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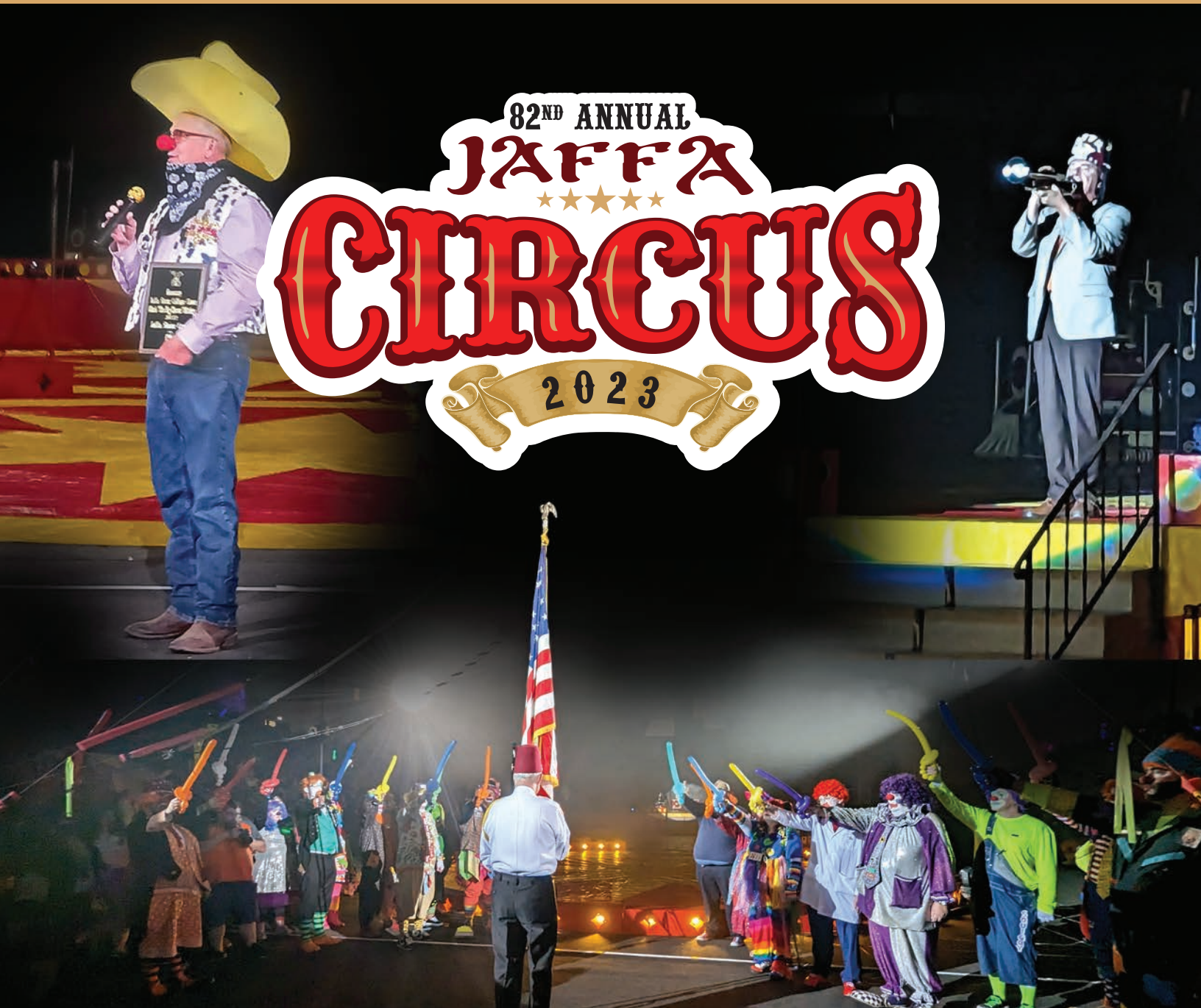
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# POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, children of all ages,

Thank you for making the 83rd Jaffa Shrine Circus a success! We had 13,731 attendees who all had a good time watching a variety of new and high energy acts. Promoter, ring master and fellow noble Billy Martin promised us a fast moving, energetic show and boy did he ever. We already have our dates for next year's circus, April 10-14, 2024. WE hope to see you there.

