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Merry Christmas

Please Save the Date

Please join us for Scimitar Shriners' 2020 Christmas Drive Thru.

We will distribute gifts to all children for whom we receive an **RSVP by December 1st**.

Please respond even if you are unable to attend.

No need to leave your car. We will bring your gift to your car.

Have your picture taken with **Santa Claus!**

WHEN: Saturday, December 12th from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

WHERE: 631 West Riverfront Drive, North Little Rock, Arkansas 72114.

Please RSVP to # 501-565-5992 -or- admin@scimitarshrine.com



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POTENTATE'S MESSAGE

Greetings All!

It's the start of the Holiday Season. Parades are going to be starting up, so get your rides and floats ready to use. Family get togethers, meals and presents are a must. Especially this year with the pandemic having controlled much of what we've wanted to do.

We have had several events over the last 2 months. We inducted 3 new members into the Centennial Club. Congratulations to Noble Clay Blackwell, Ill. Sir Harry Stringfellow PP and Noble James Rudell. Imperial Sir James Smith, Lady Alice and MW Scott Pedley PGM of Wisconsin visited with us on September 24th and the Arkansas Grand Lodge. We had dinner and in keeping with Imperial Sir's theme this year "Getting Back" to Fun and Fellowship we welcomed them with Hog Hats and a roaring Hog call!

On October 17th we had the Golf @ the Rock tournament at the Country Club of Arkansas in Maumelle. It was a beautiful day for raising money for Shriners Hospital for Children's Transportation Fund. I want to say a BIG Thank You to Darrell and Margie Burton and the volunteers for putting on a superb tournament. Then was the afterparty at the Temple, which was very well attended. A Big Thank You to Wayne and Joan Launius, Ill. Sir Dennis Stevens and Dean and Barbara Riffin for putting on the party and the good food.

The Patient's Christmas Party will be on December 12, 2020 from 1 pm to 3 pm at Scimitar Shrine Temple. It will be a drive thru event. We are asking the Clubs and Units to come out and show their support to the patients.

In closing, Debra and I would like to say Thank You to everyone for the support that you have shown us this year. It has not been the year we had envisioned. I ask that we try and make the rest of the year as good as possible and let's have fun.

Please stay safe and healthy and have a Happy Holiday Season!

Yours in Faith,

John Robinson

Potentate

The Blade Content Deadline

The deadline for submitting content for the next issue is December 20, 2020.

Please send all content requests to:

mrsyb420@yahoo.com



THANK YOU!
Sahara Shrine!
For the donation
to help transport
our Shrine Kids!



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.



WELCOME

Fort Smith/River
Valley's new
members

Noble Cliff Ivey
And
Noble Neil Roberts

Some of Fort Smith/River Valley Shrine Club
having fun at the "Believe in Ft. Smith, Trunk or
Treat" on October 24, 2020.

Meet Scimitar's own Fezzy Bear, Rev. Micheal W.
Topham



MEMORIALS

Gay Stevens:

Wayne & Joan Launius

Wayne & Pat Hepp

Paula DeWitt:

Steve & Jenny Sichterman

Wayne & Joan Launius

Bruce & Sheri Anible

Audra Richardson:

Consolidated Ins. Cons. (Gardner Burton & Joe Diedrich)

Red Mullens:

Wayne & Pat Hepp

Kathy Elder:

Wayne & Pat Hepp

Ethel Lawrence:

Wayne & Pat Hepp

IN MEMORIUM

Tom Porter, PP

(Associate member)

CALENDAR OF EVENT

NOVEMBER:

- 2nd Stated Meeting 7:00pm
Clown Meeting-8:30-9:30
Misfits Meeting-8:30-9:30
- 4th Fun Raisers Meeting
- 5th Nomad Shrine Club
Spring River Shrine Club
- 7th Sherwood Veteran's Day Parade
- 9th Bedouin Meeting
- 10th Director Staff meeting
- 21st DON
- 23rd River Valley Shrine Club Meeting
- 24th North Pulaski Shrine Club Meeting
- 26th Thanksgiving Day

DECEMBER:

- 2nd Fun Raiser Meeting
- 3rd Nomad Shrine Club Meeting
Spring River Shrine Club Meeting
- 5th Maumelle Christmas Parade
- 6th Cabot Christmas Parade
- 7th Benton Christmas Parade
Stated Meeting-6pm dinner-7pm Meeting-temple
Ladies Meeting-6pm dinner-7pm Meeting-temple
Clown meeting-8:30-9:30-temple
Misfits Meeting-8:30-9:30-temple
- 8th Directors Staff Meeting
- 12th Patient's Christmas Party
- 14th Bedouin Meeting
- 19th D.O.N.
- 22nd North Pulaski Shrine Club Meeting
- 25th CHRISTMAS DAY
- 28th River Valley Shrine Club Meeting



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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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