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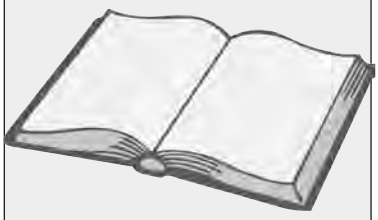

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Note from the Potentate. .

Greeting Nobles and Ladies

Since the last issue of the Nugget, activities for NAJA have not slowed down. In early July Lady Charlene and I, PP Rod Baumberger and Lady Sharon, Chief Rabban Jeff Schroeder and Lady Krista, and PP Pat Roberts and Lady Annie represented NAJA at the Imperial Session in Houston, TX. It was a privilege to represent NAJA. At this meeting countries with a Shrine Charter are represented. Brazil received their charter and representatives were excited to join the Shrine fraternity. The Shrine fraternity is indeed growing around the world.

NAJA members attended the Midwest Shrine Association (MSA) in Fargo this year. Fargo is a country of extremes. At the winter session in February it was 20 below and at the summer session in August it was in the 90s and humid. The summer session was well attended by NAJA and we made a good showing in the two parades. Thanks to all the Nobles and ladies that participated. Remember MSA will be in Deadwood in 2018.

NAJA participated in several youth activities this year. The Easter egg hunt was at the Shrine Center. Several of the NAJA Nobles were invited to participate at the Girl Scout center to make popcorn, cotton candy and tying balloons. This event was to recognize girl scouts that had sold over 350 boxes of Girl Scout cookies. During the Kids Day at the Central States Fair NAJA had a table near the entrance to present kids with blowup toys. While the kids were getting their blowup toy I took the opportunity to talk to parents about Shrine and hand out Masonic and Shrine literature. The next activity for kids is coming up on December 5th at the Shrine Center. It is the NAJA Shrine Family and Friends Christmas Party. There will be hot dogs, movie and a gift for the kids. Santa Claus will be there. So bring your kids, grandkids or a friend's kid to the party.

The West River Shrine Unit's annual pot luck picnic was held in the Slim Buttes this year. There was a trail ride for horses and ATVs or UTVs. A large number of Shriners, ladies, kids, and friends turned out. It was a beautiful day and everyone had an enjoyable time. Thanks to the Shriners and Ladies that organized this event.

The Hospital D.A.D.S. dinner was held to show NAJA's appreciation of the many Nobles that drive our 530 kids to their appointments. It is a big commitment to drive the kids and a parent to their appointments. A representative of the Twin Cities hospital reported a ranch couple from Haakon County donated their ranch to the Twin Cites Hospital in their will. It was sold recently for over 9 million dollars. Thanks to the drivers and all who support our hospital division.

Ceremonials are not new, but NAJA tried a new ceremonial event this fall. We held a joint ceremonial with Yelduz in Pierre/Fort Pierre. Following the first session on Saturday morning a joint parade was held in Pierre followed by a picnic. Pierre has an excellent parade route which is almost a mile long. It was well advertised and well attended. The last NAJA ceremonial in the Pierre/Fort Pierre area was held by Marv Olson PP. The fezzing and dinner was held in Fort Pierre. Naja fezzed 7 new Nobles. At the dinner we were honored with the attendance of Marv Olson, PP and his lady Marge. NAJA and Yelduz were recognized in an Imperial newsletter for holding a joint ceremonial.

September was a busy month. Lady Charlene organized the Honored Ladies Luncheon that was held at the NAJA Shrine Center. During the luncheon the ladies were entertained by the Sandstone Singers, a great group of ladies from Hot Springs. That evening we also attended the Shrine-Mason night at the Shrine Center. A number of petitions for Blue Lodge and Shrine were received. Lady Charlene and I attended a Daughters of the Nile banquet in Spearfish during the Supreme Queen's visit. Daughters of the Nile support Shrine through many activities. At Imperial Session in Houston the Supreme Queen presented a check for the Shrine hospital of over two million dollars. Thanks for all their support of the Shrine Hospitals.

Thanks for everyone's support and hard work for NAJA and our kids. Lady Charlene and I wish you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas. Enjoy your time with family and friends.

Fraternally,
Mike Stirling
NAJA Potentate 2015

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This year the Midwest Shrine Association Summer Session was hosted by the El Zagal Shrine and held in Fargo, North Dakota. Forty Nobles and Ladies ventured to this event by bus and car on August 12th, 13th, and 14th. The weekend included a counterparts dinner , Ladies VIP brunch, Ladies luncheon, Shrine-A-Rama, and tw o parades. The warm weather did not dampen the spirits of the Naja Shriners as they enjoyed a fun-filled weekend with their fellow Shriners from the Midwest.

