

The Camel Post

Unofficial Newsletter of the
Shriners' Club of Brantford

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100 years old!
The oldest continually operating
shrine club in North America
March 2012

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

This is a great opportunity for all our members to take part in our 100th year anniversary. There are many who are faithful at paying their membership but are not very involved otherwise. We ask you each and every member to take 4 tickets to our Centenary party at \$40.00 each which is a real bargain. Sell 2 to a friend or relative and enjoy the party with Nobles and their ladies from all over the Realm. This is a great opportunity for you to show your commitment to our prestigious brotherhood.. *Check page 4 for details*

Dinner Meeting March 1, 2012

Best Western Brant Park Inn, 19 Holiday Dr.

Join us for a delicious dinner \$15.00

Phone 752-2551 leave a message on the machine by the Sunday before the meeting to ensure there will be a place for you !

Gathering 6:00

Dinner 6:30, Meeting 7:30

There will be a Brantford Shrine Club Ltd meeting after the Club meeting to elect the executive for the Limited Club.

Shriners Club of Brantford

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Good day Nobles

I would like to thank Past Potentate Barry Snider and his installing team for there good work at our installation. he weather was not great and therefore attendance was low but we got it done. Thank-you also to all those members who have taken a part in the B.S.C. 2012 Executive and commities. We will continue to work together for the good of our hospitals.

On a sad note the B.S.C. has lost it's oldest member Vern Kneale. Vern was a good shriner and a kind and gentle man. His life stories and talents were a blessing to us all.

Our visit to the Aylmer Shrine Club Feb. 16 was well attended by myself, Nobles Bauer, Bamsey, Oxborough, Bradshaw, Neuman, Hibbert. A great meal and social time was had by all. Noble Bamsey sold a table of eight to our anniversary party. Our next visit will be to Cambridge on Mar 21 for a chili dinner.

Nobles Oxborough,Bauer and myself are planning to attend the Potentate's Ball April 28. If anyone else would like to accompany us let Noble Oxborough know.

Our Spring Ladies Steak BBQ at the Cambridge Shrine Club is set for May 26. A great meal, good music and prizes can be expected. Remember to reserve your anniversary tickets, they are going fast. We are looking for help with the anniversary booklet. Any history from 1987 to the present is needed. We need a Noble to help put this important piece of our history together. Please get involved with the operation and social events at our Club!!!

Noble Bauer has started a blue buddy program where we invite master masons out to our dinner meetings as our guests. We are expecting two potential new members at our March meeting. Please come out and help us welcome them.

Remember Nobles if you have any ideas, problems or otherwise please feel free to talk to me.

Yours In Faith

Noble Peter Loube



A little guy gets on a plane and sits next to the window.

A few minutes later, a big, heavy, strong mean-looking, hulking guy plops down in the seat next to him and immediately falls asleep. The little guy starts to feel a little airsick, but he's afraid to wake the big guy up to ask if he can go to the bathroom. He knows he can't climb over him, and so the little guy is sitting there, looking at the big guy, trying to decide what to do.

Suddenly, the plane hits an air pocket and an uncontrollable wave of nausea passes through the little guy. He can't hold it in any longer and he pukes all over the big guy's chest.

About five minutes later the big guy wakes up, looks down, and sees the vomit all over him.

"So," says the little guy, "are you feeling better now?"

February Meeting Report.

The meeting got off to a fine start as usual with a fine dinner at the Best Western Hotel with 16 members in attendance. The price for the dinner has been raised from \$15.00 to \$18.00 which also covers our rent for the meeting room. There was a slight mistake in the reporting of the profit from our One Grand Picnic in last months Camel Post, we apparently made a profit of close to \$7,000.00 and not \$2,000.00 that was reported. How did that happen? Who knows? We did not have a treasurers report because of vacations so this item was deferred until the next meeting.

Our new president, Noble Peter Loube mentioned that he felt that it was a great honour to serve as President of the Brantford Shrine Club and he hoped that we will have a very successful year. He distributed a list of upcoming events.

