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2024 Moolah Shrine Potentate Shaun Ruether

Greeting Nobles and Ladies!

What an exciting time for Moolah Shrine, not only for Stephanie and me, but also all of the new unit, club and committee heads. With all the new ideas and events to come, you should be excited for this year as well!

As I assume the role of serving our Moolah Temple as Potentate, I reflect on the 2023 year, and what an amazing leader Illustrious Sir Robby Dirkers was to our Shrine. His many events brought us together like never before, and I am pleased to continue this momentum. Thank you, Illustrious Sir Robby and First Lady Pam, for a wonderful year!

As a temple, we are so blessed to have the amount of volunteers that give tirelessly-not only their precious time, but in many cases, their monetary contributions as well. We appreciate you.

A huge thanks to all the Aides for the years of service and for accepting the request to assist the temple in the many events to come. We are sure to be a success with your help.

Moving forward, we are looking to continue the strong bond of our fun and fellowship. My slogan says it all-Back to the Core in '24. We will continue to promote and raise awareness and money for our hospitals, while keeping in mind what this fraternity was founded on: having fun, growing membership, and retaining the nobles we have. Let's make Moolah the powerhouse it used to be!

We asked, and you answered. We sent out a survey, asking what events you like, and any ideas you'd like to see come

to Moolah. We are pleased to announce that we will continue Sunday Fundays (if you know us, we have been doing this for years anyway), begin Moolah Mingles, which will be karaoke nights, a 5K Fun Run, and the return of Macho Mania.

Stay up to date with all things '24 by subscribing to The Moolah Message, which is a weekly email blast, or my monthly blog, The Pote's Post, which can be found here: https://sites.google.com/windsorc1.com/thepotespost?usp=sharing

With your help, we can make all of this come to fruition. I have been honored and humbled by the chance to serve all these years on your Divan, but this moment here and now is the pinnacle of all the years put in. Thank you for this amazing honor, and I hope to make you all very proud.

THO

Illustrious Sir Shaun Ruether



What Happens When You Do What You Know Is Wrong?

By: Ron Reynolds

The test of integrity is that your public life and your private life match—what's in your heart and what's in your life are the same thing. You ask yourself, "Would I want everyone to know about this decision that I'm making?"

The Bible says, "Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but whoever takes crooked paths will be found out" (Proverbs 10:9).

So, how do you listen to God? One major way God speaks is through his Word. So, when you're making a decision, ask yourself: "Is my decision in harmony with God's Word?"

The truth is, when it comes to integrity, even if you can fool everyone else, you can't fool yourself and you can't fool God. And when you violate your biblical values, you'll pay for it with unwelcome consequences and broken relationships.

Sometimes we know we're about to do the wrong thing. We know we shouldn't do it, but this thought comes to mind: "I know I'm doing the wrong thing, but I'm going to go ahead and do it because I know God will forgive me."

Do you think you can do something that God says is wrong and not have consequences in your life? God knows there are consequences to every decision—and that's why he doesn't want you to make the wrong decision. He knows that every bad decision leaves scars in your life. And he wants better for you.

Does this mean that God does not forgive you for the wrong things you do? Of course, he forgives you. He's a forgiving and gracious God. But that forgiveness does not free you from the pain and the consequences that come from making decisions that go against his will. You can be forgiven and still have regrets. You can be forgiven and still face pain. You can be forgiven and still have a broken relationship.

God created you, and he knows what's necessary for you to live a full and purposeful life. Trust God's Word and watch how he guides your steps.



"Es Selamu Aleikum"

We do not lose the ones we love they only go before, Where there is everlasting life. Where sorrow is no more. And there the soul will always live and peace is everywhere. We do not lose the ones we love, God takes them in his care.

October/November

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2024 CIRCUS UPDATE



Ron Reynolds: Circus Director (314) 732-2121 Jack Melton: Circus Chairman (314) 605-5845

The circus is March 21 to 24, 2024. Ads kits are out and it is time to get as many ads and sponsors as we can.

Tickets and child coupons are also out, so let's get to selling tickets and passing out child coupons.

Your unit Ticket Chairman should have the tickets. Please make sure you turn in all monies and or unsold tickets through your ticket chairman.

We expect another great circus and thanks to all that you do, we will have one.

314-732-2121 or rdreynolds6@charter.net.



Congratulations to Illustrious Sir Shaun Ruether and Lady Stephanie. You will do great things. Thank you to all the Nobles and Ladies who have helped Lady Pam and I on our journey, especially this year. Without your friendship and support we could not have gotten through it. We were honored and are truly blessed to have you in our lives. We look forward to seeing what the future will bring.

