

Arabian Knights

April 2022

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Notes of Interest:

- **Business Meeting**
05/11/22 7:00 PM
Shriners Hall
- **Clean up**
05/15/22 9:00 AM
- **Open Business Meeting**
06/08/22 7:00 PM
Shriners Hall

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Pocket calendar updates:

El Said Mother's Day Tea

Location change to Circus Park, Clio MI
Sunday, May 1st, 2022, \$15 per ticket, 1:30 PM

Circus Park & Shriners Hall property clean up

Added to calendar on Sunday, May 15h at 9:00AM

Poker Hall on May 26 - 29, 2022

Location change to Burton Eagles Post 3814
Located about 1/2 mi east of Dort Hwy on Bristol Rd in Burton

Detroit Gold Cup Races CANCELED June 16-19, 2022

Race Crossing the Wet Sands CANCELED July 9, 2022

El Said Car Show

Date change to Sunday, September 18, 2022
Past Tense, Lapeer MI

Arab Patrol \$100 Raffle

Date change to Sunday, September 18, 2022
12 PM - 5 PM, Shriners Hall 6525 Weiss St, Saginaw MI

To see the joy return to the Nobles this year has been INCREDIBLE!



Their genuine characters are being seen as they participate in new temple activities.



Share your Love



Become a **SHRINER**

2022 Elected Divan



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Initiated November 2014

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- Flint River Shiners - Past Cellar Master
- Oasis Shrine Club - Past Board of Directors
- Hillbilly Clan #55
- Clown Unit - "Timbits"

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From the Potentate

Greetings Nobles and Ladies,



The Sportsman's Raffle is officially a wrap for this year! Illustrious Sir Phil Brack is still tallying numbers and hopes to have a financial report available for the May business meeting. But a "seat of the pants" estimate of the event tells me we did very well! I have

been told we had over 1200 people show up to Circus Park for the Raffle. We were blessed with a sunny day with the temperature reaching nearly 80 degrees. That was a good thing, as it allowed the majority of our crowd to sit outside under two large tents and enjoy the fresh air. We had our best 50/50 raffle yet, paying the winner \$3300. Next time you see Assistant Rabban Greg Cartwright, have him buy you a drink with his winnings! I can't thank our Events Committee and our Sportsman's Raffle Committee enough for putting on such an awesome event! Thanks to all the volunteers that showed up and helped out. Your hard work was greatly appreciated.

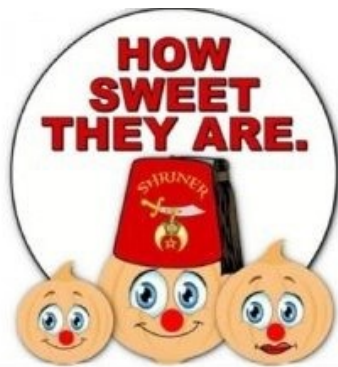
There is an addition to our calendar for May. We are going to have a Circus Park cleanup day on Sunday, May 15th. There are some limbs down on the property that need to be moved, flowerbeds that need attending to, and general outdoor maintenance that needs to be addressed. And if the stars align and everything falls into place, we may try to put our flagpole at the entrance up then and tend to a few lights that need some work. Those repairs will depend on the weather and availability of equipment. Regardless, if you feel like lending a hand, we'd be happy to see you there.

Don't forget our May business meeting on the 11th. Dinner will be served at 6PM and the meeting will start at 7PM.

June 4th we will be having our Shriners' Run 5K event at Circus Park. The event is open to runners and walkers, and participants that register before May 22 will get an official Shriners' Run shirt. Also, the first 200 registrants will receive a finisher medal! The best part, if you are busy that day and still want to support the Run, you can register for the Virtual 5K and run it at any time. As long as you register early, you will still get a shirt and finisher medal. Visit our 5K Run page on our website - www.ekshrine.com/shriners-run and register today.

Sweet Vidalia Onions

Illustrious Sir Ryan Stanley PP has been diligently coordinating with the growers to have our amazing Sweet Vidalia Onions delivered to Circus Park mid May. Once the trucking concerns have been addressed, a more accurate delivery date will be provided.



Hillbilly Spring Fling
April 30th, 2022
At Shrine Circus Park
 4240 W. Wilson Rd. Clio, Michigan

Entertainment By  

Cost \$25.00 a person

Great Dinner with all the trimmings
Bean Soup & Corn Bread, and Plenty of Dessert
Beer and Setups provided BYOB

Doors Open at 5:00 p.m.
Dinner at 6:00 p.m.
Entertainment to follow
(There will be a Hillbilly Degree)

CIRCUS PARK 4240 W WILSON RD, CLIO MI 48420

Mother's Day Tea *Public Event*



Dress for fun and don't forget your fascinators!

Mini sandwiches, salads and tons of desserts!

\$15 tickets
RSVP to 810-412-8813

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MAY
 1:30 PM

DO NOT have to be a Mother to attend!

Hosted By: El Said Court # 28

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POTE continued...

June is also our next "Open" business meeting! We are excited to have Bob Conley, Past Grand Master of Michigan Masons, and his wife, Dr. JoNeil Conley as our guest speakers. If you haven't had a chance to hear them speak, you need to be at the June business meeting. And as an open meeting, everyone is invited - spouses, neighbors, friends, and anyone else! We will eat at 6PM and start the meeting at 7PM.

Keep our sick and shut-ins, military and first responders, and especially our Shrine kids in your prayers!

Fraternally,
 Jeff Downing
 Potentate - 2022



CP Ground Crew

Nobles - There will be a lot happening this spring. We have a lot of winter clean up to do as there are a lot of branches and a few dead trees that have fallen on the property. When the weather breaks and the ground is not so soft we will begin to get it done, hopefully before the mowing season starts.



