

The Anahgram

Newsletter



THANK YOU TO ALL OUR ADVERTISERS!

We are trying to keep our ANAHGRAM published but with the COVID-19 we are sending you a newsletter instead trying to keep the news out there for you. This will help with costs of the publication and mailing; we need to send a thank you to Rich Armstrong and Ben Pollard from Snowman's Printing with making this newsletter possible.

Anah Shrine is ANAH STRONG! and will make it through this staying safe and staying your distance. I know it is hard to put a hold on your life, but we will make it better and by helping all our advertisers when they are open you will help your Anahgram with future editions.

I know some can see The Anahgram online, but this publication is important to all that don't have access to the internet or even a computer. Please make sure you let the advertisers know we are shopping with them to Thank them for helping make The Anahgram a successful Shrine magazine that survived the 2020 Coronavirus. Being Shriners and Masons make you better men and your generous contributions will help us make this a successful year. Thank you for all you do for making the life of a child better. When you see a child smile because they can get their burns healed, walk or catch a ball for the first time. That is why we are here. Thank you to all the Ladies and your family members that stand by your side to make Anah Strong!

We will have dates and events soon to make everyone busy with the Shrine get-togethers that will help us donate to the Shrine Hospitals. The Anahgram will survive this and come out stronger along with all of you.

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Rich Armstrong, Editor "The Anahgram"

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Illustrious Sir, Tim Dutch. Potentate Anah Shrine 2020

Anah Shrine Divan and all the Anah Shriners

2021 Potentates appointments

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Mike Linscott Director of Units

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Earl Yogi Seymour Assistant Housing Director

Fred Patterson Directors staff

Aides:

Ed Sped Seymour Assistant Chief Aide Emeritus

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No changes

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Stays the same

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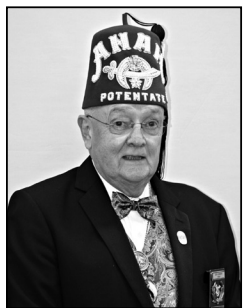
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POTENTATES MESSAGE

Don Gordon, Potentate



The month is flying by fast and again working last minute with the Anahgram deadline. I have been able to visit 3 shrine clubs since my last article and I will say a good time was had by all. The crowds are smaller and of course masks and social dis-

tancing are required still, it is good to get out and visit the clubs and see the nobles of Anah.

The mini ceremonial on March 13th is taking shape and we have a few petitions from membership. It is not too late to get the applications in. There will be three remote locations and the broadcast to these locations will be from 1404 Broadway, Bangor. If you know of any potential new members this would be a good time to bring them in. The schedule for the day will be on the Facebook Page, the Anah Website and of course in the Anahgram. At this time there is still the 50 person per building Covid guidelines in place and you will be checked at the door. Masks and social distancing will be mandatory. Our Recorder, Charlie Pray, has recently had a heart attack and has undergone triple by-pass surgery. Please keep him in our prayers for a speedy recovery.

I have appointed Dave Gulya to be Director of the 2021 Festival of trees. Please give him a hand as this project does take a lot of hands to run smoothly. Currently Dave is looking to do both a virtual and an in person Festival. We will keep you informed on how things are coming together.

We've all had to adapt with this Pandemic but remember we can get through these times. Changing lives together is why we do it.

We are ANAH STRONG

SPRINGFIELD HOSPITAL REPORT

Another month has passed by and I believe the COVID19 curve is beginning to flatten here in Maine. Taking into account the increase in testing the amount of positive results do not match percentage wise with the number of positive results.

Springfield is back to doing complex spinal surgeries, Cleft Lip and Pallet are picking up, Urology patient visits and surgeries are taking place as well as our orthotic (POPS) department is going at a rapid rate. We still have a ways to go before our Physician Liaisons will be visiting medical offices in person but they are being contacted via electronic medium.

Our head of Nursing, our Chief of Staff and Hospital Administrator are attending COVID19 seminars with the state epidemiologists to continually stay abreast of this disease in order to keep our patients and staff safe so business can carry on as close to normal as possible. In addition to the local meetings the Home office gives periodic reports collected from all the hospitals under the

Shrine umbrella so the epidemic development is being tracked and disseminated to keep our entire organization informed.

