Elf Khurafeh Shrine

## Arabian Knights

**June 2022** 

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#### Notes of Interest:

## • EK Summer Celebration

"Family Picnic" 08/28/2022 12:00 PM

#### • Your News

The Arabian Knights is for the Units, Clubs and all of the nobility of Elf Khurafeh Shrine. PLEASE submit your articles AND photos for the next edition.

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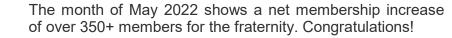
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#### It Can Be Done! You just did it!



This is a far departure from May 2020 when the fraternity sufSHRINERS fered a net membership loss of 450+ members. Critical to

INTERNATIONAL this May's big win for the Shrine were temple, club and unit
leaders investing in the necessary foundation over the past two years to create a membership growth mindset. Key areas that directly contributed to
May's membership growth included temples that consistently followed up
and converted BeAShrinerNow (BASN) ePetitions, focused on creating a
more attractive Shrine through empowering their members to create new
ways to have fun, fellowship and philanthropy, and invested in learning and
applying best practices in operating their temple, club, and unit through participating in one of many Shriner International Education Foundation's
(SIEF) virtual and in-person educational events. A continued and consistent
focus and energy into these areas can and will produce a June that can net
the same amazing results.

Keep it up!

Fraternally,

John C. Piland, JD, CAE





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## The reason we do what we do as Shriners!

From the children patients at the hospitals, to our family generations, and farther to unknown children in our community...bringing joy and the aspirations that anything is possible. For this we are all proud

Shriners.



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#### 2022 Elected Divan



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#### From the Potentate

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 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 and register.

www.ekshrine.com/shrinersrun



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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!

Thank you for all you do!

Fraternally, Illustrious Sir Jeff Downing Potentate Elf Khurafeh Shrine



#### 29TH ANNUAL MIDLAND AREA SHRINE CLUB 4 PERSON GOLF OUTING

The Midland Area Shrine Club hosted their 29th Annual Golf Outing on Sunday, July 17, 2022. The 16 four person teams teed off at 9:00 AM at the Sandy Ridge Golf Club in Midland. Mixed teams were welcome at \$80/person as a best ball scramble for 18 holes and a cart. 50/50 drawings and beverage carts were on the front and back nine. They had prizes on every hole but surprisingly enough, no one won the hole in one \$500 prize. Brats and dogs were served at the turn and a steak dinner with cake ended the day. All the members of the Midland Shrine Club were an integral part of this events success



## EXCITING THINGS ARE HAPPENING!



#### Shriners Children's Ohio launches new fundraising partnership that promotes playing with a purpose

Shriners Children's Ohio and the Dayton-based company Brixilated are building a meaningful partnership around community engagement and brand awareness.

Leveraging the iconic appeal of LEGO® and Shriners Children's Fezzy Bear mascot, families come together for a shared build project while learning about the most amazing care anywhere.

The Fezzy mosiac has more than 10,000 LEGO® components so it takes about 6 hours and hundreds of families to reveal our favorite bear. Once Fezzy is finished, the Brixilated team breaks it all down to start over at the next event.





In addition to the hands-on engagement opportunities like the mural, Brixilated created a Shriners Children's Infinity Cube. Scan the QR code to purchase a cube or find events near you. You can also visit: http://ow.ly/YH6V50JlbQM.

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

#### Shriners Children's Lexington patients featured in First Lady JJ Craven's fundraising program

Shriners Children's Lexington was honored to have two of its patients, Madison and Hunter, featured in First Lady JJ Craven's video announcing her fundraising project, "The World Is Your Oyster."

This year, Lady JJ will focus on raising funds to support sports

medicine programs throughout the Shriners Children's system. Madison and Hunter shared their personal stories about how the Lexington medical center helped them get back in the game.

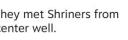
Imperial Potentate Kenny Craven and Lady JJ spent two days getting to know Madison and Hunter in Lexington. The kids were invited to

attend Imperial Session in Minneapolis, where they met Shriners from across the world and represented the medical center well.