We will be doing a clean up May 15th starting at 9am.

If you would like to donate your time, it would be greatly appreciated. We invite any Noble or prospect that would like to help out please contact

Ryan Stanley (810) 394 -1860 or Phil Gean (810) 293 - 0089.

Property Clean Up

Sunday, May 15th 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

We need to take pride in our temple and property. Please contact the various Chairmen and pitch in this Spring. "Clean up" is necessary outdoors, but let's not forget the need to maintain the inside of our buildings. This is important for maintenance and upkeep and also for clearing and organizing all storage areas to make them accessible and safe.

Circus Park - 4240 W Wilson Rd, Clio
Chair - Jeff Downing, Co-Chair -

Shriners Hall - 6525 Weiss St, Saginaw
Chair - Ron Regalado, Co-Chair - Berry Thurston



SPRING CLEAN



I've learned some things from the SFA and Shrine leadership classes I have taken online.

- ⇒ Lead yourself, do not force others.
- ⇒ Listen to those around you and understand a compromise.
- ⇒ Share your knowledge.
- ⇒ Temple Units and clubs should have 2 signers on accounts.
- ⇒ If the temple signs a contract, it should be signed by all who will be Potentate during the term of contract if possible.
- ⇒ As a temple, we cannot hold fundraisers outside our jurisdiction but can hold joint ventures with other temples or not shrine groups.
- ⇒ When it comes to fundraising, Units can use the temple's

EIN number, however clubs must apply for and have their own.

In the next issue, I will provide tips for holding a successful fundraiser.

Tim Corrigan

Circus Appreciation

On February 15th, 2022 at Circus Park, the hall was filled with Circus volunteers anxiously awaiting the event report and celebratory dinner.

Illustrious Sir John Arnould PP presented the 2022 Flint & Saginaw Circus reports. He explained the tactical difference between the 2022 Circus' and those prior. This year, to prevent the large expenses with renting two venues, hiring Carden Circus, and coordinating intense marketing strategies with Houser Hennessee Advertising, the committee elected to step back. Initial plans were to have an outdoor tent performance in mid-May. The venues and Carden however were desperate to keep with the dates patrons have come accustomed to in January. They offered up an option to benefit Elf Khurafeh, no expense to the Shrine, only a guaranteed profit. The committee reviewed all the fine details including the use of the "Elf Khurafeh Shrine Circus" name, the usual Noble volunteers and clowns during all performances, Noble assistance for ride sales, coloring book, etc. This change in fundraising approach for the Circus led to Elf Khurafeh making a revenue profit in five digits, the first in many years.

Elf Khurafeh did not have overhead for printing programs, coloring books nor entrance tickets. No expense for marketing. No chance of loss. What a terrific change the Circus Committee made this year.

The Circus Appreciation Committee desperately wanted to praise and reward all the hard-working volunteers from the 2022 Circus'. Together, they arranged a grand buffet of past, garlic bread and salads. Desserts were abundant with cobbler, fudge, cookies, brownies, cupcakes and so much more. Dietary ailments concerned Lady Laura, so she ensured there were options for gluten free, grain free, vegan, nut free and lactose free.



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Aleena ensured there was fresh popcorn. The clown carrousel were brought out of storage and proudly displayed as center pieces. Circus animals delicately placed inside balloons were created by Janice Davis for door prizes. The remaining 18 circus t-shirts were available for sale.

Special thanks to the Circus Appreciation Committee for planning the evening! Verne & Annette Barnaby, Chris Harvey, Janice Davis, Sandi Thomason, Illustrious Sir Phil Brack PP and Lady Lisa.

*More pictures on page 21.



Every Bite is Better Than the Last



Tim Corrigan was the return chairman for the annual Chili Cook off in February 2022. This year, eight contestants shared bean, beef, chicken and venison chili variations.

By popular vote of the crowd at the Indoor Ice Fishing Contest, the top three kettles were awarded prizes.



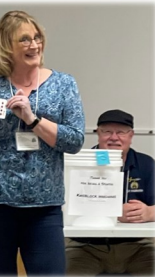
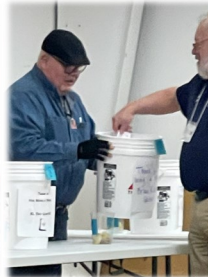
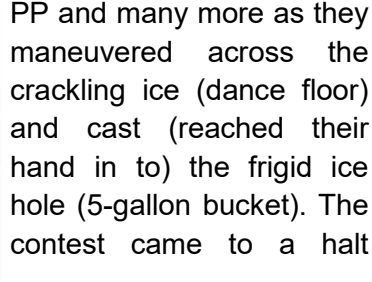
Ice fishing without ice!

Elf Khurafeh hosted their first Indoor Ice Fishing Contest at Circus Park in February 2022. The sixty-

one fishing participants purchased an EK Fishing License in advance or onsite for \$20. Upon entry, they collected their license and their initial 25 lures (raffle tickets). Additional lures were available 1/\$1, 5/\$3 and 25/\$20. Trying to stay warm and prepare for the contest, fishermen huddled around their fishing shacks (tables) and indulged in fresh batches of homemade chili. The fish rapidly started to bite, and the contest was at full cast. A random bait keeper was chosen to fetch a lure (raffle ticket) and announce the fishermen license number. With great precision, the fisherman raced to snag their fish (playing card) from the slippery ice hole (5-gal bucket). A keen hand led to a nice size fish (weight calculated by the value of card), less dexterity resulted in a missed fish.

