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The Potentates Message

February 2024 Potentates Message



Greetings Nobles, Ladies, Friends, and Family _ Top O' the Day to you All! March has arrived swiftly, and I have a feeling that most of the months this year will be equally fast. No matter their speed, I expect them to be chock full of memories, smiles, and fraternal blessings.

I would like to take a moment to thank our Chief Rabban, Jeff Zellesnikar, and all of the many people that he had helping him with the Ball. Tara and I were humbled by the incredible effort, and subsequent stellar success, of the event. It was a grand party that will be talked about for years. Thank you!

Lady Tara and I were able to represent Egypt at both the Sahib and Shaddai Balls, while the Divan hosted a 35+ strong contingent from Syria Temple at the February Family Friday Dinner. Did I mention Putting for a Purpose with the Ladies of the Oriental Shrine from Tahuti Court? Thank you Noble Second Ceremonial Master Donnie Olmsted for coordinating a top-notch event! Great job.

February wasn't all parades and festivities though. I was honored to drape a black streamer on the flag for Illustrious Sir Bob Hewell and later, there was an amazing turnout to say farewell to one of our former First Ladies of Egypt Shrine, the amazing and energetic Lady Betty Cox. Her legacy will continue to inspire us all. But what about March you ask? We have an action-packed month with Music on the Bay, parades in "Top of the World," Plant City, Zephyrhills, Tampa, Homosassa, and New Port Richey. Plus there is the Council of Units, Stated Meeting, First Lady's Tea, and our Family Friday Dinner.

I saved two events for separate recognition. On Sunday, 17 March at 2:00 PM, please join us for our annual Memorial Service where we bid final farewell to those Nobles who have laid down their working tools over the past year. This is a no fez, no pin event. I hope that you can come out and join us in this tribute.

Finally, our annual Easter Egg hunt will take place on Saturday, 30 April. Check the Sands, your email, and printed announcements scattered throughout the Shrine. It will be a great day, so bring your children, grandchildren, friends, family, and co-workers. It will be a great day.

I am honored to be your Potentate for 2024!

On behalf of First Lady Tara and myself, "thank you" and yes, I'M EXCITED!!!

Mark Miles 
Mark Miles Egypt Shrine
Potentate 2023

Egypt Shriners Clubs and Units Meeting Dates

Ambassadors Shrine Club.....2nd Wednesday
Brandon Shrine Club.....4th Monday (Odd Months)
Citrus Shrine Club.....2nd Friday
Cracker Jacks.....Last Friday
DeMolay Unit.....4th Monday
Director's Staff.....4th Tuesday
Fun N' Frolic.....3rd Wednesday
Greeters.....2nd Wednesday
Hernando County Shrine Club.....1st Tuesday
Highlanders Pipes & Drum.....Every Thursday
Highlands Shrine Club.....4th Wednesday
Honor Patrol.....3rd Monday
Humidor Club.....4th Wednesday
Keystone Kops.....1st Thursday
Lakeland Shrine Club.....3rd Thursday
Legion of Honor.....1st Thursday After Council
Mtg Midget Motors.....4th Wednesday

Motor Corps.....3rd Wednesday
New Port Richey Shrine Club.....2nd Thursday
Past Masters.....1st Monday (Jan-May, Sep-Dec)
Pharaohs.....2nd Tuesday
Pinellas Shrine Club.....4th Monday
Provost Guard.....3rd Thursday
Rod and Gun Club.....4th Thursday
Ritual Team.....1st Thursday (April/October)
Showmen's Shrine Club.....1st/3rd Monday (Nov-Mar)
Sultans of Egypt Shriners.....3rd Monday
Sun City Center Shrine Club.....2nd Wednesday
Tampa Cabiri Chapter.....2nd Wednesday
Technical Staff.....1st Thursday
Tin Lizzies.....3rd Wednesday
Trike Patrol.....3rd Monday
Wheels Association.....2nd Monday
Zephyrhills Shrine Club.....3rd Thursday

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Lady's Corner

By: Tara Miles



Hi Ladies!

Thank you to those who joined us for the February Stated Meeting and played Music Bingo. This month, Lady Marcia will help us plant succulents. I've been able to keep mine alive all year, so I'm excited to add more to my window sill!

