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a message from the **ILLUSTRIOUS POTENTATE**



ALAN R. TEDESCHI

It's funny how life works. Time moves at a snail's pace when things are just average. But when you are doing something that you really enjoy and "You're Having the Time of Your Life", time goes so fast that it breaks the sound barrier.

2024 will soon be coming to a close as well as my term as your Potentate. It has been a fantastic year, and there will be tears when it is over. I took my job very seriously. Everything we did was done in the best interest of our Nobility and our Shrine.

Sure, there were some tough decisions that I had to make throughout the year, but you were always there to support me.

The fundraising events that we had were all a huge success. You made that happen with all your help. You made all our social events very special for Cathie and I. With

the great attendance, the help, and a lot of smiling faces, we all had a ton of fun.

At the beginning of the year I introduced a little saying, "Doing More in 2024". Plus we shared an acronym, B.M.B.: Be a friend, Make a friend, Bring a friend. You made both of them happen for me. We accomplished almost everything that was on my agenda.

And you were definitely a friend. We all made a lot of new friends simply because you brought your friends with you. While proofreading this message I notice that one word keeps appearing over and over. That

word is YOU. You made my journey very enjoyable. This year, you made us a family. My wonderful Shrine family.

Thank you for letting me serve you this year. I love each and everyone of you. As I said in the beginning, my door will always be open for anything that you may need. That will continue. I just won't have a real door anymore. Don't worry, I'm not going anywhere.

Respectfully,
Yours In The Faith
Alan R. Tedeschi

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from the

RECORDER'S DESK



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

As I sit at the keyboard on the day before Oktoberfest to compose my column for this issue of **THE VOICE**, it is hard to believe that this is the end-of-year issue already.

It seems I was just writing about all the great things Illustrious Sir Al and First Lady Cathie have planned for us to “Do More in ‘24,” now many of those events can be described in the past tense.

In the fourth quarter, we still have plenty of fantastic events to fan the fellowship fires for the Nobles and Ladies of Syria Shriners. Make plans now to attend as many as possible.

In October, the Hillbillies will present a concert with The Hillbilly Biscuits, a bluegrass band from West Virginia on Saturday, the 5th, and will wrap up the month with a Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, the 20th. Meanwhile, our final Quarterly Meeting of the year is Monday, the 7th, and all of the Syria family will celebrate the annual Fort Ligonier Days festival on the weekend of the 11th through the 13th. We will also salute our Ladies with a gala dinner dance on Saturday, the 19th. Finally, the First Family and their band of merry sun-seekers will finish the month in Punta Cana, DR from the 26th through November 2.

In November, after the Dominican junket has returned to Pittsburgh, the Daughters of the Nile will receive their Supreme Queen on Election Day at the Pittsburgh Masonic Center (our building will be too busy with election matters), then host another edition of the fabulously successful Fall Craft

Show on Sunday the 10th. On Sunday, the 17th, our annual tradition of kicking off the holiday season with “A Prelude to Christmas,” featuring our Band, Chanters, Highlanders and Stage Band performing patriotic songs to honor our veterans and getting us into the mood for holiday hustle and bustle with seasonal classics.

As always, December will be a very busy month with several Caravans and Units honoring the Illustrious Sir and First Lady, our annual Kids’ Christmas Party, Appreciation Party, Youth Dance and New Year’s Eve. See this issue for more information on all of those.

It has been my pleasure and distinct honor to serve you these past six years as your Recorder and for eight terms as your Representative to the Imperial Council. I thank you for the confidence you have shown in me over the years. Many thanks to our Shrine Center office, events and facilities staff who do their very best to serve you every day. Without them, our Shrine Center would not be the same.

Finally, after ringing in the New Year, we will gather for our Annual Meeting on Monday, January 6, to elect officers for our next Shrine year. In accordance with Shriners International Law, I remind you of the following:

§ 325.11 Election Regulations. (a) Electioneering. A candidate for an elected office in a Shrine temple may print, publish and circulate during the year he is seeking the elected office, a résumé consisting of his educational background, his vocational history, and his Masonic and Shrine record. Except as provided in the prior sentence, the printing, publication, circulating or distribution of resolutions, letters, telegrams, tickets, email or other devices, by a unit, club, Noble, or group of Nobles, suggesting, recommending, opposing, or containing the names of proposed candidates for office in the temple is prohibited. (b) Expenditures Prohibited. The expenditure of money for gifts, favors, or entertainment on behalf of a candidate for elected office is prohibited. (c) Violation. For any violation of (a) or (b), the Imperial Potentate may suspend any offending Noble, and he may declare the election of the officers void and order a new election. (d) Notice. At least one week prior to the annual meeting or any election, the temple Recorder shall mail to each member a notice thereof containing this section. Amend. 2011

All the best to you and yours this holiday season and in 2025! I look forward to seeing you around the oasis!"

