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2022 MOOLAH® SHRINE POTENTATE MITCH WEINSTING

Nobles and Ladies,

As we move into Spring, I hope this finds you and your family doing well. The Divan has been busy the last few months traveling around the state installing the officers of the clubs. They are all done and hopefully the new officers and clubs are busy with activities. At the time of this writing, we are making plans for the ball. I hope everyone who attended enjoyed themselves. I want to thank the aides and all the nobility that assisted in making this a major event.

Now for the exciting part of March – THE MOOLAH SHRINE CIRCUS-Things are set to go off without a hitch and we are looking forward to a fantastic circus. I know everyone in Moolah will pull together to make this a wonderful event. I hope to see everyone at the Family Arena on March 24-27. Remember this is a major fundraiser and we need everyone is helping to sell ads, tickets, and volunteer to make it a success. Due to the timing of the circus and St. Patrick's Day, we will not be having a Circus Parade, instead we will have several units participating in the downtown St. Patrick's Day parade. This will be an excellent opportunity to promote our Circus and Shrinedom. Please help your unit and participate.

Coming up on May 14th will be the Spring Ceremonial, as you heard at the January meeting, our membership is below two thousand. Let us turn the tide and work to increase our membership. Your membership chairman, Dave Jacobi, is working hard on recruitment events. Let him know if you have ideas or are willing to assist.

Remember, as we celebrate our fraternities' 150th anniversary and the 100th anniversary of our hospital, that we were founded for fun and philanthropy, so let us keep things moving and enjoy this year.

MOO – LAH

Fraternally,



Ill. Sir Mitch Weinsting



To Live Free of Fear, Surrender to God

By: Ron Reynolds

“Surrender your heart to God, turn to him in prayer, and give up your sins—even those you do in secret. Then you won’t be ashamed; you will be confident and fearless. Your troubles will go away like water beneath a bridge, and your darkest night will be brighter than noon. You will rest safe and secure, filled with hope and emptied of worry.”

Job 11:13-18

How do you learn to live in God’s love so that you can live free of fear? You must surrender your heart to God every day

The Bible says in 1 John 4:18, *“Where God’s love is, there is no fear, because God’s perfect love drives out fear”.*

When you wake up each morning, before your feet hit the floor, you have to say, “God, before I even start this day, I surrender my emotions to you. I want you to be Lord of my feelings. I want you to control my mind and my emotions. I surrender my heart to you. I want you to fill me with your love.”

Job 11:13-18 says, *“Surrender your heart to God, turn to him in prayer, and give up your sins—even those you do in secret. Then you will not be ashamed; you will be confident and fearless. Your troubles will go away like water beneath a bridge, and your darkest night will be brighter than noon. You will rest safe and secure, filled with hope and emptied of worry.”* You get God’s power by taking risks to obey God.

Those verses hold three commands and eight promises. Every promise has a premise—God says if you do *this*, then he will do *that*.

First, he gives you the commands: Surrender your heart to God every day. Turn to him in prayer. Give up your sins, confessing them to God.

Then notice the eight benefits: You will not be ashamed. You will be confident. You will be fearless. Your troubles will be like water under the bridge. The dark night you are going through will be brighter than noon. You will be able to sleep well because you are safe and secure. You will be filled with hope. You will be emptied of worry.

Wow! Who would not want to experience those benefits?

Take a moment to write that Scripture on a piece of paper and put it somewhere you will see throughout the week. Let it remind you to do those three things—surrender your heart to God, turn to him in prayer, and confess your sins. Then let God’s love fill your life and cast out all your anxiety and fear

Try it this week, and then watch God conduct his promises as he fills you with his love.



**These we do not forget
“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.

December/January

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- * **QUESTIONS: CONTACT BOB SHELTON AT 573-808-5925 OR 573-564-3593**
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Air Patrol

Director: Byron Smyrniotis

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Not Yet Elected

2nd Vice: Lance Fuqua

Secretary: Chris Grau

Treasurer: Richard Prine

Wow...How time Fly's...It's already March and the first few legs of th flight plan are in play. Based on what is going on and things to come, here are some things to put on your calendar:

2022 Dues notices (paid and not yet paid) are being mailed out, which is also requesting a few items for updating our files, such as, your joined, Lady's name, etc...Also-please make sure your dues are current with your Blue Lodge and the Temple.

Illustrious Sir Mitch Weinsting and Lady Beth are hosting the Celebration of Anniversaries February 19th in the Moolah Shrine Ballroom. See your Camels' Tales email for details and sign-up.

2022 St. Patrick's Day Parade will be in person on March 17th 2022. Please sign up to march.

Motown review has been moved to August 6th.

Festival of the Little Hills is set for August 19-21. Come on up to the Hangar and hear what is going on first hand while rekindling some friendships and make some new ones. Stay Safe and Warm...

Ambassadors

Chairmen: PP David Dieckhaus
custom636@gmail.com

Co-Chairmen: Wally Bowman
wallygloria@sbcglobal.net

Treasurer: Don Wander
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The March Ambassador luncheon will be on the 11th. The April luncheon is on the eighth. Social hour starts at 11 AM and a short meeting begins at 11:30, with lunch at noon. Call an Ambassador who is homebound and invite them to the luncheon. If March or April is your birthday, come and celebrate. Send an email to Wally for a reservation at wallygloria@sbcglobal.net.

The Circus is coming! The Circus Committee has been meeting for several months to bring an outstanding Circus. Bello will again be the featured performer who really entertained the crowd at the October 2021 Circus. Volunteers are needed to make our Circus a success. Contact Ron Reynolds at 314-372-2121 or email rdreynolds6@charter.net if you can help. You can also contact Wally Bowman at 314-498-6915 to help with Novelties. The Circus is a time to renew friendships, make new friends, work, but still have a good time.

Congratulations to Ambassador Bud Waters who was appointed Outer Guard by Illustrious Potentate, Mitch Weinsting. Noble Waters was instrumental in starting the Swing Dance Unit and served as its director. Bud is a member of the Sound Unit, the Order of Quetzalcoatl, and ROJ 81. He was also a Potentates' Aide.

Congratulations to Noble Jeffrey Chestnas who was recently made an Ambassador. Noble Chestnas became a Shriner in 2011. He is a member of King Solomon Blue Lodge and a member of the Moolah Guides. Every year he hosts a golf tournament to benefit our Shriners Hospital.

The Clowns' originally scheduled Trivia Night had to be canceled because of the increased number of people testing positive for the Omicron Covid variant. It has been rescheduled for April 2 in the Moolah ballroom. If you have not attended a Clowns' Trivia night, make sure you register for next year. The Clowns put on a unique show, you will experience a trivia night like no other.