Our next event is to support the Shriner Children's Hospital in Philadelphia. It is our 4th annual Walk For Love and Community Days. High Priest and Prophet, Eric Ramsey and the membership committee always have a nice day planned for us. From the opening ceremonies, walk and then the fellowship that follows, we all have a nice day raising money for the Hospital. There is always plenty to do and eat (imagine that at a Jaffa event?). You can register online at [jaffashriners.org](http://jaffashriners.org), come into the office or register the day of. Please come out in support of our hospital. All proceeds that day go to the hospital to provide care for one of our patients. Remember: we treat EVERY child regardless of their ability to pay.

On Tuesday, May 23, seven of us volunteered to sell CDs (I know, who has a CD player yet?) and raffle tickets for an autographed Les Paul electric guitar at the Foreigner concert in Johnstown. We managed to sell 352 CDs and tickets and sold one autographed guitar outright to an avid Foreigner fan. All in, we were able to raise \$4,200 that will be going to the Philadelphia hospital. Thank you to Foreigner for their continued support of Shriner Children's Hospitals.

You will soon be receiving your \$50,000 Cash Raffle ticket in the mail. We know that some of you have already bought and/or sold a ticket or tickets. Please don't get angry and think we are double dipping you. Our office IT technology isn't able just yet to cross reference the ticket purchase list and mailing list. We are working on that. So, please consider buying another ticket or selling it to someone else. This fundraiser goes to the general operating account of the building. As our shrine continues to age, more and more physical plant issues need to be addressed. The replacement of the elevator electronics, sump pump and other miscellaneous items required to pass certification are \$53,000. WE also need to immediately address a drain pipe issue in the kitchen and the kitchen hood exhaust system. We have already repaired a 4" water supply line leak and several boiler issues. Please support the Cash Raffle!

Lady Tracy and I are appreciative for all of you that show up and help with the events. Thank you also for your personal support of us as well.

"Come and See in 2023."

Fraternally,

Christopher E. Ritchey,  
Potentate

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## Notes from the Front Office

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Brothers,

The following are a few items we have picked up on at the main office that should be shared. First, a reminder that 2024 dues will increase as was motioned and voted on two years ago. Something that we discovered while cleaning up issues with paying 2023 dues was that Nobles who paid online and claim they did not receive a confirmation, it could be that the confirmation email may have gone to your junk/spam folder, so please pay attention to this going forward.

Second, all hospital fundraising events must be approved through the Potentate's office. The Recorder and Treasurer have mandatory guidelines to follow in submitting profit and loss information to Shriners International. Each event must be handled as a separate event, so always send a brief letter to the front office outlining your event. We will then work you through the process.

Third, we are sad to announce that the front office lost a good worker and friend—Brandy left Jaffa for a new job that fits her family schedule better. We will miss her and wish her all the best. That said, we are hiring a replacement; if you notice a mistake in the near future

with anything Jaffa related, call in and either Aaron or I will correct things. The amount a new employee has to learn is unbelievable. Danielle is doing an unbelievably great job during this trying period. With that said, we would appreciate everyone avoid calling or coming into the office on all Wednesdays in July, August, and September to allow Danielle and our new person to get caught up and trained.

Fourth, please share this and be aware that as a 50-year member, Jaffa Shrine forgives that nobles' dues. However, they are still responsible for the portion for Shriners International. Over time, a few older brothers have been misled.

With 2024 dues increasing, now is a good time to consider paying lifetime dues. The way it works is that nobles can chose to pay lifetime in several categories if your finances don't allow you to pay for them all. The program is extremely beneficial to middle and younger nobles. Call the office and we can answer any questions you may have.

Thank you for your attention, and we wish all a great summer.

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# COVE AREA SHRINE CLUB

The Cove Shrine Club challenges all units and clubs to get out and do some community service. Thanks to our volunteers for this project: Gary Smith, Jenn Smith, Robin Nixon, Richard Himes, Jean Kinsinger, Tracy Ritchey, Luke Knisely, Eric Ramsey.





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Oh boy! Jobel Court #11 has been busy since the installation of Lady Paula Salyards as High Priestess of our Court. For Lady Paula's first meeting in April, we had eight new members initiated. There was also a surprise visit from the Grand Marshall Kim Cook, Past High Priestess and Honorary Aid Claudette Dean, and Associate Princess Cheryl Valerino all of them are members of Zuleka Court #35, which is in Norfolk, Virginia. What an exciting first meeting for Lady Paula Salyards.

