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**ON THE COVER:** Noble Ron Conner plus several of his fellow Shriners and Ladies at the June Birthday and Anniversary Dinner Dance.

*Photo provided by Noble Charley Hamilton*

*Notes from your Divan*

# Potentate's Message



*Dear Nobles,*

Some years ago, a group of Shriners raised enough money to buy a parcel of land. They dreamed that eventually a building would rise on that spot to house a club and maybe some day a Shrine Temple dedicated to Shriners living in the area. As years went by, the club outgrew the local restaurant meeting places. With hard work and additional money raised by donations in 1975, a small building rose as Sarasota Shrine Club with approximately 800 members under the jurisdiction of Egypt Shriners. The Shrine Clubs of Sarasota, Manatee, Venice, Gulf, and DeSoto soon joined together and formed a Temple Committee to study the feasibility of a project to ask for a Shrine Temple in Sarasota. There was much opposition and, if not for the dedication and cash donations from many Nobles, there would not have been a successful ending and the creation of what became Sahib Shriners of today.

Many Nobles and their Ladies have contributed with hard work, monetary donations, and endowments for the success of Sahib over the past 37 years. As those Nobles looked at the future in 1975, we now must do the same with hard work, monetary donations, and endowments for the future of Sahib. Membership is 773 including 47 Associate Members. In order to keep Sahib, we must ask ourselves, "Are we or should we continue as a Shrine facility that the founders worked so hard to create?" Member's dues are \$125 and distributed as follows: An annual levy for Shriners Hospitals for Children (SHC) of \$5.00 for each member (50% of which must be paid no later than March 31), the remainder no later than June 1 and October 1. A \$30.00 per capita tax to Shriners International must be paid, 50% of the tax must be paid no later than March 1 and the remainder is paid June 1 and October 1. This leaves Sahib with \$90.00 of each member's dues, which is used quickly for payment obligations.

Currently, there are no fundraising events that generate income to meet the obligations of the facility. Social activities around Sahib are not fundraisers. In most cases they lose money. Those activities are fraternal and social events for our members and friends. Fraternal activities and social events are not a plan for fundraising events.

Potentate's Message continued from page 3



This is a call to you, as a Mason and Shriner, to become active in Sahib Shrine of Sarasota to make sure Sahib continues to exist and flourish. The time is now! Donations in the past helped in the creation of Sahib and has allowed us to exist over these many years. There are no donations being made by individuals, clubs, or units as in the past to help in meeting the obligations of Sahib's facility. Members should understand Sahib Shrine is the reason there are clubs and units. All members, clubs, and units exist because of Sahib Shrine—not the other way. What members, clubs, and units have is Sahib Shrine (our mother temple); clubs and units are secondary for the purpose of existence. New ideas, volunteers, and large fundraisers are needed to generate income (\$10,000 or higher) to allow the existence of Sahib Shriners to continue.

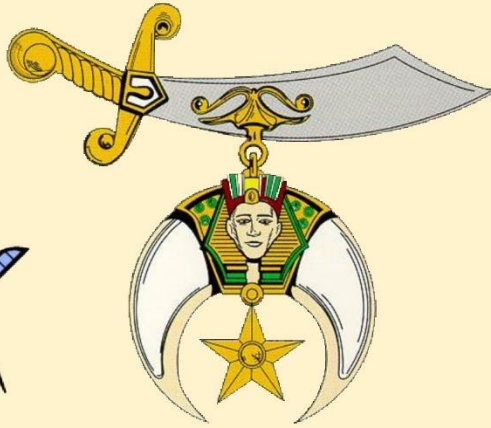
The Hometown Heroes Restaurant/Bar and the rental of the main hall are generating the only income to meet the obligations of Sahib Shriners. There is no other income source which puts our facility in a financially sustainable situation. We must have income. Visit the restaurant/bar once a month, or more if possible. Much of our customer base is non-members and they continue to return several times a month. Please use the facility for parties if you are looking for such rentals, and suggest to your social network what the facility offers, by checking with our Recorder or Accounts Receivable. You may be surprised in what can be offered.

We will soon schedule a special meeting to discuss the future for Sahib. All members should attend. The question from many is, "What does Sahib offer me as a member?" We should be asking "What can I give to Sahib as a member?" Members must rededicate themselves if we are to continue our purpose as Sahib Shriners for the SHC in our area.

Peace be with you,

*Bruce Porter*

Bruce Porter  
Sahib Shriners Potentate 2019



# 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.



OFFICIAL CALL  
**STATED MEETING**  
THURSDAY  
**JULY 11, 2019**  
& Men's Luncheon  
12:00 p.m.

2019 Dues Card and Fez Required  
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OFFICIAL CALL  
**STATED MEETING**  
THURSDAY  
**AUG. 1, 2019**  
& Men's Luncheon  
12:00 p.m.

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# Recorder's Notes

Ed Firquin, [recorder@sahibshrine.org](mailto:recorder@sahibshrine.org)

*Notes from your Divan*

*The summer has arrived* and we are enjoying a little less traffic. The Imperial Session is here and there may be changes in our Shriners Children's Hospitals across the nation. We will learn more when the session is over as patients seeking our services are fewer.

The Men's Luncheon has changed; no longer will there be a served luncheon each week. There will be only one luncheon which will be on the first Thursday of each month, which will continue the activity as done in the past weekly luncheon. It was suggested by Emeritus Noble Bill Batten that Nobles continue to come to Sahib on the other Thursdays to meet and socialize, ordering food and drinks from the restaurant. This is a great idea, and the Nobility should follow his suggestion.

The Recorder's monthly report for membership to the Imperial was 773 regular members (Sahib members), 47 associates (members of other temples and associates here), and total reported to Imperial for the month of April 820. As you know, the membership continues to decline and fewer new members are joining our fraternity. This has created a problem for many Shrine Temple Centers, including Sahib Shriners. We are at the cross road and the monetary situation has arrived. Although this situation advanced toward Sahib for many years as membership declined and additional costs were being incurred, things continued with little change. Now we must come together as Masons and Nobles to work for the continuation and existence of Sahib as we know it in the community. Let us work as our founders did to create this temple and continue the existence of Sahib Shriners in our community.

