

THE ALGERIAN



MIKE WEIGEL
POTENTATE 2019

OCTOBER 2019 FALL EDITION

**Divan Elections, Budget
Installation Registration**



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.

It has been a great year and it is winding down. We have a new Office Secretary who is doing a stand up, fantastic job: Sharon Nielsen. Working close with our office all year I was amazed of all that they do and how well it is done. All that said, the Temple in Helena is basically Human Resources headquarters for all of Algeria from Plentywood to Troy, Canada to the center of the State. Our treasurer does temple and club insurances, rectifies all financial records for Units, Clubs and the Temple, files all with Imperial and tracks all approved (by Potentate) fundraisers. Keeps us out of trouble. The fall ceremonial went fantastic and well attended and I do not believe we could have added 2 more people. It looks like a banner year for membership and I believe we brought in 20 new Nobles and brought back several. If anyone needs a cold sands for someone whom missed the ceremonials give me a call and we can fix that in short order. IS Past Potentate Tracy Prescott won the 40 cal black powder Masonic edition pistol for the most Shriners in 2019; he did a great job, as usual.

The Divan had a great year, most were very involved and with the addition of call in/conference calling we had almost 100% attendance at all meetings. Elections will be the first Saturday of December 7. Due to the fact there is potential to be conflicts in the afternoon of that day, the elections will be at 9 a.m. in the Helena Temple. Anyone wishing to come the night before, I will be hosting a little something in the Temple.

Speaking of the Temple, we are going through some changes. We had to install a new boiler (in progress), something that needed done long ago. We did a new roof a couple of years ago and we have some big plans for the future as that Temple means a lot to too many people and I hope we can keep it another 100 years. The Divan has voted to install a ceiling mounted video/drop down screen in the Dining hall so we can have professional hospital video/training or whatever is necessary or even a movie night.

To date, we have had several rental partners in the Temple but that is slowly changing and with the help of all Algeria Nobles, that could be positive change. Already, our ceremonial room is the envy of the NW. The Dining room, not so much but has potential and if we can spruce it up, new floor, LED lighting etc. it could be a grand event center and could end up being an income producer but at minimum, a great place to go and more energy efficient ie: less energy bill per month.

What we are asking, if every Club could hold 1 fundraiser or arrange 1 donation each year to a Algeria upgrade fund, we can do all the above. \$500 to \$5000, anything would help. Our dues are not enough since 15 years ago we had 1500 Shriners and the last 5 years we have been below 600 and this year I believe we will top 600, finally. The good news, we are one of very few Shrine Temples holding their own. One of the best in fact, receiving Gold awards for membership almost every year. (continued on page 2)

(Potentate's Message cont.)

The best fundraisers I have seen this year: specialty gun raffles, Ft Benton Auction, Tri-county Steak feed, golf tourneys & circuses. FYI, some Shriners get confused:

Giving to the Temple is not a tax donation.

Hospital donations are tax donations.

Raising money for your club is not a tax donation UNLESS it is for travel only.

The importance there, on your fundraiser, you need to identify which one you are doing.

This Temple is US, let's get it done! I hope to see everyone at the election.

Mike Weigel

Potentate 2019

Algeria Shriners

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Monday through Friday

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Algeria Units

Algeria Motor Patrol

Algeria Parade Units

Clowns/Circus Patrol

Wrecking Crew

Flathead Oriental Band

Flathead Parade Patrol

Care Actors

Great Falls Hsan Tauf

Great Falls T-Bird Patrol

Great Falls Jolly Rogers

Great Falls Motosikl Tauf

Great Falls Shrine Bagpipe Band

Tri-County Corvette Patrol

Model-T Patrol

Havre Rat Patrol

Missoula Motor Patrol

Gallatin Shrine Clowns

Legion of Honor

Western Montana Shrine Club Hospital Corps

Algeria Shriners

Chartered June 25, 1888

Mike Weigel

121st Illustrious Potentate

Jon Jackson.....Chief Rabban

Dean Gillmore.....Assistant Rabban

Sarge Selk.....High Priest & Prophet

Rob Cook.....Oriental Guide

Larry Vervick.....Treasurer

Bill Spurzem.....Recorder

Mike Allen....1st Ceremonial Master

David Pick....2nd Ceremonial Master

Dean Bohnsack.....Marshal

Johnathon Dahlquist..Cpt of the Guard

Jason Ulrich.....Outer Guard

Lynn Perkins.....Chaplain

Algeria Clubs

Border Shrine Club

Broadwater Shrine Club

Chouteau County Shrine Club

Clark Fork Shrine Club

Flathead Shrine Club

Gre3at Falls Shrine Club

Kootenai Valley Shrine Club

Malta Shrine Club

Milk River Shrine Club

North Central Montana Shrine Club

Plentywood Shrine Club

Tri-County Shrine Club

Uniformed Bodies of Algeria

Temple

Gallatin Shrine Desert Patrol

NOBLES:

