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**ON THE COVER:** The 2020 Divan and their ladies. From left to right: Treasurer Wayne Thomas & Lady Margie, Oriental Guide Barry Hart & Lady Barbara, Assistant Rabban Mark DeStefano & Lady Kelly, Potentate Gary Fields & Lady Sharon, Chief Rabban David Walters & Lady Ann, High Priest & Prophet Keith Curtis & Lady Jessica, Recorder Ed Firquin & Lady Wanda.



*Notes from your Divan*

## Potentate's Message



***Hard to believe that two months have flown by:*** Potentate's Ball, Stated Meeting, Valentine's Day, called meeting, and more than I can tell you!

You will find that much is changing around Hometown Heroes and the Shrine. We have a new Chef, David Spagnuolo. He is rearranging the kitchen, training the kitchen and bar staff, has improved the menu, and makes his own sauces and salad dressings. Wait time for food has gone down and he is preparing home-cooked comfort food—getting away from fast, frozen food. We have had two groups book for each night once a month for the year. We are stepping up the place for our members and friends in the community.

In March, we have many exciting things happening. The Imperial Potentate Jeffrey L. Sowder and First Lady Cheryl will be visiting our Shrine Center. Also attending will be Imperial Second Ceremonial Master Kevin Costello and Lady Jill. The date is this coming Wednesday, March 4. They will arrive at 10:30 a.m. and begin a meet-and-greet at 11 a.m. with our Nobility and the Ladies. Lunch will be served at 12 noon. We are proud to have Imperial Kevin as a member of the Sahib Cabiri. Please come and meet our Imperial officers.

March 10, the Birthday & Anniversary Dinner Dance will be hosted by the Greeters. This will be the last Tuesday night dance as we are moving them to bi-monthly beginning in May. The future dates for BADD will be the second Saturday on the odd-numbered months. Come and enjoy the evening of fun and fellowship of Sahib Shriners and guests.

On Thursday, March 12, we will have a luncheon and Stated Meeting in the Sahara Room beginning at 12 noon. We will be voting on the budget for 2020. If you need a copy of the proposed budget, it will be available in the office.

March 13 will be the Cabiri/Sahib Divan Dinner beginning at 5:30 p.m. On Saturday, March 14, we have the Arcadia Parade and, later that afternoon, the Arcadia Rodeo for a fun-filled afternoon. We have eight tickets left in the premium section right above the gates. This also has a lunch provided by Tom Toms and the cost is only \$50 a person. And, on Wednesday, March 25, we are attending Tampa Bay Downs Day at the races. Enjoy a bus ride up to the track and admission, program, and lunch in the clubhouse for only \$55. Hurry as the box office only has two tickets left for this event.

In closing, I ask everyone to please be kind to someone. Say something nice and people will love you. Be a crank and they will never forget you.

Yours in the faith,

*Wm. Gary Fields*

Wm. Gary Fields, Sahib Shriners Potentate 2020

## Welcome Imperial Potentate Sowder and Lady Cheryl

A *special luncheon* will be held Wednesday, March 4 in place of the usual Thursday Men's Luncheon (the March 5 luncheon is cancelled). This special luncheon will be a joint meeting with the Nobles and their Ladies.

An open reception starts at 10:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., at which time all are welcome to have lunch with Imperial Sir Jeff Sowder and First Lady Cheryl.

On the buffet menu are lasagna, ziti, breadsticks and bread, plus homemade apple pie specially made for Sahib Shrine. Besides the No Crumb Apple Pie, diners can also choose to have Peanut Butter Pie or Sugar-free Blueberry Pie. According to Potentate Gary Fields, "They are so good they will melt in your mouth."

The cost for the luncheon is \$17.50, which includes tip. Ladies are welcome to attend. Make reservations by calling the box office at 941-366-4449, ext. 320.



Imperial Potentate Jeff Sowder and his Lady Cheryl (at left) are shown here with Sahib Potentate Gary Fields and his Lady Sharon Thornsberry.

*Photo provided by Potentate Gary Fields*



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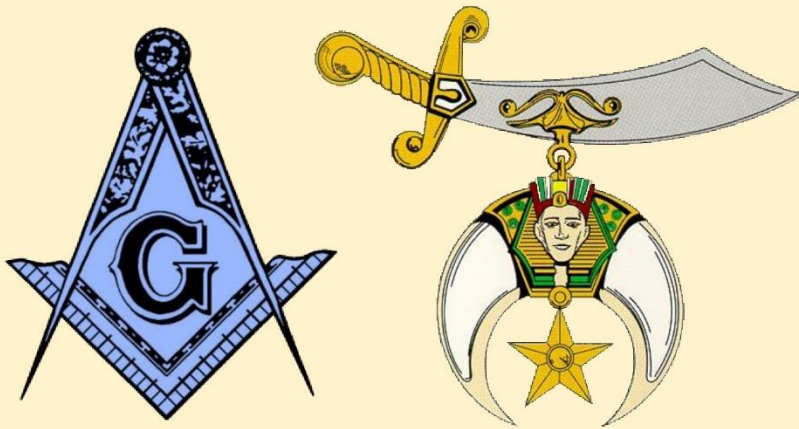




*Potentate's Ball  
Friday Night  
Photos: Noble Thomas Mabray*







## SAHIB SHRINERS

# Helping Hand

For several years, Sahib Shriners have assisted Nobles who were unable to pay their dues because of health, financial, or age-related issues.

Please stop by the Sahib Shriners office to help a fellow Noble you know needing assistance to remain on the active membership list.

## Imperial Potentate's Official Visit Wednesday, March 4

Meet and Greet  
10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Buffet Luncheon for  
Nobles and Ladies  
together in Main  
Dining Room 12 p.m.

Save the Date!

*Around  
the Shrine*



Potentate Fields with Shriners  
Spokesperson Alec Cabacungan.  
Photo provided by Potentate Gary Fields





*Potentate's Ball  
Saturday Luncheon  
Photos: Noble Thomas Mabray*





# Around the Shrine



PP. Carroll Scribner performed the duties of the swearing-in officer for North Port Shrine Club at their stated meeting in January at the Olde World Restaurant. Pictured are Carroll Scribner; Dana Nowell, Secretary/Treasurer; Don Valerino, President; and the membership standing in support of their newly elected officers. President Don promised a very busy and successful year and asked for the full support of his membership.

*Photo provided by PP Carroll Scribner*

## NEW MEMBERS ARE VITAL to SHRINEDOM'S very existence!

**New Nobles bring to  
SAHIB SHRINE**



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New Members  
Mean Much More  
than a Gain in Numbers  
or a

Percentage Increase –

**They are  
Sahib Shrine's  
Continued  
Life and Action**





# Parade Marshal's Notes

Carroll "Scrib" Scribner, PP, [sahibscrib@gmail.com](mailto:sahibscrib@gmail.com)

*Our first outing of the year*, and one of our favorites, Arcadia Rodeo Parade is coming up on March 14, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Please join us as we represent Sahib to our friends and neighbors!

As of now, we expect a great turnout of clubs and units to show their stuff with a Shriner's pride as "we parade so that kids may walk and play."

That's what it's all about. A big plus: the friendship and just plain fun we each gain from being a part of it.

