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Welcome Ararat's Newest Nobles!



Back Row, New Nobles

Left to Right: New nobles Cody Steffen, Fred VerStraete, Eric Mesa, Rolan Ross, Bradley Mudd, David Taylor, Carl Wright, James Borawski, Fred Lewis, Matthew Jones, Keller Hayes, Alex Tash, David Gibson, Tim Guthrie, along with Ceremonial Master Scott Towler.

Front Row, Divan and Class Honoree

Left to Right: Wes Wingfield, Chaplin; Barry Hord, Marshal; Weston Miller, Treasurer; Steve Costigan, High Priest and Prophet; Keith Stoneking, Assistant Rabban; Richard Call, 2025 Class Honoree; Jeremy Yates, Potentate; Ben Allen, Chief Rabban; Bud Higginbotham, Captain of the Guard; David Johnson, Outer Guard; Tony Broome, Oriental Guide; Nick Baldi, Recorder.



Illustrious Sir Jeremy Yates presents the Lifetime Membership Certificate to his Class Honoree, Richard Call.

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ARARAT SHRINE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2025

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2026

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2026

Food & cash bar following meetings

Meeting 7:00PM • Regular Order of Business

Balloting on Petitions • Visiting Nobles Welcome

Current Card Required • Wear Your Fez

Nick Baldi
Recorder

Jeremy Yates
Illustrious Potentate

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Jeremy Yates	Potentate
Ben Allen	Chief Rabban
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Tony Broome	Oriental Guide
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Nick Baldi	Recorder
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John Foster	Director
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Jim Kerns, P.P.	Editor
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(Temple stated meeting nights, open until 7pm)

Pote's Notes

Nobles and Ladies,

It has truly been both a pleasure and an honor to serve as your Potentate this year. As we close out another fantastic year, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for your support, encouragement, and friendship throughout this journey. It has been a year filled with fun, fellowship, and unforgettable memories.



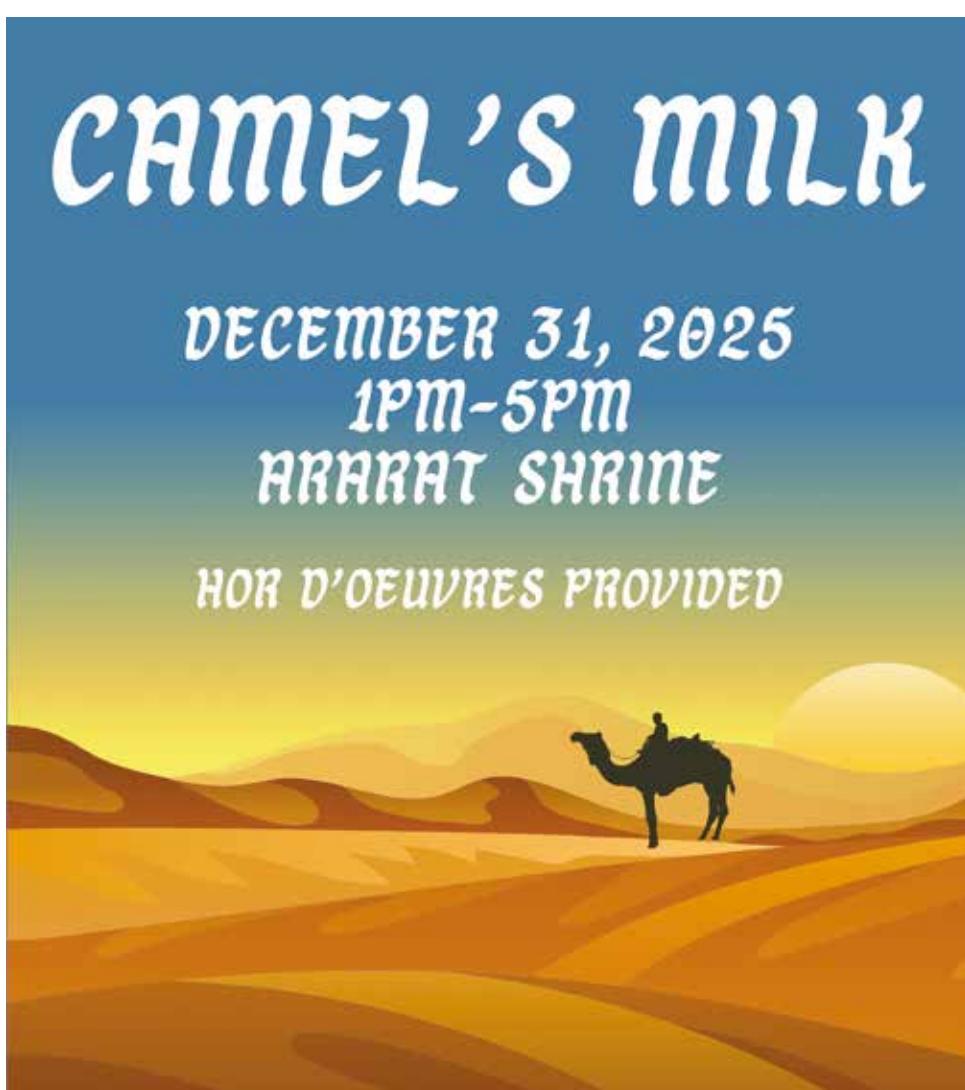
The events this year were top-notch and well attended, and that success is thanks to each and every one of you who showed up and made them special. Special thanks to my Aides, the office staff, and our Divan for your unwavering support through a challenging year. I could not have been blessed with a better team to help guide and support me. You all made this role a joy.

