

SHARON SHRINE APRIL SCRIPT



SHARON SHRINE

Published Monthly at Tyler, Texas

Official Publication of

SHARON SHRINE

10027 State Hwy 31 E. • Tyler, Texas 75705

Office: (903) 566-2151 • Fax: (903) 566-6443

*Email: shriners@sharonshriners.com

* Website: sharonshriners.com *

Stated SessionsFourth Monday
Chartered.....July 10, 1963

ELECTED DIVAN

JOHN WEBB.....Potentate
MIKE COWAN.....Chief Rabban
RANDELL FARLEY.....Assistant Rabban
RUSSELL BROWN.....High Priest & Prophet
DILLON FOLMAR.....Oriental Guide
CARL AUVIL, P.P.....Treasurer
CRAIG HUGHES.....Recorder

APPOINTIVE OFFICERS

GENE GAY.....1st Ceremonial Master
MOE MOSER.....2nd Ceremonial Master
KURT KUNZMAN.....Director
GORDIE ROBERTS.....Marshall
DAN HORTON.....Captain of the Guard
STEVE LEU.....Outer Guard
KENNETH SHEATS.....Chaplain

HOSPITAL BOARD OF GOVERNORS

RONNIE LAGRONE.....Shreveport Chairman
MARVIN HENDERSON, P.P.....Shreveport
DWAYNE "TOOTER" MCDONALD,P.P.....Mexico City
DARYL ATKINSON.....Texas
JIM RUMSEY.....Texas
CARL AUVIL, P.P.....Texas



STAFF & COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FOR 2024

LES CRAWLEY.....	Chief of Staff
MATT KILANSKI.....	Assistant Chief of Staff
ANDY ROUNTREE.....	Assistant Chief of Staff
BRYAN DAVIS.....	Assistant Chief of Staff
WES LARUE.....	Assistant Chief of Staff
RANDELL FARLEY.....	Hospital Benefit
DILLON FOLMAR.....	IHOP Chairman
GEORGE PRUETT.....	Hospital Transportation
JASON BROOKS.....	Parade Marshall
JOHN THREADGILL P.P.....	Galloway Calhoun Award
KENNETH SHEATS.....	Parliamentarian
DARYL ATKINSON.....	Temple Attorney
TODD THRELKELD.....	Insurance Chairman
LARRY ROGERS/TOOTER.....	Photographer
MARTIN MCGINNIS.....	Public Relations Director
MIKE COWAN.....	Fund Raising Chairman
JIM TIDWELL, P.P.....	Sickness and Distress
MICKIE WEBB.....	Ladies Mentor Chairman
GORDIE ROBERTS.....	Mentor Chairman
JOE BARRON P.P.....	Membership Chairman
CRAIG HUGHES.....	Script Editor
KEITH HILLIARD.....	Wills, Gifts and Endowments
MIKE COWAN.....	Circus Chairman
KURT KUNZMAN.....	Golf Tournament Chairman
RANDELL FARLEY.....	Sportsman Spectacular Chairman

MASONIC RELATIONS

JAMES HANSHAW,P.P./TOOTER, PP.....	Blue Lodge Relations
JOE BARRON, P.P.....	Blue Lodge Relations
JOHN WEBB.....	Scottish Rite Relations
MATT KILANSKI.....	York Rite Relations



POTENTATE'S MESSAGE

So are you having fun yet? If not, why not? Seems like a simple question. After all, for Shriners, fun is part of our DNA. I mean we have all heard the Ray Stevens song "Shriner's Convention". Did you know that song came out in 1980 when I was fifteen years old? Yet to this day, I have seen many Shriners swell with pride every time that song is played. I know that times have changed and they are still changing (hopefully for the good). Either way, I am very proud of being part of the Shrine family right now in 2024.

I was talking with Illustrious Sir James Hanshaw the other night, who told me that yes times have changed, but change was necessary in order to keep moving forward. Organizations like ours need to balance our traditions with change. Yes, times have changed and our worst enemy is that phrase too easily tumbled from people's lips – "but we have always done it that way".

I am sure that many of you have heard the tale of putting six monkeys in a room with a bunch of bananas hanging from the ceiling. Any time one of the monkeys reaches for the bananas, you hose them down with ice water to prevent them from going after the bananas. After a period of time you start exchanging the monkeys out one at a time. The original monkeys will fight the new monkeys to prevent them all from being sprayed with ice water. Over time, even after the original six monkeys have been changed out by monkeys that have never been sprayed with ice water, they will prevent each other from going for the bananas because "that is the way it has always been done."

