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**SHRINERS**  
INTERNATIONAL



**Kenneth G. "Kenny" Craven**  
Imperial Potentate,  
Shriners International

## A Message from Your Imperial Potentate

### DEAR FELLOW NOBLES,

For many people, the holiday season is the best time of year. Lady JJ and I hope each of you are able to be with and enjoy family and friends during this special time. We also remember, with gratitude, our amazing worldwide Shriners family. Every one of you is important and valued as a brother in our great fraternity, and we are honored to have you in our family.

This year, we also celebrate incredible milestone anniversaries – the 100th for our philanthropy and the 150th for our fraternity. From a first-ever network television special to the establishment of a Patient Alumni Network, to countless articles and internet posts, we acknowledged our amazing history of improving lives – through both Shriners International and Shriners Children's. We want to thank everyone who made all these events and acknowledgements happen. Thank you for all your efforts and hard work on this once-in-a-lifetime project.

We also look forward to the hope and promise of a new year – a time for taking on new challenges and for re-visiting and strengthening commitments. I ask that each of you reflect on the importance of our organizations to the world, local communities, families, and you personally. I hope you will resolve to do your best every day to support and share your fraternity's values, mission and activities because, together, we really do improve lives and communities, and make the world a better place. But, to be effective, it takes all of us.

JJ and I wish you a memorable, wonderful holiday season, and a happy and meaningful New Year.

Yours in the faith,  
Kenneth G. "Kenny" Craven



**Jerry G. Gantt**  
Chairman, Board of  
Trustees, Shriners Children's

## A Message from the Chairman of the Board of Trustees

### DEAR FELLOW NOBLES,

I'm so pleased to have this opportunity to wish all of my global, extended family of Shriners and Ladies Happy Holidays! As you celebrate with family and friends, remember your fellow nobles around the world, and all that we accomplish together that makes the world a better place.

As we celebrate the season – and one another – we also remember the children we serve. Through our amazing philanthropy, we have improved the lives of more than 1.5 million children over the last 100 years. Shriners Children's locations have become known as places of hope – places where solutions to complex medical issues will be found, where no one gives up, and where children discover how much they can overcome and achieve.

I want to acknowledge and thank everyone who works so hard every day to bring the mission of Shriners Children's to life. It is your selfless compassion, dedication, expertise, generosity and determination that makes that all-important difference in the lives of our patients and

families. I am both honored and amazed by all that you do – each and every day.

It is this kind of commitment that has allowed Shriners Children's to be such an amazing beacon of hope throughout its history. Celebrating a century of achievement in patient care, research and medical education has been inspiring and has, I am sure, given many people a much greater understanding and insight into the work and importance of our healthcare system. I want to thank everyone for their enthusiasm and efforts in raising our profile during this very special year. Your work has been truly remarkable and greatly appreciated.

May each of you have a wonderful and meaningful holiday season.

Yours in the faith,  
Jerry G. Gantt





### About Our Fraternity

Founded in 1872, Shriners International is a fraternity based on fun, fellowship and the Masonic principles of brotherly love, relief and truth. With approximately 200 Shriners temples in several countries and thousands of clubs around the world, the members of Shriners International are known for their fellowship, brotherhood, compassion and generosity. The fraternity established Shriners Children's as its official philanthropy in 1922, and continues to govern it today, while striving to make the world a happier, better place.

### About Our Philanthropy

Shriners Children's™ is one of the largest pediatric sub-specialty healthcare systems in the world, with locations in the U.S., Canada and Mexico. Our staff is dedicated to improving the lives of children by providing pediatric specialty care, conducting innovative research, and offering outstanding educational programs for medical professionals.

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-  [shrinersinternational.org](http://shrinersinternational.org)
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**ABOUT THE COVER:** Moolah Shriners were invited to join the Prince Hall Shriners of Medinah Temple #39 in leading the 2022 A.E.A.O.N.M.S Imperial Session parade in St. Louis, Missouri. The two groups have been working together to build bridges and share unity in their St. Louis community.

# Working Together Across Borders

**SHRINERS – FROM THE IMPERIAL TO THE LOCAL LEVEL – TRULY MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIFE OF A CHILD**



When a toddler from Mexico became dangerously ill after being bitten by a venomous spider, Shriners from temples nearly 3,000 miles apart rallied to help ensure he would get the specialized care he needed.