Happy birthday to all Ambassadors who have a birthday in March or April.

Do not forget daylight savings time which is March 13th. Clocks will need to be set one hour forward. Here are some fun facts: Benjamin Franklin suggested DST, it is not a mandatory Federal Law, and the correct wording is daylight SAVING time - not SAVINGS time.

It is with sadness to report that another Ambassador has ridden the Black Camel. Denny Eaton passed away recently. He was a member of the Censer Blue Lodge and belonged to ECMO Shrine Club and Three Rivers Shrine Club, and a member of the Guides Unit at Moolah. He received his Medallion in 1999. Noble Eaton will be remembered for his challenging work and dedication to Moolah. Condolences to his family.

Once an Ambassador, Always an Ambassador.

636-352-5146

Arab Patrol

Director: Patrick Hensley
314-330-7028

President: Jerome D'Agostino
314-565-3790

1st Vice President: Kevin Kramer
314-486-7875

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

Treasurer: Jan Phillips
314-348-7919

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Secretary: Dennis Shell
314-288-6078

The Festival of Trees, 2021 edition, was a celebrated success for Moolah and now we turn to the New Year with a new cast of officers for the Arab Patrol Unit. Tim McGraw had a wonderful year serving as our Unit's President for 2021. Our new President, Jerry D'Agostino, surely has a tough act to follow. Jerry has plenty of ideas that he wants to bring to the table as the Patrol strides to make 2022 an even bigger success.

A tip of the Fez to our long time Captain, Past Potentate Patrick Hensley, as he decided to step down. Patrick has led the Patrol to many victories in past CSSA Competitions and we are all Thankful to him for his invaluable contributions. Our new Captain, Scott Haenel, has been serving our Unit as a Lieutenant for the past few years and is, more than ready, to lead us into the future. Scott has announced that we will be marching, once again, in the St Patrick's Day Parade downtown on March 12, 2022. Scott will be supported by our Unit's Acting Lieutenants, Rob Boland, and Tom Dempki. Dick Long, our Unit's Lieutenant Emeritus, is as involved in our Unit as he has ever been. Another past Captain, Captain Emeritus Doug Bachman, is also heavily involved with the Patrol. The transition from Patrick to Scott should be a smooth one, however, if down the road an unexpected twist comes about, Scott has a wealth of knowledgeable Patrolmen on whom he can rely.

With the New Year, the Arab Patrol is looking to expand our Membership, if you ever dreamed of marching, or at least thought about it, why not come by, and check us out, we meet the first Monday of the Month, 6:30pm Dinner Time, 7:00pm Meeting Time, we practice marching after every Business Meeting. So, 2022 would be a good year to get involved as we are planning to march frequently as we lead up to this year's CSSA.

Another tip of the Fez is to long time Secretary of the Patrol, Kenny Elam, as

he decided after 15 years of dedicated service as Secretary to step down. Kenny has been a stabilizing force over the years as he "served at the pleasure" of a dozen or so Presidents. Kenny, we all Thank-You! The Patrol would not be the same without your guidance to our Past Presidents and our Membership.

Band

Director: Jack Scherrer
314-725-3764

President: David Glenn
314-560-4431

1st V. Pres./Tr.: Douglas Ritterskamp
314-353-4823

2nd V.Pres./Sec.: Paul Strong
636-464-1346

The mighty Moolah Community Band is back in full swing, performing for our friends in area nursing homes, and providing a little classy dining music for the Temple dining room. We have been busy but still have some open dates remaining. If you know of any nursing home or assisted living facility that would like a concert, please contact one of the officers above. The home's donations are our means of supporting our hospitals as well as bringing joy to their senior residents.

We have gained a few new members, but always have room for more. Remember they do not have to be Shriners to play. We are especially indebted to the Halcomb family for providing five musicians during the holiday season! Our members range from elementary school age to over eighty! All it takes is a desire to play.

Our director, Noble David Glenn, has us performing some new selections and we hope you have enjoyed them while dining prior to the stated meetings. Come on out early, have a nice dinner, hear some good music, and support your Shrine as we help

the children in our hospitals

BBQ Smokin' Nobles

Director: Dennis Burkholder
314-570-1904

President: Travis Mayer
636-675-0831

Vice President: Keith Schilb
636-236-7436

Treasurer: Dave Hope
314-406-0744

Secretary: Jim Gesell
636-352-5146

The BBQ Smokin' Nobles Unit are off to a great start in 2022 under our new President Travis Mayer and our new Vice President Keith Schilb. We also already have our first new member of the year, Richard McMahan. Welcome, Richard!

The BBQ Smokin' Nobles Unit is developing a brochure outlining the activities for the Smokin' Nobles that we can share with all new Shriners, our fellow Nobles in other Units, our brothers in their Blue Lodges, and the community. We are reaching out to all the Blue Lodges in the area offering to prepare a meal for their meeting and to promote our Unit and the Shrine. We are organizing monthly BBQ fundraiser events in conjunction with Car Shows involving the Muscle Car Unit. Other planned events include a Wing Cook-off, a cooking competition and tournament, cooking classes with Master Cookers, and a KCBS BBQ event with the National BBQ Champion!

On Sunday, February 13 the Smokin' Nobles prepared thirty-five pounds of chicken wings for the Superbowl Party being held at the Shrine. As in past years, we will also be cooking at the Circus, serving the Veterans at Jefferson Barracks

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for Veteran's Day, participating in the Festival of Trees again in November, cooking for the December Christmas parties, and assisting the Potentate and other Units in any way we can during 2022.

If you like to BBQ and have fellowship with a bunch of great guys, this is a great Unit to join! We also have NO annual dues! Just show up and have fun! We invite you to visit us for our Business Meeting at 6:30 pm on the first Wednesday of every month. You will have a wonderful time preparing, serving, and eating BBQ with and for our Masonic, Shrine, and military Brothers. Come join us!

Capital Shrine Club

President: Harold Coots
573-680-1717

Treasurer: Jim Trammell
573-896-4389

Secretary: David Mauldin
573-338-0211

2021 has been a very interesting year for the Capital Shrine Club. We were pleased to have our Illustrious Potentate Joe Shivley and most of his Divan at our annual Fish Fry, which is one of our favorite events. Noble Ben Dennison presented a plaque to the Capital Shrine Club Lady of the Year, Lady Ginger Mauldin. And as always, we heard the live music from the Missouri River Bottom Band. And as a special treat, this year Noble Dana DeWeese and his friend, a Brother Freemason, Bryan Kundert played the bagpipes for us. Dana and Bryan both pipe for the Boone County Fire District.

