

Exciting times for all

BOKHARA COURT NO. 22

LADIES' ORIENTAL SHRINE OF NORTH AMERICA

The Ladies of Bokhara Court traveled to Pittsburgh, PA for their annual Grand Council Session held from May 18th to May 23rd. Our newest line officer, Lady Barbara Van Der Hayden was given her official class name, Jan's Explorers and symbols by her Grand Officer, Lady Jan Hiebert, and P.H.P. from Arami Court #101, Wichita, KS. They have a great class motto, "If you're handed it, you can handle it. If you know you're going to laugh about it someday, why wait?" On the Friday night, Lady Patricia "PC" Mabray, P.H.P. of Amani Court #72, Houston, TX was installed as our Grand High Priestess. This is a very exciting time for her, our officers and members.

Many of our Ladies attended the Men's Imperial Session in San Antonio, TX. The Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America, Inc. had a display booth at the men's flea market. This is where we promote who we are and what we do. It was a great success and our Ladies answered many questions and filled in many petitions. Good for our Grand Officers and Ladies.

We are gearing up for a busy fall and winter. The Great Lakes Unit Meet, September 24th to 26th, hosted by Tarum Court #14, Indianapolis, IN. This is a fun weekend filled with seeing friends and performing units drills.

Saturday, November 14th, we are looking forward to initiating new members. We wish you a very happy fall.

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Fuller and Boutilier. As going back to Hamilton was all uphill the added weight may be a factor in posting an unconfirmed slower time this year. Somebody reported our own Hoopie may have peddled his "tush" off for a block or two in aid of their fundraising efforts.

Greg Frewin an international grand champion of magic donated 100 tickets to his theatre as a fundraiser for our club. Talk about a fantastic magic show, slight of hand, smoke and mirrors, disappearing assistants, lots of pretty girls, white tigers and even a huge parrot that flies out and buzzes the audience. This act is a must see if you haven't already, it really belongs in Vegas but Greg has made Niagara his home. We appreciate his donation and this his second commitment to the Shriners.

Attraction specials for anyone visiting the Falls can be found on our web site www.niagarashrineclub.com. Why pay regular price, buy on line here and save. More attractions will be added soon.

After hopefully having a good relaxing summer, we are all back to work in our fundraising and transportation duties. Remember the close call we had with proposed hospital closings and our ever dwindling Funds... Membership alone will not support our expenses!

Think up a fundraising effort, big or small, get it approved, implement it yourself, and get your other Nobles, friends and neighbours to support it. Just wait and see how great you'll feel, knowing where its going when you give that check to your treasurer.

Honorary Membership

At the June Sudbury Shrine Club meeting, Noble Wah Chung, President, presented Noble Marvin Firth, on behalf of all members of the Sudbury Shrine Club, an Honorary Membership Certificate. This Certificate of Appreciation recognizes Noble Firth's tireless contribution to the Shrine, our Club and the very special children of the Shriners.



Decoration Day

On the afternoon of Sunday, June 7th, 2009, veterans and the people of Manitoulin Island gathered at the Island Cenotaph in Providence Bay to observe the tradition of Decoration Day. This tradition stretches back to 1921. In the same time, we also observed the 65th Anniversary of the D-Day and recognized the significance of Canada's sacrifices and achievements. In addition to the many wreaths which were laid that day, 4 wreaths were of particular significance to the District Masons; The District of the Sudbury-Manitoulin Masons, Doric Lodge #455, The Haweater Unit of the Sudbury Shrine Club and the Sudbury Shrine Club. The Masons and the Shriners participated in laying wreaths to pay their respects to and recognize the contribution of those who gave their lives while in service. This service also recognized those who continue to serve for the cause of freedom, justice and peace. The Sudbury-Manitoulin District Mason's wreath was laid by the District Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro Robert Fleming and escorted by W. Bro Roy Eaton. The Doric Lodge #455 wreath was laid by the past president of Legion Branch 177, W. Bro. Roy Eaton and escorted by Bro Jim Corrigan. The Haweater Unit of the Sudbury Shrine Club was laid by Chairman Noble Peter Thureson and escorted by Noble Brian Martin. The Sudbury Shrine Club wreath was laid by President Noble Wah Chung and escorted by Noble Tom Newburn. The following picture of the Brethren and Nobles was taken after the ceremony in front of the Cenotaph.