The crowd roared with excitement watching Troy Thompson, Bob Hardin, Illustrious Sir John Arnould

PP and many more as they maneuvered across the crackling ice (dance floor) and cast (reached their hand in to) the frigid ice hole (5-gallon bucket). The contest came to a halt



when several fishermen had maxed out on their daily limit.

Prizes were awarded for the most fish, most weight and first fish caught. Door prizes and ice holes were sponsored by Cigar Fellows, Don Felipe, Biggby Coffee, Luigi's Pizzeria, Knoblock Hardware, Somethin's Fishy, UNO's, Leo's, Welfare Masonic Lodge and Ron Regalado.

Bait Keepers & Ice Patrol - Dave Trowbridge, Brian Geiser, Tim Birch, Chuck Birch, Jon Jacobs, John Banning, Tony Tucker, Amanda Alexander

Committee - Jim & Sandie Dameron, Ron Regalado, and Brian & Jami Geiser.



5K Run (8:30 AM)
5K Walk (8:32 AM)
Virtual 5k

SHRINERS' RUN

06-04-22



Early Registration until 05/22/2022 (includes shirt)

Circus Park - 4240 W Wilson Rd, Clio MI 48420

Help Shriners Help Kids!

PACKET PICKUP & LATE REGISTRATION:

Friday, June 3rd from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM at Complete Runner 915 South Dort Hwy, Flint

Saturday, June 4th starting at 7:00 AM at Circus Park 4240 West Wilson Road, Clio

FINISHER MEDALS to the first 200 registered!

5k Placement **AWARDS** for M/F: 10-under, 11-14, 15-19, 20-24 ... five-year increments to 95+

RAFFLE PRIZES – Please deposit your ticket for sponsor donated raffle **BEFORE** race

ONLINE Registration at www.ekshrine.com/shrinersrun



Email: shrinersrun@ekshrine.com
 Phone: (810) 412-8813



Shriners' Run
 Saturday ~ June 4, 2022

CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
 Elf Khurafeh Shrine

MAIL TO:
 Downing (Attn: Shriners' Run)
 12060 E Potter, Davison, MI 48423

SHIRTS INCLUDED WITH ALL REGISTRATIONS UNTIL TO 05/22/2022

FIRST NAME				LAST NAME			
EMAIL ADDRESS							
POSTAL ADDRESS				CITY	ST	ZIP	
PHONE NUMBER				BIRTH DATE		GENDER	

UNISEX TECH SHIRT							EARLY REGISTRATION until 05/22/2022			LATE REGISTRATION		SHIPPING FEE
S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	\$25 5k Run	\$25 5k Walk	\$25 Virtual 5k	\$30 5k Run	\$30 5k Walk	\$6 ALL VIRTUAL

I know that participating in a Run/Walk event is a potentially hazardous activity. I will not enter and participate unless I am immediately able. I assume all risks from participating in this event and its related activities, including but not limited to falls, contact with other participants, effects of the weather, temperature, humidity, precipitation, traffic and the conditions of the road; all such risks being known to me. Having read this waiver and release knowing these facts and in considerations of your accepting my participation, I, for myself and anyone entitled to act on my behalf, waive and release Elf Khurafeh Shrine, Grand Oaks Subdivision, Vienna Charter Township, Genesee County Road Commission, Newton Timing & Race Services, race officials, volunteers, sponsors and their respective affiliates, subsidiaries, agents, officers, employees or contractors of and from all claims, liabilities or causes of action of any kind arising out of my participation in this event or its related activities which I or my successors, assigns, or heirs may ever have now or in the future against any of them. This release and waiver extends to all claims of every kind and nature whatsoever. I grant permission to all the foregoing to use my photographs, motion pictures, recordings or any other record of this event for any lawful purpose.

ATHLETE MUST SIGN (OR PARENT, IF UNDER 18) _____ DATE _____

*Proceeds are for the benefit of Elf Khurafeh Shriners and are not deductible as charitable contributions.

03/2022

Assistance is requested for this Temple Event. Event day set up will begin at Circus Park on Saturday, June 4, 2022, at 6:00 AM. We will need help with tents, tables, refreshments, and sponsor/road signs. Starting at 7:30 AM, we would like all hands on deck for late registration and packet pick up, safety for parking and pure involvement with the community. The race kicks off at 8:30 AM. At that time, folks are requested as route marshals, route safety, distributing water at station on route, upkeep and refill for the refreshment tables, presentation of awards, clean up, etc. This event is rather quick as public begins to arrive at 7:30 AM and we should be completely cleaned up by 10:30 AM. We respect it is early for a weekend but would greatly appreciate the support of the entire temple of nobles and ladies.

Our 1st Open Business Meeting

March 9th was a business meeting for the ages! Elf Khurafeh Shrine held an "open" business meeting and let non-Shriners join us for a night of fun, fellowship and education.

Dinner was served at 6:00PM and out of respect for our guests, the Ladies went first. A big thanks to our Kitchen Crew (Bob Hardin, Rob Dickinson, Dave Trowbridge, and Robert Siedmiorka) for whipping up a meal for kings and queens.



The business meeting started a little late due to technical difficulties, but once started, it was a memorable night. Illustrious Sir Jeff Downing opened the meeting and had Chaplain Chuck Birch give the opening prayer. Noble Ed Soper led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Illustrious Sir Clarence Meyer read the names of our recently departed brothers, and Chaplain Birch said a prayer for them. With the formalities out of the way, it was time to enjoy a few words from our guest speakers.

Our first guest speaker was Dan Winter from the Chicago Hospital System. Dan is also a Noble at Medinah Shrine in Chicago. He spoke about the history of the hospital, and about the services provided. His presentation was very enlightening, especially to the guests that were unaware of how Shriners help children.

