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NEWSLETTER FOR ELF KHURAFEH SHRINE

APRIL 2026

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HAPPY SPRING!





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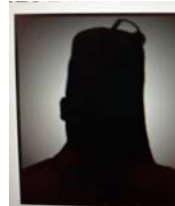
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From your Potentate - Illustrious Sir Philip Gean

YOU'LL HEAR FROM ME NEXT MONTH.

TAKE CARE!



EK SHRINE'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 10th Happy Mother's Day

May 13th Business Meeting Saginaw #77 Masonic Center

6pm dinner 7pm meeting

**May 25th Memorial Day - please remember those who have passed
on while serving our country**

MOSLEM TEMPLE'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

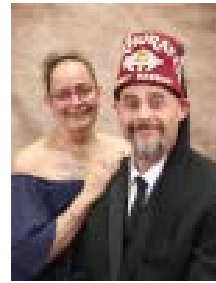
May 9th Moslem Temple's Meat Raffle CANCELLED***

May 30th Benefit for Noble Mike Cheney - Spaghetti Lunch

1pm 37987 - Interchange Dr. Farmington Hills, MI 48335



From your Chief Rabban
Brian Geiser



GREETINGS NOBLES AND LADIES

It looks like the weather is finally turning towards spring, so as we shake the dust off and shed the layers of clothes, let's get out and support our Shrine clubs and units and the upcoming temple events.

G.L.S.A. registration is now open for Dayton OH.

[2026 Fall GLSA Registration](#) This is open to all nobles and their families. Follow us on [Facebook](#) for any new updates. A reminder that we will be hosting G.L.S.A this September in Dayton, Ohio as John Arnould, PP is the President this year.

I am still looking for feedback on new ideas to get our nobles back involved and active. We still have quite a few nobles that have joined but we have not seen much of them. Please reach out and get their thoughts on what they would like to see differently to help our membership grow, and please communicate this to me or the Divan.

As always, I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at all our events that are scheduled for this year. If there is any information you need, please feel free to reach out to me and I will answer what I can and get you the answers for anything I can't answer.

Brian Geiser

Chief Rabban



Shriners
Children's™

the most
AMAZING
CARE
anywhere™

From your Assistant Rabban

Chuck Birch



Good day, Nobles!! Well, we survived another Sportsman's Raffle! A great big thank you to everybody who participated, whether selling tickets, setup and cleanup, cooking a ton of burgers, working the bar, etc. All of your efforts are very much appreciated!! Our next event is The Spring Fling this coming weekend. We'll have a band playing for the dance, Brian and Jami Geiser renewing their wedding vows, (25 th anniversary) and great food. Doors open at 5pm, ceremony at 530, and dinner at 630. This event is open to all. Many of the Shrine Clubs are getting back in gear after the winter break and hopefully all of you Nobles are getting your activities planned and in action. Our next meeting in May will take place in Saginaw, at Saginaw #77's Masonic Center. Lately, we have been averaging about 30 Nobles at our business meetings, and I would love to see our northern members come out in strength for this meeting. I have lobbied to get some meetings closer to the northern clubs, and we need to turn out so we can continue to hold a share of the meetings up here. Let's try to push 60 or more members in attendance. Brother Nobles, the elected officers and divan appreciate all that you do for the Shrine and our Hospitals. Please keep up your great efforts!!

Yours in the Faith,

Chuck.



**From your High Priest and Prophet
Greg Dostal**



Nobles,

As we head full speed into May, it's shaping up to be a busy and exciting month. We'll kick things off with our onion sales on Mother's Day weekend and wrap up the month with Memorial Day. Parade season is also getting underway, giving us a great opportunity to get out in the community and proudly display the Shiner banner.

Registration is now open for **G.L.S.A. in Dayton, Ohio**. This event is open to **all Nobles and their families**, and we encourage everyone to begin planning to attend.

We are proud to host **G.L.S.A. this September in Dayton**, with **John Arnould, PP** serving as President for the 2026 year.

Dates: September 9 – September 13

Host Hotel: Marriott at the University of Dayton

1414 S. Patterson Blvd.

Dayton, Ohio 45409

Please share this information with fellow Nobles and family members.

Looking forward into June the Chicago Hospital will be celebrating **Fezzy's 100th Birthday Bash** on June 27, 2026!

Get involved—you'll be glad you did!