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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.

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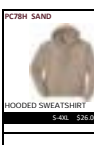
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BY TOM PRAGER, CHIEF RABBAN

We are planning an apparel sale on Sunday, October 20th from 11 a.m. till 2 p.m. in the Unit Meeting Room. This is the same date as the Shrine Spaghetti dinner so you can make one trip; have a great spaghetti dinner and order your shirt for 2025. "Personalized 4 You" will be handling our sales. All items will be custom designed just for YOU!

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We are patriots, each willing to serve his country with fidelity and courage We cherish independence under law and freedom with responsibility.

We honor family. We respect our parents, wives and children. We should instill in our children the tenets of this creed, and the heritage from which it emanates.

As individuals we pledge ourselves to integrity, virtue and nobility of character. Our intentions will be honorable, our relations will be trustworthy and our spirits forgiving of each other.

As brothers we offer each other fraternal affection and respect. Together we will support each other in adherence to this creed, so that we and our communities will be the better because of our fraternity and its principles.

As Shriners we look beyond ourselves to serve the needs of others, especially children who cannot help themselves. We believe Shriners Hospitals to be the world's greatest philanthropy, and we covenant with each other to support its "temples of mercy" with spirit, time, talent and means.

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News From the Hills

Howdy cuzins! What a wild summer we had! Lots of paradin' and partyin' all around.





BY BECKY HARVEY

We want to thank everyone again for making our first Hillbilly Ball a great success. We are excited to announce we have decided to bring it back again next year! So keep an eye out and save the date.

We're very very proud to announce that in August, our officers Ken, Brad and Jeremy along with our Outhouse Queen Kay and Becky, made the trip up to Erie. They donated \$10,000 to the hospital from all the hard work and donations collected over the last year and a half.

Sept 28th was our annual ceremonial hoot 'n' Hollar. It was a blast! Thank you to all cuzins that came out and made that weekend one to remember. We were able to welcome 21 new flatlanders into the clan. Welcome to our new cuzins!!



October 5th we had a good ole time with the Hillbilly Biscuits. They came out and played a fantastic show! Thank you to cuzin Brendan Depto for arranging such a good time!!

Lookin' ahead we have our fall spaghetti dinner on October 20th from 12-6. Come out and come hungry!!

The Hillbilly Christmas party is on January 4th at the Shrine. We will be sending out fliers for that coming soon so keep an eye on the mailbox! (If your not receivin our mail, please email 3riverzhillbilly53@gmail.com or call Brad and git your address on the list!)

Lastly, we have our final raffle for the year going. It is \$1000 Giant Ragle / GetGo gift card. \$10 per ticket. Get yours before they're gone.

HONOR THE COB!

Fall 2024



So, we have gone to the winter weight kilt and turned off the fans. Chilly are the mornings and really nice are the fall afternoons. Or, sometimes.

BY CHARLES F. PATCHIN

The fickle weatherman has a system based on By Guess & By Golly! Not like the scientific devices such as Uncle Billy's lumbago. But, we now have some of our Highlanders who are less afflicted than the weather changes as before.

George Traylor is coming along and is making practices. Tony Corcoran has not

been given full return to duty but, is coming along and is able to practice with us again, also. Tony Gennacaro is coming back but, isn't marching, yet.

With so much recovery going on and Highlanders being employed, we didn't have as large a turnout for the Fort Ligonier Days parade as desired. The Shaler Parade, long a favorite of ours was fun. A big thanks to Mark Goss for hosting us for breakfast drinks

and snacks then hospitality after the parade. Also, that he bribed me to say this in print had nothing to do with this glowing tribute. But the Haggis on top of this report is we had a really nice Band Dinner.

The Highlanders Ball gave us the time to relax with our families, friends, guests and those curious about men in skirts. Everyone smiled a lot, caught up on old business and new, marveled at the taste of sheep parts and danced a bit after the Highlanders played.

