

Rev. Dr. John Alexander Johnston M.A., Th.M., Ph.D.D.

By Noble Jerry McKnight

HAMILTON SHRINE CLUB

The Shrine has lost a true gentleman - The Rev. John Alexander Johnston, the result of major injuries suffered in an automobile accident. He passed away in Hamilton on January 10th, 2008, in his eightieth year.

Noble Rev. John was an ordained minister of the historic McNab Street Presbyterian Church in Hamilton, where he served for 27 years.

He also enjoyed a very active Masonic/Shrine career. He was a past Grand Chaplain AF & AM, GRC, Royal Scottish Rite 33rd Degree, past Chaplain of Rameses Temple, and was the current Chaplain of the Hamilton Shrine Club.

He never missed the opportunity each year to support our Shrine Circus by selling programs and was a great inspiration to our members.

A service of remembrance was held on Saturday, January 19th at McNabb Street Church, Hamilton, where hundreds of friends and dignitaries, including the Mayor, joined together to celebrate the tremendous achievements Rev. Johnston accomplished and the wonderful legacy he left behind.

He is survived by his wife Heather, sons Andrew, Ian and daughter Mary as well as eight grandchildren. We share their sorrow and extend our condolences. Indeed, Reverend Johnston will be missed by all!

In other Club news, all our Units including, The Hillbillies, Clowns, and Oriental Band enjoyed successful Christmas parades and, our Christmas cake sales were very good.

On the other hand, the Christmas Fantasy suffered a major blow when a major snowstorm prevented our members from attending. This was a disappointment but, we now have a big challenge and renewed determination to make the 2008 Fantasy an affair to remember.

Congratulations to our new Club President, Noble Damon Smith and his slate of officers who were elected for 2008.

The Hamilton Shrine Club extends our thanks and appreciation to our past

Potentate, Illustrious Robert Whitmarsh for a job well done. Congratulations to Illustrious Potentate, Brian Davenport and the rest of the Divan, we wish them success for 2008.

We look forward to seeing you at our January installations and assure you of our continued support and dedication.

Numerous exciting events planned

GUELPH DISTRICT SHRINE CLUB

The Guelph District Shrine Club extends congratulations to our newest Potentate, Illustrious Sir, Brian Davenport, and all members of the Elected and Appointed Divan. We are sure they will continue to work very hard to ensure the continued success of our great Fraternity.

Our Club President Les Sulzer and his Executive have planned numerous exciting activities over the next few months.

Our first event was a 50/50 draw at the Guelph Storm/Owen Sound OHL hockey game. Also, approximately 10 members of our Club and their Ladies attended the Credit Valley Shrine Club' Installation and dinner. Later in the month, we celebrated a Robbie Burns Dinner at our monthly "Attitude Adjustment Evening". A Super Bowl party has been planned for February 3rd.

Upcoming events also include an NHL raffle, a Valentine's Brunch on Feb 17th and our Shrine Degree team under the direction of our Ambassador Noble Ian Millar are putting on a 3rd degree at Speed Lodge #180 in early March.

This is just the beginning of another busy year. Another OHL hockey 50/50 draw and a garage sale in early May are in the early planning stages.

An invitation is extended to all Nobles and their Ladies. Our "Attitude Adjustment Evening" is held on the fourth Thursday of each month.

If you are looking for enjoyment, pleasure and fellowship, we invite you to join us. Happy Hour is 5 p.m to 6 p.m followed by a meal. We would love to see you, "LET'S HAVE FUN" together.

Please welcome 22 new Nobles to the Shrine

JOHN BALCOM
ROBERT BREWITT
KENNETH E. BRISBOIS
WAYNE BULLOCK
ADRIAAN DE VRIES
JAN W. DOEF
WILFRED C. DOUGHTY
ROBERT J. DUNN
ROBERT D. FLANNIGAN
ANDREW GIDARO
ROBERT P. GOODFELLOW
LOUIS P. HEMOND
WALTER W. HOWELL
ALAND D. IMMEL
CHRISTIAN IVAN
KENNETH G. JACKSON
JACOB JOSEPH
JOHN G. KREBS
IAN B. LILLIE
HAROLD T. MACFARLANE
LUCHIAN OBOROCEANU
EBERHARD H. OTTO
FREDERICK H. WALKER
STANLEY H. WALTEMBURY
SIKKIO WIERSMA
JEFFREY R. B. WILLIAMS
SCOTT E. WOODS

150th anniversary of Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons

Friday April 4th 2008 Quality Hotel, Parkway Convention Centre, St. Catharines at 5:30pm - 150th Gala Variety Show & Banquet featuring- Mr. John McDermott and Friends-Song, Keith Hunter-Humour, Special Guest Appearance. Tickets are \$50 each. Call Grand Chapter Office at 905 522-5775 and ask for Marlene.

For more information contact the Chairman, Terry McLean at 905-826-7180

M. Ex. Com. George Gifford Grand First Principal extends a personal invitation to all Nobles and their Ladies to join the Royal Arch Masons in celebrating this special milestone.