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**ON THE COVER:** First place winners two years running! A representative from the Arcadia Parade presents the 2020 First Place Award for Best Parade Group to our Sahib Shriners who are tickled pink (as you can tell by their shirts). Sahib members from left are Noble Thomas “Pepper” Mabray, Potentate Gary Fields, and Lady Sharon Thornsberry. Also shown is our 2019 trophy.

*Notes from your Divan*

## Potentate's Message



*March started off with a visit* from the Imperial Potentate. He was well received and his wife and he were quite impressed with Sahib Shrine.

On March 10th, the Birthday & Anniversary Dinner Dance was a hit with everyone who attended. The food was great, but the music developed technical difficulties. We will work on that for May. Thank you to Noble Bill Batten and the Greeters for a delightful evening. That is the good stuff.

As everyone knows, this is a trying time in our country. Everyone's lives have been turned upside down one way or another. Financially, emotionally, health wise, and otherwise it has been disturbing trying to survive.

Who would have thought the world would be terrorized by a virus? This is totally unheard of in this day and age. And it is affecting everyone. It is all people are talking about. Where did it come from? How did it get here? I am scared of catching it. What should I do? And the last question is always, when will it end?

I alone do not have the answers. But with prayer and faith, we will overcome this together. Check on your neighbors. Call friends and family. Do something nice for someone. Volunteer. Deliver food to the needy. Walk your dog and someone else's dog. Find a home project you have put off. File your taxes. There are lots of things to make the time pass.

We will keep you up-to-date on when Sarasota Event Center re-opens. This is one thing we are all looking forward to in the future.

But the most important is to stay safe. This too will pass.

Sharon and I look forward to seeing you in the near future!

Yours in the faith,

*Wm. Gary Fields*

Wm. Gary Fields, PP, Sahib Shriners Potentate 2020



## First Lady's Corner

First Lady Sharon Thornsberry

*Just a small corner of info* that I would like to do as Sahib's First Lady to help the children. My plan is to visit the hospital at least once a month, and I am happy to tell you that our first meeting and tour was March 10th.

Margie Thomas and I took a tour to Tampa hospital and we were greeted by two lovely administrative women and our very informative tour guide MAC! After informing them of our plans monthly, they invited us in April to do a craft project with the children.

I am inviting anyone who would like to join us. I plan on giving a date at least two weeks in advance. I have attached a wish list from the hospital, and plan on fulfilling this all year long. Please give our potentate Gary Fields all your donations.

One other thing I would like to say is: If you don't like what you're doing, get out and do what you like!

I challenge all of us to be nice to one another and smile whether we feel like it or not; and if you don't have anything nice to say to anyone just don't say anything at all!

Remember, let's stand behind our leaders at Sahib because we are all in this together to make our temple the best ever!!

Love and happiness to all,

*Lady Sharon*



First Lady Sharon Thornsberry (right) and Lady Margie Thomas (left) visited Shriners Healthcare for Children – Florida in March, and brought donations from Sahib. At center is an administrator at the Tampa facility.

*Photo provided by First Lady Sharon Thornsberry*

### Donation Wish List

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Make-up and nail polish  
Model cars, glue, and paint  
Crafts: bead art, jewelry, latch hook  
Uno cards

#### Miscellaneous

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Ryan's toy review  
Jo Jo Siwa  
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#### When making a donation, please remember:

We are unable to use/accept the following items:  
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Dear Fellow Nobles,

First, I would like to **THANK** each of you for what you do every day for our fraternity and for Shriners Hospitals for Children®. Since July, as Cheryl and I have made our visits to the temples and health care locations, we have been continually overwhelmed by the dedication that all of you demonstrate daily for your temples and for the children that we care for.

This time of year, nearly every temple has a ceremonial that brings in new nobles. TODAY I am challenging each of you to find **JUST ONE** new member for your temple's ceremonial this spring. There are many men who would greatly enjoy the opportunity to join the fun and fellowship that we have to offer AND to see those miracles that happen every day for the special children that depend on us. Every temple needs new members – take advantage of your spring ceremonial to bring a new noble into your temple.

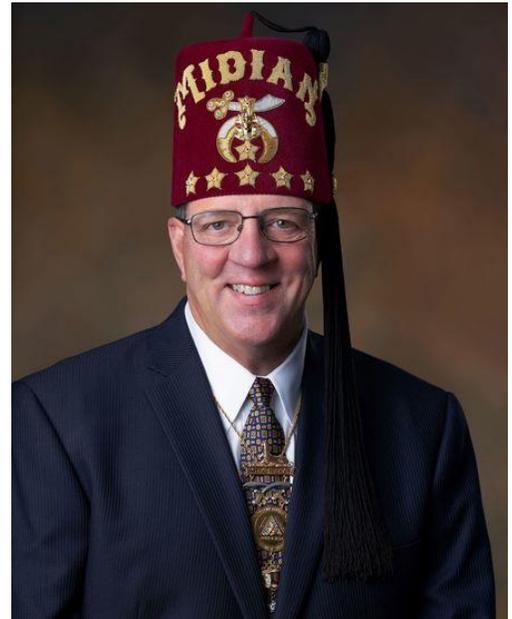
Let's ALL renew our PRIDE and ENTHUSIASM for our great fraternity – we are all members of a great fraternity – FREEMASONRY – and, as Shriners, we OWN the World's GREATEST PHILANTHROPY – Shriners Hospitals for Children. Be ready with your “two minute elevator speech” so when someone asks why you are a Shriner you can quickly tell them.

