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POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



I have no idea where 2023 went. Everything we have done here at the Jaffa seems like yesterday when I reflect back. We have begun planning for the 2024 Circus (April 10th - 14th) and it feels like it just happened last month. Kenny Chesney understood what I mean in his song "Don't Blink". If you haven't heard it, listen to it.

The future is bright at Jaffa because we have a solid foundation. This year, Recorder Illustrious Sir Robert Baranik and our Treasurer Noble Aaron Lantzy completed the financial audit that Tampa had ordered. We can report that they did not find a single exception item to write us up on. Our custodial team and Noble Earl Aurandt have our boiler systems stabilized and have consolidated the hot water system for the kitchen along with numerous other projects. The elevator has been rebuilt and recertified. This was made possible in part due to our Recorder and his lady Sue successfully completing a City of Altoona grant application that was brought to our attention by Noble Bruce Kelley. The kitchen drain project was completed without disturbing our banquet hall floor and is in good working order. Last, the leadership team and office staff have been able to settle into a routine and are working well together.

The Sportsmen's Raffle, \$50,000 cash raffle, Craft Show and Halloween Party have all contributed to the "fun and fellowship" part of being a Shriner. Lady Tracy and I were amazed at the creativity level of the Halloween costumes. A great time was had by all who attended. I have heard from a reliable source that this event is returning next year. We are looking forward to the Kiddies Christmas Party on Sunday December 10th. This year we have returned to pre-Covid numbers. In speaking with Chief Rabban Randy Colyer, they are planning on serving 1100 turkey dinners that day and of course the world-famous Jaffa gift sacks! We should all be proud as the Jaffa Shrine family that we are able to put on a community outreach program of this size.

I was able to attend my first Puerto Rico outreach clinic that is quarterbacked by Shriners Children's Philadelphia. We saw 298 kids in two days, each one a special story as are their parents. The patience and graciousness of the Puerto Rico people is something I will never forget. Many of them waited 4 to 6 hours to see one of our doctors with the hope of us being able to help their child. I didn't hear a single complaint-patience. One of my duties was to walk the families out of the clinic area to the check out and scheduling area. One of the mothers whose child is scheduled for an upcoming surgery in Philadelphia, asked for an interpreter. She wanted to know two things: (1) Was it okay to give me a hug? (2) Is this really true that Shriners is going to do this operation even though I can't pay for it? The answer to both of her questions was Si. Her tears of joy are why "we do what we do"-graciousness.

Lady Tracy and I would like to thank you for a memorable year. Your support and friendship are overwhelming. We plan to stay active with our Jaffa family hopefully for many years to come. Remember your Shriners creed, to support our temples of mercy with you "spirit, time, talent and means."

Fraternally,

Christopher E. Ritchey

First line signers, remember to keep your guys involved at Lodge and the Shrine.

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No. 129, Daughters of the Nile



This year Daughters of the Nile rolled out Nile November, challenging the local Temples to show their thankfulness by giving to the community, and Dorcas Temple was up to the challenge. We started out November with a member appreciation potluck dinner followed by a presentation of \$1000 in Sams Club gift cards to Billie Egan of the Mountain Lion Backpack program. The Mountain Lion Backpack program gives food for the weekend to elementary school children in the AASD. We were given permission to set up a donation box at the Jaffa



Craft Show to collect food items. Pictured: Janet Grove, PQ 1979, Iris Hileman PQ 1992, Mickie Loy PQ 2000, Sandy Pritts PQ 2004, Janet Peña PQ 2005, Jaclyn Grove PQ 2007 and 2021, Sylvia Colyer PQ 2008, Leah Wilson PQ 2011, Carolyn Painter PQ 2016, Beverly Harris PQ 2020, and Robin Nixon, JPQ 2022. Our past queens are our backbone of our local temple ensuring that protocol for sessions is followed and holding many positions within our temple. Several of our past queens proudly wore their year's attire as we celebrated Nile November.