I want to give a heartfelt thank you to all the units that gave to The Boston Hospital a very healthy amount of money. I have yet to hear what went to Springfield but I'm sure it will be great. Our units never cease to amaze me. No parades, large gatherings for meals or events yet they still raise money for our kids. Hopefully, 2021 will be a full calendar of events for you all. In closing I'd like to give a special recognition to Phyllis Watson. When I go by the Shrine Center on most days I see her car out front and I'd like to thank her for her dedication and devotion to Anah. Until next month, God Bless and stay safe. Bob

ACADEMICIANS

Hello Fellow Academicians and Ladies

The next stated meeting will be online Wed. March 31st at 6:30pm.

DUES DUES DUES, If you have not already done so, please make checks for \$10 payable to Anah Academicians, and send them to Anah Academicians C/O Ron Bilancia 59 Allison Park, Brewer, ME 04412. The more we receive this way means the less we have to spend on postage and envelopes and the more we can donate to the hospitals and our other fraternal causes. (If you need to check to see if you are already paid up for this year, please send me an email as some members have paid ahead.) By the time you read this, our first Mega Meat Raffle fundraiser will be over. As of this writing it is going along quickly and successfully. We look forward to having further such fundraisers as we work to raise funds for a new equipment trailer and to build up our checking account which has been too thin over the last few years. This of course also allows us to increase our annual support of the Shrine Hospitals, Sunshine Club, Learning Center, and Building Fund. We look forward to the Special Mini-Ceremonial on March 13th which will be broadcast out to several remote sites. By the time you read this you will have received many other communications about it. Donnie Copeland and Shawn Spratt recently did some more work on our photo display at the Shrine Center. There is some more to do to get it just right. But it's up, and the unit sign and large Ritualist framed photo are now up with it. So that's another good thing that we've done with many thanks to everyone involved, especially Donnie and his friend who built it for us.

We can really use some new members in all unit sections, so if you know of anyone who would be interested let's please get them an application. What could be more fun or worthwhile than this? The Latest From The Wonderful World of Donnie (*Not Disney But Often Just As Imaginative And Surreal*) Donnie has been hard at work making a mounting frame for the gong so it's easier to use, not falling over, etc. (Thanks again Donnie for doing that!)

Well that's all folks, for now. May the Force Be With You! And remember, never hesitate to contact me with any news, questions, concerns, gossip, nonsense, or just plain outright lies you would like to generously share with the rest of our Academicians family and Shrinedom in general. I can be contacted via email at rbilancia@roadrunner.com or by phone at 207-989-2617.

CONVERTIBLES

Marching right along! Inside that is. Ten degrees out as I write and I'm not marching anywhere! You part time southerners can do a little extra marching for me please!

Hopefully we're beginning to see the light at the end of the virus tunnel deal. I've finally been persuaded that extra vitamin 'W' in the evening won't take care of it and signed up for the needle.

Our last convertible unit meeting was held via zoom on January 26. As I've said before, not as nice as meeting in person, but nice to be able to include some of our southern contingent in all their glory. Hope you are keeping those rebels in check! Charlie and Scott keep us so informed by email, that particularly with this shortened format, I don't need to elaborate.

Several unit members and family have health issues that need our extra prayers. Lady Marlee Spaulding, nobles Don Goss and Charlie Pray are by now hopefully successfully recovered. We all certainly hope so.

Birthdays this month include lady Libby Hersom, nobles George Boyce and Ross Grant. Happy days to you three!

Happy Saint Patrick's day to all. Go easy on the green beer and also beware the Ides of March.

As mentioned earlier, please keep all of our Shrine family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.

By the way Scott. Where is that new black ride? We need to be getting ready to go topless and don't need you thumbing along!

Reporting for the convertibles, Gaylord



Sending all our best wishes to ANAH Recorder Charlie Pray. We hope you are back to work next month.

Speedy recovery from All of your Nobles and Ladies of ANAH Shrine.