For those of you wondering about Bro. Alex Higley, the Bands collective grandson and drummer, he is near graduation from Field Artillery training at Ft. Sill, OK then on to Germany.

So, until the next issue I remain just as nice, wise and wonderful as the others tell me I am.





Syria Shrine's All New Children's Christmas Party BREAKFAST WITH SANTA CLAUS

WHEN: Saturday, December 14, 2024
TIME: 9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon
WHERE: Syria Shrine Center, Cheswick PA



Bike Raffle, Face Painting, Games, Pictures with Santa, Christmas Stocking with Surprises, Popcorn, Pancake Breakfast for everyone and Entertainment.



COST: \$7.00 per person

Send Reservations to: John J. Colaianne,
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Cutoff is Age 12

Reservation deadline November 30, 2024, or we reach 400 reservations,

get your reservations in early. We cannot accept walk-ins.

This event is not a benefit for the Shriners Hospital for Children and is not tax deductible.



It's Truly a Wonderful Life

As this edition of our magazine hits your mailbox, it will probably be sometime in mid to late November when we start thinking about the upcoming holidays for yet another year.

BY CHARLIE ZURCHER

Getting ready for the Christmas season is a magical time that involves a mix of cherished traditions and personal touches. It's about decking the halls with boughs of holly, setting up twinkling lights, and the impending excitement as families and friends look forward to gathering and creating new memories together. It's also a time for reflection, generosity, and never forgetting the precepts of the true meaning of Christmas.

Something interesting happened to me last Christmas that I'd like to share. It's something that caught me by surprise and I attribute it to being a Mason, a Shriner, and the value that it all brings. Many years ago, I watched the holiday favorite movie "It's a Wonderful Life" starring Jimmy Stewart, for

the first time and quite frankly I did not like it. The black and white picture and the story just did not make a connection with me back then, and I was quick to forget about it with no future interest to make it a part of my holiday tradition. Perhaps, during that particular time of my life, I was just not mature enough or ready to grasp the understanding or even notice the powerful message which it delivered. As the decades passed, with this movie long forgotten, I found myself watching it again last Christmas... Wow! The message really hit me hard this time around. Perhaps since I'm older now and I see and understand things differently from the days when I wore much younger man's clothes. Perhaps it is the impact of positive energy of being a Freemason and Shriner. Nevertheless, I really got it this time and it left quite the impression.

The correlation between "It's a Wonderful Life" and Freemasonry is not an original idea, as there are many writings out there by fellow Freemasons who tie the two together, so by no means am I presenting to you a unique find. However, rather it is my personal story as to how this has made a difference in my life as man, Freemason and a Shriner. The comparison of this movie to Freemasonry is not really unusual, because it is a very comfortable fit. So, it's not a surprise that many of us have been inspired to put down our thoughts in print for our Brothers to enjoy. If this movie is not already part of your holiday ritual, I invite you to watch it, look for the Masonic relevance, and I believe you will find that it becomes a very important and enjoyable part of your holiday season.

In "It's a Wonderful Life," George Bailey's journey is marked by self-sacrifice, community service, and the pursuit of a greater purpose beyond his own desires—themes that resonate with the Masonic ethos.



Freemasons are taught to value the welfare of others, to provide support to their brethren, and to work towards the betterment of humanity, much like George does throughout the film. The character of Clarence, the guardian angel, can be likened to the guiding principles of Freemasonry, which act as a moral guide for members, helping them navigate through life's challenges and uncertainties.

The film's portrayal of Bedford Falls also mirrors the ideal of a harmonious society that Freemasonry aspires to build. It is a community where individuals come together to support one another, much like the supportive network within a Masonic lodge. The transformation of Bedford Falls into Pottersville, had George never been born, serves as a stark reminder of the impact one person can have on the welfare of society, a concept that is central to our Masonic teachings.

Also, the movie's emphasis on the impact of good deeds and the ripple effect they have on the community aligns with the Masonic principle of 'relief,' which encourages charitable actions and kindness towards others. George Bailey's realization that his life has positively affected so many people



reflects the Masonic belief in the significance of individual contributions to the collective well-being.