Remember to visit Hometown Heroes. The food is really good, the drinks are cold, and it's a great place to meet with your Noble Brothers.

I'll see you around the temple, and don't forget the child within.



<b>RECORDER'S REPORT</b>	
By Ed Firquin – Recorder	
Current May 2019	
Total membership reported to Imperial April 2019 ... 820	
<b>Gains:</b>	
Creations	0
Affiliations	0
Restored	0
Associates	0
Reversals	0
	<u>0</u>
<b>Losses:</b>	
Demits	0
Suspended	0
Expulsion	0
Expired	2
Assoc. Drop	0
AMD	0
Resigned	0
	<u>2</u>
	Net Gain/Loss = -2
<b>TOTAL MEMBERSHIP ... 818</b>	



One Thursday at the Shrine (left to right) Floyd LaDue, Tom Mabray, Fred Ellis. Photo provided by Lady Becky Zeissler

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DEC. 14	ARRIVE HAVANA	3:00PM	<u>REMEMBER PASSPORT AND VISA !!</u>
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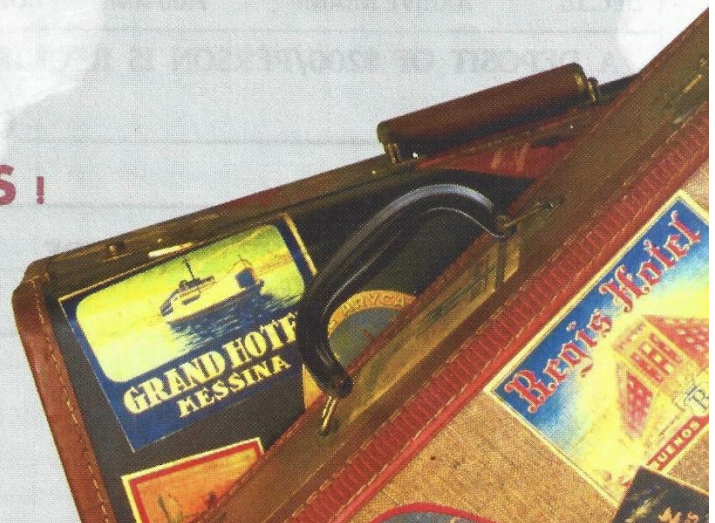
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*June  
Birthday & Anniversary  
Dinner Dance*

Photos: Noble Charley Hamilton



SAHIB SHRINERS  
*Birthday &  
 Anniversary  
 Dinner Dance*

**“4th of July Freedom”**

**Tuesday, July 9, 2019**

Sponsor: **Divan**

Music: **Kim Jenkins**

Choice of Entrée:

**Crab Cakes or Smoked Quarter Chicken**

Social Hour: 6:00 p.m. Dinner and Dancing: 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$25.00 per person, including sales tax and gratuity

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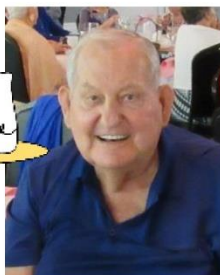
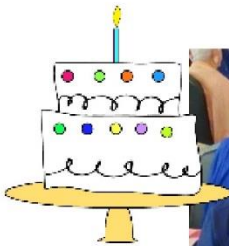
No ticket sales will be made after Tuesday, July 2.

For reservations, call the **Ticket Box Office at 366-4449 ext. 320**

*Nobles and Ladies: Casual, Red-White-Blue, No Fez*

## *June Winners*

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Noble Ron Conner



Noble Jon and Lady Kay Neary





*June*

*Birthday & Anniversary  
Dinner Dance*



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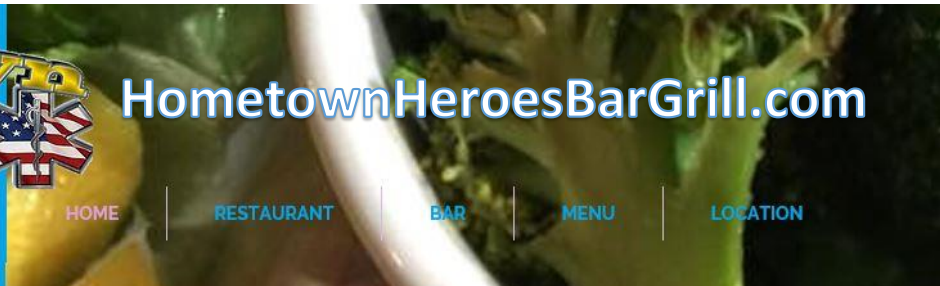
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## Chaplain's Notes

Lou Ortt, PM, Chaplain, [lhortt@verizon.net](mailto:lhortt@verizon.net)

*In this month when we celebrate* the founding of our republic, I thought a selection from the prayers of Pastor Peter Marshall, one-time Chaplain of the United States Senate, would be appropriate for us to review.

Reverend Marshall prayed:

*Help us to live together as a people who have been forgiven a great debt.*

*Help us to be gentle, walking softly with one another.*

*Help us to be understanding, lest we shall add to the world's sorrow or cause to flow one needless tear.*

*Help us to stand for what is right, not because it may yield dividends later, but because it is right now.*

*Help us to be as anxious that the rights of others shall be recognized as we are that our own shall be established.*

*Help us to be as eager to forgive others as we are to seek forgiveness.*

*Help us to know no barriers of creed or race, that our love may be like Thine—a love*



Rev. Peter Marshall

*that sees all men as Thy children and our brothers.*

He added in a later prayer, *“Bless this land that we love so much, our Father, and help her to deposit her trust, not in armies and navies, in wealth and material resources, or in achievements of the human mind, but in that righteousness which alone exalts any nation, and by which alone peace can finally come to us. This we ask in your Holy Name. Amen.”*

As we celebrate our independence, let us look at our flag and remember it is not the wind that makes it fly, but the last breath of all those who have given their lives for it.



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 600 N Beneva Drive  
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 time: 7:00 p.m.

#### MANATEE SHRINE CLUB

##### Russell Sexton, Secretary/Acting President

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 e-mail: [drsexton45@gmail.com](mailto:drsexton45@gmail.com)  
 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*

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phone: (941) 468-0231  
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 where: Sahib Shrine  
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 time: 7:00 p.m.

