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ON THE COVER: Illustrious Sir Gary Fields (left) and High Priest & Prophet Mark deStefano pose with Fezzy Bear at the East-West Shrine Bowl players and kids meet-and-greet at the hospital in Tampa. *Photo provided by Potentate Gary Fields*

Notes from your Divan

Potentate's Message



It is hard to believe that the month of January has gone so fast. New Year's Day, Installation, Birthday & Anniversary Dance, East-West Shrine Bowl, Public Installation, and Potentate's Ball all in one month. What will happen next?

The best-known branch of Masons is the Shrine or Shriners. The sad part is most don't know we are Masons first. The Shrine was started so that Masons could have a little high-spirited fun, but more importantly, to help others. Through Masonry we are brothers, and our oath we took makes us a better person—something I still respect and honor.

Congratulations are in order to our elected Divan on advancing to the next office in line at Sahib. We have a great team, and I look forward to working with them for the coming year.

There are a lot of good things that are going to happen this year. Some the same, some new. I have put an emphasis on membership. And with new members, we will see our ranks grow. As of now, it appears our ranks will grow with five new members who will be voted on during our next stated meeting.

Planned for the future: recognition of the oldest 100 and our charter members. Also, there will be a luncheon for the widows of our former members. Come join us and pay tribute to those who have helped us over the years and made us what we are today.

If you have an idea for a fundraiser let me know. We need new ways to raise revenue and keep our doors open. This is something that each and every one can do to help keep our doors open.

My lady Sharon and I welcome everyone to our Shrine and Event Center. And remember our goal, to help children and the less fortunate in their daily lives. See you soon!

Yours in the faith,

Gary Fields

Gary Fields
Sahib Shriners Potentate 2020



Sahib Shriners

*Cordially invites you and your lady to join us at the
2020 Potentate's Ball
Kentucky Derby Celebration!
Saturday, February 1, 2020*

HONORING

Illustrious Sir Gary Fields

an his Lady Sharon

*At 5:30 in the evening
Kentucky Derby Day attire*

*Sahib Shrine Center
600 North Beneva Road
Sarasota, Florida 34232*

2020 Potentate's Ball Agenda Friday, January 31

Come and enjoy the Hospitality Room
at Sahib Shrine 600 North Beneva Road
Sarasota, Florida 34232
Open 6:00 PM until ?

Dinner on your own at Hometown Hero's Lounge.

Saturday, February 1

Hospitality:
Sahib Cabiri Room
11:30 in the morning at Sahib Center
Lunch 12:15
Presentations after lunch

Ball

Social Hour Sahib Shrine 5:00-6:00 PM
Grand March 6:15
Dinner 6:30
Dance and entertainment 8 - 11 PM
Afterglow 10:30 - 11 pm
Cabiri Room

HOTEL RESERVATIONS:

We will be staying at Homewood Suites by Hilton located at 3470 Fruitville Road in Sarasota, Florida 34237. This is located right around the corner from Sahib Center.

Please contact the Hotel directly at 941-365-7300 and when making reservations ask for the Sahib Shriners Potentate Ball for the special rate.

The cutoff day for rooms is **Friday, January 10, 2020.**

Don't be late in making your reservations.



DON'T MISS IT!!!

It's not too late to get your tickets for the Ball! Everyone is welcome AND we have an open well bar for the Ball.

The band *The Sensations* will be playing.

We're sure you'll enjoy your meal, but if you don't it will be comped.



Recorder's Notes

Ed Firquin, recorder@sahibshrine.org

As the Potentate's Ball celebrated the Potentate's Kentucky roots, and as it's said at the horse track, "they're off and running," so Sahib Shrine is off and running in 2020. There will be activities for our members to participate in as well as activity for the community as more discover our facility.

Enthusiasm is the word, my fellow Nobles. Let us remember the reason "The Shrine" was created long ago by our forefathers in New York—a place to have FUN! We need to look at what is happening and generate a feeling of accomplishment in what we are, what we've done, and what we can do here at Sahib. Illustrious Sir Fields will need help in what he is planning, so step forward and have some fun. I know the excuses; I think I have heard many of them.

As older age has slowed many down, including myself, there is still life in our old bones. Could there be activity for those that have trouble driving at night? Why not contact a Divan member and discuss your ideas? But remember, if you bring it up you will also have to work to get it done. Hey, you younger Noble Brothers, step up with your ideas. They will be acted upon as long

Notes from your Divan

as you are willing to provide the muscle, fun, and enthusiasm. It can be done.

So, let us move into 2020 with our heads held high, with eagerness like the great horse Secretariat "Big Red" in 1973, and run with enthusiasm for what we have and what is being done at Sahib. I'm challenging us older members: let's continue the good fight while living and stir up the blood system. Get enthused again. No one can attend all the activities here, but there is always at least one thing going on that would get your heart pumping and the blood circulating. Nobles young and old, your ideas, along with you, are needed like never before. Come forward, get involved, and let's get enthused about Sahib Shrine.

Our Grill and Bar, Hometown Heroes, is open seven days a week serving the coldest draft beer. Our bartenders will mix and serve you a wonderfully made drink, and the food is great. A place to hang out after golf or watch a sporting event on our many TV's. So, bring your lady or friends and I'll see you around the temple.

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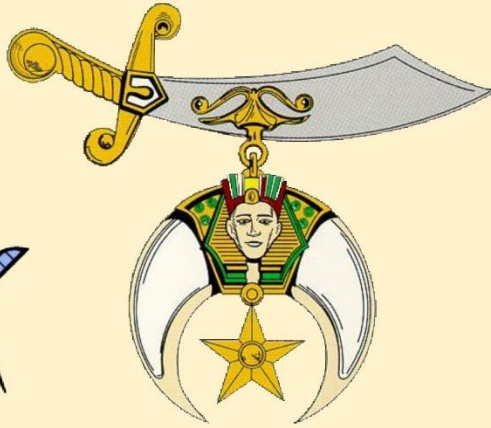
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*East-West Shrine Bowl
"At the Airport"*
Photos: Noble Thomas Mabray





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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**

WEDNESDAY,
FEBRUARY 5
7:30 P.M.

