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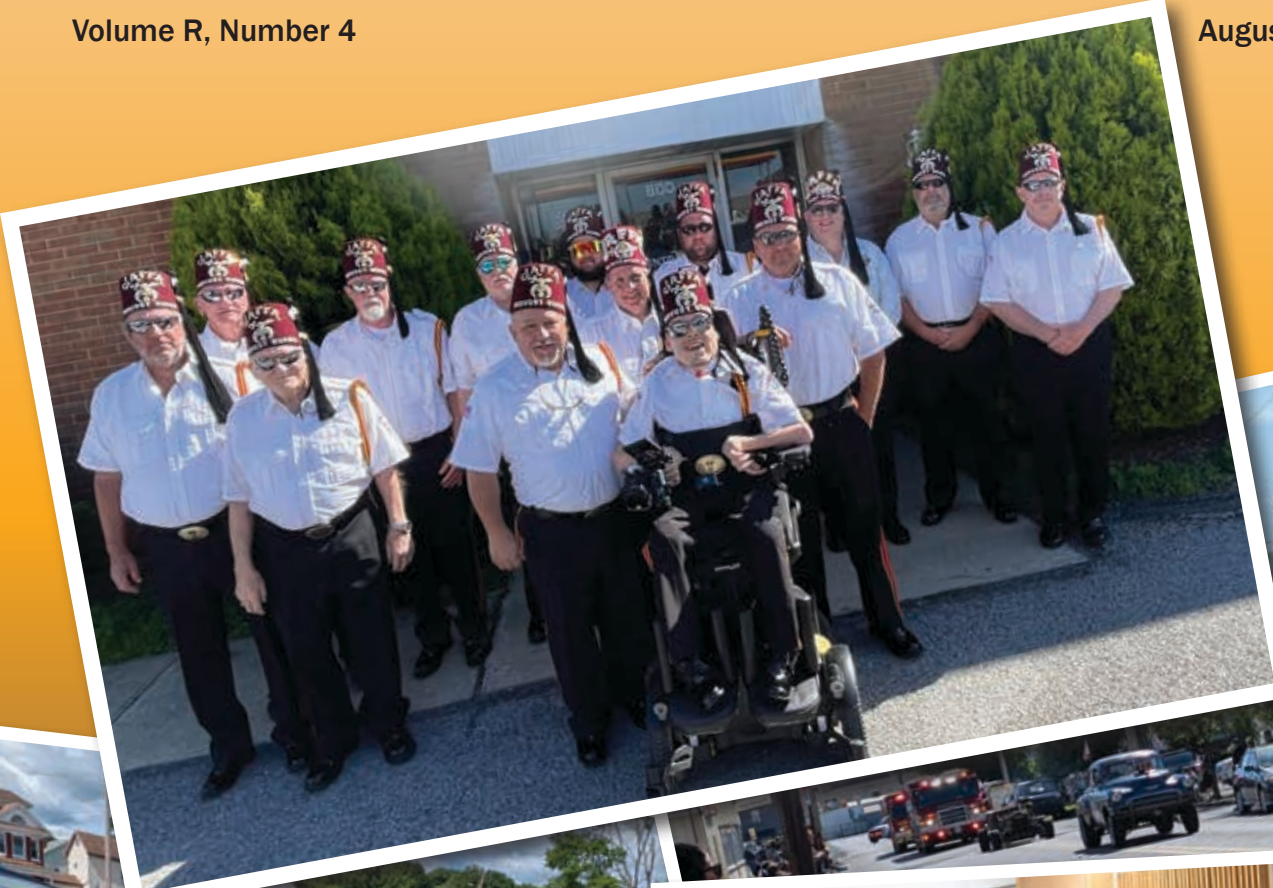
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# POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



To all Nobles, Families, and Friends of Jaffa Shriners,

What an exciting couple of months we have had! In May we had a fabulous vacation with some awesome Jaffa friends. We traveled to New Orleans, Louisiana where we ate some great food, and went on several exciting excursions. One of which had Leah Wilson holding her breath as an alligator came aboard our airboat fearing her husband Ron was about to become a Scooby Snack.

Jenn and I want to thank everyone that went along with us. Because of each of you, that will be one of our favorite vacations of all time.

While the weather didn't cooperate during the Walk for Love, Miss Ellie said hold my Bubble Tea and led the group of walkers around the banquet hall until they begged her to stop for a rest. From there on we turned the afternoon it into a great party.

All proceeds from this event will be given to Shriners Children, Philadelphia. Great Job Everyone!