Yours in the Faith, Greg Dostal HP&P

As we run headlong into 2026, we wanted to remind everyone to mark your calendars for the Annual Midland Area Shrine Club Golf Outing!

 Date: July 19, 2026

 Location: Sandy Ridge Golf Course
2750 Lauria Rd
Midland, MI 48642

We'll have all the fun and frivolity you've come to expect from past years, so be sure to plan on joining us.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Fraternally,
Midland Area Shrine Club



Good morning nobles,

By the time you read this the onions are ordered and sauces have been delivered. Tentatively the onions will be delivered on Thursday May 9th and will available for pick up on Friday May 10th starting at 8 am.

Onion committee
Ryan Stanley P.P
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Phil Brack P.P

**From your Oriental Guide
Edward Parks**



Greetings Nobles

Our Temple Easter Party and Sportsmans Raffle had a great turnout.

I want to thank all the volunteers that helped out at these events. We couldn't have done it without you.

Special shout out to the Oasis Shrine Club for cooking at both of these events and making sure everyone was fed. Special thanks to Lady Jami Geiser who handled and organized the vendors for the Oasis Craft Show on the 11th of April.

The Mothers Day Luncheon for May 2nd is cancelled.

May 13th business meeting will be held in Saginaw at the Masonic Temple. Dinner at 6pm and meeting to follow at 7pm.

The Temple office will be closed on Memorial Day .

PLEASE get your Reservations made for G.L.S.A. In Dayton, Ohio Sept 09-Sept 13.

Nobles new and old if you've never attended a G.L.S.A. event you should try to make it you will meet Nobles from all around the Great Lakes Region and we promise you'll have a great time.

In closing just a reminder that the Divan serves not only the Temple but the Nobility as well so if at any time you have a question or need something, please contact any one of us or call the Temple Office and let us know.

Thank You All For What You Do.

Yours In Faith.

Edward Parks

Oriental Guide



SHRINERS CHILDREN'S OHIO

2026



CELEBRATION

Extraordinary Mission. Life-Changing Care.

AUGUST 21-22

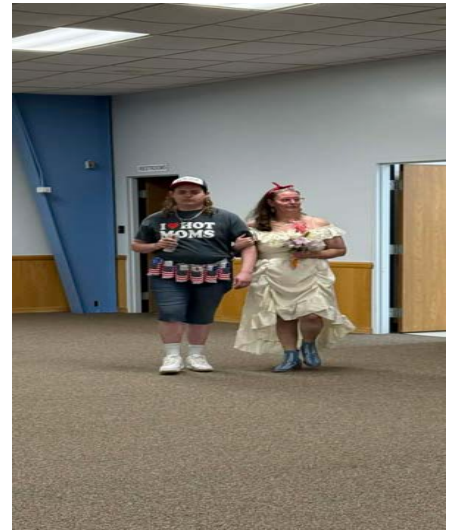
Dayton Dragons | Antioch Shrine Center | Top of the Market
Dayton, Ohio



Don't miss the opportunity to learn about the amazing care happening at Shriners Children's Ohio and all the exciting things on the horizon!

Scan the QR code now!

PICTURES FROM THE HILLBILLY SPRING FLING/VOW RENEWAL



PICTURES FROM SPORTSMAN'S RAFFLE



From your Treasurer~~~~Jeff Downing P.P.



Hello Nobles and Ladies,

We are getting closer to getting all of our delinquent financial paperwork filed with Shriners International and the IRS. Right now, our accounting firm is swamped because it's tax season, but I will have a meeting with them in the beginning of May to divide up the remaining work and get the remaining tax statements filed. Our ambitious goal is to have everything completed before Shriners International's Imperial Session in July.

Make sure you take note of the "Fundraising Activities" article in this issue. It is your annual reminder to be very careful about comments related to our fundraisers. This year, Shriners International added section (d) which says that if we say something that may cause confusion, Shriners International will investigate, and if they determine the statements reasonably create confusion, and if so, whether they will require forfeiture of the funds raised to the hospital. This goes for written communications, posts on social media, interviews with the media, or any other means of communication. This also applies even if the proper disclaimers are present.

Make sure you check your pocket calendar and/or our temple website for upcoming activities.

We'd love to see everyone at our business meetings, and other fun activities.

Yours in the Faith,

Jeff Downing, P.P. - Treasurer



From your Recorder

Phil Brack, P.P.



