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Spring is here and so is the Jaffa Shrine Circus. We will be kicking off the Circus on Wednesday evening April 19 and finishing with our final show on Sunday April 23. All the Shrine circuses were saddened to hear that there will be no elephants this year. The long-time trainer has fallen ill and is no longer able to travel. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family. Aside from this, Billy Martin has an exciting show planned for us this year and we look forward to having a wonderful Circus with your help and patronage.

The One-Day Class was a success as you can see from the front cover photo. We are happy to announce that 50 new nobles joined us that day. Please encourage our new nobles to “Come and See” what all the Jaffa has to offer. We all know that getting involved in a unit or club is the best way to start experiencing the “fun and fellowship” our fraternity can offer. As I said from the podium that day, “Lady Tracy and I didn’t know most of you five years ago and now you are our friends and support group.” Our new members will also experience this if we encourage them to “Come and See”.

Parade season is fast approaching and I look forward to spending time on the street with all of you. I’m always impressed with the turnout for the various parades by our nobles. Our communities know us for supporting one of the world’s greatest philanthropies — Shriners Children’s Hospitals and our fezzes. Please wear your fez with pride. Remember, it is a symbol of hope for the children we treat and their families.

Come and See,

Christopher E. Ritchey,
Potentate
2023

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Fun in the Sun at Virginia Beach

Boy, have times changed! Poodle skirts, bell bottoms and now back to straight-legged jeans. If I would have saved all my worn-torn carpenter jeans to sell now, I would be rich.

So, the point of this article is to remind us all that we can't live in the past. We are so lucky to be able to attend such a fun gathering as the Mid-Atlantic Shrine Association (MASA) fall meeting. Times have changed, and so has MASA's convention and parade. As membership in all civic organizations and churches has declined, we are not immune. The number of Nobles attending is what really tells the tale of the cost increase, so let's see if Jaffa can be the leader in reversing the trend.

Last year, Jaffa sworn in over 30 new Nobles, and on March 25, 2023, we sworn in 45 more new Nobles. If MASA were to give out trophies, membership at Jaffa should be one of them. Now, let's think about this... why would a man want to join the Shriners? Hopefully, it would be for good Masonic reasons; but basically, it's for fun and fellowship! So, let's all head to Virginia Beach and enjoy fun and fellowship with our brothers and families of MASA!

I have been questioned numerous times about what you can do in Virginia Beach besides laying on the beach. Well, let me tell you, this region has more to do and see in a 20-mile radius than possibly anywhere in the USA!

Let's look at what is available within ten minutes of our hotels for folks to visit and enjoy. The Virginia Aquarium, minutes south on General Booth Blvd., gives all a cool, relaxed way to enjoy a break from the sun or be

entertained if it's raining. Close by the Aquarium is an outdoor adventure park with zip-lines challenge trails. Moving ten minutes north on Shore Drive, can take you to Fort Story to see Cape Henry Lighthouse and learn some of the U.S.-Virginia coastal history. At First Landing Virginia State Park, you can enjoy miles of hiking and biking trails or take a kayak or paddleboard through the marshlands. Just over the Lesner Bridge from this area is the Brock Center that offers beach trails, and Pleasure House Point Nature area offers 188 acres of kayak-waiting waterways.

This area offers expressways or local routes to many interesting destinations within 20 miles. Consider a nice lunch and shopping at the Town Center, a beautiful rebuilt shopping and restaurant district just nine miles in toward Norfolk on I-264. Speaking of Norfolk, why not treat the family to a nice day in Norfolk with lots to see such as Navy ships and the world-class Chrysler Museum, and the Virginia Zoo offers a fun visit for the grandkids.

Brothers, why not put together a day of golfing at one of the many beautiful courses available with many mid-week specials. Fishing excursions are available, so why not consider asking your unit brothers to join in on the fun.

I know our Illustrious Potentate and Divan are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible in September. Get your deposit money and application for a room in soon! Go online and see for yourself all that you can see and do in this area at atvisitvirginiabeach.com or visitnorfolk.com.