We've wrapped up another successful Circus in parallel with the Festival of Trees—two major events that require countless hours of planning and hard work. I am deeply grateful for how Ararat shows up for every endeavor. Your dedication makes all the difference. Before we wrap up the year, don't miss the All-Temple Christmas Party and Ararat Children's Christmas Party. These events are always a highlight of the season, and I hope to see you and your families there as we share in the joy of the holidays. We'll end the year with Camel's Milk, a time-honored tradition for our Nobles.

As I step back and look forward to next year with fewer responsibilities, I am excited to see what Noble Ben and his leadership team have planned for us. I know they will continue the tradition of excellence, and I look forward to supporting them in every way I can.

From my family to yours, Happy Holidays! Thank you for making this year so special.
Fraternally yours,

Jeremy Yates
Potentate, Ararat Shrine



UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

DECEMBER

4.....Bingo (Patrol)
6.....All Temple Christmas Party
8.....Divan Meeting
10.....Temple Meeting
11.....Bingo (Cooking Club)
13.....Children's Christmas Party
18.....Bingo (Anyone Can Help!)
25.....Christmas
25.....No Bingo
25-26.....Office Closed
31.....Camel's Milk

JANUARY

1.....Bingo (Greeters)
8.....Bingo (Blue Springs S. C.)
12.....Divan Meeting
14.....Temple Meeting
15.....Bingo (Jackson County S.C.)
22.....Bingo (Tractors)
29.....Bingo (Anyone Can Help!)

FEBRUARY

1.....Biscuits and Gravy Breakfast
5.....Bingo (Drones)
9.....Divan Meeting
11.....Temple Meeting
12.....Bingo (AM Radio)
19.....Bingo (Motor Escort)
26.....Bingo (Pipes and Drums)

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*Thank you to the following Nobles
who drove for a total of
109 hours the month of September!*

Ben Kenney 12 hours
Sam Manthei 44 hours

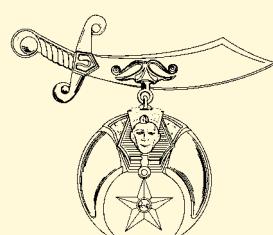
Ralph Wright 12 hours

Jeff Yahnig 41 hours

*Thank you to the following
Nobles who drove for a total of
28 hours the month of October!!*

Ben Kenney 14 hours
Ralph Wright 14 hours

*Please remember that for every
hour the drivers receive 25 Crown
Jewel Points. It's a great way to
earn your points.*



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**CHILDREN'S
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**DECEMBER 13, 2025
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October 2025 Temple Meeting Notes

BY STEVE COSTIGAN, HIGH PRIEST & PROPHET

The October 8th stated meeting of Ararat Shriners was called to order at 7:00 PM at 499 HWY 7 by Illustrious Potentate Jeremy Yates.

Temple officers present were Illustrious Potentate Jeremy Yates, Noble Ben Allen, Chief Rabban, Noble Keith Stoneking, Assistant Rabban, Noble Steve Costigan, Jr., High Priest and Prophet, Noble Scott Towler, Ceremonial Master, Noble John Foster, Director, Noble Bud Higginbotham, Captain of the Guard, and Noble Barry Hord, Marshal.

The meeting was opened in due form. Noble Steve Costigan, High Priest and Prophet, read the following list of Nobles who had been visited by the Black Camel: Roger Hansen, Larry Schroeder, Casey Dever, Stephen Sellers, Brian Cook, John Kaler, and Jim Vaughan.

Resulting from a motion suspending the reading of the minutes of stated Temple meeting for the duration of the term of office of the current Potentate, the minutes of the September 10th stated meeting were not read.