A short time ago I was at an EA degree ceremony and had the honor to hear Jack Levette (No.'s 6 and 18) read the following piece which he wrote. I found this to be very insightful and asked him for a copy to share. I hope you enjoy reading t as much as I enjoyed hearing Jack present it.

Jon Jackson, Algeria Shrine Chief Rabban

FREEMASONRY EXPLAINED

The true instructional purpose of Freemasonry is, to some, channeled into social and philanthropic purposes only. Relief is indeed a duty incumbent upon a Mason, but its Masonic interpretation is not meant to be limited to physical necessities.

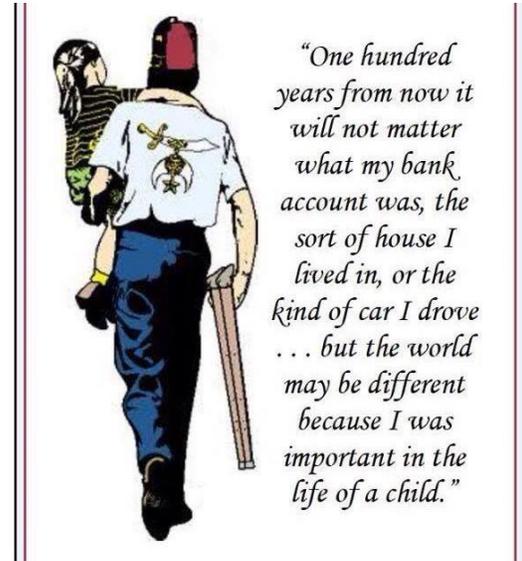
The spiritually, as well as the financially poor and distressed, are always with us. Expediting the spiritual evolution to perfect one's own nature must not be overlooked.

Behind the ceremonial doctrine and symbols of Freemasonry, there is a spiritual side, available only to those who use their spiritual imagination. Through it, we are offered, in dramatic form, a philosophy of the spiritual side of man and a diagram of the process of regeneration.

Freemasonry is, in the final analysis, to be judged by the associations, deeds, words and conduct of its members. It is how we each believe in our hearts that will dictate to us.

Emerson said: "What lies behind us and what lies before us, are tiny matters compared to what lies within us."

To be friends with all men, regardless of their creed or condition, to cap every human relation with friendship, and to be universally friendly to all good men, is the underlying basis of Freemasonry.



ALSO FROM JON.....

In accordance with Algeria Shrine By-laws, Algeria Shrine Divan elections will be held on Saturday December 7 at the Consistory Shrine Temple in Helena. Elections will be held at 9 AM in the second floor Shrine Room. Please plan to attend and show your support to those being elected to Divan leadership positions. There will be coffee and donuts beginning at 8 AM.

We understand that post season college football may be important to Cat and Griz fans which is why the time has been

changed.





About the Spokane Hospital...

All is going well at the Spokane Hospital. We continue with growth every month. Keep in mind, our job as Shriners has 2 obligations, to recruit children and raise money for the Hospital. Without both, we lose hospitals, a very real thing occurring at hospitals all across the nation, both private and public facilities. We are fortunate, the Spokane Hospital is a leader, 3rd in patients seen out of 22 facilities and the lowest endowment funding out of all 22 hospitals (which means our Hospital and the Shriners do a great job at raising money). This does not mean we can lay back, as Imperial wants all hospitals to self-sustain, meaning zero draw on endowment. We presently have 3 surgeons and a 4th will be starting this week (a Montana certified pediatric orthopedic that we recruited from Seattle Children's Hospital)

Net patient revenue has increased 6% from 2018.

The hospital budget is 21 million dollars and we are \$268,000 under budget for the year. We rely 40% on the Imperial endowment.