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Dorcas Temple No. 129, Daughters of the Nile

Shirley Bobak became the 58th Queen of Dorcas Temple No. 129, Daughters of the Nile, at the annual Installation of Officers on March 5, 2023. The ceremony opened with the ringing of the gong followed by the entrance of the Slave Girls. The Holy Bible and the crown were brought in and placed on the Altar. The Mistress of Ceremonies was then escorted to the podium followed by the Reigning Queen, Robin Nixon. The Flags of the US and Canada were honored. Introductions were made and the Installing Officers were led to their places in the Temple to perform the Installation Ceremony. All officers took the oath of office and Queen Shirley Bobak, wearing a sparkling new crown, was escorted to the throne in the east.



Queen Shirley then took her place at the podium, addressed those attending with her Masonic and Nile journey. She then introduced her family. She thanked Junior Past Queen Robin Nixon for a great year. Under Queen Robin's direction Dorcas Temple donated \$20,000 to the Daughters of the Nile Foundation. Junior Past Queen Robin was presented with gifts from her officers and the Past Queens of Dorcas Temple, she was then escorted to the altar, signed the Temple bible, and then made her way back to the east making her way through a rose honor arch created by the Past Queens.



Left to right, row one: Ladies of the Keys Robin Colins, Princess Royal Beverly Harris PQ, Queen Shirley Bobak, Junior Past Queen Robin Nixon, Princess Tirzah Rhonda Reynolds. Row two: Princess Zora Janette Wanser, Princess Banker Leah Wilson PQ, Attendant Cathy Wyland and Attendant Chris Imler-Drake. Row three: Ladies of the Gates Phyllis Collins, Princess Zulieka Carol Peterman, Princess Recorder Janet Pena PQ, Princess Chaplin Iris Hileman PQ, Princess Marshall Sylvia Colyer PQ and Princess Nydia Amy Woomer

Queen Shirley then introduced Noble Troy Harding who gave us greetings and information from Erie Shriners Children's. She next introduced Potentate Chris Ritchey who gave us an update on Philadelphia Shriners Children's Hospital and introduced his Divan. Queen Shirley then presented Potentate Chris Ritchey with a check for \$1500 to Philadelphia Shriners Hospital towards their Cardiac Monitor Program. The ceremony was followed by a beautiful open reception. The members of Dorcas Temple would like to thank everyone for making this day a memorable one.



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Hello to all of you,

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Jobel Court No.11 would like to thank all of our friends and families who came out for our 2023 installation of officers. Our Grand Marshal, Lady Kim Cook, was part of our ceremony. What an honor this was for all of us. Lady Paula Salyards was installed as the new High Priestess, and was fezzed by Grand Marshal Lady Kim. WOW, what an honor this was.

We have a huge plan for this coming year, and we are super excited to get started. Outgoing Junior PHP Lisa Noel installed 11 new Ladies. These new Ladies are a breath of fresh air, have great ideas and will bring others along to join our elite group of ladies. We have one

common goal and purpose, raise money for the Children's Shriners Hospital. This past year we also added a clown unit which are named Jovial Jobel Jokesters, which will be performing at our Jaffa Circus in April. Our marching unit, Joble Jewels, march in many parades throughout Central Pennsylvania.

If your husband is a Noble or a Shriner and/or you yourself have been looking for some way to give back, this is the perfect way to do so.

If you are interested in having a lot of fun, laughing, growing your friendship and sisters, this is it. Please feel free to look us up on Facebook at Jobel Court No. 11 for more information. We meet at the Jaffa Shrine Center the second Thursday of every month, and would love for you to join us.



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The Fezzy Focus

A Shriners Children's Erie Update



New Knee Offers Flexibility for Active Teenager

Yandel was born with proximal femoral focal deficiency (PFFD), a birth defect in which the upper part of the femur is either malformed or missing, causing one leg to be shorter than the other. He began receiving care at a young age at Shriners Children's Erie where he and his physician, Sarah Nossov, MD, decided that a transfemoral prosthesis may help him to lead a more functional life. Over the years, Yandel has gained confidence and increased his activity level and the types of activities he participates in. He is a wrestler, weightlifter and is experimenting with other sports such as running, cheerleading and football. Unfortunately, with all his new activities, Yandel felt that his prosthesis was no longer "keeping up with him."