Our Mini Indi's got third place at CSSA. We are proud of our Mini Indi Cars and drivers.

Our own Missouri River Bottom Band will be performed for our monthly Saturday Night Dances at the Club.

We were fortunate enough to have a ceremonial at our Club, in conjunction with our Annual Fish Fry, where new members were Fezzed by order of the Chief Rabban Mitch Weinsting, under the direction of Illustrious Potentate Joe Shivley.

Capital Shrine Club meets on the Second Tuesday of each month except July and August which are our dark months

David Mauldin
Secretary



Chanters El Koran

President: David Larkin
314-570-1904

Director Emeritus: Jerry L. Gaddy
636-779-3242

President, Conductor: Jim Gesell
636-352-5146

Vice President: Rich Farrar
314-608-9606

Treasurer: Barry Spitzer
314-239-8179

Secretary: John Glass
314-805-8376

It is with great sorrow that I announce the passing of Jim Yettke, a past president and key member of the Moolah Chanters El Koran for 42 years. Noble Jim crossed the desert on the Black Camel on New Year's Day. The Chanters were fortunate to have been able to have visited

with Jim and the other residents of Cedarhurst Senior Care in St. Charles on Monday, December 12 to sing Christmas Carols. We will miss Jim.

This Christmas season, the Chanters were proud to sing for the Festival of Trees, the Lunch with Santa, the Hospital Patient's Party, and the Potentate's Ball. We also greatly enjoyed our concert at the Garden Villas in Chesterfield when we visited our Director Emeritus and his Lady Doris. We look forward to even more opportunities to perform in 2022.

The Chanters are pleased to announce our newest member, Carl Apollo. Carl not only has a wonderful voice, but he has also been a regular participant at all our meetings, performances, and rehearsals. You probably saw him singing the National Anthem at the February Stated Meeting. He is a terrific addition to our choir. Welcome, Carl!

The Chanters are still planning to attend the 2022 Imperial Session this July in Minneapolis. We are hoping to retain our title of Shrine Chanters Association, International Champions for another year. We will represent the Moolah Shrine and SCAI by singing at the Convention Center Marketplace, the host hotel, hospitality suites, and other venues. We anticipate great interest and participation in 2022 from Charter Units in the Central States Shrine Association at the Imperial Session in Minneapolis, and we hope the exposure will lead to future growth of Chanters nationwide.

The Chanters plan to hold two main fundraisers again this year; the Festival of the Little Hills in St. Charles in August and the Green Tree Festival in September. Another idea being pursued is a karaoke event. We also are looking forward to singing aboard our Unit float at future parades.

The Chanters will again work a novelty booth at the Circus in March and sing the National Anthem there before as many Circus performances as possible!

If you like to sing, please join us. We meet every Monday night at 7:00 pm

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in our Unit room at the Shrine (the first Monday of each month being the business meeting). We hope to see you there!



Clowns

President: Steve Kanhre
(Cecil)

1st Vice President: Chris Skornicka
(Techno)

2nd Vice President: Terry Mueller
Milk Dud

Treasurer: John Tremblay
(Shabba-Dabba)

It seems due to computer problems that our Presidents name Steve Kahre (Cecil) didn't appear in the camel tales article. I would bet it was my computer but I still don't know how several paragraphs were repeated. Oh well I was only Partially Educated anyway.

The Home and Garden show was well represented by our unit as usual and a lot of balloons were given away in support of our circus. Also our Valentine ballooning took place which helped our unit develop their ballooning skills as well as making a few bucks for our kids.

Looking forward to our circus we need to sell tickets so we can enjoy bigger crowds than what we saw in October. The Clown unit is usually the top selling unit or at least second place each year and with everyones efforts we should be right there again. Please check out the new incentives for those who purchase \$1000 or \$500 worth of tickets.

Many enjoyed going to the Springfield Shrine circus which actually runs for 12 straight days!!! Just imagine trying

to coordinate those events with all the volunteers. But they do it with no complaints.

The Trivia Nite comes right after the circus and we are on course to have another huge nite. We appreciate all those who come and support our children with their generous donations throughout the night. We are always in need of table prizes and silent auction items. No item is too big or too small. The 2 main purposes of this event is not only to raise money for our hospital, temple, transportation fund and prosthetic needs of our patients but also to have as much fun as possible while doing it. We are going to need a lot of workers for that morning and night so be prepared and wear comfortable shoes for that night.

It seems Merlin (Tom Dolan) was involved in deflating the football that caused the KC quarterback to throw that last interception. No proof as of this time but his wife is now driving a new Tesla!

I don't do drugs because I find I get the same feeling when I stand up really fast.

Daniel Boone Shrine

President: Mike Heuer
314-814-3367

We meet on the "Last Thursday" of the month so, at JJ's Restaurant in O'Fallon. Arrive around 5:30 for dinner, and at 7:00 the guys will have a meeting and our Ladies will play Bunko. 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 try us. You do not have to be a member, and we will not 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!

Daughters of the Nile

Pr. Tirzah: Irene Alexander
314-487-7550

My time as Queen is up, but what a year did we have. It was a little difficult at first with Covid still here and to schedule time for fundraisers. We had a Mad Hatter Tea Party in which we asked the First Lady to see if her and other ladies would like to attend the tea party with us. That way we can try to work on different projects together and have fun. We are so grateful to help the Shriners with the serving of dinners and to get to know them and have fun. We had two Ceremonials and six new Princesses to help us grow. They are so excited to work with the Shriners on different projects like the circus. We are here to serve the kids.

Irene Alexander, Queen

Grand Lodge of Missouri

By: Charlie Wiegert
Junior Grand Warden

Greetings Nobles

Your Grand Lodge officers spent the end of February traveling to Milwaukee for the conference of Grand Masters and then to Arlington for the George Washington Memorial events centered around celebrating our first Presidents birthday.

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There are some upcoming events in our area that you might want to attend. On Saturday, April 2nd, the Grand Lodge officers will have a dedication ceremony for the new Masonic Hall at 15977 Clayton Road in Ellisville. It will be the home of Naphtali Lodge #25, Ascalon Commandry and Hiram Council. Plans are for the day to begin with an Area Meeting, featuring warden and masters training, and degree exemplification, along with a Grand Master in residency session. This is a great opportunity to get a chance to have a one-on-one conversation with our Grand Master, similar to the session at Moolah after the Fall ceremonial. The day will continue with a reception for our Grand Master at Rose Hill Temple starting about 4 PM. The next day, Sunday, April 3rd, we will celebrate the 175th anniversary of Bridgeton Lodge #80 which includes a Veterans Presentation at their St. Peters Masonic Temple, 414 South Church Street. **YOU ARE CORDIALLY AND FRATERNALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THESE EVENTS!**

Looking down the road a bit, a date you might want to put on your calendar is Sunday, July 17th. That all be the annual Grand Masters breakfast, in the ballroom at Moolah. It is a great morning getting a chance to share some brotherhood and hear an interesting speaker.

