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## **EASTER EGG HUNT SATURDAY, April 4, 2020**

631 Riverfront Drive

North Little Rock, AR

**BRING YOUR BASKETS**

**HAVE YOUR PICTURE TAKEN WITH THE EASTER BUNNY**

**REFRESHMENTS**

**1:00PM-3:00PM**

**THERE WILL BE SEVERAL DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS!**

**"HOP" TO SEE YOU THERE!**



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**The Blade Content Deadline**

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

Please send all content requests to:

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# POTENTATE'S MESSAGE

Ladies and Nobles:

First of all, Lady Debra and I would like to say "Thank You!" to everyone that came out for the Installation of Officers in January. It was standing room only and a GREAT way to start off this year!

It has been a busy 2 months. January 18, Ill. Sir Joe Diedrich and Lady Jan attended the East-West Shrine Bowl in St. Petersburg, Florida with Lady Debra and myself. I highly recommend putting this event on your calendar for next year. Next was the Big Buck Classic Chili Cookoff held on January 25, which raised \$7242.14 for our Transportation Fund! With 41 teams participating and a very generous donation made by the Big Buck Classic organization, I would say that it was a huge success! Thanks to the Fun Raisers for a GREAT job on organizing this event every year.

On February 1, the Valentine's dinner and dance was a great evening! A big thanks goes to Eddie and Holly Butler, Dean and Barbara Riggins (and family) and Wayne and Joan Launius for all of your hard work. The proceeds from this event will go toward housing for those attending Imperial Session in Kansas City. To further help this cause, we are selling chances on a Bass Pro Gift Card worth \$500! Tickets are \$10 each and the drawing will be held on June 9, 2020. If you have not purchased a chance to win this card, you can contact Wayne Launius or any member attending Imperial.

The SCSA Business meeting was held at Sahara Shrine in Pine Bluff on February 21-22, with Scimitar co-hosting. We had a great meeting followed by a dinner and dance. Thanks to Potentate Ken Scott and Sahara Shriners for a good time.

The Shrine College Baseball Classic will be held on February 28-March 2. There will be a group of Scimitar Shriners and their families attending. I know they will have a great time and hopefully will report on all the festivities so that we can share in the next Blade.

Up coming events include: The St. Patrick's Day parade on Saturday, March 14; Crawfish boil and baggo tournament Membership event March 21; Family night Bingo on Thursday, March 26; CSSA Business meeting March 27-28 at Adou Ben Adhem in Springfield, MO; Patients Easter Egg Hunt April 4; Mt. View Festival and parade April 17-19 and Spring River Shrine Club fishing tournament on April 25. Be sure to put all of these events on your calendar today!

It's that time of year again, start your pre-orders for Vidalia onions. We will be selling them for \$11 for 10# bags. A \$2 per bag commission will be given to each unit ordering.

On May 2, Scimitar will be hosting it's 5th Annual Golf @ the Rock Golf tournament with the Potentate's Ball being that evening. We are also selling chances for the Chainsaw Carved Howling Wolf. The drawing will be held at the Potentate's Ball. Tickets are \$5 each or \$20 for 5 chances. All proceeds will go to support our Transportation fund.

In closing a "Big Thank You!" to all of you who have worked on putting these events together and those who will be working on the future events.

Let's keep BLAZIN' A TRAIL IN HELPING CHILDREN AND HAVING FUN!

Yours in Faith,  
Potentate,  
John Robinson

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **MARCH:**

- 1st Shrine Baseball Series
- 2nd 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
- 4th Fun Raisers
- 5th Nomad Shrine Club meeting  
Spring River Shrine Club Meeting
- 8th DON
- 9th Bedouin meeting
- 10th Directors Staff meeting
- 14th St. Patrick's Day Parade
- 21st Crawfish Boil and Baggo Tourney & D.O.N.
- 24th North Pulaski Shrine Club meeting
- 26th Bingo Family Night
- 27th- River Valley Shrine Club meeting
- 27-29th CSSA Business meeting

