



# ARABIAN KNIGHTS

NEWSLETTER FOR ELF KHURAFEH SHRINE

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*EDITION*

*HAPPY EASTER TO ALL!*





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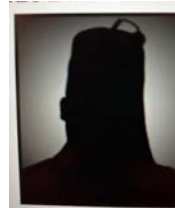
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## **From your Potentate - Illustrious Sir Philip Gean**



**From The Potentate**

**I won the lottery! April fools! I can only dream.**

**This past month I had the privilege and honor of meeting one of our patients at the Fenton Shrine Club. What a great family. It was a reminder of what and why we do what we do. Thank you, Illustrious Sir Ron Stanley, for setting this up.**

**If you would like one of our patients to attend one of your meetings let me know and I will get it set up.**

**We will be finishing our third poker event on April Fools' Day.**

**The events this year have been a little disappointing but it's still easy money. I wish to thank all of my workers that helped at these events. THANK YOU!**

**Check the calendar for the events this month. The most important one is the Sportsman raffle on the 18th .**

**Workers are needed and please sell tickets. There will be a number of side raffles and Randy's guns will be there.**

**Please attend and again we always need workers.**

**Another fun event is the Hillbilly spring fling on the 25th with a special event. Get your Hillbilly garb on and attend. If you would like to join, Yee Haw!**

**Please note that the Ladies luncheon on May 2nd has been canceled.**

**Till next time**

## EK SHRINE'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**March 29-April 1 Poker Room American Legion, Davison**

**April 5 Happy Easter from EK Shrine**

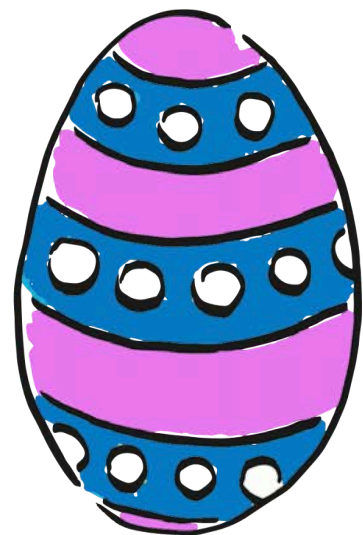
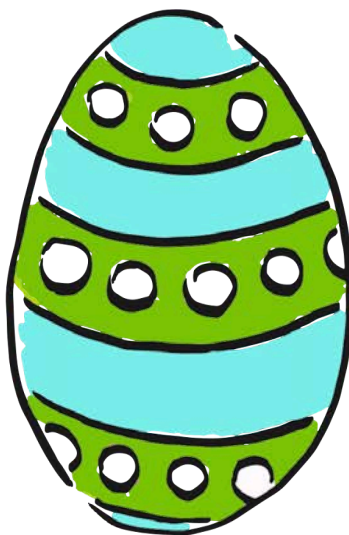
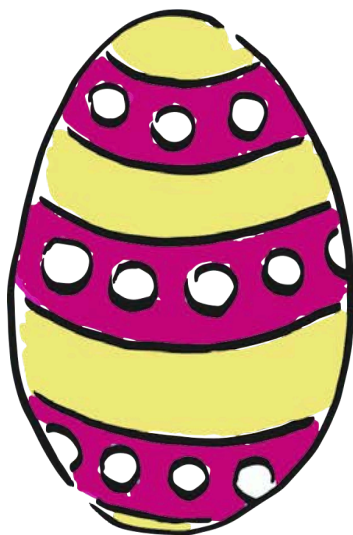
**April 8 Business Meeting CP 6PM Dinner  
7PM Meeting**

**April 11 Oasis Craft Show CP 9AM - 6PM**

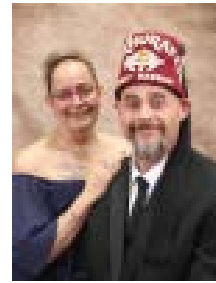
**April 18 Sportsman's Raffle CP 12PM - 5PM**

**April 25 Hillbilly Spring Fling CP 5PM - ?**

**Moslem Temple's Meat Raffle May 9 12PM - 5PM**



**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. This is open to all nobles and their families. 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**