**IT ALL STARTED ON MAY 6** at his family's home in Monterrey, Mexico. Marco was outside in his stroller with his mother, Jenifer, who was doing yardwork. A few days later, the 15-month-old came down with a high fever.

Jenifer took Marco to the public hospital, where doctors quickly determined that the little boy had been bitten by a brown recluse. The site of the bite on Marco's leg was rapidly swelling and reddening.

As the spider's venom made Marco sicker, the hospital treated him with medication and oxygen, but his lungs and kidneys began to fail. Surgeons removed some tissue from his leg, but knew there was nothing else they could do to help Marco. Fortunately, they knew who could: Shriners Children's.

## Plans, Approvals and Funding

Dr. José Ángel Dorado, a member of Anezeh Shriners in Mexico City, contacted fellow noble Juan Ricardo Lira, Anezeh's coordinator for emergencies. Within a short time, Shriners Children's Texas had been contacted, medical and family information was gathered and shared, a doctor-to-doctor conference was held, and Marco was granted full acceptance as an international patient.

Anezeh was hoping the plan would be to transport Marco by ground ambulance, but doctors said Marco needed to be flown to Shriners Children's Texas in Galveston. Anezeh had sponsored two air ambulances the week before and didn't have the \$12,000 for another one. So the healthcare system's new Global Patient Services team reached out to Imperial Chief Rabban James E. "Ed" Stolze Jr., who had expressed a desire to assist with international patients.



At that moment, Imperial Sir Stolze, who lives in Peoria, Arizona, was in Seattle attending the Ladies' Oriental Shrine of North America's Grand Council.

He was with Illustrious Sir Dale Newman of Nile Shriners. "During the event, he received a phone call and excused himself," Illustrious Sir Newman recalled.

When he returned to the table, he had a question: *How much money does Nile Shriners have in their Transportation Fund?*

"I started to make phone calls to our recorder and our treasurer," Illustrious Sir Newman said. The Nile crew determined they had enough funds on hand to cover the cost of the air ambulance — \$35,000. "I told Imperial Sir to make it happen, and Nile would cover any and all expenses," Newman said.

Noble Juan Ricardo Lira and other Anezeh Shriners in Mexico worked to get everything ready for Marco's trip to Galveston. "While the team at Headquarters in Tampa, Florida, was helping to find funds for transportation, we started the collection of ID's and birth certificates, COVID vaccination proof and COVID tests," said Lira. "We were also advising the guardian to get ready to spend time in Galveston."



*"It reminds our nobles about why we do everything we do," Illustrious Sir Newman said.*



*"Being able to assist in a situation like this has really energized our clubs and units."*

## Medical Expertise and Effort

With funding from Nile secured, it was go time. Less than 24 hours after the initial call, Marco was in the air. He arrived at Shriners Children's Texas with tissue in his leg severely damaged by the bite. The medical team began treatment immediately.

It was a long road back to health for the little boy. Eventually Marco was able to move from the PICU to a regular floor at the hospital, and later he transitioned to receiving physical therapy as an outpatient. A few months after the frightening bite, Marco was able to go home.

Anezeh Shriners are proud to have played a part in changing and improving Marco's life. Nile Shriners feel the same way. Although the temple has supported international patient transport before – including donating \$100,000 to Shriners Children's Emergency Transportation Fund a few years ago – they hadn't sponsored a particular patient directly in this way.

"This has been an amazing catalyst for Nile. It reminds our nobles about why we do everything we do," Illustrious Sir Newman said. "Being able to assist in a situation like this has really energized our clubs and units."

Noble Lira agrees.

"We belong to a beautiful fraternity that cares," Lira said. "Once a doctor told me, 'you guys can change a life in a way that very few could; the children may not remember your face, but they will be grateful for those who helped to change his life.'"







# Ladies' Organizations Share Shriners' Emphasis on Fun and Philanthropy



In the land of Shrinedom, there could be an argument over who has more fun: The Shriners or two of our allied women's organizations? Ladies' organizations have supported our philanthropy since the early 1900s. Like the Shriners fraternity, the Daughters of the Nile and the Ladies' Oriental Shrine of North America have long traditions of fun and philanthropy, and both are led by their own brand of royalty.



## Daughters of the Nile

When it formed in 1913, the Daughters of the Nile opted to use the same Near-Eastern theme as Shriners. "And who was the most known person in history in that world?" asked Supreme Queen Vickie Hill. "Cleopatra, the Queen of the Nile."

