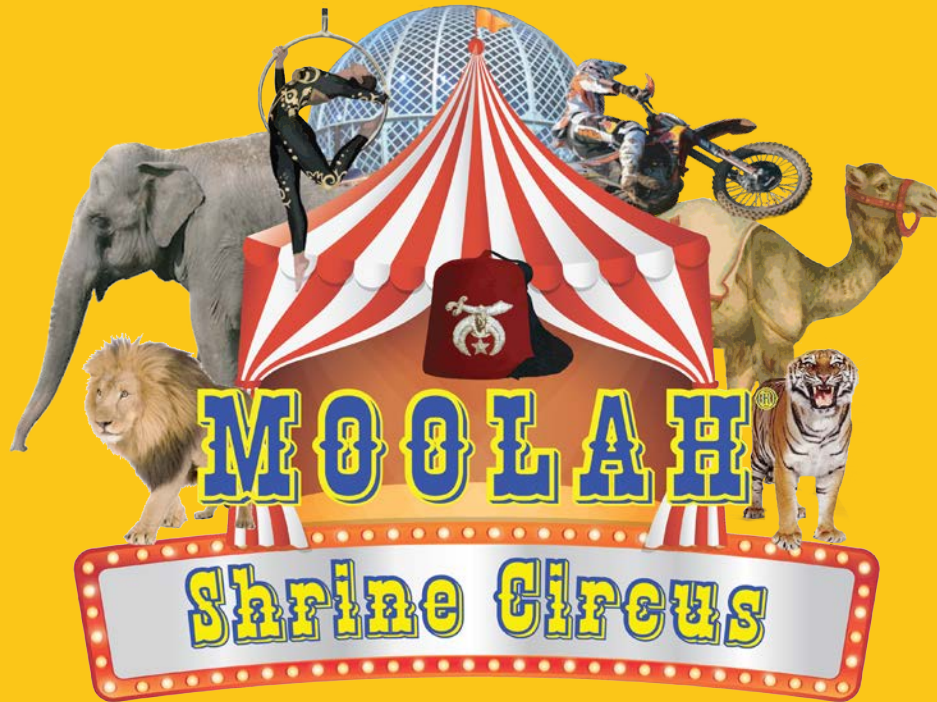


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# POTENTATE'S LETTER



## 2023 Moolah Shrine Potentate Robby Dirkers

Nobles,

It has been a busy January and February with installations and presentations. We look forward to visiting with more clubs in these next couple of months. It is truly an honor and a joy to spend time with all of you at Your fun filled events. Please, if you are having an event, contact the office, Recorder, or myself. We would love to have an opportunity to join you.

The Potentate Trip presentation went really well and we are all excited to go to Historic New Orleans. There are only 9 spots left so don't wait and call the office to receive the packet and sign up now.

There are a lot of fun filled events coming your way and we would appreciate the participation and support. As you page forward in this Camels Tails look for the St Paddy's Day happy hour, Circus, Honky Tonk, Cinco happy hour, the Ceremonial and much more in the flyers. It is set to be a couple of fun months.

The Board of Directors are moving forward with the "needs" assessment and bettering the scope of the building's future. Please be patient because it is a long process, but rest assured that it is one of the top priorities.

The ceremonial in May will be a lot of fun. Our First Ceremonial Master once again has a top-notch ceremonial set for us with a Cinco themed party following. The First Lady will have a fun filled day for the Ladies also. Please get your candidates signed up and let them know their ladies are also welcome to join Lady Pam and the Shrine Ladies. The flyers will be in this edition and the next.

Stay healthy and stay active. Call someone you have not seen for a while and invite them out. Reach out and invite yourself. There is no time like the present to get back in the swing of things. We hope to see you soon.

"IT'S YOU AND ME IN 23"

Illustrious Sir Robby Dirkers

## Do Not Worry

By: Ron Reynolds

This month I found a verse I think says it all. Please read and reread. I think it has great meaning to all of us.

### Matthew 6, verse 25 to 34

God does not just want you just to hear his Word. He wants you to do it—to obey it, to practice it.

25 "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? 26 Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? 27 Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life[e]?"

28 "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. 29 Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. 30 If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? 31 So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. 33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.



**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

Billy G Barnett

Donald L Baur

Melbert E Daume

William H McClain

David M Thomason

Oliver A Berwin II

Edwin B Brzezinski

William L Whitlock

# 2023 CIRCUS UPDATE



Ron Reynolds: Circus Director

(314) 732-2121

Shaun Ruether: Circus Chairman

(314) 960-7398

We have a great new show coming this year. Dates are March 23 to 26, 2023.

Your Circus Committee is working hard already to make this a huge success.

Make sure you have sold as many tickets as possible. We need a large crowd this year.

Let's have a great circus.

Thanks for all you do.

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



# Calling of the Hogs

## 1<sup>st</sup> Lady Pam's Fund Raiser



Net proceeds will be made to  
Surgical Patient Meal Cards and the Toy Chest

\* Create a piggy bank from a gallon plastic container such as a milk container, orange juice container, tea container, ect. It must be plastic with a cap and be one gallon size. Be creative with your decorating ideas. Put your unit or club name on bottom of bank. One bank per unit or club.

\* Collect money for your piggy bank from Jan 1, 2023 - Aug 31, 2023. You may collect money anyway you want.

\* A check made out to Moolah must be turned in by Sept 9, 2023.

**Please ear mark your check as 1<sup>st</sup> Ladies Fund Raiser.**

\* Bring your bank to the Squeal Reveal to enter the contest.