Now that you get the gist of the movie, here's the part that really hit home. If you recall Clarence's line to George, "Each man's life touches so many other lives. When he isn't around, he leaves an awful hole, doesn't he?" This is really very heavy and emotional stuff. As Shriners, think of the ripple effect of our commitment to help children and their families throughout our local community and worldwide. Our dedication prevails as "No man stands so tall as when he stoops to help a child," reflecting our commitment to make a deep impact as we touch so many other lives. As Shriners, we all touch the lives of others while transporting patients and their families to the hospitals. We touch the lives of others while marching in the parades dressing as clowns and riding those funny bikes, cars and trucks. We touch our own lives with the fellowship, camaraderie and friendship that we constantly share with each other. We bring our Masonic Light into places which are not so brightly lit, and perhaps become the prayer or answer to someone who really needs one.

What if we, as Shriners, were not around? it would leave an awful hole, wouldn't it? What if we never existed and we never helped a single child? What if that group of five Masons never met at the Knickerbocker Cottage many years ago? What if we were not "Forever Blowing Bubbles" at the Imperial Council over a hundred years ago? A statement that a tremendous void would exist would certainly be an understatement. Well, no worry because we DO exist, and as Shriners, each Noble's life has touched so many other lives in so many ways and in such a positive manner. This is definitely something we all can take a lot of comfort and pride in.

What if our loved ones or our close friends were not around, they would leave an awful hole, wouldn't they? On a personal level, if I didn't have my lovely lady in my life, I

would be totally lost. I cannot even begin to imagine life without her. I also can't imagine life without my mom, whom many of you know, who's getting ready to celebrate her 94th Christmas. I'm sure many of you can relate to this as well. What would happen if that loved one wasn't around? What emptiness would you experience? Life can be short and never take it for granted. After reading this article, tell that loved one what they really mean to you...

The other meaning of Clarence's second line, "When he isn't around, he leaves an awful hole, doesn't he?" is very solemn when we think of our family members and Brethren who have passed on. In the Masonic realm, many of our Brothers have laid down their working tools who really meant a lot to us. They were our friends, role models and mentors whose presence really made a difference in our lives. Unfortunately, we don't have to imagine what it's like not to have them in our lives, because we already know, and we miss them. So as the holiday season approaches, take time out of your busy schedule to share a moment with that Brother you would really miss if he weren't around anymore.

Though "It's a Wonderful Life" is not explicitly about Freemasonry, the parallels between the film's message and the core values of Freemasonry are evident. Both highlight the importance of integrity, community, and the belief that one person's life and actions can have a profound effect on the world around them. This comparison not only sheds light on the film's enduring appeal but also on the timeless relevance of the principles upheld by us as Freemasons and Shriners. So, as you prepare for Christmas, let the spirit of the season fill your heart, and may the warmth of "It's a Wonderful Life" remind you of the wonders of life itself.

Merry Christmas you wonderful old Building and Loan! And Merry Christmas to you, my Brother...



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BY CRAIG J. "BUZZ" CONROY

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Email your best answer to Aviation@journalist.com to win this unique package. Thanks for the entry.

Several of the FLYING FEZZES got a VIP tour of numerous private and business Jets at Pittsburgh International Airport. Our tour guide was Bill Seethaler, a veteran of the aviation industry. He's lived in numerous places, but resides here in Pittsburgh. A giant Thank to Bill. The FLYING FEZZES who enjoyed a once in a lifetime experience were Vic Perry, a Wilber Wright Society member, Rick Bates, and Craig J. 'Buzz' Conroy. They

finished the day with a layover at Primanti Bros. hanger on University Blvd.

Eric "Stormy" Stormfels is shuttling between Western Pa and Tennessee frequently. Dr. Dan Cifarelli is often between Morgantown and the 'Burg and becoming active in the ceremonial as well.

Paul Cherep is looking forward to the numerous Shrine events, while Rich Bates is busy with numerous activities and always there to support the FLYING FEZZES unit. Chuck Mann is involved with several Shrine activities.

Bob Golden, our Sec/Treasurer actively keeps the FLYING FEZZES on the right flight path.