That's why the organization's dedication to bettering themselves and the world around them while having fun and making and keeping friendships along the way is decorated with such beautiful, elaborate pageantry, including stunning crowns for the royals.

Hill is very generous with letting others try hers on.

"People are fascinated with it," she said. "First, that we actually wear it on our heads, because it is quite heavy. But, when we go to the hospitals, there are very few little girls who don't want to be a princess. So if they can have my crown on their head for just one minute, and maybe have their picture made, they are a princess. It makes it very special to their hearts, and to think of what those kiddos are going through? It touches me. Sometimes the boys want to put it on too."

Daughters of the Nile was established in 1913 to promote social events and other activities for members and elevate standards of morality. The organization has been supporting Shriners Children's since 1924.



## Fellowship and Philanthropy

Hill and her next-door neighbor joined the 16,000-member organization in 2003, because their husbands had become Shriners and the local Daughters of the Nile chapter met on the same night. Hill said that since her parents and only sibling had passed away, the group provided a bonding experience for her.

"It became an extended family," she said. "We had so many social events, and there was so much fun and kindness. Everybody had my back from the start."

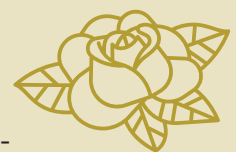
Hill also believes strongly in the organization's purpose and support of Shriners Children's. What really touches her is how hard the organization works with children to help them return to their homes, communities and schools successfully.

"For these children to go through what they go through, orthopedically or having cleft lip and palate or severe burns, and then be able to reintroduce them to a normal life where they are accepting of themselves and those around them – that really is what struck a chord with me," she said.

The organization donates more than \$2 million a year to Shriners Children's. It has 130 temples in the U.S., Canada and Brazil, as well as clubs in Europe, Mexico, Bolivia and the Philippines. To join, a woman needs to be related by birth or marriage to a Shriner, Master Mason or a Daughter of the Nile. She may also be a majority member in good standing of a Masonic-related organization for girls, or a former Shriners Children's patient.

## Ladies in Leadership

The Daughters of the Nile is led by six elected officers: the Supreme Queen and five Supreme Princesses. The Ladies' Oriental Shrine of North America is led by the Grand Council. The top official of the Grand Council is known as the Grand High Priestess, and the Executive Officer in a local Court is known as the High Priestess.







## Ladies' Oriental Shrine of North America

LOSNA is another women-led organization that does great work for Shriners Children's. With 6,000 members in 61 local groups called courts, it is a group of dedicated women with a long history of giving. LOSNA was formed in 1903 when some West Virginia women wanted to have fun while their husbands were attending their local events. Promoting sociability, good fellowship and the betterment of all ladies connected with the organization, the group grew quickly, and the Grand Council formed in 1914 to meet the need.

"In 1914, everything belonged to the husband – the money, the house, the property. Women couldn't even vote," said Karen Przytula, who is the Grand Princess and First Vice President of LOSNA and is in line to be the Grand High Priestess next May, pending election. "It was important to let the public know they were forward thinkers and this group was independent of the Shrine."

When Shriners Children's was founded, the women raised money but also acted as surrogate caregivers, holding patients and helping them. Although regulations preclude that now, members remain devoted to supporting the healthcare system. In addition to fund-raising – LOSNA contributes well over a half million dollars yearly to Shriners Children's – many LOSNA members contribute by sewing. They make scrub hats – big ones for the doctors and nurses, little ones for the patients – as well as blankets and more.

LOSNA differs from other allied bodies in that its philanthropy stretches beyond Shriners International and Shriners Children's. Every year, the Grand High Priestess suggests a Shriners-related project for philanthropy. But the local courts can raise money for other charitable organizations. "We can raise money for the community and promote Shriners at the same time," said Przytula.

To join LOSNA, a woman must either be related to a Master Mason or a Shriner in good standing by birth, marriage or adoption, or be sponsored by two LOSNA members.



## Membership Challenges



Like Shriners International, the women's groups also face challenges in recruiting and retaining members.

"The membership issue is critical," said Daughters of the Nile Supreme Queen Vickie Hill. "Retention is just as critical ... Those who are choosing to move away from our organization? I want to know what they want that we are no longer giving them. Why did they join? What were their expectations? What part of those expectations are we not meeting and fulfilling?"