Greetings. The Sportsman's raffle has just finished up and it looks like it will be successful. I want to thank all the Nobles and friends that made this happen. If it wasn't for our members and friends, it would not be possible. There is a lot of hard work and planning to make this event happen and be successful and we did it. We have a lot of Nobles that buy and sell tickets but we also have a lot of non-Nobles that buy and sell tickets and if it wasn't for that combined effort we would never sell enough. We have crews that set-up all the tables and chairs along with the tech crews that take care of all the audio-visual equipment. We have the cooks and servers, the beer and pop servers. Trash crews, parking directors and the drivers transporting patrons to and from the remote lots. Sometimes the small details get overlooked but everything seems to work out. Again, I want to thank you all from the bottom of my heart because this can only be done with everyone's help.

You should have been notified of the proposed by-laws changes. This change is nothing earth shattering, it just brings us more inline with Imperial by-laws.

Don't forget, dues are due. Call me if you need some help.

Until next month.

Respectfully submitted, Philip Brack P.P. Recorder.

Elf Khurafeh Shrine Black Camel Report

These Nobles have been reported deceased since our last meeting.

Haskell Wells Flint 4-1-2026

Wesley Aho Clio 2-25-2026



From our Chaplain—Robert Swartwood, P.P.

Greetings brothers and sisters of the Shrine. As we move through April, which I think is the holiest month of the year, when a risen savior defeated death and gave hope to his servants and changed the world forever, we now enter into May where evidence of a new beginning is all around us. This is a good time to take in the beauty of God's creation and to reflect on the many blessings we have received. And, if we experience the typical spring showers, always look for the rainbow that God put in place to let us know that he is still in charge and that he is always with us through the storms. I wish you God's grace and his protection over you and your family as you continue through life and know that you are never alone as he is always with you.

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SAVE THE DATE!



Shriners
Children's
Chicago



Shriners Children's Chicago invites you and your family to celebrate our milestone 100th birthday at a special outdoor event.

Saturday, June 27, 2026
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Bring your loved ones to enjoy food, activities, and a day of appreciation for 100 years of our amazing care.

LOCATION: Shriners Children's Chicago hospital yard
2211 N. Oak Park Avenue, Chicago, IL 60707

SPAGHETTI LUNCH FUNDRAISER

For
Mike Cheney 

Let's come together to support Mike during this difficult time. Your support, prayers, and presence mean more than you know.

Together we can make a difference!



**SATURDAY
MAY 30TH
1:00 PM**



SHRINE CENTER
37987 Interchange Drive
Farmington Hills, MI



\$20 DONATION
(Includes Lunch)



**RAFFLES • 50/50 •
COMMUNITY SUPPORT**



*Let's show up strong
and support
one of our own.*



RSVP BY MAY 25TH
CONTACT TOM
 **313-550-1606**

♡ Thank you for your support! ♡

From your First Ceremonial Master

Matt Berry



Hello Nobles,

Spring is here and the weather is warming up! I'd like to take a moment to thank each of you for your continued support in moving forward with the Electric Circus EDM Festival in 2027.

I want to assure you that all 22 members of the committee are actively working to make this event a successful and impactful fundraiser. We still have openings on the committee, and we welcome anyone interested in helping shape this event into something truly special—please don't hesitate to reach out.

The Davison Shrine Club is co-hosting the EDM Committee meetings on their regular meeting night, the fourth Tuesday of each month, at John's Pizzeria in Davison. A virtual option is also available for those who would like to participate or simply listen in. If you're interested, contact me and I'll provide the meeting link and details so you can join right from your phone or computer.

Additionally, the Events Committee will be releasing a Temple-wide sponsorship package next month. This new package will combine all Temple events into a single, comprehensive sponsorship opportunity. More details will be shared soon.

Thank you again for your support. If you have any questions about the EDM Festival, please feel free to reach out at any time.

Fraternally,

Matt Berry

1st Ceremonial Master



This one's for the girls

Jami Geiser–Chief Rabban's Lady



Things to remember

Setbacks don't equal failure

You are allowed to set boundaries

You are more than your appearance

It's okay to rest

Not everything you think is true

Someday,

everything will make perfect sense.
So for now, laugh at the confusion,
smile through the tears, and keep
reminding yourself that everything
happens for a reason.

JOHN MAYER

SHIAWASSEE SHRINE CLUB HAPPENINGS

(I HAVE TO APOLOGIZE TO SHIAWASSEE SHRINE CLUB. I HAVE HAD THESE PHOTOS AND I HAVE FORGOTTEN TO INCLUDE THEM IN THE PAPER. PLEASE ACCEPT MY APOLOGIES!)

