

Arabian Knights

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From the Potentate

Greetings Nobles. Well, the year is three quarters gone and autumn will be here by the time you read this. It has been a slow year for fundraisers as the pandemic is not over but what we have done has been successful. We are getting ready to head out to GLSA in Itasca, IL and our past Potentate John Arnould should be elected as 4th Vice President of that line. Congratulations John. Our family picnic has passed, and a great time was had by all. Betty Kincaid was there, and we all wished her a "happy retirement". Thank you, Midland Shrine Club and Oasis Shrine Club, for your food donations. I want to thank our

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2021 Meat Raffle CANCELED



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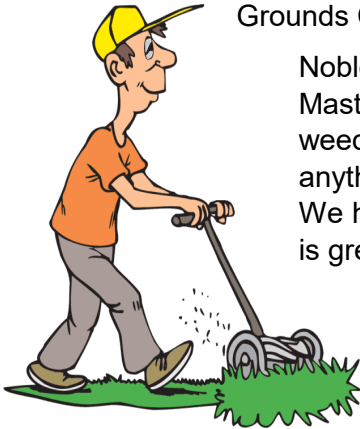
Chief Rabban Update

Greetings Nobles and Ladies,

I want to start this message with a huge thanks to all of the volunteers that helped at the State Fair and Shrine Circus in Novi over Labor Day weekend. I heard we managed to have 30 or more volunteers on at least two of the five days. I'm not sure what that means for how much money we earned for our work, but I do know the Elf Khurafeh volunteers made a very positive impression for the work they did. From Past Potentates to the Director of the Moslem Shrine Circus to the head people in charge of the State Fair, every one of them couldn't say thanks enough for the help and support of the Elf Khurafeh Shrine volunteers! The impression was so good, that we have been approached about volunteering at a few events next year as a fundraiser for us. Once details are finalized, we will let you know. Again, to all who volunteered, thank you!

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Grounds Crew



Grounds Crew usually meets on Wednesdays around 8 or 9am (weather permitting).

Nobles Chairman PP Ryan Stanley and Assistant Chairman 1st Ceremonial Master Phil Gean would like to thank everyone for all the hard work mowing, weed trimming, spraying, painting, doing mower maintenance, cleaning and anything else that has made Circus Park and the Saginaw Temple look so good. We have heard a lot of great compliments. The donation of your time and money is greatly appreciated.

Any Noble or prospect that would like to help out please contact Ryan Stanley (810) 394-1860 or Phil Gean (810) 293-0089.

Phil Gean, 1st Ceremonial Chairman



High Priest & Prophet Reflection

The phenomenal success of the Michigan State fair is a reflection of the dedication and hard work of all our volunteers! I would like to say thank you to all our members and their families that lended a hand throughout the chaotic and fun filled 5 days!

I would also like to specifically say thank you to our past Potentates & their First ladies: Todd Clayton, Norm & Donna Storm, Ryan & Tammy Stanley, John Arnould and Illustrious Sir Phil Brack.

Also would like to thank the Elf Khurafeh Clowns and past Potentates John Berry and Robert Swartwood for participating at the circus.

Thank you - *Greg Cartwright, High Priest & Prophet*



El Said Court 28

El Said Court 28 has moved to Swartz Creek Masonic Center. Meetings are 1st Thursday starting October. Social hour 6:00 pm. Meeting 7:00 pm. Black-top parking lot. All on one floor.

Sept 21st our GHP will be here from Washington. Potluck 5:30 pm. Meeting 7:00 pm. We're having dinner Monday 6:00 pm at Whiteys in Davison, September 20th.

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Prayers and strength for Lady Mary Lou Green, HP. Thank you Lady Mary for entrusting me to perform our Grand High visit and much gratitude to all our court Ladies for adapting so quickly to the changes that were necessary for the September meeting.

Lady Laura Downing, Princess

Next Meeting - Thursday, October 7th - Hospital battery drive & gift cards

Lady Sandie Dameron, Page to the Princess

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“Party Committee” for a “job well done” as the kids all seemed to have a great time as well as the adults. Many clubs and units have donated money towards this and the other parties we have hosted.

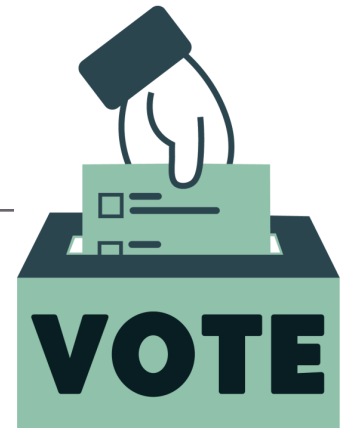
Many of us assisted Moslem Shriners in Novi, MI over the Labor Day weekend. Moslem hosted the Michigan State Fair and a Shrine Circus. Many people attended this event and there was lots of work. The Nobles of Moslem treated us as one of their own. I am sure we will be asked to help in the future. We will be having a Trunk or Treat on October 24th at Circus Park and would like each club and unit to decorate a trunk and the Temple will supply the treats. Also, our Sportsman’s raffle has been postponed until April of 2022. Location to be determined. We are planning a circus for May of 2022, and it will be under the “Big Top”. Stand by for more information.

