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#### Sneek Preview

Dec 3th Club Installation- begins at 5 pm, Dinner at 6 pm, installation F. I. L and S.

to follow

Korein Temple Meeting— Dec 10th

Rawlins

Dec 10th Christmas Kraft Sale—Simplicity

and 11th 307—Archer Complex

Dec 17th Wounded Warrior Brunch-

Masonic Temple 8:00—9:30

Dec 18th Christmas Brunch—9:30 am

Dec 19th Shrine Club Board Meeting—

6:00 pm

No Uniform Bodies or Regular Club meeting in December.

Indians will have the hosting duties so come out to Happy Hour on Fridays in December. Wednesday mornings the Coffee Group gathers for some good conversation. 7:30 am - 9:30 am

Nobles and Ladies please remember at the beginning of the new year 2023 we usually skip a unit. But now that we have 5 units we do not need to do this. The Legion of Honor will have hosting duties in January. The Shooters will be hosting in February 2023. The batting order is alphabetical C,

### The Prez Sez:

Greetings Nobles, Ladies and all others who may read this, my last article as your Cheyenne Shrine Club President. It has indeed been an honor to have been able to serve. As to what success we have had it would have been impossible without the help of my Lady Margie, Vice President, Randy Bigelow and Lady Cristy, your board members, Chuck Inman Treasurer and Lady Robin, , Butch Anderson and Lady Sue, Keith White and Lady Ila Rae, Kody Zubrod and Lady Ruby, Matthew MacLeod and Lady Denise, Pete Bravo and Lady Regina, Shannon Kupec and Lady Stephanie, Monty Branson and Lady Judy, Cliff Spoonmore and Lady Jeri, Al Young Chaplain and Lady Gaela, Carl Pappert and Lady Kathleen, future noble Benjamin Miles and Lady Carla, I hope that I have not forgotten anyone, but if I have, please know that, it is completely unintentional. Without you all, the nobles and ladies and future nobles and ladies, we would not have had the fun and fellowship which permeates your Cheyenne Shrine Club. I hope that the changes that have been made are satisfactory and this is just the start of more to come. If you have any ideas or concerns, please let your board know.

We also got the Fez trailer updated with new axles and brakes so that it is road worthy for our

parade events.

Your club is fortunate to have as members, Imperial Sir Tim Forbis, the first Imperial Divan member from Wyoming, and Lady Peggy Sue and Ill Sir J. Michael Reed, our new Salt Lake City hospital board of governors representative, and Lady Theresa.

Elsewhere in this Minaret are the upcoming events, which I hope that you are able to help with and participate in, the one that takes quite a few of us to make it a success is the Christmas Brunch on December 18, please come out to help if you can or just come to the best brunch in Cheyenne and bring a friend or ten.

Thanks to Lindsey and Michelle and all of Simplicity 307 for all the help in utilizing our shrine club for various events, in and outside of the club.

Thanks to the Bunco ladies for having their game at the shrine club and donating to the sound system.

I will be continuing on your club board and doing what I can.

I am indeed humbled, honored and proud to have been your Shrine Club President.

Once again thank you from the bottom of my heart for your support, friendship and love, this is what the masonic family is all about!! Enough for now,

Dick Demoney PP and JPP and Lady Margie

Transition from old to new.

## The President Elect

The end of a Club year and what a year it's been! Heck, what a month it's been! By the time you read this installation will have happened, the Cheyenne Christmas parade will have happened, the Wheatland Christmas parade will have happened, the drift trikes will have made their first 2 appearances and the crowd feedback is enormous and the Fez has never looked better. And that's just

3 weeks of this great year!



Sitting in the cab of the Fez tow truck in the Cheyenne parade and hearing people scream about how they want to be a Shriner so they can get one of those drift trikes was an absolutely amazing experience. From two years ago when people were saying, "Look, the funny hat guys are back." to now when people are screaming they want to be a Shriner; brothers what a change. Our brand is out there, people are learning who we are and what we do and (most importantly) they want to be part of all of it!

We are on the right track we just have to have fun keeping that train moving. We've got many opportunities to keep our brand in the forefront of people's minds before New Year's. Our first opportunity happens Dec 10 & 11 with the Cowboy Christmas Market. This event has gone from 6 hours and less than 60 vendors at the Club to 2 days and 210 vendors at the Archer Events Center. Our raffles generate about \$700 a day and all we provide is our time and tickets. The thing is with 2 days this year we need a lot more help to make this succeed. Please plan on giving a couple hours either Saturday or Sunday

between 8am and 4pm. (We'll be Zooming the Temple meeting in a private room on Saturday.) Contact Noble Randy Bigelow if you can help.

