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POTENTATE'S LETTER



2024 Moolah Shrine Potentate Shaun Ruether

Greetings, Nobles and Ladies!

Happy summer, nobles and ladies! First Lady Stephanie and I continue to have a productive year.

We had Sunday Funday at our favorite spot in town, Las Brisas. It was well attended with great company.

The Ceremonial of the Century brought us 19 new Nobles. Thanks to the Hospital Reception Committee, not only were we able to provide those Nobles and their ladies a bus trip to the hospital, but Stephanie was able to show the women a good time at Defiance Ridge. The after party, naturally, was another one for the books.

Many of us attended The Amazing Care Affair Gala, an event benefiting our Hospital.

Weekend Warrior was a unique time. My buddies and I used to do that before we were all Shriners, and I'm grateful to them for helping it become a reality for our Shrine. Look for this to be an annual event.

Vegas was-well, I can't tell you. As they say, what happens in Vegas...

Please support the Sportmans Raffle on July 27. This event begins at 10:00. You must purchase a ticket to attend. It gives you a chance to win all 50 prizes! We need this event to be a success. Contact Illustrious Sir Dean Isbell for tickets, or to volunteer working a shift at Bass Pro or Cabela's.

Mark your calendars for The Pote Float on August 10. We will be at The Almost Famous Uncle Kevin's Lake. You bring something to float on, snack on, and drink on.

Illustrious Sir Shaun Ruether

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. Ruether', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.



You Are Valuable, No Matter Who You Are

By: Ron Reynolds

Human life reveals God's purpose and shows God's glory—so we must always protect the sanctity of life.

No matter who you are or where you're from, you are valuable. And the same is true for every child, no matter what society tries to tell you today.

None of us are perfect, but the Bible tells us that God accepts responsibility for all our genetic imperfections. Did you know that? That doesn't mean he takes responsibility for the problems in our lives that we brought on ourselves because of poor choices like overeating or smoking or drinking too much. But your genetics—all the things that you didn't have any say in, even the things people might call "defects" or "weaknesses"—are all part of your SHAPE.

The Bible says in 1 Samuel 16:7, *"The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart"*.

God accepts responsibility because he has a bigger perspective than any human. He can see what we can't see. And he loves each of us for our potential to do the great things he has planned for us, regardless of our handicaps, imperfections, or weaknesses.

God isn't going to compare you with anybody else. He made you to be you. You are his masterpiece. He's going to help you reach your unique potential.



"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.

April/May

Michael J Kemp
Robert E Shelton

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Hospital



Awareness Day

Saturday, July 13th
From 8am - 2pm

Sign up to work with your unit
or
contact John Spraul at
drjohnspraul@yahoo.com

come out and spend a few hours of fellowship and support
your local hospital

St. Louis area Dierbergs

94 Crossing
Lake Saint Louis
Florissant Heritage Place
Heritage Place
Des Peres Market
Southroads Center
Arnold Commons

SHRINERS HOSPITAL DAY AT THE BALLPARK

CARDINALS VS. CUBS

SHRINER SPECIAL
\$60 BOTH
TAILGATE & GAME

SATURDAY

JULY 13th

at 1:15 P.M.

\$50 BALL GAME ONLY
\$10 TAILGATE ONLY

The Tailgate Party is on the Casino Queen Parking lot.
Parking is free & you can take Metrolink to the game.

Reserve your spot when you order tickets.

Contact the Moolah Office (314) 878 6301 ext 4
or email at RVSP@Moolah.org



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FIRST LADY STEPHANIE RUETHER'S FUNDRAISING
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How *Macho* is your Unit, Club, or
Committee?



-Collect \$ by any means
necessary, from
1/1/24-8/30/24

-Delegate a representative
to perform a Macho skit on the
night of the event

-Trophies awarded for Most
Money Collected and Most
Macho

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The monthly Ambassador luncheon will go "Dark" for July and August. The next luncheon is on September 13, 2024.

Join fellow Nobles for a fun day at Busch Stadium on July 13.