Each club and unit should be holding their annual

elections soon. Please get this information into the recorder as soon as possible so we can get it into the 2022 pocket calendar as well as the website. We will have a ceremonial on November 6th at Circus Park. Please get your petitions in to the recorder. If you have a candidate that is hemming and hawing about joining the Shrine, we have a Noble that has offered to pay the fees out of his own pocket. Contact the recorder for more information.

If you want to know more of what’s going on at “your” Shrine Temple please feel free to come to the business meetings at the Saginaw Shrine Center on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Dinner at 6, meeting at 7. Hope to see you there.

Yours in faith,
Philip Brack
Potentate 2021



Reminder for Election of Officers

Business Meeting and Election of Officers

December 8th, 2021

Saginaw Shrine Hall, 6525 Weiss St. in Saginaw

Imperial Code - Section 325.11

(a) Electioneering. A candidate for an elected office in a Shrine Temple may print, publish and circulate during the year he is seeking the elected office, a resume consisting of his educational background, his vocational history, and his Masonic and Shrine record. Except as provided in the prior sentence, the printing, publication, circulating or distributing of resolutions, letters, telegrams, tickets, email or other devices, by unit, club, noble or group of nobles, suggesting, recommending, opposing, or continuing the name of proposed candidates for office in the temple is prohibited.

(b) Expenditures Prohibited. The expenditure of money for gifts, favors, or entertainment on behalf of a candidate for elected office is prohibited.

(c) Violation. For any violation of (a) or (b), the Imperial Potentate may suspend any offending noble, and he may declare the election of officers void and order a new election.

(d) Notice. At least one week prior to the annual meeting or any election, the temple recorder shall mail to each member a notice thereof containing this section. A Noble may not be admitted to his own or any other temple unless he exhibits to the temple to which he desires admittance, an official shrine card for the then current year.

Signed: Philip J. Brack, Potentate
Attest: Clarence W. Meyer, Jr., P.P., Recorder
Dinner: 6:00 PM - Wear Your Fez

Being the Cause of Smiles!!!

So you want to be a clown????

- ◆ All the preparation, practice, long days in hot makeup and costumes.
- ◆ Being awake 4 hours before the performance to be early to get into makeup and character and be the last to leave after taking it all off again.
- ◆ Preparation of what outfit to wear or how is the weather going to effect us on the parade route.
- ◆ All things that most don't have to think about prior to arriving at an event or outing.



I am PROUD to say that your Shrine Clowns are ready and willing to do all of this for just 1 smile!



It is the purpose of a clown to be the fall guy or the butt of the jokes, all to cause happiness in others.

With all that is going on in the world it is a wonderful feeling to be on the receiving end of those smiles, while raising funds for our temple and the Shrine Hospitals in the process.

We are back having FUN and plan to be very active and involved!

Thank You for allowing us the opportunity to entertain you!

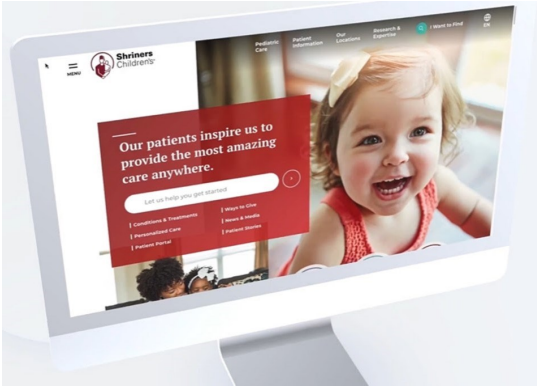
See ya'll on the streets,
Jon "Ashis" Jacobs

Director
Elf Khurafeh Shrine Clowns

P.S..... If your interested in joining the Clown unit, please feel free to contact me or any of the members!



Introducing the New and Improved Shriners Children's Website



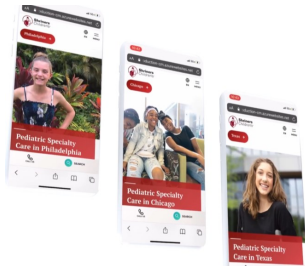
We are excited to announce that the all new shrinerschildrens.org is live. Shriners Children's is proud to introduce this complete digital transformation of our website to our nobles and extended Shriners family.

