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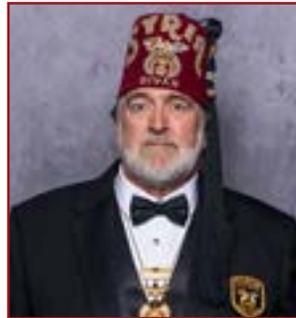
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a message from the
**ILLUSTRIOUS
POTENTATE**



ALAN R. TEDESCHI

One quarter of the year has passed, and by the time this issue hits the newsstands, we will be well into the second quarter.

Time is not supposed to go this fast, especially when you are having the time of your life. And I truly am.

It's not because of the title on my name badge. It's because I see everything falling into place just as I envisioned. It's all because of every one of you Nobles and your Ladies. Your efforts are proof that we are a very

strong Shrine family. You make me proud to be a Shriner. A Syria Shriner!

I love you all, and a heartfelt THANK YOU. We are truly a beautiful family. B.M.B.

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from the

RECORDER'S DESK



ROBERT T. ADDLEMAN, JR., P.P.

As I sit at the keyboard to create this column on deadline day (as close to the actual publication date as I can get!), Spring has officially sprung and the Nobles, Ladies and Friends of Pittsburgh's Syria Shriners are shaking off the vestiges of our very mild winter to once again tend to the business of Fun and Fellowship around our Oasis. Parade season is upon us, the stage band dances have returned and we're getting to "Have the Time of Our Lives" at the 2024 Shriners Ball at the end of the month.

Before you know it, we'll be indulging in wines, chocolates and other decadent delicacies at the First Choice Wine Festival and before the end of next month, season five of the Thunder Thursdays Summer Music Series will be rocking the Pittsburgh Shrine Center Pavilion every Thursday evening. And that's just the beginning!

Illustrious Sir Al and First Lady Cathie

have all kinds of fun planned for the second quarter. We'll welcome new Nobles in May and celebrate the return of the Syria Shrine Circus at the Washington County Fairgrounds in June. At the end of June, your representatives will travel to Reno, Nevada for the annual Imperial Session of Shriners International. We anticipate the official announcement from Imperial Sir Mark Hartz that he will bring the Imperial Session to Pittsburgh in July, 2028. We will be the host Temple! That's a first and quite an honor!

Plans are underway to resurface the roadway and parking areas at the Pittsburgh Shrine Center. This work is long overdue, but your board of directors and holding corporation simply did not believe we could afford such a project and we anticipated accomplishing it piecemeal, as exigencies would arise and funds could be appropriated. Some of the proceeds from the Hunkawitz estate will be earmarked to

repave and expand our parking facilities. This improvement will enhance our Shrine Center for years to come.

While I write this 10 days before our April Quarterly Meeting, I trust we will have voted to postpone indefinitely the dues increase we approved at the October, 2023 Quarterly Meeting. I would like to remind everyone that we voted in January to change our bylaws to suspend members once they are in arrears of one year or more in their dues to Syria Shriners. We will no longer carry members through two years of dues delinquency. Please be sure to pay your 2024 dues (and any possible arrearage) by December 31.

We're off to a great start "Doing More in '24." Do your part to continue the success by remembering B. M. B.

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May Almighty God, of His infinite goodness, at the great tribunal of unbiased justice, extend His mercy toward our Brother, and toward all of us, and crown our hopes with everlasting peace, in the realms of a boundless eternity. So mote it be.

notes from **Shriners Children's- Erie**

During 2023, Shriners Children's – Erie (SC-E) continued to grow and improve as we worked to keep up with the ever changing healthcare environment.



BY DR. BARRY HOOTMAN

The Shrine system began a rebranding, dropping the word Hospital from its official name. SC-E appointed a new administrative team to begin in mid-summer. This coincided with the decision, after lengthy review, to remain at the 8th Street site. Some

cosmetic improvements to the building have already begun, while planning and marketing of unused space in the building is proceeding. Many administrative functions have been rolled into regional control. We are part now of the Shriners Children's Northeast Region, including SC-Philadelphia, SC-Boston, SC-Stockbridge, and SC-Montreal.

During 2023, SC-E recovered from Covid declines. We evaluated 2,412 new patients, and had 12,497 outpatient visits. Our Rehab Services (physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy) had 8,060 visits. There were 526 visits for dietary consultations, as well as 2,654 visits to the prosthetics and orthotics lab. It's a busy place. Shriners Day will be Sunday June 4, 2024. Come, tour the facility and enjoy the festivities.

The best news yet is that charitable donations to SC-E for 2023 totaled just over \$3,000,000 !! So, rest assured your work through Temple, Caravan, Club activities is being put to good use for the benefit of kids in need. Our goal for 2024 is \$3,100,000. Let's beat it. Remember, checks are best made out to Shriners Children's - Erie. We currently do not have a Capital Project to fund, but designation to wheelchair fund, catheter fund, or POPs (prosthetics and orthotics) can be denoted on the check. Donations may be sent directly to SC-E, or Syria Temple who will forward, or send to me and I will present it at a Board meeting.

And finally, Thoughts and Prayers for Noble Harry Truax. Harry spent 9 years as an Associate Board member, then 7 more years as a full Board member. This in addition to his time with Motor Corps and other Temple responsibilities. A Life well lived.

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We Had Our Reason to Smile, Now Let's Give Her a Reason to Smile- The 2024 Potentate Stag

Over the years as a **Syria Shriner**, many of our events have become very special to me. But the one that seems to stick out and provide the most fun and enjoyment, at least over the last few years, has been the annual Potentate Stag Party.

BY CHARLIE ZURCHER

Perhaps it is that break in our long and cold winter when our Shriner family can get together for some long awaited fun. Perhaps it is the fun of taking over an entire floor of a hotel for our pure enjoyment. Or perhaps we just missed each other.

I tend to look at this event as the real start

of our Shriner season. We have most of the long, cold, dark Pittsburgh winter behind us and we can begin to focus on longer and warmer days. Springtime offers a chance to reset and for renewal within nature. We welcome this new beginning in nature and it can carry over into our own lives as well. Sometimes that renewal can carry over by reaching out to our older Shriner brothers just to make sure they made it safely through the

winter months and that we are thinking of them. After all, we are a family and we need to look out for one another.

In contrast to the last few years, this Potentate party actually felt like spring. If you recall two years ago, we held our party in the middle of an arctic blizzard. I remember carrying that precious cargo of fine liquor bottles and cases of camel's milk through dangerously bitter cold winds and snow drifts safely into the hospitality suite. Even last year, though we didn't have the high winds and icy snow drifts, it was so cold. This year was rather nice with mild temperatures and some light rain. But as in the past, the weather outside really didn't matter much as the warmth of our brotherhood vividly prevailed inside. It was certainly a good reason to smile.

