**Monday Message #14**

Nobles and Ladies,

Last week was a bit of a blur for us per usual. The first week of the Month is Masonic week here in the Coeur d’Alene area so we typically have a different body meeting each night of the week minus Friday. We started off the week down in Lewiston meeting with the Circus Committee who is doing an amazing job with the planning and have a great vision on how to bring our marketing up to date and maximize attendance. I will let them share with everyone some of the great things they are doing but expect an amazing Circus this year. The Circus providers have informed us that there will be no Tigers and no Elephants this year so it will be more of what they call "a dog and pony show with people acts." Our Marshall, Kevin Mize, joined Elle and I for a short flight to St. Maries where Ron Hodge PP and the members of the Shrine Club hosted us for their monthly meeting and provided a great dinner. Kevin and I were able to stay and sit in on their Lodge meeting. It was encouraging to see that 100% of their Lodge members present were Shriners! We capped the week off with the Quarterly meeting in CDA. We were overjoyed that so many chose to attend and then stay after for a nice lunch. We were able to show some Fezzes out in the community and enjoy each other’s company.

The quarterly meeting covered a lot of ground, and we got a ton of business done. It was my privilege to present Dan McDaniel with his 50 year Shriner pin. What an achievement! We have a few more to hand out this year and I will get those done as soon as I can. We congratulated Bob Balser on being named the Shriner of the month for March. It was well deserved. If you have a Shriner in mind for Shriner of the Month, please shoot me or one of the divan a quick few sentences on why you think the Noble is deserving. We also voted on and welcomed our newest Calam Shriner and Lady, Stephen and Bobbi Kynaston. The couple joins us as Affiliate members from Abba Shriners in Alabama. The Sams family from Rathdrum brought their Daughter Tracy in to speak with us about their Shrine Hospital experience. Tracy was born with club feet and a genetic disorder that effects how her bones and muscles grow. They were told initially that she would never walk and got a second opinion at Shriners Hospitals. Over the next year Shriners performed surgeries and therapies and Tracy walked out of the Hospital. Her father, Trevor is a Brother with Rathdrum Lodge and Shriners in that Lodge were instrumental in getting them help through the Shrine Hospital system. Hearing about their journey was a nice shot in the arm to help remind us what we do and why. We got updates from the Circus Commitee, Membership, The Camel Derby, and the Cornhole Tournament in Lewiston. All those events are coming along nicely. Lastly, we voted to present a by-laws change at the next quarterly meeting to raise the Calam Dues by $20. This will need to go through the right steps, but we should be able to vote on this once the membership is properly notified. This will help us to meet our financial obligations in the future without drawing on our investment fund.

Upcoming events include:
Asotin Parade - April 23rd, starts at 10 am, lineup at the Nitosa Lodge parking lot at 0830 am. Please contact Kenny Buckner for details

Richard Hollenbeck Memorial - May 7th, 1 PM at the Bonners Ferry High School Auditorium

Camel Derby - May 7th CDA Shrine Club 4pm - 7pm

Summer PNSA - August 18-20th Nile Shriners Seattle area - standby for more details. There is currently some disagreement amongst the Nile membership on whether or not they would like to host this event this year. I will update as I hear more.

This is a last call for any Noble who would like to be considered for a position on the Spokane Shriners Hospital Board. The packages are due by the end of the month and will need signatures from the elected Divan before being submitted so time is running short. An email was sent out with all the application documents, if you didn't get it please contact me and I will forward it to you.

Thank you to all of our Nobles and Ladies that continue to be active and that make our events so much fun. You are the backbone of our organization, and we appreciate each and every one of you. We hope to see everyone at a Shrine event soon. Have an amazing week!

Yours in Faith,

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