The new site enhances user experience, streamlines content and improves search engine optimization. Patient families, providers and donors are now able to get the content they are looking for faster on this easy-to-navigate website. Requesting an appointment, making a donation and finding information is easier than ever.

We encourage all nobles to explore the website and to help us spread the word about the new shrinerschildrens.org.

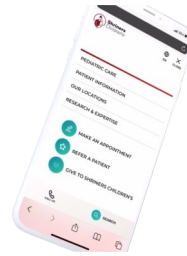
Mobile Ready

The website is designed to be accessible, readable, and user-friendly for visitors across all devices.



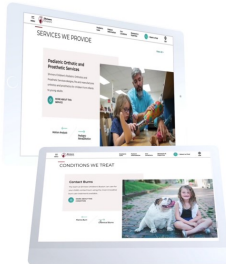
Appointments and Referrals

New web forms enable parents to schedule appointments and physicians to make referrals.



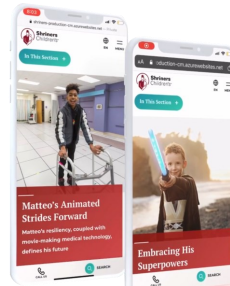
Care Content

A comprehensive library of care pages and items with filter and search tools intuitively connect users to related locations, treatments and services.



Patient Stories

Our patients are known for their perseverance in the face of adversity. The website features patient-centered stories that show by example what a dramatic difference our health care system has made on their lives.



Family Picnic

The Elf Khurafeh Shrine Family Picnic was held on Saturday, August 29th at Circus Park with an amazing attendance. The afternoon was filled with activities including egg toss, pie eating contest, side auctions, Lady Lisa's blanket raffle, chicken bingo, face painting, balloon twisting, and lots of opportunity to visit. Thanks to the Midland Shrine Club for the lunch, Noble Adam Abt for tending to the auction, Jon & Bonnie Jacobs and their committee for the hard work and ensuring things went off without a hitch. Thanks to the



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Recorder's Message

Nobles and Ladies, fall has arrived and the forecast is calling for more rain. The Great Lakes are near record heights. Enjoy the sunshine when it appears from the clouds this fall and attend your Shrine Meetings when possible, many shrine activities are taking place this fall and we hope you will attend some. Ceremonial for new members is Nov. 6th at Circus Park; bring your Masonic Brother to join the Shrine. Elf Khurafeh needs a large class to maintain our numbers. Cost is \$152.00 and must be paid prior to the Ceremonial festivities.

Nobles your 2022 dues notices have been mailed from Tampa and you should have received them. Many Nobles have already paid and we appreciate that very much. If you find your 2022 dues notice to be in error please, contact the Recorder at (810) 686-2641 ext 4 and we can review it. With the dues mailing, we have many Nobles that moved and did not notify Elf Khurafeh with the change of address and this costs Elf Khurafeh several hundred dollars in postal fees annually.

ALERT! ALERT! ALERT! We are starting again, to transport patients to Chicago Shrine Hospital and we need Hospital Drivers to transport our patients. We need drivers in all zones of our area. Please contact Clarence at (810) 686-2641 ext 4, if you can find time to help with our Driver Transportation Unit. Most trips involve a one night stay in Chicago. Food, gas and Hotel is paid for by the Hospital Transportation Fund, drivers are required to attend one Driver's Safety Seminar yearly with the next seminar being held October 9th, at 9:00AM at Circus Park. Come out and see what it's all about and then help transport our kids.

Fraternally,
Clarence W Meyer, Jr, PP, Recorder



What is SFA?

After the August Arabian Knights came out, I was asked what SFA is. SFA (Shrine Fundraising Association) began as an Imperial Committee of Circus Chairmen in 1970 along with Circus Producers and Circus Vendors who worked together providing information and coordination to all Shrine Circus operations. In 1986 a Formal Separate Association was formed with the full support of Imperial. The Shrine Circus Association of North America (SCANA) was made and has grown by supporting the needs of the fund-raising committees of the Shrine of North America. In recent years SCANA later became SCARFA and now finally SFA.

"The purpose of SFA is to promote interest and betterment of Shrine Fundraising Events which consist of wholesome family entertainment, or programs offered to the public, as well, to



encourage the exchange of concepts and utilization of all related experiences by conducting annual seminars to develop and disseminate timely information for the benefit of the fraternity; to encourage the formation of Shrine Fundraising Clubs, Committees, or other unit-type organizations to promote continuity and preservation of fundraising information and thought development."

So that's a brief explanation of SFA. That's what I was asked to run for office for. I will keep you posted on SFA the seminar that runs from the evening of September 30th through the morning of October 3rd.