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##### Arthur Stika, President

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 meets: Second Monday of each month (*stated meeting*)  
 where: The Olde World Restaurant  
 14415 S. Tamiami Trail  
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 time: 11:30 a.m.  
 note: *Every Tuesday, breakfast served at 8:00 a.m.*

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##### Dana Pratt, 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/Acting President, [drsexton45@gmail.com](mailto:drsexton45@gmail.com)



*June-August is dark* for the Manatee Shrine Club, but plans are already being made for the opening of the season starting in September. Two socials are currently planned, and we invite other Shriners to join us at one or both of the socials. Just contact Russell Sexton, Acting President, at [drsexton45@gmail.com](mailto:drsexton45@gmail.com) or 941-773-7280 for more information or reservations. Note the Manatee river cruise is, however, limited to the first 44 individuals registered.

If you are a member of the Manatee Shrine Club and participated in the 2019 ballpark program, then you will earn a \$10 credit for each social attended to be applied

toward your meal at a regular MSC monthly meeting. This is a good reason to join the Manatee Shrine Club. We have very interesting speakers at our monthly meetings along with a delicious lunch provided by the Peridia Golf & Country Club. We meet on the first Friday of the month—January through May and September through December. Social hour starts at 11:00 a.m. with lunch at noon.

The men and ladies have their business meeting and meal separately, but join for dessert/coffee and to listen to the guest

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Social	Day/Date/Time	Location	Cost /person
<b>Lunch on the Beach</b>	Tuesday/ September 17 <sup>th</sup> / Noon	Gulf Drive Café 900 North Drive N., Bradenton Beach 	\$15-20 Average meal price
<b>Manatee River Cruise*</b> with Pre/Post - Dinner Option**	Thursday, October 24 <sup>th</sup> / 6:30 pm	Palmetto Pier 1005 Riverside Drive 	\$35 for cruise Dinner on your own dime

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## Honored: 55 Years A Mason

*Past Potentate Carroll "Scrib" Scribner* was honored by Venice Lodge #301 on the occasion of the celebration of his 55th anniversary as a member of the greatest brotherhood on earth, Freemasonry. He was received by Worshipful Master Adam S. Kendall with honors and a program of celebration was presented by Right Worshipful John F. Wermann.

Scrib began his Masonic journey at Ashlor Lodge #105 in Lewiston, Maine and continued on through Scottish Rite, York Rite, and Shrine Degrees and has served in many capacities through the years. As with many Masons, his interest was drawn to Shrine activities and he served in more offices than can be recalled, culminating in service as Potentate of Sahib Shriners in 2016. Along the way, his love for his Blue Lodge never waned.

The personal highlight of the evening was the presentation of Grand Honors by the assembled brothers. It was a beautiful evening, very well presented, and received with humility and gratitude.



**Manatee Shrine Club** continued from page 15

speaker. If interested in one free lunch as a guest, you can contact one of the board members or any other member and indicate your interest in attending a monthly meeting. Board members are Russell Sexton, Giles Light, Tom McGill, Charlie Titus, Jim Fletcher, and Ernie Ryder.

The September 6 meeting will be held at the Peridia Golf & Country Club. The hot meal includes Caesar salad, rolls, Chicken Parmesan, roasted potatoes, and chef's vegetable. The cold meal is a Caesar salad with grilled chicken. The dessert is spumoni. Our guest speaker will be Mary Fletcher, who will describe the "Joys and Perils of Ostrich Farming." For meal reservations, contact Russ Sexton at [drsexton45@gmail.com](mailto:drsexton45@gmail.com) or 941-773-7280. Note, to guarantee a hot meal, all reservations need to be in to Russ Sexton five (5) days before the meeting which is always the first Friday of the month. After that date, a cold meal will be available. The cost of the meal will remain at \$15 until January 2020.

To all MSC members, have a safe and rewarding summer vacation and return for our September 6 meeting and share the stories of your interesting adventures.

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## Motor Corps Shrine Club

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

**A Sahib Reporter in July.** This still takes some getting used to. Last year was the first, so you'd think by now your humble reporter would know exactly what he had to cover in this issue. Well, he's getting closer, so let's see how this goes. Stay with me.

As we mentioned in last month's *Reporter*, our annual trip to Murphy, North Carolina was held from May 30 through June 2. While this is typically a fun-filled, trouble-free weekend, this year did not pan out this way. Unfortunately, we had a couple of bikes go down the first day. In the first incident, there were no reported injuries. The second incident did result in one of our very experienced riders colliding with a truck and trailer that crossed over the double yellow median line. The result was a two-day hospital stay and a delay in returning to Florida. We can report, however, that the riders and bike are now back home.

Kudos to all of our members who participated in the Scottish Rite Reunion the weekend of May 18-19. Motor Corps members were active participants in the 9th, 10th, 14th, 20th, and 28th degrees. We want to acknowledge all their hard work: Dan Tibbetts, Les Ruggiero, Jim McKinney, Barry Hart, Bryan Pullman, Eric Bock, George Mitchell, Scott Steelman, and



Two of the prizes that will be given away at the Casino Night in November.

*Photo provided by Noble Giles Light*

Hampton Crimi. In addition to their work in the degrees, Bryan Pullman was Assistant Degree Master in the 14th and 20th degrees, and Hampton Crimi was the Degree Master in the 28th degree. Don't think the Scottish Rite Reunion would have been such a success without the efforts of our Motor Corps members.

The Motor Corps continues to plan for our Casino Night on November 16. We are soliciting sponsors for the event. If you know of a company or organization that would like to help us out, have them contact any member of the Motor Corps. At this point, we are confirmed for a blackjack table, roulette wheel, Texas Hold 'em poker table, and a craps table. We are going to have a number of prizes for participants, a few of which are already on hand (see photos). So be sure to mark your calendar for this super event.

The Motor Corps is also conducting a raffle on a Henry Masonic Rifle to benefit

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Henry Masonic rifle drawing on November 16.