The "Big Day" is Saturday, July 27, the Sportsman Extravaganza. Tickets are \$20 a piece or buy three and receive the fourth one free. The event is always well attended with games, drawings, and 50/50 among the many activities. Plan on attending and volunteering. It takes many Nobles to make the event successful.

The Order of Quetzalcoatl "ARCA 21" presents a WWII Hangar Dance on Saturday, August 10, 2024. "Second Generation Swing" band will take us back to the 1940's. For reservations, contact Jay Traxel at 314-537-7913. Tickets are \$20 per person, and proceeds benefit the Foundation for Kids.

The 5th Annual Joshua Zaitz Memorial Poker Run is on Saturday, August 24 at the ECMO Shrine Club in Bonne Terre, Missouri. Contact Steve at 636-524-5276 for further details and information.

The Shriners Children's Golf Tournament is scheduled for Sunday, September 22, at Lockhaven Golf Club. Proceeds benefit the Hospital in memory of Bella Burkholder.

Illustrious Sir Shaun Ruether recently presented a special award to Gary Fanger for his Military Service. Gary's Army service was read, and he was given a big "Thank You."

Congratulations to the newest Ambassadors, Noble Donald Ponzar and Richard Flotron. Nobles Ponzar is a Shekinah Blue Lodge in Crystal City member and has been a Shriner since 2008.

He is also a member of ECMO and Joachim Shrine Club. He received his Medallion in 2010 and 1st Ruby in 2011. Noble Flotron is a member of Tyro Blue Lodge in Caledonia. He joined Moolah in 2009 and is a member of Joachim Shrine Club.

Happy birthday all Ambassadors who are celebrating a birthday this summer.

Air Patrol

Director: Randy Schmidt
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President: Gary Julius

1st Vice President: Mike Sieben

2nd Vice President: Kurt Wulff

Secretary: Robert Sudholt

Treasurer: Richard C. Prine

It's summer! Time for shorts, flip flops, and vacations. If you have a boat, get on it if you have a plane, fly somewhere!

Motown Night and Circus are in the tail wash. Thanks to everyone for their support. We've had another ceremonial and brought in several new Nobles.

In August, the Air Patrol will have a beer tent at the Festival of the Little Hills. Curious about what we do? Want to Socialize? Please contact one of the officers to volunteer to sell wrist bands and/or beer/wine.

Come join us for a meal and alcohol, we meet on the 2nd Monday each month.

Mark your calendars (dates may change consult air patrol / Moolah web site) – Any questions? Contact our director!

- June 8th & 9th: Weekend with the Mooseburger's
- June 15th: Shriners Summer Bash for the Kids
- June 18th: Sell Music CDs at Foreigner concert (contact "HiFi" Robert Sudholt)
- July 27th: Sportsman Raffle
- August 16th & 18th: Festival of the Little Hills

- November 2nd: Air Patrol Cornhole Tournament (more information to follow)
- March 29, 2025: Motown Night

Common Saying "A 'good' landing is one from which you can walk away. A 'great' landing is one after which they can use the plane again."

This publication is called Camel Tales – facts about Camels. The word 'camel' comes from an Arabic word. When it's translated, it means beauty. Don't ever try and say that camels are ugly!

Arab Patrol

Captain: Scott Haenel
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2nd Vice President: Jeff Wheeler
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Treasurer: Tim McCraw
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It can't be done!" "Those days are gone!" "You're dreaming!" "People today are too busy and they don't have the time that it takes!" Those are the words of the naysayers around the Temple. Arab Patrol, with this year's CSSA in mind, is looking to add to our ranks. For years, we were known as the "Marching 48", at last year's CSSA we were 25 strong, the most we have had in recent memory. In fact, one would have to go back to the year 2006 when the late Freddie Plough was our President to see the Patrol having 48 Marching Members at the CSSA. For years, that was a typical showing, it became our tradition. Again, we were known as the "Marching 48" across the region. To a man, they marched with great pride knowing any mistake would be glaring, the number of Marchers would make it more possible, more noticeable, however, they continued to churn out a win, year after year. That is our tradition! One that we yearn to return to. At this year's CSSA the "Traveling Trophy" is up for grabs. A win by the Arab Patrol