2020 Dues Card and Fez Required
No Short Pants

Imperial Potentate's Official Visit Wednesday, March 4

**Meet and Greet
11 a.m. 'til 12 p.m.**

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

Save the Date!



*East-West Shrine Bowl
"Media Day"
Photos: Noble Thomas Mabray*

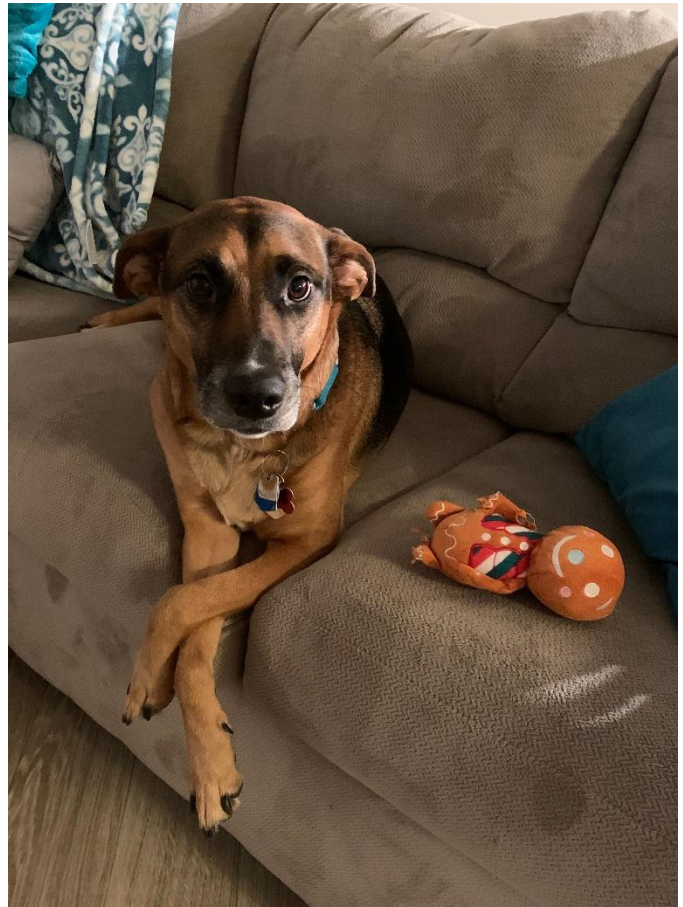


Around the Shrine



"You promised I was going to be the Shrine dog for 2020. Then you had a Potentate's Ball and all you brought me back was this chew toy?" -Whiskey

Photo provided by Potentate Gary Fields



NEW MEMBERS ARE VITAL to SHRINEDOM'S very existence!

New Nobles bring to SAHIB SHRINE



- New **ABILITIES**
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- New **DEVOTION**
- New **SINCERITY**
- New **MANPOWER**
- New **ENTHUSIASM**

New Members Mean Much More than a Gain in Numbers or a Percentage Increase –

They are Sahib Shrine's Continued Life and Action

SUMMARY OF SHRINERS INTERNATIONAL DUES INFORMATION

The 2020 dues notices were sent, beginning August 2019 through early 2020. Shriners International will produce and provide various membership retention and billing services for every temple within the U.S. and Canada. Therefore, by having a centralized and consistent dues communication process specifically planned to permit local temple follow-up in advance of due date of December 31, doing this will provide our fraternal system with out-of-pocket and administrative savings.

Shriners International's goal is to reduce and identify further improvements of membership retention while reducing costs for temples. Since both U.S. and Canada have seen increases in postal rates, we need to improve and move towards electric communications and payments to accomplish our goal. Therefore, the Shriners International has requested that all temples obtain updated email addresses for as many nobles as possible. According to the Imperial, by expanding the collection through email, rather than the delivery of paper, this will have an immediate impact on costs.

The goal of Shriners International is to get unpaid members as low as possible by the beginning of November so that a temple has a much smaller group to visit or call before December 31. Please note: every noble who pays electronically in August permits the temple to avoid the costs associated with subsequent mailings and efforts associated with unpaid nobles.

If you have changed your service provider or changed your email recently, please check with the temple's office to make sure your email is up-to-date.

IMPERIAL DUES NOTICES

Email first dues notice-mid August
First hard copy dues notice-mid September
Second hard copy dues notice-mid October
Dues notice to "at risk members"-early December
Lapsed or newly suspended members-beginning of January 2020

Ungrateful people complain about the one thing you haven't done for them instead of being thankful for the thousands of things you have done for them.

~heavensoul

Plans for "**Shriners Healthcare Day**" Feb. 22 are underway. Formerly known as **Hospital Days**, this event has switched names to reflect the change our facility made to an outpatient clinic last year.

-Board of Governors, Shriners International

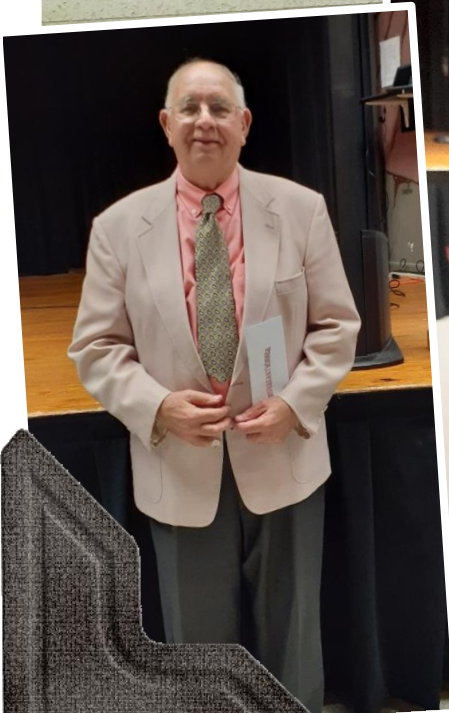
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January Birthday & Anniversary Dinner Dance



Anniversary winners for January and February (there will be no February Dinner/Dance—next one is in March hosted by the Greeters) were Gary and Jeanne Wanning. Birthday winner of wine was Joanne Mueller, Birthday winner of dinner was Bill Martin. 50/50 winner was Pam Trudel, and Trivia winners were Dale and Pat Higgabottom.