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NAJA Shriners Upcoming Events 2015 – 2016

November 11……..…….……..Divan/Finance Meeting-Rapid City
December 5……..…..Naja Shrine Family & Friends Christmas Party - Naja Shrine Center
December 9……..……Stated Divan/Finance Meeting/Elections-Deadwood
December 12 ……...……..Northern Hills Shrine Club Christmas Party
January 4 ……..…….News Nugget Deadline
January 9……..Roast the Pote - Naja Shrine Center
January 13……..…..…...Stated Divan/Finance Meeting/Installation-Deadwood

Naja Shrine Family Movie Day/Christmas Party

Naja welcomes all nobles, family, and friends to attend the totally FREE Movie Day / Christmas Party

December 5th at the Naja Shrine Center.

Lunch will be served at 11:30 with popcorn and a movie to follow. Also, Santa will be there to hand out treats to all the kids.

HOSPITAL DIVISION NEWS…

Fire Prevention Month Continues

The Annual Fire Prevention month with the Rapid City Fire Department will continue through the month of November, as many of the fire fighters have been away helping to fight the fires out West, leaving only a few to visit the schools. We have been participating with them as they visit each elementary classroom in Rapid City and do a presentation in order to teach the children fire safety. They are also bringing their fire trucks for the kindergarten classes to see.

A BIG thank you to Naja Nobles Guy Donley, Jim Hopkins, Dennis Thompson, Lowell Holmgren, Lowlyn Stratton, Don Huxford, Howard Mehringer, Chris Buckius, John Wise, Pat Adkins, Roger Andersen, and Jay Hawkinson as they have been attending these presentations in the kinder garten thru second grades, and giving them an educational activity book provided by Shriners International called "Be Burn Aware" with Boots and Brewster the Burn Awareness Pair. An estimated 3500 coloring/activity books are being provided to the schools' teachers for handout to these students.

Nobles, not only are you providing a great service in helping to teach these children fire safety, but also making them aware of some of the other things Shriners do. So many of these children only see you at the circus or in parades. We even had a family come to our Evaluation Clinic this year because one of you spoke with a teacher about our hospitals and what they do.

If you too are interested in helping with this, or have any questions, please call the Hospital Division Office at 343-4279.

UNITED AIRLINES MILEAGE PLUS MEMBERS

Do you have unused miles with United Airlines? Did you know that United Airlines has partnered with Shriners so you can donate them to us through United Airlines Mileage Plus Charity Miles Program? Your donation will help us provide air travel to our patients going to the Shriners Hospitals in Chicago and Cincinnati.

You can donate a minimum of 500 miles to Shriners by visiting their website at www.united.com, enter "transfer miles" in the search site box, press enter, and click on #1. Transfer, Give or Buy Airline Miles, scroll down to "Donate your miles", and click on "See a list of charities and donate now", scroll down to "Shriners Hospitals for Children" and put in the amount of miles you would like to donate and click on "Donate Now", you will then need to fill in your Mileage Plus information and continue, or you can call **1-800-421-4655**.

HOSPITAL D.A.D.S.

Thank you to our D.A.D.S. for driving the Hospital Express to Minneapolis for July, August and September! We even made a couple of trips to Denver this summer in order to fly some of our patients to Chicago on Southwest Airlines as the airline donated some tickets to Shriners patients. The D.A.D.S. driving these months were: Ray (2) & Judy Krull, Jim Hopkins (2), Guy Donley (2), Ray Leeman, Ron Nenaber (2), Tom (3) & Mary Stanton, Dick Waits (2), Hugh Thompson, Clyde Smith (2), Howard Mehringer, Chris Buckius, Roger & Shirley Horton, Lewis Osborn, Tom Lockwood, Tommy Schwindt, Steve Sisk, Dean Cape, Tom Huwe, Ken Moss, Jay Hawkinson, Steve Lofswold, and Pat Adkins.

A special thank you to our guest driver, Dean Cape, for helping out when we needed an additional driver in August! Also, welcome to our newest driver, Tom Lockwood, who has joined our Hospital D.A.D.S., and welcome back to Noble Tom Huwe, who is back driving again!

More Drivers Needed!

Nobles, would you consider volunteering your time to drive our Shrine patients and one of their parents to Shriners Hospital for Children – Twin Cities at least once per year? If you would, or you have any questions, please give the office a call at 343-4279. Our patients need you, as we are getting more and more that prefer to ride the Hospital Express! And yes, your Lady can drive with you!

HOSPITAL D.A.D.S.