It was a great evening with our Illustrious Potentate, Al Tedeschi. The entire evening was fantastic. Guest speaker Paul Alexander told some very interesting stories ranging from highpoints of Masonic Brother Arnold

Palmer of Latrobe funding a burn patient's private jet flight to the Shriner Hospital Burn Unit in Cincinnati, to some low points of that quarterback who used to play for the Steelers who has some questionable moral values. As a member of the Patrol Unit, it was an honor to be part of the opening flag ceremony with the Legion of Honor. As the Captain of the Patrol Unit, I had the privilege of accompanying our Potentate to all the hospitality suites. It was the first time I did that and it really meant a lot. The Patrol Unit, the oldest unit in the Syria Shrine, has the responsibility of watching over the Potentate.



These parties are so much fun and the brotherhood is phenomenal. With honor and pride we also play our parts as men, Masons and Shriners by presenting gifts to the potentate during the dinner from the various clubs, units and Caravans to benefit the Shriner's Children's Hospitals. But as much as this means, it really isn't quite the same as marching in the parades with those Patrol Unit curled up shoes and having those children smile and laugh as we pass by. There's something extra special about that experience. It has touched me in ways that I never imagined possible, and you all know it has given me plenty to write about over the past several years. However, something really magical happened to me this year, and it was not on that Saturday night at the Airport Marriott but rather when I arrived back at the Shriner Center to unload all our party stuff the next morning.

The day after the party is always interesting as a mild headache is usually present due to the successful depletion of some of those wonderful bottles of cheer the day and night before. Therefore, that accomplishment can sometimes offer an extra challenge to transport all the items that make a successful hospitality suite safely back to the Temple.

A fully loaded push cart to take these items to the car was not good enough. I like to have our large PATROL sign prominently displayed in the hallway marking the entrance to our hospitality suite as well as the American flag. These items did not fit in the elevator, so I had to carry them down the three flights of steps to the car instead. Then after arrival back to the Temple, many trips were necessary to get everything back to where it belonged into the Patrol Unit suite. Everything was back to where it should be, then as I was ready to leave, I glanced on the floor and it hit me.

In the haste to load up everything we needed to take to the party, I uncovered some old Shriner's Hospital posters in one of our cabinets and just laid them on the floor out

of the way. I didn't even know that we had anything like that, and I certainly didn't have the time to look at them before I left with the carload of everything we needed to the Airport Marriott for the party. There they sat, on the floor of the Patrol Unit Suite back at the Temple, but the one on the top of the stack touched my heart.

It's only a piece of poster paper, but yet it had such an impact. It's a poster from years ago as an advertisement for our Shriner's Hospitals. It shows a photo of a young blonde haired girl with pig tails in a white dress, though using forearm crutches to help her walk, with one of the most beautiful smiles you will ever see. That radiant smile being a by-product of what we do as Shriners, able to provide her with the necessary medical care she needed and perhaps could not get anywhere else. I don't know who she is, or how she is doing today, but what is for sure is that we as Shriners made a difference for this little girl. We were there for her when she really needed someone to care. This is what we do for so many children and it is something we can collectively be very proud of. This is what being a Shriner truly means and truly makes us one of the greatest organizations in the world.

I just smiled as I left the Shriner Center that morning and yes, we had a good reason to smile the day before at the Potentate Stag party, but more importantly, now let's give her a good reason to smile...

To that hopeful child, we're the answer to their prayer

These are the defining moments as Shriners which we all share

When many have given up, we offer hope to the ones in need

To make a difference, it's what we do, so that child can succeed

We'll always be there to put a smile on a child's face

To take them, even if only momentarily, to a much better place

Together we're all gonna help some child's dream turn out just fine

With honor, respect and pride, we're Nobles of the Mystic Shrine



March winds bring four new patients

Patient transportation started out slow this year. There were few hospital trips in January & February.

BY ALVIN DOUGLAS

Since COVID, many parents are driving themselves. But, on the first week of March that changed, the phone started ringing and the laptop started flashing, "you got mail". I had to create patient files for new patients, from New Wilmington, Smicksburg, Jefferson Hills, and Darlington. The next week was going to be busy.

On Monday, of the second week of March, Ed O'Brien and Dave Travaglio drove Harvey H. and his mom to Erie Shriners Hospital, for his first appointment.

On Tuesday, Randy Hobaugh and William Gurtner transported Layah L. and Mom from Jefferson Hills to Erie. Mom was excited to hear that we provide transportation. She had already driven to Philadelphia for her first visit, and said, "that's a very long trip". I told her we know; we have taken many trips to Philadelphia. Her next trip will be to Shriners Philadelphia. Layah needs surgery.



On Wednesday Don Wiles and Tom Prager had the long trip to Philadelphia and back to the Syria garage. Mom Michelle, with Josiah & McKenah K. met the drivers at the garage. They have been our patients for over a dozen years. McKenah had a cast removed and her brother had to have the rod in his back lengthened.

On Thursday Ron Plesh and Dan Carlock picked up D. Byler, a new patient from New Wilmington, for his first trip to Erie. We now have three D. Byler's with same name. This

was also, Dan Carlock's first Roadrunner trip to Erie.

On Saturday all four vans participated in the St. Patrick's Day parade, in Lower Burrell. Driven by the same Roadrunners, Don, Ron, Al Douglas, George Dering, and Dan again for his first parade.

Van #1 has pictures of Josiah & McKenah on each side, their mom, Michelle sent me a message Saturday evening. She said, "She received many phone calls today, saying they saw the kid's pictures on the van, in the parade". They were happy, and we are happy, that the Shriner vans are both seen and appreciated by many at the parade.

On the third Monday in March there was a well attended Roadrunner meeting and included two Divan members. High Priest & Prophet Fritz Richardson and Chief Rabban Tom Prager were present. There were a lot of new and old Roadrunner faces. Noble Robert Robinson had his application read. He is now a Roadrunner. The president & secretary were confused after the vote. They thought Maurice Snyder was the new Roadrunner. Maurice is new, but he was voted on at the last meeting.

We require a valid driver license and an up-to-date dues card with the new application for a new driver. We also use the license pictures to identify new faces at the meeting, and they look very similar!

I am happy to tell you that we have three members of the Divan and a Past Potentate Terry Steinheiser in the Roadrunner Club transporting our kids. Assistant Rabban Randy Hobaugh was missing from the meeting. He is attending Rabban class for his new position on the Divan. I am glad that Syria's presiding officers are participating in the Temple Mission of transporting the kids to the Shrine Hospitals.

We drive so our kids can survive.



DON Installation 2024

BY AMY WHITE

Congratulations Queen Peggy Addleman. The installation day was beautiful. Visitors came to help celebrate from RE Temple in Maryland and Dorcas Temple in Altoona and were welcomed with open arms. Daughters of the Nile is in for an exciting 2024/2025.





VALENTINES DANCE









M.A.S.A

George Gittins will be Parade Marshal again for MASA at Virginia Beach. He is looking for three parade marshal assistants who will be attending MASA and can help with the line-up during the Saturday parade.