Sahib is sponsoring a Fun Day at the Rodeo with a special package of great seats and more. Call the office for more info.



## Afterglow Information:

A big thank you to Joe Smedley! After the parade, Joe will host the "dogs and burgers" at his home. Feel free to donate a bit to Joe to help cover his expenses. Any extra will be donated to the Peace River lodge.

## ARCADIA RODEO PARADE SCHEDULE

### Saturday, March 14, 2020

**LINE UP:** 9:00 a.m. at Oak Street and Orange Avenue

*Trailer and car parking is behind the courthouse on N. Volusia Avenue*

**BREAKFAST:** Rodeo Pancake Breakfast is available from 8:00 a.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church

**STEP OFF:** 10:00 a.m.

**ROUTE:** From Orange Street, about four (4) blocks east, crossing Route 17 to Volusia Avenue

### PARADE LINE UP\*:

1 Sahib Banner	7 Greeters
2 Divan/Antique Autos	8 Model T's
3 Oriental Band	9 Clowns
4 Motor Corps	10 North Port Shrine Club
5 Keystone Kops	11 Hillbillies
6 Venice Shrine Club	12 Hospital Van

### AFTERGLOW:

Joe Smedley's, 1766 E. Hargrave Street, Arcadia, FL  
In order to help Joe plan, we need an approximate count of participants.  
Please let me know by March 1 at [Sahibscrib@gmail.com](mailto:Sahibscrib@gmail.com)

*\*All units are included in this line up, knowing all will not be available.  
We'll sort everything out on arrival.*



*Potentate's Ball  
Getting Ready  
Photos: Noble Thomas Mabray*





# Around the Shrine

Attending a cocktail party during the festivities surrounding the East-West Shrine Bowl in January, from left to right: Imperial Potentate Jeff Sowder, Past Potentate Bruce Porter, Potentate Gary Fields, and Imperial Officer Kevin Costello.

*Photo provided by Potentate Gary Fields*



## Supporters of Sahib Shriners Flag Project



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### Blue Contributors





## Sahib Greeters Notes

Submitted by President Bill Batten and Noble Paul R. Zeissler

*We, the Sahib Greeters,* are very pleased, and also sad, to present the Birthday & Anniversary Dinner Dance in March this year.

This is the end of an era for many of us Greeters who have enjoyed the brotherhood of our fellow Nobles at these events for the past 35 years. We used to enjoy getting really dressed up with our ladies—they in their fancy ball gowns and us in our tuxes—to join the crowds of 200 or more party goers.

Due to the large number of attendees, both bars would be open and there would be great Sarasota dance bands for our listening and dancing enjoyment. Even our own Shriner unit, The Sahib Dance Band, would play once in a while. We all looked forward to that very much.

But we are still looking forward to the present and future dances at Sahib. The dress for us Nobles is no longer tuxes, unless you want to clean up some mothballs, but the fun and the conversation at the tables is still first class and a major happy event for all of us attending. The dancing is still the favorite part for many of us at the Ball. The tables are gorgeously decorated by our ladies, the food is great, and the waitstaff is first class.

A new agenda is awaiting us with our future Birthday & Anniversary Dances.

**Greeters Celebration**

*Birthday & Anniversary*  
**Dinner Dance**

**March 10**  
**2020**

*Menu Selections*  
**Corned Beef & Cabbage**  
or  
**Chicken Marsala**  
Red-skinned Potatoes  
House Salad  
Dessert

**\$25.00** Per person

*Reservations in Advance*  
Deadline March 5, 2020  
Box Office Only  
Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:00 – 1:00  
Phone: 366-4449 ext. 320

**Social: 6:00 p.m.**  
**Dinner: 7:00 p.m.**  
**Music for Listening & Dancing**

*What are the Greeters celebrating?*  
*Come and find out*

*Nobles & Ladies*  
Men: Suit and Tie  
Ladies: Dress or Pantsuit or  
Wear Green for St. Patrick  
Fez is optional

March 10th's event will be the last of the "old school" dancing fun. We'll have a new kind in the future, but let's not miss the dancing "end of an era" this second Tuesday of March.

We Greeters would love to show off our orange duds for all of you. Please come and dance until the Potentate kicks us to the curb in the wee hours!



Sahib Greeters hosted the February 9, 2010 Birthday & Anniversary Dinner Dance. Pictured are the birthday contestants from that year. The theme was "Valentine" and the entrée choices were a Center Cut Boneless Pork Chop or Champagne Salmon Steak.



# Greeters Celebration

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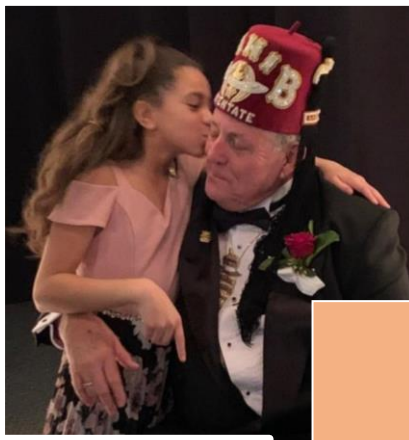
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*Potentate's Ball  
Celebration!*

*Photos: Noble Thomas Mabray*





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#### HILLBILLY SHRINE CLUB

**George Mitchell, President**

e-mail: [gpmitch54@hotmail.com](mailto:gpmitch54@hotmail.com)

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where: Sahib Shrine, Conference Room 'A'  
600 N Beneva Drive  
Sarasota, FL 34232

time: 7:00 p.m.

#### MANATEE SHRINE CLUB

**Russell Sexton, President**

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meets: First Friday of each month

where: Peridia Golf & Country Club  
4950 Peridia Blvd.  
Bradenton, FL 34203

time: 11:00 a.m. Social / 11:45 a.m. Lunch  
12:30 p.m. Program

note: *Reservation cut-off date is the  
Friday prior to the meeting date*

#### MOTOR CORPS SHRINE CLUB

**Mark DeStefano, President**

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meets: Third Wednesday of each month

where: Sahib Shrine  
600 N Beneva Drive  
Sarasota, FL 34232

time: 7:00 p.m.

#### NORTH PORT SHRINE CLUB

**Donald Valerino, President**

meets: Second Monday of each month (*stated meeting*)

where: The Olde World Restaurant  
14415 S. Tamiami Trail  
North Port, FL 34287

time: 11:30 a.m.

note: *Every Tuesday, breakfast served at 8:00 a.m.*

#### VENICE SHRINE CLUB

**Darren Bracken, President**

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website: [www.veniceshrineclub.org](http://www.veniceshrineclub.org)

meets: Third Tuesday of each month

where: Left Coast Seafood Co.  
385 U.S. Hwy 41 Bypass  
Venice, FL 34285

time: 11:00 a.m. every 3rd Tuesday





## Manatee Shrine Club

Russell Sexton, Secretary, [drsexton45@gmail.com](mailto:drsexton45@gmail.com)

*The Manatee Shrine Club* meets on the first Friday of the month at 11:00 a.m. for a social and 12 noon for a lunch and guest speaker. We are dark June-August. The men meet separately and then join the ladies for coffee/dessert and listen to the guest speaker. All Shrine members and their ladies are welcome to visit. They need only make their \$15 meal reservation with Russ Sexton, Secretary, at [drsexton45@gmail.com](mailto:drsexton45@gmail.com) or call at 941/773-7280. You pay at the reservation desk the day of the meeting

The February meeting of the Manatee Shrine Club welcomed 15 men and 18 ladies. Our guest speaker was Nadia Le Monte, Phar. D., who delivered an informative talk on the health benefits of CBD products. Next month's speaker is Noble Giles Light who will present a slide show about his recent 28-day trip around the world.