Don Gilbert is looking forward to hosting

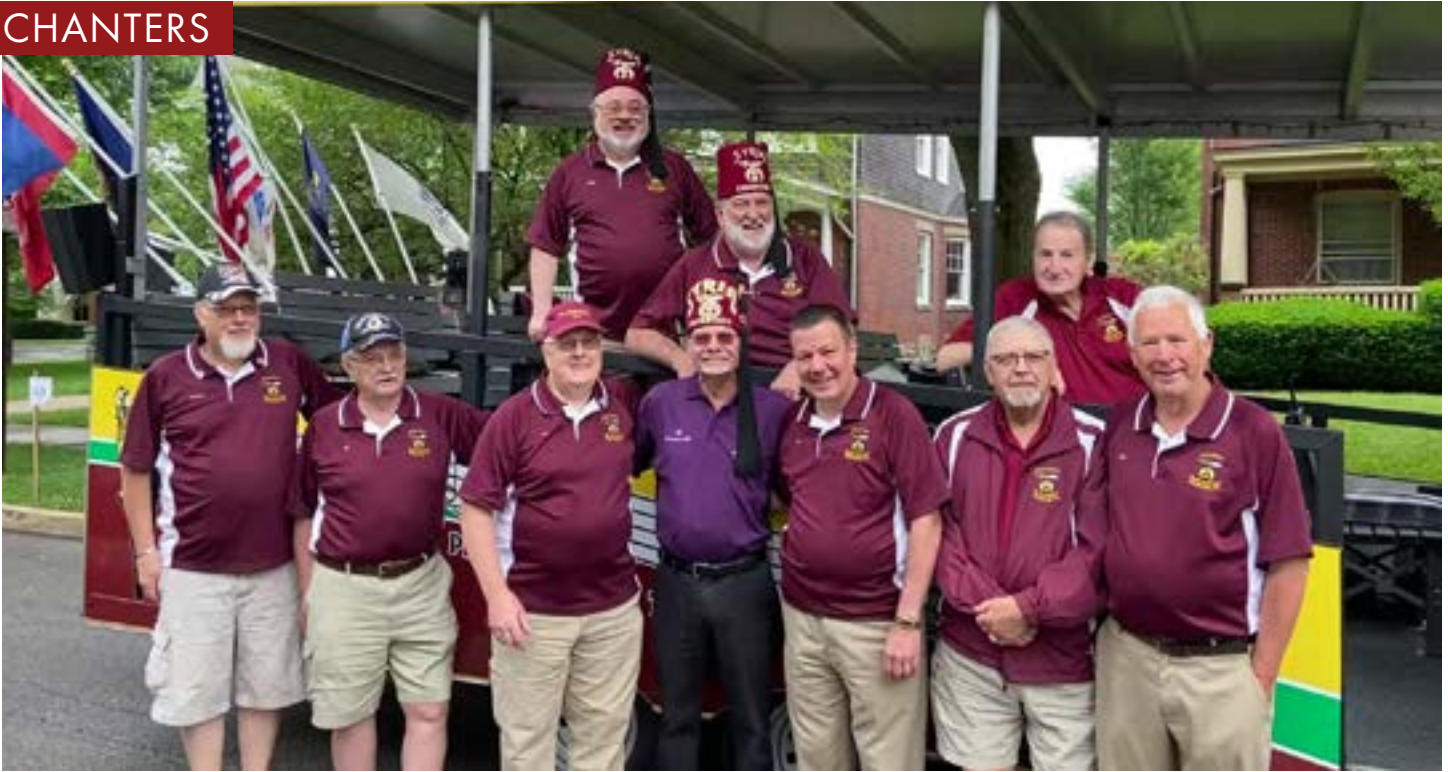


the FLYING FEZZES at Latrobe Br Arnold Palmer Airport where his C-182 is based.

The FLYING FEZZES would like to thank the Shrine Office for keeping our unit apprised of the changes and important issues in Shrinedom. Fezzes off to this dedicated team.

We urge all Shriners to support the numerous end of the year events including the Prelude to Christmas, Highland Ball, the Kids Party and the Youth Dance.

And a special congratulations to Potentate AL Tedeschi for a Great 2024.



Chanters Aim for the High Notes!

The **Syria Shriners Chanters** have had an excellent year thus far, but they are not resting on their laurels!

BY DAVID EICHELBERGER

We have had a great year of parades with wonderful crowds applauding our efforts to bring patriotic songs to enliven their experiences.