### Squeal Reveal

\* Join us on Saturday September 16, 2023 for a pulled pork luncheon. Doors open at 11:00 am

\* All banks must be entered by 12:00 pm. Each person attending will be able to vote on best decorated bank. Voting must be completed by 2:00 pm.

\* Trophies will be awarded after lunch and voting is completed. Trophies will be awarded for:

\* Most Money Collected and Best Decorated Bank

I decided to give money to these area's because they are in need of funds and they directly impact the kids and their families

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### Air Patrol

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2nd Vice President: Gary Julius

Secretary: Chris J. Grau

Treasurer: Richard C. Prine

Old man winter is here. Our fellow nobles who escaped to warmer climates are starting to think about returning in time for tax season. Did you know that Florida is known to have just two seasons? It is called summer and hell.

Come join us for Motown Night. The band is booked, and they are ready to come back and play. Need tickets? You can purchase them online or at the door.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/moolah-shrine-air-patrol-unit-39249052533>

Pricing: Reserved table of 10: \$250.00 and general admission ticket: \$30.00.

Our esteemed Director has a side you may not be aware of... Chef Byron.

Mark your calendars (dates may change consult air patrol web site) –

February 18th: Motown Night - Saturday.

March 11: St Pats Parade.

Mar 13: Air Patrol Meeting.

March 22-26: Circus.

Apr 10: Air Patrol Meeting.

Let us play trivia. In which James Bond Movie can you see Pierce Brosnan jumping off a plane?

If you think you know the answer? Contact me and I will give you a free ticket!

hear what is going on firsthand while rekindling some friendships and make some new ones. Hang around enjoy a meal and beverage. Stay safe and have a wonderful holiday season!



### Ambassadors

Chairmen: PP David Dieckhaus  
custom636@gmail.com

Co-Chairmen: Wally Bowman  
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Treasurer: Don Wander  
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Our March Ambassador luncheon is in March 10th and the April one is on March 14th. Social hour begins at 11:00 A.M. lunch at noon. The cost is \$15.00. If you have a birthday, plan on having a birthday, plan on attending to celebrate and be the first in line. Send an email to wallygloriab@gmail.com to make a reservation. The food is good and there is usually enough for seconds.

The Circus is here from March 23rd to March 26th. Help is always needed. You can volunteer to work on the Arena floor, in the tent, or on the concourse for Novelties and Concessions. Remember to sell, sell, sell! Large crowds will guarantee success. Come and be part of the Circus.

If you believe in the Easter Bunny, save the April 2nd date for an EGGSTRAVAGANZA. A scavenger hunt, games, and a visit by the Easter Bunny is planned. Review the Camels Tales for further details.

Congratulations to John Frederick, who was appointed as Captain of the Guard. Noble Frederick is a member of Wentzville Lodge #46 and has been a member of Moolah since 2008. He has been the Director of the Clown Unit winning many awards as "Barley"

the Clown. He serves as an Associate Member of the Board of Governors of St. Louis Shriners Hospital.

A big WELCOME to the newest Ambassador, Ernie DeClue. Noble DeClue is a member of Pride of the West Lodge #178 in St. Peters. He became a Shriner in 2015. He is a member of the Hospital/Reception Committee and has served as its President. Noble DeClue is also a volunteer at the Hospital.

It is with sadness to report that Noble Don Baur has ridden the Black Camel. A Military and Masonic service was recently held with many Nobles in attendance. Noble Baur was a member of Overland Occidental Lodge #623 and a Shriner since 1981. He was Director Emeritus of the Drum and Bugle Corp and a member of ARCA 21 Order of Quetzalcoatl. Noble Baur was known as "Padre", because he led the prayer before many Moolah events. Condolences to his friends and family.

WANT TO BE RICH? March Madness begins on March 14th and ends on April 3rd. In 2014, Warren Buffett offered a "billion" dollars to anyone who could guess every bracket correctly. Statically, odds are one in 9 "quintillion" 9,000,000,000,000,000,000. "Good Luck"!

### Arab Patrol

Captain: Scott Haenel  
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1st Vice President: John Hancock  
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Treasurer: Tim McCraw  
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As the New Year here at Moolah, begins to take shape, for Arab Patrol our "Parade Season" is on the horizon. Its never too late to come and join us as we are always looking for "New

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to come and join us and who are willing to march, side by side, with us. Now is a good time for any 'fence sitters' to come and explore what Arab Patrol is all about. Upon inspection, you will not find a prouder Unit in all of Shrinedom. A Unit that offers a long history of loyalty, tradition and camaraderie. A Unit that is well supported by our ladies. A Unit that is the best dressed in all of Shrinedom. A Unit that is "Outstanding" in its representation of Moolah. A Unit that any Shriner should be and would be proud to be part of. Again, if you ever thought about joining us, now, is the time to do so. Get involved, start practicing and marching with us, participate in all of the upcoming parades, as we head towards the CSSA. Give Captain Scott Haenel a call/text at 314-677-5434, or if you wish, shoot him an E-Mail at scotthaenel@yahoo.com. Not only will he have you marching before you know it but you will also become a proud member, sharing in the Unit's remarkable tradition, loyalty and camaraderie, essentially, just having fun as many previous Arab Patrol Members have discovered.

Arab Patrol congratulates Noble Jerry Conlon, one of our very own, on his selection of Shriner of the Month for January 2023. Jerry has been a Shriner for 37 years and is most deserving of this Honor, "Jerry, for a Job Well Done, Congratulations!!!!!"

