keith's diary even made an appearance for some select reading.

After the roasting was finished on stage, the floor was opened for more roasting. Eventually, Keith was able to dish it out as good as he took it, before thanking everyone for all their support and friendship.

Keith and Julie would like to thank all Nobles and their Ladies for getting Naja active and moving again after the pandemic. It has been a great year of fun activities, the return of the circus, and amazing membership work. Keith and Julie will still be highly involved with Naja activities including the upcoming Deadwood Rodeo, Kids Camps, and The Black Hills Meat Fest.

Saturday morning, after the Divan held a finance and regular meeting, newly elected unit officers were invited to be sworn into their respective positions



Outer Guard Wade Kopren playing a song during the roast of Illustrious Sir Keith Hanson on Friday night.

by Illustrious Sir Keith Hanson. Each officer was elected by their units during a meeting in the Fall. All Units hold elections every year prior to November 30th to elect officers to serve during the ensuing year. Almost every Naja unit was represented at the swearing in.

At the same time Ladies Julie and Diana hosted the Naja Ladies for Mimosas and Bloody Marys to talk about the Kids Camp and what is in store for 2022.



Illustrious Sir Keith Hanson swearing in the unit officers of 2022 Saturday morning. All of these officers were elected in unit meetings back in the fall to serve for a year.



Ladies Julie and Diana hosting Naja's ladies for breakfast.



INSTALLATION WEEKEND

2022 Naja Divan

Deadwood, SD

Saturday afternoon, before the Stated Meeting and Installation, Naja held it's second annual Parade of Units. Each Unit was recognized and spoke of the donations they made to the Temple in 2021. While the pandemic still impacted some of the temple's ability to fundraise, Naja units did their part to help us get through these critical times.

From smaller events such as the Black Hills Kart Races and Aladdin Summer Concert, Belle Fourche Kite and Duck Race Festival, as well as bigger events such as the PBR events, BH Meat Fest, the Naja Shrine Circus, and the Common Cents Golf Tournament (which raised over \$49,000 this year), Naja units and activities raised over \$163,000! Many units also made cash donations during this event, with funds going to temple operations and the Naja Kids Camp Program.



HP&P Jeff VanCuren, who is also president of the Blast N Cast Unit presented Ladies Julie and Diana with a check for the Kids Camp totaling \$4,166 for the Naja Kid's Camps. The money was raised by the unit hosting Daddy Daughter Dances in 2021.



Lady Julie presenting a check from her socks, pig races, and charm sales in 2021. Over \$1,300 was donated to the Naja Kid's Camp.



Hospital Division Chairman Howard Mehringer presented information about the DADS work in 2021. They made a total of 21 trips and logged over 25,900 miles for our patients in 2021.



PP Steve Hendrickson presenting the Common Cents Golf Tournament Check to Illustrious Sir Keith Hanson.



PP John Jackson officiating the Installation of the 2022 Divan and Potentate Rick Holloway.

Saturday afternoon, the Stated Meeting was held with an open Installation of the 2022 Divan. Overseeing the Installation were John Jackson (PP), Floyd Rummel (PP), and Pat Roberts (PP). All officers and the Chief of Staff are sworn into their positions and presented with the fezzes of their respective office.

Illustrious Sir Rick Holloway was presented his fez by Wally Evans (PP). Wally is Rick's first line signer and was part of his Ceremonial into the Shrine. Rick talked about how Wally worked him for several years to join the Shrine, which turned out to be one of the best decisions he ever made.

Keith was presented with his Past Potentate fez and thanked everyone for all their hard work in 2021. Rick expressed his gratitude and honor to serve Naja in 2022, encouraging everyone to continue to build on the successes of 2021, have fun, and remain active.

The Installation weekend was rounded out with an amazing dinner at the Deadwood Elks Lodge and catered by Cheyenne Crossing.



Potentate Rick Holloway, Wally Evans (PP), and Steve Hendrickson (PP). Wally Evans presented the potentate fez to Rick during installation, and also to Steve during his installation in 2010.



Newly Installed Potentate Rick Holloway and Chief Rabban Scott Sharp clowning around after installation.



During the Stated Meeting, Noble Will Larson presented a memorial donation on behalf of his Lady Danielle's late grandmother, Wanda Anders



Masons and Shriners Share Connections and Values

AS MEMBERS OF THE MASONIC FRATERNITY AND FAMILY, many Shriners actively serve their lodges and Grand Lodges – some as Grand Masters. Although their stories and approaches are different, they all showcase the shared values of Masonry and Shriners International: brotherhood, charity and truth.



Dedicated to Masonry, Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children

Jeffery VanCuren's commitment to both Masonry and the Shriners organizations is rooted in gratitude. VanCuren, Grand Master of South Dakota, was treated for clubfoot at our health care facility in Minneapolis as a child, receiving care over a 10-year period.

The efforts and expertise of the staff there gave him the opportunity for a full and productive life.