We're here to provide

the most AMAZING CARE anywhere for every child with orthopedic needs!







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#### Easter

The Easter Bunny, candy filled eggs, face painting, clown balloons and games were enjoyed by large groups of our community on Sunday afternoon, April 4, 2022. It was great to see so many volunteers laughing and enjoying special moments with guests.

The large crowd of nearly 400 guests was appreciative for the free entry and sack lunches.



Lady Laura had hundreds of books Scholastic Books available for children of all ages to select one as their special gift for attending.



### Hillbilly Spring Fling

The Hillbillies of Clan 55 had a successful Spring Fling on April 30th at Circus Park in Clio. There were quite a few people that showed up to join in an evening of great food and entertainment by the John Vance Band. The turkey roll ups with dressing, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, cornbread, greens, bean soup and several desserts were all made by the Clan 55 members. They had their traditional Spring Hillbilly Degree and welcomed several new hillbillies; both men and women. Hollie Mast anxiously passed off the Clan 55 Hillbilly Queen position to Lisa Cartwright.































































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### Membership

Greetings Nobles,

The more people you meet at an event or in life, the more successful person you are. But that's simply not the case as a Shriner; instead, ask yourself the quality of the connections you made. Ask yourself will they make and enjoy being a Shriner. Growing membership is not a numbers game. Think of it more like a people puzzle and we still have missing pieces. Membership is about building relationships with the people in your social and business network. That means that mem-

bership is about finding ways to interconnect the relationships you have to build a powerful network of new Shriners. In order to do that we all need to search our sea of contacts. If we all work together our temples membership growth will be successful. So what Elf Khurafeh needs are you? Look at it like this. It's like your left hand and your right hand. Both are really important. But one is generally stronger, more powerful, and generally used more than the other. You can't accomplish what you want as easily without both hands. However, one is the stronger hand .So Think back to the old saying "Many Hands Make Light Work". As I'm writing this Elf Khurafeh is at 869 members. If we work together as a Temple Elf Khurafeh we could be al 1,738 by the 2024. That's my goal as membership Co-Chairman. Something else to consider is retention, we should not loose membership because of NPD. Reach out to Nobles you've not seen or heard from. Sometimes that's all it takes. On a side note talk to your blue lodges, find out why some are against and or Anti Shrine.

Brothers, If I could offer you tip for the future, of our membership it'd be something like this. This is just my suggestions. I hope it can help us all at Elf Khurafeh. Take photos of yourself as a Shriner share them so others can grasp, the fun. All the possibilities that lay before them. Let the new possible Shriner know, Especially if they're younger they are the future. Try to talk to at least one non Shriner a day, about the bone and fellowship of being a shriner. Saying, I don't have the time it's not an option I'm just asking you to try. Respect your temple elders, don't just ask them for advice listen to what they have to say. they have a Wealth of knowledge that we will miss when it's gone. Some of the old ways of getting members are the best ways.

If you have new ideas that you think might help Elf Khurafeh gain members don't be afraid to share them. Don't give up every organization when it comes to membership has its ups and downs. If we all work together we will not only survive but membership will thrive again.

#### BEING SUCCESSFUL WITH YOUR MEMBERSHIP

May 4, 2022

Membership recruitment is all in your attitude. True, there is a process involved with the development of new members but successful recruitment comes from within.

Consider this: how many different Masonic organizations do you belong? In your interactions with your Brother, Nobles, Companions, Sir Knights, Masters of the Royal Secret, Cedars and such, what is your identity? How do people identify with you? Is it through one of these organizations and/or the title or titles you hold or have? Or is it your positive and supportive attitude?

Use this when talking to people. I personally don't have any statements to make that are guaranteed attract new members since, I don't follow a standard processes. There are also no secrets that I can offer you - just talk to people.

Just keep in mind as a consistent reminder, it's important to remember you're representing your Masonic organization or the Shrine when in public, so through your actions, Non- Shriners are getting a glimpse at our fraternity.

Having fun when talking about the Shrine and be positive is the most important recommendation. Also you can try and seek help from others. If you're not having fun in the Shrine or promoting the Shrine then you're doing it wrong.