The 2015 D.A.D.S. Appreciation Dinner was held at the Naja Shrine Center on Monday, September 14, 2015 with about 70 Nobles, their Ladies and guests attending. Hospital Division Chair Dennis Thompson welcomed everyone and thanked the D.A.D.S. for the contribution that they make to the Shriners Hospital patients. Naja Shrine D.A.D.S. average about 65 van trips per year. Since starting in 1984, D.A.D.S. have completed 1,380 trips co vering 1,738,000 miles. In addition, patients flo wn to Chicago, generally use donated United Airline miles. This is a great program that Naja Noble Dennis Schaar helped to set up. So far this year, Naja has saved buying 31 airline tickets, which would have cost about $31,000.

After a delicious meal, Jennifer Sutch, Development Director for the Twin Cities Shriners Hospital, presented an interesting program. Jennifer used one of the patients to illustrate ho w the hospital has improved her life and how thankful the family is for the service that is provided. The hospital staff, patients and the patient's families are grateful for the service provided by the drivers.

There were a number of people recognized for their service:

Tom Stanton received a D.A.D.S. coat for making 10 van trips to the Twin Cities hospital in 2014.

Clyde Smith and Ron Ackerson were recognized as new drivers.

Dewey Smith was recognized as he retired this past year.

Jack Naugle, Tom Riley and Pat Adkins were recognized for calling drivers in Rapid City, the Northern Hills and the Southern Hills, respectively.

Guy Donley was recognized for taking care of the maintenance on the vans.

Zora Club and all of the Shriners Ladies were recognized for the quilts that they continue to make for the kids.

Congratulations to the winners of the two gift baskets given away at the dinner! The winners were Howard Mehringer and Ron Johnson.

Potentate Mike Stirling made the final comments and thank you to the D.A.D.S. for their service.

Donation from the Dakota Star Federal Credit Union

On September 14th, 2015, Dak ota Star Federal Credit Union held their 11th annual Hot Rods and Cool Classics Car Sho w at Founders Park. The car show raised $1,038.00 and Dakota Star FCU matched the proceeds, for a total amount going to the Shrine Travel Fund of $2,077.00. Dakota Star FCU hopes to see you next year!

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The Twin Cities Hospital is the only Shriners Hospital that is the recipient of financial support from a Women's General Auxiliary for items outside of the Hospital budget. Through our fundraising efforts, an on-site Parent Accommodation Center was built in 1991, at the cost of $1,073,370. In 2014 alone, our 33 Auxiliaries provided over $258,000 for wheelchairs, repairs, growth kits, and other durable medical equipment.

In 2014 the NAJA Women's Auxiliary donated $5,000 to the Hospital Wheelchair Fund. We will be donating another $2,500 this year towards the new Carver computer design lathe for prosthetics and orthotics designs in honor or our Illustrious Potentate, Mike Stirling.

You can help us with our efforts just by saving your pop tabs and dropping them off at the Shrine Office. So far, the Hospital has raised over $17,000 just through the sale of these aluminum tabs.

Currently the Hospital i s in need of the follo wing NEW items: Activity books & crayons (24 box), brush and comb sets, books, craft kits, and battery buttons. The D.A.D.S. drivers will drop them off at the hospital.

The NAJA Auxiliary will, once again, provide a great dinner at the Stated NAJA Divan/Finance Meetings on December 9th and January 13th. Our Auxiliary members will meet at that time also. Please note that all are welcome (men & women) to become Auxiliary Members whether affiliated with the Shrine or not. Dues are $10.00 annually.

We greatly APPRECIATE all donations and support for our ef forts to contribute to the Women's General Auxiliary so that Shriners Children may reach their potential and lead healthier, happier lives.

Jan Hopkins
Hospital Auxiliary Advisory Board Member

Grace Lutheran Church of Sturgis has made 19 fleece blankets

The senior group of the Grace Lutheran Church of Sturgis has made 19 fleece blank ets to be donated to the Shriners Hospital Twin Cities.

This has been a service project for the youth group.

Iron On Patches

Nobles: The temple office now has three iron on patches available for purchase. Come in and get yours soon!

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Naja/Yelduz Joint Ceremonial

The year the Fall Ceremonial September 11th and 12th was held in Pierre as a joint event with the Yelduz Shrine. The weekend started out with a Golf Day for all nobles, ladies, and candidates at the Hillsview Golf Course with hospitality afterwards at the Governor's Inn.