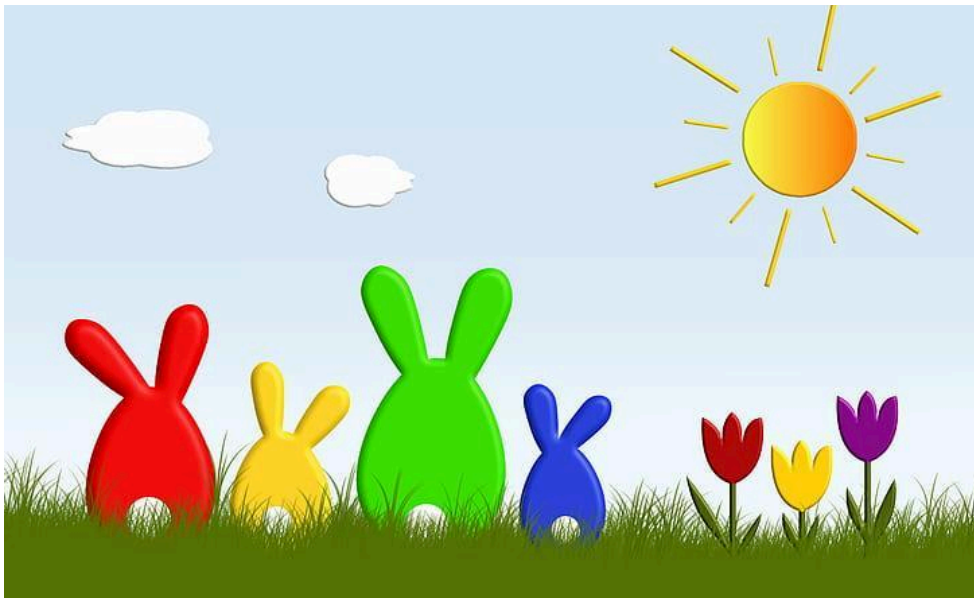
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**From your Assistant Rabban  
Chuck Birch**



**Happy almost Spring, Brother Nobles!! Warm today, snow tomorrow! 🌧️ EK Shrine has had some great events this year with more coming up. Our Easter Party will be exciting, please bring the family and watch the kids get pics with the Easter Bunny, open up Easter eggs, and enjoy a very fun time. Nobles, we are really hoping for larger turnouts at our events and monthly business meetings as the weather improves. We need YOU to show up and become an active member, your voice needs to be heard. If you don't speak up, we have to assume that we are doing a perfect job representing you, and odds are, as hard as we try, we can't be perfect for everyone. Please become an active Shriner!!!**

**Yours in the Faith, Chuck.**



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



**Nobles**

As we head into spring, our clubs and units are ramping up their activities—and they're looking for YOU. Take a moment to look through the website or your pocket calendar to find a local club and make plans to attend an upcoming meeting. You're guaranteed a great time and a good meal. Chief Rabban Brian Geiser and I recently attended the White Pine Shrine Club meeting, where we enjoyed a wonderful evening and an excellent St. Patrick's Day corned beef dinner. Elf Khurafeh also offers a wide variety of units covering many interests, and all of them are looking for Nobles to join in the fun and fellowship. 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

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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



**From your Oriental Guide**  
**Edward Parks**



**Greetings Nobles**

**As spring gracefully takes its time getting here I hope you're all in good health.**

**The planning committee spent a weekend in Dayton, Ohio working on G.L.S.A. and it was definitely productive and I'm happy to say I'm getting educated.**

**Again I'm posting details for G.L.S.A.**

**Sept 09 - Sept 13**

**Marriott At The University Of Dayton**

**1414 S Patterson Blvd .**

**Dayton Ohio 45409**

**937-223-1000**

**Rates are 149.00 per night**

**We need our parade units to attend as well as our nobility**

**Sportsman Raffle is April 18th**

**If you have tickets sold, please get them turned into Phil Brack at the temple office. We can use all the help we can get for this event .**

**To Our New Nobles, please come to these events, lend a hand and see what we do. If you have questions you can contact the office or ask any of your Divan Members. We would enjoy having you there.**

**Thank You All For What You Do**

**Yours In Faith**

**Edward Parks**

**Oriental Guide**



# A LIFELONG IMPACT

## Burn survivor praises the SCO team for life-changing care



“I don’t know what would have happened to me if I didn’t end up at Shriners Children’s.”

That’s a powerful testimony from former patient, Chris, who sustained a critical burn injury in a car accident in 1997 when he was a teenager in southern Illinois. He spent a few days at a hospital in his hometown until a distant family member mentioned Shriners Children’s Ohio.

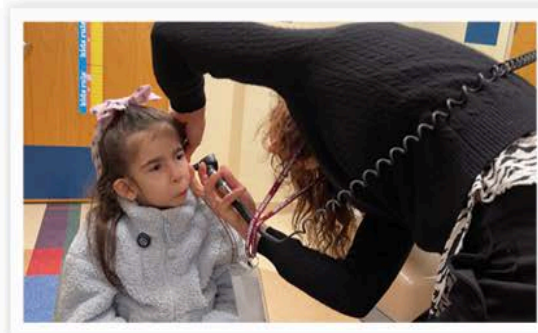
He was then transferred to our hospital (then located in Cincinnati) for extensive care. Chris said he still remembers connecting with other patients.