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Membership continued Through all of my involvement and interactions over the years, people have observed me having fun. Hopefully if they see you busy and having fun, they'll want to be a part of the fun too, and they'll seek out membership information. If they're a Master Mason and not a Shriner and you feel that they would enjoy the fun and fellowship of the Shrine, recommend that they join, by offering assistance by helping them submit their petition.

Fun and fellowship can be a terrific motivator – and it's contagious. Use all this to your advantage, by adopting a new fun attitude into your fraternal interactions and watch hopefully we all see the requests for petitions roll in.

As most of you know, I myself was a Shrine patient as a Child. So if you think it will help put them in touch with me and I can share my Shrine story. If we work together we can see Elf Khurafeh not only Survive but Thrive.

#### Units & Clubs are the Backbone of Elf Khurafeh May 16, 2022

It is through participation in Unit or club that the Noble becomes active and involved in the Shrine. Elf Khurafeh some, here's just a sample.

Each group weather it's a Unit or a club has its individual goals and purposes, what they have in common is being united in their support of Elf Khurafeh Shrine, the Shrine Philanthropy and Shrinedom as a whole. As a Noble of Elf Khurafeh Shrine I encourage you to become a part of a club unit. Here's just a sample of some we have to offer.

CLOWNS - "Bring on the Clowns" they add color and fun to Elf Khurafeh in general. The Clowns are the Shrine's most visible Unit. They perform at parades, some of our events and back in the day ceremonials.

DIRECTOR'S STAFF - This Unit is a workhorse for Elf Khurafeh Ceremonials, We set up and take down the stage for all ceremonials.

LEGION OF HONOR - "Hut two, three, four Wait what are we marching fore, The Legion of Honor is a marching unit with a military-style. Its members must be on active or reserve duty or be honorably discharged from the United States Armed Forces.

ORIENTAL BAND - This Unit is a flute and drum corps specializing in Mid-Eastern entertainment. Its flowing and colorful Arabic garb provides for a festive air when the Unit participates in various parades, ceremonials.

TRANSPORTATION UNIT - This Unit is responsible for the transportation of our shrine children to and from the Hospitals.

Gentleman, this selection is just my take on these units. We have lots to offer. Use the clubs and units to spread the good work of Elf Khurafeh. If we do not have a club or unit that sparks your interest let me know maybe we can start one.

June 15, 2022

As Co-Chairman of the membership committee, I've had the privilege of meeting and communicating with many of our honorable nobles. With the help and support of Potentate, Divan and the entire nobility, restorations are up but we can do better. There are still several Nobles who have not paid the 2022 dues. We need to remedy this. Elf Khurafeh has already paid the per capita.

All nobles play an important role in the success of our temple, our international fraternity, and Shriners Hospitals for Children. As a Elf Khurafeh Shriner, you have the opportunity to contribute your many personal strengths by participating in temple activities,

I sincerely hope you will renew your membership today, and encourage your to have your friends and family to join. If you've already paid your dues it's appreciated. With all of your help and support we will grow our membership.

Mention to me you read this article and contact me for a free gift.

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Brothers, If I could offer you a tip for the future of our membership, it'd be something like this. This is just my suggestions. I hope it can help us all at Elf Khurafeh.

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### **Every Shriner is Important**

July 19, 2022

You may never receive and real proof of your importance as a Shriner, but as a Shriner you are more important than you think you are. There's always someone out there who would not be a Shriner without you they just don't know it yet. As a Shriner you'll rub off on others and not even know it. Every person passing through your life will unknowingly take something from you hopefully that something is being a Shriner. Even if they just ask about the Shrine and you answer all the questions they have in a positive manner, that's significant. It's what we can leave in the minds of other people and what they leave in ours that count. When talking about joining the Shrine, it's like planting a seed with the right support it grown and becomes a plant, but in this case they become a Shriner.

