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## Help Shriner's Hospitals For Children **Help The Kids!**

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, October 17, 2020



**Shriner's Hospitals for Children** is a pediatric health care system of 22 hospitals in North America. The specialty care includes: orthopedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate. All care and services are provided regardless of the patient's ability to pay.

How are children eligible for care?

- the child must be under 18 years of age
- the child's condition can be improved with specialty care provided by the Shriners Hospitals
- eligibility is NOT dependent on financial need

ALL proceeds from the **Scimitar Shriners Golf @ the Rock Charity Tournament** are for the benefit of Shriner's Hospitals for Children, a 501(c)3 nonprofit, charitable organization.

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# POTENTATE'S MESSAGE

Greetings All!! I hope that everyone is doing well and being safe and healthy. This Coronavirus isn't seemly going to let up anytime soon. With that being said there has been very little activity going on at the temple thru the months of July and August. Lady Debra and I with a group of Scimitar Shriners attended Sahara's Potentate's Ball on Saturday August 22<sup>nd</sup>. All enjoyed an evening of the Roaring 20's and had a great time.

The Fall Season is just around the corner. Football is about to start. Halloween is 2 months away. These are events that we can look forward to participating in or watching.

Septembers Stated Meeting will be on Monday September 14, 2020 at 7 p.m. due to Labor Day being on Monday September 7<sup>th</sup>. We will be having the Centennial Club Class of 2020 Induction Ceremony at 6 p.m. with a cocktail reception to follow. The inductees are Nobles Clay Blackwell, Harry Stringfellow PP and James Rudell. Congratulations to the Nobles for the milestone they have set.

The Louisiana Degree for August 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled. Arkansas Grand Master Most Worshipful David Bradley sends his apologies as he and Grand Secretary Brad Phillips had worked hard in setting up this opportunity.

Scimitar's Potentate's Ball has been **cancelled** due to the hotel not being able to accommodate us completely due to staffing issues and Covid-19. Debra and I are extremely disappointed in this development. We were looking forward to seeing everybody and ending our year as Potentate and First Lady on a good note.

The Golf @ the Rock 2020 Championship Tournament is still scheduled for October 17, 2020. There have been some adjustments to how the tournament will be put on due to COVID-19. Please see the registration form on the website for the changes.

The Bryant Fall Fest Parade that was scheduled for September 26<sup>th</sup> has been rescheduled for October 31<sup>st</sup>. Parade Marshall David Livingston is checking on the Parades that are scheduled for the Holiday Season.

The Bedouin Murder Mystery Fundraiser scheduled for November 7th has been postponed indefinitely due to the Temple's restricted occupancy due to COVID-19. It will be rescheduled for some time next year.

In closing, remember that our #1 goal is helping Shriner's Hospitals for Children help Shriners Children and having fun. Until next time stay safe & healthy.

Yours in Faith,

John Robinson  
Potentate

**The Blade Content Deadline**

The deadline for submitting content for the next issue is October 25, 2020.

Please send all content requests to:  
[mrsyb420@yahoo.com](mailto:mrsyb420@yahoo.com)



## SCIMITAR SHRINERS

### 2020 GOLF @ the ROCK

#### PLAYER REGISTRATION FORM

Saturday, Oct 17, 2020

The Country Club of Arkansas

3 Country Club Circle, Maumelle, AR 72113. (Call 501-851-0095)

Team tee times will be given in 10 minute intervals on a first paid basis.

First tee time: 8:30am. Tee times provided by text/email to team leader at least 1 week prior.

**PLEASE SHOW UP NO EARLIER THAN 30 MINUTES BEFORE YOUR TEAM'S TEE TIME.**

*Team Leaders are in charge of making sure all shirt sizes are final when sending in form & payment. After play, team leaders complete the team scorecard, email pic of scorecard to pro-shop immediately, and share email of team's final flight status with team.*

**\$125 PER PLAYER: INCLUDES CART, GREEN FEES, LUNCH, & GOODY BAG!**

\_\_\_\_\_(check here) ADD \$25 to Team Payment for TEAM Mulligans (1 per golfer)

No registrations on day of tournament. Golfers may leave after scorecard is final. Cash Prizes awarded during Potentate's Ball that evening or distributed by mail.