Illustrious Potentate Jeremy Yates then called for the reading of petitions, creations, affiliations and associations. Noble Weston Miller, Treasurer, announced there were none.

Illustrious Potentate Jeremy Yates asked for the reading of restorations. Noble Weston Miller, Treasurer, reported there were none.

Illustrious Potentate Jeremy Yates called for the reading of demits. Noble Weston Miller, Treasurer, reported that there were none.

Illustrious Potentate Jeremy Yates called for the reading of remissions. Noble Weston Miller, Treasurer, reported that there were none.

Illustrious Potentate Jeremy Yates then called on Noble Weston Miller, Treasurer, to give the Treasurer's Report. He gave a report letting Nobles know where funds came from and were going.

Illustrious Potentate Jeremy Yates, called for gifts and contributions.

Noble Morris Carter, representing Boonslick Shrine Club, made a great donation to the 2025 Circus.

Noble Zach Hill, representing Golden Valley Shrine Club, made a wonderful donation to the 2025 Circus.

Noble Rod McGrath gave a donation from cars he sold over the last month.

Warsaw Shrine Club presented a fabulous donation to the 2025 Circus.

Illustrious Potentate Jeremy Yates called for any visiting Nobles. Noble George Thompson, announced that there were no Nobles visiting this month, but there were some Past Potentates present whose names would be read later.

Illustrious Potentate Jeremy Yates called for committee reports.

Noble Ben Allen, Chief Rabban, reported on the 2025 circus. He thanked Boonslick, Golden Valley and Warsaw for their donations to the circus. He reminded Nobles that ads for the circus are due soon, so keep selling.

Noble Duke Diamond gave the monthly Bingo report. He gave a donation to the Temple from Bingo and thanked the workers for their time every week. He then gave a donation For the Kids from the Bingo players.

Noble Scott Towler, Ceremonial Master, reminded everyone we will be having a Ceremonial on October 18th . It will take place in the morning. He encouraged Nobles to come and help

out with the Arch Production and Ceremonial, or just be present for the new Nobles.

Noble Glenn Helverson, Membership Chairman, spoke about community outreach. He thanked everyone who helped at the Fall Fest. There is Trunk or Treat in Lee's Summit and help is welcomed. November 7-9 is the CSSMA Conference to encourage new membership for the Shrine.

Noble Leroy Graham let Nobles know that they have two new drivers. He also let everyone know when Jim Vaughan's funeral would be. He was a long-time driver and office worker. Noble Dr. Tom Tryon started by telling a joke about Noble Tony Broome, even though he wasn't present. He spoke about the Hospital Board of Directors meeting. Illustrious Potentate Jeremy Yates then congratulated Noble Mick Owens on his appointment as an Associate Board Member of the Shriners Hospital for Children-St. Louis.

Noble JW Page gave the Sportsmen's Raffle Report. The drawing was at the end of September. He thanked everyone that helped. He presented awards to the top five salesmen to: 5. Ralph Wright/Larry Gonnello, 4. JW Page, 3. Troy Collins, 2. John Goedeke, 1. Larry McElfresh. He then presented awards to the top five Clubs/Units for sales to: 5. Amateur Radio, 4. Provost, 3. Richmond Shrine Club, 2. Carroll County Shrine Club, 1. Rushville Lodge.

Noble Sonny Hibbs thanked Nobles for attending parades this year. We have won 5 awards this year at parades. The next parade is the Independence Halloween Parade.

Noble John Spottswood talked about the upcoming Festival of Trees event. It will run weekends November 7- December 6. He talked about some of the items. He also asked for any volunteers. Any Noble that volunteers their time will be put into a drawing for next years dues to be paid.

Illustrious Potentate Jeremy Yates reminded everyone about the following events: Circus Ads are due, Fall Ceremonial, Festival of Champions, Independence Parade, Murder Mystery Dinner and Show, Jackson County Shrine Club's Shrimp Boil at the Temple, Veteran's Parade, the Circus, and Bingo every Thursday.

Noble Weston Miller, Treasurer, explained why we need a Club/Unit report turned in every year and requests in gets turned in in a timely manner. If help is needed, just ask.

Illustrious Potentate Jeremy Yates called for the Good of the Order.

Noble Phil Meisenheimer, Chief Aide, reminded Nobles that the Murder Mystery Dinner and Show is coming up. It is an interactive show and is the last Aides Party this year.

Illustrious Potentate Jeremy Yates recognized the following Past Potentates: Illustrious Sir Hank DeVry, P.P. 2005, Illustrious Sir Richard Floyd, P.P. 2012, Illustrious Sir Maurice Camerlynck, P.P. 2014, Illustrious Sir Merv Terrill, P.P. 2014, Al-Kaly Shriners, and Illustrious Sir Steve Elliott, P.P. 2021, Tangier Shriners.