Arab Patrol has expanded our Membership by one as Ron Townley has joined us, all of us here in Arab Patrol would like to say, "Welcome Ron Townley"!

## Band

Dir./Cond.: Charles Crouther  
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President: Jack Scherrer  
scherrerinstruments@att.net

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The mighty Moolah music makers of the Moolah Community Band are back in full swing. We are performing classy dining music for our fellow Nobles in the dining room, and providing entertainment for residents of area nursing homes and assisted living facilities. These concerts are very personally rewarding as we bring joy to these senior citizens. Although our calendar is filling up, we still have several open dates remaining. If you know of any facility that would like a concert, please contact any of the officers above.

We have added new members and our sound is getting better with each rehearsal. However, we always have room for more musicians! You do not have to be a Shriner to play with us, and you need not be a virtuoso, just enjoy playing and have a desire to serve the noble cause of the Shrine. Our members range in age from teens to 80+. Our rehearsals are very informal and a lot of fun. So dust off those instruments and come sit in with us some Wednesday night. You will enjoy it.

Our new conductor Charles Crouther, has added several new numbers music to our program, ranging from medleys from Mancini, Stevie Wonder, Aretha Franklin, to Queen and the Beatles. There is sure to be something that you will enjoy playing. So come on out to the Stated Communications, have a good meal, hear some good live music, and support your Shrine as we help children. Hope to see you soon.

## Chanters

Director: David Larkin  
636-734-7718

Director Emeritus: Jerry Gaddy  
636-779-3242

President, Conductor: Rich Farrar  
314-608-9606

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

Secretary: Jim Gesell  
636-352-5146

Treasurer: Barry Spitzer  
314-239-8179

A big "Congratulations" to the new Chanter officers for 2023: President Rich Farrar and Vice President Carl Apollo, Jr. The trustees for the Chanters for 2023 are Dan Stoessel, Dave Jacobi, and Mark Briguglio. We are looking forward to a great year under your leadership!

The new Chanter officers Rich Farrar, Carl Apollo, and our Treasurer Barry Spitzer and his Lady Debra have painted our Unit Room and replaced our window treatments. The room looks fantastic – thank you officers!

The Chanters finished the year strong, singing several times at the Festival of Trees, at the Brunch with Santa on December 10, the Hospital Patient Party on December 11, and a sing-out on December 12 for our Director Emeritus Jerry Gaddy, his Lady Doris, and his fellow residents at Delmar Gardens. We will be singing on Thursday, February 8 for member Larry Lackey and his fellow residents at Garden Villas South.

The Chanters will hold a Ladies Night on Monday, February 13 in conjunction with Valentine's Day for our members, their Ladies, and our widowed Ladies.

Your Moolah Chanters also voted to attend the Imperial Session in Charlotte, NC this year to compete and defend our International Champion status. We will also perform the music for the



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for the Imperial Church Service

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

## Clowns

President: Chris Skornicka  
(Techno)

1st Vic. President: Terry Mueller  
(Milk Dud)

2nd Vic. President: Chris Johnson  
(Stiks)

Treasurer: John Tremblay  
(Shabba-Dabba)

I thought we might be slowing down after after the holidays but it has seem to ramp up even more. We had a very successful trivia nite with a sell out crowd in January. Thanks to all who participated and a special thanks to Meghan Johnson, who was in charge of all our raffle prizes. What make this special is that a lot of them didn't come in until the last moment and Stiks (Chris Johnson) and her went into overdrive late Friday night to finish these up the signs needed for showing these donations.

The Potentate's Ball will be held shortly with many of our members in attendance plus the Super Bowl party the next day. Not sure how we'll survive but I know everyone will have fun. Home Show plus 2 St. Pat's parades will help keep us busy as we amp up for our circus skits.

Merlin (Jack Dolan) just returned from his well deserved vacation of 60 days. Could have been 120 but he was a model citizen at the Folsom hotel.

Theme parks can snap a crystal clear photo of you on a roller coaster going 70 mph, but bank cameras can't get a clear shot of a robber standing still.

## Daniel Boone Shrine

President: Mike Heuer  
314-814-3367

We meet on the "Last Thursday" of the month at JJ's Restaurant in O'Fallon. Arrive around 5:30 for dinner, and at 7:30 the guys will have a meeting and our Ladies will play Bunco. As always – BRING YOUR LADY. This is a fun night for everyone!

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

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

## Drum and Bugle Corps

Director: Mike Brooks

President: Christian Westermayer

Vice President: Paul DeMerath

Secretary/Treasurer: Travis Laws

Email address: MoolahDrumCorps@gmail.com

Members of the Moolah Drum and Bugle Corps are moving fast in our rebuilding efforts. We are proud to have welcomed three new members at our January meeting and rehearsal. Also, we are proud to have mustered the largest showing in recent years of Corps members for performance at a Stated Meeting (January, 2023). We've been working on harmonizing the various songs that we perform, with the aim of making the musical product a bit fuller and more interesting for our audience. At the same time, we have been working on introducing new

music for performing at future events. These efforts are all a work in progress, so please bear with us as we learn/relearn the new/old music. Much of our recent and projected musical enhancements are due to the diligent work of our new Director, Mike Brooks. Thank you, Brother Mike!