For more information, visit the Shrine Fundraising Association website, <https://shrinefundraising.com/>

Tim Corrigan, Chief Aide

Fall Ceremonial

All Shriners are Masons, but not all Masons are Shriners. It's not too late to get in more Shrine membership petitions!

The next Ceremonial will be stag on Saturday, November 6 at Circus Park. For event information, please reach out to the Oriental Guide Jim Dameron or Illustrious Sir Phil Brack.



Fall Ceremonial, Saturday, November 6th at Circus Park

Registration	8:30 AM	Coffee & Donuts
First Session	10:00 AM	Open
Men's Lunch	11:30 AM	\$15 - New Candidates are FREE
Degree Work	1:00 PM	Closed - Nobles only
Noble Fezzing	4:00 PM	Open

What Does Membership Mean?

When working on membership, remember Membership recruitment is not a process – it's an attitude. There is a process for the development of new members but successful recruitment has to start from within you. Consider this: how many different Masonic organizations do you belong to? Have you talked to Non- Shriners about the Shrine?

While reading several items on membership I've learned this: There are no standard processes to follow, just guidelines and simple advice - just talk to people about the Shrine. Personally, I am active in the Shrine, I talk about the shrine whenever I can. So when you're trying to recruit members don't get discouraged, keep trying to plant the seed and don't give up. Remind them we have fun while helping kids. Encourage them to attend our events like the Chili Cook-off, Easter Party, Family Picnic and Halloween Party. If you need help with a prospective member, reach out to The Membership Committee or any Shriner for their support. Membership is the job of us all, not just the Committee. If you need anything you can reach out to me anytime I'll help the best I can, If I don't know the answer I'll find out.

*Tim "Knoby" Corrigan, Chief Aide
Membership Committee*

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Our upcoming schedule has been changed a bit due to the unpredictability of the Covid pandemic. The Meat Raffle originally scheduled for October 1 has been canceled, and the Sportsman's Raffle, which was scheduled for October 16th has been postponed. The Events Committee is working on a new date for the Sportsman's Raffle sometime in the Spring of 2022. As soon as a few more details are locked in, there will be an announcement made and tickets will be available. Since there hasn't been a substantial fundraiser since early 2020, we really need all hands on deck for this one. The next temple function will be the Halloween "Trunk or Treat" at Circus Park October 24th and then the Ceremonial on November 6th.

And speaking of Ceremonial, recently our temple caught the eye of Shriners International for a comment made on Social Media regarding our ceremonials. We have traditionally referred to the second section as "Hot Sands." Nobles, this is not the correct terminology for what happens in our second section. Those of you who have crossed the "Hot Sands" can attest to this. You are also advised to be careful what you put on social media in your capacity as a Shriner. General Order #1 explains Shriners International's position on Social Media - If you need a copy, please contact me and I can email you a copy.

Dues notices have been sent out. Please make sure to pay your dues as soon as you can. If there are any discrepancies or questions, contact Recorder Clarence W. Meyer, Jr, PP to get help.

Have a safe October and November. All of you hunters - may your shot be on target and your harvest bountiful. Keep our sick and shut in Nobles in your thoughts and prayers. God bless the Shrine and God bless the Shrine Children.

Fraternally,
Jeff Downing, Chief Rabban

Petition for Membership

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Shriners International

Shriners International is a fraternity that developed out of Freemasonry more than a century ago. Because of its history and tradition, the fraternity is dedicated to fun, fellowship and the Masonic principles of brotherly love, relief and truth.

There are many worthwhile reasons to join this well-known, respected fraternal organization:

Fun. A variety of activities and events – including parties, parades, trips, special-interest groups and community service projects – provide plenty of opportunities for

Shriners and their families to spend time together and enjoy life.

Fellowship. Membership in the Shriners fraternity offers the invaluable opportunity to build camaraderie and lifelong friendships with other men of character and upstanding values.

Philanthropy. Supporting Shriners Hospitals for Children®, a pediatric health care system founded by the Shriners fraternity offers a sense of personal fulfillment and satisfaction.

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- Learn how to become a Shriner.
- Connect with your own Virtual Mentor who will walk you through the membership process step-by-step.
- Sign up to receive ongoing communication about community events and opportunities to interact with local Shriners.

For more information on how you can become a Shriner, please visit beashrinernow.com or call 800-837-4746.

Ceremonial Date(s): _____

To the Potentate, Officers and Nobles of _____ Shriners, situated in the city of _____, state of _____:

I, the undersigned, hereby declare that I am a Master Mason in good standing in _____ Lodge # _____, located in _____, which is a Lodge recognized by or in amity with the Conference of Grand Masters of North America.

Furthermore, I have resided at my current address for not less than six months, as required by the Bylaws of Shriners International. I hereby make application to become a Noble of the Order, and a member of your temple. If granted membership, I promise to conform to the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of Shriners International and the Bylaws and Ceremonies of your temple.