Our Christmas cake sales this year netted us a profit of about \$8,000.00 which will be used for our donations to Mocha.

The membership report from Noble Ed Skokun reports that only two members have as yet not paid their dues. From the editor of the Camel Post, Noble Joe Hibbert reports that he received \$10.00 from Jean Whitman to cover the cost of mailing said post and is always thankful to know what is going on in the Club. She also wanted to know if there were going to be any arrangements for the widows at our Centenary Celebration.

We have a website for the Camel Post homepage for the BSC. (www.brantfordshriners.com)

The cribbagerers got five points on Tuesday and are now in 4th place.

At the annual meeting held in London, the Potentate made a presentation to the gathering with regard to our Centenary Celebrations. It has been proposed the we send each member of the Shrine Club four tickets to the celebration, two for the members to attend and two to be sold to a friend, this would result in the sale of at least 240 tickets and we should expect each and every member to participate in the worthwhile project..

Next month we should have a new and up to date mailing list of the members.

Past Potentate Noble Jim Hahn commented on the good ideas the have been talked about at this meeting and that they should be talked about at the executive level and then brought before the general meeting. It is always a pleasure to have a visit from our Past Pote Jim and hear him dispense a few pearls of wisdom



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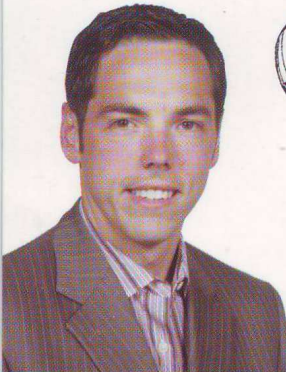

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Shriners' Club of Brantford
Centennial Anniversary Celebrations
Saturday, September 8, 2012

Please join us in the Grand Ballroom of the Best Western Brant Park Inn
 19 Holiday Dr., Brantford, Ontario

Hospitality Room

Reception at 6.00pm Dinner & Wine at 7.00 pm

Dance starting at 9.00pm

Entertainment by Comedian Gord Paynter

Music by the George Rose Big Band

Tickets \$40.00 per person , available from
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Recipe of the month

Roasted Sweet Potato Soup with Orange and Ginger (Makes 6 servings)

Ingredients:

- 6 cups peeled and cubed sweet potatoes (about 3 large)
- 1 1/2 cups coarsely chopped onions
- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 tsp minced garlic
- 5 cups reduced-sodium vegetable or chicken broth
- 1 Tbsp each grated orange zest and ginger root
- 1 whole clove
- 1/2 tsp each ground cumin and salt
- 1/4 tsp freshly ground black pepper
- 6 Tbsp light (5 per cent) sour cream
- Minced fresh cilantro for garnish (optional)

Directions:

Spray a shallow roasting pan with cooking spray. Add yams or sweet potatoes, onions, olive oil and garlic. Stir well. Roast, uncovered, at 425 °F (218 °C) for 25 minutes. Stir once, halfway through cooking time.

Transfer mixture to a soup pot. Add broth, orange zest, ginger root, clove, cumin, salt and pepper. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium-low and simmer, covered, for 10 minutes.

Working in batches, carefully transfer the soup to a blender or food processor and purée until smooth. Serve hot with a swirl of sour cream in the center. Garnish with fresh cilantro, if desired.

Recipe tip: Add 1 tsp medium curry powder to step two for even more zip!