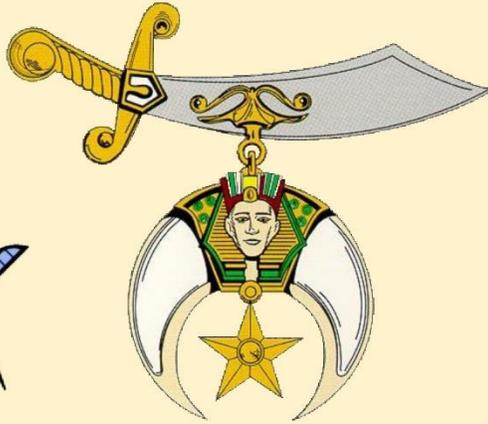
We have a lot to be proud of – we need to tell the world!!

Yours in the faith,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeffrey L. Sowder".

Jeffrey L. Sowder  
Imperial Potentate





## 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.

## **2020 Birthday & Anniversary Celebrations**

If your unit or club would like to host this event, please contact the Potentate.

**Saturday, May 9**

Host: **Hillbillies**

**Saturday, July 11**

Host: **TBD**

**Saturday, September 12**

Host: **Motor Corps**

**Saturday, November 13**

Host: **Cabiri**

### *Please note:*



For those planning on attending funeral services for two of our members who recently passed, changes in dates are as follows:

**William "Bill" Neal McKown**, former Treasurer of Sahib Temple, will be held at a future date to be determined.

A memorial for **Dick Schmidt**, Transportation Chairman, will be held on his birthday, August 11, 2020.



*Birthday & Anniversary  
Dinner Dance*

*Photos: Noble Charley Hamilton*

Anniversary Winners  
**Gary and Jeanie Winning**

Birthday Dinner Winner  
**Jon Neary**

Birthday Wine Winner  
**Jim Leiner**

50/50 Winner  
**Jon Neary**

Irish Princess Winner  
**P.C. Mabray**



# Around the Shrine



Illustrious Sir Gary Fields (left) welcomes one of Sahib's newest Shriners, Devin Johnston.

*Photo provided by Potentate Gary Fields*

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## Parade Marshal's Notes

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

*A great job at Arcadia!* Your temple turned out and showed off its pride in being Shriners!

Many thanks to all and to Joe Smedley and friends for doing the brew, dogs, and burgers for us. This was Joe's 14th year of hosting the paraders. He says as long as he is able, he will be honored to have us.

This was my last Shrine Parade as I have decided to hang up my whip and chair after 45 years of constant activity in support of "THE GREATEST PHILANTHROPY ON EARTH." I'll be here where I can help out, but not in a busy-type role.

In my 45 years, I have had only two that I have not held an elective or appointive Shrine job and contributed to our great cause: kids!

It will be a great change and let down but



it is time. With a bad leg and 84 years under my belt I simply can't keep up.

My successor is Noble Tom Mabray, and I know he will do a great job. He needs your full cooperation and support so please give him a hand when he needs it.

This is not a goodbye, but only a "so-long 'til the next time we serve together for our kids."

### Statement of Shriners International relating to Imperial Session 2020

**Shriners International is looking forward to hosting an amazing Imperial Session in Kansas City this summer!**

The Imperial Potentate, Director General of the 2020 Imperial Session and the staff of Shriners International are closely monitoring quickly changing developments related to the outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19) as it may impact the upcoming Imperial Session.

Of course, the safety of our Nobles and their families is our highest concern. We are carefully reviewing the guidance provided by the World Health Organization and will be working in close collaboration with local health authorities to minimize the risks associated with this virus. Each individual should evaluate their own health situation in connection with the latest information provided by public health professionals in determining whether they should travel. We have every expectation that the 2020 Imperial Session will be an outstanding and extremely positive experience.

We anticipate providing additional updates and information related to Imperial Session 2020 as developments warrant.