JAFFA BUSINESS MEETING, ELECTIONS, OPEN INSTALLATION, LADIES FELLOWSHIP, AND DINNER

Saturday January 6, 2024
at the Jaffa Shrine Center

- 2:00 PM Jaffa Business Meeting
Ladies Fellowship in Lower Level
- 3:00 PM Jaffa Elections
- 4:00 PM Open Installation
- 5:00 PM Dinner

Dress Code: Men-Business Casual with Sport Coat with Fez Nominators, Divan and anyone on stage
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Changing the Game: Adaptive Sports

Adaptive sports, modified to fit the needs of the athlete, allow individuals to continue to do what they love.

Like many of our patients, Steven has grown up coming to Shriners Children’s Philadelphia since the age of 5. He was diagnosed with transverse myelitis, a neurological disorder caused by inflammation to both sides of a section of the spinal cord. In Steven’s situation, the inflammation occurred in his cervical spine.

Due to his condition, Steven has impaired strength and sensation throughout his arms and legs. This is defined as incomplete quadriplegia (tetraplegia).

After making the switch from playing wheelchair basketball three years ago, Steven began playing wheelchair rugby through the Magee Rehabilitation Program, and he has loved it ever since.



While he was a patient, Steven worked with our team of physical therapists, where sports-specific training was a part of his care plan.

“His goals were to get stronger for his sport and with his upper extremity strength and range of motion limitations; he needed the specialization/skill set of a physical therapist to adapt his strength training movements.” Says, Christin Krey, PT, MPT, PCS.

“Ms. Christin was my therapist in my later years there, and she really set the tone and helped develop a workout schedule for back at home, which has paid off tons! Everyone

I’ve worked with was amazing. All of the therapists always found a way to mix in some fun with the work, which always made the session much more enjoyable and made me eager to work!” said Steven.

What is wheelchair rugby?

Wheelchair rugby is a contact sport played on a basketball court. Four players per team will be on the court at one time, and the goal is to take the volleyball from one end of the court to the other end within 40 seconds.*

Wheelchair Rugby Safety Tips:

- Take care of your hands and tape them up with protective tape, hand blisters are common.
- Rugby is an aerobic sport, practice endurance and work on cardio.
- Always make sure your sports chair is fitted correctly and secured safely. Most sports chairs will have straps and belts, some chairs may even include lap, foot and chest belts to keep players safe.

It is important to take safety precautions during the summer and all year round while participating in adaptive sports programs, and always consult your doctor before starting any new adaptive exercise program.



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Enzo Gets Back in the Game

Enzo was born with bilateral fibular hemimelia, a rare birth defect where part of, or a patient's whole fibula in the leg, is missing.

He became a patient when he was 10 months old after his family learned that Shriners Children's was able to offer below-the-knee amputation and a prosthesis to help Enzo improve his functional abilities.

Growing up with a prosthetic leg has not stopped Enzo, now 18, from doing anything that he loves. Whether this is through sports, video games, or playing with his two brothers, he has remained active and unstoppable. Within the past few years, he has grown to love the sport of basketball.



When he isn't coaching his younger brother's basketball team, or playing video games, he usually can be found playing a game of pickup basketball with his friends.

With traditional prosthetic feet, it can be challenging to play a sport, as they lack rotational and multi-axial movement, which ultimately places a lot of stress on the residual limb and knee joint. To improve his performance and comfort level while playing, Enzo was recently fit to receive a state-of-the-art high-activity foot with a torsion adapter. This was made possible thanks to the Timothy J. Piazza Foundation.

The Timothy J. Piazza Foundation was founded after Jim and Evelyn Piazza's son Tim tragically passed away in February 2017. They created the Timothy J. Piazza Memorial Foundation in his honor.

As stated on the foundation's website: "In order to fulfill Tim's life and career goals, and to give life to his legacy, his family and friends have established a foundation in Tim's memory to help others who are in need. The Timothy J. Piazza Memorial Foundation provides support to those who are in need of prosthetic devices."

"We chose this high-activity foot with a torsion module to allow additional rotational movement when pivoting and turning, and to absorb shock when landing from a jump. These features will not only improve Enzo's athletic performance but increase his comfort while playing." – Calli Clark, MSPO, CPO/L, Director of Orthotics and Prosthetics

With this new device, Enzo is looking forward to additional mobility when playing basketball, as well as finally being able to wear flip-flops. "I can wear flip-flops now!" he said.