He was an all-conference football player in high school, earned a three-year Army ROTC scholarship and served in the Army for 20 years. During that time, he was stationed in Germany, Virginia, North Carolina and South Dakota, as well as being deployed to Bosnia and Iraq.

He joined Fredericksburg Lodge #4 in Fredericksburg, Virginia, (the Mother Lodge of George Washington) in 2010 with the intent of becoming a Shriner. He joined Kena Shriners in Manassas, Virginia, in 2011 but was not particularly active. VanCuren moved to South Dakota in 2015 and was asked to serve as the District Master of the Masonic lodges almost immediately after becoming active with Mount Rushmore Lodge #220 in Rapid City, South Dakota. He helped plan the celebration of Masonic involvement with the Mount Rushmore National Monument during the 75th anniversary of the monument in 2016, and helped plan the Conference of Grand Masters that was held in Rapid City in 2019. These activities led to his being elected Senior Grand Warden in 2019 and Grand Master in 2021. He is also an active member of Naja Shriners and is currently serving on the Divan as High Priest and Prophet.

I DONATED BLOOD

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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, March 12th from 10 am to 2 pm. Contact Rick Holloway at 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.



NAJA Second Annual Trunk Or Treat

Halloween..... spook house.... candy..... and adorable kids. That's what you would see at the Naja Trunk or Treat this year. Held on Halloween, Naja invited hundreds of children and family to candy treats, decorated trunks, and a spooky haunted hallway.

Even though the weather was a bit chilly, the kids turned out, and many continued on to do more trick or treating in their neighborhoods. Naja Units and members decorated their trunks or areas and the kids walked around the building to collect their goodies.

Even Mount Rushmore showed up to help, along with Rapid City Police Department, the Daughters of the Nile, and a surprise appearance by Elvis Fezley. After the event, Nobles and Ladies stayed at the Shrine Center and enjoyed a pot-luck Halloween Party while they warmed up.

The event was such a big hit last year during the pandemic, Naja had to do it again this year. Plans are in place to hold the Trunk or Treat in 2022 and for years to come. Mark your calendar for Saturday the 29th of October and have your unit set up a trunk. It's a great time!

For more details on the fun and festivities, click the link below to see the NewsCenter1 report of the event.

<https://www.newscenter1.tv/naja-shriners-trunk-or-treat-once-again-a-huge-success-will-have-more-planned-for-future-years/>



Daughters of the Nile were all "witched out" and staying warm as the kiddos collected sweet treats.



Elmo Twins scoring with candy!



Count Dracula on the hunt for chocolate.



Bryan and Lisa Fischer are into the Halloween spirit.



Ladies and Gentlemen, Elvis Fezley has left the building.

SIP

This fall, the Naja Shriners Ladies Auxiliary, SNAP unit and Hillbillies held another round of successful sip and shops. This event has become a very popular shopping event for Rapid City. Between 30 and 40 vendors set up their items for sale and the Naja Brewers operated the bar serving bloody Mary's and mimosas to the shoppers. This is a great opportunity for locals to shop from

local small businesses. The sponsoring unit is there to help, on Thursday for about an hour they set up tables and on Friday for about 3 hours they are there to help vendors move in and set up their booths. On Saturday they are there to hand out "early bird" cash vouchers for shoppers to use at the booths and operated the concessions to serve lunch to the

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vendors and the shoppers. On top of the money they earned selling lunch, they receive the proceeds after all the expenses are paid. Next year's dates are already set for March 12, April 23, Sep 25, Nov 19 and Dec 17. If your unit would like to be involved with one of these next year please contact Christina Cole for further information.

SHOP



Shrine Center full of vendors and shoppers stocking up for the holidays. A great event to raise funds for your unit.



Noble Spotlight:

By Kristi Wagner, SNAP Unit

When we say the words, “Energizer Bunny” the vision that comes to mind; someone marching down the path carrying a base drum and beat it hard and loud to get everyone’s attention to join the crowd. YES, that is our 2022 Illustrious Sir Rick Holloway, and we can also include a very striking majorette, his Lady Diana. As we all look forward to gathering the crowd of faithful servants throughout Naja in 2022, let’s learn a little more about our Potentate and his Lady.

The Holloways both agree that Naja has become their second family. “We have been blessed to become friends with so many people we would have never met without the Shrine”, they said. Serving as the Outer Guard, ‘Hey Boy’ has been the most fun job we have had with Naja. “You hear the best stories from people between 11:00 pm and 3:00 am”, Diana noted.



Illustrious Sir Rick Holloway and Lady Diana

Rick and Diana have been together for 32 years. They met in New Mexico and lived in Connecticut before moving to SD. “We wanted to live in the Hills because that is where I grew up and my parents lived there”, said Rick. After living in Sioux Falls and Pierre, we were able to finally move back to Rapid City. Rick served for 26 years as a federal probation officer and retired in 2015 He now works as a consultant to the federal system and does training. Diana, along with Rick are small business entrepreneurs in Rapid City. They own and operate Flowers by LeRoy for the past 16 years.