## Shriners Children’s Chicago honors impact of ENT docs

Patients and families appreciate our ear, nose and throat (ENT) physicians in the craniofacial/cleft program at Shriners Children’s Chicago. We celebrated them during Kids ENT Month in February. We have 5 ENTs who evaluate patients to address concerns which might include is a child sleeping well or having issues with clogged ears, which are more common in children with clefts.



Having ENTs on staff is part of Shriners Children’s multidisciplinary approach to treating our young and mighty patients. ENTs



like Kathryn Colman, M.D. who work in our Thursday cleft ‘team day’, will also surgically place ear tubes, and can remove tonsils and evaluate adenoids if there are issues related to cleft/craniofacial conditions.



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## PICTURES FROM THE EASTER PARTY



OUR GRAND PRIZE RAFFLE WINNERS WITH OUR POTENTATE AND FIRST LADY. THEY EACH WON A TABLET. THEY WERE SO HAPPY!







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

**Hello Nobles and Ladies,**

**I saw my first sign of Spring on Friday, March 13th - two robins danced around just outside my office window. It was a positive sign that warm weather was on the way. It must have been that Friday the 13th curse however, because on Tuesday the 17th it was 14 degrees and snow when I looked out my office window. Have faith though, I'm willing to bet the warm weather will be with us soon!**

**Lady Laura and I spent March 23-26 in Amarillo, TX at the Shrine Treasurer's Association's Mid Winter Session learning as much as possible about the nuances of being a Treasurer. Things like filing dates, internal controls, updates to the Shriners International temple accounting manual, transparency, and much more. The Shrine Treasurer's Association has proven to be a very valuable resource for getting questions answered about getting and keeping our finances in line. Feel free to stop by the office and ask me about the seminar!**

**As much as I don't want to sound like a broken record and repeat what other Divan members may be saying, it's still an important point - this is YOUR Shrine! We need YOUR input on things. Your presence at our business meetings, our fundraising events, and our social activities is important! We want to hear your opinions on how to improve Elf Khurafeh Shrine and how to get more nobles involved! Our business meetings are the second Wednesday of every month except July and August. Dinner is usually served at 6pm and the business meeting starts at 7pm. We'd love to see you!**

**As always, keep our first responders and military and especially our Shrine Kids in your thoughts and prayers.**

**Yours in the faith,  
Jeff Downing, P.P.  
Treasurer**

**From your Recorder**

**Phil Brack, P.P.**



**Happy springtime. We have been teased some, hopefully the real thing shows up soon. By the time you read this I will have been to the Shrine Recorder's Association annual seminar and hopefully found a wealth of information.**

**It's just about time for our Sportsman's Raffle. If you would like to help out we could sure use you. We need help on Friday the 17th. Saturday the 18th tearing down and everything in between. We need help directing traffic, handling beer, pop and water. Ticket sellers, trash movers and whatever comes up. Hopefully the weather will be nice**

**and we have a good turnout. Try to have your tickets and money turned in by April 15 th .**

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

**Until next month.**

**Respectfully submitted, Philip Brack P.P. Recorder.**

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### **Elf Khurafeh Shrine Black Camel Report**

**These Nobles have been reported deceased since our last meeting.**

**John P. Pilon Mt. Morris 2-15-2026**

**Herbert E. Cole Davison 2-28-2026**

**Frederick Campbell Grayling 11-24-2025**

**Stuart Gibbs Alger 7-8-2025**



**From our Chaplain—Robert Swartwood, P.P.**

**Greetings Shrine family. At the risk of offending some, there is a matter on my heart for some time now and it needs to be addressed, not to lecture, but hopefully to cause some reflection and change of behavior. There have been many instances, displayed in public, of brothers/nobles/ladies, acting in a very disrespectful way towards each other. I certainly realize the tension that exists and the stresses we all go through in life, but it is disheartening to observe these episodes towards one another in a Masonic body. These actions are offensive to all who observe them and are not in conformance with the Masonic obligations we all took and have taught over the years to new members. The bible is very clear on how we are to treat each other with love and respect in all matters and we teach the same in our various degrees. Please give this some thought and do some internal searching to discover if we can improve our relations within the body and restore respect for all. I would not have addressed it if I didn't think it was getting out of control. God Bless you all and thank you in advance.**