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Shriners Hospitals. Only 300 tickets will be sold at \$20 each. The rifle is made in the U.S. and its manufacturer describes it as “Henry Golden Boy Freemasons Tribute Edition in .22 LR rimfire, proudly featuring imagery instantly recognizable by Masons everywhere on its brightly polished silver receiver.” Drawing will be held the same night as Casino Night.

Drill Team members of the Motor Corps are already practicing for next year’s competition. Currently, they take place on the third Saturday of each month at the Sarasota Vo Tech parking lot. If you happen to drive by when they are at work, stop by and say “Hello” and “Best wishes.”

Before ending this month’s column, the Motor Corps wants to give you a heads-up on the Birthday & Anniversary Dinner Dance for August. The date is Tuesday, August 13. The theme is “Summertime Cruzin.” Appropriate attire is summertime casual.

That means no coat and tie. Recommended attire is Guayabera shirts and slacks for men, dressy casual commensurate attire for women. Menu selections will be available next month. We will be having a 50/50 drawing and a Silent Auction. Finally, look for one of our white Harley-Davidson motorcycles in the lobby the night of the event.

We have several Motor Corps members and their ladies with birthdays this month. July birthdays include Darren Bracken (Schmoozer) on the 5th, John Hubbard (Hotrod) on the 7th, Kathy Galanti on the 14th, and Wally Lacey (Red Dog) on the 28th. We also have two members and their ladies with anniversaries this month. Don (Honey Bear) and Beverly Brown are celebrating on July 15th and Tony Galanti (G) and Kathy on the 31st.



Remember what a craps table looks like?

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*The fez is a truncated*, cone-shaped felt cap, generally red, with a long black tassel. Formally the national headdress of the Turks and worn by men in Egypt and North Africa. In the western world, the fez has long been a symbol of partying conventioners and adopted by the Masonic service club, the Shriners. Originally of Greek origin, the fez was worn throughout the Ottoman Empire in the 19th century by royal decree of Sultan Mahmud Khan II (1808-1839).

In modern culture, the fez continues to represent relaxation, if not debauchery. When a cartoon character wears a fez, he is representing indolence, not fraternalism. The Moose International members wore a fez from their founding in 1888 until 1992; and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks used a purple fez since their founding in 1868. It is the fez-attired Shriners who have entered popular history as the archetype symbol of

the fez.

The fez has been used as the image of partyers as visual shorthand and for comedic effect. In the comics, *The Yellow Kid* (1896) wore a tasseled red fez. Laurel and Hardy in *Sons of the Desert* (1933) wore fezzes. Middle-aged white conventioners in fezzes were depicted in *Mad Magazine* in 1998. National Lampoon's *Doom* mentions a "convention of fez-wearing Shriners from the Benevolent Planetary Order of Elkoids."

The fez is a common visual device if film. In *Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me* (1999), the assassin wears a red fez with tassel. In *Bye Bye Birdie* (1953), Janet Leigh walks into a back room of fez-adorned men. Other depictions can be seen in blacksploitation films such as *Willie Dynamite* (1974) and comedies like *Let's Do It Again*.

Television has recognized the symbol of the fez. Depictions of middle-aged or older men wearing fezzes and driving mini-cars, such as in a 1999 episode of *Johnny Bravo*, do not need to be identified as such to be recognized as parodying Shriners. Judge Harry Stone has a fez hanging on his coat rack in several episodes of *Night Court*, while a Shriner's fez is prominently displayed in Ted Mosby's apartment in *How I Met Your Mother* (2010).

Anti-Masonic claims originating with Jack T. Chick: "We know that Christians were murdered by Muslims for not converting to their false religion. The Fez worn by Freemasons (?) is a symbol of the massacre of Roman Catholics in Fez, Morocco, who refused to abandon their faith." "The original Fez was red because it was dyed in the blood of the murdered Christians"—there is no evidence of truth in this. This man rambles and babbles with little or no regards for facts or truth.



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## Past Masters' Notes

Gary Wunning, President, [cmdr07@gmail.com](mailto:cmdr07@gmail.com)

*A little history on* Fredericksburg Lodge #4, Brother George Washington's home lodge.

Fredericksburg, Virginia has a long and distinguished history. It has a very important place in the formation of the American experiment. Along with that, Fredericksburg Masonic Lodge #4 Free and Accepted Masons contributed more than probably any other Masonic Lodge in America. Its first recorded meeting was on September 1, 1752 with 13 members present. The record book still exists today and is in possession of the lodge.



The George Washington Obligation Bible, with which he was initiated into the Lodge at Fredericksburg.

Over the years, the lodge has had many homes, beginning in 1756 when it met at a tavern on the northeast corner of Amelia and Caroline streets. This tavern at the time was owned by a member, Charles Julian.

Finally, on April 4, 1757, the lodge obtained a Charter from the Grand Lodge of Scotland for the sum of seven pounds. Past Master Daniel Campbell presented the petition in Edinburgh, Scotland. On July 21, 1758, the Grand Lodge of Scotland issued a formal Charter for "The Lodge at Fredericksburg." The Scottish Charter acknowledged the members of the Lodge at Fredericksburg was a Regular Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons and was "constituted, erected and appointed with the ... Brethren aforesaid and their Successors ... a Just, true and regular Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons." The Scottish Charter, engraved on the very best quality parchment, is still in existence and in the possession of the Lodge.

More to follow next month.

The Past Masters visited Manatee Lodge on June third during their regular meeting.

We have a table at the Thursday luncheon located in the northeast corner of the main hall at the Sahib Shrine Center. All are welcome!

The Past Masters meet every fourth Monday, except June and December, at the Sahib Shrine at 7:00 p.m. If you are a Past Master of any Masonic lodge, from any state or country, come early, enjoy the best food and coldest drinks in all of creation, good camaraderie, and join with us in making this a better world in which to live.