We then welcomed Moslem Shriner and Imperial Patient Ambassador Troy Thompson to the stage to tell us about his story. Troy was born with clubfoot so severe that his foot was facing backwards. He told us of the uncertainty his mother faced when searching for care, about her chance encounter with a Shriner, and how that encounter started Troy down the path to healing. He also spoke of the many surgeries and how the doctors were able to turn his foot back to the correct direction. Troy knew that he wanted to "pay it back" so he became a Mason and a Shriner just a few years ago.

Illustrious Sir Jeff then thanked the kitchen crew and introduced the Past Potentates and their Ladies, and the Divan and their Ladies. He then closed the meeting. Many Nobles and guests stayed for a bit and socialized, and most were very pleased with the way the evening went.

Our next "open" business meeting will be June 8th at Shriners Hall in Saginaw. Dinner will be served at 6PM and the business meeting will start at 7PM. Please join us for guest speakers Bob Conley, Past Grand Master of Michigan Masons, and his wife Dr JoNeil Conley. They are very dynamic motivational speakers and you won't want to miss them!



Pizza, Puzzles & Beer!

March 2022 brought on some new activities for Elf Khurafeh. Time to bring back the fun with less work for the nobles and ladies. The public Pizza, Puzzles & Beer did just that. Folks had the opportunity to eat, drink, laugh and bring the social fun back to the community.

The 12 teams of up to four players arrived hungry, thirsty and skill-ready to assemble puzzles. The \$40 team entry fee provided each group with a large Dominoes pepperoni pizza, a 12-pack of beer (or substitute beverages) and a random 300-piece puzzle.

The easiest part of the competition was probably the pizza. One large pizza didn't go far for hungry men. Beverages of all sorts came next. Participants had the option of beer (Bud, Bud Light, Miller Lite, Founders All Day AIP or White Claw Seltzers) or non-alcoholic drinks by the pitcher (soda, tea and water). It was amusing to observe folks chugging and laughing and liquid shooting everywhere.



Completing the puzzles was a bit more challenging than any- one anticipated and probably the hardest part. A twist was bit more challenging than any- one anticipated and probably the hardest part. A twist was a member of each team being a *Minute To Win It* task. The lowed to return to their team fully completed their task. The but proved to be rather com- unique challenge.



The First Place team was thrilled to win a cash prize of \$100. The Sec- ond Place team was presented with tin beer cans that contained men's boxer briefs. The Third Place team took

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Greetings Potentates, Divan, and Nobles All,

Kindly share the below message to all Nobles within your temple at your earliest convenience.

As you are all aware, this is a momentous year for not only Mecca Temple No. 1, but as we are the Mother of all Shrine Temples, it is also the Anniversary of all Shrinedom. We cordially invite you all to join us this September 25-26 as we celebrate the 150th Anniversary in NYC. Our Celebrations will be over the course of two days. Saturday from 12pm-3pm, we will have a small ceremony with open bar and passed food at New York City Center – Mecca’s first Mosque, which we haven’t been able to meet at since Noble LaGuardia saved the building from destruction during the Great Depression by selling it to the City to be used as a public theatre. Later in the evening, we will host our 150th Anniversary Ball (in lieu of a Potentate’s Ball) starting at 7PM. Sunday, we will have transportation take Nobles to Valhalla, New York, where we will visit the resting place of Imperial Sir Walter Flemming and pay our respects to the founders of Mecca Temple No. 1. We are excited to greet you all and have you come celebrate with us in September. We’ve partnered with the Hotel Hayden, which is close by the events for an exclusive rate of \$220 a night for a King Room and \$265 for Two Double Beds – to visit our booking visit tinyurl.com/Mecca150Hotel.

Kindly visit www.meccashriners.org/anniversary or scan the below QR Code to visit our events for the Anniversary and buy tickets. Early bird tickets are on sale until 7/31.

Yours In The Faith.



Illustrious Sir Zachary N. Ostrow

Potentate, Mecca Temple No. 1



PARTICIPATION REQUEST FOR CIVIC PARADE

08/13/2022 in Birch Run at 3:00pm

Attention all Clubs and Units of Elf Khurafeh Shrine:

Our own Hillbilly Clan 55 is hosting the International Hillbilly Convention right here at Circus Park on August 11-14, 2022. They have arranged for a civic parade to be held in Birch Run that will also include the Hillbillies. I'm asking for your clubs/units to please participate in some way, shape, or form in this parade to positively represent our temple. We would like as big of a showing from the temple as we possibly can. Let's get out there and show the families of Birch Run and Frankenmuth area what Elf Khurafeh temple is all about. As of right now, the exact location will be announced later and tentative times are as follows:

Line up for the parade 2:00 pm Parade will start at 3:00 pm Saturday, August 13, 2022

Membership

Membership is a big responsibility, too big for just the membership committee. It's a job for everyone in Elf Khurafeh with the help of the membership committee. Thru no fault of our own, thru demits, black camel and suspensions, membership is down. For Elf Khurafeh to **survive and thrive**, there are a few things we need to try. Work on a membership plan, get the temple to work as a membership team, work on strengthening our ties with the local Masonic lodges, invite non Shriners to our events make sure the temple is given their contact information so they can be sent a thank you. Make sure you have pocket petitions with you. Something else is reach out to members you know who are not active and see if we can get them back into the Shrine family. Something I've learned taking Shrine Membership Classes is a quote from Past Imperial Sir Gary Bergenske "The time is now to get our membership in order" Another Favorite Quote "Let's not think about what we've done or are doing let's think about our future". So in a nut shell Brother Nobles, let's all work together, use our heads to show non Shriners the Shrine we have in our heart. - Tim Corrigan



Shriners Blood Drive

The initial public Shriners Blood Drive scheduled for Friday, March 25, 2022 from 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Circus Park was **cancelled** by the Red Cross representative Sal, the direct liaison between Elf Khurafeh and Red Cross. Sal notified Lady Laura at approximately 10:00 AM on the morning of the drive that the Red Cross crew had tested COVID positive prior to loading their truck. For the safety of all involved, the blood drive had to be cancelled at late notice. Lady Laura attempted to contact all 23 preregistered donors.