The next thing up is something we've never done before. It won't make us penny but it will earn us some great publicity. Wal Mart contacted a local veteran's group and asked if they could host a Christmas dinner for 200 veterans. The group came to us at the EOD Wounded Warrior breakfast and asked if the Club would consider donating the use of our building. We said yes without hesitation. The dinner will be served on Dec 17 at 1pm. Wal Mart will cook, serve, and clean but we need to be there, with our Fezs on, to show the community who we are. If you're free that Saturday, grab your Fez and come hang out for short time. Shriners and family members can be part of the 200. Come eat on Wal Mart's dime. Noble Butch Anderson is the point of contact if you can help.

If you can't make Saturday, I know we can use an extra set of hands on Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup> as we host our Christmas Brunch. We need all the help we can get to make this succeed. This is one of our major fund raisers so let's get out and keep the lights on! Rumor has it Santa will be making an appearance. Contact Illustrious Sir Dick Demoney if you can help.

Are you helping out with Lady Cristy's improve the Club project? Want more information? Come out to the Club for Family night and we'll tell you all about it. You'll also have a chance to win over \$1500 as of this writing. Will someone win on the 16<sup>th</sup>? Come out and join in! Let's have some fun!!

Please Note:

CHISTMAS IS CANCELLED

Apparently, YOU told Santa that you have been GOOD this year ...

He died laughing

How many of you have met the newest member of the Simplicity 307 team, Allana? Do you know her son is a Shrine Kid? If you stop by 307 Made downtown say hi to Caleb!

#### **Clowns**

Calling All Clowns!!!

Along with the items noted by Noble Cliff in his email this month, the Clowns have the Scottish Rite Christmas Party on December 16th. Prior to that event we need all hands on deck for the day after the Temple Meeting in Rawlins (December 10) which will be Sunday, December 11 at 5pm the Laramie County Foster Kids Christmas Party. They look to have 300 kids there, so please help if you can. This is a fun event. Please Keep in mind the Temple Installation of officers January 7th in Rawlins.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year!!

Clowns

PS: We will need plenty of help for the Cheyenne Shrine Club Christmas Brunch on December 18<sup>th</sup>.

Please note you can go to Shrinerwyo.org/events to register for Club Installation or the Temple Installation, even the Cheyenne Christmas Brunch. This is simple and they give you a receipt.

## From the Great Frontier!

Merry Christmas to all on the Laramie Range,

The end of one year is the beginning of the next. I wish you all a joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year. Starting in January 2023 please make plans to join us on the 4th Thursday of each month for our Shrine Night. Bring your Bride to have dinner and they can retreat to the front bar. Together we can make plans for a trip or two in 2023. We

have the most fun when we are on the road. Let's try to make a trip or two in 2023. One trip is the Shrine Bowl in June. Not to far away and it is a great time supporting the South Football Players. At this point the planning for the EAST—WEST game in Las Vegas is complete. We can sure plan for 2024. We have been approved to touch off a round or two of black powder at the game.

The Christmas Brunch is Dec 18th and spread the word to all of your friends. This is not just a club function it is a community function held at the club. EVERYONE is welcome so don't be silent. I think the cost is this but it could be a couple dollars more as the cost of food is rising. \$18 for adults over 12 years. \$12 for kids under 13, and kids 5 years and younger are free. Bring an extra family so they can enjoy the food and also help us out. We may be a person short this year.

Need more Frontiersmen to hang around for the Uniform Body meeting. We can sure use your help. We know there are a few more members but you may also belong to other units. Next Uniform Bodies meeting is in January of 2023. Our next month to host as bartenders is April 2023, but I'm sure we may have to help out on occasion.

Happy Holidays to all of you and we look to the future with excitement and energy. Let's get together in 2023.

Keep the powder dry

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Officers for 2023:

Cliff Spoonemore, Colonel Monty Branson, Adjutant TBA, Scout

#### Indians

The drums and smoke signals have gone silent. The Tribe is still active just not hearing or seeing sign from the Great Chief. Will keep our eyes open but the last we heard the Tribe will be cooking Omelets at the December Christmas Brunch on Dec 18th.

Great Chief Carl Pappert, PGC

\*\*\* Christmas Brunch\*\*\*
December 18th, time to eat at 9:30 am
Tell everyone you know
We will need everyone to help out.

## **Legion of Honor**

After a long break, the FEZ came out of its garage and traveled out to Archer Events Center for the Fall Harvest Market in late October. The FEZ also made its way back into Parading with the Cheyenne Christmas Parade that was held on November 26th. On Friday December 2, the FEZ will travel to Wheatland (weather and wind permitting). We have been invited to Wheatland for their Christmas Parade. According to Noble Randy Bigelow, the FEZ pulls like a dream now with the upgraded axles, brakes, and springs. A big thanks again goes out to Noble President Dick Demoney for his time and labor that he put into upgrading the FEZ.

Upcoming events for the FEZ:

1. December 10 and 11, 9am - 4pm, the FEZ will again grace the Archer Event Center with its presence for the Cowboy Christmas Market. Come out and help us spread the word about Shrine and Masons. Dust off your Fez and come join us. If there are any clowns available, there will be lots of kids that would love a balloon or two.