### MSC LEADERSHIP CHANGE:

Russell Sexton has been the president for the past three years, but his wife's recent health issues now require his full attention and thus an interim president has been appointed. Pepper Mabray, a Noble with



many Shrine responsibilities, has graciously volunteered and was accepted by the BOD members. He will fulfill the role of president until January 2021. Russ has agreed to remain as secretary performing much of the role off site.

### UPCOMING SOCIALS:

The February social was a visit to the Sarasota Big Cat Habitat located off Palmer Road. The Alligator and Big Cat shows were entertaining and informative.

The March social is our volunteer effort as concessioners at LECOM Park. MSC members hope to see members of other Shrine Clubs and Units at the ball park. All volunteers need food handling training at one of two training sessions. Contact Chuck Knapp, [Chuck.Knapp@pirates.com](mailto:Chuck.Knapp@pirates.com), for training dates and times.

Come and join us for good food, fellowship, informative presentations, and regularly scheduled socials. Contact any of the MSC board of directors for more information about our club and an invitation to join us for lunch: Pepper Mabray, Russ Sexton, Tom McGill, Ernie Ryder, Charles Titus, Jim Fletcher and Dana Callanan.





*Potentate's Ball  
Celebration!*  
*Photos: Noble Thomas Mabray*





# SESA Mid-Year Meeting

From [www.seshrine.org/midyear2020.htm](http://www.seshrine.org/midyear2020.htm)

*The mid-year meeting of the* Southeastern Shrine Association will be held at the Glenstone Lodge in Gatlinburg, Tennessee on March 5-8, 2020.

Expected attendees include SESA Association Officers, Past Presidents, Imperial Officers, Association Representatives, and Shriners Hospitals for Children Representatives.

The objective of the mid-year meeting is to plan the 2020 SESA Convention, which will be held in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee at the Music Road Resort August 12-15, 2020.

Along with the meetings, attendees can expect a Kentucky Bourbon, Shine & Wine Tasting; a Pirate Party; and a Comedy Barn Dinner Show at Pigeon Forge—all designed for good fun and fellowship.

For more information including a full itinerary, room rates, registration form, and reservation information, please be sure to visit the official Southeastern Shrine Association website at <https://www.seshrine.org/midyear2020.htm>



*The Southeastern Shrine Association was organized in 1934 and is comprised of members from these localities: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Panama, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, and Tennessee.*



## We Need You!

Volunteers are needed to take photos at Sahib Shrine special events. Please contact Potentate Gary Fields for more information or to volunteer. [wgfields@bellsouth.net](mailto:wgfields@bellsouth.net)

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## Motor Corps Shrine Club

Giles Light (G-man), Secretary, [gileslight@aol.com](mailto:gileslight@aol.com)

***It is March.*** We return to Daylight Savings Time on Sunday, March 8th. St. Patrick's Day is Tuesday, March 17th. And spring is only three weeks away – Wednesday, March 19th. For Motor Corps members this means more time to ride in warmer temperatures and more sunlight. Perfect! If you had a motorcycle, you could join us.

Hope you were able to attend the Potentate's Ball last month. Three members of the Motor Corps are members of the Divan. The Potentate, of course, is Gary Fields (JP). High Priest and Prophet is Mark DeStefano (Dancing Bear), and Oriental Guide is Barry Hart (Policyman). Motor Corps members wish them a great year and will be supporting them.

Three of our members were in Cocoa Beach the last weekend of January for the Florida Association of Shrine Motor Corps (FASMC) Mid-winter Gathering. Thanks to John Hubbard (Hotrod), Hampton Crimi (Monk), and John Machanska (Dozer) for representing Sahib Motor Corps. Representatives from Shrine Motor Corps Units in Florida attended the event. As usual, everyone had a great time.



Potentate Gary Fields (a member of the Motor Corps) and his Lady Sharon on the dance floor.

*Photo: Noble Giles Light*

Several of our members participated in this year's "Thunder by the Bay Music & Motorcycle Festival" in Sarasota the weekend of February 15-17th. This year's rally was the 22nd anniversary for the event



**Motor Corps** continued  
on page 22

Members of the Motor Corps are seated with our new Oriental Guide and his Lady Barbara. Roger Moore and his Lady Susan, Frank Metheny and his Lady Jana, and Lady D. J. Tabb.

*Photo provided by  
Noble Giles Light.*

**Motor Corps** continued from page 21

which was held at the Sarasota County Fairgrounds. Suncoast Charities for Children is the beneficiary of the proceeds raised at the event.

Finally, several members of our Drill Team have been practicing on the third Saturday of every month for FASMC competitions. There are two main types of competitions: parade maneuvers and the obstacle course. Everything has to be nearly perfect as our fellow Shriners in Tampa and Ft. Myers have been doing this for years.

A number of upcoming events are on our schedule for March. First is the visit of Imperial Potentate Jeffrey L. Sowder to the Sahib luncheon on Wednesday, March 4th. We are hoping Lady Cheryl will be accompanying him on the visit. Motor Corps members will be escorting the Imperial Sir from I-75 and Fruitville Road to the Shrine.

The annual Arcadia Rodeo Parade is scheduled for Saturday, March 14th. The Motor Corps expects to participate. Kickstands up at Sahib Shrine at 8:00 a.m.; lineup in Arcadia at 9:00 a.m., and the parade scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. This is a fun parade, even though the ride over and back is longer than the parade itself. Illustrious Sir Gary has a group of reserved seats for those who wish to attend the rodeo.

The final big event in March is the Annual Pilgrimage Day at the Masonic Home of Florida in St. Petersburg. That is scheduled for Saturday, March 21st from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Members of the Motor Corps and the Widows Sons will be riding their bikes to St. Pete in support of the event. Highlights of the event include a car show, cook-out, flea market, and the traditional dedication of the First Lady's



Past Potentate Bruce Porter (a member of the Motor Corps) with Lady Pam Trudel at left and Past Potentate Lou Ortt at right.

*Photo: Noble Giles Light*

Project.

Congratulations to Jim McKinney (Slim Jim) who is the new President of the Sarasota Scottish Rite Club. We know he will do a good job.

We have six Motor Corps members and their ladies with birthdays in March. They are: Bob Hammer (Hammertime) on the 1st, Les Ruggiero (Curl) on the 3rd, Lady Kelly Pace on the 17th, Jim McKinney (Slim Jim) on the 25th, Barry Hart (Policyman) on the 28th, and Lady Jean Ragsdale on the 29th. We also have two members with anniversaries in March: Dan Tibbitts (Lt. Dan) and Lady Pam on March 14th and Jim McKinney and Lady Jennifer on the 25th.