At MASA this year the Syria Chanters along with the Chanters from Rajah Shrine in Reading and Moolah Shrine from Missouri! participated in the Necrology Service for those who have died in the last year. The next day we all joined with the MASA bands to offer a two-hour musical concert that entertained the audience in attendance. Right after that the Chanters all gathered at the Hilton Hotel to serenade the Ladies Luncheon with a number of Christmas tunes

in keeping with the theme of the day.

We were tired, but we weren't finished! That evening we entertained Shriners at the Hospitality suites for Osiris Shrine, Rajah Shrine, and of course Syria Shrine where we also entertained the other Shriners sharing the Hospitality Suite.

To say the day was a busy one is to forget that we also met together for a delicious meal and to elect new leadership for the Mid Atlantic Shriner Chanters Association. Our own Noble Robert Barkus was elected 2nd Vice President! We were also delighted to receive an invitation from the Shrine Chanters International Association to perform at the Imperial Sessions in Atlanta, Philadelphia and

Pittsburgh over the next three years!

Now we are looking forward to the Prelude to Christmas which will occur this year on November 17. As in past years, all the musical groups at Syria Shrine will join together to offer musical selections in tribute to our veterans and also to welcome the holiday season. Each year we offer new selections and old favorites. You want to be sure to put it on your schedule for November!

The Chanters practice in the music room on most Tuesdays of the month. We always welcome newcomers to join us. This year we are also extending a welcome to Shriners' families to join us.

If you are interested in a musical program from the Syria Chanters, contact our Director, Lee Pfeifer lpfeifer@zoominternet.net or our Secretary, Jack Doverspike sddoverspike@aol.com. They will give you further information about what we can offer.

Help us to sing so we can help the children of Shriners' Children!

SYRIA SHRINERS DIRECTORS STAFF

“WELCOME NEW NOBLES ”

The Directors Staff extends a warm welcome to all of the New Nobles having joined Syria Shriners in 2024. You are now a part of one of the largest and finest Shrine Centers in all of Shrinedom, the Syria Shriners. We want to introduce you to our unit. We have many activities and events that you and your family can enjoy including day trips, picnics, parties, social outings, fundraising activities, and community parades. Always remember that our purpose is to promote, maintain, and perpetuate the high ideals and traditions of Shriners International and to always think of the children we work to help. Our organization has a buoyant philosophy that has been expressed as “Pleasure without intemperance, hospitality without rudeness, and jollity without coarseness”. While our backgrounds and interests are diverse, what binds us together are shared values and a desire to have fun, do good, and build relationships that last a lifetime. We are Shriners having fun with a purpose! Again, congratulations on becoming a member of Syria Shriners.

If you would like to join in on the fun, please complete this application for membership. We have a few spare E-Bikes that are available for you to use. If you have any questions, please contact:

Bob Herbert, P.P., Director
at 412-741-7306



Directors Staff New E-Bikes

**Syria Shriners Directors Staff
Application For Membership**

Syria Shriners, Pittsburgh, PA

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LADY'S FIRST NAME _____

I certify that I am in good standing with the following:
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APPROVED BY COMMITTEE _____

Please forward to: Directors Staff Secretary
Thomas Newland
208 Hiawatha Drive
Glenshaw, PA 15116
Email: twnewland@hotmail.com



Ahoy Mariners! There is Mystery ahead!

The Mariners are under the helm of a new Commodore this year, Noble Bill Woods and his First Mate Bea.

BY DAVID EICHELBERGER

They extend a hearty welcome to all who are interested in boating and cruising! This fall we are planning to participate in a Mystery Dinner Theatre. Contact our Commodore at Bill

Woods sec268@verizon.net for more information. We are looking forward to more good fellowship as we converse about the boats we have, used to have, or want to have in the future. We also welcome those who kayak, canoe, sail, or cruise!

Learn the Latest!
News, tickets, event dates, and MORE!

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BIG CHECK PRESENTATION!
At the mid-September Board of Governor's meeting, Brian Gellert, Secretary of Valley Lodge No. 459 and Jason Craig, Associate Member of the Board of Governors at Shriners Children's Erie, presented a check for \$30,000 on behalf of the Marion Guy Hoke Family, to Charlie Murphy, Chairman of the Board of Governors. Way to go, Nobles!

SAVE THESE DATES!