CHEERS

Illustrious Sir Robby Dirkers



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SEPTEMBER 14, 2024





- -Delegate a representative to perform a Macho skit on the night of the event
- -Trophies awarded for Most Money Collected and Most Macho

UNIT & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ambassadors

Chairman: PP David Dieckhaus custom636@gmail.com

Co-Chairman: Wally Bowman wallygloriab@gmail.com

Treasurer: Don Wander dandmat3119@sbcglobal.net

January 12th is our first Ambassador luncheon, and February 9th is our next. As always, social hour begins at 11:00, with lunch at noon. The cost is \$15.00. Send an email to wallygloriab@gmail. com to make your reservation. Call an Ambassador who is unable to drive and carpool with them.

Congratulations to Illustrious Sir Shaun Ruether as the 135th Potentate of Moolah Shrine. Ill Sir Shaun was raised a Master Mason at Union Lodge #593 and is now a member of Shekinah Lodge where he served as Worshipful Master. He joined Moolah in 2010. He has served as the Tent City Chairman for the Circus and on Moolah's Membership Committee. Ill Sir is a member of many Units and Clubs. He and his lady Stephanie have an exciting list of activities and adventures for Moolah in 2024. Best wishes for a very successful and productive year.

A great big THANK YOU to III Sir Robby Dirkers and Lady Pam for their leadership and many fun times and memories.

Our Circus is March 23-26, 2024. Your help is needed. Mark your calendar to volunteer. Ambassadors are always ready to make the Circus a success.

Moolah has several upcoming events and activities. March 2nd is a date to remember—the Potentates Presentation Ball. Join us for this enjoyable evening. Review the Camels Tales for times and dates of the events.

Don't forget your Lady on February 14th, Valentine's Day. Red roses are always good, but so is jewelry. Over 5 billion dollars are spent on jewelry, more than any other Valentine's gift.

Good luck.

It is sad to report that William Glawson has ridden the Black Camel. Noble Glawson was a member of the Fulton Lodge #48 and the Jefferson Lodge #43. He joined Moolah in 2000 and was Past President of Capital Shrine Club—our condolences to his family.

Happy Birthday to all Ambassadors who have a birthday in January or February.

May everyone have a healthy and happy year in 2024.

Arab Patrol

Captain: Scott Haenel 314-677-5434

President: Dan Hancock 314-724-9657

1st Vice Pres./Sec: Dennis Shell 636-288-6078

2nd Vice President: Jeff Wheeler 314-546-5510

Treasurer: Tim McCraw 314-894-8775

As 2023 comes to an end, Arab Patrol would like to "Thank" our outgoing President, Kevin Kramer, for all he did during this past year in the behalf of Arab Patrol. We experienced many highs and lows during the past year but Kevin was consistent throughout the year. Thru his leadership, his friendship, his guidance and his determination, it enabled Arab Patrol to have a "Successful Year". Thank-You, Kevin!!! For all you did for the Arab Patrol in the past and will continue to do, in the future, on its behalf. As you exit your Presidency, you can rest in the knowledge that you, yourself, made out Unit a better place than the one you inherited. Kevin, "A Job Well Done!!!!!!!"

As tradition dictates Arab Patrol held its Election Night for the 2024 Administrative Officers on Monday, October 2,2023. The results were as follows: Dan Hancock was elected President, Dennis Shell was elected Vice-President/Secretary, Jeff Wheeler was elected 2nd Vice-President, Tim McCraw was elected Treasurer and the Executive Committee Members

will be Fred Baras, Jerry D'Agostino and Ed Wilder. The 2024 Military Officers will consist of Captain Scott Haenel, Lieutenant Tom Dempski, Lieutenant Rob Boland, Captain Emeritus Doug Bachman and Lieutenant Emeritus Dick Long. Gentlemen, here's hoping for a "Great 2024!!!!!!"

Arab Patrol would like to Thank Moolah for all of their support in making our most recent gun raffle a success. Approximately, 98% of our Ticket Sales were to Moolah Shriners, again, Thank-You to one and all that participated. The prize a Henry Rifle, 22LR, Golden Boy, "Shriner Edition", went to Larry Baumgarner. Congratulations, Larry! "Happy Shooting!"

Arab Patrol's family has grown by one as Marty Czarnecki was elected to Arab Patrol Membership at the December 4th Meeting. Welcome aboard, Marty! Now, if you can only learn to wear you Fez appropriately. Isn't that right, Dick?,

Chanters

Director: David Larkin 636-734-7718

President: Carl Apollo, Jr. 314-809-5518

Vice President: David Sir 314-280-7865

Secretary, Conductor: Jim Gesell 636-352-5146

Treasurer: Barry Spitzer 314-239-8179

The Chanters are happy to announce our new officers for 2024: President Carl Apollo and Vice President David Sir. We are also pleased to announce our latest member – Trey Townley! We are looking forward to adding his wonderful voice to our choir.

The Chanters held our latest Ladies Night on Monday, October 16. We served dinner and performed for the Ladies of active members, our members in healthcare facilities, and our Chanter widow Ladies.

UNIT & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Our Christmas Party will be December at the Banquet Center in St. Charles. We will be attending the party along with the Daniel Boone Shrine Club again this year.