**TEMPLE CEREMONIAL**  
Friday, May 15 at 7:00 p.m.





*Potentate's Ball  
Making an Entrance  
Photos: Noble Thomas Mabray*



# Sahib Shriners

## Day at Tampa Bay Downs



Wednesday, **March 25**, 2020

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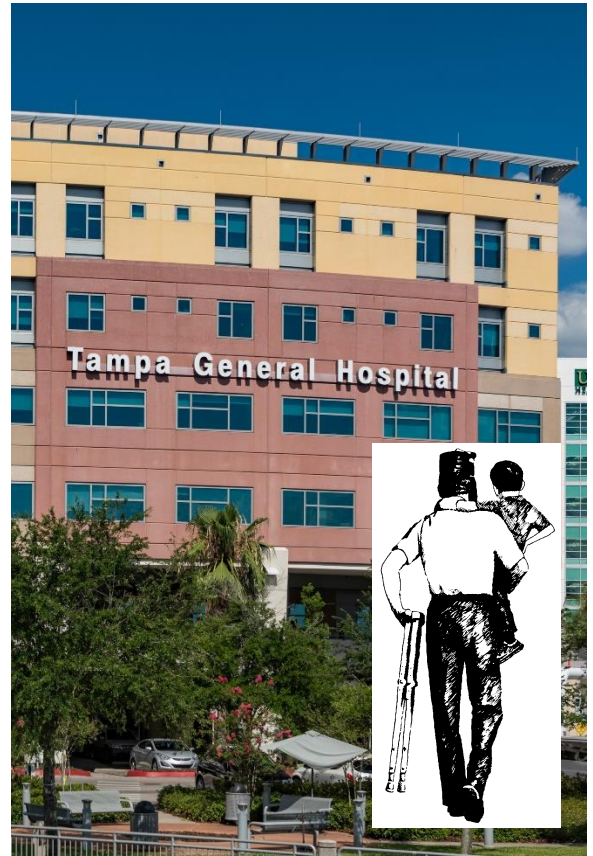
# Hospital Transportation Notes

Dick Schmidt, Chairman, [hospital@sahibshrine.org](mailto:hospital@sahibshrine.org)

***Perception is not always reality.*** Our thoughts as to Hospital Transportation dealing with Tampa General Hospital (TGH) were skeptical at best. The first, second, and third contacts changed that idea. TGH is a big league facility and has its act together. We have had three patient trips in and out plus a drivers' familiarization trip and all have ended well. Something as basic as signs and floor markings are accurate and on point. There are still a few loose ends that need tying up. Patients, as we handle them with transportation, are not a norm for TGH so there are some communication glitches that need work. Shriners Healthcare will be using TGH for more outsourcing such as MRI's, similar equipment specialties, as well as surgeries, so our contacts will increase. Among other things they have Mickey D's, Starbucks, and a full-choice food court all on the ground floor, at typical street prices and reasonable proximity. TGH is in constant motion with people moving in and out, where the clinic is an 8:00 to 5:00 operation at best.

There are a number of stories going around about the building at SCH-Florida (the clinic) and include: down staffing, UCF no longer needs it, Moffitt wants it. We know nothing—that is for sure. The POPS manufacturing shop has now moved to the Tampa Airport building. The fit-ups and local patient measuring will still be at SCH-Florida. Being near the airport is much more convenient for the out-of-town patients coming in.

There is so much grousing that goes on at Sahib it is easy to get caught up in it if you are not careful. From the positive side, the Potentate's Ball came off as a class event. 98% of the attendees were very well satisfied and pleased with the food, the beverages, and the entertainment. *Johnnie Thinwallet* pretty much sat on the sidelines for this one. It is easy to forget we have a public image well beyond the in-house nit picking and second guessing.



The drivers' presence at TGH on February 7th was not a big, planned deal, was not announced, and yet really drew positive attention and respect. People recognize Shriners. It turned out to be a real ego boost as Shriners. We do not have a tarnished image to clean up, we're already the "Good Guys" and we need to run that puppy around the track as many times and as often as we can. The drivers were wearing their fezzes and Sahib logo shirts and all standing tall as Shriners. We got a number of "thanks for what you do."

Going back to an early *Reporter* article, a poll was taken in the Chicago area and the Shriner's Fez was the number one recognized symbol—not the bell, not the bucket, not the chimney, nor any other local things—just the Fez.







## Important Notice

Beginning Sunday, March 1st, Hometown Heroes will be closed on Sundays until the football season resumes in the Fall. On Monday, March 2 and every Monday thereafter, Hometown Heroes and the Sahib Shriners will close at 4 p.m.



time to  
**UPDATE**



Please take a few moments this month to **update your contact info** with Sahib. We don't want you to miss out on important information, so please make sure we have your correct mailing address, phone number, and email address.

# Baseball Raffle!

**You could win two tickets in section 117!**

**That's the first row behind the Braves' dugout.**

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## Ed Smith Stadium

### Baltimore Orioles vs. Atlanta Braves

### Game Day: March 10, 2020



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## Oriental Band Notes

Noble Angus Reynolds, [angus.r@me.com](mailto:angus.r@me.com)

*The Shrine's most fun unit* is moving right along - to Louisiana! A big win at last year's South Eastern Shrine Oriental Band Association Hoedown in Lexington, Kentucky led to plans to repeat our success at this year's hoedown in Alexandria, Louisiana. Our weekly practice meetings are laser-focused on what we think will be a winning program of music. Look out for the Great Sahib Oriental Band. Here we come!

The Sahib bandmen are looking forward to entertaining Florida parade bystanders with our sweet melodies. The band will have a full schedule of parades this year. The first parade of the 2020 season will be the Arcadia Parade on March 12.

The nobles of the OB bid a fond farewell to our Secretary Robert Stihler. Bob and Lady Nancy are going to return to their former home in Winter Park, Florida. Bob served as the band's VP and was a stalwart musician as well as a leader in presenting the Mandarin degree.

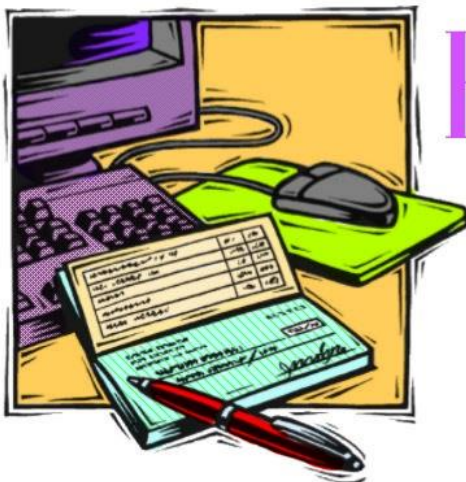
We practice almost every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Visitors are welcome. Prospective members are very welcome.

Remember the kids in the hospitals!



Oriental Band Music Director Floyd LaDue leads practice Wednesday nights.

Photo: Noble Angus Reynolds



# Have You Paid Your Dues Yet?

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*Mother Teresa*

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**7:00 p.m. – Main Hall**  
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## Sahib Membership Notes

Thomas Mabray, Membership Chairman, [peppermabray@gmail.com](mailto:peppermabray@gmail.com)

*Here we are now* in March of 2020 with a new Potentate and new opportunities to gain membership in your temple. A "Full Form Ceremonial" is planned for May 15, 2020. Please sign up your prospects ASAP as Illustrious Sir Gary is offering a special for all in this Ceremonial.