The next big event will be the Grand Lodge Annual Communication, and for the first time in over 20 years, it will not be in Columbia Missouri. It will be here in our back yard, at the spectacular St. Charles Convention Center on Monday and Tuesday, October 3rd, and fourth. Preceding it will be the Masonic Home's annual spectacular gala, the Truman Club dinner in the Grand Ballroom of the Convention Center. If you are not a Truman Club member, please consider joining. It helps you to fulfill your obligation as a freemason, and every penny of your donation goes to helping Masons, their widows, and children. For more details, go to mohome.org.

Treutelaar, has issued a few edicts recently. One deals with the automatic expulsion of a registered sex offender, one deals with the clarification of the status of past grand masters and past masters of other grand lodge jurisdictions, one clarifies how to manage mentoring after each degree, and one clarifies the relationship and visitation with Prince Hall Masons. For more information of these decisions, contact your lodge secretary, as he has copies of all of them.

You will also be happy to know the Grand Lodge of Missouri contributed \$10,000 through the Masonic Relief Association to help those in need in Kentucky from their devastating tornadoes.

If you know someone who might be interested in becoming a Mason, you can be the first line signer of your candidate's petition no matter what Lodge they join. Only one signer of a Masonic petition needs to be from that Lodge, the other signer can be from any Lodge. Keep this in mind if you have a candidate. It all starts with you submitting the petition for your candidate!

Something new that was passed at the last Grand Lodge communication was for new candidates to participate in a mentoring program to give them a better understanding of our fraternity. The education is great, and if you would like a little refresher, you are more than welcome to attend a mentoring session at your lodge. If you have not been for a while, attend a meeting. Lots of brothers would be happy to see you!

Hospital Reception Committee

Director: Jim Gesell
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President: David Sir
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Vice President: Kevin Davis
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Treasurer: Zach Rodgers
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Secretary: Randy Baer
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The Hospital Reception Committee is pleased to report that our new President for 2022, David Sir, was selected as Moolah Shriner of the Month of January. Dave was responsible for contribution of an entire Heating, Venting, and Air Conditioning System to the Festival of Trees. Thank you and congratulations, Dave. We are looking forward to a wonderful year under your leadership.

The Hospital Reception Committee presentation dinner was held Saturday, February 5 in the Oasis at the Shrine. The Presentation of our officers was held in conjunction with the Yomo, Gateway 500, and Motor Patrol Units. A big "Thank You" to those Units for allowing us to participate with them and to all the members of the Divan who attended to make the evening special.

Many of our committee members have returned to their volunteer duties at the Hospital. The screening desk at the Hospital is now staffed every day with a Volunteer. This means the first thing a patient and their family see when they arrive and the last thing they see when they leave is a Shriner wearing a fez.

Our committee is also in charge selling and collecting dinner tickets before each Stated Meeting, selling 50/50 tickets, checking dues cards

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and collecting the password at Stated Meetings, staffing the Gift Shop, taking blood pressures at the Ceremonials and sizing candidates' fez size, running the Racquet Ruckus, supplying Toys for the Clinic patients, assisting in setting up patient screening clinics, staffing a Novelty Booth at the Circus, and performing other duties as requested by the Potentate or the Hospital.

The special objective for the Hospital Reception Committee in 2022 is to help find new patients for the Hospital by setting up screening clinics and reaching out to new health care models that are highly motivated to refer their kids to us. If you would like to serve both 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 (just east of the office). See you there!

Muscle Car Unit

Director: Keith Schib
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President: Tom Nelson
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Vice President: Tom Shumate
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Treasurer: Tom Nelson
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Secretary: Jim Gesell
636-352-5146

The Muscle Car Unit welcomes our newest member, Richard McMahan. We are anxious to show off our Muscle Cars and our Flying Carpets which have been renovated by our Vice President Tom Shumate. A huge "thank you" to Tom Shumate all his efforts and "congratulations" on being elected Parade Marshall the Unit for 2022.

The Muscle Car Unit is gearing up to support the Swing Dance Unit

with Novelties at the March Circus. We assist with sorting, transporting, stocking, and delivering novelties to the booths at the Family Arena. We also help set up and take down the booths used by the units selling the novelties. We are ready to begin parading again during 2022 with our Muscle Cars and Flying Carpets. Our first parade is on March 12, the St. Louis St. Patrick's Day Parade. We have a huge list of other parades where we plan to show off our cars while representing the Moolah Shrine.

The drawing for the \$1,000 Cash Raffle that the Muscle Car Unit is sponsoring in conjunction with the BBQ Smokin' Nobles will take place by the Circus. Tickets are available from any member of the Unit for \$10. You do not want to miss this raffle – the chances of winning are extremely high!

Finally, the Unit is planning to hold a Car Show and Competition at the Shrine during 2022. Trophies will be awarded to the winners of various categories, and other Units from the Shrine will be asked to participate. The Smokin' Nobles have already agreed to prepare, serve, and sell BBQ.

If you have a Muscle Car or would like to pilot one of our Flying Carpets, 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, behind the Ceremonial Cast Room. We look forward to seeing you!

Nailah Court #107

PHP: Lady Marcia Jacobi
314-541-3393

The Circus is coming, the Circus is coming! Come to one of our booths to see us having a wonderful time helping Moolah and raising money so our court can help the Shriners children. We are always looking for fun loving people who would like to join us and you can ask any of us if you have questions!

YOU'RE INVITED!! Our installation of officers will be held in the Oasis on Sunday, April 3 at 2:00 PM. See us looking our best with our ritualistic installation. We hope to see you there.

Hoping to see you soon!

Phantom Hugs,

Lady Marcia Jacobi, High Priestess
Protem, PHP

Swing Dance

Director: Wally Bowman
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President: Dennis Martin
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Vice President: Gary Fanger
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Secretary: Gene Burnett
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Treasurer: Charlie Haas
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We Dance So Kids Can Walk

Most of the cold weather is over so its time to come out on Friday nights and dance and have fun. Come join us on Friday nights for live bands, socializing and dancing. We provide a cash bar at all of our dances. You are welcome to bring your own snacks. No outside drinks are allowed. Admission is \$10. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Band plays from 7 to 10.30 pm.