Party with a Purpose is an attempt by Lady Mickie and I to address a needed change in Sharon Shrine while keeping in mind our philanthropy. We don't have to go back to 1980 to have fun, in fact I would rather stay here in 2024. Remember the Imperial slogan for this year is "doing more in 24 ." We just had 36 adults show up to stuff Easter Eggs and participate in an adult Easter egg hunt with fun had by all. I don't know if adult Easter egg hunts were even a thing in 1980, but I do know that almost every Shriner present was accompanied by his lady. All the major events at Sharon Shrine this year we have tried to make family friendly, in fact if you looked around during the St. Mardi Party it seemed like there were kids everywhere (we even had to find babysitters on the spot).

We are stronger and better able to adapt when our families are close by. So far the participation at events this year seem to agree with this point. I think that the biggest change since 1980 is that families are pulled in many different directions, but they still want to be with their families. Let's make Sharon Shrine that go-to family.

As often as possible remember to bring your family to Sharon Shrine. On the open events, bring a non Shriner Mason, or even someone that is just starting to think about Masonry, but more importantly invite their family to let them see how much fun our family is having. Yes, I know that is not how we have always done that, but times are changing. Remember "Party with a Purpose".

While the Golf Tournament will be played by the time you are reading this. Be on the lookout for Fun and Fellowship coming up on April 22 (our normal stated meeting night), and for the Kentucky Derby Party coming up May 5th.

I hope everyone has a great April. I can't let you go without a few Potentate's shoutouts, kudos and thanks to: Illustrious Sir Rusty Smith and Quinton Magness, for planning and cooking at St Mardi Party along with Greg Nash and Bryan Davis. Steve Kennedy, Matt Kilanski, and David Wells for tending bar. Madison Stowers, Cullen Vaughn for baby sitting at Mardi Party, Gabby Douglas for planning Breakfast with Easter Bunny, Randall Douglas for taking over making pancakes, Janet Sheats for taking photos with Bunny, the Clownettes, Popawheelie and Tony Garen for being an outstanding Easter Bunny. I know I probably forgot someone, but please notice the number of family members on the list (I think we are on to something). Party With a Purpose!



The next stated meeting of Sharon Shriners will be held on Monday, April 22nd dinner at 6:00 pm, meeting at 7:00 pm. The purpose of this meeting is to ballot on petitions and act on other business that may come before it.

Email Address: shriners@sharonshriners.com

Website: www.sharonshriners.com

Your 2024 Dues Card will be required for admittance at all Stated Meetings.

Be sure to bring these three things...

Your Fez on Your Head · Your Card in Your Pocket · The Spirit of Fun and

Good Fellowship in Your Heart

WEAR YOUR FEZ

We will notify everyone by email if there are any changes with the meeting date or time.

John Webb
Potentate

Attest: Craig Hughes
Recorder



MEMBERSHIP REPORT MARCH

MEMBERSHIP (REGULAR) (3/1/2024)	806
ASSOCIATES	9
TOTAL ALL MEMBERS	815

ADDITIONS:

CREATIONS	0	
AFFILIATIONS	0	
RESTORED	2	
ASSOCIATE ADDED	0	
TOTAL ADDITIONS:		2

DEDUCTIONS:

DEMITTED	0	
SUSPENDED	0	
EXPIRED	0	
EXPELLED	0	
RESIGNED	0	
ASSOCIATE DROPPED	0	
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS:		0

TOTAL REGULAR MEMBERS (3/31/2024)	808
PLUS ASSOCIATES	9
TOTAL MEMBERS	817

SHARON CLOWNS

Fellow Nobles,

We are getting going in 2024, focusing on having fun and fellowship while we support the Shrine and bring joy to those we meet along the way. The Sharon Clown Unit was one of 5 Temples attending the Texas Shrine Clown Assn. Midwinter gathering in El Paso on March 7, 8 and 9. Rob "Big Tex" Weckman won 1st place in the Auguste makeup competition, and Gordon "Poppa Wee Lee" Roberts placed 1st in the Senior division. Big Tex also teamed up with Jim "Hot Rod" Wells from Hella to take 2nd place in the 2-man skit competition.

We are continuing our plans for hospital visits, parades, community activities and of course the Shrine Circus which is always a lot of fun. Watch this space for further details as the year progresses.