2026 OFFICERS OF SHIAWASSEE SHRINE CLUB



POTENTATE PHIL GENE INSTALLED BRIAN WILTFONG AS 2ND CEREMONIAL MASTER



THE LADIES OF THE 600 BOWLING CLUB DONATED \$1481.00 TO THE EKS TRANSPORTATION FUND. THIS IS THEIR 53RD YEAR OF DONATING. THEY HAVE DONATED WELL OVER \$100,000. THANK YOU SO MUCH!!



FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

Strict attention must be given to all fundraising activities, including but not limited to circuses, gaming, bingo and raffles, to make certain that such activities are authorized and comply with the law of the land. In addition, because it is natural to associate the fez with Shriners Hospitals for Children it is essential that a contributor is not led to believe that his money will be used for the Hospitals when all or a portion thereof will be used otherwise. Advertising for all fundraisers must clearly indicate the entity for whom the funds are being raised. The integrity of our charity and of our fraternity must remain above reproach.

Your specific attention is called to the following fraternal and charitable bylaws:

§335.3 Use of Name "Shriners Hospitals For Children." The use of the name "Shriners Hospitals for Children" or reference to the Hospitals in connection with any fundraising activity by a temple or Noble without the written consent of the Imperial Potentate and the chairman of the board of trustees of the Hospitals is prohibited.

§503.11 Commercial Use of Name. The use of the name "Shriners Hospitals for Children" or reference to the hospitals in connection with any commercial product or business enterprise is prohibited unless the written consent of the boards of directors and trustees has been first obtained.

Now, therefore, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Fundraising for Fraternal Purposes:

- a. No Noble (in his capacity as a Shriner), club, unit, organization of Nobles or affiliated or appendant corporations, shall engage in any fundraising activity without the express written consent of the Potentate of the temple having jurisdiction thereof.
- b. There can be no representation, express or implied, that the proceeds will be for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children. Any communication with the news media about a fraternal fundraising event must include the following statement: "Proceeds of this event do not benefit Shriners Children's."
- c. The temple Potentate shall carefully examine all phases of the advertising, promotion and solicitation to determine that it complies with §335.3 and §503.11 of the fraternal and charitable bylaws and that there is no representation, expressed or implied, that would lead a reasonably prudent person to believe that the proceeds will be for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children. If the Potentate is in doubt, he must receive the opinion of the Imperial Potentate who, after consultation with the Director of Temple Accounting, shall make the final determination.
- d. Even if temples have the required factual information and disclosure on its solicitation materials for fraternal fundraising, public comments of Shriners in the media, social media platforms and other modes of communication indicating or even implying that any part of the proceeds benefits children transforms the planned fraternal fundraising event into a charitable one. Once Shriners International or the temple is made aware of any statements that may create confusion related to the fundraising purpose, documentation substantiating the

statements is collected and reviewed by SI. Based on the information gathered, SI will determine whether the statements made reasonably create confusion and, if so, whether the nature and result of the statement requires the forfeiture of funds raised to Shriners Children's.

e. The temple Potentate must approve the terms and provisions of any contract for a fundraising activity after receiving the advice of the temple attorney, and, additionally, as may be required by the temple bylaws.

f. A copy of the temple Potentate's written consent shall be sent to the Director of Temple Accounting, Shriners International. Further, such written material pertaining to the fundraising activity, as requested by the Director of Temple Accounting, Shriners International, shall be promptly sent to him.

2. Fundraising for Charitable Purposes:

- a. No Noble (in his capacity as a Shriner), club, unit, organization of Nobles or affiliated or appendant corporations shall engage in any charitable fundraising activity other than for Shriners Hospitals for Children. A request to fundraise for

Shriners Hospitals for Children is now initiated through a module in WebFez. The temple recorder and/or designated staff are required to take online training to gain access to the module. See updated Charitable Fundraising – Approval and Reporting on page 44 of this publication. Permission therefore must be first obtained in writing or via electronic authorization from the temple Potentate. The temple Potentate must then obtain written permission from the chairmen of the boards of directors and trustees. This request for written permission shall be sent to templeaccounting@shrinenet.org. No charitable fundraising activity shall be held in the jurisdiction of another temple without the written permission of the Potentate of that temple.