Contact George at 412-401-6450 or georgegittins42@icloud.com

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April 26 - Caravan 14 Seafood Stag
April 27 - Potentate Ball & Variety Show
May 16 - Shriners Spring Ceremonial
May 18 - First Choice Wine Festival
May 19 Memorial Service
May 30 - Thunder Thursdays Begins
June 1-2 - Erie Hospital Days
June 6 - Pittsburgh's Syria Shriners Day
June 14-16 - Shrine Circus
June 22 - Hillbilly Ball
June 30-July 4 - Imperial Session
July 12 - RV Club Picnic

July 13 - Sportsman's Bash
July 21 - Motor Corps Car Cruise
July 29 - Syria Golf Scramble
Aug 3 - Caravan 14 'Pinky Classic' Golf
Aug 5 - Quarterly Meeting
Aug 8-10 - International Hillbilly Convention
Aug 10 - Friends & Family Picnic
Aug 11 - Aides & Ambassadors Picnic
Sept 3-7 - M.A.S.A.
Sept 19 - Shriners Fall Ceremonial
Sept 21 - Shrine Oktoberfest
Sept 28 - Hillbilly Ceremonial Picnic
Oct 7 - Quarterly Meeting
Oct 11-13 - Fort Ligonier Days
Oct 19 - Special Event!
Oct 20 - Spaghetti Dinner
Oct 26-Nov 2 - Punta Cana Trip
Nov 17 - Prelude to Christmas
Nov 23 - Highlanders Ball
Dec 8 - Kids Christmas Party
Dec 27 - Youth Dance
Dec 31 - NYE Party

CLOWNS

Noble Dennis "Radish" Schweinsburg named 2023 ISCA Clown of the Year

At the 2024 International Shrine Clown Association (ISCA) mid-winter convention, our beloved Brother Radish was named Clown of the Year for 2023.



Radish has worked tirelessly to promote clowning throughout the Oasis, and nationwide through his involvement with the Northeast Clown Institute and his affiliations with multiple Shrine Clown units. He has mentored dozens of clowns over the years, and remains an active participant in Harige events, earning several Red Nose and Gold Nose awards over the past decade.

Humble in spirit and attitude, he asked us not to make a fuss. We could go into fine details and fill up the page with his many accomplishments, but we could not let this occasion pass without our heartfelt congratulations. Clown of the Year looks good on you, Brother Radish!

Salute from your brothers in the Harige Unit!

The Continuing Adventures of the Award Winning Syria Shrine Clowns

In football, it is the Super Bowl. In basketball, it is March Madness. In soccer, it is the World Cup. For a clown, it is and always will be Circus time.



BY ROB "SPLOTCHIE" BRINKLEY

After four empty years, the Syria Clowns will once again enter the hallowed three rings to bring smiles to children of all ages.

One of the keys to a "successful" circus for the clowns involves the preparation – costumes, makeup, skits are our stock-in-trade. So, what does "spring training" look like to a clown? We began the process in March with a makeup class for the new guys that became clowns during the 'covid' years, when there was considerably less personal contact. Under the tutelage of Harige Captain Bubbles, First Lt. Jingles, and 2023 ISCA Clown of the Year Radish, the guys came in

on their night off to get some detailed tips on making their overall appearance better. April showers brought May flowers as the skit committee worked behind the scenes to find a few minutes of amusement to share with our circus crowd. At the same time, Hobo Joe and the rest of the Harige board were organizing our part of the circus book, and getting the line-up prepared for the Greatest Show in Washington County!

All the while, our Mighty Men of Merriment ventured out into the local area for school events and birthday parties as we got in shape for parade season. Some of us even traveled to Irem Oasis for the Mid-Atlantic Shrine Clown Association 2024 Clown-a-Rama (at this writing, we haven't actually

gone yet, but we are always hopeful to continue the tradition of being the Award Winning Syria Shrine Clowns).

It is a great time to be a clown, and we always look forward to seeing you all around the Oasis!

God Bless You All Real Good!

History of Camel Wheels

Camel Wheels has a long history from its beginnings. For a little bit of history of the Camel Wheels unit, the equipment that is currently used are three wheeled “trikes” powered by 5 and 8 horsepower engines. Alsport Tri-Sport manufactured these machines in the early 1970’s and, you cannot purchase them any longer.

BY VICTOR PERRY - VICE PRESIDENT

A few of these trikes have a fourth wheel added to the rear of the trike for use doing the “wheelies” in the parade. The team performs swift and complicated drills during the parades. Camel Wheels perform “Wheelies” between each different maneuver. Audiences ranging from toddlers to golden-agers are extremely appreciative of their performances and invite them back year after year.

The maneuver requires great concentration and skill. One of the key and important members of the team is a gentleman named Herb Brant. Herb is an expert at performing the “wheelies.” He trained other key individuals in performing this maneuver for our current parades. He gained knowledge and experience when he joined the Camel Wheels in 1988. He has trained and led the group for the past 36 years.

Herb is a key member of the team as the Secretary and Treasurer, as well as, the maintenance coordinator. This entails stocking the various key engine and drive train parts which happen to break down after 53 years. If Herb doesn’t have the broken part, he finds a way to get it made at a local machine shop. If a member has a problem with their machine, it’s not unusual for the member to bring it to his home and

have Herb help him to get it safely road worthy again.

Thank you and congratulations, Herb for your unending support!

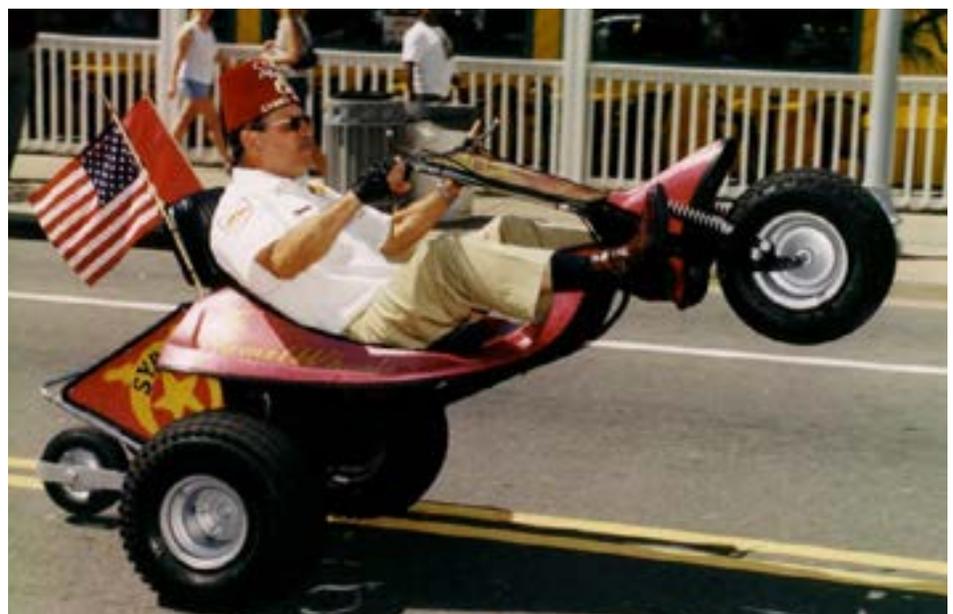
Camel Wheels Patrol participates in parades mostly in Southwestern Pennsylvania, but some have been as far South as Virginia and North to Niagara Falls, Canada. This group prides themselves as being professional paraders and perform from April through October, weather permitting.