Shriners Children's is so thankful for the generous support from the Timothy J. Piazza Memorial Foundation. Since 2018 they have granted over \$228,000 to the hospital. Their foundation raises money and awareness through various events including an annual golf tournament, where patients like Enzo have spoken to the crowd and shared their gratitude.

Enzo's senior year took a turn when he developed an infection after amputation revision surgery that he had in February 2022. He was out of school from November 2022 to March 2023, and returned to school with just enough time to attend his senior trip to Walt Disney World. Enzo is now an incoming college freshman.

Until his infection was fully healed, Enzo could not receive his new prosthetic. Still, Luis and Jen, two practitioners from the Pediatric Orthotic and Prosthetic Services (POPS) department, knew exactly what to do! They made a temporary prosthetic in-house so Enzo could enjoy his senior class trip. "Luis and Jen did everything they could to get him to Disney," said Andrea, Enzo's mother. To thank Luis and Jen, Enzo surprised them both with T-shirts that read, "My prosthetist made my trip."

Enzo and his family are incredibly grateful to Shriners Children's and the care provided to them. "Words cannot describe how grateful we are. Whenever you call, someone is always there. It's wonderful," said Andrea.

LEXI'S STORY



Terry Diamond, Donor Development at Shriners Children's Philadelphia shared the following letter:

We have mailed a check from our daughter's boyfriend's grandparents (The Mills) to you for \$500 in honor of our daughter Lexi Hirtzel.

She was a patient of Dr Samdani in 2015 having VBT done when it was still an experimental surgery. Shriners Philadelphia made it all possible and was a life-changing event. This has allowed her to play and win 2 state field hockey championships and go on to play D1 field hockey at Towson University in Baltimore.

Dr Samdani and the Staff are true Rock Stars in the world of helping children. It was very bittersweet at our last visit; Lexi will be graduating to an adult doctor next visit as she turns 21 next May. We will always hold a special place in our hearts for what was done for our daughter and support giving to Shriners Hospital Philadelphia.

Thank you and all the Shriners for what they do.

Carey and Jennie Hirtzel

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JAFFA HIGHLANDERS



Greetings fellow Nobles. First off, I'd like to wish you all an upcoming Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas! The Jaffa Highlanders have had a big year of parades and events as usual. We've enjoyed supporting Jaffa, and the Hospitals, with one of the best ways... playing the bagpipes and drums!

We also have helped to raise money, and donated that money at various points throughout the year (with more to come), but one of those times was with Syria Shrine's Highlanders during their pub crawl. We were able to attend an event and help present their Potentate and Roadrunners a check for \$5,700 due to the combined efforts of both bands during the crawl.

Last, but not least, our 14th Annual Robert Burns Supper is coming this January 20th, 2024. It will be a Saturday Night filled with entertainment, Excise Distillery giving free samplings, great food provided by the Casino's chef, bagpipes, some haggis to sample, wonderful (and sometimes more tongue in cheek) poetry by Robert Burns, and all the fellowship to go along with it all.

We hope you'll join us. If you've never attended one of our Robert Burns Suppers, you've been missing out. You can get your tickets here by scanning the QR code.

We look forward to a great end to this year, and an even more stellar 2024 with our fellow Shriners. Shrine on!

Fraternally,

Matt Evans, P.M.

Pipe Major - Jaffa Highlanders

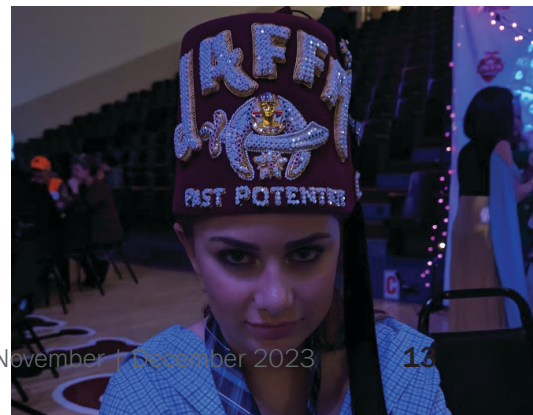




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AWARDS AND OBITUARIES

Congratulations to the winner of our Quilt Raffle, Janet Grove, drawn by Potentate Chris Ritchey at the Jaffa Craft Show.