*"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they have the heart."*





*Imperial Visit  
March 4, 2020  
Photos: Lady Gail Balkwill*



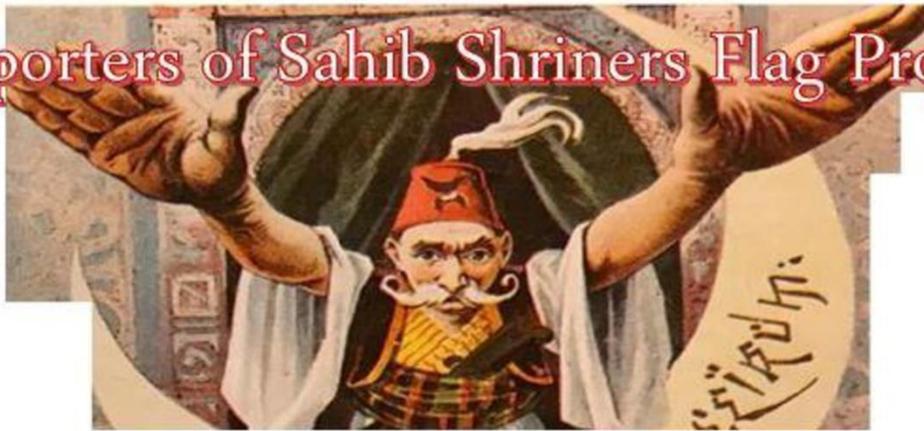
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Potentate Gary Fields (left) with Noble Paul Pante at Oriental Band practice.

*Photo provided by Potentate Gary Fields*

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**Important Notice**

**From: Wm. Gary Fields-Potentate**

**To: Sahib Shrine members and guests and Sarasota Event Center/Hometown Heroes Bar and Grill patrons.**

Sahib Shrine and Sarasota Event Center and Hometown Heroes Bar and Grill is concerned for the health and safety of our customers and employees. We are monitoring the news related to the Coronavirus aka: COVID-19. As a gathering place we wanted to share our extra safety measures we have in place.

**Our staff have expanded the frequency of cleaning and sanitizing.**

**We are taking extra emphasis on bathrooms, door handles, booths, seats, menus, as well as high traffic areas.**

We are doing a deeper cleaning of the restaurant when we close as well as before we open. We are using additional sanitizing solution and are sterilizing all silverware, dishes and glasses. We have installed sanitizer in our restrooms. All booths, seats, table tops and tables and chairs in the Event Center and equipment, tables and chairs for Bingo is receiving additional sanitizing and cleaning. We will be working hard to keep everyone safe.

Employees have always been required to wash hands frequently, as well as after using the restroom. Kitchen staff are always required to wear gloves.

AND, we ask that you wash your hands when you enter our facility!

Thanks for your help.  
Wm. Gary Fields-Potentate  
Sahib Shrine/Hometown Heroes Staff

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time: 7:00 p.m.

#### MANATEE SHRINE CLUB

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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

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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

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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

Tom Mabray, President, [peppermabray@gmail.com](mailto:peppermabray@gmail.com)

*The Manatee Shrine Club* meets on the first Friday of the month at 11:00 a.m. for a social and 12:00 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 [drsexcton45@gmail.com](mailto:drsexcton45@gmail.com) or call at 941/773-7280. You pay at the reservation desk the day of the meeting.

The March meeting of the Manatee Shrine Club welcomed Noble Giles Light, who delivered an informative slide show about his recent 37-day trip around the world.

### MSC LEADERSHIP CHANGE:

Russell Sexton has been the president for the past 3-years, but his wife's recent health issues now require his full attention and thus an interim president has been appointed. I, Pepper Mabray, although I have many Shrine

responsibilities, have volunteered and was accepted by the BOD members. I 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 April outing is Free SCF Graduation Recital 7:30 p.m. at Neal Auditorium, with dinner at Olive Garden at 5:30 p.m., 4420 14th St. Bradenton, Monday, April 27th. Dinner reservations needed at Olive Garden. (Notice will be given at a date closer if SCF is still going to have the Recital).

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.

**Please Note:** Due to the Coronavirus pandemic and the subsequent closing of the Peridia Golf & Country Club restaurant to dine-in service, the April meeting of the Manatee Shrine Club has been cancelled.



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# Arcadia Parade



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# Arcadia Parade



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## We Need You!

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## Motor Corps Shrine Club

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

*“These are the times* that try men’s souls.” So wrote Thomas Paine in 1776. Although these words were written during the Revolutionary War, they seem to be appropriate today as well. It’s been just a few weeks since the Coronavirus came to the U.S. and it’s having an impact in many different ways. Not the least of these is the cancellation of sporting events, theatrical performances, and social gatherings, to name a few. The Motor Corps has experienced a number of these cancellations as motorcycle events and fund raisers have been cancelled. Even so, we do have some good news to share with our readers.

On Wednesday, March 4th, seven members of the Motor Corps provided escort for Imperial Potentate Jeffrey Sowder and his wife, Cheryl. They rode from I-75 and Fruitville Road to the Shrine Center. Kudos to Les Ruggiero (Curli), Barry Hart (Policyman), Dave Mashia (Hollywood), Darren Bracken (Schmooser), Mark DeStefano (Dancing Bear), Bryan Pullman (Shortcut), and George Hernandez (Silver Fox) for providing the escort. Several of our members had to break away from their work responsibilities for this escort duty. Well done, guys.