Illustrious Potentate Jeremy Yates recognized the following Emeriti members: Noble Mike Wheeler, Recorder Emeritus, Noble George Thompson, Greeters Director Emeritus, and Bud Higginbotham, Captain of the Guard Emeritus.

The Potentate called on the High Priest and Prophet for the Benediction. Noble Steve Costigan gave the Benediction.

Waiving all forms and ceremony the Potentate closed the meeting at 8:07PM.





November 2025 Temple Meeting Notes

BY TONY BROOME, ORIENTAL GUIDE

The November 12th stated meeting of Ararat Shriners was called to order at 7:00 PM at 499 S 7 Hwy by Illustrious Potentate Jeremy Yates. Since it was an open meeting, Illustrious Potentate also welcomed many visitors that were there with interest in joining not only Ararat Shrine but also the Masonic Fraternity. Several Shrine and Masonic petitions were completed. It was a great turnout.

Temple officers present were Illustrious Potentate Jeremy Yates, Noble Ben Allen, Chief Rabban, Noble Keith Stoneking, Assistant Rabban, Noble Steve Costigan, Jr., High Priest and Prophet, Noble Tony Broome, Oriental Guide, Noble Scott Towler, Ceremonial Master, Noble John Foster, Director, Noble Barry Hord, Marshall, Noble David Johnson, Jr., Outer Guard, Noble Larry Potter, Jurisdictional Marshall, Noble Wes Wingfield, Chaplain and Henry McDaniel, P.P., Chief of Staff.

The meeting was opened in due form. Chaplain, Noble Wes Wingfield, read the following list of Nobles who had been visited by the Black Camel: Brian Cook, Eugene Benbow, Charles Fergason, Jerry Grimes, Ronald Facklam, Robert Clawson, Michael Jeffers and Art Kinder. The Chaplain then gave the invocation.

Resulting from a motion suspending the reading of the minutes of stated Temple meeting for the duration of the term of office of the current Potentate, the minutes of the October 8th stated meeting were not read.

Illustrious Potentate the welcomed special guest, 33rd President of the United States and fellow Noble, Harry S. Truman. President Truman then led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. He then spoke to the Nobility and guests about his family, life, Free Masonry, and the Shrine.

Illustrious Potentate Jeremy Yates presented 50 year pins to the following nobles: Donald Alberti, Thomas Beck, Morris Coburn, Robert Cox, Earl Dorris, James England, Lewis Evans, Donald Freeman, Charles Glenn, Jimmy McClure, William Owsley, Wayne Pool, David Wayman, Donald Woolen, P.P., and Robert Ross.

Illustrious Potentate Jeremy Yates introduced Dr. Tom Tryon. He spoke about Shriners Children's. He talked about a patient who would never have been able to walk without the help of our hospital. He is now a thriving adult. He thanked everyone for their support of Shriners and Shriners Children's.



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Illustrious Potentate Jeremy Yates reminded everyone about the following upcoming events: Bingo every Thursday night, Circus, Festival of Trees, All Temple Christmas Party, Temple Elections, Children's Christmas Party, and Camel's Milk.

Illustrious Potentate Jeremy Yates called for the Good of the Order. Noble Tony Broome, Oriental Guide, introduced the following:

Noble George Thompson let everyone know about the upcoming All Temple Christmas coming up on December 6th.

Illustrious Sir Michael Aulgur asked for help driving cars at Mecum Auto Auction on December 4-6.

Noble Bill McPherson let Nobles know that there will be benefit dinner on December 6th for Noble Larry Walters at Jackson County Shrine Club.

Illustrious Potentate Jeremy Yates called for Gifts and Contributions. Noble Tony Broome, Oriental Guide, introduced the following:

Noble Larry Gonnello with Amateur Radio presented checks to Provost, Needle Guild, Hospital Transportation, Cornerstone and St. Louis Shriner's Childrens.

Noble Don Freeman from Country Classics donated a check in memory of Mac McWilliams.

Noble Glenn Helverson with Community Outreach presented a check from the tips we received from the Blue Springs Fall Fun Fest.

Illustrious Potentate Jeremy Yates introduced the following Past Potentates present: Illustrious Sir Howard McHenry, P.P. 1978, Illustrious Sir Kevin Sleyster, P.P. 2010, Illustrious Sir Ed Graves, P.P. 2015, Zamora Shrine-Birmingham, AL, Illustrious Sir Henry McDaniel, Jr., P.P. 2018, Illustrious Sir Butch Pugh, P.P. 2019, and Illustrious Sir Michael Aulgur, P.P. 2021.

