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POTENTATE'S MESSAGE





Potentate's Message

Time sure flies when you are having fun! Spring is an exciting time for us. Flowers are blooming, and it is Circus time here at Jaffa. The Circus always provides us with a sense of enjoyment when we see the smiles on the faces of our Circus guests. We truly appreciate what this time of year means to us at Jaffa. It is like a fresh start when the Circus comes to town. The Potentate's trip to the beautiful RIU Palace Kukulkan in Cancún was in February. What a wonderful time! Forty of our Jaffa family and friends joined Sylvia and me for an amazing time. The weather was perfect, the food was delicious, drinks were plenty, and laughs were abundant! I'm sure we will all remember this trip for a long time. A lot of wonderful memories were made for us to treasure. Sylvia and I would like to thank everyone who came with us and helped make this trip a memory to last a lifetime.

We had our first Jaffa Cabin Fever event thanks to the Athletic Club under the direction of Daniel Ramsey. The club is planning to put on events that not only help Jaffa financially, but that will also get different people involved and into our beautiful building.

The first men's basketball league just ended. This league gave our area basketball enthusiasts a chance to come and enjoy playing basketball on the legendary Jaffa basketball court. It was a great achievement to pull this off this past winter and early spring. Thank you again to the Athletic Club for promoting this event.

Our April 6th One Day Class is a wonderful way to bring in new Masons and introduce them to what Shriners are all about. I hope we can continue to do this for many years to come so that we can get more members joining our wonderful fraternities, Masons, Shriners, Scottish Rite, etc.

I am looking forward to a great parade season and seeing many of our Shrine friends joining us along the parade routes. Our participation in these parades is a great way to interact with so many parade goers and the communities they impact. It is a great way to keep Jaffa and Shrinedom at the forefront of the minds of so many people of various communities. Please wear your Fez with pride. Remember, your Fez is a symbol of hope for the children we treat and their families. Our communities know us for supporting one of the world's greatest philanthropies - Shriners Children's Hospitals.

Time, talent, spirit, and means, we don't ask for all of them, but giving at least one can make a big difference here at Jaffa and as a Shriner. Be proud to be a Jaffa Shriner and let others know it. You can make the difference.

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Randall L. Colyer

Potentate 2024

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Nile Foundation was formed to help distribute the contributions to the Shriners Hospitals. Daughters of the Nile Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation of volunteer women dedicated to the growth of its permanent endowment fund and, through its annual distribution, benefits Shriners to any Nile member. Children's™.

In 2023 our Temple gave \$13,927.94 to the Foundation. This is money we raised through our fundraisers of Calendar Lottery Tickets, Chocolate

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their charitable work. In 2007 the Daughters of the directly to our DON Foundation. Please take a look at your shoes that you are no longer wearing and donate them to people in need. We have a goal of collecting over 1200 pairs of shoes, so we would appreciate your help by donating any men, women or children's gently used shoes or boots. Donated items can be dropped off

> In December, we welcomed three new members Kathy Griffin, Vicki Donaldson, & Mae Lopinto.

> Our open if installation of officers (pictured below) was held on Sunday, March 17 in the Jaffa banquet room.





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We're excited to announce Shriners Hospitals for Children — Philadelphia is now accepting cars! All vehicles are considered, the pick-up is free, and your donation is tax-deductible.

How the vehicle donation program works

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Frequently Asked Questions

What types of vehicles does Shriners accept?

All vehicles are considered! We strive to accept all types of donated vehicles, running or not, including cars, trucks, trailers, boats, RVs, motorcycles, campers, off-road vehicles, planes, heavy equipment, farm machinery, and most other motorized vehicles.

What do donors need to donate a vehicle?

In most states, donors will need the clear title to the vehicle—but if they do not have it, please call us anyway. It is possible that other arrangements may be made. Any lien holder listed on the title must be cleared and/or have an accompanying release by the bank.

Are vehicle donations tax-deductible?

Yes! Vehicle donations are tax-deductible. Individual tax situations vary. For specific tax-related questions, advise vehicle donors to consult their tax advisor or refer to IRS Publication 4303.

How long is the entire process from the pick-up to when Shriners receives its funds?

We have multiple sales outlets and work hard to find the best buyer for each vehicle. The entire sale process may take up to 4-12 weeks. In most cases, once the donation record has been created, we can schedule the vehicle to be picked up on the initial call. In other cases, we will contact them within two to three business days to schedule a convenient appointment time with one of our preferred vendors. The net cash proceeds from vehicle donation are sent to Shriners Hospitals for Children within 5 business days upon the receipt of the sale proceeds from CARS auction or direct buyer providers.

Who operates Shriners' Vehicle Donation Program?

Shriners Hospitals for Children has partnered with CARS (Charitable Adult Rides & Services, Inc) to help run our vehicle donation program. We are grateful and excited to move forward together in changing lives. CARS is also a nonprofit and has been processing vehicle donations for more than 16 years. To learn more about CARS, visit www. careasy.org.

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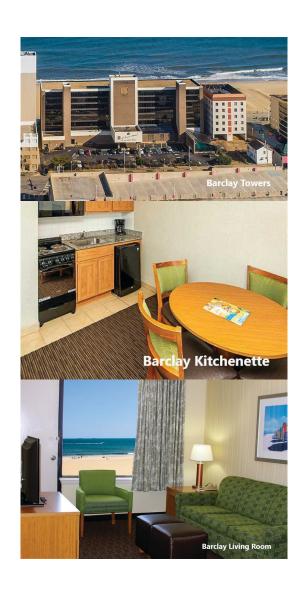
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For a \$30 ticket you get an awesome meal, plenty of libations and all the fun you can stand. Mark your calendars and come out and join us. This event is open to all Masons.