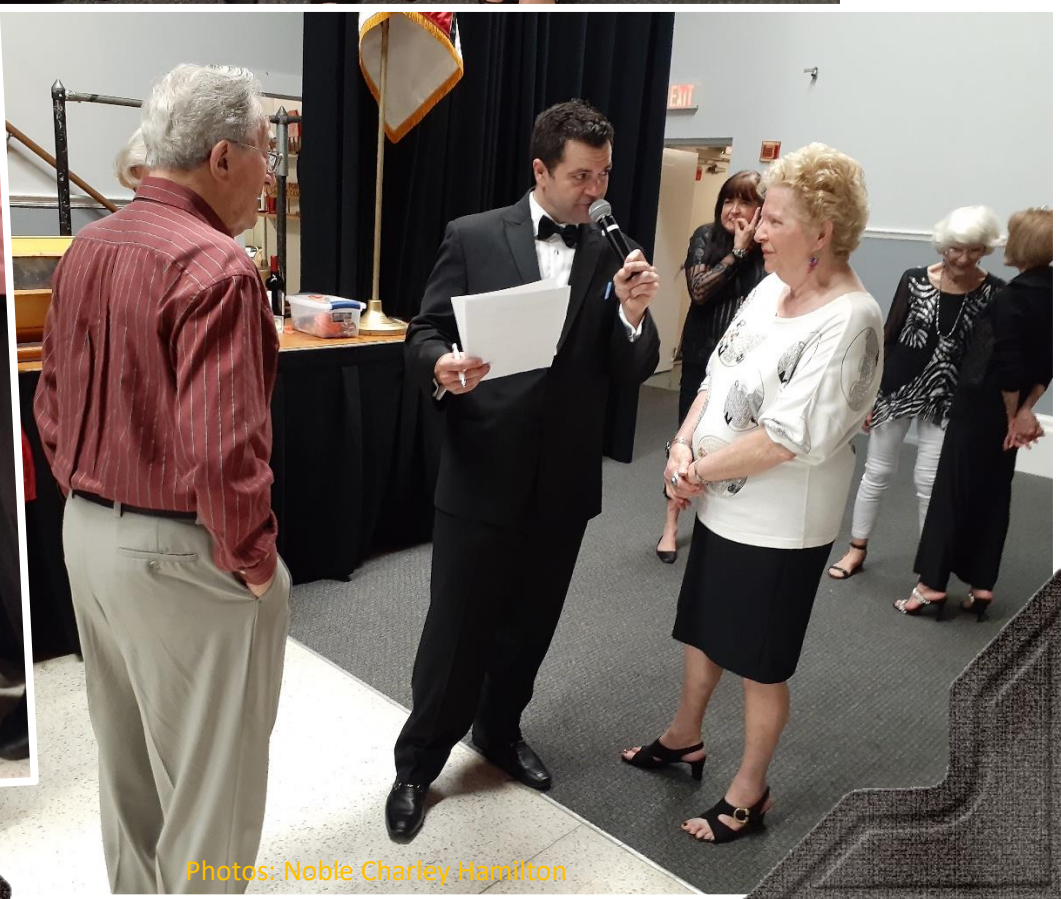
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Photos: Noble Charley Hamilton



January Birthday & Anniversary Dinner Dance



Photos: Noble Charley Hamilton

Greeters Celebration

Birthday & Anniversary Dinner Dance



**March 10
2020**



Menu Selections

Corned Beef & Cabbage

or

Chicken Marsala

Red-skinned Potatoes

House Salad

Dessert

\$25.00 Per person

Reservations in Advance

Deadline March 5, 2020

Box Office Only

Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:00 – 1:00

Phone: 366-4449 ext. 320

Social: 6:00 p.m.

Dinner: 7:00 p.m.

Music for Listening & Dancing

*What are the Greeters
celebrating?*

Come and find out

Nobles & Ladies

Men: Suit and Tie

Ladies: Dress or Pantsuit or

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*East-West Shrine Bowl
"Game Day"
Photos: Potentate Gary Fields*





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*East-West Shrine Bowl
"Hospital Visit"
Photos: Noble Thomas Mabray*



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Floyd LaDue

HILLBILLY SHRINE CLUB

George Mitchell, President

e-mail: gpmitch54@hotmail.com
 meets: First Thursday of each month
 where: Sahib Shrine, Conference Room 'A'
 600 N Beneva Drive
 Sarasota, FL 34232
 time: 7:00 p.m.

MANATEE SHRINE CLUB

Russell Sexton, President

phone: (440) 781-6224
 e-mail: 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*

MOTOR CORPS SHRINE CLUB

Mark DeStefano, President

phone: (941) 724-6275
 e-mail: markd@destefanoengineering.com
 meets: Third Wednesday of each month
 where: Sahib Shrine
 600 N Beneva Drive
 Sarasota, FL 34232
 time: 7:00 p.m.

NORTH PORT SHRINE CLUB

Donald Valerino, President

meets: Second Monday of each month (*stated meeting*)
 where: The Olde World Restaurant
 14415 S. Tamiami Trail
 North Port, FL 34287
 time: 11:30 a.m.
 note: *Every Tuesday, breakfast served at 8:00 a.m.*

VENICE SHRINE CLUB

Darren Bracken, President

phone: (941) 809-1494
 website: 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, President, drsexton45@gmail.com

The January meeting of the Manatee Shrine Club was welcomed into the new year with 34 men and ladies in attendance. We had the pleasure of hearing from Chuck Knapp, Director of Concessions for the Pirates organization in Bradenton. He spoke about the upcoming baseball season and the need to have as many Shriners participate as concession volunteers as is possible. There is good money to be made for those units and clubs that participate. Many of the games pay from \$60 to \$70 per person for an afternoon serving refreshments at the ballpark. The Manatee Shrine Club made over \$10k last year and we look forward to an even greater reward in 2020. The work is not hard, you work with nice people, and the pay is good. The Manatee Shrine Club members hope to see at the ballpark members of other Shrine units and clubs and blue lodges participating this year.