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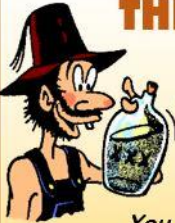
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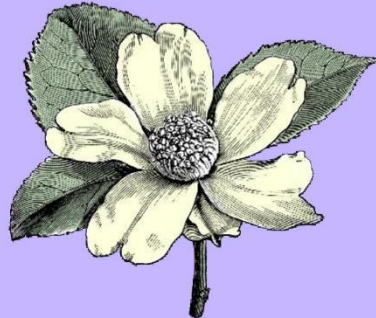


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# Oriental Band Notes

Noble Robert E. Stihler, [resnwk@aol.com](mailto:resnwk@aol.com)

*The Band traditionally* “goes dark” during July and August to enjoy a leisurely “summer vacation.”

Sahib Oriental Band’s Tong #54 presented two Mandarin Degrees in June, the first one on June 19 to initiate the balance of Band members who had not yet *Met the Mandarin*, and the second presentation on June 26 during which additional neophytes *Met the Mandarin*. Ah Sooo!

The Tong worked hard during June to perfect the degree, and the results showed. Remember the kids in the hospitals. God bless you. God bless our troops. God bless America.

Yours in the faith,

*Robert E. Stihler*

1st VP / Secretary



### SPECIAL NOTICE

Sahib Shrine and Hometown Heroes will be closed on Thursday July 4th for the Holiday and will re-open on July 5th for regular hours.

THE QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING WILL BE FRIDAY, JULY 5TH AT 7pm

**145th Imperial Session of Shriners International** is taking place June 30 through July 4 in Nashville, Tennessee. Your Imperial Representatives this year are Illustrious Sir Bruce Porter, Chief Rabban Gene Marinelli, Assistant Rabban David Walters, and Recorder Emeritus Bill Batten. There are several key issues to be decided, most notably discussions and voting regarding a change of status of several of our Shriners Hospitals. **Please try to attend the Stated Meeting on July 11** for information from these discussions. – Assistant Rabban David Walters



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## Mariners' Notes

Gary Wunning, [cmdr07@gmail.com](mailto:cmdr07@gmail.com)

***Mark this date on your calendar:***

November 2, 2019. The Commodore's Ball, honoring Commodore Don Vos, will be held at Sahib Shrine and is a black-tie event. Watch for further announcements. There will also be a Facebook event page.

If you haven't had the opportunity to enjoy a Mariner's event, please attend the next meeting. Come and be our guest for fun, food, and fellowship. We have added a couple of members. We are on our way back! We are once again meeting at Sahib Shrine!

Our meetings are once again on the second Wednesday of the month, per our bylaws. The Mariners are going to be dark in July and August, but come September we will begin making plans for next year.

Our boat will be in the Labor Day parade—plan on riding along.

We meet at 6:00 p.m. with social hour, dinner at 6:30 p.m., and meeting to follow.

Our goal is to start at an earlier time, allowing those who work an opportunity to attend while allowing those who don't care to drive after dark an opportunity to get home before the sun goes down.

There is an excellent opportunity to take an active role in this great organization as we still have a couple vacancies to fill on the bridge! The Mariners also have state and national organizations. Come and join us, join in the fun, and help the kids at the same time. The kids need you, we need you, and America needs the Shriners and Masons.

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## July

### JULY 1

Abele, Mark  
Vaadi, Eugene

### JULY 2

Ainsley, Clarence  
Pritchard, Jack

### JULY 3

Athas, William  
Harris, Lynn  
Lander, Walter

### JULY 4

Dieckman, Robert  
Dydo, John  
MacConnell, Warren

### JULY 5

Bracken, Darren

### JULY 6

Albinson, Frank  
Evans, Barry  
Justice, Richard  
Lent, David

### JULY 7

Geistert, Eric  
Hubbard, John  
Peacock, John  
Wooldridge, James

### JULY 8

Adelsperger, R.  
Davenport, Michael  
Kruse, Robert

### JULY 9

Morris, Gregory  
Power, Charles

### JULY 10

Beumier, Michael  
Heinemeyer, Charles  
Stehle, Richard  
Wolf, Donald

### JULY 11

Baltimore, Mark

### JULY 12

Gilner, Marc  
Rode, Hans

### JULY 13

Hopkins, Irvin  
Sexton, Russell  
Walsh, John

### JULY 15

Dewart, Robert  
Winterrowd, David

### JULY 16

Bruce, Brian  
Reynolds, Donnis

### JULY 17

Debar, Frank  
Geier, Karl  
Hardin, John  
Mumea, Thomas  
Smith, Jeffrey  
Wilson, Toney

### JULY 18

Corning, Alfred  
DiMauro, Anthony  
Glickman, Cy  
Leetzow, Lorence  
Patterson, Douglas  
Pulford, Kevin

### JULY 20

Hamel, Robert  
Kyllonen, Richard  
Martin, Edmund  
Nace, Richard

### JULY 21

Fahey, James

### JULY 22

Carr, Robert  
Davenport, M. N.  
Harding, Ralph  
Medcalf, John  
Patton, Orion  
Root, Clifford  
Routh, Wayne  
Yahraus, Matthew

### JULY 23

Agustsson, Agust  
Bornkast, Horst  
Hagen, Robert  
Terrell, Michael

### JULY 24

Evers, William  
Rigby, Thomas

### JULY 26

Crompton, J.  
Jensen, Warren  
Macey, Gerald  
Pursell, Michael

### JULY 27

Copher, Johnny  
Jennings, Douglas  
Rhodes, Ralph  
Stickney, Robert  
Wessels, Hans

### JULY 28

Lacey, Wallace  
Lynn, Derek

### JULY 29

Ladue, Floyd

### JULY 30

Backer, Robert  
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McIntyre, Chris  
Spector, Sidney  
Woodman, Arthur

### JULY 31

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Pender, Michael  
Werner, Robert



# Masonic Digest / Scottish Rite

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*“Then let us imitate this good man* in his virtuous and amiable conduct.” Referring to the life and character of Hiram Abiff, the Master Mason Lecture thus instructs us.

Freemasonry offers moral lessons so that we can learn to “...live virtuous and upright lives...” This is, perhaps, the point of our Masonic journey and what separates us from any other fraternal, civic, or service organization.

In the Entered Apprentice degree, we learn to examine the four cardinal and three theological virtues. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree, a plan of education and self-development to inculcate them is offered. The Fellow Craft lecture implicitly assumes that virtue can be both learned and taught, and we seem to take for granted that it can be learned and taught without much thought.