The Motor Corps had a great turnout for the Arcadia Rodeo Parade on March 14th. Kudos to all those who participated: Mark DeStefano (Dancing Bear), Bryan Pullman (Shortcut), Steve Helin (Varmint), George Mitchell (Mitch), George Hernandez (Silver Fox), and Les Ruggiero (Curli). It’s a long ride over to Arcadia for a very short parade and then the ride back, so special thanks to those who participated. The Motor Corps also wants to take this opportunity to thank Carroll Scribner (Scrib) for his final stint as Parade Marshall. He has worked with the Motor Corps for many years to make the Shrine parades a little bit better. Enjoy your retirement, Scrib.

Typically, during the month of March,



members of the Motor Corps and Widows Sons Masonic Riders Association make a pilgrimage to the Masonic Home in St. Petersburg. As this article is being prepared, it appears as if this year’s ride has been cancelled along with all other events at the Masonic Home.

One of our members, Bob Hammer (Hammertime), recently retired. To begin his retirement, Bob has advised his fellow Motor Corps members that he and his wife Carolyn will be taking their RV around the U.S. in a trip that will last a couple of years. They have planned a detailed route for nearly all of their journey. We will miss Bob and Carolyn but look forward to their return in 2022.

We have eleven Motor Corps members and their ladies with birthdays in April. Birthdays include: John Machanska (Dozer) on the 2nd, Lady Barbara Hart on the 6th, Lady Cathy Cason, Lady Paula Basham, and Lady Jennifer Vorbeck on the 8th, Lady Joni Steelman on the 16th, Lady Carol Hubbard on the 21st, Dave Mashia (Hollywood) on the 22nd, Bryan Pullman (Shortcut) and Roger King (Tri King) on the 25th, and Joe Stella (Stroker Joe) on the 27th. We have three anniversaries in April: Les and Carol Ruggiero and Roger and Susan King on the 2nd, and Don and Paula Basham on the 26th.

Hopefully, things will return to something close to normal next month and there will be more news from the Motor Corps. In the meantime, be safe and follow health department guidelines. 



## Oriental Band Notes

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

*Look out for* the Great Sahib Oriental Band. Here we come! This month, the Shrine's most fun unit will attend the South Eastern Shrine Oriental Band Association (SESOBA) Hoedown in Alexandria, Louisiana from April 16 to April 19. A big win at last year's Hoedown in Lexington, Kentucky led to plans to repeat our success at this year's competition. A Hoedown is a relaxing time. Unlike an Imperial Session, there is no mandatory competition number, so the bands can play their favorite tunes, enjoy the camaraderie, have free time to visit local points of interest, Nobles and Ladies luncheons, awards banquets, greeting old and new friends, and hospitality.

Band President and Music Director Floyd Ladue leads weekly practice meetings focused on our plan for a winning program of music. Picking the tunes, fine-tuning solos, and arranging the entry of the horns is what it takes to be a winner.

At the March Arcadia Parade, the Band float was full of bandsmen. We use the parade as a kind of dress rehearsal for the SESOBA Hoedown. Besides that, in parades, bystanders can enjoy the costumes and music while seeing the Sahib Band up close.

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

Remember the kids in the hospitals!



The Oriental Band brass, left to right: Noble Sig Pahl, Noble Paul Pante, and Noble Casey Yniguez.

*Photo: Noble Angus Reynolds*



"Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything."  
-Plato

# TEMPLE CEREMONIAL

Friday, May 15 at 7:00 p.m.

# Around the Shrine



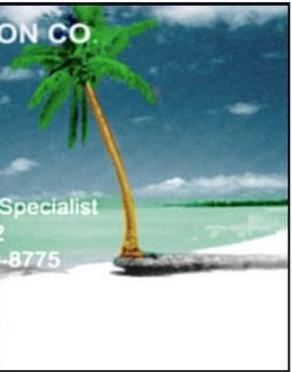
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*Have you first lined your prospect* for Sahib in 2020? April of 2020 Illustrious Potentate Gary Fields has opportunities to help you gain membership in your temple. A “full form Ceremonial” is planned for May 15, 2020. Please sign up your prospects ASAP as Illustrious Sir Gary is offering a special for all in this Ceremonial: \$160 (used fez included).

At this time there are several in the pipeline for the Ceremonial in May. Our temple membership is still under 800. Illustrious Sir Gary is looking at several prospective ways to help us gain a renewed interest in Sahib Temple. We need to bring fun and participation 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.