**Our Temple membership is UNDER 800!!!** We lost almost 100 members in 2019 to all of the reasons that you can think of, i.e. death, NPD, relocation, etc.

Illustrious Sir Gary is looking at several prospective ways to help us gain a renewed interest in Sahib Temple. We need to bring FUN back into the temple! If you have any ideas of how to have fun and fellowship, please let us know what you are thinking of.

One thing we are looking at is having Sahib's Legion of Honor active again for our veterans. We need our veterans working in Sahib. Have YOU gotten your "Just One?"

Membership increase is not up to me but it is up to YOU! I'm sure that you know someone in your lodge who would make a good Shriner and enjoy the Shrine Fraternity. If you are not having fun in Sahib, what can you do to have fun in Sahib? MSSA (Make Sahib Strong Again).

**We need to increase our membership in both the Blue Lodge and Shrine.** The Imperial Membership program is designed to help bring new Masons into the Lodge and Master Masons into the Shrine.

If you will get **"JUST ONE"** new member into your lodge or shrine, just think about the growth of the Lodge and Sahib Shrine and the fraternal fellowship that we will have.

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# In Memoriam



## Black Camel

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We carry their influence in our lives,  
And their memories in our hearts.  
They are not forgotten.

**Willard F. Libby** Dec. 17, 2019  
**John L. Horne** Jan. 9, 2020  
**James D. Thornton** Jan. 9, 2020  
**Charles "Bud" Glidden** Feb. 7, 2020  
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## Bulls for Kids Dance Party at Lakewood Ranch H.S.

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The amount raised is celebrated in the spring semester at the annual Dance Marathon, an event that is part of the nationwide movement to raise money for local children's hospitals. In its last 16 years at USF, *Bulls for Kids* has raised over \$870,000.

On Friday, February 21, USF students (*Bulls for Kids*) joined Lakewood Ranch High School students (*Mustangs for Kids*) to raise money for Shriners Healthcare – Florida at a dance party.

There was plenty of food, balloons, and youthful energy. All the teens and young adults gave a warm welcome to two special guest speakers at the event, Jessica Hendricks, the 14-year-old patient ambassador for Shriners who attends (and enjoys dancing at) many of these dance parties, and Sahib Noble Paul Zeissler, who shared information about Shriners Hospitals for Children and introduced young Jessica to her Lakewood Ranch peers as the keynote speaker.



Patient Ambassador Jessica Hendricks (center) with her mother Eileen and Noble Paul Zeissler.

*Photos by Becky Zeissler unless otherwise noted.*



*Bulls for Kids* USF students Sam Jennings (left) and Rozafa Nagellari discuss their passion for helping Shriners children with Noble Paul Zeissler. Sam expressed his admiration for Shriners, saying, "The work you all do is just amazing."



Lakewood Ranch High School student Ethan Spasciani shares a laugh with guest of honor Jessica Hendricks. Ethan is president of *Mustangs for Kids*.



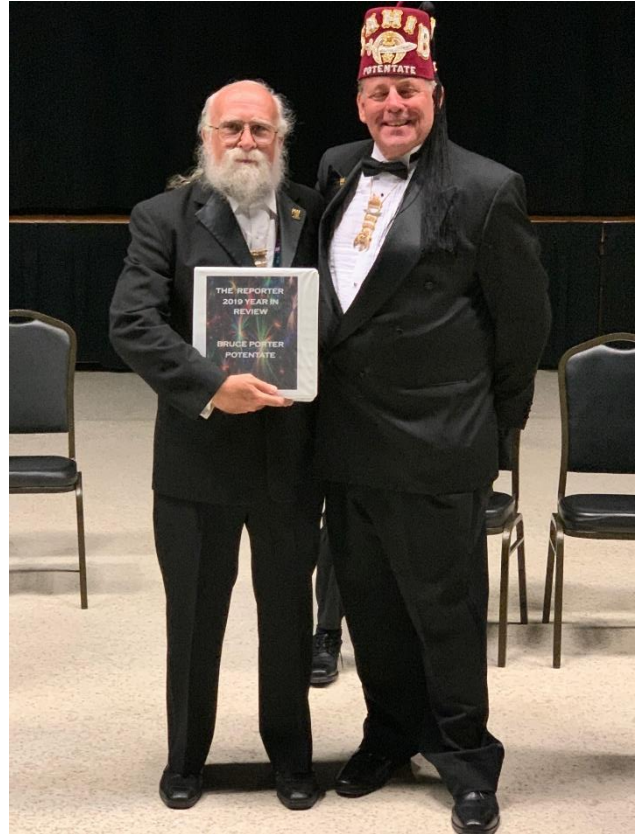
*Photo: Eileen Hendricks*



# Around the Shrine

Past Potentate Bruce Porter (left) is presented with a binder of 2019 *Sahib Reporter* issues representing his year as Sahib Shrine's Potentate by 2020 Potentate Gary Fields.

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*After the Arcadia Parade*

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## March

### MARCH 1

Hammer, Robert  
Leclerc, Marcel  
Nelson, Melvin  
Van Tassell, Clinton

### MARCH 2

Maier, Ed

### MARCH 3

Burghardt, Brian  
Hall, Gerald  
Ruggiero, Alessio  
Wright, James

### MARCH 4

Horsley, George  
Rhodes, Richard

### MARCH 5

Campbell, Edmund  
Raisovich, Daniel

### MARCH 6

Costa, Louis

### MARCH 7

Cunningham, Tom  
Holsbeke, Travis  
McDonough, Ryan

### MARCH 8

Tishman, Mark

### MARCH 11

Maierhofer, Louis  
Mitchell, William  
Reynolds Jr., Angus  
Sorbie, William

### MARCH 13

Hamilton, Charles  
Krout, Robert  
Riley, Richard

### MARCH 14

Bekkenhuis, Paul  
Bloodsworth, Clifford  
Smith, Alexander

### MARCH 15

Chandler, Robert  
Cianfaglione, Chester  
Davidson, Robert  
Welch, James

### MARCH 16

Titus, Oliver

### MARCH 17

Russo, Angelo

### MARCH 18

Furst, William  
North, William  
Rubin, Alan  
Shoemaker, Francis

### MARCH 19

Davis, Jeffrey  
Griffith, Oscar  
Long, William

### MARCH 21

Curtis, Keith

### MARCH 23

Grant, Elwin  
Reynolds, James

### MARCH 25

McKiney, James  
Wermann, John

### MARCH 26

Kinnaird, Donald  
Lawrence, Chevy  
Yates, Mark

### MARCH 27

Freeland, Jerry  
Kruse, Ernest  
Morrison, Ronald

### MARCH 28

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Hart, Barry

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Leetzow, Leonard  
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### MARCH 30

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Fletcher, James

### MARCH 31

Clayton, Frederick  
Rippner, Robert





# Masonic Digest / Scottish Rite

Casey A. Fletcher, 33° IGH, [dow@srtampa.org](mailto:dow@srtampa.org)

**Albert Pike (1809-1891)** remarked that “...nothing can be done with those who accept literally the legend of Hiram and of the building and rebuilding the Temple.” His statement reminds us that Freemasonry, in its rituals, ceremonies and writings, is not intended to offer a history lesson. It instructs us in the moral virtues and aims to improve our character and conduct. We are *supposed* to learn something – but it is *not* history.