LOSNA Grand Princess and First Vice President Karen Przytula said that when she was High Priestess in 1996, there were 90 courts. Today, there are 61. The average age of members, she said, is over 55, and the membership rolls are a concern.

"In May of 2014, we had just under 9,000 ladies. Today, we have just over 6,000," she said. "So that is a major challenge we face. For so many years, women were in the home. Their fun night out was going to LOSNA. Now, it's rare when a mother and father don't both work, so there isn't a lot of extra time."



For information, visit: [daughtersofthenile.org](http://daughtersofthenile.org) and [ladiesorientalshrine.org](http://ladiesorientalshrine.org)



# Shriners and Caregivers Urge:

## **Be Burn Aware**

After temples finish ringing in the new year, many nobles will be turning their attention to a tradition dear to their hearts — promoting burn injury prevention.

**BURN AWARENESS WEEK  
HIGHLIGHTS PREVENTION  
AND SAFETY**

Shriners Children's has been treating pediatric burn injuries since the mid-1960s, when it opened the first burn centers in the United States exclusively focused on the needs of juvenile patients. Now comprehensive burn centers can be found at Shriners Children's locations in Sacramento, California; Galveston, Texas; Dayton, Ohio; and Boston, Massachusetts.

The expertise and dedication of Shriners Children's physicians, surgeons, therapists and care teams have changed and improved the lives of countless patients with burns from around the world. In addition, the research being done at these locations and

the academic institutions they are affiliated with has resulted in remarkable advances in medical science, challenged the notion of what is possible after a burn injury and changed the standard of care for patients with burn injuries.

Still, it is agreed that it is far better to prevent a burn injury in the first place. That's why Shriners Children's and members of Shriners International take the first full week in February to kick off a yearlong effort focused on education and awareness. The *Be Burn Aware* campaign will be observed Feb. 5 – 11, 2023.



### **Be Burn Aware**

Since most preventable burn injuries occur in residences, *Be Burn Aware* focuses on burns at home. Accidental burns can happen in the blink of an eye, but we can reduce the risk by consistently following a few simple best practices in the kitchen, dining room, garage and elsewhere in our homes.

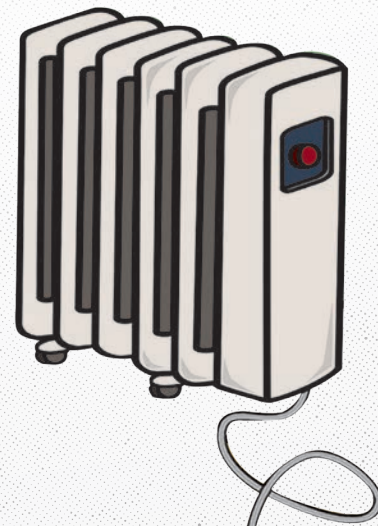
For nobles or anyone planning to spread the word about burn prevention, Shriners Children's provides many free resources, including children's activity books, information for adults on home safety and educational videos for the entire family. The materials are designed to be a resource for firefighters, teachers, parents and others concerned with the safety and well-being of children.

When is a good time to talk about safety? Shriners experienced in spreading burn awareness say: Anytime! Conversations during the holidays can center around safe use of candles, flammability of some decorations and kitchen safety while preparing for family feasts and traditions. Other times of year, talk can turn to scald prevention, electrical safety tips, campfire safety and fire prevention.



### **Expertise and Innovation**

Since Shriners Children's entered the burn care field, the survival rate for children with burns over more than 50 percent of their body surface has doubled. In addition, today, patients with burns over 90 percent can survive and go on to lead full, productive lives.







## FREE MATERIALS AVAILABLE

Have you met Boots and Brewster, our burn awareness superheroes? In our activity books for ages 3–7 and 8–12, the pair leads children through the rooms of a house, pointing out dangers and how to easily correct or avoid them.

The booklets also have pages for families to map out a home fire escape plan. While future plans include featuring Fezzy, our mascot, in new resources, materials featuring Boots and Brewster are available currently.

For information on ordering materials and to download tip sheets, scan this QR code or visit: [shrinerschildrens.org/en/patient-information/patient-services-and-resources/burn-awareness](https://shrinerschildrens.org/en/patient-information/patient-services-and-resources/burn-awareness).