Oct. 20 – Spaghetti Dinner	Jan. 6 – Annual Meeting
Oct. 23-Nov. 2 – Potentate Trip	Jan. 11 – Kick Off
Nov. 10 – Fall Craft Show	Feb. 8 – Valentine's Dance
Nov. 17 – Prelude to Christmas	Feb. 20-24 – Florida Retreat
Nov. 9 – D.O.N Supreme Queen Visit	Feb. 15 – Glitz Anti Valentines Show
Dec. 2 – Caravan 18 Party	Mar. 15 – Potentate Stag
Dec. 14 – Kids Christmas Party	April 12 – Bunny Bash
Dec. 14 – Shrine Shirt Distribution	April 26 – Potentate's Ball
Dec. 21-25 – Cash Give Away	May 1-4 – Potentate's Trip
Dec. 27 – Youth Dance	
Dec. 31 – New Year's Eve	

***FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK FOR LATEST EVENTS AND UPDATES!**

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.

On the Road with the **RODE RIGS**

It's been a very busy **Hot Summer** and a very busy year for the Rigs.

BY DENNIS CONRAD

We've been burning up the highways and byways across western Pennsylvania putting on our road show, entertaining the crowds that come out to the parades.

Between parades we helped out at the Bunny Bash and donated for the event. At the Potentate's Stag we presented Illustrious Sir Al Tedeschi with a check for \$1,000 to help with the cost of resurfacing the driveway and parking lots at the Shrine Center. The Shrine Family Picnic was next on our schedule where we helped cook the hamburgers and hot dogs. We provided all the games and donated the prizes for the children and adults including small toys, candy, bagged snacks and scratch-off lottery tickets for the adult games. Also, each child went home with a \$20.00 Walmart gift card courtesy of the Rigs. Everyone had a great time enjoying the music, good food, fellowship and games. We had a blast and so did the kids and adults.

MASA 2024 was once again dominated by the Rode Rigs. We took a second place in the Drill competition and First Place in the Obstacle Course competitions. Brian & Joe set the two fastest times in the competition. We also won the total overall high points award for our division. The only thing that kind of spoiled things was the rain Saturday morning that cancelled the parade competition. Our unit dinner down at the beach was Thursday night at Arbuckle's Bar & Grill. Everyone had a good time.

September and the beginning of October are very busy months for the Rigs. We have parades every weekend starting with Ford City, Penn Township, Shaler, Mt. Pleasant, and of course, Ft Ligonier Days, just to name a few.

The holiday parades are also coming up with Etna, Tarentum - Brackenridge and Glassport on the list so far.

December finds us helping out with the Children's Christmas Party.



It will be a breakfast with Santa this year on Saturday December 14. We'll be serving up pancakes and sausage and building and donating bicycles for the bike give away.

Saturday December 7th is our Rode Rigs Christmas dinner party, which is always a great time. Good Food & Drink and fellowship, and what's a Rigs Christmas party without Joe's Gift Game. It's always the highlight of the evening. Last but not least the Rode Rigs will make another donation to Erie Shriners Hospital Wheel Chair fund of \$1,000.

Our unit the Rode Rigs is one of the smallest units - if not the smallest unit - at Syria. But we have heart and help out where we can as often as we can. If you are interested in joining a Unit that has loads of fun on and off the parade route than take a look at the Rigs. We offer no annual dues. We pay for parts of your uniform, which are very casual, and no parade quotas. We are a motorized unit made up of Mini 18 Wheelers and Mini Jeeps.

Right now we have a great opportunity for someone interested in joining. Anyone interested in having a Mini Jeep, parade ready, it's for sale for only \$1,800 from one of our retired members.

So, if you are interested in joining the Rigs give us a call. We will be more than happy to sit down and answer any questions you might have about the Jeep, or if you're interested in buying and ordering a New Mini 18-wheeler. Call John Handshue President 412-877-4263 or Dennis Conrad Secretary 412-956-2245.

Remember to Keep on Truck'n for the Kids"



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BEHIND THE WHEEL
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MASCA Chanters in concert with Mid-Atlantic Band

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December 21st - \$500

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Tim McKiernan – Email – tlmckiernan@gmail.com

Randy Hobaugh Email – rhobaugh23@gmail.com

CONTACT SYRIA SHRINE OFFICE AT 412-274-7000



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:



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Honoring Potentate Alan Tedeschi*



SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 23, 2024

Syria Shrine Center
1877 Shriners Way
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- **H'Dourves** 6:00 p.m. Social Hour
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- **Cash Bar** 9:00 p.m. Music and Dancing
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NOVEMBER 11, 2024

FALL MID ATLANTIC SHRINE ASSOCIATION













Band Prepares for End of Year Activities

After a summer full of parades and outdoor concerts, the Shrine Band is settling in to its Fall schedule of practices for performances between now and the new year.