Timothy Corrigan - Chief Aide Membership Co-Chairman - SFA 2nd Vice President

I'm currently the 2nd Vice President of SFA. If things go as planned I'll be president on 2024. SFA began as an Imperial Committee of Circus Chairman's in 1970 along with Circus Producers and Circus Vender's who were to work together in providing information and coordination to all Shrine Circus operations. In 1986 a formal separate Association was formed with full Imperial support. The Shrine Circus Association of North America (SCANA) flourished and has grown by supporting the needs of the fund-raising committees of the



Shrine of North America. In recent years SCANA broadened its' horizons to include all types of fundraising ideas and concepts and this year we will again change our name to better represent what we do for Shiners International. In Akron Ohio on Oct 5, 2018 our Association name changed to the Shrine Fundraising Association (SFA) with unanimous approval of the membership. To promote the interest and betterment of Shrine Fundraising Events which consist of wholesome family entertainment, or programs offered to the public, as well, to encourage 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 fund raising information and thought develop. So if you have any ideas for fundraisers, I can help. So if you have ideas of how SFA can help the temple please let me know.

Thank you, Timothy Corrigan

#### **GRAND COUNCIL**

Reflecting back at my experience at Grand Council and what being

there in person was all but electrifying! The women in their pageantry from all over the nation and Canada, was short of amazing! Ladies



with a mission to help our Shriners Hospitals kiddos and local hospitals. What a great bunch of women working together for a great cause. I never realized how much work went into planning this one week event. Now I get the grand scheme of how subordinate courts work under the Grand Council. I would recommend anyone going through the chairs to go at least once.

#### IN MEMORY OF KATHARINE GALLOP

I want to thank each and every one who was able to participate in the memorial service for Lady Katharine Gallop PHP. The service was very respectful. Again, thanks to all who attended.

#### **HOMETOWN DAYS**

It's our largest and best festival, it draws 37'000 people annually (WOW)! Swartz Creek Hometown Days Parade. Great time for a parade and cotton candy. And may I just add, our CLOWN car stole the parade! HA!HA!

#### **COMING UP SUNDAY, JULY 31st**

Lady Laura Downing has invited all who want to come and swim and eat to SUNday FUNday. Starts at 1:00 PM, grill starts at 2:00 PM. Please call Lady Janice Davis to RSVP and a dish to pass. Oh bring a lawn chair. See you there!

CALLING ALL LADIES and young women 18 and older, we have several clubs in need of people who are interested in helping the Shriners Hospitals and local Hospitals. For example the Le Dias Clowns.

Lady Laura Downing

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This photo is from the 2022 El Said Court No 28 Ice

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**AUGUST 28** 

So what's next for El Said Court No 28? Here is a short list

JULY 31 1:00 PM SUNday FUNday at Lady Laura's house AUGUST 1 12-5:45 PM American Red Cross Blood Drive at Circus Park AUGUST 10 6:00 PM Grand High Priestess Dinner at Whitey's in Davison AUGUST 11 5:30 PM Pot Luck Dinner with the Grand High Priestess & monthly meeting AUGUST 11 - 14 International Hillbilly Convention

12-3:00 PM EK Summer Celebration (AKA Summer Picnic)

Lady Charlene Chamberlain - 1st Ceremonial Lady



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#### **Mother's Day Tea**



So far this year, El Said Court No 28 has have kicked things off with a Mother's Day Tea on Sunday, May 1st, 2022 at Circus Park. They had 76 Ladies and two gentlemen who purchased tickets. There were 11 comp tickets for hosts and guest speakers. Three Elf Khurafeh Nobles helped with the food prep.

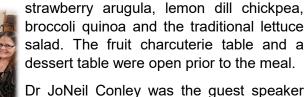


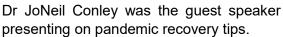
Tables were adorned with fine China and silver, unique center pieces and guests tokens. They were hosted by various Ladies of El Said Court No 28 and Ladies of our community. Many Ladies wore their Sunday best with a fedora or hat.