The officers and members of the Corps are all excited about the long-term future of the Drum Corps, as well as participating in the events coming up very soon, such as the St. Patrick's Day Parade in downtown St. Louis and the Moolah Shrine Circus. It will be a real pleasure to be out and about with our fellow Nobles, spreading the word about our Shrine and our charities.

## Guides

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1st Vic. President: Bob Wesling  
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2nd Vic. President: John Kelly  
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Secretary: Rob Granquist  
636.300.8001

Congratulations to Illustrious Sir Robby Dirkers as the 134th Potentate of Moolah Temple. Robbie is a member of the Guides, and we are proud to have him as our newest Potentate.

The Guides have a unique camaraderie and have fun doing our work for the Shrine and the Potentate. We are involved in the New and Improved Bingo. We also cook for numerous events throughout the year for the Shrine, we will be cooking several times for the Shrine at this year's Circus. If interested in becoming a Guide please stop by our unit room located on the third floor and pick up an application, the room is open during Moolah Stated meetings. Please feel free to stop by during our Unit meetings, all are welcome.

Feb. 27th: Guides Regular Meeting



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Mar. 27th: Guides Regular Meeting

BINGO: The 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month. Also, the 5th Thursday for those months that apply. Doors open at 8:00 a.m. at Meramec Eagles Hall, 1725 Jeffco Blvd., Arnold, MO 63010 636-282-0415

### Hot Rod Barbecuers

Director: Keith Schilb  
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Vice President: Charles Alexander  
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Secretary: Jim Gesell  
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Treasurer: Tom Nelson  
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Notice something different? How about our name! The Muscle Car and Smokin' Nobles Units have merged and shall henceforth be known as the Hot Rod Barbecuers Unit. The merger makes perfect sense since we have met in the same room on the same night (the first Wednesday of every month) in back-to-back meetings (beginning at 6:30 pm) for years. We also conduct most of our events jointly, with the muscle car owners displaying their hot rods at BBQ events, and the Smokin' Nobles barbecuing at car shows.

We are rapidly approaching the 2023 parading season, and we are anxious to parade our muscle cars and Flying Carpet. If you would like to drive your muscle car in parades, we are the Unit for you! Our first parade is on Saturday, March 11 in St. Louis for the St. Patrick's Day/Circus Parade. We are also attending later parades in both Waterloo, Dupo, and Smithton, Illinois where we will represent the Moolah Shrine.

The Hot Rod Barbecuers Unit is also planning to hold several Car Cruises in conjunction with BBQ fund-raising

events during 2023. We will prepare, serve, and sell BBQ while also exhibiting our cars.

We cooked for over 800 attendees at the Sunday, December 11, 2022 Hospital Patient Party and also prepared the food for the January 14, 2023 Presidents/Directors Meeting at the Shrine. We are scheduled to prepare the meals for at least one of the nights at the Circus in March and at both the April and October Stated Meetings.

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

### Hospital Reception Committee

Director: Jim Gesell  
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Vice President: Kevin Davis  
314-482-8602

Secretary: Randy Baer  
314-277-7097

Treasurer: Zack Rodgers  
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The Annual Racquet Ruckus racquetball tournament was held on Saturday, December 3, 2022, and the Hospital Reception Committee presented a check at the January Stated Meeting for over \$58,000 for our St. Louis Hospital.

This was our 14th year raising money for Shriners Hospitals for Children - St Louis. The event is championed by

Bob Berry and consists of a racquetball tournament (one of the largest in the nation, with over 400 athletes competing) and a silent auction. The proceeds from this event fund braces, helmets, equipment, materials, supplies, and the annual Hand Camp for our kids.

The Hospital Reception Committee is focused on increasing the number of kids we help at our St. Louis Hospital. We have successfully conducted our screening clinics and assisted our Moolah Shrine Clubs in setting up screening clinics and contacting the professionals that can refer children in need of our care. The average daily census of inpatients at our St. Louis Hospital continues to increase from below two early this year to an average of 2.9 for 2022. A huge thank you to the men and women at the Shrine Clubs and Units for their fantastic dedication and efforts. We are working to promote and assist this success with other Clubs, Units, and Shrines in our St. Louis Hospital catchment area.

Committee members are ready to conduct tours of our Hospital for the Nobles and Ladies from your Unit. Have your members and their Ladies had a tour of our hospital? The Hospital Reception Committee would love to set up a private tour for your group to see the Hospital we all support and to give everyone a better idea of the fantastic things that happen there. We could also arrange for food delivery, making the event into a Ladies' Night for your Unit. If your Unit is interested, please get in touch with one of our members.

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. Our committee is in charge of selling and collecting dinner tickets before each Stated Meeting, selling 50/50 tickets, checking dues cards, collecting the password at Stated Meetings, running the Gift Shop, taking blood pressure at the Ceremonials, sizing candidates' for their first fez, conducting the Racquet Ruckus, supplying Toys for the Clinic patients, assisting in setting up patient screening clinics, staffing a Novelty Booth at the

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at the Circus, and performing other duties as requested by the Potentate or the Hospital. We interact with patients, their families, and the Hospital personnel by staffing the reception desk, giving out toys, and providing complimentary BBQ lunches and pancake breakfasts. If you would like to serve the Shrine and our Hospital and patients, join us! See you there!

## Swing Dance

Director: Wally Bowman  
314-484-6915

President: Dennis Martin  
636-293-3348

Vice President: Gary Fanger  
636-447-2361

Secretary: Gene Burnett  
636-219-7221

Treasurer: Charlie Haas  
314-575-5020

### We Dance So Kids Can Walk

We are looking for new members. No dues, join a very active unit that helps the kids. Visit [www.mssdc.org](http://www.mssdc.org) for more information.

