

ALGONQUIN SHRINE CLUB Box 203, Bancroft, ON KOL 1C0



NEWSLETTER

Executive Meeting December 9, 2015, 10:00 AM - Wilberforce Legion *General Meeting* December 15, 2015 - Wilberforce Legion Meet and Greet 6:00 PM - Dinner 6:30 PM *Ladies Welcome at all meetings*

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK . . .

Well Time sure travels fast, only a year ago I was elected as your President for 2015 and now you have elected your new President and his Executive for 2016. Congratulations and Thank You to all that have stepped up to lead our club, but remember they will need all members, to support and assist them in maintaining our strong and vibrant, ALGONQUIN SHRINE CLUB.

The November Dinner Meeting was again well attended, with 45 Nobles and their Ladies. We were treated with another great meal by the Legion Ladies of roast pork with all the trimmings.

This year we again were honoured to have High Priest and Prophet, Noble Thomas Woodrow, from our Divan, accompanied by his Lady Linda, join us for our dinner, and to conduct and install our 2016 Executive Election.

Well it is that time of year that we also lose some of our Nobles and their Ladies to the sunny and warmer southern destinations. We all envy them and wish them a safe happy winter, and are looking forward to seeing them in the spring.

We are also into the season where we help escort Santa Claus into our towns, and help him bring Happiness and Joy to one and all. It sure makes you Proud to be a Shriner when you see the faces of the Children that line the streets. We will have attended 3 or 4 parades by the time this note hits the press, but a Big Thank You to all that have come out to help and represented Algonquin Shrine Club. We had great attendance at the 2 parades that we have been in as I write this message, with 15 Nobles at Haliburton and 14 at Minden.

PRESIDENT NOBLE WAYNE WIGGINS

2015 MINDEN PARADE



December 2015

Winter Parades

UPCOMING

EVENTS

December 5, TBA Bancroft

December 12, TBA Maynooth

> December 13, 12:00 Noon Wilberforce



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Hospital Noble Ron Mark Noble Barry Robb Noble Frank Wilson Noble Charles Mullett Noble Eric Mueller

Christmas Cakes Noble Ron Mark Noble Paul Johnson Noble Todd Grainger Noble Wayne Wiggins Noble Jim Williams Noble Dean Linton Noble Jim Burke

Golf Tournament Noble Jim Williams Noble Wayne Wiggins Noble Barry Robb Noble Charles Mullett Noble Dave Burton

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"FROM THE DESK

OF YOUR AMBASSADOR"

Nobles:

I bring you greetings from III. Sir Jim Rennie and Lady Barbara. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

December 13th is the annual Carol Service at the Temple. January is elections on the 9th and Robbie Burns on the 30th.

With Christmas fast approaching we must be more aware of the dangers of children and pets around the Christmas tree. Be alert, we don't need more patients at this time of the year.

From Lady Elizabeth and I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Remember those who are shut in, give them a call or a short visit.

Have a safe Holiday.

Noble Ambassador Sean Cook

The Chaplain's Corner



According to an old popular tradition in England, **The Twelve Days of Christmas** has two levels of meaning. The surface meaning was a word code for the hidden religious meaning.

<u>One</u> partridge in a pear tree is Jesus Christ because of its self sacrifice in protecting her young. <u>Two</u> turtle doves represent the Old and New Testaments; an enduring, unbreakable bond between them.

Three French hens stand for the Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Four calling birds are the four gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

Five golden rings recall the Torah (Law), the first 5 books of the Old Testament.

Six geese a-laying stand for the six days of creation, the eggs representing new life.

<u>Seven</u> swans a-swimming are the 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit: Prophecy, Service, Teaching, Giving, Mercy, Leadership and Encouragement.

<u>Eight</u> maids a-milking stand for the 8 Beatitudes given by Jesus during his Sermon on the Mount spelling out the blessings for the meek and the lowly.

<u>Nine</u> ladies dancing represent the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Ten lords a-leaping for the Ten Commandments.

<u>Eleven</u> pipers piping are for the 11 disciples who remained faithful to Christ. <u>Twelve</u> drummers drumming represent the 12 points of belief in the Apostle's Creed!

Noble Frank Wilson, Chaplain.

This is my last message as Chaplain as my term ends for 2015. This position has offered me a better, quite interesting, and sometimes surprising insight into my faith journey and I hope the articles have been meaningful for you as well. Lady Anna and I wish all of you and your families a very Merry Christmas plus a healthy and happy New Year.



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This is our newly elected executive for the "Algonquin Shrine Club" for 2016. They will take their respective offices at the same time as the newly elected Divan will.



2015 MINDEN PARADE



SICK AND VISITING

Noble Jerry HOWARTH Sr heart problems have returned Noble Jim KIRKHAM suffering with respiratory problems