I am really looking forward to the First Lady's Tea on March 9th. We also have the Memorial Service on March 17th, Family Friday dinner on March 22nd, and the Easter Egg Hunt on March 30th. It will be a busy month! I hope to see you at these events!

The First Lady's Drink of the Month for March is a Green Apple Martini that can also include some caramel. As a reminder, \$1 from each drink sold will go to my project this year. I also have Shrine Lady shirts available for purchase. The shirts are \$20 with \$5 going to my project.

I can't wait to see you this month!

Lady Tara

From the Directors Staff



The Potentates Ball February 17th, 2024 was a great time, the food was good, and the silent disco was a sight to see. A great time was had by all. We also supported the Putting for a Purpose February 25th, 2024, and it was a great event. We participated in the Dade City parade.

We will be participating in several parades this month. We will also participate in the Memorial Service March 17th, 2024 to honor our Nobles who left us last year. We have our annual CORN BOIL coming on June 15th, 2024, and that is always a great time. You can get your tickets from any member of the Director's Staff.

We meet in our room on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:30 and welcome All visiting Nobles. Come join us for fun, fellowship, and to aid our Temple in everything SHRINE. We would be happy to have you as a new member. Some of the Activities the Director's Staff are involved in Include:

- Ceremonials
- Arch Degree
- Parade of Units
- The Memorial Service
- Egypt Shrine Children's Christmas Party
- Annual Corn Boil Party
- Shrine Parades

Any Shriner who is not in a parade unit and would like to do any of the Egypt Shrine parades come join us on our float. Dress in black slacks, Shrine shirt if you have one and Your Fez. Come out and have fun and be engaged with your Brothers.

Pinellas Shrine Club News

From Noble Duane Mertz

Welcome Egypt Shriners!

The Pinellas Shrine Club gathered at our regular Stated Meeting at Blanco Cigar Company in Pinellas Park on Monday, January 22, 2024.

After enjoying some fine Blanco cigars and adult beverages in pre-meeting fellowship, the 22 Nobles in attendance gathered for our regular Stated Meeting.

Nobles Chuck Bailey and Duane Mertz were duly installed as PSC President and Vice President by HPP Noble Brother Jim Ullery.

The Club agreed to:

- Purchase a named brick at the Egypt Temple in honor of Brother Matthew Stalcup, JW at Nitram Lodge, who passed on to the celestial lodge that day.
- Contribute a Publix gift card toward the relief of a Noble Brother from Wauchula, Florida as suggested by Egypt Shrine.
- Support the “Putting for a Purpose” Egypt Shrine event by sponsoring a hole on the course and a foursome for play in the tournament.

3rd Annual PSC Beach Weekend Scheduled for August 22-25

Scheduled for the weekend of August 22-25, this fun-filled event includes a full itinerary of activities including fun and frolics at the Holiday Inn Harborside. The fun includes beach time at nearby Indian Rocks Beach and the Splash Harbor Water Park, the PSC Beach Weekend Ceremonial, and the PSC Hospitality Suite.

The weekend will be highlighted by a Cold Sands Ceremonial where new Nobles will be welcomed into Egypt Shrine.

All Shriners and family members are welcome to attend this fun-filled weekend.

The Holiday Inn Harborside is located at 401 Second Street at Indian Rocks Beach 6 miles south of Clearwater Beach, 13 miles north of St. Pete Beach and a short walk to the beautiful Indian Rocks Beach. Splash Harbor Water Park is located next to the Hotel. Guests can hop on the Beach Trolley to visit John's Pass Village in Madeira Beach for unique shopping or head north to the Clearwater Marine Aquarium.



The Pinellas Shrine Club welcomes all Shriners and Shriner visitors. We meet every 4th Monday at the Blanco Cigar Company at 10860 76th Ct. North #A, Seminole, Florida.

Why not stop by, say hello, enjoy a fine Blanco Cigar and some Egypt Shrine fellowship?

Be sure to visit the Pinellas Shrine Club Facebook page for more news about Pinellas Shrine Club.

March Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26	27	28	29	1	2
3	4	5	6 COU Meeting 7:30pm	7	8	9 First Ladies Tea (community room)
10	11	12	13 Stated Meeting	14 Sands Deanline	15	16 Azan Potentates Ball
17 Memorial Service	18	19	20	21	22 4th Friday 6:30 Oasis	23 Marzuq Potentates Ball
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 Easter egg hunt
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

April Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
31	1	2	3 COU Meeting 7:30pm	4	5	6 Hadji Potentates Ball	
7	8	9	10 Stated Meeting 7:30pm	11	12	13	
14 Sands Deanline	15	16	17	18	19 Family Friday Dinner	20	
21	22	23	IALOH Convention				27
28 IALOH Convention	29	30	1	2	3	4	

Egypt Shriners Memorial Service

Sunday March 17, 2024

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

*Though our brothers
may be gone,
their memories, legacy,
and giving,
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them in this celebration,
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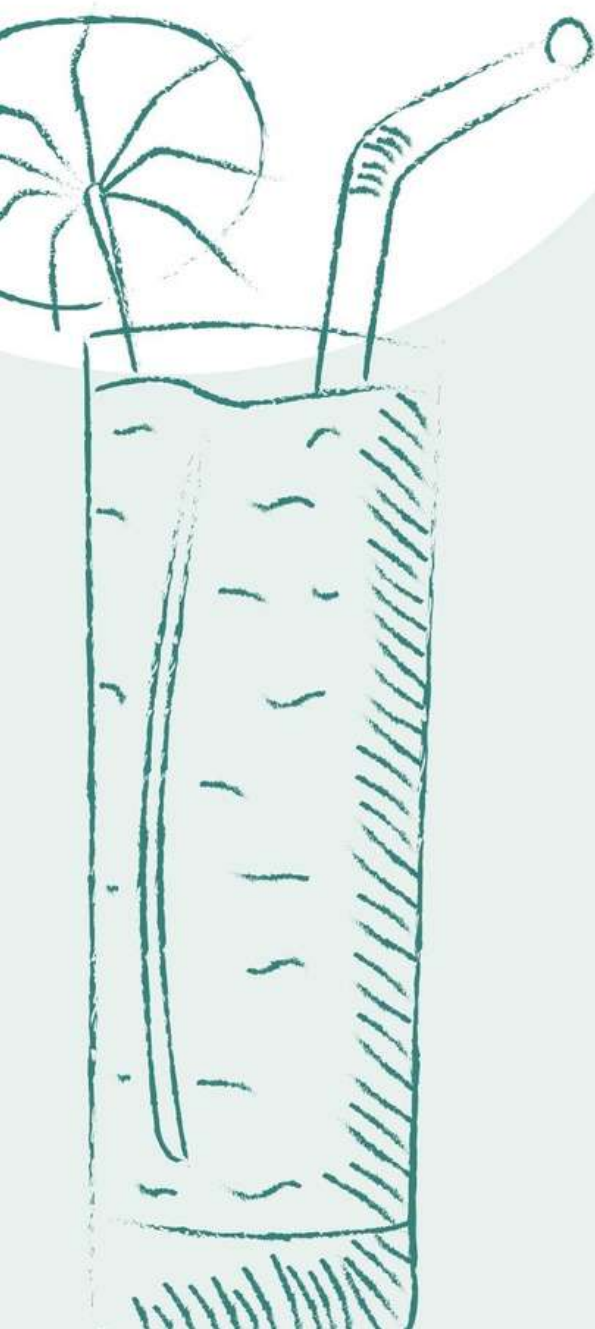


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Saturday, March 9, 2024

1:00PM – 3:00PM

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Refreshments provided



Egypt Shriners **Annual** **Easter Egg Hunt**



Saturday, March 30, 2024

10:30 A.M. until 1:00 P.M.

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Easter Egg Hunt at 11:00A.M.

Easter Bunny arrives at 11:30 A.M.

Age Groups: 2 and under, 3-5, 6-8,9 and older

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Dont forget to bring your Easter Basket!

For more information or to volunteer for activities, please contact the Oriental Guide, Stan Dennison at srdenn@gmail.com



60th Annual CORN BOIL



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Saturday, June 15, 2024

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In Memoriam

*Passed within the Unseen Temple,
Life is a story in volumes three.
The past, the present, yet to be.
The first we've written and laid away.
The second we're reading day by day.
The third and last of the volumes three,
is locked from sight.
God keepeth the key.*

**Clay Craft
James Bauer
Robert Jenson
David Riley**



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