We are currently waiting for a reschedule date.

Poker Rooms

Nobles - First I would like to thank all the workers who took part and donated their time and effort in making our March 27th to March 30th event a huge success. A very special thank you goes out to Bob Hardin for chairing this event as I was at Oriental Guide school. I gave a full report at our regular business meeting April 13th.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Our next event will be 4 days long, May 26th to May 29th at the Burton Eagles Post 3814. Its located about a half mile east of Dort Hwy on Bristol Rd, Burton. (The calendar says it is at the Davison American Legion which is incorrect). If you would like to help, let me know as I will have to ad you to the worker list before the event.

The report for this event will be given at the June 8th business meeting.

Help the Shrine help our Shrine Kids
Oriental Guide – Phil Gean





Circus Park

4240 West Wilson Rd, Clio MI 48420

hay ride apples & cider pumpkins

WEAR YOUR BEST

*** COSTUME ***

OCTOBER 23 12PM-3PM

more info at www.elfshrine.com/events or call 810-412-8813

YOUR SUPPORT MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

Braxton and his mom still consider their trip to Shriners Children's Ohio a 'Christmas miracle'

Christmas Day 2017 wasn't the magical time Kristin Grimmert hoped the holiday would be. She was in a van with strangers, driving to a hospital six hours away with her young son who had an open burn wound.

Two Roadrunners drove them from Tennessee because Braxton still had a burn wound on his head after he reached for a pot of boiling water.

Braxton says the team makes him feel "special." There isn't much hair left on Braxton's scalp, so when bullies started to bother him at school, Shriners took immediate steps by finding funding to get a custom hair piece. Braxton's mom says he is much more confident and likes that he can take off the hairpiece when he gets too hot.

"They definitely spoiled him but he deserves it," Kristin said. "This all started Christmas all those years ago and they still help us and make sure we're okay."

*We're here to provide
the most **AMAZING CARE** anywhere
for every child with burn and plastic surgery needs!*



Reni travels thousands of miles to keep care with Shriners Children's Lexington

Sometimes it's all about who you know.

For 12-year-old Reni, it really came down to who his parents knew.

Reni's parents, Cydil and Nathan, were looking to adopt. They hadn't initially considered the possibility of adopting a child with a limb difference, but when Reni's file was presented to them, they felt a strong sense that it was meant to be.

Reni was born without most of his legs. While they aren't totally sure, Reni's parents suspect his condition was the result of amniotic band syndrome, which is when the inner layer of the placenta is damaged during pregnancy and those strands of tissue become tangled around the baby, restricting blood flow to that part of the body sometimes

stunting growth. In Reni's case, it is believed the amniotic bands amputated both of his legs above the knee.

It seems that it really was meant to be for Reni and his parents, since one of Cydil and Nathan's close friends, Faith Powers, is a social worker at the just the place to provide the specialized care for Reni.

"When sharing about the possibility of adopting Reni, Faith informed us that Shriners Hospital in Lexington treated children with limb differences like Reni," Cydil said. "It felt like one of those pieces of confirmation that we were to proceed with Reni's adoption — that God had provided the resources a child like Reni might need — and practically in our back yard."

So, in 2010, Cydil and Nathan traveled to Albania to celebrate Reni's first birthday with him in the orphanage, complete the adoption process and bring him to the U.S., knowing that when they got home, SHCMC would be there to help.

"Shriners was a big answer to prayer for us," Nathan said. "Our first question when we were presented Reni's file was whether we could find the resources he needed. Finding out that Shriners was close to home was a huge weight off our shoulders."

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The Only Thing Harder Than Getting In, Is Staying In

Cliques are groups of friends or Nobles, but not all groups are cliques. The thing that makes a group a Clique is that they leave some out on purpose. Allowing them to form a group that others feel they can't belong to. Sometimes without noticing it, adults in the clique are mean to those they think are on the outside. Usually one or two popular ones will control who gets to be in the clique and who gets left out. When you are on the outside of a clique, it can make you frustrated and confused. Maybe someone just does not want you if there group so you just leave. It can make you angry or frustrated. You don't know what to do so again you leave. You feel hurt because you feel left out. Yes, I'm sorry to say this happens to Shriners as adults. Have you ever sat and wondered what ever happened to a certain Noble, you know he's still around and in blue lodge but left the Shrine. **The short answer is things like cliques.** So when you sign that top line remember it's not just for the points, as a top line signer *YOU* are the mentor. It's your job to get them involved and active, talk to him. Take him to the clubs/units you belong too, introduce him. If he wants in a club or unit you are not it, take him. Do not leave him alone. Make him feel welcome anywhere he wants to go in the shrine. Doing this will make you a true Mentor and a better Shriner.

Tim Corrigan

\$100 Raffle

The Arab Patrol has moved their \$100 Raffle to Sunday,
September 18, 2022, 12 PM - 5 PM
Shriners Hall, 6525 Weiss St, Saginaw MI

WIN CASH!