Team Leader: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer # 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer # 3: \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer # 4: \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit Registration ASAP. Team Payment = \$500 or \$525 with Mulligans  
Shirts sizes are final and will not be exchanged.

All proceeds are for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children.

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Please Mail Registration & Payment to: *Golf @ the Rock*, ATTN: Margie Burton,  
1 Riverfront Place, Suite 720, North Little Rock, AR 72114. (More Info Call 501-766-7167)

(Please make checks payable to *Golf @ the Rock Charity Tournament*)

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**NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS**  
**To be held during the December 7, 2020 STATED MEETING**

**§ 325.2 Election and Qualification.** (a) **Election Order.** The first 7 officers shall be elected annually, in the order in which they appear in §325.1(a), by ballot and constitute the official divan. Candidates for elective office in a temple must be members in good standing of that temple. Amend. 1969, 1983 (b) **Term Limit.** A Noble may not serve as Potentate of any temple for more than 2 years. However, a Noble may serve as Potentate for an additional 2 years if he has served in an office or offices on the official Divan other than Potentate, for at least 2 years subsequent to his previous terms as Potentate and there are no other eligible candidates offering for election to the position as Potentate. Amend. 2018 (c) **Qualification.** A Noble may not serve as Potentate of any temple unless he shall have first served at least one term as either Chief Rabban or Assistant Rabban of a temple. Amend. 1981 (d) **Dispensation.** Upon a showing of good and sufficient cause, in writing and at least 60 days prior to the temple election, the Imperial Potentate may waive the provisions of subsection (c) with respect to candidates for the office of Potentate at such temple election.

**§ 325.3 Appointment.** The other officers named in §325.1 shall be appointed by the Potentate.

**§ 325.4 When Elected.** Each temple must elect its officers and representatives at its annual meeting in January unless its bylaws allow the election to occur at the temple's stated meeting in December.

**§ 325.5 Ballot.** (a) **Separate Ballot.** Election of officers shall be by a majority vote of those present and voting. When there is more than one candidate for 63 Bylaws (Iowa) election to a particular office, a separate written ballot is required. A blanket ballot is prohibited. Amend. 2012 (b) **Retention.** The ballots cast in any contested election for temple office shall be retained in the custody of the Recorder for a period of 90 days following the election, after which they may be destroyed unless the Imperial Potentate otherwise orders. Amend. 1978 (c) **Void Ballot.** Blank ballots or ballots containing any markings other than the name of a candidate nominated from the floor are not votes and are not to be considered for any purpose.

**§ 325.6 Time of Election.** Nominations must commence not later than 9:00 p.m. and when that hour arrives all other business must cease and none may be transacted until the election is concluded.

**§ 325.7 Other Officers.** The temple may elect such other officers as its bylaws provide.

**§ 325.8 Nomination.** Candidates for office and Representative must be placed in nomination from the floor.

**§ 325.9 Leadership Search Committee.** The Board of Directors may appoint a committee consisting of not more than five (5) Nobles to study the qualifications of possible candidates for elective office in the temple. This committee may report their findings to the Board of Directors and/or to the temple members in the form of a nomination at a temple election. This committee may also consult with the Chief Rabban on his appointments if so requested.