Remember: “JUST ONE”

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# LEGION OF HONOR



## Would you like to see the Legion of Honor active in Sahib Temple?!

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**All Sahib VETERANS are welcome to join Sahib's LOH!!**



This story is reprinted from *Leaders In Care* magazine, Winter 2019 edition

# Finding Their Voice

*Special devices and apps help patients communicate*

One of the hallmarks of Shriners Hospitals for Children is the staff's commitment to the overall well-being of our patients. For some patients with both orthopaedic and other conditions, as well as speech-related difficulties, that could mean something as significant as helping them learn to communicate.

Speech/language pathologist Laura Barnett leads the speech therapy program at our Salt Lake City location, which serves about 30 children at any given time, including several kids who participate in the augmentative communications program.

## How the program works

Barnett's patients are children with speech disorders who also have a range of other conditions, including cerebral palsy, traumatic brain injury and genetic syndromes. The children who are non- or minimally verbal, or whose speech is very difficult to understand, are evaluated to determine whether the augmentative communications program would benefit them. The assessment answers these questions:

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- How can they access an augmentative communications system: pointing, eye gaze, using a switch?
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Once the evaluation is complete, Barnett works with the families and the patients' school teams to develop the criteria needed for the communication system for each child, and then matches that information to available devices and apps. Once a suitable system is found, the request is either submitted for insurance funding, or a donated iPad and iTunes card (to purchase the



Lauren uses a special app to help her communicate. She benefited from donations to the augmentative communications program.

augmentative communication apps, such as picture displays) is sought. These apps can cost from \$200 to \$300. "Some patients get a specific device designed for augmentative communication; others do better with an iPad-app combination," said Barnett. "Medical insurance generally will not pay for an iPad, so we rely on donations."

## The power of communication

Barnett uses an iPad in nearly all her therapy sessions. For the non-verbal children, it provides a way to communicate about the play activities that are part of therapy. Although the children learn to play the games on the devices quickly, it takes about a year to become proficient in using the communication app.

"For children who cannot speak, using an iPad to communicate opens up the world and allows the child to interact with their families and others," said Barnett. "Communication is really the essence of human

life. Children who learn to use augmentative communication systems have the opportunity to express their own thoughts and ideas, ask for what they need and ask questions."

Lauren, 4, is one of Barnett's patients who is benefiting from this program. She is learning to use the Touch Chat app.

"Lauren is coming along quickly now," said her mother, Jessica. "We are grateful she got some help purchasing the app. It's helpful for her to be able to express herself in ways she was not able to before."

Several other Shriners Hospitals locations, including Erie, Pennsylvania; Tampa, Florida; Springfield, Massachusetts; Philadelphia and Chicago, also have speech therapy programs that incorporate the use of iPads.

 **TO LEARN MORE** about how to support this program, please visit [shrinershospitalsforchildren.org/salt-lake-city/ways-to-give](http://shrinershospitalsforchildren.org/salt-lake-city/ways-to-give).

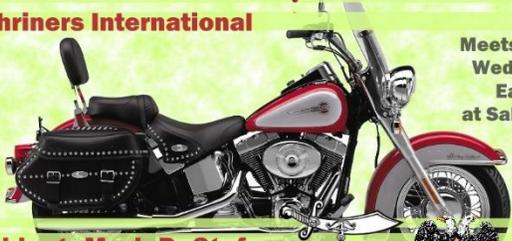
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# Masonic Digest / Scottish Rite

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

*The upcoming national election*, with its endless television commercials, prerecorded telephone calls, debates and campaign mailers evokes relief that Freemasonry proscribes the discussion of politics in open Lodge.

Nonetheless, as discussed in the January 2015 edition, our ancient brethren encouraged us to be informed citizens and to actively participate in our own governance. That missive noted two examples: Past Grand Masters Thomas Brown and Albert W. Gilchrist also served as Governors of Florida.

Several Scottish Rite degrees direct our attention to matters of governance and politics and to our proper role in the process.

The 4th, 5th, and 6th degrees can be interpreted as emphasizing the importance of an educated, enlightened citizenry. An independent judiciary is a theme in the 7th degree. An orderly economic system is highlighted in the 8th degree. The functions of Upper and Lower legislative bodies are hinted at in the 9th and 10th, as is freedom of the press; trial by jury appears in the 11th and the importance of the Chief Executive is alluded to in the 12th. The 13th degree includes an oration suggesting that a “mixed constitution” will foster the preservation of liberty.” These degrees seem to frame our role in civic life and encourage our engagement. Whatever our level of interest in (or frustration with) politics might be, as men, Masons and citizens, we have a duty at least be an “educated, enlightened” citizen.

Marcus Cicero (106-43 BCE) a Roman philosopher and statesman, instructed his son on the realm of politics in a letter that became a classic book, *On Obligations*.

Recalling an analogy found in Book VI of Plato’s *Republic* (beginning at line 488, if you’re interested), Cicero suggests that political candidates and wannabe leaders are like a group of inexperienced sailors, each vying to seize the helm of a ship. Each man thinks that he ought to steer, though he has

never performed the art. Unable to describe their terms of apprenticeship for sailing and navigation, their qualifications for leading, the sailors attack each other and endeavor to throw each other overboard. The process can result in a rudderless, aimless, drifting ship.