Illustrious Potentate Jeremy Yates recognized the following Emeriti Member present: Noble Gene Erwin, Money Man Emeritus, Noble Jacque Mote, Vocal Emeritus, Noble George Thompson, Greeters Director Emeritus, and Noble David Johnson, Shrineta Emeritus.

Illustrious Potentate Jeremy Yates recognized the following Imperial Provost Line and Officers present: Noble Trenton Kelley, 2nd Lieutenant.

Noble Wes Wingfield, Chaplain, gave the benediction. Waiving all forms and ceremony the Potentate closed the meeting at 7:57PM.

Ararat's Halloween Hayride & Bonfire



The Ararat Cooking Club Presents

Biscuits & Gravy + Eye Openers Breakfast

Sunday February 1st...9 AM

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**\$10 all you can eat homemade Biscuits & Gravy
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Biscuits & Gravy



Circus Dad and Mom Pins

The following Nobles have invested in our Circus by purchasing the 2025 Shrine Circus Mom and Dad Pins. THANK YOU!

They will receive 25 Crown Jewel Points for each pin.

MOM PINS

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DAD PINS

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Darrell W. Haddock
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Michael C. Whiteside
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Stephen C. Barnhart

Robert L. Beeler, P.P.
John L. Blankenship, Jr.
Garrett D. Budzinski
William J. Carboneau

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George B. Thompson
Scott E. Towler
Perry G. Vandiver
Kimball E. Wilcox
Wesley H. Wingfield
Ralph J. Wright

2025 CIRCUS SALES

(AS OF 11/12/2025)

TOP SALESMEN

Joshua D. Diamond \$8,145.00
George B. Thompson \$4,290.00
Robert E. Morton, Jr. \$4,250.00
David L. Huddleston \$2,540.00
John E. Foster \$2,185.00

TOP UNITS/CLUBS

C - Warsaw S.C. \$25,680.00
U - Ole' Cars \$11,175.00
C - Richmond S.C. \$10,315.00
C - Boonslick S.C. \$7,800.00
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The Force was Strong at Shriners Hospital!

BY GARY DAVIS

Ararat Hospital Transportation had a blast making our trip to St. Louis Shriners Hospital on October 24, 2025, for another great Star Wars visit! What a fantastic day to be an Ararat Shriner!

Huge shout-out to Sam Manthei and Bob Duncan for getting this tradition off the ground a couple of years ago. We visit every April and October—reach out if you want to ride along with us!

Nobles on the Run: Noble Gary Davis (myself), Sam Manthei, Bob Duncan, Jay McClintick, and Jon Boone.

And a massive thank you to our Star Wars Troopers who brought the magic: Heidi Wilson, Michael Cook, Michael Musgraves-Perkins, and Danny Nichols!



IN MEMORIAM

NOBLES WHOSE LIVES

We Celebrate!

The Officers and Nobles of Ararat Shrine express their sincere sympathy to the families and friends of these departed Nobles:

Roger Hanson	Granite Falls, WA	09/07/1936-04/06/2020
Larry Schroeder	Platte City, MO	05/04/1942-09/24/2025
Casey Dever	Kearney, MO	06/15/1953-09/27/2025
Stephen Sellers	Wellington, MO	10/06/1926-09/30/2025
Jim Vaughan	Overland Park, KS	12/12/1936-10/04/2025
Brian Cook	Kansas City, MO	05/29/1959-07/09/2020
Eugene Benbow	Peculiar, MO	11/12/1938-07/02/2025
Charles Fergason	Carrollton, MO	09/07/1928-08/30/2025
Jerry Grimes	Independence, MO	12/14/1943-10/21/2025
Ronald Facklam	Kansas City, MO	07/12/1948-10/24/2025
Robert Clawson	Brookfield, MO	07/22/1933-08/08/2025
Art Kinder	Kansas City, MO	06/29/1927-10/28/2025
Michael Jeffers	Blue Springs, MO	06/13/1955-03/03/2025
William Loehr	Lee's Summit, MO	03/11/1953-11/14/2025
Lawrence Burson	Lillington, NC	07/21/1940-09/25/2025
Robert Johnson	LaPlata, MO	08/20/1939-12/02/2024
Herbert Kimbrell	Lake Lotawana, MO	01/14/1935-11/06/2025



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Ole Cars

With the 2025 Parade season coming to a close, Ole Cars would like to thank everybody that helped make this season great. We appreciate all of you coming out and representing our Temple. We look forward to the 2026 season, and we hope your support will make next season even better.



About Shriners Children's

At Shriners Children's, we are committed to reaching as many children as possible, wherever they may live, and offering them our unique, patient-centered, wraparound care.