## Be Burn Aware

Feb 5 – 11, 2023



Scan the QR code to learn more about burn prevention and awareness.





## Amazing Care, Resilient Patients

Because of the expertise of Shriners Children's burn care teams and their dedication to helping each patient reach for their dreams, children take inspiring steps and make incredible recoveries. That's why families come to our burn care centers from hometowns near our locations as well as from around the world.



Last December, Kohen, an active 1 ½-year-old, was sitting in his highchair in the kitchen when he grabbed the cord of a nearby rice cooker. The contents fell into his lap, causing third- and fourth-degree burns to his abdomen and thighs.

"The doctors at the emergency room told us that because Kohen is so young and the burns were so severe, we should take him to Shriners Children's, because the burn team specializes in both kids and burn care," said his mother, Kaitlyn.

At Shriners Children's Northern California, burn surgeon Kathleen Romanowski, M.D., performed an excision and skin grafting, and child life specialists provided physical and emotional support as they worked to give Kohen the best chance of healing and the full functionality he had prior to the accident.

Now recovering at home, Kohen wears a personalized burn compression garment, made by a seamstress who is part of the hospital's occupational and physical therapy team, to decrease pain during healing, protect his fragile skin and prevent scarring. He will continue to be monitored closely by the hospital's pediatric burn team until he makes a full recovery.

Like the other Shriners Children's burn centers, the Northern California hospital is equipped to treat burn injuries of all degrees. From life-threatening burns to the smallest fingertip burn, the pediatric burn unit's internationally noted team of burn and plastic surgeons work alongside dedicated caregivers to provide the care and rehabilitation children with burn injuries need.

Kaitlyn will never look at her kitchen in the same way. She said she hopes that sharing her story inspires more parents of young children to create a safe kitchen environment in their homes.



A child named Samantha received care at two Shriners Children's burn hospitals, after a terrifying accident at home in the Dominican Republic, which also injured her 16-year-old aunt.

"We were at home preparing to build a fire to toast marshmallows," said Samantha's mother, Katheryne. "Samantha was sitting on her aunt's lap at a distance that should not have been dangerous. We were not aware that close to the fire there was a flammable liquid without the top on."

An explosion injured both Samantha and her aunt, who tried to protect the little girl. Although she arrived at the hospital within minutes, Samantha's treatment was difficult and painful. After two months without improvement, her family moved Samantha to a private clinic and then connected with the local Shriners club, who helped start the process for her to come to Shriners Children's.

Initially treated at our facility in Galveston, Samantha transferred to our hospital in Boston under the care of Robert Sheridan, M.D., and chief of staff, because it is easier to travel there from the Dominican Republic. Her aunt also became a patient of our Boston location.

"I have so many words to say about how well we were both cared for – Samantha as a patient and me as her mother," said Katheryne. "We now live in Georgia and are a large close-knit family that gives a lot of love, joy, and most importantly, happiness to the youngest of the house, Samantha. We are her support, as at her age it is difficult to understand what happened to her. We try to teach her that the most valuable thing is family, who will always be with her."





# For Nobles, Knowledge Is Power

Make 2023 the year you learn all you can to strengthen membership and marketing, virtually and/or in-person. Take advantage of these amazing educational opportunities! These events are part of the Noble Academy, presented by Shriners International Educational Foundation.



## 2023 Membership & Marketing Conference and Masters Class

February 9-11, 2023

Embassy Suites DFW North  
Grapevine, Texas

### 3rd Annual Virtual Event Series

Upcoming classes:

**March 9, 2023**  
**April 13, 2023**

*\*first two virtual events are  
available on demand*

Available on demand: Click the QR code below to enroll and view previously recorded sessions featuring Bradley Scott Billings, Grand Master at the Grand Lodge of Texas, and James Cole, Sovereign Grand Commander/CEO at Scottish Rite, SJ, USA.

There is NO cost to attend these virtual events. We have new topics and speakers that ALL nobles will find useful in strengthening and enhancing their temple in the areas of membership and marketing. *Remember: you need to attend all four virtual events to earn your Apprentice Certificate!*

Join us in Grapevine, Texas, for fun, fellowship and education, including a trip to Billy Bob's, known as the "World's Largest Honky-Tonk," for a barbecue dinner and private bull-riding show.