On Saturday after registration, Naja put on the Ritualistic First Section. Then everyone gathered for a parade. After the parade there was a picnic in the park. Later that afternoon the Arch Program was put on by the Yelduz Shriners. Then all the Ladies remained for the presentation of the Ladies Mentoring Program by the Naja Ladies. This eventful day ended with a social and dinner at the Ft. Pierre Youth Involved Center. Seven Nobles were fezzed that evening. We would like to welcome new nobles: Benjamin Booth, Mike Kirkpatrick, Tyler Millslagle, M. Roger "Duke" Westerberg, John Latham, Edward Briggs, and Levi Briggs. The event was a great success and there are plans in the works to hold another joint ceremonial next year!

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Fall Ceremonial

FALL RIVER
SHRINE PATROL
Hot Springs, SD

Annual Honored Ladies Luncheon a Success

First Lady Charlene Stirling w as joined by fello w honorees for the annual Honored Ladies Luncheon that was held on September 19th at the Naja Shrine Center. A delicious catered luncheon was followed by some feet tapping entertainment by the Sandstone Singers. This was the second time the Singers entertained the ladies and they delight their audience every time! As a parting gift each Lady received a red rose. Thank you goes to these wonderful women who support our Shriners. You are indeed honored.

UNIT NEWS...

TRAIL RIDE FUN!!!

The Naja Cowboys and the West River Shrine Unit got together for an ATV and trail ride on September 6th at Slim Butte. Other Shriners, families, friends joined in on the fun. They held a BBQ after the trail ride. There was a great turnout and everyone had a wonderful time.

A blast from the past!

We received a copy of this 1966 circus ticket from one of our nobles.

Bring back memories anyone?

SAVE THE DATE!

ROAST THE POTE

HOSTED BY THE DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE
JANUARY 9TH AT THE NAJA SHRINE CENTER

Calling all Nobles

Now is the time to start finding the items needed for the auction during the Nemo 500 Outhouse races. All of the monies received from these auction items do go to the NAJA Transportation Fund. Please bring items or gift cards from all your local areas for the bidding. Those of you who have connections at the motorcycle dealers and auto dealers please bring items or maintenance gifts that we could all use.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP

PLEASE KEEP US INFORMED OF YOUR DOINGS SO WE DO NOT TRY TO DUPLICATE THEM

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Notice of Stated Meetings

December 9th - Election of Officers
Naja Temple - Deadwood, SD
(4:30 Divan/Finance Committee Meeting)

January 13th - Installation of Officers
Naja Temple - Deadwood, SD
(4:30 Divan/Finance Committee Meeting)

Prior to both Stated Meetings, dinner will be served by the Ladies Auxiliary.

Note: *This narrative is transcribed on June 13, 2015 from 4 pages of handwritten notes, date and author unknown. Found in a pile of other old stuff donated by Greg Bodenhamer.*

NAJA SHRINE AIR PATROL ~ HISTORY

The Rapid City Shrine Club Air Patrol Unit was not organized under the above name. In 1949 and early 1950 a small number of airplane pilots and plane owners were talking about the possibility of forming an Air Patrol unit. Nobles Bill Willan, Julian Staven, Harry Marshall, Henry Baker, and possibly others kept the idea going until in June, 1951, an unofficial Shrine group without name was active with flying. There were 6 members and 5 planes. Noble Harry Marshall was the leader. The group operated out of Marshall's Flying Service, Halley Airport.

On June 4, 1952, recognition by the Rapid City Shrine Club came about, but not as Air Patrol Unit. The original organization was The Flying Patrol Committee and Shrine Club President Carl Holmgren appointed Julian Staven as Chairman of the Committee. With that success the Committee added members and planes.

As the Flying Patrol Committee, the flying activities were planned and talked about by the "unofficial" group without name in 1950, and in 1951 was activated. By 1954 a total of 3 official flights had been made. In 1952 a flight of 3 planes was made to advertise the Shrine Circus. Stops were made in Hot Springs, Edgemont, Newcastle, WY, and Spearfish. Twelve Shriners made the flight, and logged 4,200 passenger miles. In 1953, there were 8 members and 7 planes. Two flights were made to Regina, Canada for the Shrine Ceremonial with 6 planes making the trip with pilots and passengers totaling 24. Trip #2 was to Sheridan, Wyoming with 6 planes, again pilots and passengers, 24. By now we had logged a total of 40,200 passenger miles in 1952 and 1953.