The Symbolic Lodge, in Pike’s view, is an introduction to that “something.” It reviews the four cardinal and three theological virtues, our principal tenets and the necessity of obedience, education, secrecy, loyalty and integrity. Each of these ideas or principles, while they serve to bind us as an organization, is common to other fraternal organizations. The instruction of the Blue Lodge is not necessarily unique to Freemasonry.

For this reason, Pike classified the Symbolic Lodge as the Lesser Mysteries. He asserted that the Lodge of Perfection, which

includes the 4th through 14th degrees, “...completes and perfects the Third Degree” because its degrees examine the philosophical, political, religious, mystical, intellectual, and moral meanings of the Hiramic Legend.

Pike regarded the Lodge of Perfection as the next leg of our journey toward the Higher Mysteries. Its degrees explore, and more thoroughly examine, the symbols of the Blue Lodge. It considers the teachings of Socrates, Confucius, Zoroaster, Cicero, and Mohammad, as well as those of many teachers found in the Volume of Sacred Law. Such a thorough endeavor is uncommon to other fraternal organizations. He suggests, therefore, that our journey, our learning, must continue after our raising.

Our journey is not so simple as captured in the first three degrees.

The Hiramic Legend is *not* history, not even close; it is a Legend intended to reveal *and conceal* real Truths. It represents an initial stage in our journey of self-examination, self-development, discovery, and reflection.

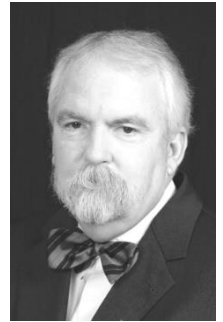
Our journey commences in the Blue Lodge and continues into the Scottish Rite.

The Scottish Rite meets at its Center in Tampa on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m., preceded by a 5:45 p.m. dinner.

Prior to the regular Consistory meeting on March 9th at 6:10 p.m., the 6th degree, Confidential Secretary, is scheduled to be conferred. At the regular meeting, an educational program considering the 13th degree, Royal Arch of Solomon, will be presented by your writer. The 13th degree will be conferred on July 13th.

The Scottish Rite’s degree will next be conferred on May 2nd and 3rd. Petitions are available to download online by following this link:

<https://tampascottishrite.org/members/become-a-member/>.



# Around the Shrine



LOSNA clowns pose with the Potentate and Lady Sharon. Left to right: Norma Cunningham, Sherry Delgado, Jo-Anne Hedley-Plante, Illustrious Sir Gary Fields, Lady Sharon, Muriel Young, Carol Hart, and Barbarann Cordova.

*Photo provided by Lady Carol Hart*



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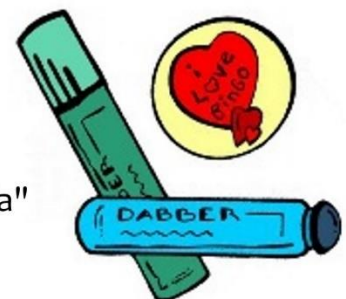
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**DECEMBER 2056**

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**MAY 2034**

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**DECEMBER 2033**

Sahib Golf Association  
(In memory of James Ericsson)  
(In memory of John Lewellen)  
(In memory of Bill Simon)

Manatee Shrine Club

(In memory of Austin Pickering)  
(In memory of Philip Staples)  
(In memory of Arthur Monson)  
(In memory of Oscar Cloutier, PP)

**APRIL 2030**

Charles S. Marston  
(In memory of Anne M. Marston)

**MAY 2029**

Desert Patrol

**AUGUST 2027**

Fred &amp; Marylou Ellis

**APRIL 2026**

Don &amp; Elayne Sims

**MARCH 2025**

John R. Holland  
(In memory of Carl E. Hohlt)

John &amp; Kitty Brophy

**FEBRUARY 2025**

Eleanor Herman  
(In memory of Carl Herman)

**NOVEMBER 2024**

Dale &amp; Donna LaBell

**AUGUST 2024**

S. &amp; B. Carter

**JULY 2024**

Evelyn Noe  
(In memory of Frank E. Noe)

**DECEMBER 2023**

Jerrit &amp; Melinda Clayton

**SEPTEMBER 2023**

Volkert &amp; Helen Smith

**FEBRUARY 2023**

North Port Shrine Club

**JANUARY 2023**

Manatee Shrine Club  
(In memory of Donald Chase, PPR)  
(In memory of George Cumming)

**SEPTEMBER 2022**

Ken &amp; Kathy Lloyd

**APRIL 2022**

Roy Winterbottom (In memory of Ed Luff)

**FEBRUARY 2022**

Russ Mattson

**DECEMBER 2021**

Don &amp; Joan Patterson

Dick & Jinny Warner  
(In memory of Luther Boltman)

Jan White  
(In memory of Donald L. White)

**NOVEMBER 2021**

Gerry Goacher (In memory of James Arendell, PP)

**SEPTEMBER 2021**

Eileen Jensen  
(In memory of Jim Jensen)

Martin &amp; Jennifer Jordan

**AUGUST 2021**

Mary Ellen Pickering  
(In memory of Austin Pickering)  
(In memory of Dottie LaGreco)

**MAY 2021**

Burton Chandler  
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**AUGUST 2020**

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**JUNE 2020**

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## Sar-I Court No. 79 – LOSNA

Ginny Hochroth, High Priestess, [kginny@aol.com](mailto:kginny@aol.com)

March is a very busy month for our ladies of Sar I Court #79. We will be installing our new officers on March 21, at Sahib Shrine. Our High Priestess will be Lady Barbarann Cordova. I want to wish our new officers a wonderful year filled with love and good wishes for another year of supporting our incredible Shrine Children.

We will be having a ceremonial in March. Several ladies will be working at the baseball games in March and April.

I'd like to thank all my officers, our Court and all the fabulous ladies that always help. This has been an exciting year filled with love, charity, and support. We are truly blessed to have each other. As we say, "This is a great Court."

Ladies, you too can join the fun and fellowship. Call me at 727-510-6323 and I will show you the way.

Angel hugs and kisses,

*High Priestess Ginny Hochroth*



Above: LOSNA clowns at the East-West Shrine Bowl.

Right: LOSNA ladies on Game Day at Misty Creek Country Club.

*Photos provided by Lady Ginny Hochroth.*







## Nyla Temple

Queen Donna Kay Duffy, [cdd84@aol.com](mailto:cdd84@aol.com)

### *Hello again,*

Nyla Temple has been very busy lately. In January we entertained Supreme Queen Dale Obernolte. We had a luncheon for anyone who arrived early, followed by the Special Session. We were joined by members from eight other temples to help us welcome the Supreme Queen. Following the Session, we enjoyed a catered barbeque dinner catered by Sonny's Barbeque.

Supreme Queen Dale awarded membership pins to five members at the

banquet. Katherine Rodd, Diane Nourse, and Patricia Kunkel received 10-year pins. Beth Tice, who joined us recently after being a member in Indiana, and Donna Kay Duffy received 35-year pins. Congratulations to them.