Please accept this invitation to join us as we Clown around and have a good time working to support the Shrine, the hospitals and of course the kids. If you are interested in being a Clown, or are just curious and want to know what Clowns do, please join us at one of our monthly meetings on the 4th Saturday each month, or contact me or any clown. Our next meeting will be on Saturday, April 27, 2024 beginning at 6 PM in the Unit Club Building. Won't you join us?

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon "Poppa Wee Lee" Roberts

903-521-2713

robertsgordon68@gmail.com

ALL IN A YEAR'S WORK: Shriners Children's



Our unique healthcare system, which has locations in three countries, is dedicated to improving the lives of children by providing pediatric specialty care, conducting innovative research, and offering outstanding education programs for medical professionals. All care and services are provided regardless of the families' ability to pay or insurance status.

Our Pediatric Specialties

- Treatment for orthopedic conditions
 - Burn care
- Spinal cord injury rehabilitation and management
- Cleft lip and palate care



SERVED PATIENTS FROM

50 & 108

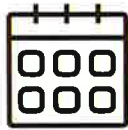
STATES* COUNTRIES

*includes US territories



23,902

LIFE CHANGING SURGERIES



214,594

CLINIC PROCEDURES



51,852

PROSTHETIC & ORTHOTIC DELIVERIES

1.4M+

DONORS

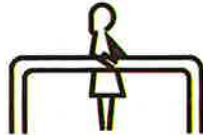


57,000+

NEW PATIENTS

347,839

REHABILITATION PROCEDURES



38,699

INPATIENT DAYS



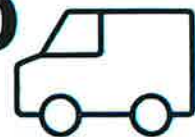
14,238

TELEHEALTH ENCOUNTERS

38,000,000

MILES TRAVELED

by road and air



All information based on 2023 data

To donate, call 1-800-537-5355
or visit www.lovethescup.org

To donate, visit lovethescup.org
or call 855-401-4887

To learn more, visit
shrinerschildrens.org



© Shriners Children's 2024



Shriners
Children's
Texas

TEMPLE NEWSLETTER

NEWS FROM BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT:

As we reach the end of quarter one, our Physician Liaisons have been busy spreading the word about Shriners Children's Texas to Galveston and Brazoria county referral contacts. Our Liaison's focus has been on federally qualified health centers, urgent cares and pediatric clinics. A lunch and learn was held with Community Health Network (CHN). CHN is very interested in collaboration opportunities and will be coming to tour Shriners Children's Texas on April 25th. Our Liaisons toured Galveston County Health District's facilities and scheduled a meeting with them in May. Our Liaison, Lacey Keller, will be representing the south market at the national American Burn Association conference in Chicago in April. With so many new and promising developments, the future looks very bright!



PATIENT OF THE MONTH:



Carlos Gonzalez Villapando is a 15 year old boy from Mexico who sustained 51% flame burn from a house fire from an electrical shortage on November 15, last year. He also had inhalation injury. He was transferred to Shriners on November 17, 2023. He had burns on his face, neck, chest, arms, and legs. He underwent 10 operations.

He had complicated hospital course with respiratory failure, kidney failure requiring dialysis and infection. He recovered from all that. He was discharged to an outpatient status on February 22, 2024.

He is currently working hard with rehab therapy. He was having difficulty even standing up when he was an inpatient. With his hard work, he was able to start walking with a walker. He is now walking with a cane. Carlos goes by Chinito.



Shriners
Children's
Texas

TEMPLE NEWSLETTER

NEWS FROM THE OFFICE OF PHILANTHROPY:

Proud Supporters: Texas Self Storage Association



The Texas Self-Storage Association (TSSA) is one of the hospital's most dedicated third party fundraisers, and recently, their members came to tour the hospital and present us with an incredible \$240,000 donation.

We are so fortunate to have them as a longstanding partner in our work, and we are truly grateful for their continued support.

PHOTO: Members of TSSA presenting the hospital with a donation of \$240,188. Also pictured Katherine Hughes, Sr Director of Philanthropy, and Mary Glendening, Hospital Administrator.

The Moody Foundation



The Moody Foundation recently gifted a \$130,000 grant to help furnish the new patient- family housing.

The furniture will ensure that our families will have a calm refuge during an emotionally taxing time. With a safe and comfortable space, the families will be present for their child and will be able to aid them on their recovery journey. By helping furnish the new patient-family housing facility, the foundation will help facilitate swift and successful recoveries for our patients.

We are fortunate to have The Moody Foundation as a partner in our work and truly appreciate their generosity.