We are gearing up for our busy Christmas Season. We will be singing at both the Brunch with Santa and the Patient Christmas Party on December 9 and 10, respectively. We will also be visiting our members who are in health care facilities again this year to perform our Christmas music for them and the other residents.

If you like to sing, please join us. We meet every Monday night at 7:00 pm in our Unit room at the Shrine to rehearse (the first Monday of each month being the business meeting). We hope to see you there!

Clowns

Director: Steve Kern (Knucklehead)

President: Terry Mueller

(Mike Dud)

1st Vic. President: Chris Johnson

(Stiks)

2nd Vic. President: Dale Kling

(Zig-Zig)

Treasurer: John Tremblay

(Shabba-Dabba)

Welcome to 2024! How many of us thought we would make it this far? The Clowns would like to thank Chris (Techno) Skornika and his wife Michele for a wonderful year. They put in a lot of work this year, and our unit appreciates that effort. We also thank Carolyn (Sweet Pickles), Schultheis, and Bob (Robby) Gale for their generous donations at our last meeting. Clowns could not be prouder of you.

Many of our members pitched in to help at different events and parades in the last couple of months. There is always room for more clowns since it is more fun with many guys running around doing silly things. Follow Splatter's emails for upcoming events and sign up. We will call off the police search if you cannot make it.

Thanks to all who participated in the Temples Feztival of Trees and especially to Jessie (Tackle Box) Cordova and his wife Kaylin for putting together our tree. Also, congratulations to Tackle Box for being the Shriner of the Month in November.

You will get this of our Christmas events, which I am sure were well attended and we made many kids happy. So now, our next event is our Trivia Nite on January 27. As always, we will need raffle items and items for our Barrel of Booze. You can bring them anytime, but it would be helpful if we get them before that day. Please let us know if you want to go to the Springfield Circus. These circuses are a lot of fun, and sometimes our skit director steals their ideas.

So, we are up in KC at the circus, and this guy comes running out from behind a curtain with a helmet on and jumps into the vast cannon. Moments later, he comes flying out, lands safely, and removes his helmet. Of course, by now, you can imagine who was the cannonball. Yep, Tom (Merlin) Dolan. He had lost his job at DQ and needed some extra cash.

I tried to donate blood today. Never Again! Too many stupid questions: Who's blood? Where did you get it? Why is it in a bucket?

Daniel Boone Shrine Club

President: Mike Heuer 314-814-3367

We meet on the "Last Thursday" of the month in the large banquet room at JJ's Restaurant in O'Fallon. Mark your calendar for January 25th and February 29th, 2024. They have an extensive menu and their food is always great, and reasonably priced. Arrive around 5:30 for dinner, and at 7:30 the guys will have a meeting and our Ladies will play Bunco. As always – BRING YOUR LADY. This is a fun night for everyone!

We are a friendly group of Shriners and Ladies and we hope you will give us a try. You don't have to be a member, and we won't pressure you to join. Just bring your Lady and come on out and join us for a fun night.

If you would like more information about our activities, give President Mike a call at 314-814-3367. We would love to have you and your Lady join us!

Guides

President: Bob Wesling 314-280-4568

The Guides Unit will have their Presentation of Officers on February 10th in the Moolah ballroom. Please plan to attend and support our new line of officers: Director Rick Mayer, President Bob Wesling, 1st VP John Kelly, 2nd VP Mark Schultheis, Secretary Rob Granquist, Treasurer Ryan Mueller, and our Board of Governors Bill Bicker, Tony Daniele, Dave Jacobi, Mark Rethemeyer, and Don Wander.

We meet on the 4th Monday of the month in the Guides room at Moolah, so come around 6:30 for some great good, and we will have our meeting around 7:00. Since this is our meeting night, it is guys only. We have great fellowship and food, and this is where you will learn about all our activities.

We also have a Friday night social every couple of months where you and your Lady are invited to join the FUN. We would appreciate it if you would try us!

If you want more information about the Guides, what we do, and our activities, call President Bob at 314-280-4568.

Hospital Reception Committee

Director: Jim Gesell 636-352-5146

President: David Sir 314-482-8602

1st Vice President: Todd Iken

314-749-4550

2nd Vice President: Jim Peck

636-578-7527

Secretary: Zack Rodgers

573-614-2015

Treasurer: Kevin Davis

314-482-8602

Congratulations to our new officers for 2024: 1st Vice President Todd Aiken, 2nd Vice President Jim Peck, Treasurer Kevin Davis, and Secretary Zack Rodgers. We look forward to a great year under your leadership and our returning President, David Sir.

The Hospital Reception Committee has conducted a food event at the Hospital for staff, patients, and their families almost every month this fall. We served over 150 hot dogs, burgers, chicken breasts, potato salad, fruit, chips, cookies, and beverages during the warmer weather. sponsoring began pancake breakfasts as the weather got colder. We also conducted our annual BBQ for our patients and their families at our Annual Hand Camp. The camp allows patients with hand challenges to experience activities they may not have considered possible, like archery, horseback riding, wall climbing, swimming, boating, etc. This event is run by hospital staff who are assisted by former patients who were treated for hand conditions at Shriners Hospital and who can share what they have learned with our younger patients.