In late 2022, Yandel met with the team at Pediatric Orthotic and Prosthetic Services (POPS) at Shriners Children's Erie, to see how they could help him. Hannah Clark, CPO, evaluated Yandel Within a few hours of



training, Yandel walked down stairs, stepover-step, for the first time. He was also able to try "cycle mode" in the physical therapy gym. Samantha Fields, DPT, physical and decided that he would be an excellent candidate for a microprocessor knee, due to his understanding of his body mechanics, responsible nature, abil-

ity to care for and maintain his prosthesis and regular "wearing out" of his current device. After selecting an appropriate knee for Yandel, Hannah got certified in the use, programming and provision of the specific knee and invited a representative from the manufacturer to attend the socket fitting and initial knee programming appointment. Yandel was fitted for the knee and his initial response was "It feel just like a real leg."

The team at Shriners Children's Erie is excited to see what the future holds for this active and determined young man. "We can't wait to see what he decides to conquer next and are honored to support him every step of the way," said Clark. therapist at Shriners Children's Erie and Kristie Gunn, Rehab Aide, helped position him on the bike and he almost instinctively began riding! After a few minutes of riding, Yandel was overcome with emotion and hugged his mom. His dad commented, "17 years. For 17 years my boy has never been able to ride a bike. This is amazing!"

More than \$21,000 Raised During Annual Telethon

Shriners Children's Erie hosted their annual TV Telethon with JET24/FOX66 Tuesday, March 14 at the Millcreek Mall. Thank you to all the staff, patients and Board members who participated as well as anyone who supported with a donation. During the two hour telethon, the medical center was able to raise \$21,366 and share powerful stories of care with a large television audience.





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Patient ambassador Ally to represent Shriners Children’s Philadelphia at the Shriners Children’s College Classic

A Patient Ambassador and former softball player, Ally was recently selected to represent the University of Michigan baseball team as an honorary team captain in the upcoming Shriners Children’s College Classic in Houston, Texas.



Ally met the team last fall, and is traveling to Houston to represent them in the Shriners Children’s College Classic. The three-day, six-team, nine-game event continues to draw fans, top-ranked programs and scouts from every Major League organization each year.

Ally first came to Shriners Children’s Philadelphia in August 2017 after hearing about Shriners Children’s from her grandfather, who was also a Shriner. As suspected, she was diagnosed with scoliosis, which led to surgery a few months later in October. After her first vertebral body tethering surgery, Ally grew five inches and had a lot of flexibility to play softball and participate in many other physical activities for most of her high school career. From the beginning, Ally said that the hospital feels like a second home and that her family had made the right decision.

“Shriners makes me feel like I’m not at a hospital and makes feel like I’m at home,” said Ally. “We knew right from the start that I was in the best hands.”

Although Ally had to return to Shriner Children’s Philadelphia in 2022 for a second spinal surgery, she was still very satisfied with her choice of care and doctor, orthopedic surgeon Steven Hwang, M.D.

“With both surgeries, I was never scared or had any anxiety because I knew I was in the best hands. I wouldn’t want my spinal fusion done anywhere else,” said Ally. “I love Dr. Hwang—he will be my doctor forever!”

Ally also has a very good relationship with the Detroit Moslem Shriners in Novi, Michigan, near her hometown. Ally and her parents are very grateful for all the help and support the Shriners have provided. In addition to helping with all of Ally’s trips to the Philadelphia Shriners Hospital, they were also instrumental in helping Ally to have an opportunity to represent the hospital at the Shriners Children’s College Classic.

“I am extremely excited and honored to represent the Philadelphia Hospital and the Detroit Shriners, said Ally. “It gives me the opportunity to show a different type of patient. I look normal, but I have hard times too.”



Rare Disease Day 2023: Kiera’s journey at Shriner’s Children’s

When Jessica and her husband, Aaron, went to the doctor for their 20-week anatomy scan, they found that their daughter would be born without her left arm at the shoulder. After taking the necessary time to process, they determined a care plan for after birth. When she was two months old, Keira had her first visit with Scott Kozin, M.D., chief of staff.

One year later the family noticed that Keira’s back was tight but thought it may have been because of her condition and lack of left arm. Raising their concerns at a follow-up appointment, they were sent for spinal X-rays. Josh Pahys, M.D., determined that Keira also had progressive infantile scoliosis. Within hours, the team set her up with an immediate treatment plan.