Ernie Abdelour • Jul-22
 Richard D. Adams Sr. • Oct-22
 LTC Richard N.Anderson,USAF Ret. • Dec-20
 Bobby Averill • Oct-22
 Dick & Sandra Averill • May-25
 IMO Richard F.Averill, Sr. • May-25
 IMO Marilyn Baggett • Dec-22
 IMO C.Alton Bagley • May-23
 IMO Richard H. Bagley,PP.1978 • May-23
 Danny Bird, P.P. Luxor • Mar-24
 IMO Albert"Bucky" Bishop • Jul-21
 Blinn & Joan Boone • Jul-21
 Richard "Dick" Carlisle • Feb-21
 Bruce & Nancy Cameron • Mar-22
 Galen Call • Feb-23
 Kim & Dick Carlow • Jan-22
 Roger Chesley & Carol Jean • Nov-21
 IMO Kenneth "Kenny" Cirone • Feb-22
 IMO Fredrick E.Clarke Jr. • Mar-22
 Bruce & Trudy Clarke • May-23
 IMO Tom Clukey • Jan-22
 IMO Galen Cole, PP • Dec-20
 Dan & Lanci Costain • Jun-21
 John L.Cousins, Sr. • Feb-22
 IMO Sonny Crocker • Oct-21
 George & Carolyn Crocker • Oct-21
 Crump's Stove & Chimney Supply Co. • Sep-23
 Ken & Janice Crump • Sep-23
 Wayne & Tanya Darling • Mar-22
 Maurice & Bonita Day • Oct-21
 Larry T.Doughty • Oct-21
 Mark Doughty • Oct-21
 Jean & Tim Dutch,Potentate 2020 • Apr-21
 IMO Thomas E. England • May-22
 John & Donna Farrington • May-21
 IMO Robert Farrington- N.P.S.C. • Feb-22
 IMO Ted,Paul & Dick Farrington • May-21
 IMO Wally Fenlason • Jul-25
 Thomas & Carroll Fernald • Mar-24
 Ronald & Carol Jean Forrest • Apr-21
 IMO Hugo Frati • Mar-24
 Orlando Frati • Apr-21
 Peter Frati • Mar-21
 Joseph F. Friedman • Jun-23
 John C. Fuller • May-21
 Clinton & Sandra Fulton • Feb-26
 IMO George D. Gaddis • May-23
 Daryl G. Garland, Sr. • Mar-21
 Howard W. Giberson • Feb-21
 Paul & Diana Giles • Jul-21
 Goody & Roz Gilman • Oct-33
 IMO Carroll I. & Gerry Goodwin, Jr. • Jun-25
 IMO Richard A.Goodwin • Feb-22

IMO Robert R. Gould • Jul-21
 Ronnie & Carole Green • Jun-21
 Charles C.W. Hackney • Oct-23
 Carolyn & Richard Hallett PP. • Sept-22
 IMO Elbridge M. Hamm, Sr. • Nov-21
 Gene & Pamela Hamm • Aug-21
 Donna & Kenneth Hanscom Jr. • Sept-21
 IMO C,Harold Harding- N.P.S.C. • Nov-22
 Wallace & Jeanette Harvey • Dec-21
 Theresa Hatch IMO Dale "Slapshot" Hatch • Nov-21
 IMO Norman "Hoopy Scoopy" Hatch • Sep-21
 Maggie Hill • Jan-21
 IMO-Ralph Hill • Jul-24
 Skip & Jane House • Feb-22
 Jerry & Lois Hutchinson • Sep-21
 IMO David L. Ireland • Aug-25
 Rich & Cindy Johnson • Jul-21
 Steven and Jaclyn Averill Jones • Nov-21
 Walter & Claire Kennedy • Dec-23
 Ellen Kenney-IMO- Alton Kenney • Jul-21
 Brian & Diane Ketchum • Nov-21
 Robert & Rae Jean Knowles • Oct-24
 P.P. Lee Kaufman & Lady Peggy • Feb-23
 Mary Knox IMO Stanley E. Knox • Mar-23
 IMO Ernest "Bud" Larson • Feb-22
 Larry & Gail Larson • Aug-21
 IMO Floyd Lenfest, Sr. • Dec-22
 Floyd R.Lenfest, Jr. • Dec-22
 Robert & Sandi Look • Feb-24
 JohnH. Lynch-IMO M. Jean Lynch • Mar-24
 IMO Donald (DeeDee)Lyons, Sr. • Jul-22
 Francis & Winston Mackay P.P.Luxor 1997 • Oct-21
 IMO Robert Macleod • Jan-23
 Roy Martin • Oct-25
 Bert & Don Maxim P.P.2000 • Apr-21
 IMO Frank B. Maxwell • Apr-24
 Welman & Natalie McFarland • Aug-21
 Lorraine McGown-IMO Alan McGown • Jun-21
 IMO Tom (Pig Farmer) Mckinney • Feb-21
 Bob & Mary McReavy • Dec-20
 Jerry & Cindi Merrithew • Oct-21
 Jim & Mae Merrithew • Oct-21
 IMO Gordon C.Moreside • Aug-21
 IMO Wesley Nash - N.P.S.C. • Feb-22
 Richard & Berry Nevers • Dec-25
 David O'Donnell • Dec-22
 Warren & Velma Orcutt • Oct-21
 Robert"Boomer"Palmer,Jr. & Julianna • Nov-22
 Ed Pellon,P.P.1998-IMO Esther Pellon • Jul-23
 Martin"Fou"& Dara Perfit • Oct-25
 Joyce & Rod Pinkham P.P. 1997 • Oct-22
 Don & Linda Potter • Oct-21
 Cliff & Nancy Pottle • Jan-23