Our newly formed Clown Unit, Jovial Jobel Jokesters was thrilled to get to perform along with the Calliope Clowns at the Jaffa Circus. What a proud moment for all these Ladies.

As we have moved through the last month, Jr PHP Lisa and myself traveled to the Grand Council Session in San Diego, California. The month of May is labeled gray May as the temperature does not rise over 60°, the sky is a solid cloud, just peaks of sun very sporadically to never. The month of June is labeled as Gloom June. Paradise Resort and spa was amazing – five pools, four hot tubs, deep sea fishing, corn hole, golf and many other activities to keep anyone busy. Our agenda was very tight, so we did not get to partake in some of these activities; however, it was an amazing experience.

Catching up with your sisters, marketing with others that you have never met, sharing news on club, classes, and business ideas is a huge win for all of us. Mexico is our newest court and we were also honored that they could join the week as well.

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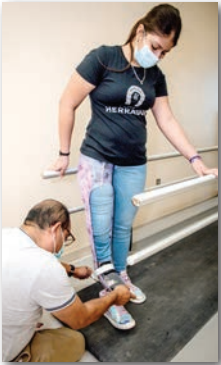
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## Hope for Jacqueline

Pediatric Orthotic and Prosthetic Services (POPS) designs, fabricates and delivers approximately 2,500 devices

to patients each year. Sometimes we have instances where a patient may require both an orthotic and a prosthetic at the same time. A prosthesis is the combination of a prosthesis and orthosis that helps provide support, proper body alignment, control and function for someone who still has a limb but is unable to use it.

Thirteen-year-old Jacqueline recently came to Shriners Children’s Philadelphia to explore possible treatment options for a right femur (upper leg bone) injury she sustained when she was 3. Jacqueline’s fracture never healed – the bone in her leg is not connected. This has caused her to have a severe leg length difference, pain and difficulty walking. A device was made in her hometown in El Salvador to help her walk, but it was very bulky and heavy, weighing more than ten pounds.

When Jacqueline and her mother arrived in the U.S. to stay with extended family, they sought treatment at a local hospital in New Jersey. However, because she was uninsured, the hospital suggested she come to Shriners Children’s Philadelphia, as it was the only place she could receive the specific treatment she needed.

“While Jacqueline came to POPS, her mother shared with me how she had searched for medical care for years in San Salvador, and all the doctors could offer was amputation. She was also told that the only other option was to seek medical care for Jacqueline in the U.S.” - Luis Velasquez, BOCP

During her first visit to Shriners Children’s Philadelphia, Jacqueline discussed reconstructive surgical options with Terrence Ishmael, M.D., and was referred to POPS for an evaluation to replace her bulky device. A prosthetic foot was attached to the bottom of a KAFO (knee ankle foot orthosis) to make the legs the same length. This new device provides support for the broken bone and makes it easier to walk. It was also much lighter (weighing only five pounds) and was designed with a pattern picked by Jacqueline.

Not only did Jacqueline receive a new prosthesis, but Dr. Ishmael and the team of lower extremity orthopedic physicians are also planning to unite her femur bone and work to lengthen the bone through a series of reconstructive surgeries. Although it may take several years, Jacqueline is on the road to equalizing the length of her legs and keeping her leg.

“Shriners Philly has given Jacqueline hope of reconstruction she never had in El Salvador,” said Dr. Ishmael. “It’s a large undertaking and very complex case, but they are a very sweet family, and we aim to do our best to reconstruct her right leg and give her the most independence and best quality of life possible.”

## Overtraining in the Pediatric Athlete

Kids are now training and competing at earlier ages. It’s more common for kids to specialize in one single sport, rather than play a different sport each season. Early sport specialization is defined as training in one single sport for more than eight months out of the year. This type of overtraining can often lead to chronic injuries due to the repetitive stress put on the bones and joints without sufficient time for recovery.



### What Can We Do About It?

Realizing that some degree of sports specialization is necessary to attain elite-level skill, you should keep these things in mind:

- The rule of thumb: The total number of hours training per week should not exceed the child’s age.
- Find a balance. Yes, more training will enhance the body’s ability to adapt. But it leads to more stress and fatigue.
- Have adequate recovery time. Athletes require 8-10 hours of sleep, and a full rest day.
- Train correctly. Kids should focus on power and strength training during the off-season, and moderate maintenance when in season.

III. Sir Chris Ritchey, the members of the Divan and your Housing and Hospitality Committee welcome you to the MASA Convention at Virginia Beach, VA!