March 4. We welcome Crossfire back. They are a four person band playing a wide variety of music from, Swing, Pop, Funk, Motown, R&B and Rock and Roll Motown, R&B and Rock and Roll.

March 11. We welcome a new band to the Oasis. Laytham and Holmes. A duo who plays a wide assortment of music from Swing, Blues, Rat Pack, Pop, Motown and Rock and Roll.

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March 18. The Backstreet Cruisers return to the Oasis. They are a four member band with the best of 50's and 60's Rock and Roll for everyone to enjoy.

April 1. Not a joke, The Charlie Mann Band are coming back. They are a five member band playing swing, pop, 80's country and Rock and Roll.

April 8. is Trilogy. They are a seven member band playing Swing, Motown, Pop, Disco, Classic Rock, Funk, Golden oldies and today's hits.

April 22. We have Crossfire. They are a four person band playing a wide variety of music from, Swing, Pop, Funk, Motown, R&B and Rock and Roll.

April 29. is Fanfare. They are a four member band playing a wide variety of music from Pop, Motown, R&B, Rock Classics and Big Band.

If you are looking for a place to have a party with music, a dance floor and a cash bar, the Friday Night Swing Dance is the place to be. You do not have to be a member of the unit to enjoy this opportunity. Reserve a spot for 20 or more guests and we will provide a cake and reserved tables for your celebration. Regular admission fees apply. Just give us advance notice in order for us to provide a cake.

Plan a date night and join us for a fun filled evening. Invite your friends, too. There is plenty of room to dance on our new 3,200 square foot dance floor. We do not care how you dance, just come and have a good time.

Visit www.mssdc.org for more information.

TCAA

President: Charles Hass

Vice President: Dennis Martin

Secretary/Treasurer: Bob Daniels

The Temple Charities & Activities Association (aka TCAA) is a tax-exempt 501(C)three organization that can accept tax-deductible donations for the patients of our hospital in St. Louis. We hold those donations in revenue-generating accounts until there are unmet needs at the hospital that require our financial support. Several years ago, TCAA was the major contributor to the purchase of a portable x-ray machine at the hospital. More recently, we have facilitated the funding of surgical tools and supplies, braces, protective helmets for kids, and other medical necessities. A regular ongoing activity is the funding of toys for kids attending our medical clinic. These hospital outpatients have numerous places to visit when they attend clinic, and they receive a "patient passport" upon arrival that indicates which departments they must visit. The passport is initialed by each department's staff after the patient is seen, and once the passport is completed (meaning the patient's visit is completed), the patient is given an age and gender appropriate gift. Your Grand Lodge officers spent the end of February traveling to Milwaukee for the conference of Grand Masters and then to Arlington for the George Washington Memorial events centered around celebrating our first Presidents birthday.

In the past, patients would sometimes miss one of the departments they were supposed to visit. This necessitated that a second clinic visit be scheduled to complete the patient evaluation and/or treatment, doubling the cost and effort for everyone involved. The toy passport therefore helps improve patient care and decrease costs! And of course, the most important reason for providing toys is that our kids leave the Hospital

with a smile on their faces and a happy memory of their visit.

During 2021, there were 7,698 patients who visited our out-patient clinic at the St. Louis Shriners Hospital. That represents 7,698 patient passports and 7,698 toys with an average value of \$5 each! If you do the math, you can see the scale of this service for our kids. Some of the toys are donated, but many are purchased through cash donations. We were fortunate to receive a large donation of both cash and toys from Carla Cordell during the pandemic when the Shrine was closed, and no donations were made by Shrine Units. Kristi Bremerkamp and the Order of the Eastern Star have also been regular contributors to the TCAA Toy Fund. A huge "thank you" to both Carla and Kristi and their organizations for their support, especially during the pandemic when few fundraisers were possible.

The toys given to clinic outpatients are separate from the toys given to hospital in-patients. St. Louis Shriners Hospital staff manage, store, and distribute toys for pain-aversion therapy and surgical inpatients, while Shriners have been responsible for the acquisition, storage, and distribution of toys for outpatients ever since we moved from the old hospital on Lindbergh to the new hospital on Clayton over 5 years ago. Storage space at the new hospital is extremely limited and the number of in-patients is small, so sometimes toy donations are refused when they are offered to the hospital and there is no space available. Please contact Jim Gesell at (636) 352-5146 if this happens to you – we always need toys for clinic patients and TCAA has storage space at the Shrine for these outpatient clinic toys.

If you would like to represent your Unit as a TCAA Director, ask to be elected by your Unit. Each unit is allowed up to three representatives. If your Unit wants to contribute that will go directly to our clinic patients at the St. Louis Shriners Hospital, please consider supporting the Toy Fund with either a toy or cash donation.

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The check should be made out to the TCAA Toy Fund. We meet the fourth Wednesday of every month at 6:30 pm in the Sheikh's Lounge, and we look forward to seeing you there!

Temple Club

President: Nancy Pollock

Vice President: Cheri Viner

Treasurer: Kathy Kelley

Secretary: Kathy Myers

We started the year off by welcoming our 2022 Potentate, Illustrious Sir Mitch Weinsting, his First Lady Beth, and the Outer Guard Bud Waters and his Lady Judy. February we were blessed to have Donna Griffin and Michelle Cohen from the hospital share with us their great work at the hospital hand camp.

Help us celebrate Temple Club's 106th birthday at the March 9th meeting. In 2022 we celebrate, not only the 106th birthday of the Temple Club, but the 150th anniversary of Shriners International and the 100th anniversary of the opening of the first Shrine Hospital. Another tidbit of birthday trivia, 2022 is the 136th birthday of Moolah Temple, which began in St. Louis by charter on April 23, 1886. What an amazing heritage we are privileged to be a part of. The meeting will be held in the ballroom and the menu will be Carved Top Round with Au Jus, Twice Baked Potato Casserole, Valenti's Salad, Rolls and Butter, and chocolate fudge cake. Price for the luncheon is \$17. Jo Moody, Carol Schuamburg, Jackie Plough, Gloria Means and Vera Vesenmeyer have volunteered to decorate for our special day.

Let us spring into spring at our April 13th meeting. Hopefully, the winter months are behind us, and we can all enjoy warmer weather and blooming flowers. The meeting will be held in

the oasis and the menu will be Pork Tenderloin with Glazed Teriyaki Sauce, Roasted Sweet and Potato Medley, Valenti Salad, Rolls and Butter, and Marble Cheesecake. Price for the luncheon is \$17. Jan Boyer, Cindy Heuer and Pat McEvoy will brighten our luncheon. Please remember to bring your food items for the food drive.