NEWS FROM MARCOM:



NEW! Alumni Watch Me Spots

We started the New Year with four NEW! Watch Me TV spots featuring patient alumni. One features Shriners Children's Texas own Harli White. To watch them yourself, visit:

- <https://youtu.be/dy1LXEXAvH4?si=ykyMQbdi-PdokE7p>
- <https://youtu.be/faXcBWYuF2w?si=anvwU0zJnQU12Umo>
- <https://youtu.be/4PKfeABtOPw?si=K0YnPw3yT7S3mWE4>
- <https://youtu.be/Lk6q8OZVOCs?si=O-ZpPUUOydKITqTM>



Hospital Tours

To schedule a tour of the hospital, please contact **Mark Hodges** at **409-770-6536**. Schedule a hospital tour, with at least one week of advanced notice, Mon. – Fri. between the hours of 9am – 3pm.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES:

The parent housing first and second floors have had wall cover inspections. Drywall work is being completed on both sides of walls. Taping and floating will begin the week of 3/18/24. Exterior envelope waterproofing is completed. Masonry work at the parent house and parking garage is ongoing. The HVAC equipment for the parent house was lifted onto the roof on 3/13/24. The permanent power for the parent house and parking garage is scheduled to be completed the week of 3/25/24. The standing seam metal roofing for the parent housing is scheduled to be installed 3/26/24-5/7/24. In the parking garage, all stairwells are completed. The fire sprinklers for each level of the parking garage are completed. All fire sprinkler piping will be painted. We are still tracking to be completed by mid-July.



Enjoy road trips?

Like helping families?

Looking for ways to be more involved in the shrine?

You've come to the right place because we need your help!

The transportation crew are looking to recruit more drivers. This involves filling out a drivers certification (which can be obtained through the office), and providing a doctor's note if you are 70 years or older.

Trips are typically to Shreveport and occasionally Galveston. If you are interested, please contact us so we can get you the paper work to fill out which we will then send to our transportation coordinator Noble George Pruett. Come join the team and spend some time with our wonderful Shriner's patients and families!



Pictured here is transportation coordinator Noble George Pruett with his brother and recent shiner, Noble Phillip Pruett

Sportsman Spectacular

**2024 drawings have
commenced!**

**Grab some tickets for
yourself or friends and
family, these make great
gifts throughout the year!**

SHARON SHRINERS 2024 SPORTSMAN'S SPECTACULAR January 6th - December 28th 2024

Date of Drawing	Prize	Date of Drawing	Prize
1/6/2024	Stevens 555 Compact Trap 20 Gauge	7/13/2024	Smith and Wesson M&P 9mm Pistol Shield PWS
1/13/2024	Stoeger M3000 V2 Max-7 12 Gauge Semiautomatic	7/20/2024	Ukiah Deluxe Beat to Music Fire Pit
1/20/2024	Savage 64 Precision FDE 22 LR Semi Auto	7/27/2024	Taurus G2C 9 MM
1/27/2024	Ruger 10/22 LR Carbine	8/3/2024	Stoeger STR 9MM Sub Compact
2/3/2024	Savage A17 .17 HMR	8/10/2024	Savage 64 Precision FDE 22 LR Semi Auto
2/10/2024	Savage Axis XP 30-06 Springfield Bolt-Action	8/17/2024	Ruger 10/22 LR Carbine
2/17/2024	Mossberg Patriot Vortex 308 Win Bolt	8/24/2024	Savage A17 .17 HMR
2/24/2024	Springfield Armory XDM 9mm Pistol	8/31/2024	Savage Axis XP 30-06 Springfield Bolt-Action
3/2/2024	Savage Axis .243 Winchester	9/7/2024	Mossberg Patriot Vortex 308 Win Bolt
3/9/2024	Ruger Predator 6.5 Creedmore	9/14/2024	Savage Axis XP 270 Winchester Bolt Action
3/16/2024	Traditions Buckstalker XT .50 Cal	9/21/2024	Savage Axis .243 Winchester
3/23/2024	Ruger Mark IV 22/45 .22 LR	9/28/2024	Ruger Predator 6.5 Creedmore
3/30/2024	Taurus Judge Model 4510 45/410	10/5/2024	Traditions Buckstalker XT .50 Cal
4/6/2024	Taurus 605B2 .357 Magnum Revolver	10/12/2024	Ruger Marl IV 22/45 Lite 22 LR
4/13/2024	Heritage Barkeep Wood Burn Scroll Rimfire .22	10/19/2024	Taurus Judge Model 4510 45/410
4/20/2024	Springfield Hellcat Pro 9MM Bundle	10/26/2024	Taurus 605B2 .357 Magnum Revolver
4/27/2024	Taurus G2C 9 MM	11/2/2024	Heritage Barkeep Wood Burn Scroll Rimfire .22
5/4/2024	Stoeger STR 9MM Sub Compact	11/9/2024	Baretta 92FS 9MM Pistol
5/11/2024	Springfield Armory 1911 Garrison .45 ACP	11/16/2024	Taurus G2C 9 MM
5/18/2024	Ruger American Flag .380 ACP	11/23/2024	Stoeger STR 9MM Sub Compact
5/25/2024	Kimber Micro 9MM Stainless	11/30/2024	Winchester AmmoA 5.56 M855 Ful Metal Jacket 500 Rnd
6/1/2024	Glock 19-G19 Gen5 9 MM	12/7/2024	Ruger American Flag .380 ACP
6/8/2024	Barnett Stalker 385 Crossbow Package	12/14/2024	Heritage Barkeep Wood Burn Scroll Rimfire .22
6/15/2024	Pelican The Catch 100 Fishing Kayak	12/21/2024	Springfield XD-S Mod .2 OSP W/CTS 1500 Optic
6/22/2024	Pelican Bass Raider 10E Fishing Boat	12/28/2024	Winchester AmmoA 5.56 M855 Ful Metal Jacket 500 Rnd
6/29/2024	Sig Sauer P365 9MM Pistol Semi-Auto	12/21/2024	Springfield XD-S Mod .2 OSP W/CTS 1500 Optic
7/6/2024	Blackstone 36" 4 Burner Griddle Station with Hood	12/28/2024	Winchester AmmoA 5.56 M855 Ful Metal Jacket 500 Rnd