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Simplicity 307 tried something new last year and it went crazy. Vendors from this event donate items to be raffled off during the day. Proceeds from the raffle come back to support Shriners Who Help Kids. THIS IS NOT just a Legion of Honor Event. THIS IS THE WHOLE CLUB!!!

2. February, the FEZ will again travel to Las Vegas, NV for the East/West Shrine Bowl.

Thank You

Noble Kody Zubrod Commander Korein Legion of Honor



Legion of Honor Unit at the Nov 11th celebration at the Legion Club.

#### **Around the Club**

## Wednesday Coffee Group

Still plenty of Java Beans for us to use and enjoy a hot cup of coffee on Wednesdays. Make plans to come out and join the group on any Wednesday you can. Bring a couple of dollars for a donut and a cup of coffee and all the free information you can carry. Love to see you and remember the ladies are always welcome to attend.

Thanks to all those people who joined us this year. We have had a good time talking about anything and all. We have used the funds collected for some of the needed items around the club. One of these days the new safe we purchased will be put into service and the old one will be sold. We have a new project now and we could use all the members help. We are saving for new chairs for the front bar. We need about twice the amount we have right now so the more people we have come out, the closer we will get to our goal.

Nobles Monty Branson & Karl Krieger Noble Monty is still recovering from his surgery down in Fort Collins. Send him a card if you can.

> \*\*\* Christmas Brunch\*\*\* Dec 18th, starting at 9:30 AM



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### GREY MEADOWS RECREATION

Ice is on the pond. Drifts have closed the road and all the tin TeePee's are at home. The pond will have a nice winters nap and we can get ready for a new summer season in 2023.

Noble Scot Withers

## **Queen of Hearts**

Still growing, come out and see how much the pot is up to. The group present has been averaging 20 fun filled folks. That is before the 50/50 is above \$1,000. Lots of food and plenty of interests. Come out and see what is happening.

## Outside the Club Korein Temple Meeting

December 10th is the Temple Meeting in Rawlins at 10 AM. There is elections for Potentate and other **important** business.

Korein Temple installation is Jan 7th in Rawlins and the new Potentates Official visit to Cheyenne is TBA. Usually our Clubs Potentates Visit is either the last week of January or the first weekend in February. Keep an eye on this space for more temple news.

\*\*\* Christmas Brunch\*\*\*
December 18th
Starting at 9:30 am



Shrine Float in the 2022 Christmas Parade.



Remember Noble Lynn Nachtigall? Here he is with two Imp Sirs at the South Dakota State Tree Lighting Ceremony.

There are several photos of the Triks in the Christmas Parade but they were all posted to Facebook.



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Noble Lynn, Imp Sir Tim, and Lady Peggy Sue at the SD Tree Lighting Ceremony.

# Dues, Dues and did I say Dues just \$100

Just a small reminder that starting Jan 1st our dues for all of our Masonic Organizations are due, or even before that. I hope that you have been sending them off as you get them or plan to do so in the near future. Please if you are deciding not to pay dues this year please reconsider as this is important to keep the Fraternity moving forward. Know which set of dues can be skipped if that is your choice and know which ones you cannot skip if you plan to stay within the Fraternity. I.E. Temple dues are a must, but club dues are a year by year consideration. Also please demit from the organization rather than "non payment of dues" (NPD). It is much easier to come back from a demit then a NPD.

Cheyenne Shrine Club dues are \$100 per year. We hope you will stay with us and also remain active in the club. Please share or update your contact information with us. We are asking that if you can please send in a little bit more to help our Club treasury. We are getting some club rentals but not enough at this time.

Ladies and children of our Nobility,

please let us know if your Husband or Father has passed away. Ladies we will continue to keep you informed of our activities through the Minaret (email). To help us with this we need you to inform us of any change of address or email address Also we ask that you remind your kids to contact us when you join your husband in the house that hands cannot make.

The Cheyenne Shrine Club membership has dropped below 200. That means we can no longer use bulk mailing services from the USPS. We are sending out the Minaret via email these days. You can either contact the editor at cliff.spoonemore@wyo4life.net or the Club's email cheyenneshriners@gmail.com. Please DO NOT assume we know your correct email or physical address. If your spouse has an email address please share it also.

Bless you all and have a Merry Christmas.

#### LAIES, LADIES, LADIES

Bunco will happen on Dec 15th. Please contact Lady Jeri 307-214-5994 to make sure she knows you are attending. Lady Jeri is working out the details of the best method to contact the regulars. They would love to have 12 regulars, but all newcomers are welcome. It would be wonderful to have this group grow and become more popular with all of our Shrine ladies.

Please show up at Noon with the fun beginning at 12:30 pm. Please bring \$5 for Bunco buy in, and \$5 for the 50/50 drawing. The Club is so thankful these Ladies have taken upon themselves to fundraise a little to go towards a new sound system for the ballroom. Every little bit helps. Thanks again.

If you have pictures to share of a Shrine event please send them in.



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Just a thought:	Merry Christmas to all and may your New Year be filled with happiness

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