UPCOMING SOCIALS: Our January Social was a tribute to Paul Kline, our past president who significantly increased the participation of both Shrine and non-Shrine individuals in the 2019 baseball concessions program. We recognized Paul's contributions and the contributions of all those individuals who worked at the ballpark to earn money which supports various Masonic activities.



A "liger" (half lion, half tiger) at the Big Cat Habitat

This month's social on February 12th is a visit to the Big Cat Habitat in Sarasota. This event, which is scheduled from 12 noon till 4:00 p.m., has two entertaining shows, a



Josh Bell

wonderful alligator show at 12:30 p.m., and a big cat show at 2 p.m. The habitat is \$18/adult and free to all veterans. Non-MSA individuals are welcome to attend these socials. Just let Russ Sexton (941-773-7280) know in advance.

The Manatee Shrine Club has a guest speaker at all meetings and at least one social per month. If you are interested in attending one of the regular meetings or socials just give Russell Sexton, President, notice at drsexton45@gmail.com or 941-773-7280 to make a reservation for our \$15 lunch or get information about a social. The club meets regularly on the first Friday of each month at the Peridia Golf & Country Club, Bradenton. The Social begins at 11:00 a.m. with lunch served at 12:00 noon. Our guest speaker at the February meeting was Tom McGill. He enlightened us on the joys of scuba diving in exotic destinations.

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: Ernie Ryder, Charles Titus, Giles Light, Jim Fletcher, Tom McGill, Pepper Mabray, and Dana Callanan.



Venice Shrine Club

Noble Russ Mattson, matts22@aol.com

Welcome to 2020. Noble Dana Pratt, after two successful years as president of the Venice Shrine Club, has stepped aside. We appreciate all he has done for the club. Noble Darren Bracken is our new president and is planning a busy year with dinners, parades, raids, a raffle, and fun meetings as well as improvements to our building. We know, with the continued help of our members, he will have a successful year as well.

For current and past activities, see our webpage at www.VeniceShrineClub.org, which is updated frequently. The current VSC monthly newsletter can also be obtained on the same webpage.

VSC plans four dinners a year at our building at 91 South Auburn Road in Venice. Two were a complete success, the next one is Sunday, March 22 from 2:00-5:00 p.m., and is a splendid North Carolina Bar-B-Que for \$15. Tickets are available from the officers or contact Noble Darren Bracken at (941) 809-1494.

Venice Shrine Club building with new driveway and landscaping



Open House at our building is on Wednesdays from 4:00-6:00 p.m. for Nobles and their Ladies to stop by and have a snack and/or refreshment—*please feel free to bring your own*. Review the webpage for anything special or changes.



Past President Dana Pratt receiving a Past President's Plaque from new President Darren Bracken at the Holiday Party.

Photo provided by Noble Russ Mattson

Venice has had Hospital Days at Publix on the Island in January and will have another in March at Publix at the corner of Pinebrook and Laurel Road in Nokomis March 20th and 21st. Look for us and say, "Hi Noble."

We enjoyed the Englewood and Venice Parades and now look forward to the Arcadia Parade on Saturday, March 14th and the annual RCR Car Show Saturday, March 21st. Refer to the webpage for current information.



We are having a raffle of a "Wagon of Cheer" for the Sahib Hospital Transportation Fund. More on that will be found as the year progresses.

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The VSC Keystone Kops will be raiding various Sahib Events, as well as participating in Parades.

Nobles and Ladies, we all wish you a wonderful, healthy new year.



At left, Nobles getting ready for the Venice Holiday Parade.

Above, Motor Corps Casino Night Raid by the Venice Keystone Kops.

Photos provided by Noble Russ Mattson

Around the Shrine

Potentate Gary Fields (center) and High Priest & Prophet Mark deStefano with three of the LOS Lady Clowns at the East-West Bowl.

Photo provided by Potentate Gary Fields



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We Need You!

Volunteers are needed to take photos
at Sahib Shrine special events.

Please contact Potentate Gary Fields for
more information or to volunteer.

wgfields@bellsouth.net

SESA Mid-Year Meeting

From www.seshrine.org/midyear2020.htm

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

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

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

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

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

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Motor Corps Shrine Club

Giles Light (G-man), Secretary, gileslight@aol.com

It is February already. Can you name two big events that will happen this month? Valentine's Day, of course, is only two weeks away. And since this is the Mardi Gras season, Fat Tuesday is a little over three weeks away. So, what are you going to do to express your love to your sweetie? Flowers, candy, Mardi Gras beads? Hopefully Motor Corps members will set a good example for our fellow Shrine Nobles on Valentine's Day. And, if necessary, our Secretary can provide Mardi Gras beads. King Cake responsibility falls to members.

On New Year's Eve Day, the Motor Corps, along with several members of the Widows Sons Masonic Riders Association, said goodbye to 2019 by holding "The Last Ride," formerly the Steve Weatherly (Hoss) Memorial Ride. We had over 20 bikes in this year's ride. Final totals for money raised were not available as of the *Reporter* deadline, but preliminary totals are over \$1,800. We expect to have a final accounting next month. Funds from the ride benefit the Scottish Rite Foundation.

Officers of the Motor Corps were installed at the Sahib Installation ceremony on January 11th. We are pleased that three



Motor Corps President Mark DeStefano conducts his first meeting as our leader.

Photo: Noble Giles Light

members of the Motor Corps are members of the elected Divan: the Potentate, High Priest & Prophet, and the Oriental Guide. Our club's 2020 officers were reported in last month's *Reporter*. This year's President is Mark DeStefano (Dancing Bear). His first

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Motor Corps and Widows Sons members arrive early for the run.

Photo provided by Noble Giles Light

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meeting of the year was conducted on January 15th.

Our Drill Team has been practicing for competitions during the coming year. Their first practice of the year was held on Saturday, January 11th. We expect to have six members compete on our Drill Team.

The Florida Association of Shrine Motor Corps (FASMC) will be holding its Mid-Winter meeting in Cocoa Beach from January 29th through February 1st. This event is one of two major events held every year. We are expecting a good turnout to the event. More details next month.