As for the qualified citizen seeking office, “canvassing and scrambling for office is an utterly wretched business.”

Although Cicero describes a dismal process to his son. He urges his son not to withdraw, but to engage. As a citizen, he must not show bitter anger towards adversaries. Rebukes and disagreements must be free of insult. He should be noble, exemplary in conduct, conciliatory and forgiving. “Those who live in free societies where there is equality before the law should make a habit of affability and maintain a high level of tolerance.”

Sounds Masonic, doesn’t it? Moral conduct, subdued passions, open-mindedness, tolerance, kindness, politeness.

As Masons maybe we can set a good example for our fellow citizens. Certainly, we can do better than the sailors.

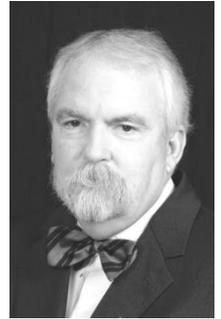
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The Valley of Tampa regularly meets at its Center in Tampa on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m., preceded by a 5:45 p.m. dinner.

Our annual Remembrance and Renewal ceremony, commemorating Brothers who passed to the Great Lodge, will be conducted on April 13th.

The Scottish Rite’s degrees will next be conferred on May 2nd and 3rd. Petitions are available at:

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*Casey Fletcher is the sitting Master of Tuscan Lodge No. 6 in Bartow, Florida. He notes that a member of his Lodge, Spessard L. Holland 33°, was Governor of Florida and a U.S. Senator. He set a good example.*



# Around the Shrine



Lady Sharon Thornsberry talks with Imperial Lady Cheryl Sowder during the March 4, 2020 Imperial visit to Sahib Shrine.

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## A YOUNG MAN'S PATH TO BROTHERHOOD

### One Man's Perspective on Being a Shrine-Mason

★ Unlike so many who were led to Masonry by their fathers, 29-year-old Martiall Pitts' introduction was steeped in pure fiction. "To be completely honest," he said, "my first ideas about Masonry came from books like *The Da Vinci Code* or TV shows like *Bones*. I thought Masons were a myth or some sort of hoax — like the mole people."

At age 25, however, Pitts' desire for male camaraderie led him to seek a more reality-based understanding. He contacted a Mason through Instagram who was happy to answer questions. Pitts was receptive to what he learned. "I liked the idea of a group of guys that supported each other and had real friendships," he said.

Then one day, a sales call put Pitts in a businessman's office that had a display of Masonic and Shriner certificates. Pitts expressed curiosity, so Noble Darren Chruikshanks (now Assistant Rabban of Gizeh Shriners), spent a good 90 minutes telling the young man about both brotherhoods.

Learning about Shriners Hospitals for Children settled the matter. "When I found out that there was this awesome group of Masons who dedicate their time to helping kids, I knew I wanted to join the Shriners as soon as I could," Pitts said. In September of 2017, nine months after becoming a Mason, he became a member of Gizeh Shriners in Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada.

### Making Connections at a Distance

Gizeh's jurisdiction encompasses the province of British Columbia and the Yukon Territory. Pitts' home in Fort St. John, British Columbia, is more than a 13-hour drive north of Gizeh Shriners' temple, so Pitts' interactions with fellow Shriners are primarily limited to his local club and another group south of his home. Despite the distances, the young Shriner has found the camaraderie and brotherly encouragement he was seeking.

Pitts puts the average age of nobles at his local club at 55 and estimates the average overall age of members of Gizeh is closer to 65, but he is not bothered by the age gap. "I'm the guy who socializes with everyone," he said. "I get something out of every interaction."

Pitts is eager to see more men join the Shriners fraternity and he believes that social media can help promote membership. "We have so many tools at our disposal now," he said. "We need to use them to change the perception around Shriners."



### The Issue of Time

Although age isn't an issue for Pitts, he sees how being a Shriner may present men with young families challenges that are different from those faced by empty nesters and retirees.

Pitts, who drives in his club's Tin Lizzie Squad, believes that time demands on men in their 20s through 40s may be a concern as they consider a fraternal commitment. While many men in this age group admit being a Shrine-Mason "sounds great," they may not want to miss precious evenings at home with their families.

"At this time in our lives, many things split our attention," Pitts said. "It might even be worse for my generation — having to always be connected. I can't seem to get away from work."

Nevertheless, he is undaunted by the challenge and will continue to do his part to promote temple growth. "I take every opportunity to talk to any guy who will listen about Masonry and Shriners," he declared, adding, "I currently have three friends going through the steps to become Masons."



It is every Shriner's responsibility to promote membership. To learn more about Imperial Potentate Jeff Sowder's **JUST ONE** membership campaign, visit [shrinersvillage.com/Resources/Membership/JustOne](http://shrinersvillage.com/Resources/Membership/JustOne).