i. A joint charitable fundraising activity with another 501(c)(3) charity may be authorized, provided that a minimum of 50% of the net proceeds are for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children, and the chairmen of the boards of directors and trustees determine, on a case by case basis, that it is in the best interest of Shriners Hospitals for Children and they grant their written permission for the activity.

ii. A charitable fundraising activity conducted by a temple located outside of the U.S.A. may be authorized for other charities, provided that the chairmen of the boards of directors and trustees determine, on a case by case basis, that it is in the best interest of Shriners Hospitals for Children and they grant their written permission for the activity.

b. All Shrine temples and their units, Shrine clubs, Shrine Associations and their units and Imperial Sessions of Shriners International are prohibited from engaging telemarketing firms and direct mail firms to assist with fundraising for Shriners Hospitals for Children. No new contracts are permitted without first obtaining written permission from the chairmen of the boards of directors and trustees.

c. 100% of net proceeds (as defined in the Charitable Fundraising—Approval And Reporting provisions of this General Order) from charitable fundraising must be

given to Shriners Hospitals for Children except for such portion thereof as may be permitted to be retained for the temple Shrine Hospital Patient Transportation Fund, pursuant to the Special Purpose Funds provisions of any General Order. Provided, however, if the chairmen of the boards of directors and trustees determine for good cause shown, that the law of the land requires that a portion of the net proceeds must be distributed locally, then they may, if they determine it to be in the best interest of Shriners Hospitals for Children, grant their written permission for such distribution. The remaining net proceeds from charitable fundraising must be given to Shriners Hospitals for Children and may not be designated or restricted in any way other than for research at one or all of our hospitals.

d. The temple shall report the result of each charitable fundraising activity within sixty days of the activity, pursuant to the Charitable Fundraising—Approval And Reporting provisions of any General Order.

e. This section shall not apply to activities exempt under §335.4(b) of the bylaws of Shriners International.

f. Each independent corporation or entity that receives the permission of the chairmen of the boards of directors and trustees to raise moneys for Shriners Hospitals for Children, and which does not have its financial statements reviewed pursuant to §§334.6 & 337.8 of the bylaws of Shriners International, shall have its financial statements audited by a certified, chartered or licensed public accountant and shall submit such audit report to Shriners International within 120 days of the activity.

3. Statement of Purpose and Disclosure:

a. Every fundraising activity must contain factual information on its solicitation material, tickets, programs and documents, including all electronically transmitted material, regarding the use of the proceeds. Examples: "Proceeds are for the

benefit of (Shriners) (Shrine club) activities.” “Proceeds are for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children.”

b. Every fundraising activity which is not entirely for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children shall prominently state on all solicitation material, including tickets, programs, documents and electronically transmitted material, that “payments are not deductible as charitable contributions.”

c. There must be compliance with the Revenue Act of 1987 provision of any general order by U.S. temples.

4. Compliance with Applicable Laws: It is the responsibility of the temple Potentate, after receiving the advice of the temple attorney, to determine that there is compliance with all applicable laws in its jurisdiction for the temple’s fundraising activities.

5. Financial Records:

a. The temple shall maintain detailed financial records pertaining to all fundraising activities involving Nobles, clubs, units, organizations of Nobles and affiliated and appendant corporations. Details of all revenues and expenditures shall be maintained in such financial records.

b. The temple must retain such detailed financial records for a period of seven (7) years.

c. There must be compliance with Financial Reporting on Charitable Funds and Activities provision of any General Order.

6. Notification to Nobility: A copy of the Fundraising Activities provisions of this General Order shall be printed in the temple publication at least once every calendar year. If there is no temple publication, then a copy shall be sent to each Noble in the temple not later than the last day in March of each calendar year.

7. Prior Permission: Every Noble (in his capacity as a Shriner), club, unit, temple, organization of Nobles or affiliated or appendant corporations is prohibited from entering into any telemarketing agreement or contract to raise money for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children without first obtaining written permission from the chairmen of the boards of directors and trustees. This request for written permission shall be sent to the Executive Vice President, Shriners International, P. O. Box 31356, Tampa, Florida 33631-3356.

8. Discipline: Any officer, Noble or temple which violates a provision of Fundraising Activities is subject to discipline pursuant to the bylaws of Shriners International.

9. Shriners International Education Foundation: Notwithstanding the previous provisions of FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES stated above, Nobles may contribute, encourage other Nobles to contribute and engage in charitable fundraising activities directly to Nobles and their families for the benefit of the Shriners International Education Foundation.