You can get your tickets at the Jaffa office or any Cove Shrine Club member.

Contact:

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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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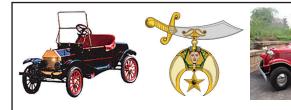
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HAPPY DAYS



BY DEAN MCKNIGHT

The term "Happy Days" has become a term people use when speaking or thinking about a time in history when all the world seemed right, and everybody seemed to do the right things. All you need to do is watch an old episode of Andy Griffith on TV and you will know exactly what I'm talking about. Happy days was a specific time that started about 1953 after the Korean war, and ended sometime around 1963 when the war in Viet Nam heated up. It was 10 years of peace and prosperity for our country and much of the world. It was a great time to be a Shriner and a Mason. Lodge meetings were well attended and filled with Brothers, not just Past Masters and Officers. The Shrine membership was growing steadily toward a number of over 8000 and events filled the main hall. I was young then and I wish I could have been one of those excited young men from all over central Pennsylvania. Now I'm an old man, and when I get excited, my pacemaker causes the garage door to go up.

Happy Days started to end in 1963. That was the year we decided to officially send troops to Viet Nam: Cuba received missiles from Russia: President Kennedy was shot in Dallas and the Studebaker car ceased to exist. That really ended happy days for Brother Davy Peterman. He was making a mint with his auto repair business fixing Studebakers that kept breaking down.

There was some good news in 1963. The State Mutual Insurance Company started to use the smiley face in their advertisements; the Beatles released two great albums, and my Uncle Glenn McKnight (the oldest living Past Master of Mountain Lodge) asked me why I never asked him about being a Mason. I told him I was waiting for someone to ask me! If you have a son, a grandson, or just know a good man who is not a Brother, please tell them about the Brotherhood.

My happy days as a Shriner started when Potentate Bill Penn asked if I would serve on the Jaffa Finance committee. Most people already know I'm not too smart, but I proved it to myself by not joining a unit. I know now that I missed out on so much fun and fellowship. If you're a Shriner and you are not in a unit, please pick one and join in on the activities. Did you share in the joy of raising money for the Children's Christmas party? That party and other Shrine events are today's "Happy Days". How about the Golf outing, the Jaffa walk for love, the Bourbon and Bacon Fest-all will be happy days and I hope you plan to happily participate.

After watching and reading the daily news, I'm so concerned about our young people today. Life seems to have burdened them with fears and problems that cause them to do things people my age just cannot understand. Drugs, suicides, gun fights, and sending their parents text messages filled with emojis and abbreviated words we can't understand (it's embarrassing).

It just doesn't seem like our society can fulfill the needs of our young people. Can we as Shriners help? I think we can. We can offer, through the Masonic Lodges and the Shrine, a fulfilling and purposeful environment, and fellowship for young men, and young women.

As a Shriner, there is purpose, fulfillment and pride in all we do for the hospitals and our communities. Lately we've done more activities that include the whole family. Please let's spread the word to every person we know that Shriners do good things for good reasons and have fun doing them. We need more young people and young people need us.



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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
Gerald W. Graham	Tyrone, PA	2/3/2024	Roger Rayman	Sipesville, PA	11/10/2023
Harry F. Hileman	Duncansville, PA	2/7/2024	Leroy W. Kerns	Altoona, PA	1/6/2024
Jerry L. Walker	Horton, KS	9/24/2023	H. Judson Cosner	Olanta, PA	11/6/2023
Richard L. Jehu	Port Saint Lucie, FL	8/29/2023	Ray W. ningham	Campbellsville, KY	1/23/2023
Donald L. Senior	Dubois, PA	12/19/2023	Rodney Schrock	Somerset, PA	12/12/2017
Robert G. Harshbarger	Albuquerque, NM	10/14/2023			

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!





JAFFA COLOR GUARD MEETS 3RD WEDNESDAY 7:00PM



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APRIL 2024

JAFFA CALENDAR



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	One Day Class Altoona Masonic Hall
7	8	9 Unit Head	10	11	12	13
				_	Fri, & Sat 2 Shows Sun 1 S	
14 Jaffa Circus	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Chicken BBQ \$12.00 Starts at 11:00 AM	22	Cove Shrine Club 6:00 Woodbury Lodge	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Deadline to submit content for the March/June issue of the Jaffa Journal:

May 15



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JAFFA CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	Mounted patrol Horse Race Event
5	6	7	8	9	10	Jaffa Golf Outing (Park Hills 8:00 AM)
12	13	Unit Head if needed	15	16	17	18
Jaffa Chicken BBQ \$12.00 Starts at 11:00 AM	20	21	22	23	24	25 Membership Meeting 8:30 at Jaffa
Jaffa Car Show in the Parking Lot	Memorial Day Parades (Juniata, Altoona, Duncansville)	Cove Shrine Club 6:00 Woodbury Lodge	29	30	31	







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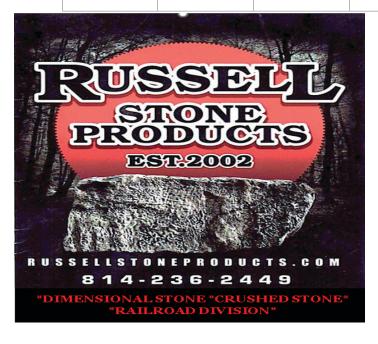
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JAFFA CALENDAR



JUNE 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5 Sportsman's Raffle meeting if needed 6:00	6	7	8
Walk for Love & Community Day	10	Unit Head if needed	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	Membership meeting 8:30 at Jaffa
23	24	25	26	27	28	Bacon & Bourbon at Jaffa our first one of these events
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