Keira’s initial treatment plan for her scoliosis included spinal cord detethering surgery and mehta casting. After a series of about 12 casts, it was time to switch to a Wilmington brace, which she continues to wear today. Another convenience for the family is the on-site pediatric orthotics and prosthetic department.

Now in first grade, Keira loves sports, drawing, singing, music and swimming.



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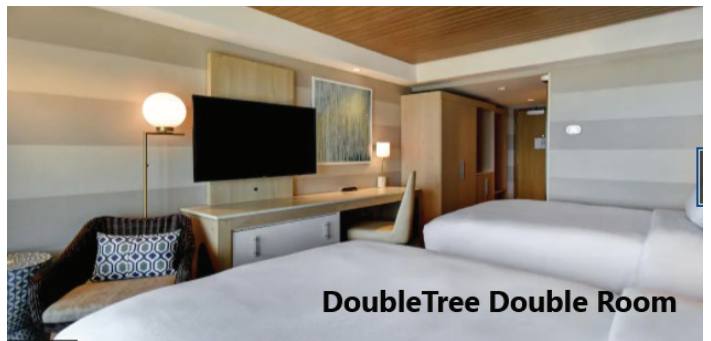
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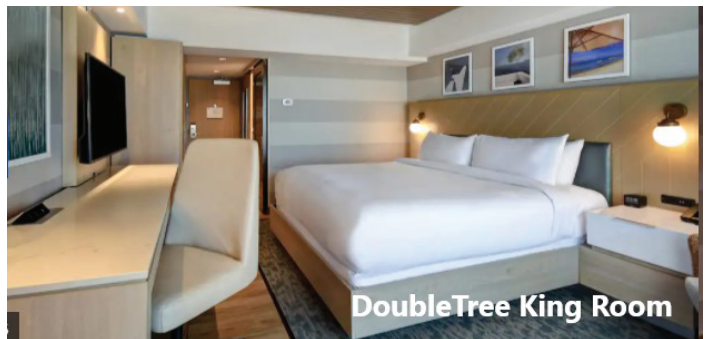
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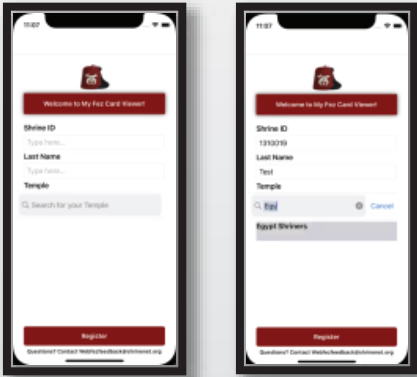
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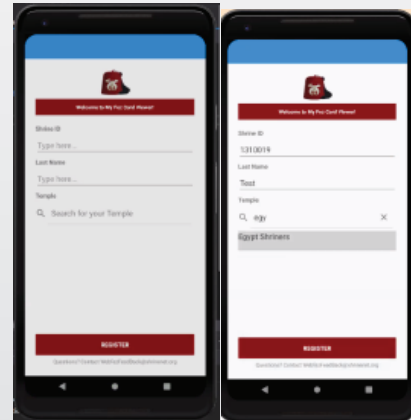
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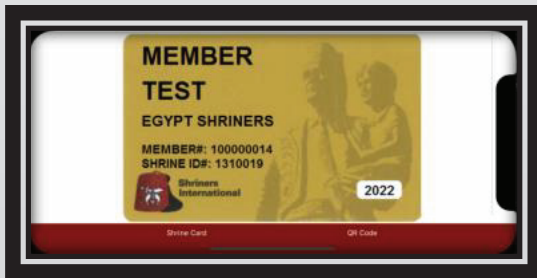