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and it's retired in their Trophy Case. A win by Midian and it is retired in their Trophy Case, so the stakes are high, indeed, very high! Throughout the year, we participate in parades and practice for that very moment, our chance to shine, our reward for all of the marching drills that we performed during the year. Captain Scott Haenel has made it known to the Arab Patrol that he would like us to be 36 strong in this year's CSSA in Topeka, Kansas. At last count, we were standing at 31, pretty much, right in the middle of 24 and 36. We would be most proud to have our brethren to come and to join us, 36 may not be 48, however, it's a step in the right direction. Over the past few years, our marching numbers have been declining due to the age of our Membership, however, the new Members that we have had come to us to replace those past Members have been returning in full force, year after year. So, Please, come and check us out and find out what they have discovered and, you too, will be a Marching Member for life. If Marching is in your blood or if you always wanted to give it a try, give Captain Scott Haenel a call/text at 314-677-5435, or if you wish, shoot him an E-Mail at scotthaenel@yahoo.com. Come and help us return to our days of our proud "Tradition of the Marching 48" and help us calm down all of those naysayers. Not only will you be a proud Member in knowing that you have helped restore the "Tradition of the Marching 48" but you played a role in retiring the "Traveling Trophy" in our case. For sure, a lifelong Shriner Memory in the making.

Arab Patrol would also like to welcome a new Member, Connor Wintewolf and his Lady, Josephine, to our ranks. "Connor, Congratulations and Happy Marching!

Chanters

Director: David Larkin
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President: Carl Apollo, Jr.
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Vice President: David Sir
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Secretary, Conductor: Jim Gesell
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Treasurer: Barry Spitzer
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The Chanters are proud to announce our newest member, Nicholas Kitchen. He joined us immediately after the Spring Ceremonial. Nick is an outstanding First Tenor, and we are delighted to have him join the Chanters!

Our next performance will be at the Delmar Gardens in June where we will perform a concert of patriotic music. Also, our second Ladies Night of the year so far will be held on Monday, June 17 in our Unit Room at the Shrine.

Finally, stop by our room to see the new display for the original fez belonging to James Kindle. James was the first Shriner patient in the world to become a Shriner himself. The Shrine he joined was Moolah, and the first Unit he joined was the Chanters! We are proud that the first Shriner patient in the world to become a Shriner joined the first Chanter Unit in the world at Moolah Shrine.

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

Clowns

Director: Steve Kern
(Knucklehead)

President: Tony Mueller
(Mike Dud)

1st Vic. President: Chris Johnson
(Stiks)

2nd Vic. President: Dale Kling
(Zig-Zig)

Treasurer: John Tremblay
(Shabba-Dabba)

What a last couple of months with a lot of effort put into 17 different Clown and Temple events. Your involvement in these activities helps to represent our Hospital, Temple, and Unit. Also, during these events, we made many new friends and visited many different venues to determine what to expect from these events for next year. Please review these gigs and add your involvement in the ones you missed for next year.

Here are the events we've been involved in: Three Rivers Kids Day, Ceremonial, Valley of Flowers parade, Mother's Day Brunch, Weekend Warrior, Fresh Thyme Market, Nidec Motor Corporation, Stroll a Thon, Dream Factory, Veiled Prophet makeup event, Summer Bash, Belleville parade, Gateway Bleeding Disorders Walk, Shrine's Reconstruction Event, Mooseburgers School, Hospital Awareness Day, Sportsman's Raffle, Bass Pro's ticket sales. Remember to sign up for the Topeka, Kansas CSSA held at the end of August.

Who knows what kind of weather we will experience this year, but the Clown's Chief Meteorologist, Merlin, told me it was going to be hot. But when it's not hot, it will be cool. He also said if it's cloudy, the sun won't come out. He always gets it right. I can't argue with this prediction!

When I offer to wash your back in the shower, all you have to say is yes or no. Not all this "Who" are you and how did you get in here" nonsense!!