Birthplace _____ **Date of Birth** ____/____/____

Occupation _____

Have you previously applied for admission to any temple of the Order? Yes No

If yes, what Temple? _____ *When?* _____

Residence _____
(Street Address) (City)

(State) (Zip) (County) **Lady's Name** _____
Lady's e-mail _____

Home Phone (____) ____-____ **Cell Phone** (____) ____-____

Business Phone (____) ____-____ **e-mail** _____

(Printed name in FULL - initials are not sufficient) (Date)

Recommended and vouched for on the Honor of:

(Noble's PRINTED Name) (Signature) (Member #)

(Noble's PRINTED Name) (Signature) (Member #)

Official Use: Fee: \$_____ Paid: _____ (Cash/Check/CC) Faz Size: _____

Smiles of Hope & Healing

Shriners Hospitals for Children® is committed to providing the best pediatric sub-specialty care in the areas of orthopaedics, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate, regardless of the families' ability to pay.



Free
Event

The Elf Khurafeh Shrine

presents our Drive Thru

TRUNK OR TREAT

at CIRCUS PARK

A Family fun event

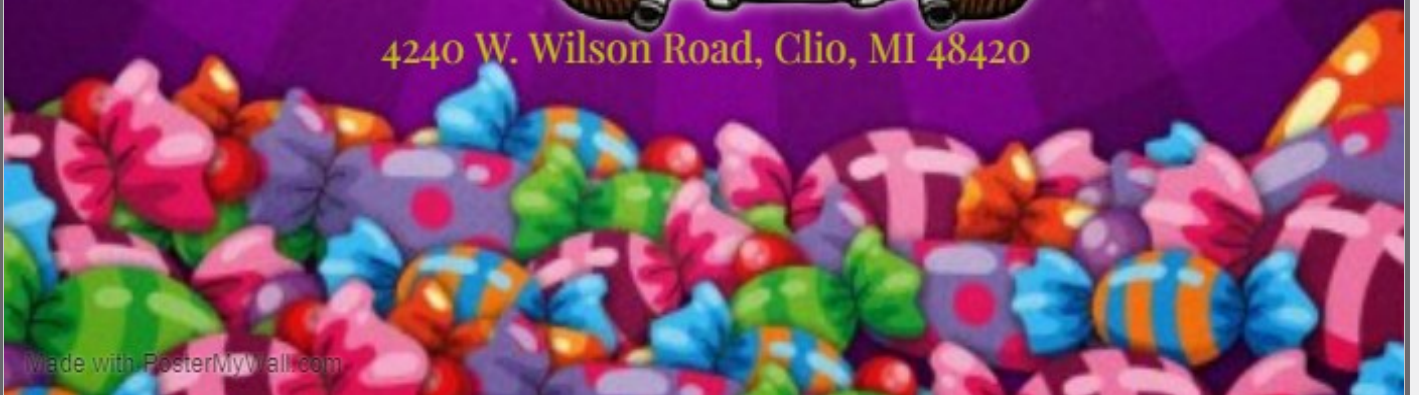
Sunday
October 24, 2021
Noon - 3:00 pm

**** Rain or Shine****

Fun Free Event



4240 W. Wilson Road, Clio, MI 48420



Great Lakes Shrine Association

Many Nobles had the opportunity to partake in the meetings, competitions, parade and good ole camaraderie at the 2021 **GLSA** in Itasca, IL hosted by Medina Shrine.

Please note: At the 2021 Fall Association meeting, a Winter business/education session was voted upon and approved to be held early in the year (late February, early March, 2022 - TBD by host temple Moslem Shrine). This is to be a Noble only event for business and educational events.



This allows us to meet before Imperial Session and allow any Nobles running for Imperial Office or Hospital Trustee positions to visit. The plan is for the Nobles to check in Friday evening, attend session all day Saturday, check out on Sunday. This may shorten our Fall Session by one day as the majority of the business will be during the Winter Session.

More details to come - please check for updates on the GLSA website www.greatlakesshrineassociation.org



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El Said Court No 28 had the exciting opportunity to participate in the 2021 Great Lakes Unit Meet (**GLUM**) hosted by Za-Hir-U-Din Court No 7 in Frankenmuth, MI on September 24-25, 2021.

The M/Sha/Chis and El Shrinerettes units performed for the High Priestess Lady Mary Lou Green and the current Grand High Priestess Lady Kate Kalmbach.





Shriners Hospitals for Children™

TO: All Members of Shriners International
FROM: William S. Bailey, Imperial Potentate, Shriners International
RE: COVID-19 Vaccine Policy

Dear Fellow Nobles,

I want to share with you a very important development affecting Shriners Hospitals for Children. Last week the Joint Boards approved a policy requiring nearly everyone in our health care organization to get fully vaccinated against COVID-19. This requirement aligns us with many health care organizations around the United States and Canada as well as the recently announced federal mandate. Most of all, it is an extension of our mission: To improve the lives of children.