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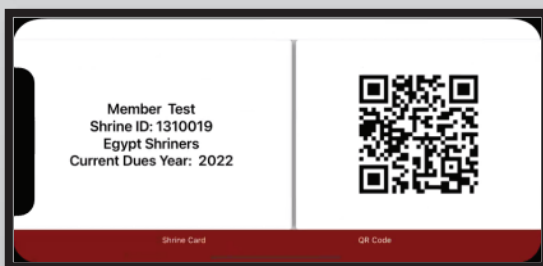
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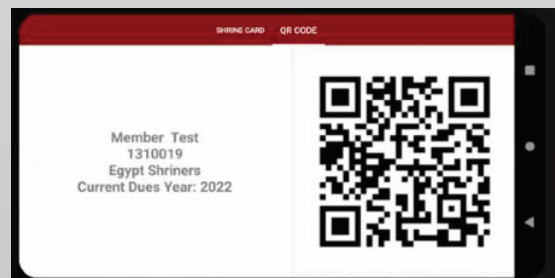
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Jaffa Temple, Altoona, Pennsylvania A.A.O.N.M.S.

This short historical account of Jaffa Temple contains only the highlights up to the year 1973, when Jaffa celebrated its 76th Anniversary.

From the seed planted October 3, 1903 when Jaffa Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. was instituted, with Altoona, Pennsylvania, designated as its Oasis, the fledgling has grown—its branches have spread, until today it ranks among the largest and most active Temples of the 174 Temples in North America.

The Temple began with 164 Charter Members, and a class of 213 novices, for a total of 377 Nobles on the day it was constituted. As of December 31, 1974, Jaffa Membership reached the total of 7,382 members.

The dream of forming a temple began to unfold late in the 19th century—among many Nobles who held memberships in other temples, especially Syria of Pittsburgh, Pa. By 1902, approximately 200 Nobles who held membership in Syria Temple, Pittsburgh, Pa. and residing in Altoona—and it was this group which in September 1902 met in Pittsburgh, and formed a Shrine Club. On October 23, 1902 when Syria Mosque was dedicated, Syria Nobles from Altoona who were present for the ceremonial organized the Altoona Shrine Club.

From this group, a dream of a temple in Altoona started to show realism, and by July 9, 1903 the Charter for the temple, located in Altoona, Penna. was granted.

The newly constituted temple had no permanent home. At first meetings were held in the Murry Building—later the office was moved to the Masonic Temple, where meetings were held. All Ceremonial Sessions were conducted in the East Side Theater.

By 1909 the need for a permanent home became more apparent. On September 10, 1909 the cornerstone was placed in the erection of a new Temple, located at 709-11 Chestnut Avenue, and it was dedicated August 25, 1910.

As Jaffa's membership grew, the temple on Chestnut Avenue got smaller, so the need for a larger temple became apparent. After acquiring a new site, ground for a new Mosque was broken June 28, 1928. Potentate William G. Munn, father of the present Recorder presided, and Recorder Wilson A. Turner, turned the first shovel of earth.

The new Jaffa Mosque was dedicated September 25, 1930—celebrating 27 years of growth and development. Many dignitaries and Units from other Shrine Temples attended the ceremonies.

Although a few minor changes have been made, basically the Mosque has not been changed since its dedication.

For a period of several years during the great depression, like all other Shrine Temples, Jaffa experienced financial and membership problems, but the Temple was able to survive, and came back strong.

During the 51 years the Shriners Hospitals, and now the Burn Centers have been operating, Jaffa Temple has always contributed its share to this great movement, so also have the Uniformed Units of Jaffa Temple.



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On April 3, the Calliope Clowns and the Knights of Columbus, Council Home, came together for the Annual Spaghetti Dinner to kick off the 44th year of this collaboration. As in years past, on June 4, the Hand-in-Hand Chicken Barbeque which benefits the children of the Philadelphia Shriners' Hospital. Over the course of these many years, this effort has raised more than \$128,300 to further research and effective treatment for crippled and burned children.

As we move toward this BBQ, I invite those who wish to further this very worthwhile philanthropy, OUR PHILANTHROPY, to plan to attend this event.

Please note that tickets must be purchased in advance — there will be no sales at the door. Please see a member of the Calliope Clowns for tickets.

Fraternally,
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Grand Knight Matthew Becker accepts a check from the Calliope Clowns President, Pauli, at the April 3, 2023 Spaghetti Dinner held at the Knights of Columbus, Star of the Sea Council, #4245, Hollidaysburg, PA.



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WE NEED MORE CLOWNS

by Dean McKnight

I have arrived at the conclusion that the world we live in needs more clowns. I flick through the TV channels every day, looking for a show that will bring a smile to my face. It seems those TV shows are rare indeed.