“Thunder by the Bay” motorcycle rally will be held at the Sarasota Fairgrounds from February 14th through 16th. This year’s event will honor our veterans, active-duty military, and first responders. Several members of the Motor Corps and the Widows Sons will participate in the activities.

The Motor Corps is looking forward to participating in as many parades this year as possible. Historically, the first parade of the year is the annual Arcadia Rodeo Parade scheduled for Saturday, March 14th. We’ll have more to report on that next month.

This column would not be complete without

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Kick Stands Up (KSU) at 9:30 a.m. sharp.

Photo: Noble Giles Light



Road Captain Dan Tibbitts (Lt. Dan) leads the bikes onto Fruitville Road.

Photo: Noble Giles Light



The road is clear. Let’s roll!

Photo: Noble Giles Light

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recognizing our members who have birthdays and anniversaries in February. We have seven members and ladies with birthdays this month: Lady Beverly Brown and Gary Fields (JP) on the 2nd, Lady Nicole Crimi on the 11th, Lady Rita Bell (Sweet Pea) and Giles Light (G-man) also on the 16th, George Hernandez (Silver Fox) on the 24th, and Steve Helin (Varmint) on the 25th. We have no anniversaries this month.



Headed east towards U.S. 17 and Punta Gorda

Photo provided by Noble Giles Light



Is everyone ready to roll?

Photo provided by Noble Giles Light

Sahib Shriners

Day at Tampa Bay Downs



Wednesday, **March 25, 2020**

Round-Trip Bus

Departs Sahib at **10:00 a.m.**

\$60.00 per person

- Track Admission with Program
- Enclosed Private Grand Buffet Dining
- Private Betting Window

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Hospital Transportation Notes

Dick Schmidt, Chairman, hospital@sahibshrine.org

The Hospital Transportation Unit has experienced a dramatic change in the number of patient trips for 2019. The patient trips were down by over 75% to the Tampa SHC – Florida; and out-of-town trips were up by 40%.

The 2019 operating budget had been calculated on at least maintaining the number of local trips and a minor increase in the out-of-town trips. The 2019 hospital situation was very much unsettled and from all outward appearances is still rather open ended. Our fixed costs, such as insurance and rent, would reduce per unit if the number of trips increased. However, by decreasing the number of trips, the costs increased by mile and by trip. There has been no explanation as to why the SHC - Florida patient trips have decreased. For the past eight to ten years, the patient trips have fairly well stabilized to 200-250 trips per year. The drop in patient trips started in 2017 and has been declining



since.

The Hospital Transportation Unit is 100% funded by donation. We are a 501 (C) (3) directly under the hospital. Donations at the end of the calendar year normally replenish our cash reserves and we continue to operate. The past two years have been at a significantly lower level of contribution than ever before. The HT fund normally carries a high five figure balance. However, it is now at a lower mid-five figure level and with the 2020 budget could be quickly depleted. Imperial by-laws state the temples must provide the transportation service for needy patients at some particular level.

In 2015 and early 2018, HT management decided to buy new vans based on mileage and anticipated maintenance costs. Both vehicles are “truck quality” and anticipate service in the 250,000 to 300,000 mile range. If we had a crystal ball, we might have bought high end “soccer mom” vans for less money and had some more cash to work with. The Arcadia van has served us quite well as it is equipped with the Chrysler straight six as opposed to a Mitsubishi slant four. Anything mechanical with moving parts will wear out and requires some sort of maintenance.

There are some options that will have to

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SAHIB HOSPITAL TRANSPORTATION REPORT DECEMBER 2019

5 Patient trips to Shriners Hospital for Children – Florida; 1158 miles (3 vans); \$183.76 fuel cost

2 Parades – Venice and Sarasota

2 Donation trips to SHC – Florida: Doug Dobbs, PM & DDGM; and Denis Keslar

0 Service; 0 Off Campus; 0 Airport; 0 Cancellation

Nobles driving vans for patient trips:

Fritz Wise	Richard Cox, PM
Jim Pinson	Doug Dobbs, PM and DDGM
Ernest Sturges, PM	Joe Smedley, PM

Nobles driving parades:

Fritz Wise	Richard Cox, PM	Dick Schmidt
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be seriously reviewed and taken under advisement. The Sahib HT issues are not necessarily unique but are similar to other temples. Some temples have trips and a very limited number of drivers, some have drivers but no trips, some have distances issues, others have high risk issues, and yet others have money issues. No one solution works for everybody. Some of the temples have gone away from the driving and simply give the family cash for expenses. Others hire a driving service. The administrative work is still necessary.

Where did the Shrine Nobles lose direction? The latest “all about me”—Sahib Temple membership dues are \$.27 per day—how can we keep the doors open at that rate? The latest “free lunch” attitude drives up in his \$50,000 SUV, from his \$300,000 house, just back from his \$5,000 cruise, complaining that the Shrine should give him a \$7.00 full-service lunch. Better yet, give him a free hot dog and a beer???

Come on guys, get with the program – you did not become a Mason/Shriner to get something for nothing.



time to UPDATE



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

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Venice Shrine Club January 21, 2020

1. From left to right, Illustrious Sir Gary Fields, President Darren Bracken, and Treasurer David Mashia of the Venice Shrine Club.

2. Ambassador Bill Moore (left) with Noble Don Koleson who was recognized for service to the VSC. Don, throughout the years with the help of Noble Gardner Kimberly, has designed and manufactured numerous welding projects for their club.




3. Noble Bob Collins (left) donated a check for one thousand dollars to fix the roof at VSC. Standing with him are VSC President Darren Bracken (center) and Potentate Gary Fields.



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Oriental Band Notes

Noble Robert E. Stihler, Secretary, resnwk@aol.com

For some reason, February came up rather quickly and if the balance of the months goes as fast, 2021 will be here before we know it.

The “5th Wednesday Dinner with Our Ladies” was changed to a fabulous buffet on January 19th at the Tara Golf and Country Club orchestrated by Noble “Pepper” Mabray.