### **APRIL:**

- 1st Fun Raisers
- 2nd Nomad Shrine Club Meeting  
Spring River Shrine Club Meeting
- 4th Egg Hunt
- 6th 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
- 13th Bedouin meeting
- 14th Director Staff meeting
- 24th River Valley Shrine Club Meeting
- 25th Spring River Shrine Club Fishing Tournament
- 28th North Pulaski Shrine Club meeting



**SCIMITAR SHRINERS**  
*Requests the pleasure of your company at  
the*



## *2020 Potentate's Ball*

*Honoring  
Illustrious Sir John Robinson  
&  
Lady Debra  
Along with the Divan and their Ladies*



*Saturday, May 2, 2020  
at  
Crowne Plaza Hotel  
201 S. Shackleford Road  
Little Rock, AR 72211  
Ph.# (501) 223-3000  
Room Rate \$92.00 per night (May 1 & 2)  
Reserve Room by April 17, 2020*



*Music by: White Mustang*

*Social Hour 5:30-6:30 p.m.  
Grand Entry 6:30 p.m.  
Dinner & Dance 7:00-11:00 p.m.*

*\$55.00 per person (\$110.00 per couple) (Children are Welcome)*

*Dress is Formal  
(Men Black Tie or Tux, Women Dress or Formal)*

*RSVP for Ball & Meal via included meal form by April 17, 2020*



## SCIMITAR POTENTATE'S BALL MENU

### PLATED BOURSIN STUFFED CHICKEN

Garden Salad with Home Style Dressing  
Chicken Breast Stuffed with Herbed Boursin Cheese, Pan Fried in a Romano Butter  
Served over Sundried Tomato Risotto with Sauce Supreme  
Steamed Butter Broccoli

or

### PLATED SMOTHERED PORK CHOPS

Garden Salad with Home Style Dressing  
Crispy Fried Boneless Pork Chops smothered in  
Rich Brown Gravy with Sautée'd Onions  
Roasted Potatoes  
Seasoned Vegetable Medley

All adult meal choices also include:  
Fresh rolls & Butter Choice of 2 desserts Iced Tea, Water, & Coffee

Please let us know if you request a vegan menu or have food allergies; the hotel will customize your meal. If you have children traveling with you, please also indicate the # of child's plates (ages 12 and under) needed below. Cut out on the line below and mail the form as your Potentate's Ball Registration with payment to:

John Robinson 205 Katye Lane Sherwood AR, 72120 or call Ph.# (501)690-2125



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Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Temple \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_ Cell/Best Contact Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate the # on the appropriate lines with your choices:

Potentate's Ball Registration \_\_\_\_\_ (# couples) @ \$110 each couple

\_\_\_\_\_ (# individuals) @ \$55 each

Meal Selection \_\_\_\_\_ (#) Stuffed Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ (#) Smothered Pork Chops

\_\_\_\_\_ (#) child plates @ \$12 each (ages 12 & under) Chicken strips, french fries,

Chocolate Chip Cookie, Banana Pudding, Lemonade \_\_\_\_\_ (#) Vegan

\_\_\_\_\_ (#) with these food allergies \_\_\_\_\_





## SCIMITAR SHRINERS

### 2020 GOLF @ *the ROCK*

## PLAYER REGISTRATION

Saturday, May 2, 2020

Registration: 7:45am; Shotgun Start: 8:30am

*The Country Club of Arkansas, 3 Country Club Circle, Maumelle, AR 72113*

**Team Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

John Robinson's 2020 Scimitar Potentate Ball is also on May 2 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Little Rock!

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

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

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

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

**Golfer # 2:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell #** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Golfer # 3:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell #** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Golfer # 4:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell #** \_\_\_\_\_

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

\*To guarantee golf shirt size, please submit form by 04/24/20. Shirts given on day of tournament.