**§ 325.10 Representatives.** (a) **Single Ballot.** Where a temple elects more than one Representative, all candidates must be balloted for on one written ballot. (b) **Complete Ballot.** Each member voting must vote only for the total number of Representatives to be elected, otherwise his ballot cannot be counted as a vote. (c) **Majority Vote.** A majority vote of those present and voting is necessary to elect each Representative. (d) **Election.** Only those candidates who receive a majority vote shall be declared elected. (e) **Successive Ballots.** Successive written ballots must then be taken in the same manner on other candidates until all Representatives are elected. (f) **Highest Vote.** If more candidates receive a majority vote than the number of representatives to be elected, then those receiving the greatest number of votes shall be declared elected. 64 Bylaws (Iowa) (g) **Void Ballot.** Blank ballots or ballots containing any markings other than the name of a candidate nominated from the floor are not votes and are not to be considered for any purpose.

**§ 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.



**Congratulations to our  
Class of 2020  
Centennial Club Inductees!**

- 1. Clay Blackwell**
- 2. Harry Stringfellow, PP**
- 3. James Ruddel**

**Want to become a Shriner?**

- 1. Become a Master Mason**
- 2. Complete a Membership Petition. [https://  
www.arkansasshriners.com/petition-for-membership](https://www.arkansasshriners.com/petition-for-membership)**
- 3. Instructions will be emailed to you to Complete your Back-ground Check**
- 4. Complete your Membership Interview in person or via Zoom video-conference.**
- 5. Presentation of your Petition to the temple Nobles at the next Stated Meeting followed by a vote.**
- 6. Pay your Initiation Fee and Membership Dues.**
- 7. Initiation.**
- 8. Fezzed!**



## **MEMORIALS**

### **Kathy Elder:**

Ralph Morris

### **Ethel Lawrence:**

Ralph Morris

### **Red Mullens:**

Ralph Morris

Charles & Ruth Thomas

Wayne & Joan Launius

### **Gay Stevens:**

Rick and Kim Brandon

Gardner & Lynn Burton

Bruce & Sheri Anible

Dewey & Mary Love

Steve & Jenny Sichterman

Robert & Karen Lea

Glen & Pat Jackson

Ralph Morris

Clay & Vickie Blackwell

John & Debra Robinson

David & April Moore

Dan & Vicky Thompson -

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Joe & Jan Diedrich

### **Gaye Parker:**

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## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **September:**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Fun Raisers Meeting
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Nomad Shrine Club Meeting  
Spring River Shrine Club Meeting
- 8<sup>th</sup> Director's Staff Meeting
- 12<sup>th</sup> Sahara Shriners Golf Tournament
- 14<sup>th</sup> Centennial Club Induction 6:00pm  
Stated Meeting 7:00pm  
Clown Meeting 8:30-9:30pm  
Misfits Meeting 8:30-9:30pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> DON Meeting
- 22<sup>nd</sup> North Pulaski Shrine Club Meeting
- 28<sup>th</sup> Fort Smith/River Valley Shrine Club Meeting

### **October:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Nomad Shrine Club Meeting  
Spring River Shrine Club Meeting
- 5<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting 7:00pm  
Clown Meeting 8:30-9:30pm  
Misfits Meeting 8:30-9:30pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> Fun Raisers Meeting
- 8<sup>th</sup> Shriners Hospital for Children Open
- 12<sup>th</sup> Bedouin Meeting
- 13<sup>th</sup> Director's Staff Meeting
- 17<sup>th</sup> DON Meeting  
Golf @ the Rock Tournament
- 24<sup>th</sup> Family Night
- 26<sup>th</sup> Fort Smith/River Valley Shrine Club Meeting
- 27<sup>th</sup> North Pulaski Shrine Club Meeting
- 31<sup>st</sup> Bryant Fall Fest Parade



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### SCIMITAR SHRINERS RAFFLE

## Chainsaw-Carved "Howling Wolf"

Donated by artist Brad McQuinn of B&K Custom Chainsaw Art, LLC



**Tickets \$5 Each or Five Tickets for \$20**

*Drawing will be held during Spring 2021 due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic.*

***Tickets may be purchased during Scimitar Stated Meetings, Events and Activities***

***Or Call 501-565-5992***



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