The Socratic dialogue Protagoras examines the question “can virtue be taught?” The dialogue between Socrates (469-369 BCE) and Protagoras (490-429 BCE), which is often humorous, begins with a simple premise that virtue is “moral excellence” and proceeds to consider the parameters and conditions under which it might be both taught and learned.

Such a pursuit is differentiated from those of medicine, mathematics, and science. In each of these disciplines, one need only find a learned professor in the specific field. But where does one find a teacher or college for learning virtue and moral excellence? Socrates notes that there is something here that defies academic studies, scholarly exercises, and professorial lectures.

In the exchanges with Protagoras, Socrates explores some key ideas about virtue that seem to have found their way into Freemasonry.

First, the actions of a virtuous person seem to be guided by some principles or precepts that are both universally applicable and unified. Freemasonry identifies many universal precepts, among them brotherly

love, relief, truth and friendship; a belief in Deity. Such principles are unified in that they describe a quality of a person in almost every context, not just occasionally. We don’t think of a person being virtuous only in the morning hours with plenty of coffee in the system. Moral excellence should describe a Mason continuously, not just in the morning or inside the Lodge.

Second, the practice of virtue presupposes knowledge and education. Courage, for example, cannot be demonstrated by one who is ignorant of risks and dangers. Whether to dispense justice or mercy requires full knowledge of facts and circumstances. Hence, the Winding Stair lecture sends us on a life time journey of observation, learning and contemplation.

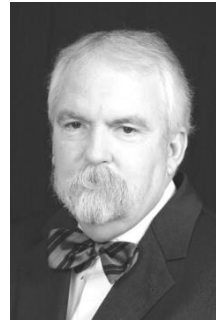
Third, Socrates asserts, one’s soul must be prepared and of the right disposition to receive and examine both the universal principles and to acquire and absorb knowledge. In this sense, a “student” must have a proper background and propensity to accept instruction. To pursue virtue and moral excellence, one must be both receptive to and prepared for growth, much as an Entered Apprentice makes his decision to leave the west and travel east.

In the end, Socrates concludes that for virtue to be teachable (and learnable), a foundation of universal principles, knowledge, and personal receptivity must be present.

Protagoras, like most philosophical writings, contains some pretty heavy stuff. (Nobody said pursuing virtue and moral excellence would be easy.)

Can virtue be taught? Can we learn to live virtuous and upright lives; achieve some semblance of moral excellence? Freemasonry thinks so – it is what we came here to pursue.

The Scottish Rite’s study of the virtues



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and moral instruction continues on October 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Petitions are available online at <http://tampascottishrite.org/w/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/tpa-scottish-rite-petition.pdf>.

The Valley of Tampa regularly meets at its Center in Tampa on the second Monday of each month. Dinner is served at 5:45 p.m., and the regular meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. At our July 8 meeting, the 13th degree, Royal Arch of Solomon, will be conferred at 6:10 p.m., after dinner and before the meeting. At the meeting, Patents from the Spring Reunions will be presented. The meeting (but not the degree) is "open."

Casey Fletcher is sitting Master of Tuscan Lodge No. 6 in Bartow, Florida. He observes that Freemasonry may be one of the few, if only, institutions in our society where an adult man may investigate and consider issues of philosophy and virtue without argument or judgment or debate. He has had a busy business travel schedule of late. He hopes it is noticed that this missive is not original or unique, but has been recycled from the October 2016 edition.

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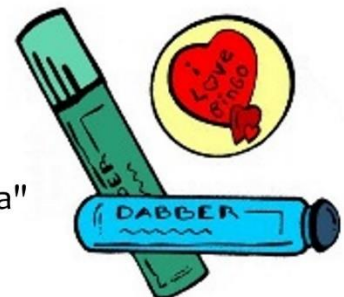
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(In memory of James Ericsson)  
(In memory of John Lewellen)  
(In memory of Bill Simon)

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**

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**APRIL 2026**

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John & Kitty Brophy

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North Port Shrine Club

**JANUARY 2023**

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**SEPTEMBER 2022**

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Dolores O'Neal  
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Norris & Barbara Walker

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**SEPTEMBER 2020**

Carolyn Fillmore (In memory of Carl Fillmore)  
Lester Helmich  
George & Annie Cancro

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William Adams

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Col. M. G. Swindler  
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**APRIL 2020**

Everett & Evelyn Blount  
Jim Dunlap

**MARCH 2020**

Audrey Schmitt (In memory of Donald Schmitt)

**DECEMBER 2019**

Jim Dunlap

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Sahib Golf Committee

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## Sar-I Court No. 79 – LOSNA

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

*As the summer progresses*, we Ladies of the Oriental Shrine of North America, LOSNA, are all busy planning, honing our skills, and practicing as we are looking forward to September when we meet again.

We are planning our Christmas in July when we will bring our new toys to the Shrine on July 16-26. They will be delivered to the hospital on July 31, 2019. Please help us help our children.

We are honing our skills to participate in our annual golf match at our Tampa hospital where all the proceeds go to the hospital for our children.

We are practicing our routines for our Sunshine Unit Meet. There we will see old friends and meet new ones.

Ladies, if any of these activities interests you, please call me. I will show you how you, too, can be a LOSNA member. We have fun, help our children, and build lasting friendships. I'm looking forward to hearing from you. Please call 727-510-6323.

Angel hugs and kisses.

*High Priestess Ginny Hochroth*



From top, clockwise: Oriental Dancers, Klassy Kickers, and Grand Council Lynda Stone's Phantoms of the North. Photos provided by Lady Ginny Hochroth

*"It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop." –Confucius*





# Nyla Temple

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

***Hello again!*** Hope you have not had a lot of rain and are doing well. The ladies of Nyla Temple have been busy this month. At our May 2 session, we installed the officers that could not attend the April session.

We had the pleasure of preparing and serving dinner for the members of Phoenix Lodge on May 7. It was wonderful to meet their members. Everyone seemed to enjoy the meal, and we will do this again in the fall. I was able to talk to several wives and other women who attended the dinner.