Referrals: September set a record of 535 referrals, averaging 412 per month (average was 367 per month in 2018) which places Spokane in 3rd highest out of all our hospitals.

Outreach Clinics updates:

Kalispell - On September 20, 16 patients were seen (4 new and 12 were established).

Richland, WA - On September 20, 17 patients were seen and they have 17 scheduled for October 18.

Nogales - 16 patients were seen on October 3.

Fairbanks, AK - 43 patients were seen on October 17 and 18.

At the end of October, our Hospital staff is meeting with a Montana hospital and a pediatric orthopedic for possible consideration of a 2nd outreach clinic in Montana. Location to be decided.

If some of you have not noticed, the hospital registered logo has changed. It used to be the Shriner/child walking with a red heart. It has changed to a Shriner/child walking toward you with a half-circle (halo). This was an Imperial change that surprised many.



Coming in the near future will likely be a name change. Right now, SHRINERS HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN but since some hospitals have changed to day-surgery centers and we are now running so many outreach clinics, that a change is being considered. A good guess may be SHRINERS HEALTHCARE FOR CHILDREN. It makes sense.

With all the changes, most very positive, as Shriners we need to change what we say and relay to people. Do not say we are 22 hospitals in 3 countries. We have added so much more that we are now an

International Healthcare system for children. Our patients come from Syria, Russia, South America, etc. and with all the clinics we have, it just makes sense. We are bigger and better. We are NOT free. That is not a Shrine change; it is a change required by the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) that governs Medicare/Medicaid. We offer our treatment regardless of ability to pay. The difference is, we are required by OIG law and most insurers to bill any co-pay or deductible to patient families. No family is forced to pay, we bill once and that is it. If they can pay, it's great. If they cannot afford to, we understand and NEVER send to a collection agency.

Mike Weigel
Spokane Hospital
Board of Directors



ALGERIA MEMBERSHIP

“JUST ONE” Program Works!

Imperial Sir Jeff Sowder’s commitment to growth within the Shrine is working with the “**Just One**” program that he has embraced. This program is also working here at home, Algeria being in the top 20 Temples with growth through September (see below).

Thank you to all of you who have made a commitment to halt the loss of members and to help the Algeria Temple grow our base so that we can continue to help the Shrine Hospitals and to bring the Shrine fun and good times to even more deserving men! Remember, **Just One!** That’s all it takes from each of you!
1st Ceremonial Master Mike Allen, Membership

TEMPLES REPORTING GROWTH THROUGH SEPTEMBER

With the holiday season just around the corner, currently 68 temples are recording membership growth in 2019. The chart below lists the top 20 temples in terms of percentage increase for January through September. Congratulations to all the temples that are showing membership gains this year!

Temple Name	Membership January 2019	Membership thru September 2019	Percentage Increase
Anezeh Shriners	400	523	30.75%
Sahara Shriners	303	337	11.22%
Emirat Shriners	473	526	11.21%
Mabuhay Shriners	2,876	3,170	10.22%
Agila Shriners	1,039	1,136	9.34%
Abou Saad Shriners	695	748	7.63%
Mecca Shriners	580	620	6.90%
El Maida Shriners	344	361	4.94%
Afifi Shriners	365	383	4.93%
Al Chymia Shriners	863	905	4.87%
Barak Shriners	371	389	4.85%
Bolivia Shriners	371	389	4.85%
Kismet Shriners	372	386	3.76%
Algeria Shriners	576	597	3.65%
Almas Shriners	878	906	3.19%
Salaam Shriners	506	520	2.77%
Al Rai`e Saleh Shriners	320	328	2.50%
Nemesis Shriners	979	1,003	2.45%
El Bekal Shriners	705	721	2.27%
Al Bahr Shriners	1,127	1,150	2.04%



ALGERIA SHRINERS



INSTALLATION CEREMONY OF 2020 OFFICERS SATURDAY, JANUARY 04, 2020

You are cordially invited to the Installation Ceremony and Banquet
For Algeria's Divan and Club Officers
Installation Ceremony, Reception & Potentate's Banquet
15 N. Jackson, Helena, MT

FRIDAY: JANUARY 3, 2020

4:00 PM – 6:00 PM REGISTRATION
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM RED ROOM OPEN