The requirement affects not only our health care providers and staff of Shriners Hospitals for Children and Shriners International, but also all contractors, vendors and volunteers. Many nobles give generously of their time and energy to make Shriners Hospitals for Children the unique place that it is.

As a one of the largest and most beloved specialty health care systems in the world, Shriners Hospitals for Children cares for one of the most vulnerable populations: children. Many of our patients have serious underlying conditions that put them in high risk categories; more are ineligible for vaccines because of their age. Shriners Hospitals for Children has always put the needs of our patients first.

With the recent FDA approval of the Pfizer product, we know that a safe and effective vaccine exists. FDA approval of the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines is expected soon. Science has shown that overwhelmingly, these vaccines protect people from hospitalization, ICU-level care and death. For everyone's safety, our Joint Boards did not take a vaccine requirement policy under consideration until FDA approval was granted. They then initiated a thorough and deliberative process to determine the appropriate course of action for our organization. Through this process, it became clear: Creating a fully vaccinated space is part of our obligation to our patients and to one another.

Who will be affected?

Simply put, all of us, because we are all part owners of our health care system. Everyone at every Shriners Hospitals for Children location in the United States and Canada, including Headquarters, must comply with the policy. All employees, contract employees, vendors, and volunteers who enter a building owned and/or operated by Shriners Children's are required to be fully vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus.

At this time, the policy does not include our Mexico location, because the vaccine is not currently readily available to all in Mexico.

Please note, the policy does apply to volunteers, including our Shriners family. Your contributions to the health and well-being of our patients is immeasurable, and we hope that all our nobles who volunteer will be able to continue those efforts.

While nobles who don't get vaccinated (or get an approved exemption) won't be able to enter the health care system buildings, volunteer or interact with patients, there remain many ways that they can support their temple and the health care system. In fact, those efforts become even more important.

When does the policy take effect?

Everyone must be fully vaccinated or have appropriate approved exemption forms by December 6.

What if I don't want or can't get the vaccination?

It is a requirement of employment or volunteering with Shriners Hospitals for Children that all eligible persons be fully vaccinated. Those few who receive exemptions will be required to follow strict protocols that are anticipated to include masking with a special N95 mask and COVID testing.

The health care landscape and the global pandemic situation are both changing rapidly. As our policies evolve, so too are federal, state and provincial, and local requirements. Our policy could need to be updated or accelerated in order to remain in compliance with regulations.

The support of the fraternity's nobility has always been critical to the success of Shriners Hospitals for Children. That has been especially true as we have navigated this pandemic. Together, we will continue to put the well-being of the children first and provide hope and healing to families across the globe.

Yours in the faith,

William S. "Bill" Bailey
Imperial Potentate
Shriners International



Office CLOSED
November 24-26, 2021

POSTPONED
UNTIL
April 13, 2022



International Hillbilly Convention

Some of our Hillbilly members traveled down to Ashland, Kentucky the third weekend of August for the annual International Hillbilly Convention. A great time was had by all. Thursday evening there was a smoked dinner and there was some karaoke for entertainment. Friday night there was a chicken and fish fry with all the fixins. There was also a cake auction by all of the former International Hillbilly queens in attendance and the ladies running for this years hillbilly queen contest. The International Hillbilly Queen contest was held and our very own Jami Geiser, wife of Raban Brian Geiser, is our 2021-2022 Queen! Saturday was all of the degree work



and in the evening there was a delicious steak dinner with music and dancing. El Hasa Shrine Temple hosted a wonderful and fun convention this year...what a great group of people we were surrounded by all weekend.

Our clan hosted the hospitality room along with El Hasa's clan



Ann Wandrie, Michelle Coon, Morgan at the hotel. At Clan 55's part of the room, there was a lot of interest and excitement for next year's convention and most of our registration forms were gone by the end of the weekend. Let's hope that's great news for us and we'll have great numbers for our 2022 Hillbilly Convention right here at Circus Park.



Congrats to our newly elected 2021-2022 International Hillbilly Queen Jami Geiser and Rabban Brian Geiser



Jim & Sandie Dameron



Tammy & Bob Hardin



Laura & Jeff Downing

Why I Became a Shriner

While working on the Membership Committee, I've been asked several times by members, as well as others who've asked about the Shrine, why I became a Shriner. I've never been much of a writer, but I'm writing this article anyway. This was posted on Facebook a couple of times, however here's my story for those not on Facebook.



