



THE ALGERIAN

NEWSLETTER
OF



Mike Weigel, Potentate 2019

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SUMMER/FALL

Nobles and Brothers, Ladies and Daughters, Rainbows and DeMolay

It has been a good first half-year, already on the downhill slide. All our appendant bodies have really worked together this year, a closeness we must continue to foster. Rainbows and DeMolay have attended our functions, helping us a lot in every faction while learning what we all do rather than hearing about Shriners in conversation. They are the future, recruiting and public relations base. Daughters of the Nile (our Lady Shriners) have joined Algeria in everything this year, joining us in all our endeavors and for those not aware, donated \$100,000 to the Spokane Hospital. Our hope is we all continue to support each other and the winner will always be the kids.

I also wish to thank the Red Room, Unified Body for all their help this year in making use of the Temple a reality. The team IS Nielsen put together for the Installation and Ceremonials were fantastic and a credit to our Temple and bar none, best I have seen in the NW.

With the growth of our Hospital and Clinics into Montana, things will be changing. Working together with our Recorder, Treasurer, web site/Rick Robinson we are revamping the Temple office for higher efficiency to prepare for the growth and to offer more data, assistance and support to Algeria Clubs and the Hospital. We will be increasing communications and recruitment. Our central conference phone system has helped a lot with Divan issues, distance and travel. We improved wi-fi in the building, have Video conferencing capabilities and have voted to install a good drop down screen w/permanently mounted video in the dining room area for training, hospital videos and more.

Our Temple is old, needs some updating and can be difficult at times as we have Scottish Rite, the CST and Algeria involved in all finances involved. Between the 3, we must raise some funds and begin a slow renovation of this facility. Though old, this Temple is a thing of beauty. Our stage & backdrops and Organ are legendary. This Temple is a Historic venue that many would like to see, tour and possibly use, with our supervision. A little elbow grease and monetary donations, paint, some flooring, lighting and replacing the furnace will make this an envied NW fixture.

Now, the Fall Ceremonial on September 21st. Please try to attend. I know its home games for both Griz and Cats but it is a huge community parade in a Algeria community and I know IS Tracy has been working hard on this (well, Janet has). Lest you forget, the Shriner that has brought in the most Nobles, new or past due, into Algeria will be awarded a huge prize at the Ceremonial. (hint, Sheriff Plummer wished he had this when the Masons caught up with him in Bannock.) Must be present to win or the prize goes to the next highest recruiter present.

Yours in the Faith,

Mike Weigel

Potentate 2019

SHRINER'S CREED

Shriners believe in God and that He created man to serve His purpose, among which is service to others in His name.

We believe that care for the less fortunate, especially children who suffer from burns and crippling diseases, is our institutional calling.

We are patriots, each willing to serve his country with fidelity and courage. We cherish independence under law and freedom with responsibility.

We honor family. We respect our parents, wives and children. We should instill in our children the tenets of this creed, and the heritage from which it emanates.

As individuals, we pledge ourselves to integrity, virtue and nobility of character. Our intentions will be honorable, our relations will be trustworthy and our spirits forgiving of each other.

As brothers, we offer each fraternal affection and respect. Together we will support each other in adherence to this creed, so that we and our communities will be the better because of our fraternity and its principle.

As Shriners, we look beyond ourselves to serve the Needs of others, especially children who cannot help themselves. We believe Shriners Hospitals to be the world's greatest philanthropy and we covenant with each other to support its "temple of mercy" with spirit, time, talent and means.

THE EDITORIAL WITHOUT WORDS ITS NOT JUST A MEME, IT IS REAL LIFE.

It is one of the world's most recognizable symbols of philanthropy: a Shriner carrying a young girl in one arm, her crutches his other. But the logo for the Shriners Hospitals for Children wasn't created in a Madison Avenue advertising firm. It is instead based on a photograph taken in Evansville in 1970.

Randy Dieter was shooting photos of the [Hadi Shrine](#)'s annual summer outing at Mesker Park when he spotted Shriner Al Hortman carrying a young girl up the midway. Dieter attempted to take a shot of the Hortman and the girl as they walked toward him, but the camera jammed and he had to take his last shot as they walked by.

The shot, which would become known as the "[Editorial without Words](#)", has been reproduced in windows, lapel pins, statues, and other Shrine paraphernalia for more than 35 years.

The girl in the photo, Bobbi Jo Wright, was born with cerebral palsy and received physical therapy to help her walk at the Shriners Hospital in Saint Louis. She went on to graduate from Anderson University and today still lives in Evansville.