**** Prizes redeemable at any Academy Sports and Outdoor****

For tickets or additional information please contact Sharon Shrine Office—903-566-2151

\$50.00 per ticket; limited to 1000 tickets—numbers 000-999; cost is less than \$1 per chance *52 chances to win—One winner per week*

Winner determined by the Saturday NIGHT Texas Lotto Pick 3 number as posted in EXACT order

Sharon Shrine will contact each winner *Ticket number good from point of purchase—can win multiple times*

Net proceeds from this activity are for the benefit of Sharon Shrine and are not tax deductible as a charitable contribution



**Sharon Shrine Oriental Band
Fundraiser for
Texas Assoc. of Shrine Oriental Bands**

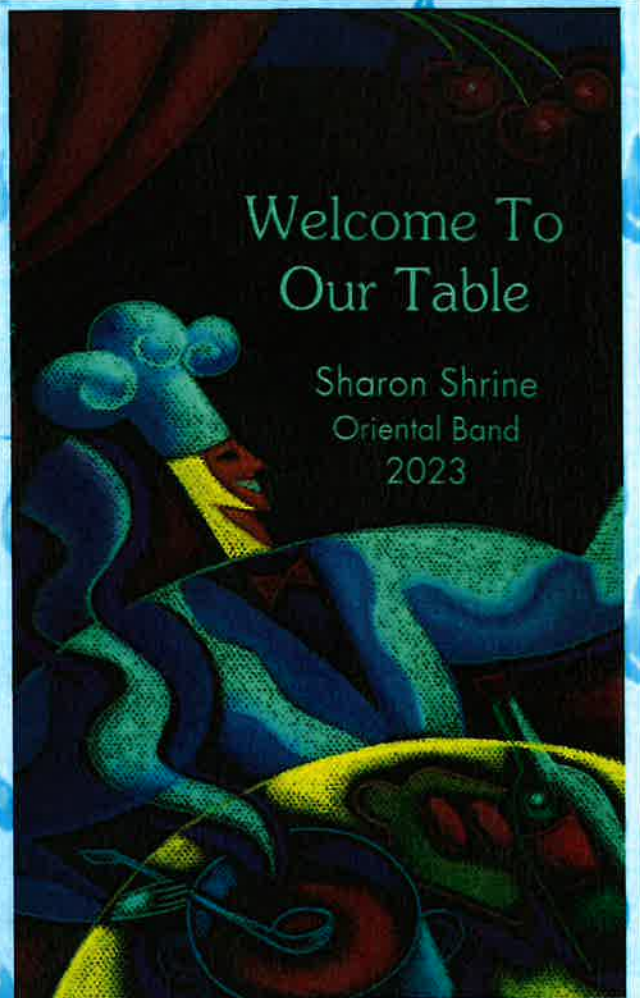
**2' X 3' Hand-Carved
American Flag w / Eagle**