GRAND PRIZE \$8,000

Plus 29 other Cash Prizes

2 - \$500 1 - \$400 1 - \$300 1 - \$200 24 - \$100

Ticket Price \$100: 1 ticket admits 2 people to drawing
Cocktails (limit 5 per person)

Doors open at 12:00 PM Noon

Dinner from 1:00 PM to 1:30 PM

Drawing starts at 2:30 PM

250 tickets to be sold at \$100 each

Need not be present to win

ARAB PATROL



\$100 DRAWING

NEW DATE:

Sunday, September 18, 2022

ELF KHURAFEH SHRINE AND EL SAID COURT #28

FEZtival of Trees

11.25.22 to 11.27.22

SANTA CLAUSE | REINDEER | ELVES

CIRCUS PARK | 4240 W WILSON RD, CLIO MI 48420

Friday & Saturday
10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Sunday
10:00 AM - 6:00 PM



What is a FEZtival of Trees?

Imagine a room filled with a spectacular of pre lit fully decorated Christmas trees. You can hear the soft holiday music and smell the delicious hot cocoa and cookies as you enter. You are greeted by elves and folk from the early Christmas years. They eagerly welcome you to venture into the never-ending path of trees that have an abundance of unwrapped presents flowing from beneath them. You are surrounded by giggles and the pitter patter of small feet as they scurry with excitement and anticipation choosing which tree/wreath selection your family is hoping to take home for the holiday. In the distance, you can vaguely hear Christmas Carols. Your curiosity leads you out of the trees onto a lit path in the yard. An unbelievable sight is before you...Santa Claus and reindeer!

Trees, wreaths and presents are fully donated by various businesses, members of the community, fraternities and Shrine Clubs/Units.

Event may be basic or extravagant, all depends on the involvement and enthusiasm of the committees and volunteers.

It is feasible to make this the largest fundraiser of the year, but it can't happen without the support of the nobility and community.

There is much to be done to prepare and all input is welcome. Please contact 810.412.8813 to get more details and find out when/where the next event committee meeting will be held.

FEZtival of Trees basic outline for reference

These details will continue to be solidified each month as the event date rapidly approaches.

Event - FEZtival of Trees

Benefit - Elf Khurafeh Shrine & El Said Court #28

(proceeds are not deductible as charitable contribution)

Location - Circus Park, 4240 West Wilson Road, Clio MI 48420

Entrance fee - \$2 per person (adults, unsure on children currently, no fee for infants)

Opportunity Tickets - 2/\$1 (used to win both trees and wreaths)

All funds handled during the event (entrance fee, opportunity tickets, food/drink concessions, cookies etc.) stay 100% within this fundraiser.

Times open to public:

Friday, 11-25-22, *10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Saturday, 11-26-22, *10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Sunday, 11-27-22, 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

*Possible soft opening 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM for special needs & elderly

Tree/Wreath winner drawings - Sunday, 11-27-22, 6:30 PM

Tree/Wreath Setup - Monday, 11-21-22, 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM, Tuesday, 11-22-22, 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Tree/Wreath Pickup - Monday, 11-28-22, 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM, Tuesday 11-29-22, 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Tree requirements:

6' pre lit decorated tree with unwrapped gifts (all to be on display)

Deadline for commitment 11-11-22

Wreath requirements:

24-36" or 37-49" decorated wreath with a(n) unwrapped gift(s) or gift package (all to be on display)

Deadline for commitment 11-11-22

Here is a starter list of committees and volunteers needed. This will expand as the fundraiser evolves.

Public Relations - create flyers, update website/FB, get event exposure on various forms of media

Outreach - entice businesses, our fraternal organizations, clubs, units, members of our community to sponsor/donate a tree/wreath, provide them the details, gain their commitment, and direct them to Tree Setup to schedule their date/time to set up

Facility Setup - diagram the hall for layout/path for trees/wreaths, set up tables/chairs for tix sales, verify the electrical capacity of hall, find options for additional power source if needed, ensure there are ample safe electrical lines and surge protectors

Tree Setup - take incoming calls for tree/wreath commitment, schedule date/time for each business/sponsor, be onsite for dates/times to assist setup [Sandie Dameron]

Santa Zone - acquire a virtual looking Santa and Mrs. Claus volunteers, research, and reserve reindeer to be on site for event dates, gather firewood and make sure a fire stays burning in the pavilion, help with pictures with Santa

Money Runners - responsible for counting all funds in/out of event, prepare starter cash for each area (tix, concession, bar, cookies), collect surplus funds from various areas during event, make change when needed, provide detailed reports of funds from each area

Ticket Sales - track number of people entering and collect entrance fee and stamp their hands (different stamp every day), sell tree/wreath tickets at entrance and various locations around the hall

Opportunity to Win - sell tickets inside and outside for hourly opportunities to win, count prize/event \$\$, record winners and proceeds after every drawing (cannot use terminology of 50/50)

Cleaning - Empty trash cans hourly, maintain bathrooms, tidy up spills, etc.

FEZtival of Trees



DONATION REQUEST

- 6 Ft Prelit Christmas Tree
- Fully decorated
- With unwrapped presents
- Standard 24 - 36" Holiday Wreath
- OR Large 37 - 49" Holiday Wreath
- Fully decorated
- With unwrapped presents

* Reserve a space for your company!
 Contact Laura (810) 412-8813

PUBLIC OPEN

Friday, November 25, 2022
 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Saturday, November 26, 2022
 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Sunday, November 27, 2022
 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Soft open Fri & Sat 9:00 - 10:00 AM



SCHEDULE SET-UP

Contact Sandie (810) 625-8519

Monday, November 21, 2022
 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Tuesday, November 22, 2022
 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

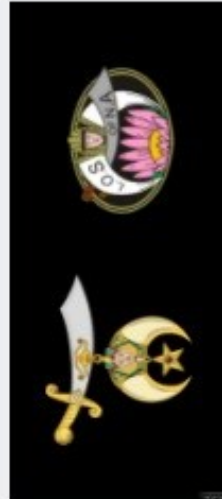
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 El Said Court #28 of LOSNA

Circus Park
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Who are the Nobles of Elf Khurafeh?