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Please send completed form & check for payment made payable to **Golf @ the Rock** and mail to-

**Golf @ the Rock, ATTN: Margie Burton,**

**1 Riverfront Place, Suite 720, North Little Rock, AR 72114; (Call: 501-766-7167)**

TO PAY ONLINE: <https://www.arkansasshriners.com>



## **SCIMITAR SHRINERS**

**2020 GOLF @ THE ROCK TOURNAMENT- May 2, 2020, 8:30am**

**Sponsorship Deadline: April 24, 2020**

### **PLATINUM SPONSOR- \$2,500**

Named as a sponsor on all printed materials and announced verbally during the tournament  
Includes entry fee for your team- four (4) players and a color team photo for each  
Includes your logo on a rotating electronic screen on every golf cart  
Includes your logo on **every** 2020 *Golf @ the Rock* golf shirt  
Includes one *Golf @ the Rock* golf shirt- SIZE \_\_\_\_\_  
Includes a large framed golf hole flag with your logo on the flag (or updated plate)  
Presented with a special recognition plaque at the start of the tournament

### **GOLD SPONSOR- \$1,000**

Named as a sponsor on all printed materials and announced verbally during the tournament  
Includes entry fee for your team- four (4) players and a color team photo for each  
Includes your logo on a rotating electronic screen on every golf cart  
Includes one *Golf @ the Rock* golf shirt- SIZE \_\_\_\_\_  
Includes a large framed golf hole flag with your logo on the flag (or updated plate)

### **SILVER SPONSOR- \$500**

Named as a sponsor on all printed materials and announced verbally during the tournament  
Includes your logo on a rotating electronic screen on every golf cart, if sized logo provided

### **BRONZE SPONSOR- \$250**

Named as a sponsor on all printed materials and announced verbally during the tournament  
Includes your logo on a rotating electronic screen on every golf cart, if sized logo provided

**Please email a JPEG of your logo, sized to 1024 X 600 pixels to**  
**[margie.burton0702@gmail.com](mailto:margie.burton0702@gmail.com)**

**with "Logo for Golf Tournament" as the subject line.**

**Questions? Call Margie 501-766-7167**

**Please send completed sponsorship form and payment made payable to Golf @ the Rock to**  
**2020 *Golf @ the Rock* Tournament, ATTN: Margie Burton**  
**1 Riverfront Place, Suite 720, North Little Rock, AR 72114**

**TO PAY ONLINE: <https://www.arkansasshriners.com>**

**SPONSOR \_\_\_\_\_ CONTACT \_\_\_\_\_**

**WEBSITE ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_**

**EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_ CELL # \_\_\_\_\_**

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## Onion Fundraiser

Orders due by March 31, 2020

10# Bags ONLY - \$11/ bag

*(5lb sacks are available if you wish to separate after purchase)*

Units will receive \$2 for each bag sold so  
please make sure to order directly from a unit

For questions, contact:

Eddie Butler

[Eddiebutler76@gmail.com](mailto:Eddiebutler76@gmail.com)

501-944-6880

Or

Caleb Mayden

[Cmayden@gmail.com](mailto:Cmayden@gmail.com)

501-912-9033



## \$500 BASS PRO GIFT CARD

CHANCES \$10 EACH

DRAWING JUNE 9, 2020

DO NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN

CONTACT WAYNE LAUNIUS OR ANY MEMBER ATTENDING IMPERIAL  
SESSION TO GET YOUR CHANCE TODAY!