We will continue our tradition of Ways and Means and Pot of Gold so bring your extra cash!!

One last thing – let us support our Shrine Circus scheduled for March 24-27 at the St. Charles Family Arena.

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YOMO would like to Congratulate Illustrious Sir, Mitch Weinsting and his Lady Beth as well as all the Divan and their ladies! Here is to an Amazing Year!

We were able to participate with the RV show, Home and Garden Show, and parades throughout our area and had a great time being able to spread the word about our hospitals and represent the Shrine.

Thank you to all who came to the YOMO Presentation of Officers, looking forward to a great year!

The Potentate's Presentation Ball was impressive, and we all had a wonderful evening.

More Parades are coming! St. Pats/STL, St. Pats/Florissant, and St. Pats/Rolla Be on the lookout for them and try to attend. You will have a great time!

2nd Annual Scrapbooking for Shriners is going to be held at Moolah Temple on April 23rd, 2022. There will be over fifteen vendors and shopping are open to the public for this exciting event! Yes....it is exciting.

Circus dates are March 24th – 27th, 2022, Volunteers are needed. Please contact Dave Hope to sign up for the floor operations.

Event Reminders:

We are having a Meat Shoot in April and June. Our next two are scheduled for April 10th and June 12th, 12:30pm at the VFW Post 4223 at 215 Military Rd in Lemay, MO! Come have some fun with us and please spread the word and bring your friends. The funds raised help offset the rising costs of insurance and other expenses the Mini Patrol incurs, and the event also provides Fun and Fellowship! If you would like to help, please arrive around 11:30 am for set up.

As a reminder, we meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month in the YOMO room. Please check your emails for updates. Also, if you are on Facebook, please connect with Moolah YOMO as well. Rob sends out regular emails. If you are not receiving them, please let him know.

Here comes the Circus!!!

See you on the streets!

James (Jim) Hubeli

Noble Hubeli was raised a Master Mason in Mizpah Lodge (now Gateway Lodge #40) in 1972. That same year he joined Moolah Temple, the Scottish Rite and the Drum and Bugle Corps. He was VP/President of the Drum Corps in 1991/1992 and has been playing the baritone bugle for 50 years.

He was made an Ambassador in 1997 and has been a Potentate's Aide for many years. He wrote the Drum Corps article for 25 years. The Public Relations Committee is honored to have Noble Jim Hubeli as our February Shriner of the Month as he celebrates his 50 year as a member of Moolah.



Dave Jacobi

Dave is a 4th Generation Master mason and was raised in Meridian Lodge in 1982. He served as Master of Lodge-1991, District Deputy Grand Master-1998, Grand Tiler-2007, Grand Orator-2013. And is the current Lodge Secretary he also serves as the Masonic Home Representative. He is also a 33 degree of the Scottish Rite.

Noble Dave joined Moolah Recorder, Ambassador and Potentate Aide. He is a member of the OSU, Gateway 500, Chanters, Guides, Daniel Boone Shrine Club and Chairman Moolah Tap and Cigar Club. He is also a member-Arca Teocalli #21 Order of Quetzalcoatl, Chief Supreme Tlaloc, and the SUPREME Tlacuilo.

Noble Dave Jacobi also serves as membership Chairman for Moolah and is active in the many duties he serves. It is an honor to have Noble Dave Jacobi the March Shriner of the Month.



Robby Dirkers Chief Rabbah

Robby began his Masonic career in 2005. He followed his passion to help others by becoming a Master Mason in Craftsmen Lodge 717. That year he also became a member of Moolah Shrine and The Scottish Rite. He quickly became a member of the Guides Unit and was President in 2013 and Director in 2014 and 2015. Robby is also an Ambassador, Kentucky Colonel, a member of the Order of Quetzalcoatl (ARCA 21) and a Hillbilly. Robby served as Assistant Chief Aide in 2014 and 2015. In 2016 he was honored to be asked to be the Outer Guard for Illustrious Sir Lenny Martin. He is currently the High Priest & Prophet in the Divan. Robby has worked at Barron Mirror since 1988 and is Vice President of operations. He and his Lady Pam have a total of three older children and five grandchildren. He is passionate about everything he does and loves being a Shriner.

Shaun Ruether Assistant Rabbah



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. 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 Moolah Guides, YOMO, Mounted Lancers, Arab Patrol, Motor Patrol, Smokin' Nobles, ECMO Shrine Club, Joachim Shrine Club, Hillbilly Clan #140, 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 Carpenter's Local 2214, in Festus, MO since 2001. He carries a dual membership with Steelworker's Union 1899, 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 is humbled by the opportunity to represent this fraternity by being a member of the Divan.

Jack Melton High Priest & Prophet



Jack Melton was raised in the Overland/ St. Ann area; attended Ritenour high school, Southeast Missouri and Southern Illinois Universities. He served two years in the Army, stationed in Japan. He served a four-year apprenticeship as a carpenter and worked both commercial and residential. In 1981 he went to work for McDonnell Douglas and then Boeing aircraft, retiring in 2014 after 33 years.

He was commissioned a Kentucky Colonel in 2012. He is a member of Noble Lodge 684, Scottish Rite, Moolah Ambassador, Arca 21 Order of Quetzcoatl, Hillbilly Clan #140, Royal Order of Jesters Court 81, Swing Dance unit, Moolah Clowns, Gateway 500, Motor Patrol, Tiger Clowns, Tiger, Three Rivers, and Daniel Boone Shrine Clubs. He helped start the Moolah Swing Dance Unit, in 2011 and was President until 2016. As "Jitterbug", the Moolah Clown, he has won awards at three CSSA conventions.

He was associate member, of the Board of Governors of St. Louis Shriners Hospital in 2020 and 2021.

Jack has been happily married to his wife Gail, for 53 years. They reside in St. Charles. They have one daughter Heather and one granddaughter Skylar.



December Stated Meeting





2022 CIRCUS UPDATE



Ron Reynolds: Circus Director
Robby Dirkers: Circus Chairman

(314) 732-2121
(314) 650-3094

The Circus is March 24-27, 2022, at the St. Charles Family Arena. Please come out and work wherever you can. We need all the help we can get.

Child coupons are available for distribution. Tickets are available for sale. We need to get as many people in the seats as possible to make this circus successful.

Please continue to support our Moolah Shrine Circus.

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

A new way you can help us meet the needs of our children. Did you know? We now have a special link on Amazon with our hospital's wish list for items that help us care for the kids who stay with us for a while. All purchases made through this site are tax-free. [Check out our wish list today](#) and feel free to share it with others who might help.