I'm afraid to watch the 6 o'clock news anymore. That news usually just makes me want to get a good night's sleep because there may be no tomorrow. I think there would be fewer suicides if there were fewer national news shows on TV. A person my age can become suicidal just by running out of their favorite liquid refreshment, and some of us need refreshed a lot.

I try really hard to make people smile but it doesn't always work. My neighbor doesn't smile at me any longer just because I ran over his cat while I was leaving to get even more refreshments, and I can't tell if my wife ever smiles at me because she's always talking.

At one time I could go for a drive in the country and come home feeling good about my life. Now my car talks back at me saying things like, "Your turn signal is still on stupid". Last week as I passed a cemetery the GPS shouted out "you've reached your final destination". I know I'm not the only one who feels this way about their car. I saw Illustrious Sir Jordan Settle in what I thought was a new car last week. I ask Jordan if the car made him feel like a million dollars? He said no, but it cost me a million dollars to fill the gas tank.

We all need more things in our life that make us laugh and make us happy. I've never attended an event at the Jaffa that when I left, I didn't have a smile on my face. We need to share all this good fellowship and happiness with more people.

Our Jaffa membership is now under 2,000 Nobles. I know, that does not sound like a lot of people. It sounds like a lot when according to the history lesson in the last issue of the Jaffa Journal, in 1889 there were only seven Shriners in the city of Altoona, and look what they accomplished. Illustrious Sir Fred Imler told me when he was Potentate, we had 8000 members of Jaffa.

I can only wish that our present Divan had 6000 more members to share the burden of the constantly increasing cost of our great Jaffa Shrine Center.

The burden of keeping this organization alive should not only fall on the shoulders of our Divan. It is the responsibility of each of us to reach out and bring in new members. I know some of us have lost so many friends that our ability to recruit from our social circle has diminished. I know there are many members who for various reasons have not participated in a Jaffa activity lately.

I also know that you personally are proud to be a Jaffa Shriner or you wouldn't be paying your dues regularly. So, to all of my fellow 2,000 Jaffa Nobles I ask this question. What would be very easy for all of us do to show we're all on Jaffa team? (I'll also give you the answer because I know some of you just like me, will fall asleep thinking about it.)

We can send a thank you to the Divan and let them know we care. You don't even have to go to the store and buy a card, they cost too much. Simply grab an old envelope, place a dollar bill inside, or a \$5er, or whatever and mail it to the Jaffa Shrine Center, 2200 Broad Ave, Altoona PA, 16601. I think if we could raise \$1000 by doing such a simple thing, the ghosts of those seven Shriners from 1889 would be dancing on Heavens hot sands.

If by some chance we could raise \$2,000, next year's Jaffa calendar will include sexy pictures of the entire Clown unit. Of course, we might have to spend \$500 of that money for clown makeup just to keep the camera from breaking.

Please my friends, I can't march in a parade any longer; I can't work in the concession stands any longer; but I'm going to grab an envelope and do my share right now, even though it means I'll have less to buy more refreshments. So, what! Even if I'm out of diet Pepsi, I'll still have my 1999 Shriner friends. My very special friends.

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June 2nd, 2023

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- (1) Foursomes

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- Invitation to Dinner

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Registration 11:45 AM to 12:30 PM

June 2, 2023
Iron Master's Golf Course

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Gary Smith, President
814-502-2534

Dave Dick
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Golfers, Illustrious Sir, Jerry Lower will again be making arrangements to go to a local course that morning.

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MEMORIAL ON THE PASSING OF
ILLUSTRIOUS SIR
KENNETH D. CONRAD
DECEMBER 21, 1940 - FEBRUARY 28, 2023



Whereas, on Tuesday, February 28, 2023, the Supreme Architect of the Universe sent the black camel, which carried our esteemed brother, Illustrious Sir Kenneth D. Conrad to his eternal reward, and

Whereas, that great architect in his infinite wisdom, called our exalted Masonic brother, devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and brother from his Earthly labors to rest in that home on high, not made by hands, eternal in the heavens, and