PROCEEDS ARE FOR THE HOUSING OF THOSE ATTENDING IMPERIAL  
SESSION IN KANSAS CITY

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP SELL THESE CHANCES

YOU CAN CONTACT WAYNE AT (501)680-1137

### MEMORIALS

#### **BILL NEWMAN:**

Greta Robinson

#### **ETHEL LAWRENCE:**

Wayne & Joan Launius

Joe & Jan Diedrich

Clay & Vickie Blackwell

#### **ELLEN BREEDLOVE:**

Joe & Jan Diedrich

#### **HEATHER NEAL:**

Joe & Jan Diedrich

Gardner & Lynn Burton

Steve & Jenny Sichterman

Mike & Mandy Rushin

Clay & Vickie Blackwell

David & April Moore

John & Debra Robinson

Bruce & Sheri Anible

Wayne & Joan Launius



**MARCH  
21**



## **CRAWFISH BOIL & BAGGO**

**Scimitar Shriners  
631 West Riverfront Dr., NLR, AR  
4pm-9pm**

**\$10 per person, all you can eat**

**Candidates eat free**

**Crawfish, corn, sausages, potatoes, onion**

**Free hotdogs & burgers**

**Baggo tournament is free to enter. Teams of two, teams will be drawn at random the day of the event.**

**\$200 prize for first place!**

**RSVP TO SHANE SIMMONS**

**TSSIMMONS128@AOL.COM**

**501-773-0393 BY MARCH 14.**

# Scimitar Shriners

## 2020 Membership Events



### Calling all Shriners!

Your Potentate and membership committee have put together some events for current nobles to bring their families and prospective future nobles. Every year we have a great time and we want this year to be one to remember, so please mark these dates on your calendar. Invite your friends, family, coworkers, neighbors, or anyone you'd like, these events are for fun and fellowship. Cant wait to see you there!



#### LUAU

Sept. 26, 2020 @  
Scimitar Temple



#### STEAK NIGHT

Oct. 16, 2020 @  
Scimitar Temple



#### TASTE OF THE ROCK

June 6, 2020 @  
Scimitar Temple



#### Crawfish Boil & Baggo

March 21, 2020 @  
Scimitar Temple



Bingo Night  
March 26, 2020 @  
Scimitar Temple



Night at the  
Ballpark  
Dickey-Stephens  
Ballpark  
Date and Time:  
TBD



# **2020 SOUTH CENTRAL SHRINE ASSOCIATION** **REGISTRATION FORM**

## **TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF!**

Noble \_\_\_\_\_ Lady \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Business \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Temple \_\_\_\_\_ Unit/Temple Title \_\_\_\_\_  
 I will be staying at: Hotel \_\_\_\_\_ Home \_\_\_\_\_ RV \_\_\_\_\_ Other (Please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

## **ACTIVITIES**

<b>DAY</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>PRICE PER PERSON</b>	<b>NOBLE</b>	<b>LADY</b>
Wednesday	Baggo (Cash Prizes)	\$10	\$ _____	\$ _____
Wednesday	Guided Fishing	\$125	\$ _____	\$ _____
Thursday	BBQ Lunch (Sahara's Best)	\$20	\$ _____	\$ _____
Thursday	Guided Fishing	\$125	\$ _____	\$ _____
Friday	ROJ Breakfast	\$15	\$ _____	NA
Friday	Gangster Museum Event	\$35	\$ _____	\$ _____
Friday	Clown Comp	Registration Separate	NA	NA
Friday	Motor Corp Comp	Registration Separate	\$ _____	\$ _____
Saturday	Parade	No Cost	No Cost	No Cost
Saturday	Baggo Contest (Cash Prizes)	\$25	\$ _____	\$ _____
Saturday	Ladies Fashion Show Luncheon	\$20	\$ _____	\$ _____
Saturday	Guided Fishing	\$125	\$ _____	\$ _____
Saturday	Awards Ceremony POTENTATE BALL Speak Easy	\$50	\$ _____	\$ _____
	Mandatory SCSA per Noble	\$25 Registration Fee	\$ _____	\$ _____
	Late Fee \$10 Applied after April 15th		\$ _____	\$ _____
	<b>TOTAL</b>		\$ _____	\$ _____

**Mail Registration:** (Mail Form & Check payable to SCSA/Sahara Temple)  
 South Central Shrine Association  
 c/o Sahara Shrine  
 820 S. Main Street, Pine Bluff, Arkansas 71601



Post Office Box 255  
North Little Rock, Arkansas, 72115-0255

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Little Rock, AR  
Permit #639

## CHAINSAW WOLF CARVING

CHANCES \$5 EACH OR \$20 FOR 5 CHANCES

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT SCIMITAR TRANSPORTATION FUND!

DRAWING AT THE POTENTATE'S BALL MAY 2, 2020

CONTACT ANY DIVAN MEMBER TO PURCHASE YOUR CHANCES



## **FAMILY BINGO NIGHT**

631 Riverfront Drive

North Little Rock, AR

Thursday, March 26, 2020

6:00pm-9:00pm

Dinner included

Bring the kids, buy your cards and have fun!



**SHRINERS HAVING FUN AND RAISING  
MONEY FOR OUR HOSPITALS! AT THE KORN  
AND BREAKING BENJAMIN CONCERT**