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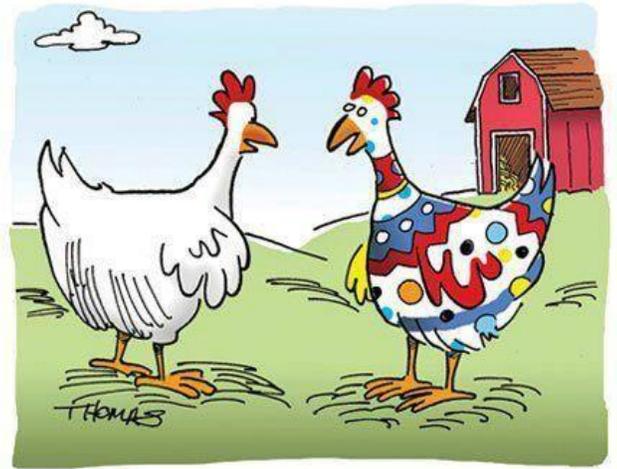
We have had a quiet month. We are starting a new year with hopes of it being successful.

We are planning another mystery meal and a soup and bread luncheon in the fall.

Three members will be attending Supreme Session in June.

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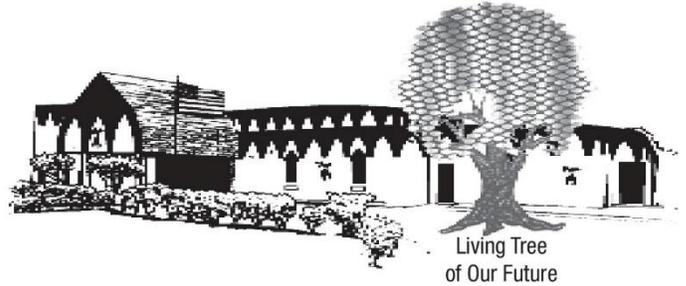
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- \$10,000 Lump Sum Cash, Check, or Money Order  
Other tangible items over a 5 year period.
- Larger Amounts designated by Board of Trustees with wishes of donor considered.

Signature of Donor: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Inscription to read: \_\_\_\_\_

Proceeds are for the Benefit of Sahib Shriners, Payments are not Deductible as Charitable Contributions.



*Please consider making  
a donation to the  
Sahib Shriner's Capital Asset  
Addition Replacement Trust Fund.  
Use the form at left.  
To advertise in The Reporter,  
contact the Recorder's Office  
at 941-366-4449*

## Support Your Masonic Organizations



### Visit a Blue Lodge Near You

<b>Wauchula No. 17</b>	2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m.	Corner Hwy 17 & Main St.	Wauchula
<b>Manatee No. 31</b>	1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m.	402 15th St. E.	Bradenton
<b>Peace River No. 66</b>	2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.	909 North Oak	Arcadia
<b>Bowling Green No. 121</b>	2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.	Chester Ave. & Main St.	Bowling Green
<b>Sarasota No. 147</b>	2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.	2160 Main St.	Sarasota
<b>Venice No. 301</b>	1st & 3rd Monday, 7:30 p.m.	118 E. Venice Ave.	Venice
<b>Phoenix No. 346</b>	1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.	240 S. Tuttle Ave.	Sarasota
<b>Englewood No. 360</b>	1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.	265 Pine St.	Englewood
<b>North Port No. 406</b>	2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.	5900 S. Biscayne Blvd.	North Port
<b>West Coast Lodge No. 409</b>	2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m.	520 30th Ave. W.	Bradenton
<b>Liberty No. 412 (Daylight)</b>	2nd Saturdays, 9:00 a.m.	402 15th St. East	Bradenton



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

<b>Sarasota SR Club</b>	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
<b>Valley of Tampa</b>	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>)

<b>Cortez</b>	Every Monday, 10:45 a.m. (November through April)	6010 14th St. W. Duff's Restaurant	Bradenton
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## 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?