Our last session before the summer break was on Thursday, May 30. We had fellowship with coffee and sweets at 10:30

a.m. and the session started at 11:00 a.m. We meet at the Scottish Rite Center, 240 Tuttle Street in Sarasota.

Some of our ladies will be attending the Supreme Session in Reno, Nevada in June. We look forward to meeting old friends and making new ones. Since I am repeating as Queen, I have not had a chance to meet my counterparts. My Supreme Queen will have many new things to share with us.

Have a good summer. Stay cool and enjoy yourself.

*Donna Kay Duffy, Queen*



**TEMPLE REPORT**  
Shriners Hospitals for Children Tampa  
Hospital Report reflecting March 2019 Indicators

Strategic Indicators	Month	YTD
Outpatient Clinic Visits	971	2870
Outpatients Surgeries	48	139
Inpatient Surgeries	12	50
Spine Surgeries	4	12
Inpatient Satisfaction	99.2% first quarter	
Outpatient Satisfaction	94.3% first quarter	
New Orthosis delivered	447	1250
New Prosthesis delivered	21	42
Seating Systems delivered	27	93
<b>Volunteers</b>	<b>1206 hours</b>	<b>4133 hours</b>
	144 volunteers	144 total active
<b>Tours month of March</b>	38	328 visitors
<b>Year to date</b>	92	614 visitors
<b>Donations and Grants</b>	<b>\$260,157</b>	<b>\$815,489</b>

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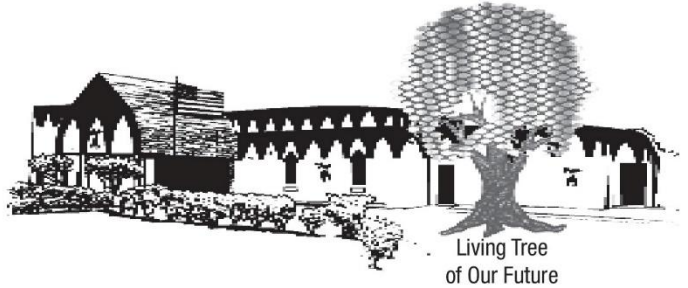
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	2nd Friday, 11:30 a.m. (Every month, except dark in July, and observe the Ceremony of Remembrance in March on a date TBA each year.)	Sahib Shriners for lunch	Sarasota
Valley of Tampa	2nd Monday, 7:30 p.m., (Optional Dinner at 5:45 p.m.)	5500 Memorial Highway	Tampa



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Cortez	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?

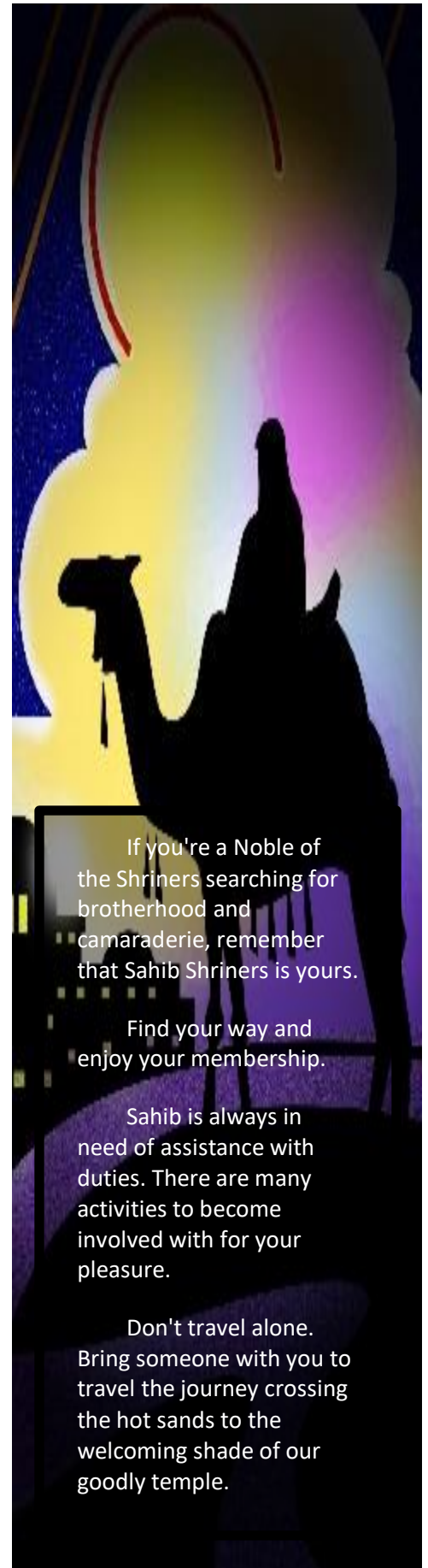
In any store or business, preferably near a cash register. Within eyesight of customers making it easy for them to put their change in the box.

### 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

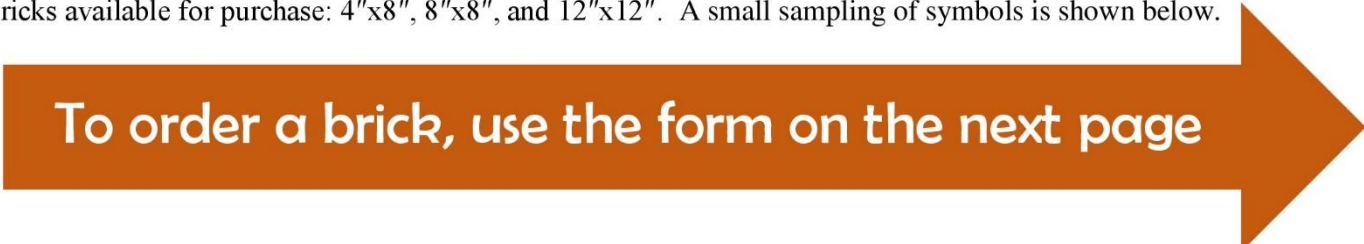
Nobles and Friends of Sahib,

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.



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/Bruce Porter, 600 N Beneva Rd., Sarasota FL 34232.