The 15th Annual Racquet Ruckus for 2023 has officially ended. Over \$50,000 was again raised for our St. Louis hospital. This money is used to provide our patients with items that they need

but that are not covered in the hospital budget, such as braces,

custom helmets to protect infant skulls, replacements for broken or outdated equipment, supplies, our annual Hand Camp, and much more.

Many of the Hospital Reception Committee's seasoned members would be pleased to give your Unit, ladies, kids, and visitors (especially potential Shriners) a tour. The hospital may provide a ladies' night for your unit or host your monthly business meeting in addition to giving you a tour. To truly understand the good that we support, all Shriners and their women need to visit the Hospital. Please contact one of the people mentioned above if your unit is interested.

Our committee interacts with patients, theirfamilies, and the Hospital personnel by staffing the reception desk, giving out toys, and providing complimentary BBQ lunches and pancake breakfasts. If you want to serve the Shrine and our Hospital and patients, join us! We invite you to visit us for our Business Meeting at 6:30 pm on the second Wednesday of every month in our Committee Room at the Shrine. See you there!

Hot Rod BBQers

Director: Dennie Burkholder

314-570-1904

President: Charles Alexander

314-487-7550

Vice President: Keith Schilb

636-236-7436

Secretary: Jim Gesell 636-352-5146

Treasurer: Tom Nelson 314-221-1948

Congratulations to the new Hot Rod BBQers officers for 2024 – President Charles Alexander and Vice President Keith Schilb. We look forward to your leadership. The Unit owes a huge 'Thank You' to our outgoing President, Travis Mayer, who has done an outstanding job for us over the past several years!

The Hot Rod BBQers were pleased to have participated in the Feztival of Trees

Fundraiser again this year. Our member, Dave Hope, did an outstanding job coordinating and leading the event.

The Hot Rod BBQers will be providing a German Oktoberfest-themed dinner for our October Stated Meeting. The menu included brats, sauerkraut, German potato salad, and a German dessert.

If you like to BBQ, join us! If you like to eat BBQ, join us! If you have a muscle car or would like to pilot our Flying Carpet, join us! We meet the first Wednesday of every month at 6:30 pm. Our Unit Room is in the Southwest corner of the Shrine, just around the corner from the Office. We look forward to seeing you!

Motor Patrol

Captain: Pat McEvoy 314-566-1246

President: Rich Viner

314-562-7705

1st Vice President: Marsh Lukens

2nd Vice President: Wayne Allred

Secretary: Dave Zika

Treasurer: Don Gabel

The Motor Patrol has 2 new units, the drift trikes, minibikes up and running. We meet on the 2nd Monday of each month at 6 pm for food, 7 pm meeting. We are located on the 2nd floor. We also have on the 4th Monday of each month a social (ladies welcome) and practice on the parking lot. If you have a Harley, Corvette, Antique car, Jeep, drift trike or a mini bike we would like you join us for some fun. This year we have several social events and parades planned. Join us for some Fun and Brotherhood.

Also a big congrats to Illustrious Sir Robby Dirkers & Lady Pam for a successful 2023 year!

UNIT & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Swing Dance

Director: Wally Bowman 314-484-6915

President: Dennis Martin

636-293-3348

Vice President: Gary Fanger

636-447-2361

Secretary: Gene Burnett

636-219-7221

Treasurer: Charlie Haas

314-575-5020

We Dance So Kids Can Walk

We are looking for new members. No dues, join a very active unit that helps the kids. Visit www.mssdc.org for more information.

Another year has gone by. All the good food from the holiday is sticking around, so join us on Friday nights for live bands, socializing, dancing, and burning off that extra pound we all gained. You do not have to be a member of the Swing Dance Unit to attend. We provide a cash bar at all our dances, so please, no outside drinks. You are welcome to bring snacks. Admission is \$10. Doors open at 6:30 pm. The band plays from 7 to 10.30 pm. We do not care how you dance; just come and have a fun time.

January 5. Scott and Karl are a twoperson band well-known in the Saint Louis area. They play Swing, Blues, Rat Pack, Elvis, Pop, Motown, and Rock and Roll.

January 12. Fanfare is a four-member band playing music from Pop, Motown, R&B, Rock Classics, and Big Band.

January 19. Trilogy is a sevenmember band playing swing and Motown: Pop, Disco, Country, Classic Rock, Funk, Golden oldies, and today's hits.

February 2. Larry Gwaltney Band. They are a five-person band playing R&B, Motown, Blues, Swing, and Funk.

February 9. Backstreet Cruisers is a fourmember band with the best 50s and 60s rock and roll for everyone to enjoy.

February 16. Trilogy is a seven-member band playing swing and Motown: Pop, Disco, Country, Classic Rock, Funk, Golden oldies and today's hits.

