



ALGONQUIN SHRINE CLUB



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NEWSLETTER

March 2025

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Executive Meeting
March 12, 2025 – 10:00 AM
Wilberforce Legion

General Meeting
March 18, 2025 – Wilberforce Legion
5:30 PM Zem Zem
6:00 PM Dinner
Dress: #1 Dress and fez
Ladies are Welcome at all Meetings

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK . . .

Greetings Nobles and Ladies.

Wow that was some winter storm we experienced. Fortunately it passed through prior to our February meeting. Many thanks to the Nobles and Ladies who braved the cold evening to enjoy a wonderful meal and fellowship. Thanks also to the ladies who prepared such a wonderful meal under some trying circumstances.



I trust the weather will be more cooperative by the time our March meeting rolls around. I am looking forward to a productive year and would ask that you participate in as many club and parade activities as you can. With the declining membership in the Shrine world wide it is essential that we are visible in our communities to "show the flag" and hopefully attract more interest in becoming a Shriner. With that in mind I would ask that you consider attending the Spring Ceremonial in June to support our Potentate.

Noble Dave Mount is arranging hotel accommodation for that occasion and I expect to update you when information is available.

Keep safe and healthy until we meet again.

Noble President
Barry Robb

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 12 -15th,
2025
Spring Ceremonial
Belleville, ON

August 12 - 25th
Potentate's Alaska
Cruise
Details in Papyrus

Parades

June 14th
Ceremonial Parade
Belleville, ON

July 1st
Canada Day
Apsley, ON



COMMITTEES

Public Relations

Dinners

Ed OTTO
Barry CROSS

News Letter/Website

Dave EARLE

Membership

All Members of Algonquin
Shrine Club

100 Million Dollar Club

Tom HAYWARD
Sick and Visiting
All Members of Algonquin
Shrine Club

Rameses Lottery Tickets

Larry DONALDSON

Hospital

Dave REEVES
Wayne WIGGINS

Housing Chairman

Dave MOUNT

Golf Tournament

Dave REEVES
Dave MOUNT

Float Transportation

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Dave REEVES
Vaughn LLOYD

Fund Raising Ideas

All Members of Algonquin
Shrine Club

UNITS

Rock Hounders ATV Unit

Barry CROSS
Chairman
Vaughn LLOYD
1st Vice Chair
Tom HAYWARD
Treasurer

Clown Unit

Wayne WIGGINS (Ding-A-Ling)
Chairman
Noble Dave EARLE (Harley)
1st Vice Chair
Tom HAYWARD
Treasurer



"FROM THE DESK OF YOUR AMBASSADOR"

I bring you greetings from our POTENTATE ILLUSTRIOUS SIR JOHN NEILL.

I have received a letter from RAMESES and our POTENTATE that although we presently have strained relationship between CANADA and USA, we will continue to toast the Office of the President of the United States and will continue to Pledge Allegiance to our Flag.



I had the privilege to represent our Potentate at our February Meeting. I installed Noble STEPHEN BERRY, as a director on our club for 2025.

The Spring Ceremonial is being held in Belleville in June, please try to get a candidate if you can. In 2024 Algonquin lost 5 members, and Rameses is down to less than 1900 members.

Hope to see you at our MARCH Dinner meeting

AMBASSADOR NOBLE WAYNE WIGGINS



General Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2025

The meeting was called to Order at 6:00 PM by Noble President Barry ROBB. Attendance as per the Register. The meeting was opened as per the traditional Shrine Protocol, then called off for the dinner.

Meeting Resumed

Noble President Barry ROBB welcomed all. He then called on Noble Ambassador Wayne WIGGINS to invest Noble Steve BERRY as Director. This being done, Lady Bonnie Fezzed Steve.

The Chairman for the evening was Noble Steve BERRY. He introduced the head table. Noble Ambassador Wayne WIGGINS introduced Janet YOUNG as a visitor. She was the top sales person for the cake sales. The Legion staff were thanked by Noble David MOUNT. Gavel returned.

Minutes – moved by Noble Dave EARLE, second by Noble Ed OTTO, the minutes be adopted as circulated. Carried

Correspondence – (see Executive)

Treasurer's Report – moved by Noble Tom HAYWARD, second by Noble Dean LINTON, the report be adopted as circulated. Carried

Golf – see Executive

Ambassador

Noble Ambassador Wayne WIGGINS brought greetings on behalf of the Potentate, ILL Sir John NEILL. Our Potentate is currently in Quebec to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Shriner's hospitals. He recalled how the Shriner hospital assisted a child from the Ukraine after serious injuries from a grenade. Shriner's International and Rameses is suffering from a serious decline in membership. He reminded all of the Spring Ceremonial in Belleville in June.

Adjourned 7:50 PM

Sick & Visiting

Noble Barry CROSS lingering health issues.