Meetings are usually held the 3rd Sunday in the Camel Wheels Unit room at the Shrine Center. The only cost you will have are the cost of the uniforms. The trikes are available to ride for any new member. If you are interested in coming out that day, please contact Herb Brant at 412-889-6113.

Current officers of the Camel Wheels are, President Don Panzone; Vice President Vic Perry, and Secretary-Treasurer Herb Brant.



Herb Brant



Herb Brant above performing the infamous Wheelie.

Hillbilly Clan 53 Fixin to Spring Into Sum Events

Howdy cuzins! We got a lot of stuff coming up from the hills.

BY BRAD FLEIG

Starting off with a big thank you to all who joined us for the St. Patrick day parade in Lower Burrell, And to the Bethel Lodge for having us hillbillies for breakfast before the parade. Our next event is the spring spaghetti dinner April 21. If yall would like to help out it would be greatly appreciated. If not, come get some good fixins.

Our Hillbilly Ball is June 22. Don't miss out! Get your bibs and bow ties on for this rootin tootin foot stompin good time. Reservations

are due to cuzzin Jeremy by June 10th.

Tentative date for our ceremonial is Sept 28 at the Raban's homestead in Sarver again this year. More details to follow. Any flatlanders wanting to join the Grand and Glorious order of Hillbilly Clan 53, get your petitions in in to one of the officers (Ken, Brad, or Jeremy) and we will make sure you get all the details.

Parades lined up as of now are 5-27 Monroeville, 7-4 midland and Leestdale, 7-20 Glassport, 8-17 Kennedy Township, 9-7 Ford

city, 9-21 Penn Trafford. We are working on setting up a few more as they come in. We need all the cuzins out to ride on our great float and yea that includes you lady hillbillies too!

We can use some help selling raffle tickets! If interested get ahold of the Raban Ken Harvey 724 816 0190 or keeper of the cob Brad Fleig 412 999 9690. We have a Giant Eagle gift card raffle to go off on April 21 and also for a 4 person all day fishing charter in Erie to go off at the Sportsman's Bash. And we have another raffle planned for the end of the summer.

Lastly please welcome our new officer the guardian of the still Jeremy Manners.

Join us on Facebook Three rivers Hillbilly Clan #53 official page to keep up with all current happenings! Honor the Cob!

2024 CASH GIVE AWAY TICKETS

Coming in May 2024

HOLIDAY-CASH-GIVE AWAY

Tickets sold for \$10.00 per ticket and lottery drawings based on the Pa Lottery FOUR DIGIT NUMBER the week of Christmas

Given away during the Christmas Week.

December 21st - \$500

December 22nd - \$1000

December 23rd - \$1500

December 24th - \$2000

December 25th - \$20,000

YOU CAN GET YOUR TICKETS FROM ANY DIVAN, CARAVAN, UNIT OR CLUB MEMBER

Tim McKiernan – Email – tmckiernan@gmail.com

Randy Hobaugh Email – rhobaugh23@gmail.com

CONTACT SYRIA SHRINE OFFICE AT 412-274-7000

Save The Date
Shriners Children's Erie
 and **Pirrello Enterprises Inc.**
 invite you to

Shredding for Shriners

Saturday, April 20, 2024
 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
 1645 W. 8th Street, Erie, PA

100% SECURE

Please note: There will only be one shredding event in 2024!

4 box limit (standard cardboard box)

Donate to Shriners Children's Erie

Please bring items to be shredded in cardboard box and place them in your trunk. No need to get out of your vehicle.

Questions? Call 814-875-8723





Highlanders of Syria Shrine

What a **St. Patrick's Day!** The Syria Shrine Highlanders and Jaffa Shrine Highlanders did the Pittsburgh Parade and it looked and sounded really great.

BY PAPPY PATCHIN, DRUM MAJOR

We have had the honor of marching for the Allegheny County Sheriff for many years and helping to provide entertainment at a reception and luncheon afterward. This year Sheriff Kevin M. Kraus invited us to assist him, again. We thank Sheriff Kraus for giving us some great publicity and giving him musical

accompaniment in the parade. We ate and played for his guests at the Westfall Fire Hall and had a really good time. Our Jaffa Shrine Nobles had a good time and made new friends.

Later we went into Bar Hop mode and Piper Matt Perry had us moving by bus from The North Park Clubhouse to the Harmony Inn. We always march into the Inn and it's a

tight squeeze. Then on to the Zelenople VFW and The Hungarian Club. The Hungarian Club has been an enjoyable stop for us because we can take a rest in our schedule, have a bit of time to have some fun with the patrons. We rounded out the evening with stops at Ba' Runi, Scoots and finished at the Route 68 Feed Mill. That is a lot of playing.

Our Ladies were right there with us, gathering the donations, helping the crowd have a good time then totaling up what we made at each location. Thank you, Wendy, Oxona, Jenn, Ardie and the Jaffa Ladies!

WE SET A RECORD! We raised \$7,235.44! We will be sharing this with the Nobles of Jaffa Shrine, who, without them we could not have been able to accomplish so much this year. Pictured is the combined band.



Syria Shriners

Presents

2024

Syria Shriner Golf Scramble

When: Monday, July 29, 2024

Where: Westmoreland Country Club

7100 Mellon Road, Export, Pa 15632

Time: Shot Gun Start Noon – Check-in 10:30AM

Format: Four Man Golf Scramble

Golf, Cart, Lunch, Steak Dinner, Prizes
All for the low cost of \$150.00 per Golfer.
Open to Everyone: Nobles/Friends/Ladies
Dinner Only - \$60.00 per person

Entry Form

Mail entry form for both Golfers and/or Sponsor to:

Randy Hobaugh, 39 Rosanne Circle, Irwin Pa 15642

Phone 724-858-7158 Email: rhobaugh23@gmail.com

Make Checks Payable to “Syria Shrine”

Golfers Sign up - \$150. Per Golfer X No.Golfer = \$ _____

Team Captain: _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Team Member 2: _____ 3: _____ 4: _____



FAMILY AND FRIENDS

PICNIC

Aug. 10 1-5 pm SHRINE PAVILION

**Family Fun
Games & Prizes
Picnic Meal
Entertainment
Activities for All**

Checks Payable to: Syria Shrine
Mail to: Fritz Richardson
108 Simon Lane
Slippery Rock, PA 16057

RESPOND by: Aug. 3, 2024 SORRY, NO WALK-INS

First/Last Name: _____ Phone No. _____

Children's Ages: _____ Boy _____ Girl _____

\$8.00/PP x _____ Total # of People = \$ _____ Total Enclosed

REMEMBER NOBLES!