FALL CEREMONIAL REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

It is that time again. Time for the 2019 Fall Ceremonial to be hosted in Belgrade by the Gallatin Shrine Desert Patrol. This year's Ceremonial will be held in conjunction with the Famous Belgrade Fall Festival, home of one of the Biggest Parades in Montana. For those of you who attended the 2017 Ceremonial, you saw just how big that Parade is, even with an abundance of Snow and Rain. This years should be even bigger and I have already put in a request for better weather this year.

We are changing up things for this year's Ceremonial. We will be starting out Friday night with a Social and get acquainted party at Belgrade Masonic Temple. Later that evening we will be putting our new Nobles through the 1st and 3rd Sections. This will allow for our Nobles and Ladies to spend Saturday Afternoon enjoying the Fall Festival activities, catching a football game or just socializing with old Friends.

Saturday evening will take off with the traditional banquet at the Holiday Inn Express along with the Fezzing Ceremony. It should be a great weekend so get your registrations in now and make sure to get your room reservation in early. It's a big weekend in the Gallatin Valley and I assure you will have a Great Time. We'll see you in Belgrade September 20, 21 and 22.

Tracy Prescott, PP, Ceremonial Director



**– ALGERIA SHRINE –
FALL CEREMONIAL
BELGRADE, MONTANA
Hosted by Algeria Shrine**

Mike Weigel – Algeria Potentate

**REGISTRATION FORM
September 20th – 22nd, 2019**

Last Name	First Name	Lady's Name	
Temple		Title/Unit	
Address	City	State	Zip
Telephone		Email	

REGISTRATION BY September 6th, 2019

\$65.00 per Person (ALL EVENTS)

FRIDAY MIXER- CASUAL _____ (mark # if attending)
 SATURDAY NOBLES' & LADIES LUNCH -CASUAL _____ (mark # if attending)
 SATURDAY BANQUET-HILLBILLY THEME _____ (mark # if attending)

REGISTRATION AFTER September 6th, 2019

FRIDAY MIXER \$19.50 PER PERSON _____
 NOBLES' SATURDAY LUNCHEON \$20.00 PER PERSON _____
 LADIES' SATURDAY LUNCHEON \$20.00 PER PERSON _____
 SATURDAY BANQUET \$35.50 PER PERSON _____

CEREMONIAL SCHEDULE

Please NOTE: FRIDAY EVENING DEGREES

FRIDAY MIXER & REGISTRATION: 5:00PM (CASH Bar and Hosted Hors devours) BELGRADE MASONIC LODGE

FRIDAY: SHRINE DEGREES, BELGRADE MASONIC LODGE 7:30PM

SATURDAY PARADE LINE UP: 9:00AM PARADE KICK OFF BELGRADE 10:00AM

SATURDAY: NOBLES' & LADIES LUNCHEON HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS 12:00 Noon

SATURDAY BANQUET: COCKTAIL HOUR 6:00 PM, DINNER (BEEF & SALMON) HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS 7:00 PM

SUNDAY: GIN FIZZ'S AT THE AMERICAN LEGION CLUB 30: 9:00 AM]

PAYMENT: Check payable to Algeria Ceremonial (check number) _____ (amount) _____

Credit Card Payment: Visa ___ MC___ Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____

Mail Registration to: ALGERIA SHRINE TRACY PRESCOTT P.O.Box 43, BELGRADE, MT 59714

Nobles are responsible for their Own Accommodations

Ask for Shriner's Rates:

BELGRADE Holiday Inn Express 406-388-7100 (\$140.00 / Night King or Double + Tax)

BELGRADE Laquinta Hotel 406-388-2222 (\$140.00 /Night King or Double + Tax)

WHEN WATCHING ANY PARADE IN MONTANA,

spectators — children especially — notice the clowns, funny rides and adult men acting like kids on a sugar high. Those clowns and drivers are members of the Algeria Shriners International, and we are part of something much bigger than people think. Since 1872, 200 chapters in several countries and thousands of clubs around the world have been started including Canada, Brazil, Bolivia, Mexico, the Republic of Panama, the Philippines, Puerto Rico, Europe, and Australia. — all with the same foundation of fun, fellowship, brotherly love, truth and philanthropy.

The majority of Shriners joined the fraternity because of what it represents. These grown men joined mainly for their cause — what they do for children — but also the camaraderie, philanthropy and meeting people. The fact they give up a dozen weekends a year, several nights a month, spend their own money and constantly fund raise is part of the package deal.