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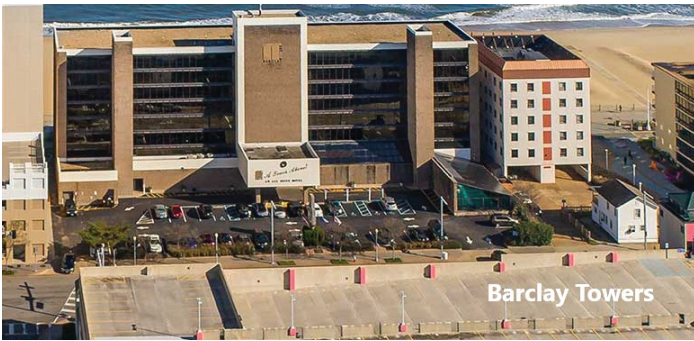
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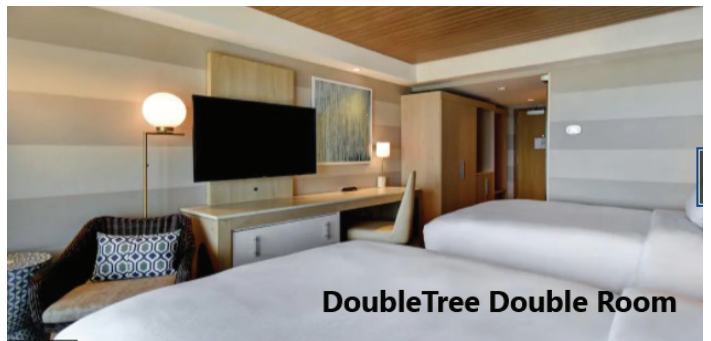
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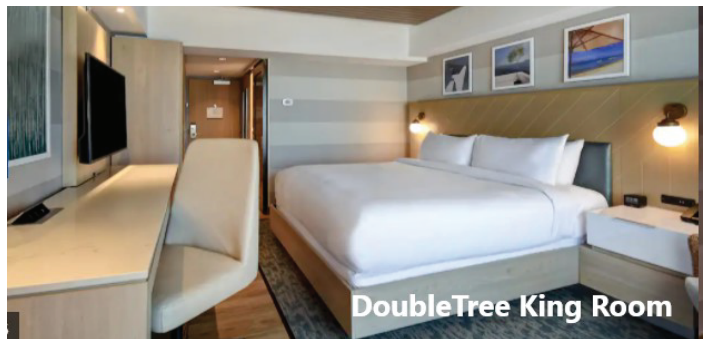
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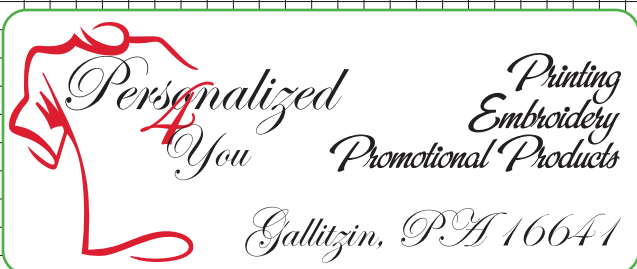
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Dave Dick  
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# THE BALANCING ACT

by Dean McKnight

It was a sight to warm the heart of even the hardest person. I was surrounded by happy people. Everyone was smiling, and the air inside the Jaffa was filled with anticipation. There was laughter. There was the laughter of young children, and old children, some with painted faces, some with walkers, having the time of their lives. It seemed like every grandparent in town had assembled their families to spend a special night together that none would soon forget.

It was the “Jaffa Shrine Circus” and because of the hard work of our fellow Shriners and their wives in the concession stands I had the biggest smile of all. Before the night was over, I had a hotdog, a pretzel, popcorn, a snow cone, and a diet coke. I could do that because my Weight Watcher class didn’t meet until the next Thursday.

The highlight of my evening was shaking hands with Potentate Ritchey and the Chairman of the circus committee, Jeff Putt. My new wife was really impressed that I knew them, and so many other Shriners. I didn’t tell her they remembered me because I owed them money and I didn’t remember, to pay them. What I do remember every day is the debt of gratitude we all owe to every Volunteer who worked to make our circus and every Jaffa event a success.