The luncheon included three different types of croissant sandwiches;

chicken salad, egg salad, tuna salad. There were several salads; edamame corn carrot,









Many thanks to ALL the































#### Opportunity to Own with the Lady Shriners

In June, El Said Court No 28 brought on an Opportunity to Own a Swimming Pool and Summer Fun Package. (Did not need to be present to win.) It included a swimming pool, four beach towels, 30 pc diving pool toy set, five pool floats, floating water temperature thermometer, 4 standard camp chairs, two oversized camping chairs, outdoor fire pit set, smores caddy, yard pong, croquet, giant LCR dice

game, giant wooden yard dice, wooden throwing game, bocce ball,

large-format dominoes, giant checkers and corn hole.

Illustrious Sir Jeff Downing drew the winning ticket #304 at 3:00 PM on June 12, 2022 from the tumbler. Mr Louis Scott from Macomb and his family anxiously picked up their prize the same day! (And had the pool filled with water the very next day.)



The court Ladies shared the opportunity with their families, friends and co-workers and the community. Together, the Ladies sold over 500 tickets for either 5/\$20 or 1/\$5. They did incredible work raising funds from this opportunity that was valued at over \$1,000. Congrats again to the Louis Scott Family!!

#### Ice Cream Social

On Sunday, June 12th, 2022, El Said Court No 28 had an Ice Cream Social at Swartz Creek Masonic Hall. The committee worked diligently to provide the famous El Said sloppy joe recipe to approximately 80 quests. Tickets were only \$5 for lunch (sloppy joe, chips, pickle) or dessert (a vast array of pies,

cakes, cookies, brownies... and of course...vanilla ice cream). For only \$10 a person, our Ladies and the community had an infamous social. Thank you to the Elf Khurafeh Divan members who supported the Ladies.





















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#### 6th Annual Shriners' Run

Saturday, June 4th, 2022, Elf Khurafeh held their sixth annual Shriners' Run. This 5k run/walk event started at Circus Park shortly after 8:30 AM when both the MMR and local sheriff were on site. Brien Fox helped raise our flag as DJ Aaron Martinez plated our National Anthem. Larry Henessee led the athletes out on to Wilson Rd into Vienna Township, looping through Grand Oaks Subdivision and returning to the finish line. Verne & Annette Barnaby, Sandi Thomason and Wesley Skidmore pro-



vided additional route safety. Rob Garceau maintained a water station, sponsored by VG's Grocery, at about the half way point. Illustrious Sir Robert Swartwood, Lady Sandy and Robert Siedmiorka handed out medals to all participants at the finish line. Once Newton Timing declared the timing accurate, athletes were able to collect their placement tokens. Those who took first overall men's, women's and masters additionally received a large bag of granola.

Sandie Dameron, Jami Geiser and Dan Helmer managed the door prize table with donations from Jet's Pizza, Repair & Restore Therapeutic Massage, Davison Grondins, Extreme Indoor Kart Racing, Wojo's, Davison Holistic and Somethin's Fishy. Participants also received discount cards and misc items from Black Rock, Dunham's, Fowlerville Dental and Hometown Dental.





































Rene Downing and Laura Downing kept the onsite registration tables moving with a total of 95 participants. Registration fees started at \$25 including a dry fit shirt. Late registration increased to \$30. Virtual registration was also available.

New this year, Bubble Tea of Grand Blanc ensured everyone stayed hydrated and refreshed with their incredible complimentary drinks.

The foundation of the event was supported by Robert L Swartwood Attorney at Law, Dort Financial Credit Union, Doogies Pet Supply, Suan & Company CPA, Illustrious Sir John Berry, Charles F Gilbert &

Sons, Director Staff, Dr Michael Murphy, Italia Gardens, Stone Chiropractic, Lambaria Eyecare Associates, The Dapper Barber, Tim Corrigan, LeDias Clowns, Vics Grocery and Walmart.

Many thanks to the incredibly hard working committee that brings this fun event back to the community year after year! Brian & Jami Geiser, Rob Garceau, Jeff & Laura Downing and Melissa Biazza.