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The Importance of Positive Communication to Children with Disabilities

The Power of Language

Our word choices have a tremendous impact on those around us. Children, especially, are deeply influenced by the language surrounding them – who they become is based on who they are learning to be. The staff of Shriners Hospitals for Children® understands the importance of building confidence and self-esteem in our patients at an early age. Our staff recognizes that while working with children with disabilities, it is imperative to help them develop a strong positive attitude so they will have the confidence to pursue their dreams. To accomplish this, being mindful of the effect language has on children is critical.

Two essential points in using communication as affirmation are accurate wording and people-first language. Always remember to use language that encourages, rather than discourages, the individual. When referring to those with a disability, please remember to **avoid labels with a negative connotation**, such as:

- crippled
- handicapped
- lame
- deformed

» **The preferred word choice is usually:**

- disability
- disabled
- the actual term involved, such as, cerebral palsy or muscular dystrophy

People with Disabilities are People First

The second key element of communicating with people with disabilities is the need to use “people-first language,” where the person is the important element, rather than the disability.

For example, try using phrases such as “a person *with* cerebral palsy” or “a person *who uses* a prosthetic arm,” rather than defining them by the disability itself.

It is also important to recognize that people are individuals, and to **avoid lumping those with disabilities together into one group**, like “the disabled,” “the spinal cord injured,” or to refer to “all people with X.”

» Another important aspect of using people-first language is to **avoid negative descriptive phrases and terms**, such as:

- confined to a wheelchair
- wheelchair bound
- victim stricken with
- suffering

Instead, try saying a person “uses a wheelchair,” or “has cerebral palsy.”



“We must take language very seriously. The feeling I have is that language is always a reflection of attitude. With the advancement of the disability movement, you see a change in language.” – Michael Masutha

Also avoid **value-laden words and phrases**, whether negative or positive, because even seemingly positive labels such as “courageous” and “inspirational” can be burdensome to a child, setting unnecessary high expectations, that may be hard to maintain.

As part of using people-first language, it is also imperative to not define people by their disabilities. This is accomplished by **emphasizing abilities, not limitations**.

» For instance:

- Say: “Darlene is an excellent writer,” rather than, “Despite her disability, Darlene is an excellent writer.”
- Say, “Johnny is a child with a disability,” instead of the defining, “Johnny is a *disabled child*.”

Being mindful of preferred disability terminology and using people-first language whenever possible will help children with disabilities become more confident and able to become successful, productive adults.



Scrub Nurse Retires After Serving Kids for 21 Years

“Can I give you a hug?”

That was the first interaction Pat Long had with a Shriners Children’s patient. It happened more than two decades ago during her job interview. She was walking out of the building with high hopes for a new step in her career when a little girl in a wheelchair smiled at her and asked, “Can I give you a hug?”

Pat didn’t know it then but the interaction was predestined. Her love for Shriners kids started at that moment and grew to include a whole generation of patients.

On February 1, Pat will walk out of Shriners Children’s St. Louis for the last time. The decision to retire comes with equal parts excitement and sadness.

She looks forward to being more available to her three grandchildren, two children and husband. Her family is her joy.

There are plans to travel to Florida and enjoy the sunshine. But, for now, there are tears.

“There are so many people who I’ve met and worked with – it’s going to be difficult to not see them regularly,” Pat said.

She said the operating room has always felt like home and the people around her, especially the surgeons, have been her teachers

Then, there are the children.

“To see the positive effect we’ve had on some of the kids and to know that their quality of life is going to be better, that’s one of the main reasons I’ve stayed. This place just makes you feel good,” she said.

Pat remembers one patient from Russia who grew about half a foot thanks to treatment and spine surgery. She remembers another who came to Shriners Children’s with three arms. Research, creativity and talent helped that child thrive.

As it happens with most Shriners Children’s team members, each child left an impression on her heart. Pat will hold those memories closely – forever.

“Pat has served Shriners [Children’s] kids with her professional nursing talents and caring heart for two decades. We will miss her deeply but wish her years of relaxation in retirement! She earned it,” said Tammy Keesey, director of patient care services.

Walking out of the hospital for the final time, Pat will smile thinking about that first Shriners Children’s kid she met and the thousands of others she’s served.

In the meantime, her message to the Shriners Children’s team is: “Keep up the good work!”

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Ways to Help

Supporting the St. Louis Hospital

For more than 90 years Shriners Hospitals for Children — St. Louis has been bringing love to the rescue of more than 110,000 children with orthopaedic conditions and bone diseases. Our world-renown pediatric specialty care, innovative research, and outstanding teaching programs for medical professionals results in our co-listing by *US News and World Report* as one of America's top pediatric orthopaedic hospitals, with St. Louis Children's Hospital and Washington University School of Medicine.

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, Shriners Hospitals for Children — St. Louis relies on the generosity of donors to continue improving the lives of children.

Ways to Give

There are many ways to support the hospital's mission including:



Cash Donations – Donations, unless otherwise specified, are earmarked for the St. Louis hospital's general donation fund, which supports the areas of greatest need in the hospital. Checks can be made payable to:
Shriners Hospitals for Children — St. Louis
Attn: Development Office
4400 Clayton Ave. | St. Louis, MO 63110



Create your own fundraising page – You can create your own donation web page to support the life-changing care, innovative research and medical education provided by Shriners Hospitals for Children®. A donation web page can be created as a way to honor a friend, remember a loved one, celebrate a special occasion, or support an offline event or effort. To get started, visit lovetotherescue.org and click the "Fundraise" tab on the top right or bookmark this shortcut: lovetotherescue.org/fundraise.

If there is a third-party fundraiser associated with your online fundraising efforts, please go to lovetotherescue.org/host-your-own-event prior to beginning any fundraising activity.



Third-party fundraisers – Third-party fundraising involves independent projects or events hosted for the purpose of raising money for Shriners Hospitals for Children – St. Louis. There are 100's of examples of fundraisers – including everything from car washes, tractor pulls, auctions, sporting events and raffles. Pre-approval must be obtained from our headquarters office prior to completing a third-party fundraiser, which can be accomplished by going to lovetotherescue.org/host-your-own-event.

While we are able to provide some materials for your event/project (donation envelopes, informational materials etc.) we do not have the manpower to handle the organizational details. We cannot underwrite any of the costs, recruit volunteers, create marketing materials or guarantee hospital, Shriner or Patient Ambassador attendance. For approved fundraisers it is always a good idea to check with your local city and state municipalities to see if any permits are required for the event.