In 2024, we are collecting gently used or new shoes as a fundraiser. If you would like to make a shoe donation, please reach out to one of our members.



It's with a heavy heart that we have to announce the passing of John Collins, President of the Jaffa Oriental Band. He went with the black camel in September. He orchestrated the Road Runner transportation on the Clearfield side for many years. He also was a member of Noble Lodge 480 and the Clearfield County Shrine Club and was the snake operator for the Oriental band. He participated in a great number of activities within each organization. He will be greatly missed.

Until we rise to meet you again. Rest in peace.

Fraternally, The Jaffa Oriental Band



Community Service- Volunteerism Award

Joseph Robertazzi (Altoona) - Joe choses to come into the office for his work shift. While working, he volunteers to help on whatever project is needed. He placed soda tab collection jars in the office to benefit sick children. He also serves on the Christmas party committee donating many hours of his time to planning fundraisers and helping with the various functions to make the fundraisers a success. When not at work, Joe takes care of his sick mother providing her with all she needs while also serving as a Shriner. Joe does many selfless things that go unnoticed. Most recently, Joe took an annual day to visit a children's hospital and see all the good works they do and how his contributions as a Shriner make the children's hospital stay a little brighter. For these and many other reasons, I submit Joe for the Community Service Award. He exudes the positivity and kindness towards others that we all need to have!

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Dear Nobles, Brethren, and Potential Candidates within the 20th Masonic District and beyond,

With the One Day Masonic Journey in March there are some points of interest I would like to share with you. All petitions are to be handled in the traditional way, read one month, laid over for investigation and balloted on the following month. All petitions will need acted upon no later than the March Stated Meetings. That means you will need your petitions turned in by February Stated Meeting! If you have a candidate from a different Masonic District, you will need the permission of your District Deputy Grand Master and they will in turn contact Lawrence J. Bilotto, District Deputy Grand Master of the 20th Masonic District or myself after my installation as District Deputy Grand Master on January 7th.

The Lodge Secretary will be responsible for registering your Lodge's candidates that day. If for any reason he is unable to attend that day you will need to have someone fill in for him and perform the duties that day. Sign in sheets and candidate packets will already be there. The Lodge Secretary will be responsible for entering the candidate's information after final confirmation received from the Coordinator that he was present for all degrees.

The candidate will need to bring an approval letter with him to the Jaffa Shrine. The Lodge Secretary should make a copy and take it with him just in case a candidate forgets it. I'm sure it will happen to someone. In our Lodge we are inviting the candidates and their mentors to our Brother's Breakfast to inform them what is going happen that day, what he will need to gain entrance (Approval letter & Photo I.D.) and how to dress. A meeting like this can be held at your Lodge's convenience and would be a good idea. The Grand Master requires one mentor for a candidate. There is a place on the approval letter for the mentor's name.

The mentors will be instructed on the steps, signs and grips and words. The mentor's instruction will be between each degree in the 21st Lounge. Additionally there will be instruction provided at the 20th Masonic District, School of Instruction.

After the Masonic Ritual, by a waiver from the Right Worshipful Grand Master, a new member may join the Valley of Altoona, Scottish Rite and/or Jaffa Shriners. The Rite of the Road program planned allows you to join Scottish Rite in very little time.

As a member you may be asking what you can do to help. Please go to your lodge's February Stated Meeting and let your Secretary know that you would like help with the One Day Class. I imagine all the lodges are scrambling to find mentors. This is the must go to Masonic Event of the year. There will be a luncheon available and a dinner after the Scottish Rite and Shriners International rituals and ceremonies have completed.

Registration begins at 9:00 AM on Saturday Morning, March 23, 2024 at the Jaffa Shrine Center. Get out to your Lodges, see how you can help, and attend this event.