Unless prevented by a Holiday, Quarterly Meetings are held on the 1st Monday of January, April, August and October. Make a point of joining us for all the deliberations.

\$40/TICKET

SYRIA Shriners Caravan 14

APRIL 26, 2024

SEAFOOD STAG

SAXONBURG FIREHALL
6:00 HAPPY HOUR
7:00 DINNER
TICKETS ARE PRESALE ONLY

CONTACT:
PHIL THOMPSON 724-355-4006

On the Road with the **RODE RIGS**

Well, **Spring** has finally sprung, and the Rigs are busier than ever. The Rigs had 9 members attended the Potentate's stag at the Airport Marriot. We had a good time at the banquet.



BY DENNIS CONRAD, SECRETARY/TREASURER

The food was good and so was the fellowship. The Rigs made a presentation to the Potentate of a check for \$1,000 for his Special Project. We were also honored at the stag by being asked to participate in the Potentate's honor guard. Our Hospitality Room was well attended by the Nobles as usual. We had plenty of food and drinks and a good time was had by all.

We are in full parade mode already and parade season doesn't usually start until May. We participated in Lower Burrell's St. Patty's Day parade. What a good time we had. There were tons of people along the parade route cheering and clapping and snapping photos as we drove down Leechburg Road. As usual the parade requests are coming in hot and heavy. The Rigs are one of the most asked for units in our Oasis. We've had parade requests from Prospect, Sewickley, Coraopolis, Brentwood, South Hills and Cannonsburg to name a few. We'll participate in as many of the local parades as possible as we try not to disappoint our fans. The Rigs are always on the go even if we are not parading. We participate in many Shrine activities. Once again, this year we will help at the Bunny Bash. We are going to man the kitchen and handle food preparation and serving lunch. Don't forget



to look for us at the Wine Festival in May and try one of our fabulous Cheese Steak Hoagie sandwiches or one of our Mouth Watering 100% pure Beef Hot Dogs. Speaking of food, our next Hoagie and Pepperoni Roll Sale is coming up on Thursday June 20. Please use the order form in the Voice or contact one of the members of the Rode Rigs or Provost Guard to get your order in. You've tried the rest, now try the Best.

You say you're interested in joining a parade unit, but don't want to walk. You're tired of sitting on the sidelines you want to get active. Well, I have the answer for you.. Join The Rode Rigs. We are a Mini Tractor Trailing and Mini Jeep unit. We ride, we don't walk, we have loads of fun on and off the parade route and we're one of the most popular units in the Shrine. Right now, to make things easy to join, we happen to have a used Jeep from one of our members that retired. It is parade ready and for sale for \$1,800.

If you're interested in joining call President John Handshue at 412-877-4263 or Secretary/Treasurer Dennis Conrad at 412-956-2245 or Membership Chairman Joe Micikas at 724-344-0540.

Remember Keep on Truck'n for the Kids.

Shrine Band Springs into Action

The Shrine Band has already sprung into action in preparation for its 2024 season.

BY PEG ANDERSON

The Band, under the direction of Jack Anderson, has begun its practices at the Shrine Center on the second and fourth Thursday nights of every month from 7-9:00pm.

Spring and summer offer the Band the opportunity to ride on the band wagon in several local parades. Memorial Day, Monday, May 27 will see marches and patriotic favorites played when the Band joins the Sewickley parade at 10:00am and then travels across the river to participate in the Coraopolis parade at 1:00 in the afternoon. The Band will also play in the Kennedy

Township Firemen's Parade on Saturday, August 17.

Kids Day America Butler County invited Band members to participate in a charity event On Saturday, May 11. The Band will perform a sit-down concert at the Butler Farm Grounds at noon. Proceeds from this event go to Isaiah House, an organization that provides a home for children entering the foster care program.

The Masonic Village in Sewickley will be the location for two sit-down concerts this Spring. On April 11, the Band will play for independent residents in the main building social room. On June 13 the Band will

perform an outside concert for residents. Broadway showtunes, marches, sing-alongs, and audience favorites will make up the concert line-up.

Band officers are scheduling other performance opportunities. If you have a suggestion or request for the Band to play at a retirement/nursing home or a community event, please contact us. And, if you have an instrument lying around and you'd like to start playing again, we encourage you to join us! We guarantee that you'll have a great time!

If interested, please contact our Band president, Don Taylor (412-831-6210 trumpetdon@gmail.com) or Ray Langer, the Band secretary, (412-788-4164 plang57@comcast.net).

WE PLAY SO KIDS CAN!

Syria Shriners Sportsman's Bash

Saturday, July 13, 2024 • \$50.00 Donation

50/50 Raffle • Floor Raffle • Food & Beverage/Beer Provided

EARLY BIRD DRAWING FOR ALL TICKETS TURNED IN ON APRIL 15 AT NOON, \$500 PRIZE

Doors open at 11:00am (w/ door prizes!) First drawing at 12:00pm. Winner need not be present. SGOC #23717. Special Raffle Permit #2819. Age 21+ for alcoholic beverages. Photo ID required. Guns Provided by Sportsman's Supply Co. - Iron City Beer Sponsored event

*** For every 10 tickets you sell, seller earns a chance for a special \$10 gun table prize!**

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| 12:00....\$500 CASH | 2:40....FN High Power 9mm |
| 12:10....Colt Anaconda 44 Mag | 2:50....Kriess USA Vector Carbine 9mm |
| 12:20....Henry Big Boy Revolver 357 Mag | 3:00....Browning BLR 243 Win |
| 12:30....\$500 CASH | 3:10....Henry Big Boy All-Weather 357 Mag |
| 12:40....Magnum Research Desert Eagle 50 AE | 3:20....FN FNX 45 Acp |
| 12:50....Benelli Super Nova 12 GA | 3:30....Colt King Cobra Target 357 Mag |
| 1:00....\$500 CASH | 3:40....Henry Mares Leg 44 Mag |
| 1:10....Weatherby Mark V Hunter 270 Win | 3:50....Springfield 1911 Mil-Spec Stainless 45 Acp |
| 1:20....Diamondback DB10 308 Win | 4:00....Ruger GP100 357 Mag |
| 1:30....\$500 CASH | 4:10....Auto Ordnance 1924A-1 Commando 45 Acp |
| 1:40....Auto Ordnance M1 Carbine 30 Carbine | 4:20....Bergara B14 Hunter 6.5 Creedmoor |
| 1:50....Smith & Wes. 1911 Performance Center Custom 45 Acp | 4:30....IWI UZI Pro 9mm |
| 2:00....\$500 CASH | 4:40....FN SCAR 16S 5.56mm |
| 2:10....Marlin 1895 Guide Gun 45-70 Gov't | 4:50....Browning Citori Lighting 20 Ga |
| 2:20....Tikka 3X Lite 308 Win | 5:00....\$10,000 CASH OR FILL A GUN SAFE! |
| 2:30....Magnum Research Desert Eagle 1911 Stainless 45 Acp | |

GET YOUR TICKETS AT: www.syriashriners.org

Save the Date



All-Inclusive Punta Cana Vacation OCTOBER 26-NOVEMBER 2, 2024

Ill. Sir Al and First Lady Cathie Tedeschi invite you to relax at the beautiful All-Inclusive Dreams Royal Beach Resort in Punta Cana for 7 Nights October 26 – November 2, 2024 . Perfectly located on the magnificent northeast coast of the Dominican Republic, it is surrounded by the natural beauty of the island. A 5 Star Resort, it features unlimited dining, unlimited drinks, best-in-class service, Wi-Fi, endless entertainment, and 24 hour room service.