February 23. Garden Party is a threepiece band featuring members from Butch Wax. They play California Country Rock, Oldies, Classic Rock, and fun music.

TCAA

President: Jim Fritz

1st Vice President: Dennis Martin

2nd Vice President: Wally Bowman

Secretary/Treasurer: Jim Gesell

TCAA would like to thank First Lady Pam for using a portion of her "Calling of the Hogs" fundraiser to purchase toys for our medical patient kids at St. Louis Children's Hospital. This support has been funded, and we will continue investing in toys for many months. TCAA has been responsible for the toys for medical clinic outpatients ever since we moved to our new hospital in 2015.

TCAA is a 501(C)3 charitable organization where donations are tax deductible. TCAA holds donations in stocks and bonds for necessary but unbudgeted needs at our hospital. Being a 501(c)3, we are restricted to only donating to another 501(c)3, like St. Louis Children's Hospital, or a service that benefits the patients directly, like the Transportation Fund. TCAA is like a piggybankforourlocalhospital-wehold donations until an emergency happens or an unmet need appears. Our St. Louis Shriners Hospital can't hold donations like TCAA can. Suppose the St. Louis Hospital does not have an immediate unmet need. In that case, the money gets sent back to the Shrine endowment at the end of the year for distribution to other clinics and hospitals (and the St. Louis Hospital sends back hundreds of thousands of dollars yearly). This is fine unless the donor wants their donation to remain local for our St. Louis Shriners

Childrens Hospital. And that is where TCAA comes in.

TCAA membership voted last year to support the Transportation Fund so that other Units could support the Moolah Building Fund more. We can fund transportation because it directly benefits our Hospital patients. Because we are the transportation of the financing, all other Units at Moolah with unrestricted funds can support the Moolah Shrine and the Potentate by supporting the Moolah Building Fund. Please continue to do so. TCAA will continue to support the Transportation fund.

If you want to become a Director of TCAA, ask your Unit to nominate and elect you to represent them. Each Unit is allowed up to 3 representatives. We meet on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm in our Unit room on the second floor.

We hope to see you then!

Temple Club

President: Ann Dane

Vice President: Debbie Schmucker

Secretary: Kathy Myers

Treasurer: Kathy Kelley

Happy New Year! I hope everyone enjoyed the December 2023 festivities and the installation of the 2024 officers. I hope everyone saw the signup sheets at the check-in table at our December meeting for 2024 table decorations and the prayer and pledge. We also have the Moolah Shrine Circus Booster Page. Add your name for \$1 {0r more} to be included in the program.

Our newly elected officers for 2024 are:

- President Ann Dane
- Vice President Debbie Schmucker
- Secretary Kathy Myers
- Treasurer Kathy Kelley

UNIT & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Our first meeting is January 10th. Our new Potentate Illustrious Sir Shaun Ruether and Lady Stephanie will introduce their Outer Guard and his Lady. The luncheon cost will remain the same at \$18.

Our February meeting will be on the 14th, Valentine's Day, so remember to wear your red!

Hoping to see you soon!

Moolah YOMO as well. Rob sends out regular emails. If you are not receiving them, please let him know.

See you on the streets!



YOMO

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2nd Vice President: Randy Green

Secretary: Mike Morton

Treasurer: Dennis Huey

Captain: Stan Zurosky

yomomoolah@gmail.com

Hope you all had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Between the Thanksgiving Day parade, all the holiday parades that followed along with the Potentate Holiday Ball, it was a terrific way to get into the holiday mood.

The perfect cream puff begins with the perfect pâte à choux. This traditional French pastry is first cooked on the stove top before the warm dough gets transferred to a pastry bag and piped onto baking sheets to be finished in the oven. The ideal pâte à choux should rise high and light in the oven, with a hollow pocket on the inside that leaves room for luscious fillings.

Our January meeting is on the 10th and the February meeting is on the 14th with food being served at 6pm and the meeting beginning at 7pm. Come join us for fun and fellowship and breaking in 2024! We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month in the YOMO

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Introducing:

Illustrious Sir Shaun Ruether 135th Moolah Shrine Potenate

Shaun Ruether is a native of Washington, MO, and his relationship with Shriners has spanned his entire life. Shaun is a former patient of Shriners Hospitals for Children. Shaun was born with club feet, and Shriners provided him with the braces that would correct this condition and enable him to walk. He was raised as a Master Mason at Union Lodge 593 in Union, MO. Shaun is currently a member of Shekinah Lodge in Crystal City, MO, and he was Past Master for 2014. Shaun joined Moolah Shrine in the fall of 2010. Shaun is a member of many units, clubs, and committees, including Moolah Guides, YOMO, Clowns, Mounted Lancers, Arab Patrol, Motor Patrol, Hot Rod BBQ, ECMO Shrine Club, Joachim Shrine Club, Daniel Boone Shrine Club, Meramec Shrine Club, Ozark Shrine Club, Royal Order of Water Buffalo, Hillbilly Clan #140, ROJ, and the Order of Quetzalcoatl. He was the Tent City Chairman for the Circus from 2012 - 2016 and Membership Chairman in 2015-2016.