A few tax notes

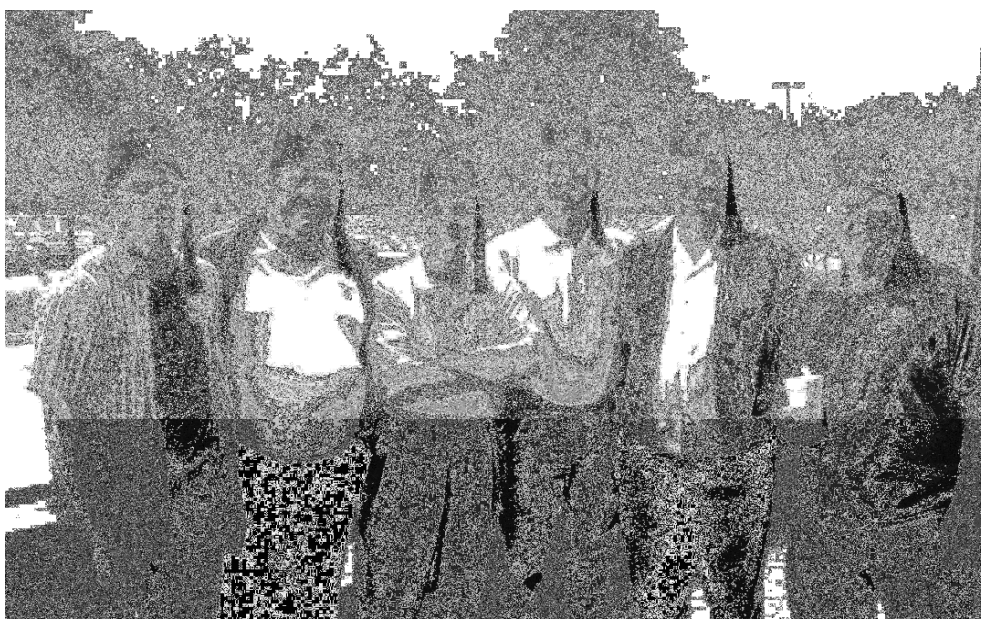
Thanks to Noble Fred Kalliokoski

Here is a brief summary of the complicated approach Ontario is now taking to provide tax credits (rebates) to taxpayers:

On filing the 2011 tax returns, benefits available include:

- Canada child tax benefit -possibly up to \$91.66 monthly per child under 18 and adjusted for family net income over \$20,000.
- Ontario senior homeowners' property tax grant - maximum \$500
- Ontario Trillium Benefit - combines the Ontario sales tax credit and the property tax credit. These combined payments will be delivered monthly starting in July 2012.
- The Ontario sales tax credit is up to an annual maximum of \$273 per adult and child in a family. This amount will be reduced by 4% of family income over \$26,290.
- The Ontario energy and property tax credit is based on property tax paid and will be combined with the sales tax credit.

The Trillium Benefit replaces the calculated property tax credit on prior year tax returns. This will likely result in many who have received cheques from the federal government to cover their credits will no longer receive these "lump" sum payments and will receive payments on a monthly basis instead.



A bit of history for Our 100th year.

A picture from the June 2005 Camel Post. Some of the new candidates with members of the club.

Left to right are: Candidates Ken Maranda, Rod Skokun., Jack Herron with Nobles Ralph Baldwin, Ray Bamsey, and Ed Skokun.

(If you have any old Shine pictures let us have them for this item)



BSC visit to Aylmer Shrine Club

Here is the group that visited Aylmer Shrine Club on Feb. 16. with Aylmer President Roy Osmond and Past President Jeff Smith

Coming Events



Why not attend with your illustrious brothers at the Brantford Scottish Rite Banquet on Wednesday, April 25 at 6:00pm. (dinner at 7:00) at the Best Western Inn in Brantford. This year the speaker is Alex Loopstra, President of the S.R. Charitable Foundation. \$25.00 well spent.

***B.S.C. Ladies Night Steak B.B.Q.
Cambridge Shrine Club
May 26,***

Come and bring a prospective member and his Lady

***Cambridge Shrine Club Fish Fry
May 5***

A man was telling his neighbour, "I just bought a new hearing aid. It cost me four thousand dollars, but it's state of the art. It's perfect."
"Really," answered the neighbor. "What kind is it?"
"Twelve thirty."



Above: Brian Wagar, invents a new game
Below: Why you shouldn't sleep nude