Sometime during this or next month, Yours Truly and Lady Nancy will be moving back to the area of our former residence, Winter Park, Florida. Although I'll retain my membership with Sahib Shrine and the Great Sahib Oriental Band, I'll be abdicating my position as Secretary/Scribe due to not regularly attending meetings or band practices. I will, however, continue parade participation and Sahib's Tong #54 Mandarin

Degree presentations as much as possible.

I will sorely miss the camaraderie with my fellow Bandsmen and their Ladies.

The Band wishes all a happy, healthy, and prosperous new year.

I wish you God Speed, Fair Winds, and Following Seas.

Remember the kids in the hospitals.

God bless you. God bless our troops. God bless America.

Fraternally,

Bob Stihler

Secretary



Sahib Membership Notes

Thomas Mabray, Membership Chairman, peppermabray@gmail.com

Here we are now in 2020 with a new Potentate and new opportunities to gain membership in your temple.

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

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

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

Membership increase is not up to me but it is up to YOU! I'm sure that you know someone in your lodge who would make a

good Shriner and enjoy the Shrine Fraternity. If you are not having fun in Sahib, what can you do to have fun in Sahib? MSSA (Make Sahib Strong Again).

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

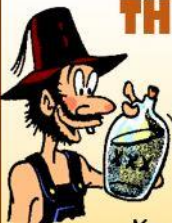

If I can be of any help, please email me or give me a call and I will try to help you the best that I can. I might be able to also help if you have any questions for either the York Rite or Scottish Rite.

If your Lodge or Shrine members will get “**JUST ONE**” new member, just think about the growth of the Lodge or Shrine and the fraternal fellowship that we will have.

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Shriners Hospitals Teams Up with Genome Medical

From www.ShrinersInternational.org

Shriners Hospitals for Children is teaming up with Genome Medical to ensure that pediatric patients and families receiving next generation DNA sequencing through the new Genomics Institute at Shriners Hospitals will have access to the highest standard of genetic services through Genome Medical's nationwide network of clinical genetic specialists. Together, Shriners Hospitals for Children and Genome Medical will be taking pediatric genetic research to a personalized, patient-centric level that will lead to more individualized treatment options and improved outcomes.

The Shriners Hospitals for Children health care system will offer genetic sequencing to patients at its 22 hospitals and outpatient locations in North America and from its international network of outreach clinics. For some patients, the sequencing will reveal genetic variations in the most medically actionable genes. These patients and their caregivers will be connected to Genome Medical to receive support and clinical guidance from its team of genetic counselors and medical geneticists, who specialize in pediatric conditions. This may include virtual genetic counseling, arranging confirmatory genetic testing for the patient, referrals to appropriate medical specialists for follow-on care, and coordinating genetic testing of family members when recommended.

“Through sophisticated, next generation sequencing of DNA samples from our patient population, Shriners Hospitals hopes to gain the understanding needed to create more targeted, efficient, and personalized treatments and therapies,” said Marc Lalande, Ph.D., vice president of research



programs for Shriners Hospitals for Children. “We are proud to be at the forefront of this next major step toward bringing new hope and healing to children and families the world over.”

This genetics-based approach to medical care – precision medicine – is more than a hope or a dream. It is becoming a reality and one day will even be the standard. With the establishment of its Genomics Institute in Tampa, Florida, Shriners Hospitals for Children has taken a major step toward this goal of understanding the specific – and individual – genetic causes of various conditions and disabilities, such as cerebral palsy, cleft lip and palate, clubfoot, scoliosis, and osteogenesis imperfecta.

“Genome Medical is excited to be part of this strategic partnership with Shriners Hospitals for Children to advance pediatric genomics research and improve the quality of care through genome-informed diagnosis and treatment,” said Lisa Alderson, co-founder and CEO of Genome Medical. “Across the country, families often have to wait months or even a year to see a pediatric genetic specialist, and they may have to travel far distances. We are changing that by joining together with Shriners Hospitals to offer easy access to leading clinical genetics specialists via virtual care, typically with next-day appointments, to ensure every child has access to appropriate genetic care to guide personalized treatment plans.”

TEMPLE CEREMONIAL

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Around the Shrine

Bingo Chairman Jack Ivins (left) and Noble Gary Womble make a dashing duo at the Shrine Bingo annual costume event.

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FEBRUARY 1

Marshall, Tim

FEBRUARY 2

Cipkala, John
Fields, Wm. Gary (Potentate)
Humphreys, Billy

FEBRUARY 3

Wentzel, Brennen

FEBRUARY 4

Wolff, Richard

FEBRUARY 5

Berman, Jay
Neary, Jon
Toale, Jeff

FEBRUARY 6

Engel, Brian
Keslar, Dennis

FEBRUARY 7

Garraus, Jesus
Watson, James
Watson, John

FEBRUARY 8

Ortt, Louis

FEBRUARY 9

Whiting, Wray

FEBRUARY 10

Hill, Edward
Suhr, Frederick

FEBRUARY 11

Thompson, Kenneth

FEBRUARY 15

Dussan, Fernando
Goranites, Doucas
Longoria, Valentin
McCarty, Lowell
Noller, Paul

FEBRUARY 16

Arthur, Ralph
Blevins, William
Bose, William
Hassler, William
Lewis, Robert
Light, Giles

FEBRUARY 17

McDonough, Donald

FEBRUARY 18

Barthalow, George
Grolemond, Robert
Mason, Mark
Mueller, Herbert
Vos, Don

FEBRUARY 19

Clayberg, James
Leiner, James

FEBRUARY 20

Dunlap, James
Joly, David
Martini, Charles
Nixon, Vanburen

FEBRUARY 21

Clayton, Carl
McLelland, Leonard
Peters, Lester

FEBRUARY 22

Gustafson, Gary

FEBRUARY 23

Blythe, Richard
McLeod, Donald
Nepi, Michael
Shearer, Donald

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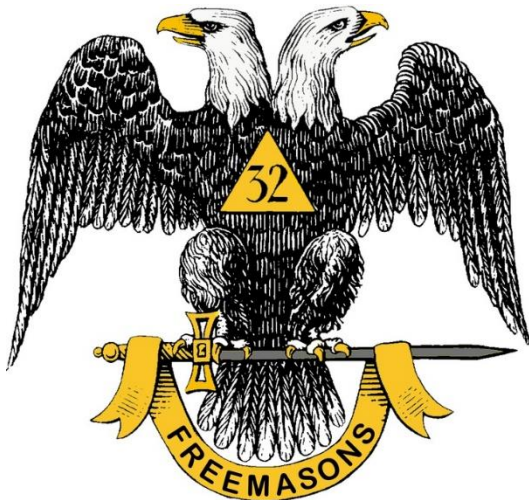
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Masonic Digest / Scottish Rite