Shaun has been a proud member of the Carpenters District Council since 2001. He carries a dual membership with the United Steel Workers, and he is employed by U.S. Steel.

Shaun and his wife, Stephanie, have been married since 2001. They have been inseparable ever since. They are proud, devoted parents of two children, Sydney and Samuel. The family, also known as Hurricane Ruether, love the outdoors. When they are not cheering on the Hurricane at sports, you'll likely find them camping, fishing, four wheeling, and traveling. They currently reside in Jefferson County, but spend countless hours with the family in Warren County.

Shaun is a proud Moolah Shriner, and he is humbled by the opportunity to serve this fraternity by being your 2024 Potentate of Moolah Shriners.





Outer Guard John Frederick

John and Kim were married 22 years ago in Burlington, NC where they met. They moved the following year to the St. Louis area and now reside in Wentzville, MO. John, commissioned as a Kentucky Colonel in 2023, is employed by Healthwise, a nonprofit organization with a mission to help people make better health decisions. They have two amazing sons, Luke & Hawk, and can be seen every morning walking their two adorable dogs (Jerry & Bugs) and a massive St. Bernard (Fletcher) around the neighborhood.

John is a member of Wentzville Lodge #46. He joined Moolah in 2008 and became a member of the Clown Unit. As 'barley' the clown, John has traveled to a number of Shrine Circus's throughout the Midwest and has won several awards at CSSA conventions. In 2018, John was asked to be the Director of the Clown Unit, an honor he held for 4 years. John is a Moolah Ambassador as well as a member of the Moolah Air Patrol and Clown Units, along with Daniel Boone, NEMO, Three Rivers, and Tiger Shrine Clubs. He is a member of ARCA 21, Loyal Order of Water Buffalo Missouri Lodge 1, and ROJ Court 81. John currently serves as a member of the Board of Governors of Shriners Hospitals for Children – St. Louis.

Chief Aide Steve "Zip" Zaitz

Steve Zaitz grew up in Arnold, Mo. And is currently a resident of Jefferson County near Festus. He was raised a Master Mason at Pendleton Lodge 551 in Doe Run, Mo. May of 2016 along with his son Joshua. Steve joined Moolah Shrine and was fezzed in July 2016 beside Joshua, his inspiration to become a Mason and Shriner. Steve is a member of ECMO Shrine Club where he was named ECMO Shriner of the year in 2018 and served as president in 2020. In addition, Steve is a member of Joachim Shrine Club, Moolah Guides, YOMO, Hillbilly Clan No. 140 and is a Master Artisan in the Order of Quetzalcoatl. Steve was bestowed with the honor of Ambassador of the Shrine in 2021. That same year he became an Aide to the Potentate and was named Assistant Chief Aide in 2023. Steve was honored in February 2023 being named Moolah Shriner of the Month.

Steve retired in 2020 after 42 years at Ameren Missouri where he spent much of his time as a Certified Repairman. Steve finished the last decade of his career as a Training Supervisor.

Steve has been married to his wife Shannon for 27 years. In addition to their son Joshua (1997-2019), they have a son Steven (1987-2006), daughter Stefanie and son-in-law Mike Striker. When not attending Shrine events, Steve and Shannon love the lake life and spend as much time as they can at their cabin in Reynolds County where boating and hitting the trails in their UTV with family and friends are favorite activities.

Steve is honored by the opportunity to serve as Chief Aide at Moolah Shrine.



Jim Kitchell



Our Shriner of the Month for January is Noble Jim Kitchell. He was raised a Master Mason in June of 2022 at Gateway #40 Lodge and joined Moolah in the fall of 2022. He is active within his lodge as well as the YOMO unit and volunteers at every event raising awareness for the hospital as well as helping grow members within Moolah. Always with a friendly smile.

The Public Relation Committee is proud to have Noble Jim Kitchell as our Shriner of the Month for January 2024.

Dennis Burkholder



Shriner of the Year is Noble Dennis R. Burkholder. Dennis was raised a Master Mason in Palestine Lodge #241 in In 2019 he January 1999. transferred his membership Bridgeton #80. Lodge He currently serves the Grand Lodge of Missouri as a member of their Public Relations Committee.

Dennis joined Moolah Shrine in 1999 and is a member of the Clowns, Hot Rod BBQ and is an Ambassador of Moolah. Dennis is the Moolah Shrine Public Relations Chairman. **Imperial** also serves Shrine on the Marketing and Communications Committee. Dennis has been very busy with the Shrine. When he joined the Clowns, you could always find "skooter and his daughter Bella" making people laugh at events and parades. He is instrumental in dealing with Moolah event advertising and commercials.

Dennis owns Mad Moose Media. His company designs web sites, and he is a big part of companies advertising. His soft spoken demeaner and nononsense approach is why he is a success.

Chris Skornicka



Our Shriner of the Month for February is Noble Chris Skornicka.