4"x8" .....	\$100.00 .....	with clip art .....	\$110.00
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 Chief Rabban ..... Gene Marinelli  
 Assistant Rabban ..... G. David Walters  
 High Priest & Prophet ..... Keith Curtis  
 Oriental Guide ..... Mark de Stefano  
 Treasurer ..... Wayne Thomas  
 Recorder ..... Ed Firquin

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III. Sir Bruce Porter ..... Potentate  
 Gene Marinelli ..... Chief Rabban  
 Bill Batten ..... Recorder Emeritus

## PAST POTENTATES

1981-82*	Howard Noble	2006*	Homer D. Cranmer
1983*	Glenn "Buck" Walters, ITL	2007	Dale LaBell
1984*	Tom Bing	2008*	John N. Mitchell
1985*	Theodore S. "Ted" Barton	2009*	Oscar Cloutier
1986*	Paul N. Jaworowski	2010	Don Vos
1987*	W. Bruce Steube III, 33°	2011*	Tom Millaway
1988*	Wallace "Bubba" Tervin	2012*	Charles Levan, 33°
1989	Walter Lander, KCCH	2013*	William H. "Bill" Zurlo
1990	Lee E. Stewart	2014	Gary "Rocky" Kearney
1991*	William "Bill" Magill	2015*	Conrad "Connie" Jacobi
1992*	Al "Spuds" McKenzie	2016	Carroll G. Scribner
1993*	Les Taylor	2017	William "Bill" Balkwill
1994*	Ralph E. Kaye	2018	Delbert Rawlinson
1995*	James Arendall		
1996*	Philip Mitchell, KCCH		
1997	Al "Bear" Robinson		
1998	Ken Terryberry		
1999	Curtis Toale		
2000	Louis H. Ort, 33°		
2001*	Kenneth R. Gerrard Sr.		
2002*	Patrick E. Baessler		
2003	Ed Phillips		
2004*	Philip Mitchell, KCCH		
2005	Dwain Jones		



\*Deceased

## APPOINTED DIVAN

1st Ceremonial Master ..... TBA  
 2nd Ceremonial Master ..... TBA  
 Director of the Arch ..... TBA  
 Director of Ritual ..... TBA  
 Marshal ..... TBA  
 Captain of the Guard ..... TBA  
 Outer Guard ..... TBA

## SAHIB TRUST FUND

Chairman ..... TBD  
 Trustee ..... Jules Simon

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Administrative Assistant ..... Nancy Paukert-La Marca  
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 Event Coordinator ..... TBD  
 General Manager (Restaurant & Bar) ..... TBD  
 Executive Chef ..... TBD

## CHAPLAIN

Chief Chaplain ..... Lou Ort, PP, 33°

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 Hospital Board of Governors ..... Gene Marinelli  
 Hospital Board of Governors ..... Paul Zeissler  
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 Jewelry Sales Assistant Chairman ..... TBD  
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 Building Maintenance  
 Committee .... Del Rawlinson, PP; Steve Helin, PP  
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 Director of Security ..... III. Sir Bruce Porter  
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 Finance Committee (Elected) ..... Jim Smith,  
 ..... Charles Titus, David Walters  
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 Golf Committee ..... John Sholtis  
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 Luncheon Program Co-Chairman ..... Paul R. Zeissler  
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 ..... Barry Hart 33° (Lodge 301)  
 ..... William Merritt (Lodge 147)  
 ..... Dorwin Pulford (Lodge 31)  
 ..... Omer Quesnel (Lodge 346)  
 ..... John Stafford 33°

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 Aides ..... TBD  
 Clowns ..... Del Rawlinson  
 Greeters ..... Paul R. Zeissler  
 King Pins ..... TBD  
 Mariners ..... Don Vos

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 Model T's ..... David Mashia  
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 Past Masters ..... Gary Winning  
 Rituals ..... Barry Hart  
 Temple Guard ..... Herb Mueller  
 Transport. Chairman.. Dick Schmidt (513-673-2874)

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**TEMPLE EMERITUS NOBLES (continued)**

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 Art Littman ..... Chairman Trust Fund  
 Herb Mueller ..... Captain of the Guard  
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 Don Sims ..... Assistant Chief Aide  
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 Lou Ort, PP, 33° ..... Chaplain Corps

**COMMITTEE / UNIT / CLUB  
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 Bill Athas ..... Finance Officer, Legion of Honor  
 Mario Bojsiuk ..... Legion of Honor  
 Jack Bryant (Chief Pilot) ..... Flying Fezzes  
 J. D. Copher ..... North Port Shrine Club  
 Malcolm Van Dyke II ..... Legion of Honor

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 Selwyn Damron ..... Director's Staff  
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 Raymond Drury, Sr. .... Secretary,  
 ..... Manatee Shrine Club  
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 Ed Grep ..... Band  
 Darwin Heinzman ..... King Pins  
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# CALENDAR: July

## JULY

July 1 – July 4	2019 Imperial Session in Nashville, Tennessee
Monday, July 1	Monday Night Bingo 7 p.m.
Tuesday, July 2	Bingo – Main Hall 9 a.m. Englewood Shrine Club 11:30 a.m.
Thursday, July 4	Independence Day SAHIB IS CLOSED
Friday, July 5	Queen of Hearts 7 p.m. Manatee Shrine Club 11 a.m.
Monday, July 8	North Port Shrine Club stated meeting 11:30 a.m. Monday Night Bingo 7 p.m.
Tuesday, July 9	Bingo – Main Hall 9 a.m. Birthday/Anniversary Dinner Dance
Thursday, July 11	Stated Meeting 12:45 p.m. Men’s Luncheon Queen of Hearts 7 p.m.
Monday, July 15	REPORTER DEADLINE Monday Night Bingo 7 p.m.
Tuesday, July 16	Bingo – Main Hall 9 a.m. Venice Shrine Club 11 a.m.
Wednesday, July 17	Motor Corps Shrine Club 7 p.m.
Thursday, July 18	Queen of Hearts 7 p.m.
Monday, July 22	Monday Night Bingo 7 p.m.
Tuesday, July 23	Bingo – Main Hall 9 a.m.
Thursday, July 25	Queen of Hearts 7 p.m.
Monday, July 29	Monday Night Bingo 7 p.m.
Tuesday, July 30	Bingo – Main Hall 9 a.m.

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



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