Special Tributes – Donors may wish to create a tribute in memory or honor of a loved one or friend. Acknowledgment letters are mailed in keeping with IRS regulations. When next of kin name and address information is provided, we will send notification letters letting them know gifts were made. For privacy reasons, the specific gift amounts are not listed.



Pledges – A pledge allows donors to make a larger donation over a period of time. Our fundraising efforts are significantly enhanced by these types of gifts. Donors can extend pledge payments over a 2-5 year time period and reminders can be sent at agreed upon intervals.

Ways to Serve

For individuals or groups interested in becoming involved in a service project, here are some suggestions:

- ♥ **Create a Craft Kit** – Collect all supplies necessary to create a small art project in a ziplock bag with instructions.
- ♥ **Volunteer** – For more information about our current volunteer opportunities, please contact Breanna Wyman at bwyman@shrinenet.org or 314-692-6413.

For more information on monetary donations, contact the Development Office at 314-692-6441.
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PETITION FOR INITIATION AND MEMBERSHIP

Moolah® Shrine

To the Potentate, Officers and Nobles of Moolah Shrine, situated in the Oasis of St. Louis, Desert of Missouri, I, the undersigned, hereby declare that I am a Master Mason in good standing in _____ Lodge, # _____, located at _____, _____, which is a Lodge recognized by or in amity with the Conference of Grand Masters of North America. Furthermore, I have resided at my current address for not less than 6 months, as required by the By-laws of Shriners International. I respectfully request that I may be made a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, and become a member of your temple.

If, I be found worthy, and my request granted, I promise to conform to the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Imperial Council and the Bylaws and Ceremonies of the Moolah Temple.

Print Full Name: _____ Wife's Name: _____

Birthplace: _____ Birthdate: ____/____/____

Were you ever a DeMolay? ____ If so, what was the Chapter name and location? _____

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Cell Phone: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Initiation Fee: \$100.00 (Payment must accompany this petition.)

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Signature: _____

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Meeting Schedules

Stated Meetings

January 19th	May 18th	September 21st	Stated Meeting Reminders: Dress in business casual, Dues Cards are required, babysitting is provided, dinner is served at 5:30pm and meetings begin at 7:00pm, along with balloting on all new petitions for memberships.
February 16th	June 15th	October 19th	
March 16th	July 20th	November 16th	
April 20th	August 17th	December 21st (election)	

Units & Committees

Name	Date & Time	Location	Contact
Air Patrol	2nd Mon.	Bill Stears 636-279-0888	
Arab Patrol	1st Mon. Drill Practice 4th Mon.		Patrick Hensley, PP 314-330-7028
Band	Every Wed.		Jack Scherrer 314-644-5362
BBO Smokin' Nobles	1st Wed. 7:30pm	Unit Room	Dennis Burkholder 314-570-1904
Chanters	1st Mon. Business Meeting 7:30pm Rehearsal every Mon. 7:30pm	Unit Room	David Larkin 636-734-7718
Clowns	3rd Mon.		John Frederick 314-541-4985
DeMolay	3rd Wed. 6:30pm		Jeff Kitsmiller, Jr. 314-991-1511
Directors Staff	1st Mon.		Fred Zurfluh, IV 314-910-3950
Drum Corps	2nd Mon. Rehearsals 1st, 3rd, 4th Mon.		David Glenn 314-560-4431
Gateway 500	2nd Tues.		Dave Hope 314-406-0744
Guides	Last Friday		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.		Steve Lovell 314-898-2372
Mounted Lancers	2nd Wed.	Ranch	Allen Coggins 314-602-7454
Muscle Car Unit	1st Wed. 6:30pm	Unit Room	Keith Schlib 314-705-2812
Operational Support Unit	2nd Mon.	Behind the Ballroom	Mike Reese 314-229-3682
Seniors	1st Mon. 3rd Mon. Business	Guides Room	Ken Zesch 314-610-7452
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 Wed. 6:00pm	Oasis	Patrick Hensley, PP 314-330-7028
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	Gearld Eaker 615-945-3312
Capital SC	2nd Tues. 6:30pm	Capital SC	Harold Coots 573-6801717
Daniel Boone SC	Last Thurs. 6:30pm	JJ's Restaurant	Mike Heuer 314-814-3367
Ecmo SC	1st Fri. 7:30pm	ECMO SC	Gerald Ellerbeck 314-393-7032
Joachim SC	4th Wed. 7:00pm	Weber's Front Row	Kevin Jackson 314-452-4832
Little Dixie SC	4th Wed.	L.D. Shrine Park	Steve Sales 573-424-6938
Mid-Mo SC	3rd Mon.	607 S. Sturgeon	Bryan Jonas 573-239-1795
Nemo SC	3rd Thurs. 6:00pm	Call for Location	Curt Fahy 573-501-1262
Ozark SC	2nd Mon.	411 Springfield Rd. Owensville, MO	John Behrens Sr. 573-690-5617
Semo SC	1st Fri. 6:30pm	Semo SC	Victor Marshall 573-931-4150
Three Rivers SC	3rd Fri. 6:30pm	Three Rivers SC	Mikhail Stith 573-718-0018

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
Temple Club	2nd Wed.	Oasis	Nancy Pollock 314-239-2181

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March		April	
4th	Swing Dance presents Crossfire	1st	Swing Dance presents Charlie Mann
6th	Daughters of the Nile Installation	2nd	Clowns Trivia Night
9th	Temple Club	3rd	LOS Installation
11th	Ambassadors Meeting & Swing Dance	8th	Ambassadors Meeting & Swing Dance
11th } 13th }	CSSA Business Meeting	11th	Ceremonial Cast Luncheon
14th	Ceremonial Cast Luncheon	13th	Temple Club
16th	Stated Meeting	20th	Stated Meeting
18th	Swing Dance presents Backstreet Cruisers	22nd	Swing Dance presents Crossfire
24th } 27th }	Moolah Shrine Circus	23rd } 25th }	CSSAMC Meeting
		23rd	YOMO Scrapbooking for Shriners
		29th	Swing Dance presents Fanfare
May		June	
6th	Swing Dance presents Backstreet Cruisers	3th	Swing Dance presents Crossfire
8th	Mothers Day Brunch	8th	Temple Club
11th	Temple Club	10th	Ambassadors, Ceremonial Cast, Swing Dance
13th	Ambassadors Meeting & Swing Dance	15th	Stated Meeting
14th	Spring Ceremonial	17th	Swing Dance presents Charlie Mann
18th	Stated Meeting	18th	Pote Event
20th	Swing Dance presents Trilogy	24th	Swing Dance presents Backstreet Cruisers