Many temples actually drive patients to their visits, something not practical in Montana due to the distance. Until now. With a clinic in Kalispell and one coming to another city mid-state, this could become a reality. As we proceed now, we pay travel/lodging to their visits, be it, train, plane or automobile at Government medical rates. (plane/train are at cost). Temples will be saving a lot of money on travel with 2 clinics in Montana, likely as much as ½. (going to Kalispell saved the Plentywood child 500 miles and at least 1 motel nite) The Kalispell clinic saw 17 kids, far away as Plentywood and as close as 10 blocks. I would encourage Clubs/Units to keep this in mind when donating to our hospitals as their travel costs have increased (physicians traveling to Montana) while our costs will decrease.

All of us need to go back and reflect occasionally, why you are here and what we do. Over time the meaning seems to get lost on some if not all of us. Always remember: kids with missing limbs, prosthetics for hands/feet only because they got to a Shrine hospital. Burns, 90% disfigured and grafting can last decades, bankrupting an average family. Spinal deformities and the child can't stand straight or has 20 broken bones a year, 10 surgeries a year. Thanks to Shriners, no family goes bankrupt, no child gets less than the best care available, instead of walking into a hospital built for emergencies, adults, overcrowding and impersonal, these kids are greeted by smiling Shriners and stuffed animals, clowns, rec-rooms, video games and support councilors and Physicians / facilities designed for smaller, pediatric people that are still growing. A huge difference.

We all experience the same weekly occurrence, when that bystander or person on the street yells at you, “thank you for what you do”. You can be proud knowing exactly what you have done and will continue to do. They are not thanking us for being in the parade. Not thanking us for being cool with the fez and 60 yr old midget car. They are thanking us for the hospital, our fundraising, all our nights and weekends spent so the child whom lost both feet in a lawn mower can run, a girl with no hands can now rock climb or a burn victim can now walk the street without stares all while the family can support the kids 100% without losing the family home. That's what they thank us for.

Be there for your club, unit and Temple.



REPORT FROM 2019 IMPERIAL SESSION

Members of Algeria Shrine, I want to thank you for electing me to represent you at the 145th Imperial Session of Shriners International. The 2019 Imperial Session was held in Nashville, Tennessee from June 30 through July 4th. They used two downtown hotels that were within easy walking distance from the Music City Center where the conference was conducted. The Music City Center was a great venue for this conference; in fact each time I walked from the hotel to the conference center, I had to walk by and/or through "Honkey-Tonk Row. Honkey-Tonk Row is an area about six blocks long, with many side streets, where there were many restaurants and bars, and all the bars provide a venue where up and coming / aspiring musicians can perform in hopes of being discovered. I spent very little time on Honkey-Tonk Row, to be honest because the music was entirely too loud.

Thirty-four pieces of legislation (amendments and resolutions) were addressed during the conference. The Iowa Corporation (corporation that governs the Shriners International) had 20 pieces of legislation, and the Colorado Corporation (corporation that governs Shriners Hospitals for Children) had 14 pieces of legislation. As an elected representative, I was able to vote on all legislation. It was a very interesting process watching and participating in the legislative process. I learned a lot, and have a better understanding how the process works, and if I have an issue I want addressed at Imperial, I now know how to get the issue before the body.

On July 2nd, Ray Sorenson and I were honored by participating in the parade, where we rode in Fred Benson's horse drawn buggy. Fred doesn't like to brag, so I will do it for him. Fred is a great Shriner, and is a member of the Imperial Horse Patrol, and is now their Past-President. Fred placed first in everything he did with his horses during Imperial – skill level performance, parade, and I believe there were two other events. I am glad that by allowing us in his buggy for the parade we didn't do anything that kept him from winning; in fact we did as Fred told us to do – wore our Fez's and we smiled and waved (a lot !!!).

We had the honor of hearing from the two new Shriners Hospitals Ambassadors – Madelyn and Cristian. They both did an excellent job sharing their stories, and they will do an excellent job as the 2019-2020 Shriners Hospitals Ambassadors. Also, the primary focus in 2019-2020 for Imperial is membership and their theme is "Just One," in that if every Shriner was to bring in just one new member we would turn around our membership slide. And, I was present to see PP Tim go up on stage and receive Algeria's 2018 "Gold" award for membership. Algeria achieved this during Tim's time as Potentate.

Not everyone enjoys these types of events, with all the people, activities and everything else going on, plus Imperial is conducted over the July 4th holiday. However, I did enjoy it, and I look forward to attending next year, and I hope to be an elected representative, representating Algeria.

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