\$5 Each or 5 Tickets for \$20

Saturday, April 6th, 2024

Need not be present to win

To Purchase Tickets, Please Contact
Paul Stanley @ (430) 502-7293,
Les Crawley @ (903) 780-1606 or
Any Oriental Band Member



**Check out these
fundraisers that the
Oriental Band has
going on!**



Judy Kunzman
REALTOR



The Judy Kunzman Team

Bus: 903.861.0111
Fax: 903.534.6699
Email: jkunzman@kw.com
www.JudyKunzman.com

KELLER WILLIAMS
Part of the Independence Group of Companies
6761 Old Jacksonville Hwy. • Tyler, Texas 75703

903.360.0563



Michael Ogg
Realtor

Office 903-871-3224
Cell 903-780-8507
Fax 903-871-3228
Michael@PRESTIGERealty.org

Search the Entire MLS for Free!
www.Michael.TylerHomeFinder.com

JOE NELMS

5445 Troup Hwy
Tyler, TX, 75707
www.ncomminc.com

o. 903.509.0202
c. 903.521.7101
joe@ncomminc.com

NCOMM

TELEPHONE SYSTEMS • VOICE/DATA CABLING • FIBER OPTICS

ERIC DORSEY
President

DORSEY CONSTRUCTION Inc.

Cell: 903.571.9933

P.O. Box 1788
Whitehouse, TX 75791

eric@dorseyconstructioninc.com
www.DorseyConstructionInc.com

BUSINESS TELEPHONE SYSTEMS
Sales & Service

FIBER OPTICS
Install • Termination • Testing • Fusion

PHONE & DATA CABLING
Cat5e • Cat6

NCOMM

PANOLA COUNTY SHRINE CLUB

403 N. DAVIS • CARTHAGE, TX 75633

Cutter Clinton - President
Joe Ogden - Vice President
Denny Jernigan - Secretary/Treasurer

REGULAR STATED MEETING
THE THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH



Kentucky Derby

details to come

later



SPENCER DISTRIBUTING CO.

**JERRY SPENCER
CEO**

P.O. Box 1909 Office: (903) 723-5709
Palestine, TX 75802 Fax: (903) 729-8569

**SABINE COUNTY
SHRINE CLUB**

and
**LADIES AUXILIARY
HEMPHILL, TX**

2nd Monday Meal @ 6p mtg @7p



WORL SERVICES, INC.
Precision Machine & Fabrication

P. O. Box 242
TROUP, TEXAS
75789

REX D. WORL

903-571-8157
RWORL@AOL.COM



If you have any information that needs to be updated in the system (i.e. change of address, ph #, status of fellow Shriners, etc...) please update your profile in your webfez account or inform the office of updates so corrections can be made.

If you know of any parades and you would like Sharon Shrine to participate let us know!



How to Download and Use My FezCard Viewer

Download My FezCard Viewer – iPhone

1. Open the App Store on your phone.
2. Search for "My FezCard Viewer" and click on the icon.
3. Click the "Install" button to install My FezCard Viewer.

Using My FezCard Viewer

1. Open My FezCard Viewer. Enter your Shrine ID and Last Name. Type your Temple Name and click on it to highlight it as below. Click the "REGISTER" button at the bottom. You will only need to register the first time you open the app.



2. At the bottom of the screen, you will have two options: Shrine Card and QR Code. The screenshot below shows the Shrine Card option.



3. You can click "QR Code" at the bottom or swipe the screen to the left to view the QR Code for easy scanning at Temple events and functions.



Download My FezCard Viewer – Android

1. Open the Google Play Store on your phone.
2. Search for "My FezCard Viewer" and click on the icon.
3. Click the "Install" button to install My FezCard Viewer.

Using My FezCard Viewer

1. Open My FezCard Viewer. Enter your Shrine ID and Last Name. Type your Temple Name and click on it to highlight it as below. Click the "REGISTER" button at the bottom. You will only need to register the first time you open the app.



2. At the top of the screen, you will have two options: Shrine Card and QR Code. The screenshot below shows the Shrine Card option.



3. You can click "QR Code" at the top or swipe the screen to the left to view the QR Code for easy scanning at Temple events and functions.



If you or your unit/club have anything to add to the script please have it into the office by the 21st of the month