He was raised as a Master Mason on September of 2018 at Bridgeton Lodge #80 in St. Peters, MO. Since joining lodge he was the DeMolay Chapter Dad for Perfection Chapter and was the Fundraising Committee chair. He has been involved as a Lodge Officer and am currently Worshipful Master at Bridgeton Lodge #80.

Hebecame a Shriner November 2018 during Moolah Shrine's Fall Ceremonial. Shortly after becoming a Shriner he joined the Clown Unit. For 2023 he has had the honor of being the Clown Unit President.

He is active helping raising awareness for our Hospital as well as he involvement at the Moolah Shrine Circus and other events.

The PR Committee is honored to have Noble Chris Skornicka as our Shriner of the Month for February.





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hereby declare that I am a Master Mason in g		
located at		
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the World Conference of Grand Lodges, or ha	ve otherwise met the prerequis	ites for membership under the bylaws of
Shriners International. Furthermore, I have re	esided at my current address for	not less than 6 months, as required by the
Bylaws of Shriners International. I hereby ma	ke application to become a Nob	le of the Order and a member of your
temple. If granted membership, I promise to	conform to the Articles of Incor	poration and Bylaws of Shriners
International and the Bylaws and Ceremonies	of your temple.	
Have you previously applied for admission to	any temple of the Order?	es No
If yes, what temple?		When?
Were you ever a DeMolay? Yes N	o If yes, what Chapter?	
Petitioners Profession/Occupation		
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Phone	Email	(required)
Name of Spouse or Lady:		
Petitioners full Legal Name, First	Middle	Last
Date petition completed	, 20	
Petitioners Signature		
Petitioners payment: Initiation Fee of \$100 m	ust accompany this petition made	de by CheckCredit Cash
Prorated Dues at the time Degrees are received	ed: January - May \$155	June - December \$85
CANDIDATE'S #		
Petitioner Recommended by:	*	
Noble:		, Member #
Noble:		, Member #
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Recorder's approval:		Date

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Initiation Fee: \$100.00 (Payment must accompar Dues: January-March = \$135 April-June = \$110	ny this petition.) O July-October = \$85 November-December = \$25
25 years of age and younger = \$45 (No initiation :	fee.)
Recommended and Vouched for on the Honor of:	
1. Print Noble's Name:	Member Number:
	Member Number:
Signature:	
Date Elected:	
Date of Initiation:	D 2/20/10

MEETING SCHEDULES

STATED MEETINGS

January 18th May 17th September 20th
February 15th June 21st October 18th
March 15th July 19th November 15th
April 19th August 16th December 20th (election)

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Ken Wright 636-288-1130

Lenny Martin PP 314-795-6561

	UNITS & COMMI	TTEES	
Name	Date & Time	Location	Contact
Air Patrol	2nd Mon.		Byron Smymiotis 314-494-6464
Arab Patrol	1st Mon. Drill Practice 4th Mon.		Scott Haenel 314-677-5434
Band	Every Wed.		Jack Scherrer 314-644-5362
HOTROD BBQer's	1st Wed. 6:00pm	Unit Room	Dennis Burkholder 314-570-1904
Chanters	1st Mon. 7:00pm & Rehearsals all other Mon. 7:00pm	Unit Room	David Larkin 636-734-7718
Clowns	3rd Mon.		Steve Kern 314-614-8634
DeMolay	3rd Wed. 6:30pm		Mike Lodholz 314-910-9374
Directors Staff	1st Mon.		Fred Zurfluh, IV 314-910-3950
Drum Corps	2nd & 4th Tues. Rehearsals 2nd and 4th Tues.		Mike Brooks 314-591-6060
Gateway 500	Business Meeting 2nd Tues.		Dave Hope 314-406-0744
Guides	Last Monday		Rick Mayer 314-603-2106
Hospital Reception Comm.	2nd Wednesday 7:00pm	Unit Room	Jim Gesell 636-352-5146
Legion of Honor	4th Tues.		Gale Going 314-703-0548
Motor Patrol	2nd Mon.		Patrick McEvoy 314-568-1246
Mounted Lancers	2nd Wed.	Ranch	Allen Coggins 314-602-7454
Operational Support Unit	2nd Mon.	Behind the Ballroom	Mike Reese 314-229-3682
Seniors	1st Mon. & 3rd Mon. Business	Guides Room	Bob Daniels 636-675-4590
Sportsmen Unit	3rd Mon. 6:30pm	Sheik's Club	Brett Grimm 314-606-4622
Swing Dance Unit	1st Mon. 6:30pm		Wally Bowman 314-498-6915
TCAA	4th Tues. 6:30pm	Unit Room	Jim Gesell 636-352-5146