Sean "Etoh" Clayton

Why did you become a Shriner? I grew up in the Shrine. I saw first hand the fun, fellowship, and philanthropy my Dad, Uncle, Grandpa, and all their fellow Nobles got to have because of the Shrine. I knew I had to participate to keep and continue the legacy of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.



What is your best memory as a Shriner? My best memories as a Shriner all revolve around making kids happy, if it's the happy kids our incredible hospital system treats, kids walking into our circuses, or the smiles I've been able to create as a Shrine Clown.

I will say, I have incredibly fond memories of days gone by. The Banjo Taners playing pool side at Ceremonial weekends and the parades we could have there too. Even having our own brass band play the music at our circus shows. Or even events at the Temple in Saginaw and the beauty of that building.

What do you look forward to in the future of Elf Khurafeh Shrine? We have so much potential, but we have to get our membership numbers up to get there. The Shrine is nothing without it's Nobles. I would love to see the Shrine pump up the fellowship and bring back Ceremonial weekends and parades to get us all together for incredible fun!



You are a member of what clubs/units? Well, I'm an Assistant Director General, member of the Security Unit, and an honorary member of the Clown Unit.

Year you became a Shriner? I'll always say I was born into it but I crossed the hot sands in 2009.

First & Second line signers? 1st: Illustrious Sir Todd Clayton PP (Dad), 2nd: Sandy Clayton (Uncle)

Bob Hardin

Why did you become a Shriner? The Shriner's helped two young girls I knew, and I wanted to be part of that.

What is your best memory as a Shriner? So many to choose from. I'd say the time I was selling ride tickets at the circus, when I saw Ashis "Talk" to a young girl that was being dragged around by her dad. I say "talk", he talked to her in sign language. It was beautiful.



What do you look forward to in the future of Elf Khurafeh Shrine? I'd hope we can get more members. It'd be great if everyone had one agenda (the kids) instead of their own.

You are a member of what clubs/units? Member of Oasis and Hillbillies. Do not belong to a Unit.

First & Second line signers? 1st: Ed Parks, 2nd: Phil Brack





STAY INFORMED

The next issue of the Arabian Knights will include details of recent activities to include, but not limited to:

GLSA Winter Session

Easter Party

Oasis Craft Show

Sportsman's Raffle

Hillbilly Spring Fling

American Red Cross

Blood Drive

El Said Mother's Day Tea

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*Honoring our
departed
Nobles.*

George P Siverston	Bay City, MI	02/18/2022	View Obituary
Richard B Fletcher, PP	Bay City, MI	02/13/2022	View Obituary
Clarence A Swartwood	Prescott, MI	02/12/2022	View Obituary
Verle D Winningham	Grand Blanc, MI	02/06/2022	View Obituary
Philip R James	Flushing, MI	01/13/2022	View Obituary
James F Hinds	Au Gres, MI	01/06/2022	View Obituary