The All-Inclusive resort stay in paradise and round trip nonstop charter service from Pittsburgh to Punta Cana for \$1,669.68 per person based on double occupancy for a deluxe tropical view and \$1,674.32 per person based on double occupancy for a deluxe pool view. Transfers are included.

A passport is required.





Syracuse
SHRINERS
Pittsburgh, PA
SNOWBIRD PILGRIMAGE
SPRING BREAK 2024



The SNOWBIRD Pilgrimage

I wanted to try something different this year and bring back “The Snowbird Pilgrimage”.

BY ILLUSTRIOUS SIR, AL
TEDESCHI

In February we were up here freezing our Fezzes off, so we decided to invade southern Florida to check in with the lucky ones (or smart ones) that migrate south for the winter.

Thanks to our gracious hosts and organizers, Ill. Sir Gary Helander & Lady

Colleen, our four-day visit was jam packed with special events and hospitality (a lot of hospitality).

We toured Shriners International, we went on a very informative tour of (POP's), Pediatric Orthotics and Prostheses. (A must see for all Shriners if you ever get the opportunity). We ended the day with a great dinner hosted by Egypt Shrine, Tampa. A group of us went on a golf outing and the

non-golfers went to the beach and boardwalk shopping. We ended that day having a cookout prepared by our pitmasters Ill. Sir Erich Gumto and Ill. Sir Gary Helander. We capped off our weekend on the Calypso Queen for a beautiful Sunset Dinner Cruise, and trust me, WE ROCKED THE BOAT.

The Snowbird Pilgrimage has been re-established and we can't wait until next year's adventures.

SHRINE MOTOR CORPS

HONDA NAVI POCKET BIKE GIVEAWAY



WIN! **WIN!**

\$10.00
DRAWING
July 21, 2024
At Motor Corp
Car Cruise

WIN! **WIN!**

Syria Motor Corps is giving away a Honda Navi Pocket Bike!

Only \$10.00 per ticket!

The lucky winner will be selected at the annual Syria Motor Corps Car Cruise on July 21, 2024!
Need tickets? Can you assist in selling tickets? Contact Dave Weikel

SGOC #23717 Proceeds benefit Syria Motor Corps. Tickets purchases are not tax deductible.

Notes from the Chanters

The new year has brought some big changes to the Syria Chanters.

BY DAVID EICHELBERGER

We have decided to become a family-oriented group and are wanting to invite wives and older children to become members and join the Chanters.

The Versetti family has already contributed a very enthusiastic member, Hope Versetti, to the Chanters. We want to grow our group by welcoming couples and families to join with us in our musical adventures.

May is just around the corner and we plan an active season of parades. Last year, the wives joined us on the float and added much to our enjoyment and visibility as a Unit. Director Lee Pfeifer was impressed by their contribution and proposed the inclusion of wives and children in the choir as a way to grow the Chanters and help us to be better able to do more for the Shriners Children.

Many Chanters are planning to travel to the Imperial Shrine convention in Reno this summer and compete with Chanters from the west. We also are making plans

to participate in the events at MASA where we have transitioned from competing to entertaining those who are in attendance.

The Chanters practice is on Tuesdays in the Music room at 7 p.m. Come out and see how much fun we have together!

We are also available to offer musical programs for Lodges, Church gatherings, etc. Each summer we host a picnic for the Potentate and the Divan. You will see us at the Sportsman's Bash where we are raffling a crossbow once again. Tickets are already on sale, so get yours before we sell out!

If interested in a performance, contact Director Lee Pfeifer, lpfeifer@zoominternet.net or Secretary Jack Doverspike, sddoverspike@aol.com.



You can now know what is going on at Syria Shriners anytime, anywhere! This QR code will take you right to the 2024 event calendar:



*Have the Time of
Your Life!*

**The Potentate Ball
& Variety Show**
April 27th, 2024

GET TICKETS AT SYRIASHRINERS.ORG

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THURSDAY, MAY 16th

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THREE RIVERS HILLBILLY CLAN 53

SYRIA SHRINERS



All you can eat

Spaghetti Dinner

Sunday, April 21, 2024

12p – 6p

SYRIA SHRINE CENTER- 1877 Shriners Way Cheswick, PA



Ticket Price:

Adults - \$12.00

Children (Age 7-12) - \$6.00

Children (Age 7 and under) – Free

Take out orders available.

All the spaghetti, salad, and Italian bread you can eat.

Soft drinks, water and coffee included.

Bake sale during dinner for your sweet tooth needs.





Washington/Greene County Caravan No. 2

Caravan No. 2 held their annual Past President and Potentate’s Party on Dec. 1st, 2023.

BY MARK MARTIN

The Countryside Deli Banquet Hall in Washington, PA held the event. Over 80 guests attended and enjoyed a buffet dinner consisting of slow roasted beef, roasted chicken with a selection of side dishes. At the event, Caravan No. 2 honored 2023 Potentate, Illustrious Sir Jerry A. Sciuillo and his Divan. The Potentate received a check in the amount of \$9,000 for The Syria Transportation Fund and checks in amount of \$1,000 each to the Potentate’s Project and the General Fund of Syria Temple.

Also, the following were installed as Officers for the upcoming 2024 year;

President, Scott Carlson, First VP, Michael McMillen, Second VP, Timothy Solobay, Third VP, Fred Cregut, Treasurer, Harry Bertrand and Secretary, Mark Martin.

The 2024 Potentate Stag honoring the 2024 Potentate Illustrious Sir Alan R. Tedeschi took place on March 2nd at the Pittsburgh Airport Marriott. As in the past, Caravan No. 2 hosted guests with a Hospitality Room and provided roast beef sandwiches, chili and various libations to those attending the event. At the dinner, 2024 Caravan No. 2 President, Scott Carlson presented Illustrious Sir, Al Tedeschi a check in the amount of \$5,000 for his Potentate’s Project.



The Whispering Storm

My name is Windy Yarn and as a child people used to say “Liar! Liar! Pants on fire” and I used to watch the pants of my lying friends and was always disappointed when nothing happened.