Casey A. Fletcher, 33° IGH, dow@srtampa.org

The twenty-nine degrees of the Scottish Rite originated from old French Masonic rituals birthed in the 17th and 18th centuries (and have nothing to do with Scotland). Rewritten by Illustrious Albert Pike in the 1850's, the degrees have been updated and revised (and shortened) over the years into their modern form. The old French rituals can be studied in the book "Masonic Formulas & Rituals." Pike's original degrees are contained in "the Magnum Opus or the Great Work."



The Rite begins with a fourth degree. The three degrees of the "Blue Lodge" are the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge system, so the Rite does not confer them. It does, however, possess its own introductory degrees that are referred to as the "Red Lodge" degrees. The monitorial portions of the Red degrees are contained in the book "The Porch and the Middle Chamber" and include Pike's commentary.

The Scottish Rite is classed into four bodies, each with its own particular emphasis.

The Lodge of Perfection includes the 4th through the 14th degrees. They tell an expansive version of the Hiram Legend. The theme of these eleven degrees might be described as encouragement to "know

thyself." The degrees portray events occurring subsequent to the third degree and explore the role and symbolism of the Ruffians to good effect. Ultimately, the Lodge of Perfection focuses on continuous character development. Our attention is directed inward.

The Chapter of Rose Croix includes the 15th through 18th degrees. Its work redirects our attention outward toward society. These four degrees are at once religious, moral, and philosophical.

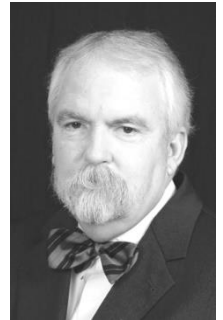
The Council of Kadosh includes the 19th through 30th degrees and includes more religious, knightly, and chivalric degrees – each is intensely mystical, instructive, and symbolic. The 29th degree, Scottish Knight of St. Andrew, depicts one of the founding legends of Freemasonry (and contains the only reference to Scotland in the entire Rite.)

The 31st and 32nd degree comprise the fourth body, the Consistory. The former degree returns our attention to the self-examination and self-reflection inculcated in the Blue Lodge and the Lodge of Perfection. It is a powerful degree, admonishing us that the path to the "realm of Light" requires more than simply going through the motions of good conduct and displaying the outward appearance of piety. The 32nd degree culminates with the exploration of the Royal Secret and the Holy Doctrine of the Rite.

The Valley of Tampa regularly meets at its Center in Tampa on the 2nd Monday of each month. Dinner is served at 5:45 p.m. and the regular meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. At our February 10th meeting, Brother Kenneth Carolan, 32° KCCH, will present a program entitled "Charity Depicts Masons."

Our next Reunion is May 2-3, 2020. Petitions are available at this website: <http://tampascottishrite.org>.

Casey Fletcher is the sitting Master of Tuscan Lodge No. 6 in Bartow, Florida.



Around the Shrine



Tony (right), shaking hands with Potentate Gary Fields, was the 50-50 winner from Thursday night's drawing January 23 and donated \$50 back to the Sahib transportation unit.

Photo provided by Potentate Gary Fields



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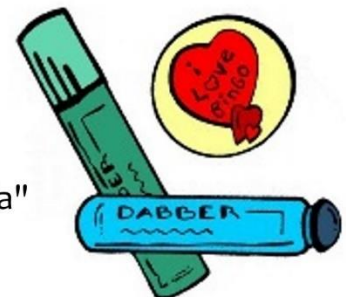
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Sar-I Court No. 79 – LOSNA

Ginny Hochroth, High Priestess, kginny@aol.com



Sar I Court welcomed three new ladies at our January meeting. We had a wonderful day learning about our new ladies and sharing with them our projects and plans for our Shrine Children.

Our clowns went to the Flight to the North Pole with our Shrine Children. We also went to the Players Day.

The East-West Shrine football game was last month. It was thrilling to be on the field with all our Masonic Organizations.

In February, we will have our election of

officers for next year. Our Fashion Show is the 29th of February. Lady Annie Begley still has tickets if you still want to go to the fashion show.

We are always looking for ladies who would like to help our Shrine Children. Call me, Lady Ginny Hochroth, and I will show you how you, too, can be a part of our organization.

Angel hugs and kisses,

High Priestess Ginny Hochroth



Sar-I Court Clowns at Players Day for the East-West Shrine Bowl.



Photos provided by Lady Ginny Hochroth.

See More LOSNA Photographs on Next Page



Some of our Shriners children attending Players Day for the East-West Shrine Bowl.

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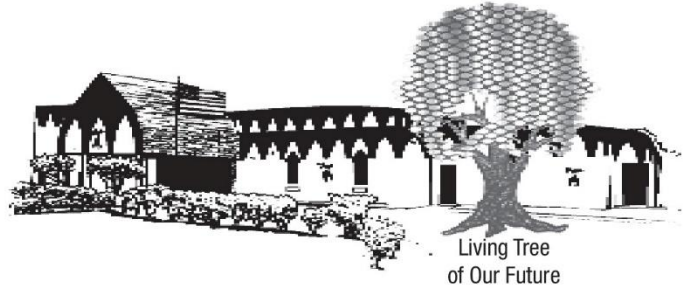
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Other tangible items over a 5 year period.
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- Larger Amounts designated by Board of Trustees with wishes of donor considered.