Why I became a Shriner - it's due to the great work of Shriners Hospital and the work they do that I'm able to walk today. I was treated as a child from 6 months old until I turned 18. During the time I was treated I had 4 surgeries. The 1st one was to correct a crook-

ed ankle I was born with. My ankle bone was cut and staples placed inside it to make it straight. The 2nd surgery was a few years later. The staples were removed and replaced with steel pins. My 3rd surgery was to correct the length difference in my left leg. I had a device that looked like an erector set, that I had to turn and adjust every day. The 4th surgery was to remove the lengthening device. During my treatments, I was taken to the Chicago Hospital every 3 months. Usually when I was not in a cast or having an issue, I was seen once a year.



If there's interest, I can share more about my experiences being treated at our Chicago Hospital - just let me know. If you know anyone who's thinking about becoming a Shriner and wants to know more about what we do, they can contact me. I don't mind at all. I'll answer any and all questions.

Tim "Knoby" Corrigan
 Chief Aide
 Membership Committee



Note from the Editor

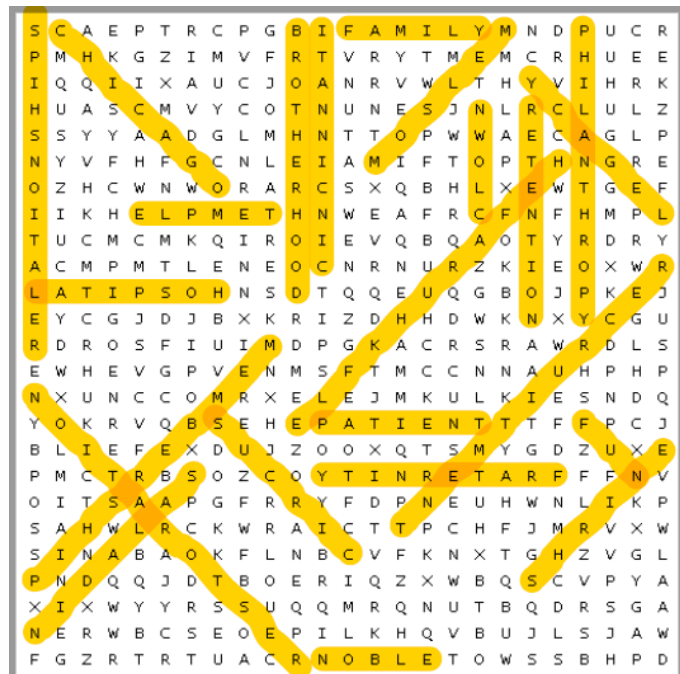
The Arabian Knights is the primary form of communication for Elf Khurafeh Shrine.

It would be great to hear from you; the Nobles, Event Chairpersons, Clubs, Units.

Please share your love for the Shrine and your fellow Nobles by submitting photos and articles of your brotherhood, family, fun and philanthropy to ArabianKnights@ekshrine.com

Topic requests, general feedback, birthdays, anniversaries, milestones, your aspirations for Elf Khurafeh and the hospitals all play a part to make your temple better. Submit your comments to ArabianKnights@ekshrine.com

Here for you - *Lady Laura Downing, Editor*



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clowns for putting so many smiles on children's faces, Lady Lisa Brack and the Divan ladies for helping the children with games and crafts, and Oasis for the refreshing ice cream. I scream, you scream, let's all scream for MORE ice cream!

CONGRATS to Betty Kincaid, former Den Mother of Elf Khurafeh Shrine, on her retirement. Illustrious Phil Brack presented Betty with a plaque in appreciation for her many years of superb service! Betty, your patience, skill and talent will be greatly missed.



Cash Calendar Winners



July 2021				
Ticket #	Winner	Amount	Seller	Club/Unit
1459	Edward Parks	\$40	E. Parks	Security Unit
1334	Russell Leitz	\$40	C. Pangborn	Arab Patrol
0303	Philip Brack	\$40	P. Brack	Temple
0053	James Roark	\$40	J. Roark	Oscoda Shrine Club
0001	Rod Robertson	\$40	R. Robertson	Lapeer Shrine Club
0945	Emil Tamm	\$40	J. Jacobs	White Pine Shrine Club
1499	Jessica Banning	\$40	J. Banning	Arab Patrol
0647	Byron Vowell	\$40	B. Vowell	Clowns
1346	Debbie McGinnis	\$40	R. Stanley	Military Patrol
0943	Gail Spiridiglozzi	\$40	J. Jacobs	White Pine Shrine Club
0300	James E Peck	\$100	J. Peck	Shiawassee Fire Brigade