Whereas, his untiring efforts, unswerving loyalty and devotion to his Fraternity earned him the esteem and admiration of his brothers and his passing will leave an everlasting void in the minds and hearts of all the Nobility, and as Potentate of Jaffa Shriners in 2009 his sound judgement and safe counsel were invaluable resources to all of the Nobles of Jaffa Temple, and

Whereas, he was born in Altoona, Pennsylvania, son of the late Kenneth and Gertrude (Gardner) Conrad. Ken married Dorothy L. Estep in 1961 and enjoyed 62 years of marriage. He is survived by his wife; a daughter, Cheryl A. DeArmitt; two grandchildren, Ashley and Robert DeArmitt; two great-grandsons, Blake and Hampton DeArmitt; two brothers, Gary L. and Thomas J. (Sue); a sister, Lesa Wells; a stepbrother, Larry (Deb) Lamarre; and brothers and sisters-in-law, Cathy (Brian) Kustaborder, and George and Ron (Judy) Estep, and

Whereas, Ken was a 1960 graduate of Bellwood-Antis High School and retired as a line operator, and

Whereas, he was a Freemason for 44 years in central Pennsylvania. Ken was a member of Hiram Lodge No. 616 and was a Past Master of Tyrone Lodge No. 494. He was also a member of the following Masonic organizations: 32° Scottish Rite Freemason in the Valley of Altoona – AASR, Jaffa Shriners, Jaffa Cabiri No. 106, Jaffa Drum & Bugle Corps, Altoona Court No. 70 - Royal Order of Jesters, Colotic Miztli No. 91 - Order of Quetzalcoatl, and

Whereas, Ken served on the Bellwood Borough Council and coached little league football; he loved cruising, camping, fishing, hunting and spending time with his great-grandson, Blake.

Whereas, the Potentate and Elected Divan unite with the Past Potentates and Nobility in this expression of enduring grief, which has been sustained by the Fraternity of which he was a faithful and prominent member; and be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be printed in a timely issue of the Jaffa Journal and the original thereof be sent to his wife.

This memorial was prepared by Illustrious Sir Jordan W. Settle

2023 - \$50K Cash Give-Away

Tickets available at \$50 each.

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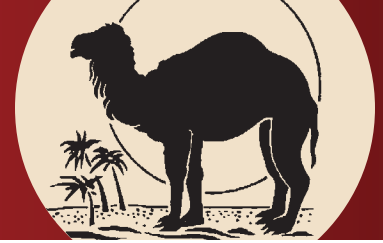
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IN REMEMBRANCE OF THOSE VISITED BY THE BLACK CAMEL



“Death is a black camel that kneels unbidden at every gate.”

The Officers and Nobles of Jaffa Shrine express their sincere sympathy to the families of these departed Nobles. Please keep their families in your thoughts and prayers.

NOBLE	LOCATION	PASSED	NOBLE	LOCATION	PASSED
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George Weller Jr.	Bellefonte, PA	2/10/2022	Mark Castel	Portage, PA	2/12/2023
Paul Campbell	Hollidaysburg, PA	8/28/2022	Gary Kelley	Altoona, PA	2/15/2023
Larry Sather	McConnellstown, PA	10/2/2022	Kenneth Conrad	Bellwood, PA	2/28/2023
Gerald Parker	Tyrone, PA	1/24/2023	Gordon L. Westover	Shippensburg, PA	3/5/2023
Stephen Woytowich	State College, PA	2/3/2023	Howard Cook	Hamilton, PA	3/10/2023

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APRIL 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4	5	6 Daughters of the Nile	7	8
9	10 Executive Meeting	11 Unit Head Meeting	12	13 Ushers Meeting	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Membership Committee Meeting
Jaffa Shrine Circus						
Jaffa Shrine Circus 23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Chicken BBQ 30						

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Daughters of the Nile	5	6
7	8 Executive Meeting	9 Unit Head Meeting	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Chicken BBQ	22	23	24	25	26	27 Membership Committee Meeting
28	29	30	31			

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				1 Daughters of the Nile	2 Golf Outing	3
4	5	6 Ushers Meeting	7	8	9	10
11 Walk for Love	12 Executive Meeting	13 Unit Head Meeting	14	15	16 ROJ	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Membership Committee Meeting
25 Chicken BBQ	26	27	28	29	30	



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