Charlie Pray, Recorder Anah Shrine • Apr-21
 IMO Frank O. Pray,Sr. • Apr-21
 Bud & Kathy Prouty • Jan-21
 IMO Bob Pushard, Sr. • Aug-21
 Martin E. Ray • May-21
 IMO Stanley L. Reed, Sr. • Feb-22
 P.P. Clyde V.Reynolds & Linda • May-21
 IMO Keith B.Roberts • Sep-24
 Tim & Diane Robinson • Oct-21
 IMO Sumner Rogers • Apr-21
 Nick & Kathryn Rossignol • Dec-21
 Larry & Donna Rowell • Nov-23
 Spike Savage • Jul-22
 IMO Clifton R.Scoville • Jun-22
 Todd C. Scoville • Jun-22
 IMO Douglas Segee- N.P.S.C. • Feb-22
 Bob & Janice Shaw • May-22
 Derward & Betty Shedd • Oct-22
 Roger Smith - IMO Pat Smith • Dec-21
 IMO Thomas M.Smith • Jan-22
 IMO Vernon Smith • Jun-21
 Edward & Lisa Snow • Feb-22
 IMO Ed Sprague, PP • Apr-21
 Kerry"Spiffy" & Pam Spofford • Jul-21
 IMO Robert"Bob" Strout & Elaine • Jun-21
 Mr.& Mrs.Gary Sudsbury-IMO "Our Scooby" • Sept.-25
 Elliott & Joyce Tarbell • Jun-22
 IMO Betty Tarr • Jun-22
 Dale & Karen Tarr • Jan-24
 Daniel L.Tarr • Jun-22
 Wilbert & Joan Terry • Jul-21
 Bill Thibodeau • Mar-21
 IMO Alexander R. Theodore • Sept.-21
 Brenda & Jesse Thomas,PP.2015 • Sep-21
 Ronald Thornton • Oct-21
 Tim & Ann Thornton • Feb-22
 Al & Pat Trask • Jun-21
 Esther & Bourke Trask • Apr-25
 Lance Trundy • Feb-22
 Alan Tweedie & Heidi • Oct-21
 Arthur "Coota" & Phyllis Watson • Jun-22
 Burt & Jackie Weed • Nov-21
 IMO Wayne & Marilyn Wheeler • Dec-24
 Buddy & Caryll Wheeler • Sep-24
 Roger & Laurene Windsor • Oct-23
 Donald & Felicia Wiswell • Feb-23
 Will & Maren Whitlock • Sept-22
 Bob & Norma Winglass • Aug-23
 IMO Donald K.Wright Sr. • Sep-22
 IMO Douglas Yost • Dec-21
 Donald "Bo-Bo" & Janice Young • Jun-21
 Duane "Div-it" Young, IMO Karen Young • Aug-23

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ANAH MINI CEREMONIAL MARCH 13, 2021

Per order of the Potentate, there will be a mini-ceremonial held on Saturday, March 13, 2021. The ceremonial will be broadcast from Anah Shriners, 1404 Broadway, Bangor to locations in Aroostook County, Waldo County, Washington County, and possibly Hancock County.

The schedule for the day is as follows:

9:45 - 10:15 Registration of candidates at all locations

10:15 - 10:25 Potentate welcomes new candidates and introduces the Divan members present at each location

10:30 - 11:30 New Noble orientation, to include Unit and Club presentations via Zoom