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# PARTICIPATION REQUEST FOR CIVIC PARADE \*Please contact Chief Rabban Br

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

\*Please contact Chief Rabban Brian Geiser or the International Hillbilly website for the Parade Participation Form that is required to be submitted to Birch Run

#### 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

# INTERNATIONAL HILLBILLY

CONVENTION

Birch Run, MI \* August 11 - 14, 2022



#### Thursday, August 11, 2022

11:00 PM - 4:00 PM Registration - Circus Park

5:00 PM Cornhole Tournament - Circus Park

6:00 PM Hot dogs, Smores and a bonfire, DJ - Circus Park

#### Friday, August 12, 2022

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Registration - Circus Park

10:00 AM - 3:15 PM Bus to Bronner's Christmas Wonderland Store and downtown Frankenmuth

6:00 PM Dinner and entertainment by the John Vance Band - Circus Park 7:00 PM Hillbilly Queen Contest

#### Saturday, August 13, 2022

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Registration - Circus Park

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Gathering of the Clans - Circus Park

11:30 AM Men's Degree Work - Circus Park

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Ladies luncheon - Hampton Inn Conference Room

12:30 PM Ladies' Degree Work - Hampton Inn Conference Room

2:00 PM Line up for Parade - Birch Run

3:00 PM Civic Parade - Birch Run

7:00 PM International Hillbilly Ball/Dance,

Entertainment by the Bullhonky Deluxe Band - Circus Park

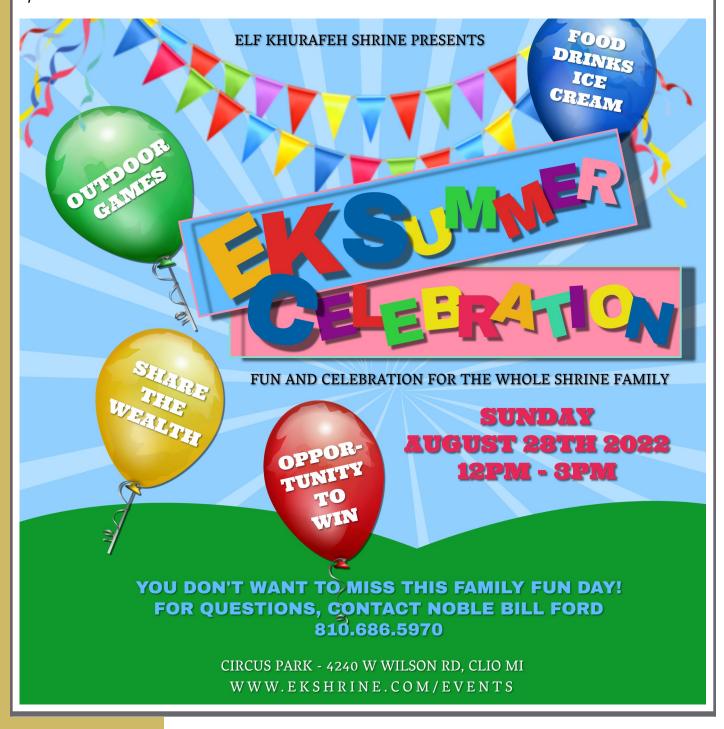
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The 2022 family picnic is rapidly approaching. This year it was listed in the calendar as EK Summer Celebration. Let's celebrate brotherhood, friendship and our philanthropy.

We are honored to announce the Midland Shrine will be grilling lunch. If anyone would like to bring a dish to pass or dessert, please coordinate with Greg Dostal 989.832.3360

Bill Ford is taking lead on organizing games and activities. He is looking for folks to bring their Corn Hole boards. Do you have some fun ideas, give Bill a call 810.686.5970

New this year, we are welcoming some very special families to join us! Lady Laura has invited some families only members of the Transportation Unit have the privilege to meet...our Shrine patient families.





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**RESERVE YOUR FAMILY'S TICKETS TODAY!** 

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4TH 1:30PM

Movie, entertainment, opportunities to win Drinks & snacks available

www.EKShrine.com/Events 810.412.8813



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## FEZtival Trees



Elf Khurafeh and El Said Court No 28 are bringing the FEZtival of Trees to Circus Park Friday-Sunday, November 25-27, 2022. This is going to be a very busy event and we will need many volunteers (a request list will be sent out and posted on FB early September).