That which they had been trying for came about on Jan 8, 1954. An organizational meeting was held to form the Shrine Club Air Patrol Unit. On Feb 24, 1954 the Rapid City Shrine Club approved the organization. At the meeting on Jan 8, 1954, Julian Staven was elected President, Ralph Williams Vice Pres, and Henry Baker Secretary Treas. President Staven appointed a committee to prepare the Articles of Organization & bylaws of the Rapid City Shrine Club Air Patrol Unit. The committee consisted of Ralph Williams, chairman, Henry Baker, Wilbur Rand & Tom Johnston. One of the suggestions made to the committee was a provision to use air terminology for all offices or officers. When the bylaws were presented to the Unit for adoption on March 16, 1954, the officers were Commander, Lt Commander, Secretary and Treasurer.

In 1954 there were 26 members and 19 planes. During that year they flew 116,330 passenger miles without an injury or accident. On 11-15-1954 the "scooter fever" hit the Patrol. January, 1955 the first scooter was built, and by April 1955, the Air Patrol not only had 19 planes to fly, but had a full complement of scooters to provide ground transportation for parades and sight-seeing.

In 1956 they flew to Detroit, Michigan to the Shrine Imperial Session, where Naja Temple Noble Jerry Crary became Imperial Potentate.

In May 1964 the Air Patrol held a successful Air Fare (Fair?) at the Municipal Airport and raised funds to help finance private airplane flights to take "crippled children" to the Shriners Hospitals.

As the years went by the y grew to 40 members, with 31 pilots and 20 airplanes and the passenger miles, with no injury or accident, grew to 800,000.

By 1982 economics had a hand in declining the number of planes and pilots; however, the ground transportation is still on 2 wheels. The scooters have grown up, they are now motorcycles. The enthusiasm and active participation of the Unit is still manifest in the activities of the Rapid City Shrine Club and Naja Temple.

Additional comment from the memory cells of Lowell Holmgren:

I was a member of the Air Patrol Unit for several years and was Commander for one year. I was not a pilot but I loved to fly and would accept a ride in anything with an engine and wings! A few tales told to me by older members and of my own recollections:

The idea of the scooters originally came about because flights were made in to some very small airports. Philip, SD comes to mind. Flights were made there to pick up patients for the Hospital and other reasons but there were no facilities at the airport, personnel, telephones, etc. and it was a few miles in to town! A long way to walk! The original scooters were built in someone's garage, used 2 cycle chain saw engines and were built so they could be folded up or partially disassembled so they would fit into the luggage compartment of a small plane. The 2-cycle engines had no oil sump and the tiny fuel tank could be drained into a secure container so there were no liquids or fire hazard on the plane. It could be quickly set up, fueled and ready to ride into town. One of these early scooters is in a display case at the Shrine Center.

Glen Best, Pennington County Sheriff, was a pilot, and in the course of being sheriff owned a very nice twin engine airplane that was also used for Air Patrol activities. My father, Carl Holmgren, was Potentate of Naja Temple in 1955. A trip was organized to go to the Mardi Gras in New Orleans that spring. I believe there were four planes. Probably Glen Best, Julian Staven, Floyd Hesler and maybe Henry Baker piloting. Flying at night was not customary for these guys and the distance required one overnight stop. There was no GPS equipment in those days and navigation was "VFR" Visual Flight Rule. The airport they were aiming for was a short distance from a US Air Force Base and wouldn't you know it, our little "convoy" of four planes landed, unannounced, on the wrong runway! There was consternation, armed guards, etc. After some spirited conversation they were allowed to take off and move to the civilian airport. My mother said it was "quite exciting!"

PP Lowell Holmgren

Air Patrol in Keystone!

Naja's Air Patrol participated in the Keystone Holy Terror Days parade which w as held September 12th. They are a f amiliar and popular group for this small to wn's annual celebration.

NAJA Greeters Help Those in Need in Rapid City This Summer

This summer the Greeters Unit of N AJA helped serv e those in need at the Cornerstone Mission in Rapid City. Judy Evans spearheaded the community service project, which in recent years has become an annual e vent for the Greeters. As a Unit of NAJA, we feel it is important to also give back to the communities that have supported our Shrine and our efforts. Thanks to Wally and Judy Evans, Kip and Kristi Wagner, Jim and Jan Hopkins, K elly Elsen-Horstman, Glenn Elsen-Horstman, and Laura Olson for don ating their time, efforts, and hearts. ***These master chefs rock!***

Naja Golf Unit Makes Big News!