SATURDAY: JANUARY 4, 2020

9:00 AM-NOON: REGISTRATION
10:00 AM: DIVAN/FINANCE MEETING (Casual dress)
11:00 AM -1:00 PM: BREAK
1:00 PM-1:30 PM: PRACTICE
1:30 PM-2:30 PM: PHOTOS DIVAN (Divan attire) &
CLUB OFFICERS (Choice club uniform or Business casual)

NILE

SATURDAY continued

3:00 PM: INSTALLATION OF DIVAN
3:45 PM: INSTALLATION OF CLUB OFFICERS

POTENTATE'S BANQUET

4:30 PM: NO-HOST SOCIAL HOUR
6:00 PM: DINNER (Divan attire/Business Casual)
7:00 PM: KARAOKE and DANCING

SUNDAY: JANUARY 5, 2020

8:00 AM: GIN FIZZES
NO-HOST BREAKFAST, DAUGHTERS OF THE

ALL EVENTS, DINNER, COCKTAILS AND FORMALITIES ARE IN ALGERIA CONSISTORY SHRINE TEMPLE

OFFICIAL REGISTRATION FORM

To guarantee your meal, registration must be received by December 30, 2020
\$40.00 per Adult, Children under 5 are \$15.00

LAST NAME FIRST NAME LADY'S NAME

TEMPLE TITLE/CLUB TELEPHONE NUMBER

SELECT BANQUET ENTRÉE: Prime Rib # _____ Chicken # _____ Vegetarian # _____
Number of Adults # _____ x \$40.00 (Include Total # of People above for #Prime Rib, #Chicken, #Vegetarian)
Number of Children under 5 # _____ x \$15.00 (Include Total # of People above for #Prime Rib, #Chicken, #Vegetarian)

*Tickets will designate Prime Rib, Chicken or Vegetarian and are required to be displayed

A block of rooms have been reserved at the Doubletree Hotel (Located 2 blocks west of the temple)
22 N. Last Chance Gulch, Helena 406-443-2200

\$107 Shrine Rate (does not include breakfast) Must reserve room by **December 13** to get the Shrine rate.

CHECK number: _____ Please make checks payable to: ALGERIA SHRINE TEMPLE
CHECK amount: \$ _____ Address: P.O. Box 1174 Helena, MT 59624
406-442-5305
Credit Card Type: (Please Check One) Visa _____ MasterCard _____ Discover _____ American Express _____
Card number: _____
Expiration date: _____ Validation code: _____ Total Charged/Paid \$ _____

PayPal on our website, accepts PayPal, Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover Cards.

* You may fax credit card information/registration to Algeria Temple: 1-406-442-5322 * Cash payments are accepted in person by the Treasurer or Office Manager

RECORDER'S CORNER



Dues notices for 2020 have been mailed out. If you have not received your notice, please call the office at 406.442.5305. Reminder – If you have not paid your 2019 dues, please do so to insure your membership is in good standing.

If you know of a fellow noble who has passed away, please notify the Algeria Office so that we may update our membership files, pay proper tribute to the noble's service and give appropriate recognitions to his family.

Finally, please help us stay in touch by providing the Algeria office with any changes in address, phone or email information. We appreciate it!

HARLEY DAVIDSON MOTORCYCLE RAFFLE



The winning ticket for the Harley Davidson Motorcycle has been drawn! The lucky winner is Ed Chevallier, a Helena area rancher/fire fighter.

The ticket was sold by Mike McMahon of the Western Montana Shrine Club. Congrats Ed!!

ALGERIA SHRINE COMMUNITY MONDAY NIGHT AT BLACKFOOT RIVER BREWERY

On October 14, the Algeria Shriners were the featured Non-Profit at the Blackfoot River Brewery.

Every Monday, the Blackfoot Brewery features a local non-profit with \$1.00 from every beer poured that day going to that non-profit.

On October 14, the Algeria Shrine was able to raise over **\$400** for our fraternity and more importantly, we introduced the Shrine and our mission of helping children receive orthopedic health care services at the Shrine Hospitals to hundreds of folks

This is a wonderful way to let people that live in the Algeria area know of our mission and what we do. While at the brewery Algeria Shriners talked about the Shrine's mission of supporting kids and their families at our sponsored hospitals. We also let them know of our commitment to our local community and to local men who want to be a part of a great organization such as the Algeria Shrine. It was a wonderful day of outreach in so many ways.

Thanks to all that came down to help with the table and all of those who came down to have a beer and support the Shrine with their attendance. A special thanks to the ladies from Daughters of the Nile who came down early, took over a table and stayed late to support the Shrine cause!