PQ Katherine Rodd, Supreme Ambassador to the Southeast Region and Queen Donna Kay Duffy traveled and supported the Queens and Ladies during five other official visits in Florida.

On February 22, we had our Mystery Meal. You had to order your food, napkin, utensils, and drinks, etc. using clues given the attendees. You could only order four items at a time (there was a total of twenty). A fun time was had by all trying to decide what to order. After two or three rounds, most had figured out the list as everyone ordered different things.

We miss our members who have not been able to attend. Please try to come and see us. We meet the first Thursday at the Scottish Rite Center. Come for sweets and coffee at 10:30 a.m. Session begins at 11:00 a.m.



Betty Tice received 35-year pin of membership.

Supreme  
Appointments with  
Supreme Queen.



Photos provided by  
Queen Donna Kay Duffy





Officers after Official Visit of Supreme Queen.

Photos provided by Queen Donna Kay Duffy



Two of the special visitors at the banquet: (note the patriotic theme at right) a Queen from Pennsylvania and Fezzy Bear.





## Sahib Shriner's Capital Asset Addition Replacement Trust Fund

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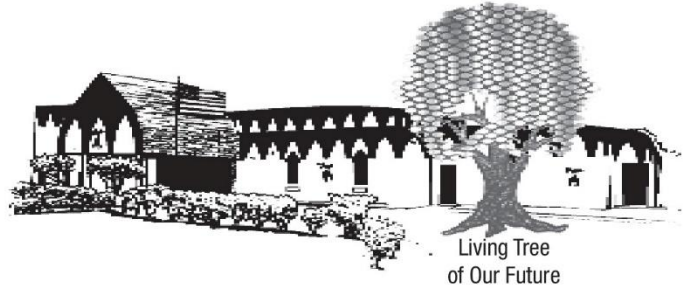
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### Visit a Blue Lodge Near You

Wauchula No. 17	2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m.	Corner Hwy 17 & Main St.	Wauchula
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Peace River No. 66	2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.	909 North Oak	Arcadia
Bowling Green No. 121	2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.	Chester Ave. & Main St.	Bowling Green
Sarasota No. 147	2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.	2160 Main St.	Sarasota
Venice No. 301	1st & 3rd Monday, 7:30 p.m.	118 E. Venice Ave.	Venice
Phoenix No. 346	1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.	240 S. Tuttle Ave.	Sarasota
Englewood No. 360	1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.	265 Pine St.	Englewood
North Port No. 406	2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.	5900 S. Biscayne Blvd.	North Port
West Coast Lodge No. 409	2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m.	520 30th Ave. W.	Bradenton
Liberty No. 412 (Daylight)	2nd Saturdays, 9:00 a.m.	402 15th St. East	Bradenton



### Visit Scottish Rite (more detail at <http://trowel.com/flamason/scottishrite/index.html>)

Sarasota SR Club	1st Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. (On even numbered months – Dark in December)	240 S. Tuttle Ave.	Sarasota
	2nd Friday, 11:30 a.m. (Every month, except dark in July, and observe the Ceremony of Remembrance in March on a date TBA each year.)	Sahib Shriners for lunch	Sarasota
Valley of Tampa	2nd Monday, 7:30 p.m., (Optional Dinner at 5:45 p.m.)	5500 Memorial Highway	Tampa



### Visit a High Twelve Club (more detail at <http://www.trowel.com/flamason/hi12.htm>)

Cortez	Every Monday, 10:45 a.m. (November through April)	6010 14th St. W. Duff's Restaurant	Bradenton
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## Disability Awareness: Words Matter



It's important to use "people-first language" when referring to, or talking with, people with disabilities – especially children.

Children with disabilities, like all children, will learn or absorb what they are taught and react to the way they are treated. Every staff member at Shriners Hospitals for Children works hard to build confidence and self-esteem in their patients, and to help them discover and pursue their dreams, despite their disabilities. In working with kids toward that goal, it's important to remember how language can affect a positive attitude.

Words to avoid include "crippled" and "handicapped." Instead of using these words, which can be considered negative, experts suggest using "disability" or the actual term involved, such as "cerebral palsy" or "muscular dystrophy."

When speaking about people with disabilities, clear, direct words are most positively accepted. For example, say, "Johnny uses a wheelchair," instead of, "Johnny is wheelchair-bound," or, "Johnny is confined to a wheelchair." Wheelchairs allow mobility from place to place, which is the opposite of confining.

Words and tone-of-voice can clearly indicate values, and using positive, affirmative words can make a big difference. Practice care when using value-laden words like *courageous*, *inspiration*, *pity*, *suffer*, *tragic*, *tragedy*, *afflicted* or *victim*. While *courageous* and *inspirational* may seem positive, being labeled as such can be burdensome to a child.

It is also important to use "people-first language." For example, saying, "Johnny is a *child with a disability*," is preferred over saying, "Johnny is a *disabled child*." People with disabilities sometimes

feel isolated from those without disabilities and left out of activities. People-first language is an attempt to encourage understanding that people with disabilities are people first, and to help alleviate fear and encourage inclusion.

### Conversation Starters

Here are some ways to start a conversation with a person who has a disability: Say hello; introduce yourself; comment on the weather. Find something you might share an interest in – television, music, sports, anything. In short, begin the same way you would if there were no disability. Take a deep breath, look past the obvious difference, and find the person.

When you speak to people with disabilities as people, you will find yourself in a conversation with someone who has had different experiences, and the exchange of views could be very enriching for both of you.

If you are interested in finding out more about the person's disability, understand that everyone with a disability reacts to this differently and, like most subjects, there are appropriate and inappropriate ways – and times and places – to ask such questions.

Try using words that reflect acceptance and indicate that a person is not defined by their disability – a message that is especially imperative to convey to children with disabilities.

### Words and Phrases to Avoid:

Crippled, handicapped  
Confined to a wheelchair  
Wheelchair-bound  
Suffering from, afflicted with  
Victim  
Deformed

### Instead, Try:

Person with a disability  
Person who uses a wheelchair  
Has (name of condition)  
Survivor



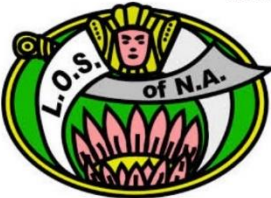
## Pull Tabs for Shriners Hospitals

The Ladies of Sar-I Court started in 1992 collecting and donating aluminum pull-tabs to the "Wheel Chair Repair Fund." As of March 31, 2018, they have collected 124,441 lbs., for a total of \$66,809.37 for the Shriners Hospital for Children in Tampa.



### Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on PULL TABS

1. Why not collect the whole can? Collecting complete cans would require a great deal more storage space. You should go ahead and recycle the rest of the can in the normal way, in the dumpster behind Sahib.
2. How many tabs in a pound? 1,267.
3. How many tabs will a gallon milk jug hold? About 5 pounds worth.
4. How does it work and where does the money go? The tabs are delivered to the Sahib office (or almost any Sahib club/unit location) and then taken to the recycling center. The money netted from recycling goes directly into the "Wheel Chair Repair Fund" at the Tampa Shriners Hospital for Children.