Headlines in the Kadoka and Philip papers were dedicated to our very own Naja Shrine Golf Unit. If you didn't get a copy, here are the highlights from the stories. The Naja Shrine golf unit hosted a game of golf and social outing Saturday, August 29, at the Lake Waggoner Golf Course. Shriners, Masons, and their wives enjoyed a round of golf and then dinner at The Steakhouse later that evening. Our very own Potentate, Mike Stirling and Lady Charlene were reported to ha ve handled the beverage cart while everyone played golf. This was a great effort by the Golf Unit to get the word out that the Masons and Shriners are out there!=

Golfers included Louie and Marcia Osborn, Rod and Sharon Baumberger, Lynn Nachtigall, Tom Lockwood, Tal Lockwood, Bob and Judy Le wis, Gordy and Teri Parlet, Doug and Donna Kloppel, Bob Knapp, Ron Stewart, Marion Matt, Travis Thorn and Duk e Westerberg.

The article went on to talk about the Naja Shriners and Shriners Hospitals for Children. This was a great bit of publicity and the golfers had a great time too!

Naja Blast n Cast Unit

The held a fly-fishing clinic on Sunday, July 19th at the Rapid City Shrine Center. Those who participated in the class received entry level information about fly-fishing equipment, terminology, files and fly patterns, tying knots, and stream dynamics and habitat. All attendees received group and one-on-one lessons in casting — all of this from experienced teacher and "fly-fishing master" Anne Demersseman of Rapid City. The clinic involved classroom work, casting practice outdoors, and for those who stayed, casting into the ponds at the S.D. Game, Fish, and Parks Outdoor Center next to the Rapid City Shrine Center. The event was well received, and will likely be followed up by more detailed cases on casting techniques, fly presentation, and even a class on identifying the hatch - or entomology 101. So stay tuned and watch for future clinics and classes in fly fishing and other outdoor activities/sports from Naja Blast n Cast.

Naja Shrine Made Appearance at the Central States Fair

This year the Central States Fair had a new group added to their lineup. Naja was represented by Potentate Mike Stirling, Pete Peterson, Lewis Osborn, Bob Lewis, Howard Mehringer, Chris Buckius, and Tom Huwe. Howard, Chris, and Tom clowned up and greeted children. The group blew up and gave away 600 blow-ups left over from past circuses. While the children were entertained by the clowns and their new prizes, Potentate Mike was able to visit with the adults in the group to promote the Naja Shrine. What a great way to promote Naja! Hopefully, this will be an annual event. If so, we will need way more blow-ups!!!

Greetings from Ismah Temple No. 119 Daughters of the Nile!

It's been approximately six months since I took the obligation and became Queen of Ismah Temple No. 119 and again – I'll say what an honor for me!

As I learn more and more of what the Daughters of the Nile does nationwide, I am ever so proud of what we do here in Western South Dakota to promote the philanthropic principles we endorse as Daughters of the Nile supporting the various Shriners Hospitals. In 2015 the Daughters of the Nile Foundation provided donations of $2,391,599.81 to the support of the Shriners Hospitals in dollars and given directly to the hospitals for parties, supplies, gift cards, sewing items and approximately 190,000 volunteer hours added $1,090,199.95, bringing the total donations for 2015 to $3,481,799.76. We, as Ismah Temple No. 119, can be very proud to be a part of this philanthropic endeavor.

On September 27th, we held our Ceremonial and hosted Supreme Queen Sharon K. St. John. We were very fortunate and initiated two new Princesses - Mara Veveris-Carrier and Jane Hallberg. A delightful afternoon was enjoyed by all and we were honored with the presence of Potentate Mike Stirling and his Lady Charlene at our banquet along with Yaney Smith, Sr. Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota, representing Grand Master Donald A. Gray.

During the 2015 Supreme Session held in Albuquerque, NM this past June, a piece of legislation introduced was to allow proposals to come from women who had no Masonic or Shrine affiliation. This was defeated. It is a very controversial topic and as with anything has good and bad points. As I have a deep connection with my Masonic ties, I would hate to lose those ties with the Masonic bodies. I feel they lend a major hand in who and what we are and that there are way better ways to promote our order and bring in members than to reduce our eligibility requirements. I feel by working closely with our Masonic brothers and Shriners, we can continue to grow and so I encourage the wives of our Shriners and Masonic brothers to join the Daughters of the Nile so we can not only grow in fraternalism but gain many more avenues to help the children – for that is what we are all about. If your Lady has been proposed, nudge her our way - we'd love to have her join our Temple.

Now – on a tad bit of lighter note – Ismah Temple No. 119 looks forward to January 9th, 2016 when we will 'Roast the Potentate'. We look forward to a great crowd, a fun time and of course great food. More details will be forthcoming – but for now – be sure to put the 9th of January 2016 on your calendar! It'll be a ripe ole time!

As we move into the Holiday Season may we all remember those not as fortunate as others – those who are fighting to keep our freedoms and let us all work together to make a difference – 'one child at a time'.