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WEBFEZ INFORMATION



As we try to improve our communication efforts, Jaffa will be sending a monthly information email via WebFez. I have included an attachment to show how to register in WebFez. Once you have registered, you will be able to check your records to make sure your address, telephone, email and shrine records are correct. This will ensure that you are getting the information concerning upcoming activities and special meetings that might be of interest to you.

It will be every noble's responsibility to make sure their email address is correct. If you do not have an email account, I would ask some to make sure they are passing along the information. I would also encourage you to include your significant other's email address. That way, they are aware of what is going on and can help you keep track of important dates. Should you need help setting up your WebFez account, contact the Jaffa office or Jim Miller.

The newsletter will come out during the first week of the month. If your unit or club is having a special event, please send the following information to info@jaf-fashriners.org. All questions must be answered and submitted no later than the 25th of the month to be included in the following months newsletter.

Name and reason for the event?

Date and time of event?

Location of the event?

Cost to participate?

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- From the Registration page, choose your Temple from the drop-down list and then type in your Shrine ID (found on your membership card) and your First and Last names.
- Click on the Register button. You will be directed to the Create a New Account page. On this page enter an E-mail address that you will use to log in with, confirm the E-mail address, and then enter and confirm your Password.

Email:

Confirm Email:

Password:

(Passwords must be between 8 and 12 characters with at least one upper case and one lower case letter and at least one number)

Confirm password:

- Scroll down to read the WebFez User Agreement and Privacy policy. Agree by clicking the checkbox.
- After the checkbox is selected, click on Register. This will Register you for WebFez and log you into the system.

How to Log in to WebFez:

Important: In order to log in to WebFez, you must first be registered. If you have not yet registered, please see the other side of this flyer for instructions.

You only need to register once.

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The Shriners Children's Philadelphia team was thankful to have Chris Ritchey, vice chairman of the board of governors, at the recent November Outreach Clinic in Dorado, Puerto Rico. Chris met with the local leadership of Orlando Health, Shriners, families, and more to assist in the outreach clinic.



**JAFFA COLOR GUARD
MEETS 3RD WEDNESDAY
7:00PM**

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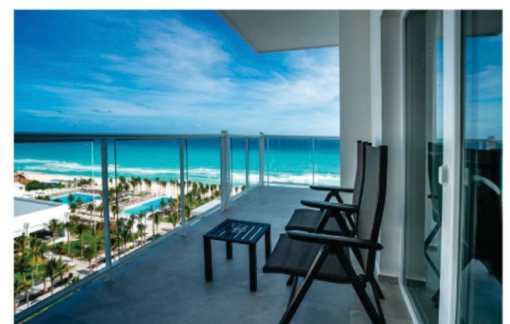


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THE STATUE

BY DEAN MCKNIGHT



It's not bronze; It's not stone; I really don't know what it's made from. I only know what it means to me. I pass this statue when I'm driving home and when I visit the majestic old building where it stands. It is a symbol to all who look its way. It is in fact called the "Editorial Without Words" and when you look at it you instantly see a man carrying a child who can't walk alone. But you also see that the man is a Shriner. A Shriner just like you and me. Well maybe not exactly like me. At my age the statue moves better than I do. I'm so proud to be a Shriner and I want people to know that even though I'm not the man with the child in his hands, I helped in my own small way to make that moment happen.

