



ALGONQUIN SHRINE CLUB



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NEWSLETTER

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Executive Meeting
May 14, 2025 – 10:00 AM
Wilberforce Legion

General Meeting
May 20 – Wilberforce Legion
5:30 PM Zem Zem
6:00 PM Dinner

Dress: #1 Dress and fez
Ladies are Welcome at all Meetings

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

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK . . .

Greetings Nobles:

Well it looks like we are over the hump and spring is on the horizon. I trust you all survived the recent winter storm without too many hardships.

Although attendance last month was, shall we say cosy, we enjoyed a wonderful meal of scalloped potatoes and ham excellently prepared by the ladies.

As many Nobles have returned from wintering in southern climes, I am expecting a good turnout for our May meeting as we welcome our Nobles back into the fold for the duration of the year.

Nobles, our monthly dinner meetings are an important gathering where we not only conduct the business of the club but where our Ladies, who support us in what we do, have an opportunity to join us for a night out and a lovely dinner and I'm sure they enjoy having a meal prepared for them as a change from their daily routine. It also provides them with an opportunity to socialize and get to know each other.

Sadly we remember our Noble Barry Cross who recently passed to the Grand Lodge above and our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends.

I have arranged for a guest speaker for this meeting. Dr Aerin Greidanus is a Chiropractor whose practice deals almost exclusively with animals and I am sure that you will find her presentation both interesting and enlightening.

Lastly, please keep abreast of upcoming club events and plan your participation.

Noble President
Barry Robb



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

Hald ROBINSON
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 for IMPERIAL POTENTATE
JOHN NEIL

This will be a short update as Lady Jewel and I are
in the middle of moving to our Little house located
at 31 HASTINGS, it took me a week just to find my
computer!!!

April's dinner meeting was another very small
turn out. I sure hope this is not the new normal, or
our great little club is in trouble. Please remember
why you joined the shrine and try to make a
commitment to support our club and our CHILDREN
and HOSPITALS.

OUR ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT IS JUNE 28th, Please try to support this great
fund raiser, BY, putting in a team, sponsoring a hole, or getting a BUSINESS to
sponsor one.

Keep in mind the POTENTATE'S ALASKA CRUISE in August if you wish.

STAY SAFE AND HEALTHY

AMBASSADOR NOBLE WAYNE WIGGINS



Sick & Visiting

Noble Jim BURKE cataract procedure
Noble Dean LINTON cataract procedure
Lady Jean MANN had fallen earlier in the season-suffered
compressed fracture of the spine and now kidney failure
Lady Valerie SMITH still dealing with vision issues

Executive Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2025

The meeting was called to Order at 10:00 AM by Noble President Barry ROBB, with 5 Nobles present.

Regrets: Nobles Jim BURKE, Dean LINTON, David MOUNT, Dave REEVES, Wayne WIGGINS

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

Correspondence: none

Treasurer's Report: moved by Noble Tom HAYWARD, second by Noble Al FRANSKY, the report be adopted as circulated. Carried

Dinner Meetings: there was extensive discussions with regards to 'non attending Nobles' without advising anyone. This has created undue expenses to the Club. Two suggestions were put forward such as:

- Nobles prepay for all meals at beginning of each year with their dues. Eg 10 meals at \$30.00 per meal will be \$300 or \$600 per couple.
 - E-transfer meal costs prior to meeting night with NO payment on the meeting night
- Noble President Barry ROBB requests any feedback or any other recommendations.

Golf: Tournament to be held on July 21st at Bancroft Golf Course. Sponsors are needed.

Public Relations: The Club has an opening for the position of Public Relations. Any interested Noble can contact either the Secretary or the President.

Adjourned at 10:30 AM



ALGONQUIN SHRINE CLUB PARTNERSHIP WITH SUPERIOR PROPANE

Algonquin Shrine Club has entered into a partnership with Superior Propane.

This partnership has two benefits for us:

- *it will allow all members, family, friends and neighbors the opportunity to reduce the cost of heating their homes, through BULK purchasing propane by Superior, for us, when the cost is at its lowest and then locking that price in for all members, in our PARTNERSHIP.*
- *Superior will pay Algonquin Shrine Club a FINDERS FEE for all Superior customers.*

**PLEASE NOTE
NEW CONTACT INFO**

In order to be part of OUR GROUP simply call:

Jeff VOYER at 705-760-1470 – Use Promotion Code “ALGONQUIN SHRINERS”

New Superior customers will be eligible for:

1st year tank rental free

- *qualify for Shriner's special group pricing*

Any questions call Noble President Wayne WIGGINS at (613)334-1245

NOTE: We can utilize this Fund raising Event and still practice social distancing.

General Meeting Minutes

April 15, 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.

There was a benediction read by Noble Chaplain Mel SMITH in memory of Noble Barry CROSS, followed by a moment of silence.

Meeting called off for the dinner.

Meeting resumed

Noble Al FRANSKY was introduced as Chairman for the evening. The head table was introduced. There were no special guests. The Legion ladies were thanked for the meal of ham and scalloped potatoes. Gavel returned.

Minutes: tabled (regrets from Noble Secretary Dave EARLE)

Treasurer's Report: tabled (regrets from Noble Treasurer Tom HAYWARD)

Golf: Noble Dave REEVES reminded all of the Golf Tournament, to be held on July 21st. He urged all Nobles to secure sponsors.

Ambassador

Noble Ambassador Wayne WIGGINS brought greetings on behalf of Ill Sir John NEILL, Potentate, and the Divan.

Adjourned at 8:05 PM



BLACK CAMEL

A moment of silence was called in memory of the passing of the following Noble:

Noble Barry James CROSS

Passed to Grand Lodge Above April 10, 2025

Officer in Club for several years

Chairman ATV Unit

Shriner of the Year 2022



We Cherish Their Memories - We Mourn Their Loss