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 July 25th and August 29th, 2024. They have an extensive menu and their food is always great, and reasonably priced. Arrive around 5:30 for dinner, and at 7:00 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

We had a great turn out helping with the Scottish Games at Schroeder Park. Thanks to all the Guides and Ladies that came out and volunteered your time. You are appreciated!

And now it's time to start getting ready for our 2nd Annual Mouse Race fundraiser in September. This is our major fundraiser and, just like last year, we'll need everyone's help! If you are "not yet" a member of the Guides Unit and would like to get involved – please reach out to President Bob so he can get you engaged and involved.

We BBQ for several events a year, we help at the Circus & FEZtival of Trees, we attend every activity at Moolah, and we host the Mouse Races in the fall.

We meet on the 4th Monday of the month in the Guides room, so

come around 6:00 for some great good and we'll have our meeting around 7:00. Since this is our meeting night it's guys only. We have great fellowship, great food, and this is where you'll find out 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 would like more information about the Guides, what we do, and how YOU can get involved, give President Bob a call at 314-280-4568.

Hospital Reception Committee

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The Hospital Reception Committee conducted a BBQ lunch for Hospital Appreciation Week for staff, patients, and their families on May 16. We served hamburgers, hot dogs, and chicken to over 100, led by our new BBQ Chairman, Mark Buehler. We will also prepare a BBQ on July 27 for the Hospital's Limb-Lengthening Reunion and on September 6 for the annual Hand Camp at the YMCA Trout Lodge in Potosi.

On April 12 & 13, we staffed a Shriners Hospital display at the Missouri Association of School Nurses. Our members spoke with the hundreds of nurses who can potentially identify patients who need our care.

On May 4, we provided hospital tours for our new Shrine candidates, their Ladies, and their sponsors. For the first time, the Hospital Reception Committee provided a bus to transport candidates to and from the Shrine, and afterward, the Ladies could use the bus for their First Lady Outing and lunch. We hope to make this a regular bus sponsorship for every Ceremonial. Finally, a huge "thank you" and congratulations to Mitch Miller on winning 1st Place in the Ceremonial Unit Food contest.

The Hospital Reception Committee has numerous experienced members who would be happy to provide a tour of your Unit. You could hold your regular monthly business meeting at the hospital and have a tour, or you could have a Ladies Night for your Unit at the hospital and have a tour and dinner. If your Unit is interested, please contact one of our members.

If you would like to meet patients and their families while serving our Hospital, join us! We invite you to our Business Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of every month in our Committee Room at the Shrine. See you there!

Hot Rod BBQers

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President: Charles Alexander
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Vice President: Keith Schilb
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Secretary: Jim Gesell
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Treasurer: Tom Nelson
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The Hot Rod BBQers are now famous after the Spring Ceremonial, not just for the delicious hamburgers and hot dogs served at lunch! When a faulty inside grill was turned on, the entire Oasis filled with smoke, and the Unit became once more 'The Smokin' Nobles.' Fortunately, Illustrious Sir Shaun Ruether (a Unit member) took it all in stride (as did all the local firemen and women who arrived).

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On May 7, we provided a BBQ dinner for Abigail Freedom Lodge #636. The Hot Rod BBQers plan to reach out to all Blue Lodges in the area and provide dinner to increase awareness of the Shrine.

The Hot Rod BBQers will also be cooking for the 2nd Annual 'Summer Bash for Kids' conducted by YOMO on June 15, 2024.

The 26th Annual Charity Car Show will take place at the O'Fallon Plaza Shopping Center on Saturday, September 22, beginning at 10 am. The \$20 registration fee for judging trophies includes a food and drink coupon.

On September 22, the Lockhaven Golf Club in Godfrey, IL, is sponsoring a Tournament in memory of "Bella" Burkholder. Shotguns begin at 8 am and 1 pm. The cost, which includes dinner, is \$95/person. Dinner alone is \$35. All Proceeds Benefit Shriners Children's.

We are planning a BBQ lunch for our Veterans at Jefferson Barracks and the Fisher House for November 16, 2024, partnering with Arnold Lodge #673. We expect to distribute between 50 and 100 pre-packaged meals.