11:15 - 12:45 Ladies program via Zoom

11:30 - 12:00 Refreshments and a bag lunch at each location

12:00 - 1:00 First Section performed by the Academicians

1:30 My Old Red Fez presentation and the fezzing ceremony

Refreshments

CLUB NEWS

TRI-COUNTY SHRINE CLUB

Tri-County Shrine Club held their monthly meeting on January 20, 2021. Seventeen Nobles attended the meeting at the now famous "Ralph's Barn". After a short social hour, with Nobles bringing their own beverages, President Ralph McNaughton welcomed all present. The Benediction was given by Noble Dave Mosley. The Flag Salute was led by the President. Meal consisted of order your own Personal Pizza. Officers present from Tri-County were President McNaughton, VP Bryan Boyce and Sec. Mosley. Master of Libations Corey Roberts was present, although he had the night off. Past Potentate "2013" Lee Kaufman was in attendance. Representing the Divan were Outer Guard Rich Johnson, Marshal Dan Costain, Oriental Guide Ryan Otis, and our Illustrious Potentate Don Gordon who was our special guest. Attending with the Potentate were Personal Aides Greg Lawson and "Piggy" Tom Vanchieri. Noble Lawson is also President of Bangor-Brewer Shrine Club. Newly appointed Outer Guard Rich Johnson, said that he was very appreciated and fortunate to be named to the Divan. Dan Costain spoke about the upcoming Festival of Easter Egg Baskets by Anah Shrine. More info will be released shortly. Anah is gearing up for the NASA in 2022. Tri-County is doing a Rifle Raffle, for tickets contact the President or Secretary. The Shrine Hospital in Boston is open and functioning with certain restrictions. Tri-County received a check for \$220 from Anah Shrine for our participation in the calendar program. Winner of the 50/50 raffle, Bryan Boyce, donated his share back to the Club. A tip of the "Old Fez" to Bryan. PP Lee Kaufman congratulated the new Potentate. Potentate Gordon remarked that in earlier years, he was often confused with PP Kaufman. Potentate noted that the January Ceremonial was very different this year. The Installation and Annual Meeting was very different due to Covid-19. There will be a Mini Virtual Ceremonial on the 13th of March. No Circus in 2021, hoping for 2022. Anah hoped to have a Festival of Trees in November, both Virtual and Public. At the end of the meeting, we had a moment of remembrance for three Nobles that have crossed the Hot Sands for the last time. Nobles Dick Dunham, Lloyd Day and Bob McGreavy were all active members of Tri-County and Anah Shrine. ALWAYS WORK ON MEMBERSHIP FOR ANAH SHRINE AND YOUR LOCAL BLUE LODGE. BE SAFE, BE ANAH STRONG.

WIDOWS CLUB

How is everyone doing?

I'm sure a lot of you have been able to get your COVID vaccine. If not, it is sure to occur soon.

Here we are getting close to spring. I sure do hope that by next month we will be able to get together once again. I just want to make sure everyone has been able to be vaccinated by then.

There has not been much happening on my end but I do get together with a few of my neighbors to play cards once a week. It has helped to break up the winter.

As a neighborhood, we have taken up walking up and down our road everyday when the weather permits. Sometimes there's 2 of us and other times there may be up to 8 of us. We walk for about a half hour. At least we manage to get a little exercise.

Sometime soon let's hope a few activities at the Shrine center will take place. It has been way too long since seeing all our friends.

If you are a new widow and have not heard from me, give me a call, 989-3664.

Stay well, Lorena

BANGOR BREWER SHRINE CLUB

Hello everyone, it's been awhile since I have written an article. With no in person dinners and meetings there has not been much to write about.

The officers of the club are trying to put together an in person meeting for our March monthly meeting on March 18th. Once this is confirmed I will send an email to all life and yearly members that I have in our gmail account and post it on our facebook page. Do you have a lifetime membership card but not getting my emails? or interested in becoming a lifetime member?

email me at bangorbrewershrineclub@gmail.com

We are also doing a "Royal Raffle" Crown edition. We have 3 very special bottles of Crown Royal we are selling tickets for to win all 3 bottles. Tickets are \$10.00 each and we are only printing 200 tickets! This raffle will sell out very fast so if you want one you to get a hold of an officer soon.

Until next time,
Aaron Mower
BBSC Secretary

ANAH CLOWNS

Greetings nobles and ladies. Yes believe it or not we are still around. 2020 has been quite a ride. With any luck at all things will only improve in 2021. To our 2020 potentate Tim Dutch You did an awesome job in a very trying time. Thank you! To our new potentate Don Gordon congratulations You will do a bang-up job. We would like to congratulate the winners of our two gun raffles and thank everybody that bought tickets. The winners were Karla Thayer winner of the Henry 22 shrine edition. Derek Grant winner of the his and hers handguns.

We also want to thank outer guard Richard Johnson who will be our newest divan rep. Here's hoping things will get back to normal and we can all enjoy some very good fellowship in the new year. Hoping that everyone is well and continues to stay that way.

Respectfully submitted Tom (BRODY) Boone
Recorder.