CLUBS Name Date & Time Location Contact 4th Wed. 6:00pm Cape SC Shriner's Hall Billy Thorne 573-275-3010 57001 Old Cape Road East Jackson, MO 63755 Capital SC 2nd Tues. 6:30pm Capital SC Corey Dawson 573-301-8670 Daniel Boone SC Last Thurs. 6:00pm JJ's Restaurant Mike Heuer 314-814-3367 Ecmo SC 1st Fri. 7:30pm **ECMO SC** Billie Inman 314-541-8134 Joachim SC 4th Wed. 7:00pm Weber's Front Row Randell Green 314-566-0252 Little Dixie SC 4th Wed. L.D. Shrine Park Rennie Davis 573-473-6817 Mid-Mo SC 3rd Mon. 607 S. Sturgeon Bryan Jonas 573-239-1795 Nemo SC Aaron Ruhl 573-231-2718 3rd Thurs. 6:00pm Call for Location 411 Springfield Rd. Ozark SC John Behrens Jr. 636-234-7690 2nd Mon. Owensville, MO Semo SC 1st Fri. 6:30pm Semo SC Matthew Hodges 573-619-1795 Three Rivers SC 3rd Thurs. 6:30pm Three Rivers SC Aaron Morris 573-686-2668 2815 N Stadium Blvd Gene Karney 573-999-5934 Tiger SC Last Mon. 7pm Columbia, MO 65202

2nd & 4th Mon.

2nd Wed

APPENDANT BODIES			
Name	Date & Time	Location	Contact
Daughters of the Nile	1st Wed.	Noble Lodge #684	Marie Preble 314-578-1671
Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America	3rd Mon.	Noble Lodge #684	Marcia Jacobi 314-541-339 <u>3</u>
Noble Lodge #684	1st & 3rd Tuesday 7:00pm	Moolah Temple	Tom Cupples 636-685-5555
Temple Club	2nd Wed.	Oasis	Cheri Viner 314-420-2385



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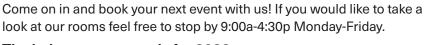
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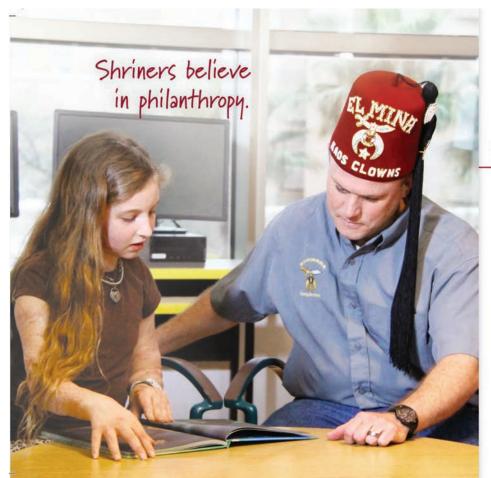
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01	Temple Closed	02	Swing Dance presents Larry Gwaltney Band
04	Divan Orientation	03	ECMO Installation
05	Swing Dance presents Scott and Karl	04	Moolah's Noblemen Degree Team
06	Presidents/Directors Meeting, NEMO Shrine Club Installation & Aides Meeting	09	Ambassadors Meeting & Swing Dance
07	Moolah's Noblemen Degree Team	10	Gateway, Arab, Clowns, Guides, Joachim, Meramec & YOMO Installatio
08	Ceremonial Cast Luncheon	11	Big Game Party
10	Temple Club	12	Ceremonial Cast Luncheon
11	Potentate's Trip Presentation	14	Temple Club
12	Ambassadors Meeting & Swing Dance	16	Swing Dance presents Trilogy
17	Stated Meeting	17	Capital, Little Dixie and Tiger Shrine Installation
19	Swing Dance presents Trilogy	18	Moolah's Noblemen Degree Team
20	Three Rivers Installation	21	Stated Meeting
21	Moolah's Noblemen Degree Team	23	Swing Dance presents Garden Party
26	Swing Dance presents Crossfire	25	Sunday Funday
27	Clown Trivia	29	Noble Lodge 20th Year Anniversary
	March		April
01	Swing Dance presents Fanfare	05	Swing Dance presents Charlie Mann Band
02	Potentate's Ball	06	Hillibilly Degree
03	Moolah's Noblemen Degree Team	07	LOS Installation & Moolah's Noblemen Degree Team
80	Ambassadors Meeting & Swing Dance	08	Ceremonial Cast Luncheon
09	Fabulous Motown Revue	10	Temple Club
10	Race to the Big Top 5k/Fun Run & Daughters of the Nile Installation	12	Ambassadors Meeting & Swing Dance
11	Ceremonial Cast Luncheon	17	Stated Meeting
13	Temple Club	19	Swing Dance presents Trilogy
15	Swing Dance presents Scott and Karl	21	Moolah's Noblemen Degree Team
16	St. Patrick's After Parade Party	26	Swing Dance presents Scott and Karl
	Moolah's Noblemen Degree Team	²⁶ / ₂₇	YOMO Scapbooking for Shriners
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17 20	Stated Meeting	28	Sunday Funday
20	Stated Meeting Moolah Shrine Circus	28	Sunday Funday
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