If you like to BBQ, join us! If you want to eat BBQ, join us! If you have a muscle car or want to pilot our Flying Carpet, join us! We meet on the first Wednesday of every month at 6:30 pm. We look forward to seeing you!

Little Dixie Shrine Club

President: Brad Hagen

1st Vice President: Danny George

2nd Vice President: Brian Pursifull

Exciting things are happening at Little Dixie Shrine Club.

Our Nobles continue to rise to the occasion and surpass expectations. The Vidalia Onion Sale Fundraiser was a tremendous success, with all 8,000 lbs. of onions sold out. This event was an excellent opportunity to promote the Shriner name in our community, and special thanks are extended to

everyone who participated.

In promoting the Shriner name, many of our members actively participate in local events and support the Shriners Children's Hospital Awareness Booth initiative. This is a fantastic opportunity to demonstrate to the community who we are and inform them about the medical services available to needy children.

The Mid-Missouri Quilts of Valor made an outstanding presentation to our combat veteran Nobles. Quilts of Valor, a national organization, honored six of our members with handmade quilts to commemorate their service during times of conflict. This was a deeply humble and appreciated experience for the recipients.

Several of our members and Nobles from other area Shrine Clubs visited the Shriners Children's Hospital in St. Louis. This enlightening trip offered the Nobles and their Ladies valuable insight into our organization's benefits. We encourage other Shriners to undertake a similar visit to gain a deeper appreciation for our impactful work.

Remember, the Little Dixie Shrine Club Annual Auction is scheduled for August 24th, 2024. The evening begins with a social hour at 5:00 pm, followed by dinner at 5:30 pm, and the auction at 6:00 pm. This event is open to the public, so feel free to bring your family and friends. Whether you're bidding or just there for the camaraderie, you'll be well-fed and entertained throughout the evening.

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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 dinner, a 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 in the parking lot. If you have a Harley, Corvette, Antique car, Jeep, drift trike or a minibike we would like you to join us for some fun. This year we have several social events and parades planned. Join us for some Fun and Brotherhood.

In April we went to Noboleis Vineyard for a Unit social. We had a lot of fun, drank several bottles of wine & ate a lot of food. In May there were 19 new Nobles who joined the Shrine. Motors had 5 new members join. A big thanks to all who escorted the bus to the Hospital. The Motors room was decorated in the 60s era. Food & dress were from the 60's also. Motor Patrol received 3 trophies that day, 3rd place for room decoration, best dress & appetizers. The room was full of people all day.

EVENTS PLANED for THIS YEAR:

- Ladies Saturday Night Dinner
- Grizzlies Ball Gamer
- Fairmount Horse Racetrack
- Mineral Spirits Hotel Okawville II.
- Holiday Party

Swing Dance

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Secretary: Gene Burnett
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Treasurer: Charlie Haas
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We Dance So Kids Can Walk

We need your help. We are looking for new members. No dues, join a very active unit that has fun while helps the kids. Call me at 636-293-3348 for info.

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You do not have to be a member of the Swing Dance Unit to attend. We are open to the general public and provide a cash bar at our dances, so please, no outside drinks. You are welcome to bring your snacks. Admission is \$10. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Band plays from 7 to 10:30 pm. We do not care how you dance; just come and have a good time. You do not have to dance; you can listen to great music

July 5. No Dance.

July 12. Crossfire plays music from Swing, Pop, Funk, Motown, R&B, Rock and Roll.

July 19. Backstreet Cruisers are a four-member band with the best 50's and 60's Rock and Roll for everyone to enjoy.

July 26. Larry Gwaltney Band. This is a five-person band that plays R&B, Motown, Blues, Swing, and Funk.

August 2. Garden Party is a three-piece band featuring members from Butch Wax. They play California Country Rock, Oldies, Classic Rock, and more.

August 9. Scott and Karl are a two-person band well-known in the Saint Louis area. They play Swing, Blues, Rat Pack, Elvis, Pop, Motown, and Rock and Roll.

August 16. Fanfare is a four-member band that plays a wide variety of music, including Pop, Motown, R&B, Rock Classics, and Big Band.