BY WINDY YARN AND
FRED W. SHERIDAN

On January eighth I was at an O L dinner in the Teutonia Mannerchor and you cannot believe my disappointment that night. The evening started out fairly well as Lawton Stokes directed traffic while I squeezed into a tight parking spot on the street across from the front door. Inside, Treasurer Ed O'Brien was at his usual table while the members enjoyed the Limburger, Libations, and Lies that preceded the dinner. Nick Ridgeway was telling Scott Allen how he was related to General Matthew Ridgeway and that branch of the family spelled their surname without the “e”. Mac McClrath told Tom Smith and Erich Gumto how he signed up for a class on sex education at night school but had to drop out when he could not keep up with all the homework. George Wagner explained to Brian McLaughlin and Larry Palmer a book hit him in the head and he only has his shelf to blame. Rip Miller told Bob Sabilla and Tony Genaccarro that Bob Petty has back problems and will not make the dinner. Rip said Bob was always a strange person, even as a child his parents locked him in a closet during the full moon.

Following the social hour we were called to a three wurst dinner with salad and red devil cake. Now that everyone was in a good mood from the Bavarian Buffet, President Dom called on Ed O'Brien for the Treasurer's report. Ed reported there is good news and bad news. The bad news is the O L's lost money in 2023. Too many open bars when we have a dinner. The good news is at the current rate of loss it will be many



years before we are bankrupt. Tom Smith remarked to President Dom it looks like you are standing in a hole whereupon Dom replied you should talk. Not sure if the comments referred to the treasurer's report or the height of each man. Bob Fiesta suggested tripling dues as a solution, while some rascal proposed charging new members a \$200 initiation fee. Neither proposal passed muster with the members. Bob Addleman noted this is an issue we should address in the near future and maybe increase the dinner price or eliminate the open bar.

Next on the program was the Burgermeister Robert Reddinger who opened with a stirring rendition relating the story of The Great Schnitzel Uprising lead by Lawton Stokes followed by the hysterical fines imposed upon members for violation of Reddinger's Rules of Order. Members were fined for High Crimes and Misdemeanors such as improper attire or failing to wear a

name badge or O L pin, being without hair or wearing someone else's hair, wearing the wrong color bow tie, wearing tennis shoes, and the list goes on.

Candidates for membership were escorted from the Rathskellar to be properly prepared for initiation. In their absence, president Dom Pascucci presented members celebrating a birthday with an affectionate gift of a not too expensive wine. Celebrants receiving the fruit of the vine were Al Douglas, Mac McClrath, and second oldest member Bob Eckbreth. Somewhere in these pages you might find a picture of Dom Pascucci presenting the gifts. Bob Sabilla, our senior member, will celebrate his birthday at the April meeting. By a strange coincidence, Windy is the oldest member in years of being an O L and will celebrate his birthday at the April meeting.

With that, Bob Addleman announced he will install the newly elected Secretary, Scott Allen using the short version, and if anyone objects they will become the new Secretary. After a pithy installation President Dom offered a toast to the new Secretary and then to Bob Addleman the retiring Secretary and somewhere in these pages is a picture of Dom toasting Scott. You might remember Bob Dylan sang, “The times they are a changin’” and the O L's made a notable change during the January meeting initiating five new members. Bob Addleman welcomed the new members to the club with the usual Double Highly Secret Ritualistic Initiation and the somber mood of the Odious Orb. It matters little whether Bob is speaking from behind a podium, the center of the room, or while standing on a chair, he has an uncanny ability to beguile his audience. The O L's welcome to the membership John Goodrich, Robert Landowski, Eric Richter, Nick Ridgeway, and Kyle Whitaker. President Dom closed the meeting when he announced the bar is open.

In closing I'll pass on some advice I received from my old pappy. If at first you don't succeed then sky diving is not for you.

HILLBILLY BALL

HOSTED BY THE THREE RIVERS HILLBILLY CLAN #53 WITH SPECIAL GUEST ILLUSTRIOUS SIR AL TEDESCHI AND FIRST LADY CATHIE

Saturday, June 22nd, 2024 at the Pittsburgh Shrine Center Grand Ballroom

Doors open at 5pm, creek water, libations, and little tasty vittles 5pm-6pm.

A fancy feast fit for the hillbilly family at 6:30pm

Music and Dancing from 7:30pm-10:30pm with
Country Artist: **Tim Hall & Buffalo Country**



\$50.00 per person—all are welcum!

Cash Bar

Let us know ya'll are comin by June 10th

Dress:

Guys: Hillbilly Tux preferred (bibs, button down shirt, tie/bow tie optional) or Jeans & Button Down Shirt if your bib are gettin' warshed down at the creek.

Gals: Your best Sunday go to meetin' summer dress

Hey Grandpa, What's for Supper: Golden Fried Chicken, Homestyle Meatloaf & Gravy, Garlic Smashed Redskin Taters, Buttered Carrots, Corn on the Cob, Cole Slaw, Fresh Baked Rolls & Butter, Dessert, Coffee ***Cash Bar***

*Bring the family, invite your Shriner & Masonic friends to show them what the Hillbilly's and the Shrine is all about!
All are welcum' to attend and have a ball!*

WHO WILL BE THE 2024 THREE RIVERS HILLBILLY CLAN #53 POSSUM QUEEN? YEPPEPERS, YOU HEARD IT RIGHT. THE ANNUAL POSSUM QUEEN IS A CUMMIN BACK!

50/50 & BASKET RAFFLES!

Listen Here, this is the imporent' stuff... No tickets will be mailed, reservations will be verified at the barn door. Open Seating This 'ol shindig does not benefit the Shriners Hospital for Children and is not tax deduceable, so don't even try it!

Send this here reservation form to Cuzzin' Jeremy Manners, Guardian of the Still, no later than **June 10th** to:
PO Box 11, East Vandergrift, PA 15629, Phone # for questions: 724.575.0900

Name: _____ Lady: _____

Family/Friends: _____

Number of Reservations: _____ at \$50/person = \$ _____

Please enclose a check payable to: **Three Rivers Hillbilly Clan #53**









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PITTSBURGH SHRINE CENTER

THURSDAY, MAY 16th

Doors Open for Registration 6:00pm
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730pm Ceremonial On-Stage

NEW! CHILI COOK OFF AFTERWARDS!
Please bring 1 of your favorite chilis or a side.
\$100 to the winner - \$50 to the runner-up.

Families welcome and business casual dress.



More Soaring for 2024

The Pittsburgh Shrine Flying Fezzes are soaring through 2024. We have two contests, so read it all.

BY CRAIG J. "BUZZ" CONROY

We look forward to the Shrine Parade season with our nearly famous Spirit of Pittsburgh Plane Float.

Vic Perry is one our most revered members and has been a 52-year member of the Circle W Flying club. Vic is pictured with the Circle W Club's Cessna C-172. Additionally, Vic holds the distinction of being inducted into the prestigious invitation-only Wright Bros. Masters Pilot Award for 50 years of exemplary aviation flight experience, distinguished professionalism, as well as steadfast commitment to aviation safety. A tip of the pilot's cap to Vic and Rose Perry. Their dedication makes the Flying Fezzes and aviation remarkable.