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. Admission is \$10. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Band plays from 7 to 10:30 pm. There is plenty of room to dance on our 3,200 square foot dance floor. We do not care how you dance, just come and have a good time.

March 3. The Backstreet Cruisers. They are a four member band with the best of 50's and 60's Rock and Roll for everyone to enjoy.

March 10. The Charlie Mann Band. They are a five member band playing swing, pop, 80's country and Rock and Roll.

March 24. No Dance – Circus

March 31. Pennsylvania Slim is a 4 member band that plays Blues, R&B, Soul, Jump Swing, Doo Wop and 40's, 50's and early 60's

April 7. No Dance - Good Friday

April 14. 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 21. Scott and Karl. A duo who plays a wide assortment of music from Swing, Blues, Rat Pack, Pop, Motown and Rock and Roll.

April 28. Trilogy is a seven member band playing Swing, Motown. Pop, Disco, Country, Classic Rock, Funk,

Golden oldies and today's hits.

## TCAA

President: Jim Fritz

1st Vice President: Dennis Martin

2nd Vice President: Wally Bowman

Secretary/Treasurer: Jim Gesell

TCAA welcomes new Directors John "Barley" Frederick and Wally Bowman. We are pleased to have you join us as representatives for your Units. Congratulations to Wally Bowman who was also elected to the position of 2nd VP.

Our first annual "Trash or Treasure" antique and heirloom expert evaluation event was held on Sunday, October 9, 2022 in the Shrine Ballroom in conjunction with the Kodner Art Gallery. The 2023 Second Annual "Trash or Treasure" Event has already been scheduled for Sunday, October 8. The proceeds from the ticket sales will help supply the TCAA Toy Fund which provides toys for the thousands of Shriner Kid that visit our St. Louis Medical Clinic every year, so please put the event on your calendar and plan on attending.

TCAA contributed over \$8,000 to the Toy Fund during 2022, and we are also committed to keeping the transportation fund solvent during 2023. Because TCAA is a 501(C)3 organization, we can only distribute our funds to other 501(C)3 organizations (like the Hospital, the Toy Fund, and the Transportation Fund). Because your Units do not have this restriction, please consider focusing your contributions to other needs like the Shrine Building Fund this year. If you need to make a tax-deductible donation, then please consider us by writing a check to the "TCAA Toy Fund". A check made out to the "TCAA" will be a tax-deductible donation for one of our other purchases for the hospital or for support of the Transportation Fund.

If you are interested in becoming a Director of TCAA, just ask your Unit if you can be nominated and elected to represent them. Each Unit is allowed up to 3 representatives. We meet the fourth Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm in or our Unit room. .

## Temple Club

President: Cheri Viner

Vice President: Ann Dane

Secretary: Kathy Myers

Treasurer: Kathy Kelley

Hello ladies! The good news is that spring is almost here! It won't be long and the flowers will be in bloom. In the meantime the Moolah Shrine Circus is almost upon us March 23 thru March 26th. Please come support the Shriners by being a spectator or a volunteer. Helping hands are always needed.

Also as a reminder, part of our First Lady Pam's project this year is that she is selling Shrine Lady koozies for \$5.00 a piece in various colors. Your support is appreciated.

See you at our next Temple Club Meeting!!

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# YOMO

President: Paul Smith  
314-503-0473

1st Vice President: Rob Hynes  
636-373-0569

2nd Vice President: Paul Goggins  
314-704-2083

Secretary: David Box  
573-259-1258

Treasurer: Dennis Huey  
314-913-0879

yomomoolah@gmail.com

The 54th St Patty's Day Parade will take place Saturday March 11th at 12:00 rain or shine. The parade route will start at 20th and Market St. The parade will conclude at Broadway and Clark St.

The first recorded parade honoring the Catholic feast day of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, is held in what is now St. Augustine, Florida. Records show that a St. Patrick's Day parade was held on March 17, 1601 in a Spanish colony under the direction of the colony's Irish vicar, Ricardo Artur. More than a century later, homesick Irish soldiers serving in the English military marched in Boston in 1737 and in New York City on March 1762.

We are having a Meat Shoot on March 12th at 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.

IT'S CIRCUS TIME!!!!

Moolah Shrine Circus March 23rd to 26th come have a great time and fun.

There are alto of events coming soon. We hope to see you on the streets! If you would like to be a part of the fun

you can stop by the YOMO unit room for a meeting or go to our website [www.moolahyomo.com](http://www.moolahyomo.com) and subscribe to our calendar of events.

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.