August 23. Trilogy is a seven-member band that plays Swing, Motown, pop, Disco, Country, Classic Rock, Funk, golden oldies, and today's hits.

August 30. No Dance Labor Day

TCAA

President: Dennis Martin

1st Vice President: Wally Bowman

2nd Vice President: John Anderson

Secretary/Treasurer: Jim Gesell

TCAA proudly announces our \$50,000 matching funds pledge for the second year. For every dollar pledged to the Moolah Shrine Building Fund, TCAA will match an equal amount to the Transportation Fund (up to \$50,000 total for 2024). Through May 2024, Units have contributed \$11,000 to the Building Fund that will be matched to the Transportation Fund. Please continue to take advantage of this opportunity!

TCAA has also committed to replacing the children's chairs at our St. Louis Hospital this summer for approximately \$2,000. In addition, TCAA remains committed to funding the toys for our Hospital Clinic, POPS, and therapy patients.

TCAA has a new informational brochure that answers many of your questions about us. If you would like an emailed copy, please send a request to jimgesell@hotmail.com. If you would like a hard copy, please get in touch with any TCAA Director. The brochures will also be available at the June 22, 2024, Hospital Tour for Moolah Shrine Clubs, and TCAA Directors will be present to answer any questions.

Every Shriner is automatically a member of TCAA, and you are welcome to attend all TCAA meetings. However, each Unit is allowed only 3 Directors with the ability to vote on TCAA issues. If you want to become a TCAA Director, ask your Unit to nominate and elect you to represent them. We meet on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm in our 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

No Temple Club meeting is held during July.

Our August 14, 2024, meeting will be our Vice President Debbie Schmucker's luncheon at Lilana's Italian Kitchen in Cottleville, MO.

The meeting will begin at 11:30 a.m. with an Italian lunch being served family style, which will include bread, salad, cannelloni, rigatoni with white sauce, pizza, chicken spiedini, and lemon blueberry cheesecake.

Reservations should be made no later than July 24, 2024, and sent to Treasurer Kathy Myers. Space is limited, so please make your reservations early.

Any questions please contact Debbie Schmucker at 314-575-3311 or dejo@ddemb.com.

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer! I hope to see you soon!

YOMO

President: Rob Hynes

1st Vice President: David Box

2nd Vice President: Randy Green

Secretary: Mike Morton

Treasurer: Dennis Huey

Captain: Stan Zurosky

yomomoolah@gmail.com

Can you believe we're already halfway through the year? They say time flies when you're having fun.

Speaking of fun, Parade Season is upon us! Captain Stan Zurosky and his two Lieutenants, DJ Hermen and Ron

UNIT & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Townley, have the Mini Patrol out on the streets spreading awareness for the hospital.

The YOMO First Ladies Luncheon was on May 18th, along with the first-ever Weekend Warrior and Steve Ewing Duo concert! If you attended, we're sure you had an unbelievable time! Thank you to ALL of the YOMO members who helped make those events a success.

The 2nd Annual Shriners Summer Bash (Patient Party) on June 15th was a fun time for all the patients who attended and a great reminder of why we do what we do.

The Sportsman's raffle is July 27th. Illustrious Sir Dean Isbell has added several additions to make this event more entertaining. Please do all you can to sell the tickets to support this fantastic event and our temple.

The 5th Annual Joshua Zaitz Memorial Poker Run is on Saturday, August 24th, at the ECMO Shrine Club, 105 Industrial Dr., Bonne Terre, MO.

Fun Fact: The first Dartball board was introduced by the Apex company in 1923. The game traveled quickly, with Dartball Leagues established as early as 1928. Life magazine ran a story on Dartball, citing Philadelphia, Kansas City, and Milwaukee as strongholds of the sport.

We meet on the second Wednesday of the month in the YOMO room downstairs. Fun and Fellowship starts around 5:30, dinner around 6:00, with the business meeting at 7 pm.

Please pause this Memorial Day to remember our troops, past and present, and their families. Please keep them in your thoughts and those families that have lost loved ones in conflicts so we can enjoy the freedom we have now.

We look forward to seeing everyone in the YOMO room at our next meeting!