Now stay tuned for our commercial.

Each year the Pittsburgh Shriners Flying Fezzes have a drawing for an annual Executive VIP Flight over Pittsburgh. This aviation adventure features vistas of the regions landmarks most people never get to see. These include Oakland, Downtown Pittsburgh, the Point, the Stadiums (Stadia) the rolling



countryside of many counties in Western PA. This scenic panorama is a truly unique, one-of-a-kind experience. The previous winners say, "Would like to win it again." There are also 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th places prizes if you don't win the trip. Tickets are available from any Flying Fezz. Look for the bright blue Flying Fezz T-shirts at any Shrine event.

The Flying Fezzes particularly enjoy Thunder Thursdays with its variety of unique music at a venue we all enjoy. The many unit and club picnics make the season a fulfilling one for members & guests.

We look forward to the season's numerous special events. Highlighting this year is the Circus' return, the parade season, and the annual Sportsman's Bash where we draw the winner of our annual Executive VIP Flight over Pittsburgh. The lists of fun filled events to help the kids is numerous.

Our second contest for 'guess the Flying Fezz' wins a highly collectable limited edition Flying Disc, great for exercising or keeping the dog busy and a snack for two at world's best known Mexican national fast food restaurant Taco Bell. Look for the picture and the list of Flying Fezzes.

If you have an interest in aviation, or if you've ever rode in a plane, consider joining Flying Fezzes. We are that group of Flying Enthusiasts who belong to the finest fraternity on the land or in the air.

Always remember "There are Old Pilots and Bold Pilots, But there are no OLD BOLD Pilots"

CONTEST! CAN YOU GUESS THE FEZZ??

Rick Bates, Daniel Cifarelli, Paul Cherep, Craig Buzz Conroy, Bryan DeFranco, Jim Dean, Don Gilbert, Bob Golden, Norm Hoag, Ron Lawrence, Chuck Marin, Nick Nickleach, Vic Perry, Eric Stormy Stormfels, Ken Varmar, or Michael Zebiley?

Submit your guess to Craig 'Buzz' Conroy!
330-831-6025 or aviation@journalist.com



Syria Legion of Honor Springing into action this Spring



Well to start off with an old Army cadence, ""Heeere we go again""! Spring is doing its best to be sprung and the Syria Legion of Honor is pushing up the effort.

BY RAYMOND J. PFISTER,
COMMANDER SYRIA SHRINE LEGION OF HONOR

After a successful Potentate's Stag, of which we have some potential and new members signing up, we now look toward Spring happenings. The biggest of which for all Veterans is Memorial Day. The Legion has participated now for many years in the Sewickley Memorial Day parade and also in traveling to several memorial events and cemeteries to give tribute to our fallen brothers and sisters ending the day at the Law Enforcement Memorial on Pittsburgh's North shore for TAPS and the

Moment of Remembrance. This year, as a long time bugler, our Commander Ray will be celebrating his 48th year performing TAPS for military funerals and memorial services.

With many miles traveled, we were able to finally get our Willy's Jeep into the motorpool to get some much needed work done on the old girl. Thanks goes out to Tom Prager for taking on this task of finding the right mechanic for the job.



RED FRIDAY!!! For those of you out there that might not be aware, there has been a movement for some time called R.E.D. Friday. To remember those men and women active duty service members that are deployed around the world, we proudly wear Red every Friday to show our support and to help people remember that Americans are world wide fighting the good fight for freedom and to protect our American way of life. So Remember, everyone Deployed R.E.D. and wear Red every Friday. As a Letter Carrier for USPS, I get away with wearing quite a bit of Red clothing every Friday at work and many have asked me about it. Americans forget far too easily the sacrifices our military makes, so do your part, both civilians and veterans, and help them to remember.

Attention Veterans, do you hear the Bugle call? We at the Legion of honor are always looking for new members who can relate to fellow veterans and join in the comradery that only Military Vets know. In this issue of the Voice you should find an application for membership so have no fear, the Legion is here! Fill out the application and join the only unit in the Shrine with the requirement only few have attained, a veteran of the U.S. Military.

Thanks to all our current members of the Legion, especially our active members and remember folks, it's an honor to be a Vet and it's a true honor to be a member of the Legion of Honor.

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Application for Membership

NAME: _____ DATE: _____
(Please print Name and address)

ADDRESS: _____ SHRINE MEMBER# _____

_____ PHONE# _____

EMAIL: _____ SERVICE BRANCH: _____

Service Dates From: _____ To: _____ Rank or Grade _____

I hereby certify that I received an Honorable Discharge from the Armed Forces at _____ dated _____ and that I fully understand that membership in the Legion of Honor is limited to Veterans or Active Duty members of the Armed Forces of the United States of America or her Allies. In addition, I understand that I must show an honorable discharge, Form DD-214, Separation of Military Service or some other acceptable document as proof of my former or current Military service to the U.S.A. or her Allies.

Signed: _____

Please mail this completed application with documentation to Syria Shriners Legion of Honor, Syria Shriners, 1877 Shriners Way, Cheswick, PA 15024. Include a check or money order in the amount of \$10.00 payable to the "Syria Legion of Honor" as payment of annual dues.

Credentials Committee Approval:



NIGHT AT THE RACES



Caravan 14
The Dale "Pinky" Pinkerton
Golf Classic

August 3, 2024



Registration: 8:00am
Coffee, Pastries, Water
Shotgun Start: 9:00am



Lake Arthur Golf Club

255 Isle Rd

Butler, PA 16001

Shamble Format

\$100.00/golfer

Tee Box Sponsorships \$100.00

Afterwards Saddle up at "The Shed" for a Cowboy BBQ Dinner \$40

Name	Phone	Email

Make checks payable to 'Caravan 14'

Contact/Mail to:

Rick McKivigan: 724-283-8473

165 Maser Rd. Butler, PA 16001

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CALLING ALL SHRINERS!

**TO THE 3RD QUARTERLY
MEETING**

MONDAY, AUGUST 5TH, 2024 7:30PM
GRAND BALLROOM AT
THE PITTSBURGH SHRINE CENTER

2024 DUES CARDS WILL NEED TO BE DISPLAYED FOR
ADMISSION. BUSINESS ATTIRE REQUESTED.

SYRIA SHRINERS WILL BE OPENED FOR BUSINESS TO
CONDUCT THE THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING OF 2024.
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA,
CONTACT ROBERT T. ADDLEMAN, JR., P.P., RECORDER IN
WRITING AT 1877 SHRINERS WAY, CHESWICK, PA 15024 OR
BY EMAIL AT syriarecorder@gmail.com.

*A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT ITEMS WILL BE
DISCUSSED. PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO
ATTEND.*

ALAN R. TEDESCHI
Illustrious Potentate

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PLEASE INCLUDE PHOTOS!