This fundraiser will be made possible by various businesses, organizations and groups sponsoring fully decorated pre lit Christmas trees or wreaths (along with unwrapped presents) that will be raffled off with tickets 10 for \$5. We strive to get Nobles, Ladies, Units, Clubs and other Masonic bodies involved so ALL may bring their passion for the holiday to this three day event.

Concepts that have been brought forward and we strive to bring to fruition include, but are not limited to:

Santa Claus, Mrs Claus and live reindeer Groups to sing Carols every hour Festive drinks and snacks 40+ Christmas Trees 10+ Holiday Wreaths

If you are interested in sharing your ideas or volunteering, please call Illustrious Sir Jeff 810.412.8369 or Lady Laura 810.412.8813

If you would like to help acquire donations, we have brochures available for distribution.

Yes, Units & Clubs can donate a tree or wreath. Please complete the sponsor commitment form on the next page to be included in the event. Or register online at

www.EkShrine.com/Trees Wreaths

November 25th - 27th, 2022 Circus Park, Clio MI

#### **DECORATING THEMES**

Outdoors, Patriotic, Hunting & Fishing, NASCAR, Vacation Destinations, Pets, Man Cave, Date Night, Sports, LEGO, Electronics, Nautical, Vintage, Eye Spy, Candyland, Twelve Days of Christmas, Hostess with the Mostest, Candy Cane, Movie Buffs, Family Heritage, North Pole, Lumberjack, Charlie Brown, Fun for the Kids, Origami, Snow White...the options are endless.

#### SET-UP

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

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



#### FEZtival DATES

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 Friday & Saturday 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Drawings Sunday evening after 6:00 PM

www.EkShrine.com/FEZtival www.ElSaidCourtNo28.com/FEZtival

#### **ELF KHURAFEH & SHRINE HISTORY**

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#### Elf Khurafeh Shrine and El Said Court No 28 present the 2022 FEZtival of Trees

\*Proceeds are for the benefit of Elf Khurafeh Shrine and El Said Court No 28 and are not deductible as charitable contributions.

#### **FEZtival of Trees Sponsor Form**

Elf Khurafeh Shrine & El Said Court No 28 of LOSNA appreciate your support. Please use this form for a Tree or Wreath sponsorship and reserve your time for set up. A committee member will reach out to you within 48 hours to review your entry.

Tree or Wreath Theme											
Type of Sponsorship  ☐ Pre lit decorated artificial 6-8 ft Christmas Tree with unwrapped presents ☐ Standard 24" - 36" decorated Holiday Wreath with unwrapped presents ☐ Large 37" - 49" decorated Holiday Wreath with unwrapped presents ☐ Other											
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Tree and wreath sponsors are accepted on a first come, first committed basis until all available spaces have been reserved.											
Signature Date											

Postal mail form to FEZtival of Trees, % Downing, 12060 E Potter Rd, Davison MI 48423 810.412.8813 FEZtivalofTrees@EkShrine.com www.EkShrine.com/FEZtival & www.ElSaidCourt28.com/FEZtival

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Phone: (810) 686-2641 Fax: (810) 686-2782 Website: www.ekshrine.com





#### **Elf Khurafeh Shrine Schedule of Events**

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	CANCELED	CANCELED
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
09/01-09/05	Moslem Circus & State Fair		
09/10/2022	Drivers' Safety Seminar	10:00 AM	Saginaw
09/14/2022	Business Meeting	7:00 PM	Circus Park
09/17/2022	Rodeo	CANCELED	CANCELED
09/18/2022	El Said Car Show		Past Tense, Lapeer
09/28-10/02	GLSA Fall Session		Ann Arbor
10/12/2022	OPEN Business Meeting	7:00 PM	Circus Park
	Dinner & Guest Speakers	6:00 PM	
10/23/2022	Trunk-or-Treat	12:00 PM	Circus Park
10/29/2022	Drivers' Safety Meeting	7:00 PM	Circus Park
11/25-11/30	FEZtival of Trees		Circus Park

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