During the week of July 4th, your Jaffa Representatives including Jenn Smith, Sylvia Colyer, and I went to the Imperial Session in Atlanta, Georgia. I would encourage all nobles to go to these sessions if they are able to attend. It is an unforgettable experience. You will meet many Shriners and their families and take in the local culture. This is a great way to get an understanding of how Shriners International works and meet new friends.

Upcoming events include:

August 9th -Ride for Love.

August 23rd -Family picnic on top of the hill. The cost is \$5 per person. We will have a DJ, food and fun. Tickets must be purchased in the office by August 15th.

August 26th -Cove Stag Picnic. \$30 per person. Lunch, Dinner, Snacks and Libations.

Tickets are available at the Jaffa Office or you can contact me.

Golfers, reach out to Jerry Lower PP. if you want to get in a round of golf before the picnic.

September 20th- Steak, Stogie & Spirits night. Tickets are available online or at the Jaffa office.

Our One Day Class will be on November 15, 2025. Please reach out to your friends and ask them to join us. The Jaffa Ceremonial will be open to our families.

Our focus this year will be membership and getting the community to support our events that are open to the public. We have a beautiful building that needs to be shown off and appreciated. We will be trying different ideas to engage the public to support and join our cause of having fun and helping children.

When you are having a bad day, take a moment and remember what we do. Support the Shriners Children's. Because of you, kids are given hope of a better life that might otherwise not be available to them. Wear that Fez proudly!

Gary W. Smith  
2025 Potentate

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# JOBEL COURT NO. 11



## OF THE LADIES' ORIENTAL SHRINE OF NORTH AMERICA

Join Jobel Court for a weekend of fun and fellowship!

The ladies of Jobel Court No. 11 of Altoona, the local chapter of the Ladies' Oriental Shrine of North America (LOSNA), and their Units, have been very busy in the community to fulfill their main objective: having fun while helping others. Whether we are raising funds for Shriners Children's or participating in local events to get the word out, we are always having fun!

We are always welcoming new members! Ladies interested in joining can reach out to any of our current members for more information on joining our cause.

Our meetings are typically held monthly at the Jaffa Shrine Center on the Second Thursday, with social hour at 6 pm and a business meeting at 7 pm, with the exception of July and August.

Jobel Court's current units are the Jovial Jobel Jokesters (the clown unit), the Jobel Jewlz (the marching unit), and the Bluebelles of Jobel (the new lady piper unit).

During the first weekend of October 2025 (October 3-4), Jobel will be hosting the 57th Mid-Eastern Unit Meet (MEUM), where we will welcome ladies and their nobles from Vermont, Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia, and, of course, Pennsylvania. The event will take place at the Altoona Grand Hotel & Conference Center.

We'd like to extend an invitation to our Jaffa Shriners and their ladies to attend the Unit Meet. We will have a drill exhibition where the various units in the Mid-East region will perform.

There will be two fun nights throughout the weekend, with a Murder Mystery dinner on Friday and a 90s Music bingo and dance party on Saturday. During the days, a few of our Jaffa Shrine nobles will be leading group tours of the Altoona Curve and our very own Jaffa Shrine Center.

The deadline to register is September 1, 2025, and it costs just \$75 for guests of Jobel Court to participate in this fun-filled weekend.

Folks wanting to attend can email me at [ashleyweaver28@gmail.com](mailto:ashleyweaver28@gmail.com) to obtain a copy of the registration packet.





# DORCAS TEMPLE NO. 129

## DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE

Dorcas Temple No. 129

Daughters of the Nile

Seven members from our temple traveled to Las Vegas, NV to attend the 109th Annual Supreme Session of Daughters of the Nile held June 10-14, 2025. Those attending were Past Queen Janet Grove, Past Queen Jacklyn Grove, Past Queen Sylvia Colyer, Past Queen Leah Wilson, Past Queen Beverly Harris, Queen Rhonda Reynolds and Princess Debbie Miller. Jaclyn Grove was Director of Ceremonies with her assistant Sylvia Colyer. These director ladies were instrumental during the Supreme Session with rehearsals and for the Ceremonies.

The big news from Supreme is that a motion passed to allow any women of good standing to join our fraternity without Masonic association. Daughters of the Nile foundation donated \$2.2 Million to US Shriner Children Hospital and \$442 thousand to Canadian Shriners Children Hospital. Queen Rhonda Reynolds and Past Queen Beverly Harris attended the Daughters of the Nile Foundation dinner,



where Dorcas Temple was honored for being a top Major donor for our temple size.

Our new Supreme Queen Kathy Walliker was installed on the last day. She is from Oregon and her official visit will be on Wednesday, September 24th. A banquet will be held at the Jaffa in her honor.