For most of its history, our healthcare system has been known as Shriners Hospitals for Children. As we adapt to current nationwide trends in healthcare, especially the emphasis on outpatient care, and some locations become clinics or outpatient centers, we have introduced the phrase "Shriners Children's." It is shorter and more definitive – clearly stating who we are and what we care about. We are Shriners and our commitment is to Children. In today's fast-paced world, this short phrase helps to succinctly and clearly define us.

Since opening our first hospital in 1922, we have been devoted to providing high-quality specialty medical care to the children and families who come to us, regardless of their ability to pay or insurance status. A century later, our commitment hasn't changed — only expanded.

Our three-part mission has one goal: to change and improve lives. We do this by caring for our patients, conducting research to gain knowledge and develop new treatments, and providing

educational opportunities for physicians and other healthcare professionals.

From One Location to Worldwide Reach

The members of the Shriners fraternity have always shared a desire to help those in need. In the late 1910s, as a polio epidemic swept across the United States, it was apparent that many children were going without appropriate care. So the Shriners established a children's hospital to meet this need.

On May 12, 1922, thousands gathered to witness the placing of the cornerstone of the first Shriners Children's hospital, in Shreveport, Louisiana. The first patient – a little girl with clubfoot – was seen on Sept. 16, 1922, in a remodeled home adjacent to the Masonic temple while construction of the permanent hospital was underway.

What began as a single hospital is now a world-renowned and beloved healthcare system with hospitals, outpatient clinics, ambulatory care centers and outreach locations across the globe. We are now providing hope and healing to

more children in more places.

Hope and Healing

Today, Shriners Children's offers care for a range of orthopedic conditions, as well as care for burn injuries, craniofacial conditions, spine care and spinal cord injuries, and sports medicine. Our experienced, innovative and dedicated teams work together to provide treatment to help each patient meet their goals and reach their full potential.

At Shriners Children's, we are grateful for the vision of the Shriners that led to the creation of our healthcare system. We look forward to a second hundred years of changing and improving the lives of children.

Our Core Values

At Shriners Children's, we are committed to improving children's lives every day. Our compassionate, wrap-around care envelops each patient in a supportive and loving environment that helps them thrive.

Kruz experienced a traumatic birth, causing a diagnosis of Erb's palsy, a type of brachial plexus injury.

It is something that no mother wants to experience, yet it happens in one to three out of every 1,000 births.

As a result, after he was born, he had no movement in his left arm, and it hung limp at his side. His fingers were curled up, and his hand was stuck in a position pointing behind him. He additionally had very little movement in his fingers on his left hand, but his right arm and hand were unaffected. He started therapy when he was 3 weeks old to help him move his arm.

Erb's palsy is most often the result of a difficult delivery when the infant's neck is stretched during the birthing process. The resulting damage to the brachial plexus, a network of nerves near the neck, causes arm weakness and loss of motion, and possible paralysis of the shoulder, arm, hands and fingers.

Through parent social media groups, Kruz's mom, Briana, learned about Scott Kozin, M.D., from Shriners Children's Philadelphia, a leader in treating this condition. He has spent his career specializing in brachial plexus injuries and has written more than 100 peer-reviewed papers, many covering this type of injury. Therefore, Briana knew she and her son were in good hands before she even set foot in Shriners Children's Philadelphia.

After their first appointment with Dr. Kozin, Briana said she "loved him" and felt "very comfortable" with him. She said she knew she wanted Kruz to be under his care. He had his first appointment when he was 1 month old in June 2024. Kruz followed up with Dr. Kozin on a monthly basis to determine if surgery would be necessary.

It was decided that Kruz would need a closed reduction surgery on his left shoulder after the humeral head, or ball, began slipping out of the socket, a condition known as subluxation. The surgery was performed when Kruz was 6 months old to push his shoulder back into place. Dr. Kozin also injected botulinum toxin into Kruz's internal rotators to temporarily weaken his internal rotation so that, with physical therapy and stretching, his arm could gain external rotation over time. Dr. Kozin said, "Surgery was successful to realign the joint."

After his initial surgery, he was fitted for a spica cast, which was used to hold his joint in place. Unfortunately, due to the severity of Kruz's Erb's palsy, Dr. Kozin had to operate again when Kruz was 9 months old due to humeral head subluxation. Kruz then had an open reduction surgery and a nerve transfer, and after surgery, was in a spica cast again for another four to six weeks. That was his most recent surgery. He is now six months post op, and his shoulder has not come out of place.