While planning is still underway, several amazing speakers have already been scheduled, including:

- ▶ Allan Casalou, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of California
- ▶ Leslie Murphy, FASAE, CAE, President, Raybourn Group International
- ▶ Trevor Mitchell, FASAE, CAE, Executive Director / CEO of American Mensa
- ▶ George Taylor, Sr. Director of Member Services & Programs, Scottish Rite, NMJ

Cost for the in-person conference is \$149 for the first student from your temple, \$139 for the second and third students and \$99 for each spouse. There is an additional fee of \$79 per person for the event at Billy Bob's. The conference venue, **Embassy Suites DFW North** ([www.SIEFreservations.com](http://www.SIEFreservations.com)) features these amenities:

- ▶ All rooms are suites
- ▶ Complimentary cooked-to-order breakfast
- ▶ Complimentary evening reception with snacks and drinks
- ▶ Indoor pool and fitness center
- ▶ Complimentary shuttle to DFW Airport
- ▶ Adjacent to Bass Pro Outdoor World

**Students that attend the in-person conference and watch all four virtual events will earn their Masters Class Certificate.**



For more information, visit [shrinersnobleacademy.org](http://shrinersnobleacademy.org) or scan this QR code.



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# Fellowship in Shrinedom

**Nobles Make a Difference**

## Dancing with Heart, *Pyramid Shriners*



Pyramid Shriners Steven Bruner, left, Donald Casey Jr., center, and Illustrious Sir Bill Russo.

Word is Pyramid Shriners, based in Stratford, Connecticut, are always up for a challenge when it comes to supporting the philanthropy. At the Dancing with Heart 2022 competition, held at the Cedars Banquet Hall in Springfield, Massachusetts, Illustrious Sir Bill Russo performed a routine that he and his instructor, April Knight, choreographed to the song *Word Crimes*. Proceeds from the competition benefit Shriners Children's New England. The Pyramid crew also made its annual appearance at the Night at the Park Family Festival in Monroe, Connecticut, where they spread smiles and cheer while letting people know about their mission of providing assistance to children receiving excellent medical care at Shriners Children's.

## Ice Cream Social, *Anezeh Shriners*



The nobles of Anezeh Shriners know how hard everyone at Shriners Hospitals for Children — Mexico works to provide amazing care to their inspiring young patients. So they demonstrated their appreciation in the yummiest way possible — by bringing ice cream to the hospital staff!

## Triple Resolutions, *Al Rai'e Saleh Shriners*

Earlier this year, Al Rai'e Saleh Shriners in Puerto Rico had the opportunity to share fun, fellowship and philanthropy in a big way. "We celebrated big on 6 June, 2022, Shriners International Awareness Day," said Potentate Rafael Rodríguez Matos. "We were invited to receive resolutions from the Governor's Office, from San Juan Capitol Mayor's Office and from the Legislature of San Juan. Three important resolutions in one day, congratulating us and Shriners International for the important service we render to our island!" The nobility also participated in a big Shriners Day party.



Pictured here are Noble Juan Castro, Treasurer; Noble Carlos Acevedo, Legislator; Rafael Acosta, Past Potentate; (First Lady, SJ Mayor's Office and another Legislator); Noble Anibal Rosario Ruiz, MW Grand Master; and José Seguí, Temple Recorder.

## A Toast To The Host, *Kazim Shriners*



Glasses were clinking in Virginia as Kazim Shriners shared the bonds of fun, fellowship and family. The temple's Leaf & Cork Club sponsored their first winery tour, and attendees had a wonderful time sharing the sensational sensory experience of traveling, dining and touring the beautiful Chateau Morrissette Winery together.



## Send Us Your Holiday Photos



Our quarterly publication schedule and production timeline don't permit us to highlight Shriners' fun, fellowship and philanthropy of the holiday season in December. That's why editors of *Shriner Magazine* invite you to submit photos of your temple's holiday events for consideration for inclusion in an upcoming Christmas in July article. From holiday parties to tree sales, lights shows, benefits — we want to see it all!