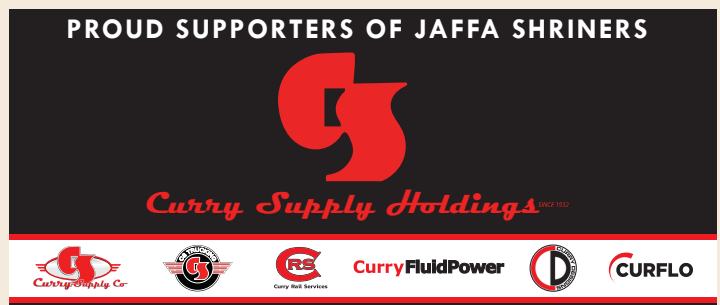
Who would you and I be if we were not known as a Shriners. A brilliant man once said, "If you live long enough, you will outlive your reputation". Well, I've lived long enough. There are only a few people who remember I was a banker and they wish they could forget. But last Sunday I attended a show in Pittsburgh and as I went into the theatre with my walker something happened. I was overwhelmed with questions in my mind. Where were my seats; What will I do with my walker; and most important of all; Where's the men's room? Almost immediately a tall man, at least my age, approached me and said "Welcome brother". The man introduced himself as an usher and said he was a Syria Shriner. I told him I was from Jaffa in Altoona and that I was completely lost. He then took over and made sure I found the men's room, my seat, and took care of my walker until the show was over. To the thousand or so other people at the show that day I was just a stranger, but to another Shriner I was a friend in need. At my age I also go to a lot of funeral services. I go to make sure the deceased didn't leave a note telling everyone how much money I owed them. At some of them I'm just a stranger but when I go to

Good's funeral home, there's Brother Barry Leonard, and at Stevens my buddy Duane Bordell, making sure I don't have to wait in line too long. Then at Meyers-Somers Jeff Somers slips me an extra piece (or two) of candy.

I'm not the man with the child in his hands but I am the man with the pin on my lapel that says he was a Shriner just like me. Am I proud to wear that pin? You bet I am. Am I happy when I need a little help and another Shriner friend says "Can I help you?" You bet I am.

How about the pride you, like me, may feel when you see two of our Shriners Daniel Ramsey, and Mike Kessling on a TV show encouraging ticket sales to a Jaffa event. I admit they were not statues but one of them did freeze when the camera turned on him.

Pay attention to our Jaffa statue when you see it and put a smile of pride on your face. I'm sure there will never be a Dean McKnight statue in some park but it's OK. It's OK because that statue in front of our very own Jaffa Shrine building is a statue of me, and of you fellow Shriner. Put on your fez, stand in front of the mirror, and throw out your chest. Now call your grandchildren and ask if they have seen the statue of you on Broad Avenue. That's a lot better than your grandchildren calling you, and you can't even remember where Broad Avenue is. Now our job is to make sure that statue and the ideals it represents lasts for generations. It might be a tough job but just remember, we were all Masons and builders first.



Election Day Ladies Lunch

**All ladies are welcome
to join us for a light lunch on
Jaffa Election Day, Saturday, January 6, 2024.**

We encourage you to share this special day with our Nobles.

**Lunch will be served at 2 pm in the lower level of the Jaffa Shrine Center.
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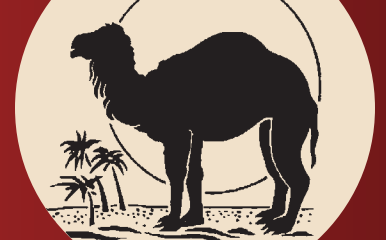
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NOBLE	LOCATION	PASSED	NOBLE	LOCATION	PASSED
John Collins	Clearfield, PA	09/22/2023	Gary L. Best	Jersey Shore, PA	9/20/2023
Lee N. Schrack	Loganton, PA	1/19/2023	Thomas E. Morrison	Irvona, PA	11/7/2023
Ray W. Cunningham	Campbellsville, KY	1/23/2023	Edward T. Strong	Altoona, PA	11/21/2023
Rodney Schrock	Somerset, PA	12/12/2017	Joseph Ondrejik	Johnstown, PA	11/22/2023
David C. Plank Sr.	Altoona, PA	10/17/2023	Norman A. Stiver	Lancaster, PA	5/7/2023

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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 to any Shrine of the Order? _____

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Candidate's Signature _____

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JAFFA CALENDAR



DECEMBER 2023

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

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JANUARY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Elections- Masonic Dress or Business and Fez; Dinner To Follow
7	8 Executive Meeting	9 Unit Head Meeting	10	11	12	13 Jaffa Beer & Wine
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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JAFFA CALENDAR



FEBRUARY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
				Potentate Trip		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Executive Meeting	Unit Head Meeting (Only if Needed)				
Potentate Trip						
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Chicken BBQ						Membership Committee Meeting
25	26	27	28	29		



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