**Robert L. Swartwood**

**Attorney at Law**

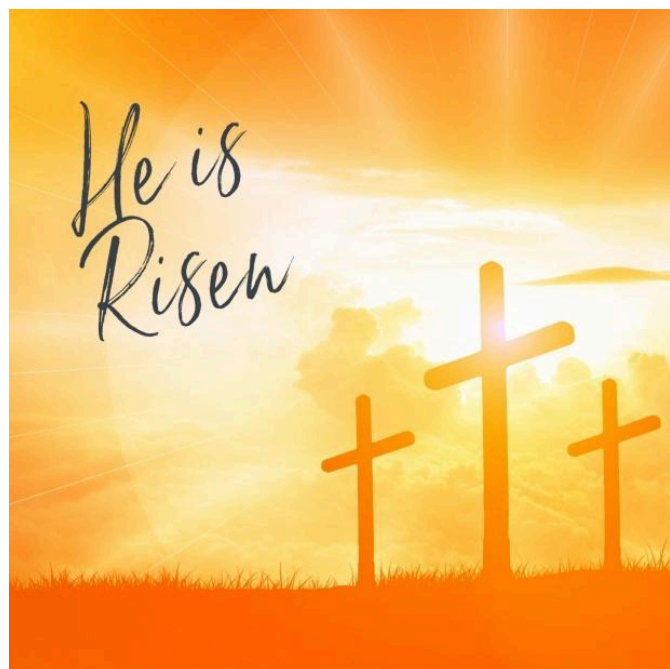
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# SAVE THE DATE!



**Shriners**  
Children's  
Chicago



*Shriners Children's Chicago invites you and your family to celebrate our milestone 100<sup>th</sup> 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



**ANNUAL OASIS SHRINE CLUB SPRING CRAFT AND  
VENDOR SHOW**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 11TH 2026 9AM-6PM**

**LOCATED AT SHRINE CIRCUS PARK EVENT CENTER  
4240 W WILSON RD  
CLIO, MI 48420**

**THE CRAFT SHOW FEATURES WOODWORKING ITEMS, TUMBLERS, BAKED  
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BATH AND BEAUTY ITEMS, AND SO MUCH MORE!  
COME ON OUT AND DO A LITTLE SHOPPING FOR YOURSELF OR FOR  
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**IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN TAKING PART IN THE SHOW:  
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[WWW.EKSHRINE.COM](http://WWW.EKSHRINE.COM).**

**JAMI IS THE ONLY CONTACT FOR THIS EVENT**

**From your First Ceremonial Master**

**Matt Berry**



**Hello Nobles,**

**The snow is melting, spring is on the horizon, and with it comes a renewed sense of energy and opportunity. Our recent Chili Cookoff was a great example of what makes this fraternity special—brotherhood, participation, and a whole lot of incredible chili. If you missed it, make it a point to join us next time. You won't regret it. There's also exciting momentum building behind the EDM Festival. A tremendous amount of work is being put in, and I'm looking forward to sharing more with all of you soon. This is something we can all take pride in, and I truly believe it has the potential to be something special for our Shrine. Personally, I'm committed to being as present as possible this year because these moments matter. While work may occasionally pull me away—especially on Saturday mornings and afternoons—my goal remains to stay engaged and connected whenever I can. I want to challenge each of you to do the same. Reach out to someone you haven't seen in a while. Check in on them. Invite them back. A simple message or call can make a bigger impact than you think. We've been putting on outstanding events—now let's make sure more of our brothers are there to experience them. This is our time to build momentum, strengthen our bonds, and continue growing what makes this group great. Let's carry that energy forward. Have a fantastic month—I look forward to seeing you all along the way.**

**Matthew Berry**

**1 st Ceremonial Master**

This one's for the girls  
Jami Geiser—Chief Rabban's Lady

A good time was had by all who attended the LOS Installation on 3/21 at Swartz Creek Lodge. Congratulations to Eva Karas for being installed as High Priestess and best of luck to you and your court.



**CLAN #55 INVITES YOU ALL TO ATTEND!!**

**Hillbilly Clan 55 brings you**

the annual  
**Spring  
Fling**

Circus Park  
Sat. April 25th

5:00 pm doors

5:30 pm ceremony

6:30 pm dinner

\$25 per person  
\$40 per couple



**There will be a special wedding vow renewal ceremony for the Geiser's. They will be bringing us the John Vance Band for our entertainment.**

**Beer & Soda provided---BYOB.**

**Great food and dessert. RSVP to**

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**Chuck 248-605-1322**