ELF KHURAFEH & SHRINE HISTORY

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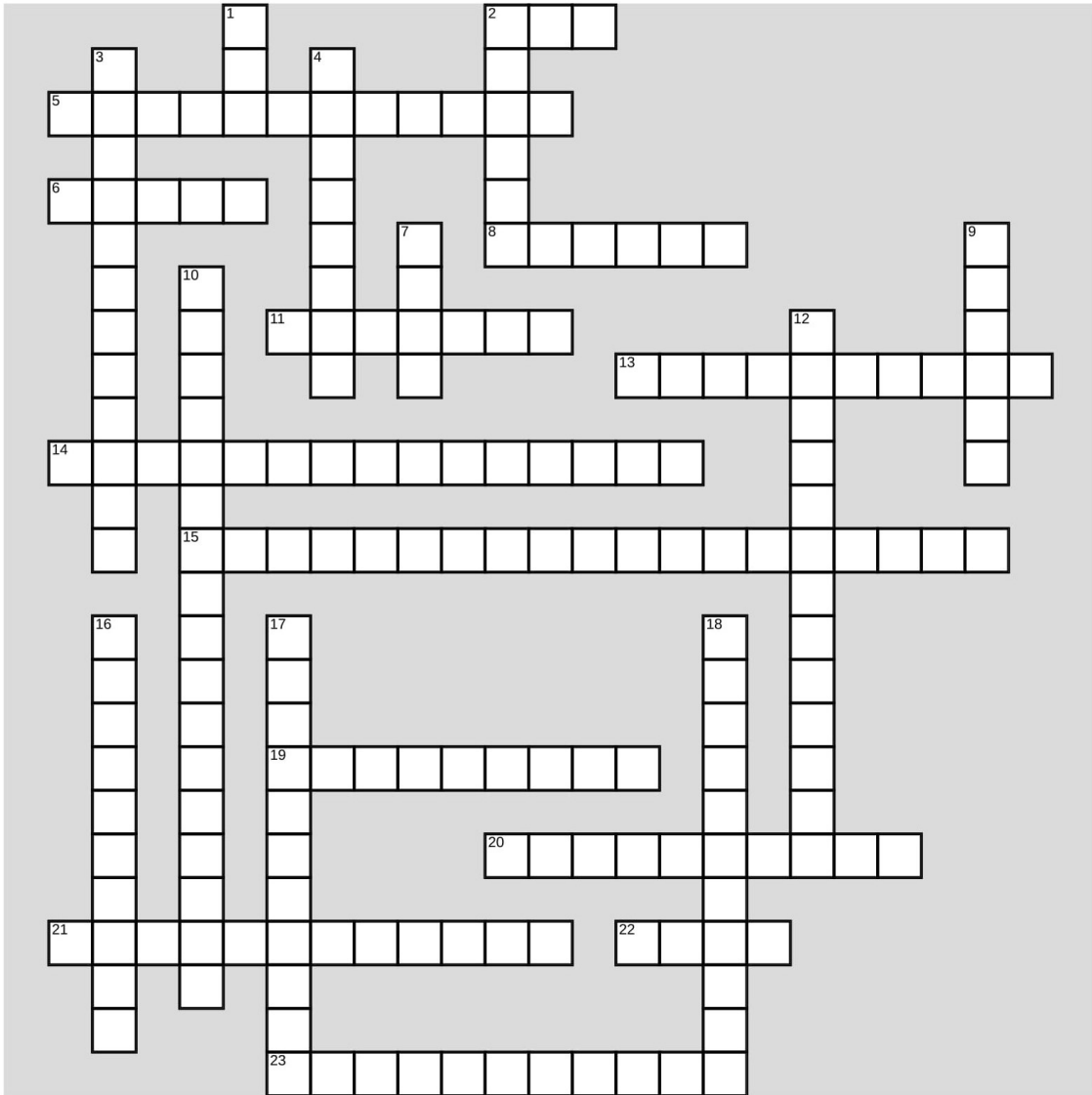
- 2 One of the most recognizable symbols of Shriners International and was adopted as the Shriners' official headgear in 1872. Named after a city in Morocco, it represented the Arabian theme the fraternity was founded on.
- 5 Founded in 1906 for fun and entertainment, it began to play a role as a significant fundraiser in support of the hospitals.
- 6 In reference to the Shriners Emblem - the two items are for the Shriners fraternity and its philanthropy.
- 8 In reference to the Shrine Emblem, this stands for the governing body of the Shriners.
- 11 The city in which Imperial chartered the 99th temple, Elf Khurafeh.
- 13 The first shiner to walk on the moon.
- 14 Founder and First Director of the FBI as well as a Shiner.
- 15 Governs parliamentary procedures.
- 19 In the 1900's. Imperial Council gave Elf Khurafeh jurisdiction of how many counties in the northeastern portion of Michigan's lower peninsula?
- 20 He became a member of Shriners International in 2012 and served as its NASCAR ambassador.
- 21 First Elf Khurafeh Potentate
- 22 In reference to the Shrine Emblem, this represents the thousands of children helped by the philanthropy each year.
- 23 His legacy in Elf Khurafeh proudly continues with his grandson Sean Clayton and son Illustrious Sir Todd Clavton. 2000.

Down

- 1 Shiner value.
- 2 Elf Khurafeh translates to "1,000 gathered _____," and was chosen to signify the silliness and joy these nobles intended to bring to Mid-Michigan.
- 3 Shiner value.
- 4 In reference to the Shriners Emblem, this stands for the backbone of the fraternity, its members.
- 7 Location Elf Khurafeh purchased 106 acres of land between Saginaw and Flint, MI.
- 9 Shiner value.
- 10 The Shrine's primary philanthropic effort that supports health care facilities across the US, Canada and Mexico, treating children up to 18 years of age who have orthopaedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, cleft lip and palate, and more.
- 12 With the help of the Knickerbocker Cottage regulars, he drafted the Shrine ritual, designed the emblem and costumes, formulated a salutation and declared that members would wear the red fez.
- 16 Former US President that became a member of Saladin Shriners in Kentwood, MI in 1959.
- 17 Shiner value.
- 18 Petition for membership to Elf Khurafeh Shrine will not be accepted unless the candidate is in good standing as a _____?



ELF KHURAFEH & SHRINE HISTORY



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Elf Khurafeh Shrine Schedule of Events

05/01/2022	El Said Mother's Day Tea	1:30 PM	Circus Park
05/11/2022	Business Meeting	7:00 PM	Shriners Hall
05/15/2022	Circus Park & Saginaw Clean up	9 AM - 3 PM	Both properties
05/26-05/29	Shrine Poker Hall		Burton Eagles Post 3814
06/01/2022	Southern Paper Sale	6:00 PM	Circus Park
06/04/2022	Shriners' Run - Set up	7:00 AM	Circus Park
06/08/2022	OPEN Business Meeting*	7:00 PM	Shriners Hall
	Dinner	6:00 PM	Shriners Hall
	*Guest Speakers Robert & JoNeil Conley		
06/09/2022	Arab Patrol Steak Fry	5:30 PM	Shriners Hall
06/12/2022	El Said Ice Cream Social	2:00 PM	Swartz Creek
06/16/2022	Oasis Steak Fry	6:00 PM	Circus Park
06/16-06/19	Detroit Gold Cup Races	CANCELED	CANCELED
06/22/2022	Northern Paper Sale	2:00 PM	Fick's Grayling
07/03-07/07	Imperial Session		Minneapolis, MN
07/09/2022	Crossing the Wet Sands Race	CANCELED	CANCELED
07/13/2022	Association Meeting	6:00 PM	Circus Park
07/17/2022	Midland Shrine Club Golf Outing	8:00 AM	Sandy Ridge Golf
07/24/2022	Hillbilly Corn Roast	12:00 PM	Circus Park
08/10/2022	Association Meeting	6:00 PM	Circus Park
08/11/2022	El Said GH Visit Dinner/Social	5:30 PM	Swartz Creek
08/11-08/14	International Hillbilly Convention		Circus Park
08/28/2022	EK Summer Celebration	12:00 PM	Circus Park

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