Rick and Diana were blessed with two sons, Sean, a real estate agent at VIP Properties and Brennan, an EMT working wild land fires nationally. Sean and Brennan have both served the USA in the Marine Corps after high school. Sean was Infantry with 2 deployments to Afghanistan, and Brennan was in avionics working on CH53 Sea Stallion helicopters. Also joining the Holloway clan are two lovely grandchildren, Paige and Maverick, who many of the Naja family has grown to know and love.

Rick was raised at the Rushmore 220 lodge back in 2008. Other family members who are involved in the brotherhood; Johnny Holloway Naja Shriner, cousin, Jim Holloway Naja Shriner, uncle, Kyle Holloway and John Holloway, cousins, and both his sons Sean & Brennan are Golden Star Lodge and Naja Shriners. Also interesting to note, Rick’s Father-in-Law (Lady Diana’s dad) was a Mason in Yonkers, NY joining after returning home after the Second World War. Diana did not know this until Rick became a Mason and they were attending an Arch Ceremony, there she recognized the square and compass as a ring her father wore. Rick now wears that ring with pride.

Rick’s priority for 2022 is to find others to join our fraternity and build Naja’s resiliency through three areas: Membership, Financial Stability and Community Engagement. Membership needs to focus on having fun and fellowship and to engage our current members to help recruit new members. By diversifying our fundraising efforts beyond circuses to include additional events and activities. To accomplish the first two, we must engage with the greater community by telling our story and building on our positive presence and those who we serve.



Rick and Diana Brennan (left) and Sean (right). Shrine is a family affair. Both Sean and Brennan are Naja Nobles.



Rick and Diana with Paige and Maverick



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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 Installation Weekend Deadwood	15
16	17 Provost Mtg	18	19	20	21	22 EAST/WEST SHRINE BOWL PARTY Rapid City
23	24	25	26 Patient Ser- vices D.A.D.S Mtg	27	28 West River Shrine Unit Mtg	29



Feb 2022

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 East/West Shrine Bowl Las Vegas	4	5
6 Old McDonald Brigade Mtg	7 RC Clowns & Blast & Cast Mtg	8	9 Divan Mtg Rapid City	10 Winter MSA Green Bay	11  BH SPORTS SHOW 	12
13 BH SPORTS SHOW	14	15	16 BH Shrine Club Mtg	17 Naja Clown Patrol	18	19
20 ICE FISHING EVENT QUINN	21	22	23	24	25 West River Shrine Unit Mtg	26 NEMO OUT-HOUSE RACES NEMO
27 Snow Mobile Ride Spearfish	28					



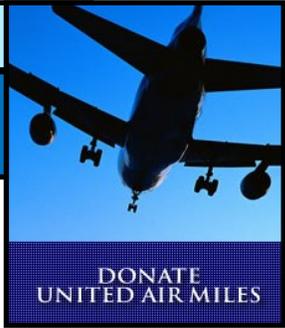
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		1	2	3	4 Shriners Base- ball Classic Houston	5
6	7	8	9 Divan Mtg Rapid City	10	11	12 Sip N Shop
13	14	15 Hillbilly Mtg	16 BH Shrine Club Mtg	17 Naja Clown Patrol Mtg	18	19 Cowboy Mtg
20	21 Provost	22	23	24	25 West River Unit Mtg	26 Queen of the Nile Installa- tion Sturgis
27	28	29	30	31		



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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

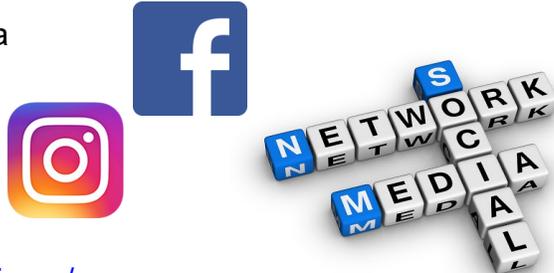
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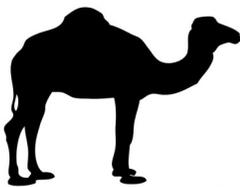
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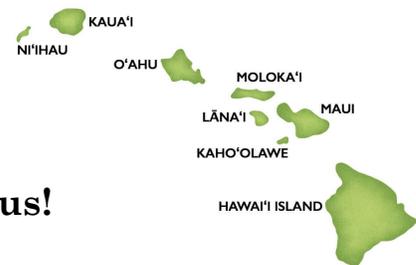
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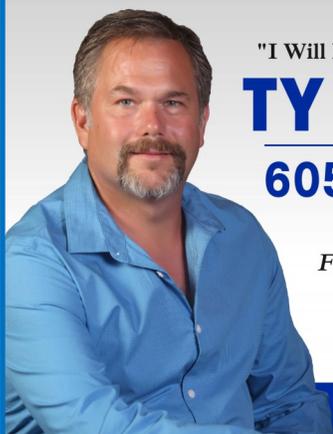
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