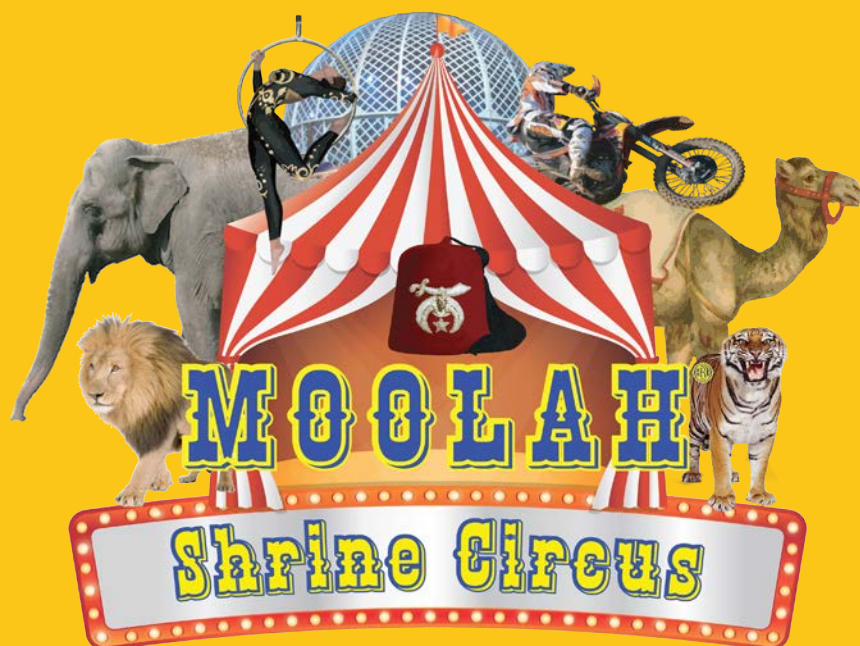




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# *December*

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# *January*

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Stated Meeting

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# Steve Zaitz

Our February Shriner of the Month is Noble Steve Zaitz.

Known as “Zip” is a member of Pendleton Lodge 551 in Doe Run. Raised as a Master Mason in May of 2016. He became a member of Moolah in July of the same year.

He is the past president of ECMO and a member of YOMO and the Guides. He received his Hillbilly degree in 2018 and is a member of the Order of Quetzacoatl, ARCA 21. He is the assistant chief aide at Moolah, and active at every event and travels with our members for installations.

His efforts have made a major impact on fundraising and awareness of our Shriners Children’s Hospitals including here in St Louis.

The Public Relation Committee is honored to have Noble Steve Zaitz as our Shriner of the Month for February.



# Travis Law

The Shriner of the Month for March is Noble Travis Laws. Travis was raised as a Master Mason in November in 2015 and is a member of Noble Lodge #684.

He joined Moolah later that month and became a member of the Moolah Clowns and Moolah Drum & Bugle Corps. He is currently serving as Secretary/Treasure of the Drum & Bugle Corps.

Noble laws joined the Scottish Rite in 2017 and is a member of the Scottish Rite Brass. He is a member of Arca #21 – The Order of the Quetzacoatl.

He is passionate about helping others and making a difference with our kids and our hospitals. You can find Travis at most events and brings a smile to everyone around him.

The Moolah PR Committee is honored to have Noble Travis Laws as our March Shriner of the Month. of the Month for January 2023.



## Shaun Ruether Chief Rabban



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 Children's. He has been a skilled Union Carpenter for over 20 years. Shaun has been a member of Carpenter's Local 2214 since 2001, and he carries a dual membership with Steelworker's Union 1899. 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, where he served as Worshipful Master in 2014. Shaun joined Moolah Shrine in the fall of 2010. He was the Tent City Chairman for the Circus from 2012 - 2016 and Membership Chairman in 2015-2016. Shaun is currently a proud supporter and an active member of many units, clubs, and committees within both Freemasonry and Shrinedom.

Shaun and his wife, Stephanie, have been together since high school. They have been married since 2001, and they have been inseparable ever since. Stephanie has been a self-described kindergarten teacher extraordinaire for 20 years. They are loving, devoted parents to their two children, Sydney, and Samuel, who attend school where Stephanie works. Sydney and Samuel, like their father, have also received the expert care that Shriners Children's provides. The family, also known as Hurricane Ruether, loves the outdoors. When they are not cheering on the Hurricane at sports, you will find them Jeeping, four wheeling, and traveling. They currently reside in Jefferson County but spend countless hours with the family in Warren County.

Shaun is a proud Moolah Shriner, and he is humbled by the opportunity to represent this fraternity by serving as a member of the Divan.

## Jack Melton Assistant Rabban



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, Ceremonial cast, 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 is 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 54 years. They reside in St. Charles. They have one daughter Heather and one granddaughter Skylar.

## Gale Bennington, PP Assistant Director General



Gale was raised as a second-generation Mason at Craftsman Lodge #717, A.F. & A.M. formerly America Good Hope #218. He is a member and Past Master of Noble Lodge #684. He joined the St. Louis Scottish Rite and is a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor.

Bennington became a member of Moolah Shrine in 1985, served as Potentate in 2004. He held the positions of Director General, Treasurer and Recorder. He served as Moolah Circus Novelties Chairman and Circus Chairman. He was appointed lifetime Ambassador of Moolah. Gale currently serves on the Imperial Potentate's Aides Committee. He served as a voting representative on the Imperial Iowa Corporation from 2002-04 and is an Emeritus member of the Imperial Colorado Corporation.

Bennington received the DeMolay Honorary Legion of Honor and is a member of the Royal Order of Jesters Court 81 and Past Director of the Court. He is an honorary member of the Drum Corps, Clown Unit, Directors Staff, Motor Patrol and a member of the Ceremonial Cast, ECMO Shrine Club, Arab Patrol and Three Rivers Shrine Club. He is Past President of the Order of Quetzalcoatl Arca 21.

Bennington served as Central States Shrine Director General and President 2013-14. Gale served on the Board of Directors for the Walker Scottish Rite Clinic for Childhood Speech Disorders of St. Louis about Shriners Children's St. Louis at numerous events.

Gale volunteered his time on the Board of Governors for the St. Louis Shrine Hospital and was Chairman in 2019. He currently serves on the Masonic Home of Missouri Board of Directors.