ANAH HIGHLANDERS

Greetings Nobles and Ladies. This will be a brief report as your Highlanders have not been engaging in our weekly practices, because of the precautions to prevent the spread of the C.C.P Virus. That doesn't mean that we are not practicing. Many of us continue chanter practice and pipe practice at home. But nothing replaces group practice. It helps with tuning, timing, quirks in your playing, and general mistakes.

The pipers in the band all use the same make chanter reed. It is a double reed. Picture a small metal hose, a little bigger than the ink tube in an old style click pen. To this, 2 pieces of cane, that are about a quarter inch wide and thin at the top and is tapered thicker and narrower at the bottom, are placed around the small metal tube. The cane is wrapped with waxed hemp to make it and the tube one. When you blow on just the reed it gives kind of a hoarse muted squawk. When inserted into the chanter and properly tuned to 470-480 Hz that same muted reed produces an ear numbing roar. In my mind, bagpipes defy the laws of physics. There are 4 exits for the air (chanter plus 3 drones) while there is only 1 entrance (the blow stalk).

Pipe Major Mike Grant reminded me that St. Patrick's Day is around the corner and that all members need to keep practicing. As of right now,

all China Virus precautions are still in effect, so we may not be able to do our normal Geaghan's concert on St Patrick's Day. One never knows though, so we need to be prepared.

Until next time, be blessed.

Abie's story

When Abraham, lovingly called “Abie” or “Abe” by his family, was born with a soft cleft palate, his parents were completely taken off-guard and had no idea where to turn. “We were terrified and started thinking about what else could be wrong,” recalled Marcy, Abie’s mom.

The team at Newton Wellesley Hospital referred the confused and overwhelmed family to the Cleft and Craniofacial Center at the Boston Shriners Hospital for more specialized care, and Marcy’s fears almost immediately dissipated. “As soon as we met the cleft team, we knew we had found the right people to take care of Abie,” she said. “We were introduced to everyone on the team at our first visit and we were immediately put at ease.”

Led by Eric C. Liao, M.D., Ph.D., the team at the Cleft and Craniofacial Center is multidisciplinary and includes specialists from many health disciplines. “Because only Abe’s soft palate was affected, the orthodontist nicely told us that we probably wouldn’t need his help,” Marcy said. “This was great, because we learned in that first visit that the focus in the short term for Abie would be really on feeding and speech development.”

While Marcy considers Abie’s case to be mild compared to other patients the Cleft and Craniofacial Center staff cares for, she recalls underestimating how dramatic the outcome of the surgery would be. “I remember Dr. Liao assuring us that once the repair was made, it would look like it never happened,” she said. “I didn’t think it was possible at the time, but he was right. Abe is all fixed up now and will have no idea about this unless we tell him.”

Turning 2 next month, Abie is now a silly, playful and fun-loving kid with a real hankering for pizza. “He likes to eat pizza. Like a lot of pizza,” Marcy laughed. “He waves and blows kisses to everyone he sees. He also likes to demonstrate how fast he can run and then pretend that he might fall down just to see if you get up to rescue him.”

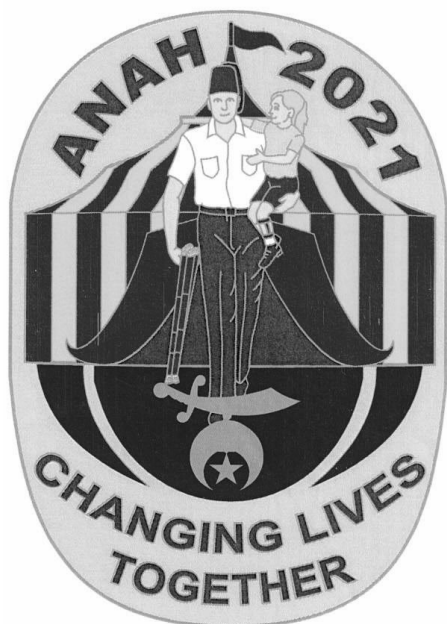
Marcy hopes that Abie’s story can help other parents dealing with a cleft diagnosis and gives the following advice: “The team at the Boston Shriners Hospital is the best in the world. The outcome will be better than you expect.”





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The Potentate's Pin for 2021

"Changing Lives Together" is a continuation of "Remember Why" from 2020 and is meant to show what we do as Shriners and Shrine Ladies.

The background Circus Tent reflects my years on the Circus Committee. The Silent Messenger reminds us that when we work together we really do change lives.



MARCH 14TH-28TH

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