Nile Hugs

Denise Castor, Queen
Ismah Temple No. 119.

Northern Hills Shrine Club Christmas Party

President Clyde Smith & his Lady Arlys
Cordially invite you to attend the
Northern Hills Shrine Club's
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☐ I, the undersigned, hereby declare that I am a MASTER MASON in good standing in: _____

_____ Lodge No. _____ F. & A.M., at _____

Furthermore, I do not now, and I never will, hold membership in or allegiance to, any body claiming to be Masonic that has been declared clandestine by the Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of South Dakota; that I have resided within the jurisdiction of your Shrine, or in an unoccupied territory, not less than six months, as required by the Constitution of the Imperial Council, and that I am not under suspension or expulsion in any Masonic body, and respectfully pray that I may be made a noble of the Mystic Shrine, and become a member of your Shrine.

I furthermore represent that I have never previously applied for said Order, nor have I, to my knowledge, been rejected by any other Shrine. If I be found worthy and my request granted, I promise to conform to all the Ceremonies, Engagements, Constitutions, Regulations and Edicts of the Imperial Council; together with those of your Shrine.

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The committee appointed on the within petition to make necessary inquiries relative to petitioner, have performed their duty and beg leave to report...favorable to the prayer of the petition being granted.

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Committee

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From the Office

It is so amazing that we are already reporting for the last time in 2015. It has been an exciting year with lots of new things happening. Here are some notes from the last three di van meetings to keep you informed of all the happenings.

August

The Shrine Center items discussed were the new carpet and floor cleaner that was purchased; and Susanne requested half of the current coat closet be transformed to storage with built-in or metal cabinets. Jim Hopkins reported on the Hospital Division for July: 4 van trips; 9 flights; 24 assisted; total of 532 patients.

Petition for Membership from Tyler Millslagle and tw o Petitions for Restoration from Richard Ba ir and Mitch Kammerer were read and approved.

Board of Trustees met and approved the West River Shrine Unit's purchase of a trailer for $5,500.

September

The Shrine Center discussion included a broken faucet in the ladies room that needed to be replaced. Also there was a water leak in the hall way beside the kitchen that was fixed and capped off.

The Fall River Shrine Patrol requested $500.00 from their CIF account for parade equipment repairs, fuel costs, and MSA expenses. Their request w as approved.

A motion w as approved to allo w Daughters of the Nile to earn manpower hours for credit in their CIF account.

Jim Hopkins reported on the Hospital Division for August: 5 v an trips; 11 flights; 30 assisted; total of 532 patients. He also reported on the purchase of two new vans for the Hospital Division. One old van is to be traded in. The second will be purchased by the Temple. The current temple van was sold.

Six Petitions for Membership were received from: M. Roger Westerberg, Edward Briggs, Le vi Briggs, Mik e Kirkpatrick, John Latham, and Benjamin Booth. They were approved at the Stated Meeting.

Wagner asked if Divan was interested in having a yearbook done for the 125th Anniversary. Everyone agreed this was a good idea and Wagner will be gin getting a group together to discuss.

October

Prior to the opening, tw o members of the Dakota Star Federal Credit Union joined Noble Scott Olson to p resent a check for $2,077 to the travel fund from the Hot Rod & Cool Car Classic the y held on Main Street on September 15th.

Shrine Center items discussed included the two new movable coat racks purchased, and the ne w doors with keyless entry that were installed. A motion was approved for a committee of not less than three nobles to be appointed by the Di van annually to oversee and manage the daily operation and rental of the Shrine Center and reporting to the Di van; to become effective immediately. The first committee to oversee the Shrine Center includes Scott Sharp (Chairman), Dale Claymore, and Rick Holloway.

The Divan approved the CIF requests from the Fall River Shrine Patrol to sell their older trailer and maintain the funds until they could purchase a new one; and the Provost request for $1,317.99 to cover various expenses of the unit.

A petition for membership was read and approved from John Carr, Jr.