Construction of the Gateway Arch was completed in 1965 but, the observation deck was not open to the public until July 24th 1967. YOMO began as a committee in 1965 but, that group

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STATED MEETINGS

April



May



Edward “Fast Eddie” Wilder Jr.

Our Shriner of the Month for July is Edward “Fast Eddie” Wilder Jr.

Noble Wilder was raised as a Master Mason in February 1990 at Algabil-Freedom Lodge 636 and joined Moolah in April of 1990. He is a member of the Arab Patrol and served as President in 2001. Noble Wilder has been active at our circus, parades, and competition for the Patrol.

As a long time active member, he has made a difference within Moolah and raising awareness for our Hospital.

The Public Relation Committee is proud to have Edward Wilder Jr as our Shriner of the Month for July.



Alex Jacobi

Our Shriner of the Month for August is Noble Alex Jacobi. Alex Jacobi has always wanted to be a Shriner. Any time his Grandpa was going to the Shrine for anything, he wanted to be able to go. At the age of 12, he started to come to the circus every day so he could help, whether it be with novelties or anything else that was needed, he wanted to help. When he turned 18 in 2019, he wanted to join, so on April 27, 2019, Alex became the 6th generation of the Jacobi family to become a Master Mason, and all in Meridian Lodge #2. The next week, Alex became a Shriner and started to work right away.

He became a member of the Sound Unit, now the OSU, Gateway 500, YOMO and the SNOB'S. He would like to see Moolah start a new unit for Drone's.

Bud Waters First Ceremonial Master



Bud was raised to Master Mason at Noble Lodge 684 in November 2010 and became a Moolah Shriner the following year. He was instrumental in the formation of the Swing Dance Unit in 2011 and has been the President or Director of the Unit over the years. Active in the Shrine, Bud is also a member of the Operational Support Unit (Sound), Ambassadors, and a Potentates Aide. He is also a member of the Order of Quetzalcoatl and ROJ 81.

Bud is employed by Radio Design Labs, Prescott, AZ as a Sales Manager, a manufacturer serving the Commercial / Professional Audio industry. Living in Manchester, MO with his wife Judy, they are parents of 4 children, 6 grandchildren and 5 grand-dogs.

Steve Kahre Marshal



Steve and Sue met in 1976 and were married in 1978. They both grew up in the St Louis area. They have lived in St Louis and St Charles; this is where they have raised their two children. Son Chris and Daughter Kimberly, they are both married and each have 3 children. Steve has coached for many years. He coached High School Ice Hockey at St Charles West, Howell North and For Zumwalt West. He has also coached roller Hockey at Lindenwood. Steve also enjoyed coaching his granddaughters soft ball teams. Steve recently retired from Virbac an Animal Health Prod Manufacturing Company. Prior to that worked for Contico for over 20 years. Steve is a member of Noble Lodge 684, Clown unit and the Daniel Boone unit. They have both enjoyed all the wonderful events and people they have met here at the Shrine and look forward to being part of the Divan Family.

Ron Townley Jr. Second Ceremonial Master



Ron Townley was raised a Master Mason in St. James Lodge #230 and served as Master in 2020. He was elected Secretary in 2021 and currently serves in that position. Ron is also a member of the Scottish Rite and York Rite. He is a very active member of the YOMO unit and loves to drive with his brothers in his "little yellow jeep" parading to raise awareness for Shriners Children's Hospitals. He is a member of many of the Units and Clubs that are within Moolah Shrine and is thankful to be a part of all of them. He is very proud to be a Moolah Shriner and loves all that the Shriners do to help children. Ron is a graduate of Missouri State University-WP where he achieved a degree in Enology (Science of Winemaking). He is currently a Hazardous Waste Manager in Rolla, Missouri for a company that makes chemicals for the semiconductor industry. He and his wife of 29 years, Jodi, live in St. James, Missouri, have eight kids and four grandkids.

Jodi helps their daughter and son-in-law manage their music studio, Watson School of Music & the Arts, still homeschools the youngest of their children, and is active in the local homeschool community through theatre, sports, C.H.E.S.S., and hosting large public events. She is a proud member of Moolah Temple Club and enjoys being involved in any way she can.