The best act of the evening may have been the Balancing act our Jaffa Divan does in balancing Jaffa activity between our funding needs, the time and volunteers available, and our public relations opportunities to attract new members. I know our units and clubs play a major part in this balancing act.

How else could we proudly parade through towns touching the hearts of future members and families. My mouth waters each time I think of our barbeque chicken dinners. I can’t even describe all the other activities that are driven either by volunteer participation or ticket sales. Have I even mentioned the ladies who step up and aid in our mission? Well, I’ll do it now. Thank you, ladies.

What makes a volunteer? The dictionary says, “it’s a worker foregoing pay for some duty or purpose.” What greater purpose could we have than the survival of our Jaffa organization and our Shriners hospitals. The next time you Mr. Shriner, and Mr. Volunteer, put your fez on, stop a second and look in the mirror at a hero. When I was growing up my father would always share motivating slogans with me. I would do some work around the house and hope to receive a little cash reward for my effort. Instead of cash my dad would say “The joy of working is its own reward”. At 14, I thought my dad had the wisdom of Solomon. I’m a lot older now and I realize my dad was just cheap.

In this new world we live in, many organizations like ours have ceased to exist. I’m sure none of us want to see our Shrine organization meet that same fate. We have existed all these years being led by volunteers who loved all the things we stand for. Please, I’m asking you, join a unit, buy a ticket, and if you can’t; Make sure you join me in thanking the ones who do. Please also remember this, even with the high cost of living, it still remains the most popular choice.



# Thanks to the 2023 Jaffa Circus Daddies & Mommies

## Circus Daddies

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As a Noble of Jaffa Shriners, we value your membership! The Jaffa Advantage Program lets you receive additional benefits or rewards because of your membership with Jaffa Shriners.

**HOW IT WORKS:** Nobles enroll in the Jaffa Advantage Program simply by paying your Jaffa Shriners dues for the current year. Nobles who present a valid Shriners dues card at any of the below establishments will receive benefits exclusive to Jaffa Shriners members. This program is for Nobles ONLY, although some companies may extend benefits to family and friends within your party.

We would like to thank all of the companies participating in this program and thank them for their continued support within our community. Below is a list of companies participating in the Jaffa Advantage Program. Companies wishing to join the Jaffa Advantage Program should contact Jordan Settle at [jordan.w.settle@gmail.com](mailto:jordan.w.settle@gmail.com).



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# 2023 - \$50K Cash Give-Away

## Tickets available at \$50 each.

All drawings will be LIVE on [facebook.com/JaffaShriners](https://facebook.com/JaffaShriners) at 3pm each of the dates listed.

Tickets are available at the Jaffa Shrine Center Office (payment can be made with credit card by calling 814.944.4043) or call Butch Garman at 814-932-0264  
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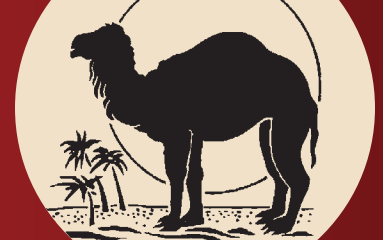
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# IN REMEMBRANCE OF THOSE VISITED BY THE BLACK CAMEL



*“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
Richard Butler	Martinsburg, PA	9/14/2021	John T. Matthew	Fallentimber, PA	4/10/2023
Kenneth L. Paul	Richland Township, PA	3/26/2023	Robert Anderson	Clearwater Beach, PA	4/14/2023
Richard Carothers	Altoona, PA	4/9/2023	George J. Higgins	Clearfield, PA	4/25/2023
John Matthews	Cleveland, TN	4/10/2023	A. Donald Mingle	Martinsburg, PA	4/28/2023
William Showalter	Altoona, PA	4/10/2023	James E. Holiday	Somerset, PA	5/12/2023

**ATTENTION NOBLES:** Have you told your Lady and family that when you pass on, to give your Shrine and Masonic effects (Fez, jewelry, uniform, etc.) to a Mason in your family, or return them to the Jaffa Shrine Center. We will give them to some deserving Noble or return them to the Masonic organization. **PLEASE DO NOT** let these Shrine and Masonic items get into garage sales, flea markets or the wrong hands. Thank you!

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# JAFFA CALENDAR OF EVENTS



JUNE 2023

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

**Deadline to submit content for the 2023 issues of the Jaffa Journal:**  
July 25, September 25 and November 25

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# JAFFA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY 2023

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

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AUGUST 2023

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



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