August 2021				
Ticket #	Winner	Amount	Seller	Club/Unit
0281	William Meyer	\$40	Clarence Meyer Jr	Divan
0221	Liz Schwedler	\$40	Jim Griffiths	Drivers Unit
1493	Jay Kennedy	\$40	John Banning	Arab Patrol
0268	Marilyn Kayner	\$40	Gene Vandemark	Bay Area Shrine Club
0664	Kurt Quine	\$40	Gene Reid	Fenton Shrine Club
1338	Mark Cabala	\$40	Chris Pangborn	Arab Patrol
0156	Russell Merrill	\$40	Patrick Finnegan	Shiawassee Shrine Club
1320	Sean Clayton	\$40	David Benn	Security
1443	Clayton Brack	\$40	Phil Brack	Temple
1357	Ken Scott	\$40	Ken Scott	Arab Patrol
0047	Byron Vowell	\$100	Byron Vowell	Clowns



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Lady Debby invites you to join her in supporting the Transforming Lives program of Shriners Hospitals for Children®.

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Black Camel

It is with extreme sorrow that we announce the passing of our fellow Noble.

08/08/2021 Stanley E Buss Ormond Beach, FL Obituary available HERE



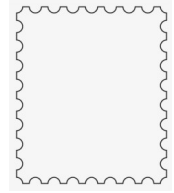
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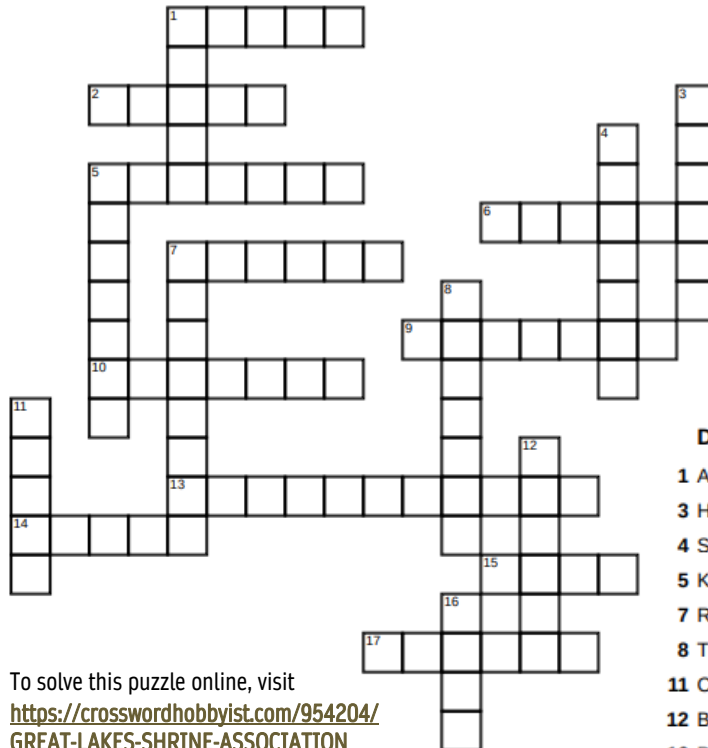
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Great Lakes Shrine Association

GLSA temples have an abundance of opportunities for fellowship and fun with several diverse clubs and units. Can you figure out which temples these clues belong to?

<https://www.greatlakesshrineassociation.org/shrine-centers>



Across

- 1 Desert Rats Shrine Club
- 2 Uniformed Unit
- 5 Bobbies Unit
- 6 Roll-n-Relix Shrine Club
- 7 Hillbilly Clan #95
- 9 Campers Unit
- 10 Brutal Brothers Unit
- 13 Callope Clowns Unit
- 14 Nuts & Bolts Unit
- 15 Funsters Unit
- 17 Ruffians Club

Down

- 1 Antique Power Shrine Club
- 3 Haunted House for Children Shrine Club
- 4 Scarab Shrine Club
- 5 Krazy Kops Unit
- 7 Riverfront Shiners Taproom #5
- 8 Therapy Dogs Shrine Club
- 11 Corn Belt Shrine Club
- 12 Blue Haze Choppers Unit
- 16 Pipes & Drums Unit

To solve this puzzle online, visit

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Elf Khurafeh Shrine Schedule of Events



CANCELED	Meat Raffle	CANCELED
10/09/2021	Drivers' Meeting	Circus Park
10/13/2021	Business Meeting	Shriners Hall
POSTPONED	Sportsman's Raffle	POSTPONED
10/24/2021	Halloween Party	Circus Park
11/06/2021	Fall Ceremonial	Circus Park
11/10/2021	Business Meeting	Shriners Hall

12/04/2021	Oasis SC Installation	Circus Park
12/08/2021	Business Meeting & Election of Officers	Shriners Hall
12/11/2021	Oasis SC Craft Show	Circus Park
12/11/2021	Arab Patrol Xmas Party	Shriners Hall
01/08/2022	Installation of Officers	Circus Park