Bennington spent 45 years in the grocery industry with two firms, National Tea and Schnucks Markets. Gale was employed as Administrator of the Moolah Shrine Center from 2014-2020.

Bennington and his wife Debbie have been married for 31 years. Debbie became a team member of Wells Fargo in 2006. She leads and supports the planning and execution of a variety of digital capabilities and cloud innovation across Wells Fargo Enterprise.

Bennington has two sons, Dave and Christopher, daughters-in-law, Erin and Anne and five grandsons David, Daniel, Thomas, Samuel and Alexander.

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## **HELP NEEDED**

**Can your unit, club, or committee donate  
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# HOSPITAL NEWS

## “Watch Me” Campaign Earns Regional EMMY® Award

**F**or almost two years, Shriners Children’s patients have implored the public to Watch Me, in commercials airing throughout the United States – “watch me” play football, dance, surf, swim, cheer, play basketball and more. That powerful message was launched in 2021 to motivate parents to choose the life-changing care of Shriners Children’s.

It’s a message so powerful that it was recognized for its excellence during the 46th annual Mid-America Regional EMMY awards on October 29, 2022. The Mid-America Regional EMMY Awards, presented by the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences, recognizes broadcast talent within 15 designated market areas.

“The concept for the Watch Me campaign is to highlight Shriners Children’s life-changing care through the simple, celebratory activities children might have thought impossible before their care at Shriners Children’s.” BAM Executive Creative Director Ryan McMichael said.

His membership in both academies gives him tremendous opportunities to make a difference in the fields of health and medicine, Guilak said.

The spots showcase Shriners Children’s as a leader in pediatric care through a poetic script that highlights a patient’s story and their positive outcome, and ends with the child saying emphatically, “Watch Me.”

“Whether their child has medical needs or not, every parent can relate to that moment when a child is proud of something they’ve accomplished, and wants their parent to ‘watch them’ succeed,” said McMichael. “This campaign really captures the essence of that through real patient stories and communicates how Shriners Children’s is an integral part in helping kids with medical needs, just be kids.”

The children shown in the spots are actual, current patients of Shriners Children’s – not professional actors.

The Watch Me - Gridiron spot, which earned the EMMY award, features Parker, one of Shriners Children’s current national patient ambassadors, who suffered a leg amputation after a traumatic car accident. Thanks to the care and specialized prosthetic device he received from Shriners Children’s, Parker is now back to playing the sports he loves and is featured playing football in the commercial.

The results of this level of innovation could change the trajectory of a child’s life.

“This campaign is successful because BAM was able to showcase how patient care at the nonprofit healthcare system goes beyond a patient’s immediate medical needs,” said Mel Bower, chief marketing and communications officer.

“The Watch Me campaign demonstrates an act that happens every day across our healthcare system,” said Bower. “BAM Marketing Agency was able to capture the spirit of what we do at Shriners Children’s in such a powerful way. We are grateful that we have found a marketing partner that understands our depth and our mission. We’re excited to see what the future holds for our patient acquisition marketing efforts.

The comprehensive campaign included eight total TV spots highlighting Shriners Children’s specialized pediatric care in orthopedics, scoliosis treatment, orthotics and prosthetics, sports injury, cleft lip and palate, and burns. Print, digital, outdoor, transit graphics and extensive social media efforts were also components of the broader campaign. BAM Marketing Agency was responsible for every element of the Watch Me campaign from inception to production. This included ideation, scriptwriting, talent casting, filming, editing, art direction, social media development and media distribution.

“At BAM, we’re always focused on bringing the best creative work and media distribution forward for our clients,” said Bonni Burns, CEO and founder of BAM Marketing Agency. “Shriners Children’s makes what we do for them easier through their mission, their patients and their stories, and we are thrilled to be recognized for the quality work of our very talented creative team.”

In addition to the award-winning Gridiron spot, two other spots in the campaign were also nominated for regional EMMY in the same category of Commercial – Single Spot: Showtime featuring a patient who had received cleft lip and palate treatment, and Grace featuring a ballerina who had spinal fusion for scoliosis.

To date, the Watch Me campaign created by BAM has received acclaim for creative excellence with 24 total awards, including The Creativity International Awards, The Tellys, American Advertising Awards, The Healthcare Ad Awards and the Mid-America EMMYs.

Article provided by Shriners Children’s St. Louis



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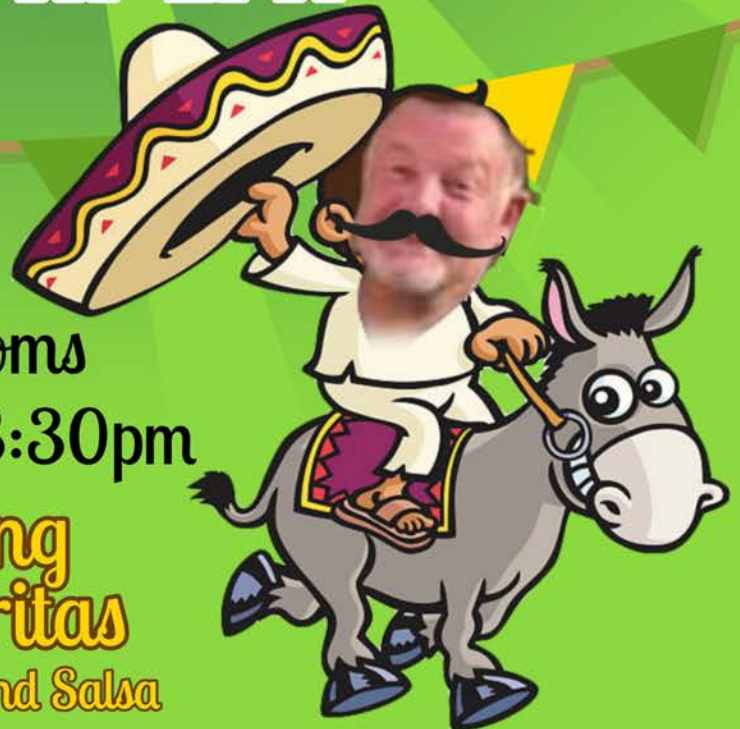
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# CLOWNS