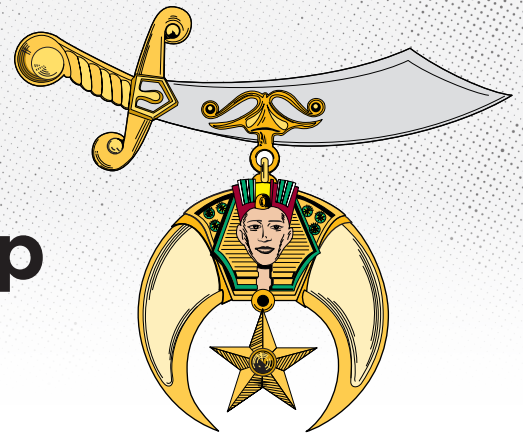
Along with your high-resolution images, please include a few sentences describing the event, and where and when it occurred. Be sure to identify everyone in the image. Other great tidbits to include are the history of your event, its impact on the community, quotes from nobles or community members and even how you plan your event.

Submit to [marketing@shrinenet.org](mailto:marketing@shrinenet.org)





# Building Brotherhood and Sharing Fellowship



Moolah Nobles and their Prince Hall counterparts share an exemplary relationship

When bonds of brotherhood are nourished, amazing things can happen. Just ask the members of Moolah Shriners.

For several years, members of Moolah Shriners, which is based in St. Louis, Missouri, have been connecting with their local Prince Hall counterparts, A.E.A.O.N.M.S. Medinah Temple #39, collaborating on projects of mutual interest and building the relationship between the two temples.

Nobles Dave Hope and Greg Heins, members of the largest motor units at Moolah, were in discussion with Medinah about

uniting for shared events. Since St. Louis was to be the host city for the 2022 A.E.A.O.N.M.S. Imperial Session, it became clear to everyone that being together in this historic moment would bring a welcome and conspicuous opportunity to share in their unity, and Medinah Temple #39 invited Moolah Shriners to join them in leading the parade.

"Our motor units, clown units and others were together on this historic day," said Dennis Burkholder, Moolah's public relations chairman. "This is a first, that I know of."



*"In a time where there is so much negative news, I am pleased to share something very positive."*



## Building Bridges

In 2014, Burkholder contacted the Medinah Temple #39 Potentate, Illustrious Sir Don Westbrook, suggesting the two groups work together on a hospital screening clinic. In addition to beginning the process for potential patients of the Shriners healthcare system, the effort would also serve to help establish better communications and relationships between the two temples. That event was a huge success, identifying 18 new patients for Shriners Children's and cementing the connection between Moolah Shriners and Medinah Temple #39.

Later that year, Moolah Shriners invited members of Medinah Temple #39 to attend the Moolah Shriners' Potentate Ball, and members of Moolah Shriners attended Medinah Temple's Potentate Ball.

"The friendship and brotherhood have been more than well received," Burkholder said.

## Recognition and Relationship

Over the years, the relationship between the two temples has grown and developed. Together they are enjoying fun and fellowship and supporting the Shriners philanthropy through the shared Masonic tenets of brotherly love, relief and truth.

Both Missouri Grand Lodges have offered mutual recognition to each other, and this year (2022) marks the stage in the agreement that members now can attend each other's Masonic lodges without going through the Grand Lodges.

Moolah Shriners say their Medinah Temple counterparts have been a major key in helping with screening clinics for Shriners Children's St. Louis, and in helping to raise awareness and funds for the healthcare system.

"It has been a true partnership and brotherhood," Burkholder said. "In a time where there is so much negative news, I am pleased to share something very positive."



# Events Benefit Shriners Organizations

Shriners Children's and Shriners International support and participate in a number of local, regional and national events throughout the year.

Our national events generate attention for both organizations, which helps raise our profile in entertaining and unique ways. These events typically also provide a variety of fellowship opportunities for members of the fraternity, and help us share our vision and message on a large scale every year:



## Shriners Children's Charleston Classic

Shriners Children's is the title sponsor of the Charleston Classic, a Division 1 college basketball tournament held Nov. 17-20, 2022, at TD Arena in Charleston, South Carolina. The family-friendly event offers the teams a week of practice, play and experiences in and around historic Charleston. This exciting competition provides fraternity members with opportunities for fun and fellowship while raising the profile of our healthcare system.

Several patients were there, including National Patient Ambassadors Katherine and Parker and national spokesperson Alec. Also participating were patients including Easton, a patient ambassador at Shriners Children's Erie; Jamiyah, representing Shriners Children's Greenville; and Cole, representing Shriners Children's Philadelphia. Patients got to meet with teams and connect with players, tip off games, and tell their stories of how Shriners Children's is helping them reach for their dreams. They also attended a Tip-Off Dinner at Omar temple.