Briana said she feels reassured that the Shriners Children's Philadelphia team

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~BRIANA, KRUZ' MOTHER



consistently conducts ultrasounds at every appointment to confirm everything is healing properly. She also showed her appreciation not only for Dr. Kozin but also for Eugene Park, M.D., who surgically administered Kruz's sutures, which healed beautifully.

However, it was not just the surgical side of Kruz's care that left Briana satisfied with Shriners Children's Philadelphia. Within the rehabilitation team, the occupational therapists (OTs) went above and beyond to support Kruz and his recovery from surgery. The OTs took measurements of his arm and fitted him for his nighttime brace needed directly after surgery. Due to his progress from OT, he no longer needs to wear the brace. Briana emphasized that the team made sure she was comfortable asking questions during any step of the process.

Right after his nerve transfer surgery, Kruz had OT two times a day and underwent intensive therapy practices. Briana then began to make regular trips to Philadelphia to see the OTs at the hospital instead of her local outpatient facility. She said she felt more comfortable continuing therapy at Shriners

Children's after surgery due to the severity of her son's case and recurring shoulder issues. She chose to go once a week and said this also made it an easy way to communicate with Dr. Kozin if she had any concerns. Now, Kruz has follow-up appointments every few months with Dr. Kozin to make sure he is still healing properly. Kruz is now back in outpatient therapy at his local facility, along with Early Intervention services at home to aid in his recovery.

Today, Kruz is 16 months old and has more external rotation of his left arm than ever before. Prior to his surgeries, he couldn't move his arm outwards to the side at all. "He would cry in pain if you put his arm in a 'high 5' position," Briana said. "Now, after surgery, he can successfully move his arm actively and passively."

Due to nerves naturally healing slowly, Kruz and his medical team are still waiting to find out if he will be able to put his hands above his head. However, in the meantime, he has improved fine motor skills: he can feed himself, clap, give high fives, and reach his arm out to the side. Due to his injury, he was

never able to crawl and bear that much weight on his arms, so he adapted by scooting on the floor to get around. In therapy, the team would work on crawling with Kruz, but it was difficult for him. Therefore, he bypassed crawling and started walking at 14 months. "He's come such a long way," Briana said.

"The quality of care at Shriners Children's Philadelphia has been very thorough, and the staff are personable, caring and dedicated to what they do. The peace of mind knowing that you're in good hands really helps you get through the difficult times," Briana said. "Knowing I was seeing Dr. Kozin, someone who is really good at what he does, helped me know I was in good hands. I hadn't felt that way before."

One of Kruz's nicknames is "Nemo," and his family calls his injured arm his "Lucky Fin." They have additionally referenced "just keep swimming" throughout his journey, just like the motif throughout the film Finding Nemo. Coincidentally, Kruz loves water and swimming. Soon, he will be splashing around with both arms as he continues to regain mobility and rotation in his "lucky fin."

Tucker's Parade!