Our Supreme Appointments were as follows:

PQ Jaclyn Grove, Supreme Membership Committee

PQ Shirley Bobak, Supreme Goodwill Ambassador to the Northeast Area

PQ Beverly Harris, Escort to the American Flag

PQ Robin Nixon, Escort to the Brazilian Flag

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# ABBY'S COOKIES



Recently the Burchfield Family traveled to Shriners Children's Philadelphia Hospital for a check presentation. Abby and her family baked 1,500 cookies this year! She donates all the proceeds to Shriners Children's Philadelphia. She has raised \$14,230 over the years! Abby started this project when she was a young girl. Make sure to watch for her 2025 cookie sale day!

Thank you so much to Abby and her family!

Pictured Left to Right: Chris Ritchey-Philadelphia Board of Governors Chairman, Noble Jim Burchfield, Abby Burchfield, Megan Burchfield, Isabel Burchfield, Greg Passanante- Philadelphia Northeast Market Administrator and Randy Colyer-Philadelphia Associate Board Member



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## Radiating Positivity: Elisabet's Story

Elisabet, 12, lights up every room she enters with her vibrant personality and bright spirit. Elisabet was born with osteogenesis imperfecta (OI), a rare genetic disorder that prevents the building of strong bones and affects between 25,000 and 50,000 people in the U.S.

Originally from Honduras, Elisabet and her mom made their first trip to Philadelphia in 2018 when she was just 5 years old. Now 12, Elisabet is learning how to thrive independently with the help of her multidisciplinary care team, including Sarah Nossor, M.D., Josh Pahys M.D., Scott Kozin, M.D., Eugene Park, M.D., Daniel Zlotolow, M.D., Sean Waldron, M.D., Mark Bulson, MPT, MHA, and Meghan Gossenberger, OT, MS, OTR/L.

While there is no cure for her condition, treatment for OI may include bracing, casting, surgery, physical therapy and occupational therapy, all of which Elisabet has received under one roof at Shriners Children's.

"When we first met Elisabet, she needed a lot of treatment. She first underwent spine surgery with Dr. Pahys. Once she was fully recovered, she was able to come back for multiple operations on her legs and arms with Drs. Kozin, Park and Waldron along with myself, which have allowed her to be more independent in her life. She has been so optimistic through it all, and we're so proud that she took her first ever steps in our hospital. Her success is truly a team effort," said Dr. Nossor.

Elisabet and her family could not be any more thankful for the specialized care she has received.

To date, she has had eight surgeries, including procedures on her spine, arms and legs. For any patient, surgery and treatments can be scary, but, for Elisabet, she is less scared because her whole care team has made her feel safe and comfortable during every surgery and appointment.

"Shriners Children's gives my daughter the confidence to be strong for her surgeries, said Elisabet's mom. She sets goals for herself at every appointment, and tracks how many steps she can take now at each physical therapy session.



"Elisabet has the uncanny ability to see obstacles merely as present conditions, which can be overcome. An obstacle, to Elisabet, simply highlights the opening to an alternate route to her goals. By focusing on the alternate route instead of the obstacle, Elisabet allows the pathway of possibility to grow while minimizing any obstacles. Elisabet's hard work and dedication to her therapy allowed Elisabet to flourish and inspire others from her example," said Mark Bulson.

During her time at Shriners Children's, she has enjoyed the many activities and programs provided by our child life and recreational therapy team, including art therapy, music therapy and holiday parties! Elisabet has many hobbies including singing, podcasting, coloring and scratch art, and when she grows up she hopes to become a graphic designer. While she will be heading back home soon, she will always be a part of the Shriners Children's Philadelphia family.

"I need more fingers to count all of the good people that are here," said Elisabet.



# WALK FOR LOVE



The Sixth Annual Jaffa Walk For Love was held on Sunday, June 8, 2025. Even though the weather did not co-operate, the walkers and attendees had a fantastic time. The Jaffa Walk For Love started in 2019 under Potentate Jordan Settle and has been able to raise and donate over \$100,000 to the Children's Hospital since its inception.

The 2025 version of the Walk for Love raised \$14,000 and had over 120 people participate in the Walk held in the Jaffa basement due to storms. The Walk for Love Committee would like to thank Dave Dick for organizing the food and games following the walk. The Jaffa Calliope Clowns provided smiles and Liz Hoffman organized the basket raffle. Thank you to everyone that attended this outstanding event!





