



ALGONQUIN SHRINE CLUB



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NEWSLETTER

March 2026

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Executive Meeting
March 17, 2026 – 5:00 PM
Wilberforce Legion
Note: Change of date and time

General Dinner Meeting
March 17, 2026 – Wilberforce Legion
5:30 PM Zem Zem
6:00 PM Dinner
Ladies are Welcome at all Meetings

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 11 - 14th
Spring Ceremonial
Huntsville, ON

Parades

June 13th
Huntsville Ceremonial

July 1st
Apsley, ON

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK . . .

Greetings Nobles and Ladies:

Thank you to everyone who came to our meeting.

A special thank you to Noble Tony Armstrong, President of Muskoka Shrine and his team of members for coming to our meeting.

It was a pleasure meeting everyone.

Thanks to all who came to our Executive meeting at 5:00pm. Please let me know your thoughts on the meeting time change.

After a lovely meal Noble Tony gave an update on the Spring Ceremony. They would be pleased to see as many Algonquin Shriners as possible attend the ceremony.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting.

President Jim and Lady Jean



COMMITTEES

Public Relations

Dinners
Ed OTTO

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
Dave EARLE

Hospital
Dave REEVES
Wayne WIGGINS

Housing Chairman
Dave MOUNT

Golf Tournament
Dave REEVES
Dave MOUNT

Float Transportation
Hald ROBINSON
Dave REEVES

Fund Raising Ideas
All Members of Algonquin
Shrine Club

UNITS

Rock Hounders ATV Unit

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 JOHN SLESSOR.

I would like to thank our members that attended our February meetings. I had to attend a special Council meeting so was unable to attend. I heard that the Legion Ladies put on a great meal that all enjoyed.

I would like to thank President Noble Tony Armstrong of Muskoka Shrine Club for attending with 6 Nobles to explain and invite our club to the Spring Ceremonial, that they are hosting June 12 -14 in Huntsville. We need new members for Algonquin, please invite any Mason you know to join Shrine and our club.

Not only are we in trouble with membership in our 2026 Rameses Directory, we are down to 1680 total members in our Temple. On the positive side Rameses has been in continuous service for our Kids for over 138 YEARS.

To reserve your accommodations contact Noble Dave Mount.

I would like to make you aware of the POTENTATE'S BALL ON APRIL 18TH, being held at the Montecassino Hotel.

AMBASSADOR WAYNE WIGGINS



Executive Meeting Minutes

February 17, 2026

The meeting was called to Order at 5:00 PM by Noble President Jim BURKE, with 5 Nobles present.

Regrets: Noble Ambassador Wayne WIGGINS and Noble Tom HAYWARD.

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

Correspondence – thank you letter from the Quebec Shrine hospital for the \$3000.00 donation

Treasurer's Report – copy of report presented by Noble President Jim BURKE. Moved by Noble Dave REEVES, second by Noble Barry ROBB, the report be approved as circulated. Carried

Golf – Noble Dave REEVES advised the Tournament will be held on June 20th. He has 16 teams committed so far but need sponsors.

Float – some extensive repairs are needed – lights, brakes, speakers, skin coating. There was some discussion if the Club should sell the trailer as very few Nobles are participating in the parades.

Dinner Meals – some discussion with the tipping of the Legion staff. It was recommended that the Club tip \$5.00 per plated. A motion was made by Noble Dave REEVES, second by Noble Dave EARLE, the dinner tips be increased to \$5.00 per plate. Carried

Adjourned 5:20 PM



General Meeting Minutes

February 17, 2026

The meeting was called to Order at 6:00 PM by Noble President Jim BURKE. Attendance as per the Register.

Regrets: Noble Ambassador Wayne WIGGINS and Noble Tom HAYWARD.

The meeting was opened as per the traditional Shrine protocol, then called off for the dinner.

Meeting Resumed

Noble Al FRANSKY was Chairman for the evening. He introduced the Head table and the Secondary Head table, who consisted of Noble President Tony ARMSTRONG together with five Nobles from the Muskoka Shrine Club.

Noble President Tony ARMSTRONG was introduced as the guest speaker. He spoke on the Spring Ceremonial, which their Club will be hosting in Huntsville in June. One highlight he touched on was that the parade will be going down the main street, which will create a higher visibility for the Club and Shriners.

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

Correspondence – (see the Executive Minutes)

Treasurer's Report – moved by Noble Dave REEVES, second by Noble Dave EARLE, the report be adopted as circulated. Carried

Golf – Noble Dave REEVES advised the Tournament will be held on June 20th. He requires sponsors and the dinner will be the same format as last year.

Adjourned 7:26 PM



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.