

# THE BLADE

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**SCIMITAR WOULD LIKE TO SAY**

**"THANK YOU!"**

**Wayne and Joan Launius**

**Your time and dedication for the last 21 years to our Hospitality room has been amazing! Enjoy your "retirement" from your Hospitality duties, relax and continue the FUN!**

"Joan and I are hanging up our hospitality aprons as of January 1, 2021! It's been a fantastic 21 year ride, but our age isn't allowing us to continue the way we would want to. Thanks for all the memories and beautiful friends we've made along the way. We'll still be around for all the fun!" Wayne and Joan Launius

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**The Blade Content Deadline**

The deadline for submitting content for the next issue is February 25, 2021

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# POTENTATE'S MESSAGE

Well, here we are again as another calendar year has passed— and a new year brings a new Potentate to Scimitar Shriners!

I am truly humbled at the trust you have bestowed in me as the 2021 leader of such a devoted fraternal group. I thank you for your continued dedication to our common cause ! I have seen the tremendous outpouring of support we each have had with each other over the years as we have diligently worked together toward our common objective.

Our passion for the new coming year as Shriners should focus on 3 key points to help us accomplish our mission. My hope is that we can build together upon the 3 Fs.

## 3 F's for 2021

**Fellowship**—streamline our monthly stated meetings so we can have more time for building camaraderie and relationships to existing and new nobles & family.

**Fun**—more fun and exciting events and activities throughout the year, as a fraternal group we can have more brotherly fun together which will include our ladies & family!

**Funding our philanthropy**—our motivation as Shriners always involve giving back to our hospitals through our fund-raising events which benefit our kids. All of us are volunteers!

My first lady, Trisha, is really excited to start the new year working with all of the ladies. She can't wait to add her own flavor of fun, new ideas and activities.

ALL together as a group focusing on **Fellowship** and **Fun** to make greater success for **Funding** our philanthropy!

HERE'S TO A GREAT, SAFE, AND HEALTHY 2021....

Cheers,

Russel Betts

Potentate, Scimitar Shriners



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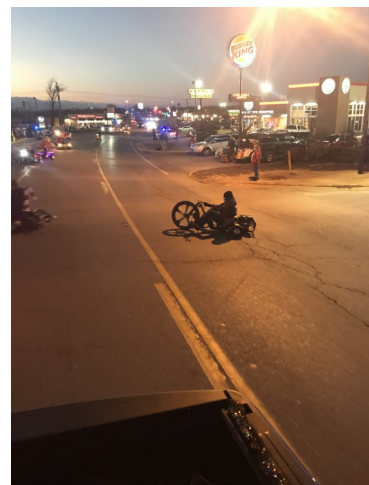
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# SANTA AND SOME OF HIS SCIMITAR ELVES!





**OH WHAT FUN IT  
IS TO RIDE.....  
SCIMITAR  
HAVING FUN IN  
THE LOCAL  
CHRISTMAS  
PARADES**





# **MEMORIALS**

## **Dale Steinert:**

Phyllis Freeman

## **William Harold Thomas:**

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Bruce & Sheri Anible

Drew Illing

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## **CALENDAR OF EVENT**

### **JANUARY:**

- 1st New Years Day
- 4th Stated Meeting 7:00pm  
Clown Meeting-8:30-9:30  
Misfits Meeting-8:30-9:30
- 6th Fun Raisers Meeting
- 7th Nomad Shrine Club  
Spring River Shrine Club
- 11th Bedouin Meeting
- 12th Director Staff meeting
- 16th DON
- 21st River Valley Shrine Club Meeting
- 23rd North Pulaski Shrine Club Meeting

### **FEBRUARY:**

- 1st 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
- 3rd Fun Raisers
- 4th Nomad Shrine Club Meeting  
Spring River Shrine Club Meeting
- 8th Bedouin Meeting
- 9th Directors Staff Meeting
- 18th River Valley Shrine Club Meeting
- 20th D.O.N.
- 23rd North Pulaski Shrine Club Meeting
- 26th-28th SCSA Business Meeting (virtual Only)



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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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