In the title game, College of Charleston hit a jump shot with 3 seconds left on the clock to beat Virginia Tech 77-75. Rounding out the field were Colorado State, Davidson, Furman, Old Dominion, Penn State and South Carolina.



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## Shriners Children's Open

Where can you always find great golf for an even greater cause? The Shriners Children's Open, of course! The event, held in Las Vegas, Nevada, at beautiful TPC Summerlin in October, is PGA TOUR golf at its finest. Many of the world's top golfers compete and earn FedExCup points in the tournament – the third event of the PGA TOUR's FedExCup season.

Established in 1983, the event attracts some of the most recognized names in golf each year – Tiger Woods took home his inaugural PGA TOUR win here in 1996.

This year, the title was captured by Tom Kim, a 20-year-old from South Korea who played a bogey-free week in Las Vegas to capture the win.

With an outstanding field of players each year and the opportunity to support Shriners Children's, this is a world-class golf event you don't want to miss.



For more information, visit:  
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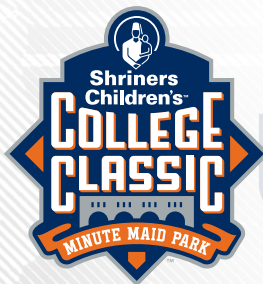


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**JAN. 2, 2023**

**SHRINERS CHILDREN'S** is planning a super-sized celebration in Pasadena, California, for the 134th Rose Parade on Monday, Jan. 2, 2023. Titled "Back in the Game," the sports-themed float will feature a patient playing wheelchair basketball and a patient who uses a prosthetic playing golf. Joining Imperial Potentate Kenneth J. "Kenny" Craven and First Lady JJ on our float will be this year's National Patient Ambassadors, Parker and Katherine, and other guests.



**MARCH 3-5, 2023**

**THE 23RD ANNUAL SHRINERS CHILDREN'S COLLEGE CLASSIC** returns to Minute Maid Park in Houston, Texas, March 3-5, 2023. Louisville, Michigan, Rice, Texas A&M, Texas Tech, and TCU will take the field for the nine-game tournament.

Organized by the Astros Foundation, the tournament provides an opportunity for players and community members to learn about our healthcare system and the life-changing care we provide to children.



For more information, please visit:  
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**FEB. 2, 2023**

**THE EAST-WEST SHRINE BOWL** is the longest-running college all-star football game in the nation. It will be held Feb. 2, 2023, in Allegiant Stadium in Las Vegas. An important part of America's football tradition, the event gives top college players a chance to showcase their talents to NFL scouts and a national television audience. The East-West Shrine Bowl is part of the NFL's Pro Bowl Week events.

Since 1925, the East-West Shrine Bowl has helped raise the profile of Shriners Children's, helping us to reach more kids and families who can benefit from our expertise and services. Through participating in the event, everyone connected with the East-West Shrine Bowl gains a deeper understanding of the amazing patients who receive care at Shriners Children's and of the ways they can support the healthcare system.

For more than 90 years, some of football's greatest athletes and coaches have contributed to the tradition of the East-West Shrine Bowl. Former standout players, including Tom Brady, Walter Payton, Lawrence Taylor, John Elway, Gale Sayers, Jimmy Garoppolo, and current Las Vegas Raiders All-Pro performers AJ Cole and Darren Waller, along with coaches Don Shula, Dick Vermeil, Paul "Bear" Bryant and Jerry Glanville, to name a few, have been part of the East-West Shrine Bowl.



For full event details, visit  
[shrinebowl.com](http://shrinebowl.com). Watch live on NFL Network, or experience the action in-person on game day.



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# Fun and Fellowship in Charlotte



Start making your plans for the fraternity's biggest event of the year.

The 2023 Imperial Session will be one of fun, fellowship and celebration. Imperial Sir Kenny Craven, First Lady JJ and Omar and Oasis Shriners look forward to hosting our nobles, families and friends in Charlotte, North Carolina. The Imperial Session will take place at the Charlotte Convention Center, which is in the middle of everything. There are attractions, every kind of food and fanfare and nightlife. It is located seven miles from Charlotte Douglas International Airport.

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### 149th Imperial Session

**WHEN:** July 2-6, 2023

**WHERE:** Charlotte, North Carolina

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Atlanta, Georgia | June 29 - July 3

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