BY PEG ANDERSON

The Band will participate, along with several other Shrine units, in the Ligonier Days parade on October 12. Band members and spouses love the large crowds, the delicious food, and the Fall frivolity; and the Band is always applauded and appreciated for its rousing tunes along the parade route!

Our twice-monthly practices are held on the first and third Thursday nights of each month at the Shrine Center. This Fall the

practices will be filled with sight-reading and learning new music in preparation for concerts during the upcoming year. Retirement/nursing home concerts will be on the Band's calendar throughout the year, along with some community events. Our first official concert performance will be the "Prelude to Christmas" concert at the Shrine Center on Sunday, November 17. We will join the Chanters, Highlanders, and Dance Band in providing a musical afternoon to kick off the holiday season. Of course, the Ladies will be responsible for the reception afterwards and for all those delicious cookies!

Besides playing beautiful music together, the Band members always enjoy their social activities throughout the year! Several members honored the Potentate at our annual Potentate Dinner held at the Moon Marriott Hotel in August. The Band's Christmas party at the Shrine Center in early December always promises to be a festive and fun night filled with great food, a fun holiday grab-bag, and lots of comradery among band members and their spouses and guests.

If you played an instrument in the past... get it out, dust it off, blow some notes, and come to Band practice for some fun with other musicians! New members are always welcome, and anyone interested in joining the Band can contact Don Taylor, the Band President, or Jack Anderson, Director. (trumpetdon@gmail.com) OR (andersonp1970@aol.com)

WE PLAY SO KIDS CAN!



THE SNOWBIRD PILGRIMAGE
 After a long hiatus and the rave of 2024, it's coming back again in 2025, your chance to invade southern Florida and check in with the lucky ones (or smart ones) that migrate South for the winter.
 On February 26th thru the 23rd (check out 24th) a trip has been planned to visit our fellow Nobles and ladies who are anxiously waiting pool side for us get there. They have planned outings, maybe a little golf, a visit with my counterpart from Egypt Shrine for a get together, picnics, and a dinner cruise. One thing for sure, plenty of WARM weather. A block of waterfront hideaway suites has been reserved at Rocky Point Island in anticipation of your arrival. There are both 'Studio and 'Two bedroom' suites with varying bed types - so book early. The cut-off date for the block is January 21st. For those of you flying in from the 'Bumrrrgh' to escape the blowing snow and when the temps are below zero, they provide shuttles to and from the Tampa Airport. Make your reservations under 'Shriners from Pittsburgh' by calling the Chase Suite Hotel at 813-381-5677.
 And for those Nobles and ladies who are lucky enough to dodge the cold winters (aka Snowbirds) every year, if you have any outing suggestions or better yet, want to lend a helping hand welcoming our less fortunate frozen, please contact Mr. Sir Gary Helander at 412-916-4016 so he can keep you updated with the goings on.



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The Continuing Adventures of the Award Winning Syria Shrine Clowns

BY ROB "SPLOTCHEE" BRINKLEY

To be kind, I guessed wrong a lot last time out... My apologies! Some things that are in the books for the clowns – Congratulations to Shamrock for being elected President of the Mid-Atlantic Shrine Clown Association for 2025. He was sworn in by Illustrious Sir Al Tedeschi at the annual clown breakfast in Virginia Beach and was presented his fez by his Lady Susan.

Speaking of VA Beach, the weather was not suitable for sensible folks. Dents, Radish and Putts went on the walk anyway and had a lovely time. We will be back in force next year (hopefully with an umbrella skit of some sort just in case).

We wrapped up the main summer season with several events around western PA and we all look forward to October with the Dyslexia Center Walk and Fort Ligonier parade.

We hope your family enjoys a bountiful harvest as fall sets in! See y'all around the Oasis

God Bless You All Real Good!

One of the challenges of writing a column ahead of time is that you need the prognostication skills of Punxsutawney Phil mixed in with the accuracy of Dennis Bowman and Joe DeNardo and a smidge of Kentucky windage to have everything according to plan.





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