## Trivia Night





Illustrious Sir Robby Dirkers and First Lady Pam

# MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

**SUNDAY, MAY 14TH. 10AM TIL 1PM**

Scrambled Eggs, Fresh Fruit Salad,  
Caesar Salad, Carved Baked Ham,  
Frittata - Bacon, Biscuits & Gravy,  
Hashbrown Casserole, Pastries.  
Coffee, Bloody Marys, and Mimosas

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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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E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

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

Dues: January-March = \$135 April-June = \$110 July-October = \$85 November-December = \$25

25 years of age and younger = \$45 (No initiation fee.)

Recommended and Vouched for on the Honor of:

1. Print Noble's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Print Noble's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Elected: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Initiation: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you purchased a brick to be placed in the

# Moolah Brick Walk of Fame

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A 4"x8" brick with up to 3 lines of inscription (18 characters per line) is only \$100.00

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_



# Meeting Schedules

## Stated Meetings

January 19th	May 18th	September 21st	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.
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.		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	Every Mon. 7:00pm	Unit Room	David Larkin 636-734-7718
	Rehearsal every Mon. 7:00pm		
Clowns	3rd Mon.		John Frederick 314-541-4985
DeMolay	3rd Wed. 6:30pm		Jeff Kitsmiller, Jr. 918-497-8008
Directors Staff	1st Mon.		Fred Zurfluh, IV 314-910-3950
Drum Corps	2nd & 4th Tues.		Charles Crouther 573-517-3246
	Rehearsals 2nd and 4th Tues.		
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.		Steve Lovell 314-898-2372
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 Wed. 6:00pm	Oasis	Charles Haas, 314-575-5020
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	Billy Thorne 573-275-3010
		57001 Old Cape Road East Jackson, MO 63755	
Capital SC	2nd Tues. 6:30pm	Capital SC	Corey Dawson 573-301-8670
Daniel Boone SC	Last Thurs. 6:00pm	JJ's Restaurant	Mike Heuer 314-814-3367
Ecmo SC	1st Fri. 7:30pm	ECMO SC	Billie Inman 314-541-8134
Joachim SC	4th Wed. 7:00pm	Weber's Front Row	Randell Green 314-566-0252
Little Dixie SC	4th Wed.	L.D. Shrine Park	Rennie Davis 573-473-6817
Mid-Mo SC	3rd Mon.	607 S. Sturgeon	Bryan Jonas 573-239-1795
Nemo SC	3rd Thurs. 6:00pm	Call for Location	Aaron Ruhl 573-231-2718
Ozark SC	2nd Mon.	411 Springfield Rd.	John Behrens Jr. 636-234-7690
		Owensville, MO	
Semo SC	1st Fri. 6:30pm	Semo SC	Matthew Hodges 573-619-1795
Three Rivers SC	3rd Fri. 6:30pm	Three Rivers SC	Corey Christian 573-718-6511

## 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	Cheri Viner 314-420-2385



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Associated	2
Demits	3
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### March

3rd	Swing Dance presents Backstreet Cruisers
8th	Temple Club
10th	Ambassadors Meeting & Swing Dance
13th	Ceremonial Cast Luncheon
<b>15th</b>	<b>Stated Meeting</b>
17th	St. Pats Happy Hour & Swing Dance
23rd } 26th }	Circus
24th	No Dance
31st	Swing Dance presents Pennsylvania Slim

### April

2nd	Eggstravaganza
7th	Temple Closed & No Dance
10th	Ceremonial Cast Luncheon
12th	Temple Club
14th	Ambassadors Meeting & Swing Dance
15th	Potentate Honky Tonk
<b>19th</b>	<b>Stated Meeting</b>
21st	Swing Dance presents Scott and Karl
28th	Swing Dance presents Trilogy
29th	YOMO Scrapbooking for Shriners

### May

5th	Cinco Happy Hour & Swing Dance
6th	Spring Ceremonial
8th	Ceremonial Cast Luncheon
10th	Temple Club
12th	Ambassadors Meeting & Swing Dance
14th	Mothers Day Brunch
<b>17th</b>	<b>Stated Meeting</b>
19th	Swing Dance presents Garden Party
26th	No Dance
29th	Temple Closed

### June

2nd	Swing Dance presents Backstreet Cruisers
3rd	Shriners Children Stroll & Joachim Poker Run
9th	Ambassadors Meeting & Swing Dance
12th	Ceremonial Cast Luncheon
14th	Temple Club
16th	Swing Dance presents Trilogy
<b>21st</b>	<b>Stated Meeting</b>
23rd	Swing Dance presents Scott and Karl
30th	Swing Dance presents Larry Gwaltney Band