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We meet on the fourth (4th) Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM in our unit room on the middle floor of the Temple by the trophy case.

MEETING SCHEDULES

STATED MEETINGS

January 17th	May 15th	September 18th
February 21st	June 19th	October 16th
No Meeting	July 17th	November 20th
April 17th	August 21st	December 18th (election)

Stated Meeting Reminders: Dress in business casual, Dues Cards are required, dinner is served at 5:30pm and meetings begin at 7:00pm, along with balloting on all new petitions for memberships.

UNITS & COMMITTEES

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. 7pm Rehearsals 2nd and 4th Tues. 8pm		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
Unique Motors	2nd & 4th Mon.		Ken Wright 636-288-1130
YOMO	2nd Wed.		Lenny Martin PP 314-795-6561

CLUBS

Name	Date & Time	Location	Contact
Cape SC	4th Wed. 6:00pm	Shriner's Hall 57001 Old Cape Road East Jackson, MO 63755	Billy Thorne 573-275-3010
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	Patrick Talbott 573-489-3539
Mid-Mo SC	3rd Mon.	607 S. Sturgeon	Bryan Jonas 573-239-1795
Nemo SC	3rd Thurs. 6:00pm	Call for Location	Aaron Ruhl 573-231-2718
Ozark SC	2nd Mon.	411 Springfield Rd. Owensville, MO	John Behrens Jr. 636-234-7690
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
Tiger SC	Last Mon. 7pm	2315 N Stadium Blvd Columbia, MO 65202	Patrick Talbott 573-489-3539

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 314-541-3393
Noble Lodge #684	1st & 3rd Tuesday 7:00pm	Moolah Temple	Tom Cupples 636-685-5555
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MOOLAH® SHRINE CALENDAR

July

- ⁰¹/₀₄ Imperial Session
- 04** Temple Closed
- 05** No Swing Dance
- 07** Moolah's Noblemen Degree Team
- 12** Ambassadors Meeting & Swing Dance
- 13** Hospital Awareness Day & Shriners Hospital Day at Ballpark
- 17** **Stated Meeting**
- 19** Swing Dance presents Backstreet Cruisers
- 20** YOMO Picnic
- 21** Moolah's Noblemen Degree Team
- 26** Swing Dance presents Larry Gwaltney Band
- 27** Sportsman Extravaganza

August

- 02** Swing Dance presents Garden Party
- 04** Moolah's Noblemen Degree Team
- 09** Ambassadors Meeting & Swing Dance
- 10** Pote Float & Hangar Dance
- 12** Ceremonial Cast Luncheon
- 14** Temple Club (Offsite)
- 16** Swing Dance presents Fanfare
- 18** Moolah's Noblemen Degree Team
- 21** **Stated Meeting**
- 23** Swing Dance presents Trilogy
- 24** ECMO Poker Run & Little Dixie Auction
- 28** Servpro Tournament
- ²⁹/₃₁ CSSA
- 30** No Swing Dance

September

- 01** CSSA & Moolah's Noblemen Degree Team
- ⁰¹/₀₂ Temple Closed
- 06** Swing Dance presents B.B. Boomers
- 11** Temple Club
- 13** Ambassadors Meeting & Swing Dance
- 14** Macho Mania
- 15** Q Brunch & Moolah's Noblemen Degree Team
- 18** **Stated Meeting**
- 20** Swing Dance presents Charlie Mann
- 21** Guides Mouse Races
- 22** Shriners Children's™ Golf Tournament
- 27** Swing Dance & Daughters of the Nile Banquet

October

- 03** Wine Pairing Dinner
- 04** Swing Dance presents Scott & Karl
- 06** Moolah's Noblemen Degree Team
- 09** Temple Club
- 11** Ambassadors Meeting & Swing Dance
- 12** Q Trivia Night
- 16** **Stated Meeting**
- 18** Swing Dance presents Fanfare
- 19** Air Patrol Wine Party
- 20** Moolah's Noblemen Degree Team
- 25** Swing Dance presents Trilogy
- 26** Fall Ceremonial