Memorials and Gifts

In Memory of Clifford Fees
Jerry & Linda Ross

In Memory of Ben Sager
Mary Ellen Lantis
Scott & Lynnette Vaskdal
Dr. Graham & Alma Chesnut
James & Sally Seward
Conservative Republican Women
Everett & Joann Follette
F James & Phyllis Shields
Timothy Johns
Margaret Crary Sager
Joanne, Darrell, & Jason Nicholas
Glenda Asher
John Sweaney & Daphne Conger
Marie Guest
Rosemary Kappenman
Monte Raber
Phyllis Watson
Demarest III & Lee Ann Crary
Dan & Gayle Penn
Frederick & Micheline Nelson
Billy & Dixie Evans
Genevieve Thie
Donald & Patty Brunner
John & Janet Ladson
Marcus & Beth Mathis
Edwin Johnson
John & Sharon Narem
Richard & Karen Sleep
Steven & Eileen Harmes
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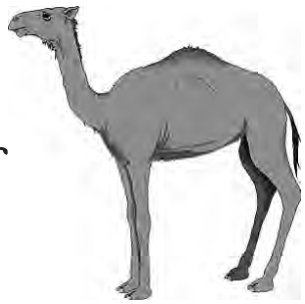

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AREA LODGE AND RITE MEETINGS
MOST ARE DARK JULY AND AUGUST

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

York Rite:
Rapid City, 2nd & 4th Tues, 7:00 pm

Lodges:
Belle Fourche, Cedar #124, 4th Tues, 7:30 pm
Bison, Pasque #214, 1st Thurs, 8:00 pm
Buffalo, Cedar Branch #179, 3rd Wed, 8:00 pm
Custer, Custer City #66, 3rd Tues, 7:00 pm
Deadwood #7, 1st & 3rd Tues, 7:00 pm
Eagle Butte #172, 1st & 3rd Mon, 7:30 pm
Edgemont, Mt View #161, 3rd Wed. 7:00 pm
Faith #168, 1st Thurs, 8:00 pm
Ft Pierre, Hiram #123, 3rd Mon, 8:00 pm
Hermosa, Battle River #92, 2nd Sat, 7:30 pm
Hill City, Tin City #112, 2nd & 4th Wed, 7:00 pm
Hot Springs, Harmony #110, 1st & 3rd Tues, 7:00
Kadoka, Mt Moriah #155, 2nd Mon, 8:00 pm
Lead, Golden Star #9, 1st Thurs, 7:30 pm in Deadwood
Lemmon #151, 1st Wed, 7:00 pm
Martin, Pioneer #219, 1st Thurs, 8:00 pm
Philip #153, 3rd Wed, 7:30 pm
Pierre #27, 2nd Mon, 7:00 pm
Rapid City #25, 1st Tues, 7:00 pm & 3rd Tues, 6:00 pm
Rapid City, Mt Rushmore #220, 2nd & 4th Thurs, 7:00 pm
Spearfish #18, 1st Thurs, 7:30 pm
Sturgis, Olive Branch #47, 1st & 3rd Wed, 7:30 pm
Wall, Crescent #210, 2nd Thurs, 7:30 pm

High 12 (Square and Compass) Clubs:
Rapid City, Every Thursday, Noon, Masonic Center
Whitewood, 2nd & 4th Thursdays, Shea's Family Restaurant

NOVEMBER 2015

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1 **Daylight Savings Fall Back**	**2** RC Clowns	**3**	**4** Air Patrol	**5**	**6**	**7**
8	**9**	**10**	Naja Finance/Divan Meeting - RC **11** **Veterans Day**	**12** Southern Hills Shrine Club	**13**	DON **14** Northern Hills Shrine Club
15	**16** Provost	**17** Pipe and Drum Corp	**18**	**19** Naja Clown Patrol	**20**	**21** Cowboys
22	**23** Flying Aces	**24**	**25**	**26** **Thanksgiving Day**	**27** West River Shrine Unit	**28** Rapid City Shrine Club
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6	7 RC Clowns	8	9 Naja Stated Finance/Divan Meeting-DWD	10 Southern Hills Shrine Club	11	DON 12 NHSC Christmas Party
13	14	15 Pipe & Drum Corp	16	17 Naja Clown Patrol	18	Cowboys 19
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3	4 RC Clowns News Nugget Deadline	5	6 Air Patrol	7 Fall River Shrine Patrol	8	NH Shrine Club 9 Roast the Pote NSC
10	11	12	13 Naja Stated Finance/ Divan Meeting Installation of Officers-DWD	14 Southern Hills Shrine Club	15	16 Cowboys
17	18 Provost	19 Pipe & Drum Corp	20	21 NAJA Clown Patrol	22 West River Shrine Unit	23 Rapid City Shrine Club
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November

Nov 11 Divan/Finance Meeting
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December

Dec 5 Naja Shrine Family & Friends Christmas Party - Naja Shrine Center

Dec 9 Stated Divan/Finance Meeting/Elections Deadwood

Dec12 Northern Hills Shrine Club

January

Jan 4 News Nugget Deadline

Jan 9 Roast the Pote - Naja Shrine Center

Jan 13 Stated Divan/ Finance Meeting/ Installation-Deadwood