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11-Cooking Club
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Alpha #659	2121 Gentry	N. Kansas City	64117	2nd & 4th Monday
Amsterdam #141	State Hwy Y and State Hwy J	Amsterdam	64723	2nd Tuesday 7:30
Angerona #193	State Hwy, JJ	Missouri City	64072	1st & 3rd Tuesday
Appleton City # 412	315 E. 3rd Street	Appleton City	64724	3rd Monday 7:30
Arrow Rock #55	307 7th ST	Arrow Rock	65320	2nd Thursday
Barbee #217	503 S Locust	Sweet Springs	65351	3rd Thursday
Barry Daylight #17	2000 NW Barry Rd	Kansas City	64154	3rd Wednesday
Belton-Grandview #450	307 N Scott	Belton	64012	1st & 3rd Tuesday
Blue Springs #337	908 Main St	Blue Springs	64015	1st & 3rd Thursday
Brookfield #86	200 Linn	Brookfield	64628	2nd & 4th Tuesdays
Buckner #501	611 S Sibley St	Buckner	64016	1st & 3rd Tuesday
Butler #254	1203 N. Orange	Butler	64730	1st & 3rd Thursday
Cairo #486	209 Martin	Cairo	65239	2nd & 4th Thursdays
Callao #38	300 Market St.	Callao	63534	1st & 3rd Mondays
Cambridge #63	627 Industrial Blvd	Slater	65349	1st Tuesday
Cass #147	405 Independence	Harrisonville	64701	1st & 3rd Thursday
Cecile Daylight #305	120 S. Pleasant St.	Independence	64050	2nd & 4th Wednesday
Censor #172	201 Pearl St.	Macon	63552	2nd & 4th Mondays
Christian #392	1901 S. Broadway	Oak Grove	64075	2nd & 4th Thursday
Clark #610	Main and Hubbard	Clark	65243	1st & 3rd Thursday
Clay #207	110 1/2 Main St. PO Box 424	Excelsior Springs	64024	1st & 3rd Mondays
Clinton #548	1109 E. Ohio	Clinton	64733	2nd & 4th Tuesdays
Compass #120	2121 Gentry	North KC	64118	2nd Thursday
Cooper Lodge #36	717 Main St.	Boonville, MO.	65233	2nd & 4th Tuesdays 7pm
Corinthian #265	402 E Russel Ave	Warrenburg	64093	1st & 3rd Monday
Country Club #656	3516 Blue Ridge Cut-off	Kansas City	64116	1st & 3rd Monday
Crescent Hill #368	24 E. 3rd St.	Adrian	64720	2nd & 4th Thursday
Fayette-Howard #4	182 Hwy 5 North	Fayette	65248	1st & 3rd Tuesday
Fidelity #339	5625 NW Huston Rd	Farley	64151	1st Wednesday
Grand River #276	1905 E 281 street	Cleveland	64734	2nd Monday
Granite Lodge 272	601 W Broadway	Sedalia	65301	3rd Tuesday 7pm
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Harry S Truman #1941	120 S Pleasant	Independence	64050	4th Tuesday
Higbee #527	Division St.	Higbee	65257	2nd & 4th Thursdays
Higginsville #364	701 W. 22nd St.	Higginsville	64037	2nd & 4th Monday
Holden #262	1192 S.W Hwy 58	Holden	64040	1st & 3rd Thursday
Huntsville #30	110 N. Main St.	Huntsville	65270	1st & 3rd Tuesday
Independence #76	120 S Pleasant	Independence	64050	2nd & 4th Monday
Index #54	709 Old Hwy 7	Garden City	64747	4th Monday
Ivanhoe #446	8640 Holmes Rd.	Kansas City	64131	1st & 3rd Thursday
Jackson #82	300 State St.	Linneus	64653	2nd & 4th Monday
Jewel #480	1480 Broadway	Pleasant Hill	64080	2nd Tuesday
Kansas City #220	1330 E Linwood Ave.	Kansas City	64109	2nd & 4th Tuesday
Knob Noster #245	1124 N.E. 75	Knob Noster	65336	2nd & 4th Thursday
Lexington #149	126 1/2 N 11th St	Lexington	64067	3rd Tuesday
Liberty #31	10 E Franklin	Liberty	64068	2nd & 4th Monday
Marceline #481	201 Main St.	Marceline	64658	1st & 3rd Thursdays
Mc Donald #324	120 S Pleasant	Independence	64050	1st & 3rd Monday
Milton #151	Hwy 63/24	Milton	65270	2nd & 4th Friday
Moberly #344	401 W. Rollins	Moberly	65270	2nd & 4th Monday
Mount Hope #476	6898 N 131 Hwy	Odessa	64076	1st & 3rd Thursday
Mt Washington #614	9515 E. Independence Ave	Independence	64053	2nd & 4th Friday
Platte City #504	100 Main St.	Farley	64028	2nd Monday
Ray #223	205 W. Main St	Camden	64017	1st & 3rd Thursday
Raytown #391	6309 Overton	Raytown	64133	1st & 3rd Thursday
Richmond #57	315 Clark St.	Richmond	64085	3rd Monday
Rising Sun #13	2000 NW Barry Rd	Kansas City	64154	1st Saturday
Shawnee #653	425 Benton St.	Warsaw	65355	2nd & 4th Tuesday
Sheffield #625	903 Harrison	Kansas City	64106	2nd Thursday
Summit #263	2409 S. M-291 Hwy	Lees Summit	64064	1st & 3rd Tuesday
Swope Park #617	8521 Oldham Rd	Kansas City	64138	2nd & 4th Thursday
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Temple Gate #299	903 Harrison St	Kansas City	64106	1st 3rd Tuesday
Trilumina #205	18 E Morrow	Marshall	65340	1st Thursday
Wakanda #52	14 N Main	Carrollton	64663	2nd & 4th Thursday
Wallace #456	Herndon St. and Gladstone Ave.	Bunceton	65237	2nd & 4th Wednesday
Warren #74	300 W. Bridge St.	Keytesville	65261	2nd & 4th Thursday
Waverly #61	108 E Kelting Ave.	Waverly,	64096	2nd Tuesday
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AN ALL-STAR SWEATER

ALL TEMPLE CHRISTMAS SWEATER PARTY

PRESENTED BY THE GREETERS

DECEMBER 6, 2025

6PM SOCIAL HOUR

7PM DINNER BUFFET AND BAND

\$10 PER PERSON WITH RSVP

CASH BAR

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\$20 PER PERSON WITHOUT RSVP

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