Call: Marylou Ellis (941) 468-5327 or  
Chickie Johnson (941) 228-1855

**Help us collect TABS! It's easy and it's fun!  
Put out a milk jug at every picnic or party!**

## Shriners Hospitals for Children Collection Boxes



### What are they?

A plastic cube with a slot in the top.

### What are the boxes for?

To help collect donations, money for our Shriners Hospitals for Children to help relieve the pressure from the Hospital Days Fund Drive.

### Where are the boxes to be?

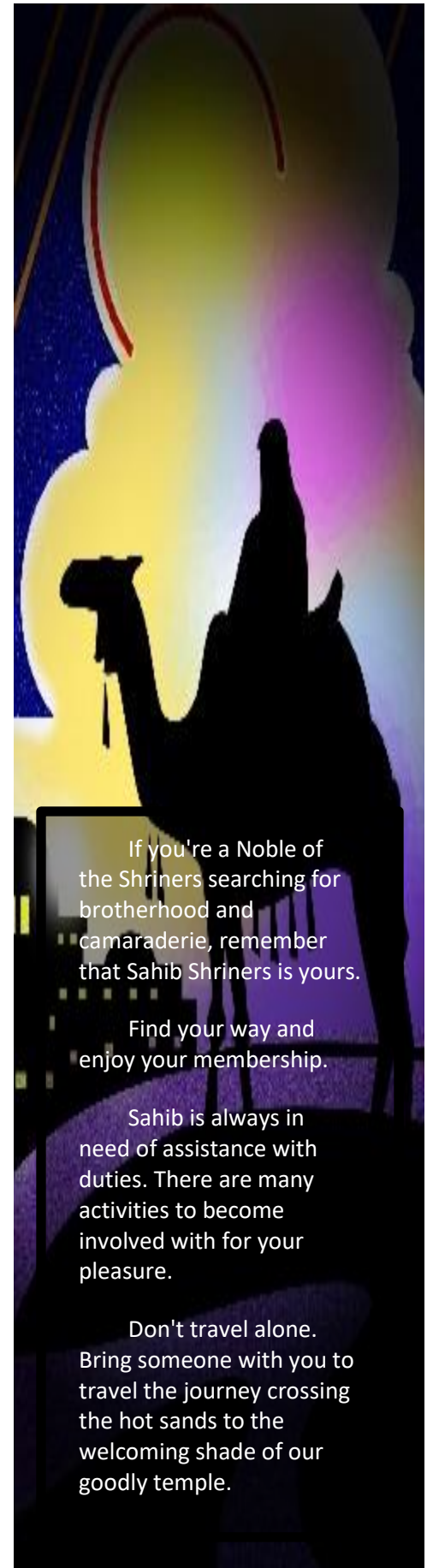
In any store or business, preferably near a cash register. Within eyesight of customers making it easy for them to put their change in the box.

### When are the boxes to be used?

All year round, so our friends can donate small amounts of cash at any time.

As most of you know, many businesses have some kind of collection boxes on their counters, so why not one of ours?

**Call the Sahib Office at 366-4449  
if you can arrange a placement.**



If you're a Noble of the Shriners searching for brotherhood and camaraderie, remember that Sahib Shriners is yours.

Find your way and enjoy your membership.

Sahib is always in need of assistance with duties. There are many activities to become involved with for your pleasure.

Don't travel alone. Bring someone with you to travel the journey crossing the hot sands to the welcoming shade of our goodly temple.



# SAHIB SHRINERS WALK OF HONOR

## BRICK SIDEWALK FUNDRAISER

Nobles and Friends of Sahib,

The **Buy-A-Brick program** (Sahib Walk of Honor) is a program to honor someone who has touched your life, a loved one, or as a dedication to a fellow noble, mason or even yourself.

**Clubs and Units** are encouraged to buy bricks in recognition of the hard work they have done for—and to support—our Sahib Shriners.

The project was started by a young man named **Ben Burg**, who was looking for an Eagle Scout project with Troop 103 in Sarasota. We had discussed a brick walkway from the east front door of Sahib Shriners out around the Walking Tall statue. Ben started the program on October 3 and finished by October 31 at no cost to Sahib Shriners. It was a pleasure to work with Ben and Troop 103 to complete this **Sahib Walk of Honor**.

As new bricks are purchased, they will replace the blank bricks that have already been laid. There are three sizes of bricks available for purchase: 4"x8", 8"x8", and 12"x12". A small sampling of symbols is shown below.

**To order a brick, use the form on the next page**

Bricks are grey, and come in three sizes. Clip art choices are shown below. To order, make check payable to: **Sahib Shriners** and mail to: Attn/Gary Fields, 600 N Beneva Rd., Sarasota FL 34232.

**4"x8"** ..... **\$100.00**..... with clip art .....**\$110.00**  
Up to three (3) lines, fifteen (15) characters each line. Spaces and punctuation count as characters.

**8"x8"** ..... **\$250.00**..... with clip art .....**\$250.00**  
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“It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade.”

Charles Dickens, ‘Great Expectations’



# SAHIB SHRINERS WALK OF HONOR

## BRICK SIDEWALK FUNDRAISER ORDER FORM

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Donation Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Monday, Mar. 2	Monday Night Bingo 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Mar. 3	Bingo – Main Hall 9 a.m.
Wednesday, Mar. 4	Imperial Potentate's Visit Luncheon – all Nobles and Ladies
March 5-8	SESA Mid-Year Meeting
Thursday, Mar. 5	Queen of Hearts 7 p.m. Hillbilly Shrine Club 8 p.m.
Friday, Mar. 6	Manatee Shrine Club 11 a.m.
Sunday, Mar. 8	Daylight Savings Time Begins 12th Annual Shriners Hospital Charity Ride
Monday, Mar. 9	North Port Shrine Club Stated Meeting 11:30 a.m. Monday Night Bingo 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Mar. 10	Bingo – Main Hall 9 a.m. Birthday & Anniversary Dinner Dance 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, Mar. 12	Queen of Hearts 7 p.m.
Friday, Mar. 13	Sarasota Scottish Rite Club Luncheon 11:30 a.m. LOSNA Stated Meeting 12:30 p.m.
Saturday, Mar. 14	Arcadia Rodeo Parade with Special Event Afterwards
Sunday, Mar. 15	Reporter Deadline
Monday, Mar. 16	Monday Night Bingo 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Mar. 17	St. Patrick's Day Bingo – Main Hall 9 a.m. Venice Shrine Club 11 a.m.
Wednesday, Mar. 18	Motor Corps Shrine Club 7 p.m.
Thursday, Mar. 19	Queen of Hearts 7 p.m.
Saturday, Mar. 21	LOSNA Installation of Officers at Sahib Shriners 1-6 p.m.
Sunday, Mar. 22	Venice Shrine Club NC BBQ 2-5 p.m.
Monday, Mar. 23	Divan Meeting 4 p.m. Monday Night Bingo 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Mar. 24	Bingo – Main Hall 9 a.m.
Wednesday, Mar. 25	Sahib Day at Tampa Downs
Thursday, Mar. 26	Queen of Hearts 7 p.m.
Monday, Mar. 30	Monday Night Bingo 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Mar. 31	Bingo – Main Hall 9 a.m.



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-AESOP





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