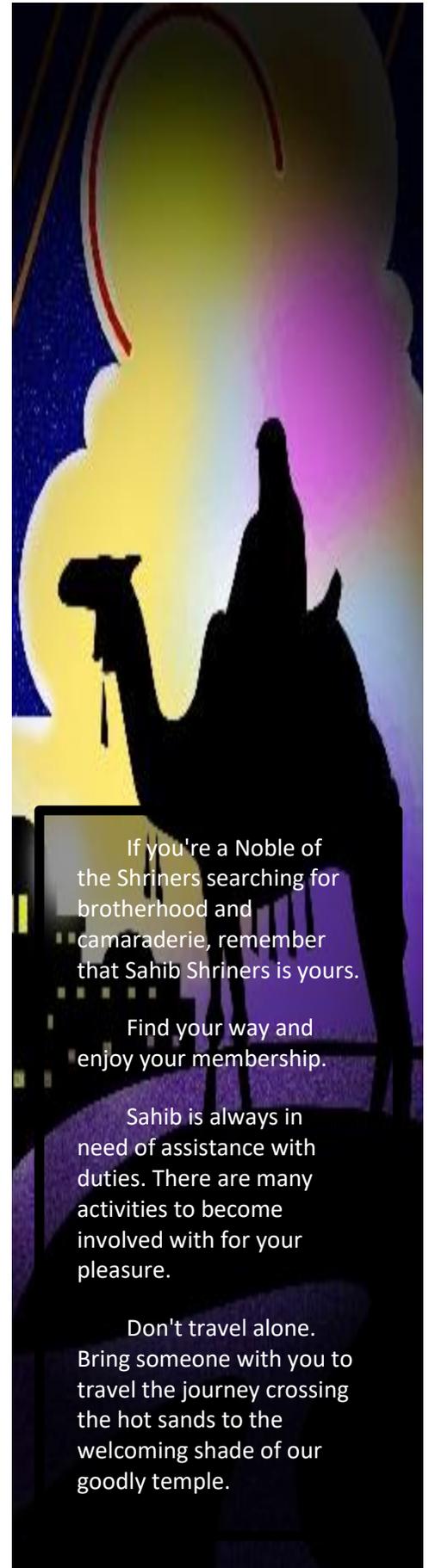
In any store or business, preferably near a cash register. Within eyesight of customers making it easy for them to put their change in the box.

### 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  
Up to six (6) lines, twenty (20) characters each line. Spaces and punctuation count as characters.
- 12"x12" ..... \$500.00..... with clip art .....\$500.00  
Up to eight (8) lines, twenty (20) characters each line. Spaces and punctuation count as characters.





**AN EXCERPT FROM GENERAL ORDER NO. 1:  
FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES**

It is natural to associate the fez with Shriners Hospitals for Children. Because of this, meticulous attention must be given to all fundraising activities, including circuses, to make certain that such activities comply with the law of the land and 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. 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 Boards 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.
- 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. 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.
- e. A copy of the temple potentate's written consent shall be mailed to the Executive Vice President, Shriners International. Further, such written material pertaining to the fundraising activity, as requested by the Executive Vice President, Shriners International shall be promptly mailed 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. Permission therefore must be first obtained in writing 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 the Executive Vice President, Shriners International, P.O. Box 31356, Tampa, FL 33631-3356. 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 Board 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 Board 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. 100% of net proceeds (as defined in the Charitable Fundraising--Approval and Reporting provisions of the current 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 the current General Order. Provided, however, if the chairmen of the Board 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.
- c. 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 provision of the current General Order.
- d. This section shall not apply to activities exempt under §335.4(b) of the bylaws of Shriners International.
- e. 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 and §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 materials, 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 the solicitation material, 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 existing 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 the current general order.

**6. Notification to Nobility:**

A copy of the *Fundraising Activities* provisions of the current 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 mailed to each Noble in the temple not later than the last day in March of each calendar year.

**7. Discipline:**

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

# CALENDAR: April

Wednesday, Apr. 1	April Fools' Day
Thursday, Apr. 2	Shriners' Luncheon 11 a.m. Queen of Hearts 7 p.m. Hillbilly Shrine Club 8 p.m.
Friday, Apr. 3	Manatee Shrine Club 11 a.m.
Tuesday, Apr. 7	Bingo – Main Hall 9 a.m.
Thursday, Apr. 9	Queen of Hearts 7 p.m.
Friday, Apr. 10	Sarasota Scottish Rite Club Luncheon 11:30 a.m. LOSNA Stated Meeting 12:30 p.m.
Monday, Apr. 13	North Port Shrine Club Stated Meeting 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday, Apr. 14	Bingo – Main Hall 9 a.m.
Wednesday, Apr. 15	Motor Corps Shrine Club 7 p.m. Reporter Deadline
April 16—April 18	Hillbilly Days Pikeville, KY
Thursday, Apr. 16	Queen of Hearts 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Apr. 21	Bingo – Main Hall 9 a.m. Venice Shrine Club 11 a.m.
Wednesday, Apr. 22	Earth Day 
Thursday, Apr. 23	Queen of Hearts 7 p.m.
Friday, Apr. 24	Arbor Day
Monday, Apr. 27	Divan Meeting 4 p.m.
Tuesday, Apr. 28	Bingo – Main Hall 9 a.m.
Thursday, Apr. 30	Queen of Hearts 7 p.m.

For a complete calendar online,  
visit <https://www.brownbearsw.com/cal/sahibshrine>



## Coming in May...

- 1ST: MAY DAY
- 7-10TH: FASMC ANNUAL MEETING/COMPETITION
- 10TH: MOTHER'S DAY
- 15TH: FALL CEREMONIAL
- 16TH: ARMED FORCES DAY



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 -Ava, 3 years old, Shriners Hospitals patient



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