Watch for us again soon as we are working with other Helena Breweries to be a part of their Community Nights.

**ALGERIA SHRINERS
ANNUAL BUDGET
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020**

APPROVED BY DIVAN OCTOBER 14, 2019

**PAYING
MEMBERS
540
\$100
FYE 2020**

REVENUES

4010.10 Dues - Current Year (540 AT \$100)	\$ 54,000
4010.12 Per Capita Dues (540 @ \$30.00)	16,200
4010.30 Life Paid Membership Dues	3,000
4060.13 Club/Unit Insurance repay	10,300
4060.11 Transportation Administration	6,000
4610 Calendar Sales (2,000 CALENDARS)	30,000
4810 Offsite Catering revenue (ESTIMATED AT NET OF COST)	6,000
Total Income	125,500

EXPENSES

6000 Per Capita Tax - Imperial Counc (OFFSETS ACCT 4010.12)	16,200
6110.15 Salary expense--office, net of transportation administration	13,520
6111 Contract Labor	500
6120 Payroll Taxes	1,900
6121 Workers Compensation	500
6130.20 Travel--Potentate	1,000
6130.30 Travel--Chief Rabban	1,000
6130.40 Travel--Assistant Rabban	1,000
6130.50 Travel--Oriental Guide	1,000
6130.50 Travel--High Priest & Profit	1,000
6130.70 Travel--Treasurer	12,000
6150.20 Algerian Printing and Supplies	3,200
6160.50 Postage - General	2,800
6170.40 Equipment fund	250
6181 Multi-Peril Insurance	2,059
6182 Directors Insurance	625
6183 Auto Insurance	7,800
6190 Telephone and Internet	2,500
6210 Office Supplies	1,400
6220 Dues and Subscriptions	500
6220.50 Software	500
6230 Professional Services	6,500
6290.40 Credit Card Discounts	1,200
6290.60 Repairs and Maintenance	300
6590 Rent - Building	19,500
7430 Membership Promotion	500
7455 Cheerleader Awards	250
8611 Calendar Payouts	17,725
8612 Calendar Printing	1,800
8802 Fez - Past Potentate	300
9500 Unallocated Expenses	2,000
Total Expenses	121,329
NET INCOME	\$4,171



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<u>OFFICE USE ONLY</u>
Date of Death: _____
Date of Demit: _____
Date of N.P.D.: _____

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Name: _____ Date: _____

Last First & MI

Residence Address _____

City & Zip Code _____

Business Address _____

City & Zip Code _____

Do you prefer your mail to go to your: Home or Business (Please Check one)

Home Phone: (____) _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____

Fax Number: (____) _____ E-mail: _____

Occupation: _____ Lady's Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Birthplace: _____

(Only if Applicable) Date of Demit: _____ Temple & City _____

TO THE ILLUSTRIOUS POTENTATE, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF ALGERIA SHRINERS, OASIS OF HELENA, I, THE UNDERSIGNED, HEREBY DECLARE THAT I AM A MASTER MASON IN GOOD STANDING OF:

_____ LODGE # _____ OF _____

You must show exact Lodge name, Lodge Number and Location (City & State)

I FURTHERMORE REPRESENT THAT I HAVE NEVER APPLIED FOR SAID ORDER, NOR HAVE I, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, BEEN REJECTED BY ANY OTHER SHRINE OASIS. IF I BE FOUND WORTHY AND MY REQUEST GRANTED, I PROMISE TO CONFIRM TO ALL THE CEREMONIES, ENGAGEMENTS, CONSTITUTION, REGULATION AND EDICTS OF THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL TOGETHER WITH THOSE OF ALGERIA SHRINERS.

FULL SIGNATURE _____ **Date:** _____

Recommended and Vouched for on the honor of:

First Sponsor _____ Shrine Card # _____

Address _____ Telephone # _____

Second Sponsor _____ Shrine Card # _____

Address _____ Telephone # _____

New Noble's Unit: _____ Club: _____

New Noble's Fez Size: _____

Initiation Fee \$ _____

Dues \$ _____

Jeweled Fez \$ MARKET VALUE (includes 24'' tassel and fez stabilizer)

Fez Case \$ MARKET VALUE

Please indicate which Ceremonial you wish to attend: _____ Spring _____ Fall