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Address: _____

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To advertise in The Reporter,
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Visit a Blue Lodge Near You

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



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

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



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

Cortez	Every Monday, 10:45 a.m. (November through April)	6010 14th St. W. Duff's Restaurant	Bradenton
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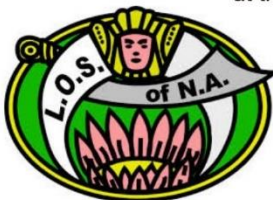
Pull Tabs for Shriners Hospitals

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?

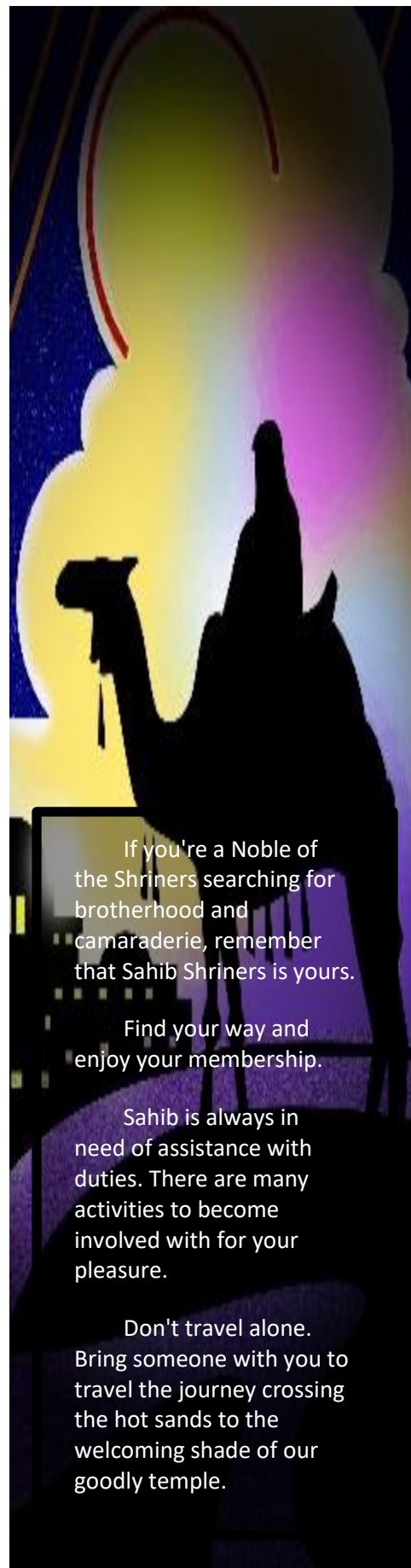
In any store or business, preferably near a cash register. Within eyesight of customers making it easy for them to put their change in the box.

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

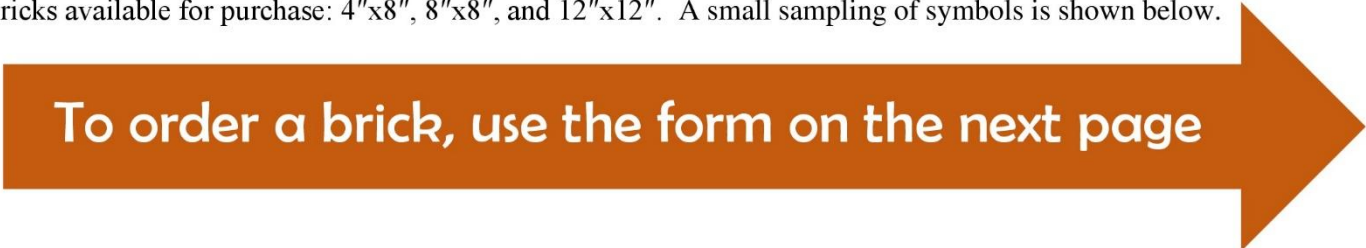
Nobles and Friends of Sahib,

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/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.



“Late February days; and now, at last, might you have thought that winter’s woe was past; so fair the sky was and so soft the air.”

William Morris



SAHIB SHRINERS WALK OF HONOR

BRICK SIDEWALK FUNDRAISER ORDER FORM

Your Name: _____ Donation Amount: \$ _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____ Clip Art #: _____
(optional)

If ordering a brick with clip art, please do not write in shaded areas.

4" x 8" Engraved Brick ... \$100.00 Cost with Optional Clip Art ... \$110.00																							

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CALENDAR: February

Saturday, Feb. 1	Potentate's Reception 11:30 a.m. Sahib Potentate's Ball 5-11 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 2	Groundhog Day Shriners Burn Awareness Week Feb. 2 thru Feb. 8
Monday, Feb. 3	Monday Night Bingo 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 4	Bingo – Main Hall 9 a.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 5	Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 6	Shriner's Luncheon 11 a.m. Queen of Hearts 7 p.m. Hillbilly Shrine Club 8 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 7	Manatee Shrine Club 11 a.m.
Monday, Feb. 10	North Port Shrine Club stated meeting 11:30 a.m. Monday Night Bingo 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 11	Bingo – Main Hall 9 a.m. Birthday & Anniversary Dinner Dance 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 13	Queen of Hearts 7 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 14	Valentine's Day Sarasota Scottish Rite Club Luncheon 11:30 a.m. LOSNA Stated Meeting 12:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 15	Reporter Deadline
Monday, Feb. 17	Washington's Birthday Monday Night Bingo 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 18	Bingo – Main Hall 9 a.m. Venice Shrine Club 11 a.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 19	Motor Corps Shrine Club 7 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 20	Queen of Hearts 7 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 22	Shriners Healthcare Day
Monday, Feb. 24	Divan Meeting 4 p.m. Monday Night Bingo 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 25	Bingo – Main Hall 9 a.m.
Thursday, Feb. 27	Queen of Hearts 7 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 29	LOSNA Ladies Fashion Show

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



Coming in March...

4TH:	IMPERIAL POTENTATE'S OFFICIAL VISIT
5TH-8TH:	SESA MID-YEAR MEETING
17TH:	ST. PATRICK'S DAY
25TH:	SAHIB DAY AT TAMPA DOWNS



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THAT OTHERS WASTE."

-HENRY FORD



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