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# ROADRUNNERS



The Roadrunner's are a club dedicated to coordinating and transporting children and families in the Jaffa District to designated Shriners Hospitals. We recently had our flower sale on the hill. For our first flower sale it was a very successful. Mel and the rest of the volunteers have learned a lot and plan to apply this knowledge to subsequent events. These events help fund our transportation resources.

The primary focus of our philanthropy is the care provided to children at our hospitals, and the dedication of our drivers to assist families during these times of need. We as Shriners constantly reference the children and their care during our invocations and at our meetings. Let these not just be words that we speak but allow them to take meaning and become actions. Driving with a child to the hospital is unlike any other Shriner experience, we should each have the opportunity to feel this joy.

Please consider joining the Roadrunners, we are in need of drivers. Just one or two days per month could make a difference in a child's life. The appreciation and thankfulness you receive from the child and families is an overwhelming feeling that has no measure.

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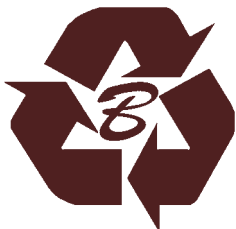


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The Jaffa Shriners Antique & Classic Car Club hosted their 31st Annual Memorial weekend show. There were over 250 vehicles on display. The weather was fantastic. Music was provided by Boomerang Sound & Light Co., and numerous prizes were given throughout the day. There was great food and snacks available from on site vendors. Funds raised will be donated back to our Shrine to be used toward our temple upkeep.

The Car Club along with the Cycle Corp will also be hosting their annual 200 Club on Friday, November 14th. Doors open at 5:30pm, cocktails start at 6:00 and dinner at 6:30. The evening's entertainment will be provided by Boomerang Sound & Light Co., and there will be many prizes to win throughout the night. The cost is \$100 per ticket, which admits two people, and are available by contacting a Unit or Club member.





# POTENTATE'S TRIP

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Participant(s) Name (operator & passenger if applicable)

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Passenger: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please drop off at Jaffa Main office or mail completed registration form and a check made payable to:  
Jaffa Ride for Love by July 15th, 2024 and sent to:

Jaffa Ride for Love, 2200 Broad Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601

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## PETITION FOR INITIATION & MEMBERSHIP JAFFA SHRINERS

TO THE POTENTATE, OFFICERS AND NOBLES OF JAFFA SHRINERS,  
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I, the undersigned, hereby declare that I am a Master Mason in good standing in \_\_\_\_\_

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Which is a Lodge recognized by or in amity with the Conference of Grand Masters of North America. Furthermore, I have resided at my current address for not less than six months, as required by the Bylaws of Shriners International. I hereby make application to become a Noble of the Order, and a member of Jaffa Shriners. If granted membership, I promise to conform to the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of Shriners International and the Bylaws and Ceremonies of Jaffa.

Birthplace: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Were you ever DeMolay? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, what was the Chapter name and location? \_\_\_\_\_

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# FORM MEMBERSHIP

BY DEAN MCKNIGHT

Nobles,

If you are a first line signer on three Jaffa Shrine petitions between 1-1-25 and 11-15-25, and they become members, your dues for 2026 will be paid by Jaffa.

Other news from Membership

Saturday, August 23 in the Upper Parking Lot there will be a Jaffa Summer Picnic for Nobles & Families Only, starting at 2 PM. Tickets must be obtained from the Office no later than August 15th. Cost is \$5 per person.

Sportsman's Raffle

Turn in money and stubs to the Jaffa Office as soon as possible.

Steak, Stogies and Spirits Night, September 20. Tickets available in the Office.

Fall from the Top at Blue Knob, Saturday, September 27 from 11 am to 6 pm. All Jaffa Units are invited to participate in this event. Contact Membership Chair for information.



Web: [jaffashriners.org/craftshow](http://jaffashriners.org/craftshow)  
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# MASA CONVENTION



BY DEAN MCKNIGHT

III. Sir Gary, Lady Jennifer, and your Housing and Hospitality Committee welcome you to the MASA Convention at Virginia Beach, VA!!!!

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III. Sir Gary and Lady Jennifer are making some plans yet for this year! Stay Tuned!



## 2025 JAFFA EVENTS

EVENT	DAY AND DATE	BASIC INFORMATION
Bingo Night	Tuesday, April 1st	Casual, Public, 6:30PM Start
Circus	Wed-Sun April 2nd - April 6th	Casual Public
Business and Unit Head meeting	Friday, April 11th	Business Casual with Fez, some type of food
Potentate Reception	Saturday, May 3rd	Speakeasy Theme/ Dinner Theater/blues band
Bingo Night	Tuesday, May 6th	Casual, Public, 6:30PM Start
Cigar & Whiskey Night	Friday, May 9th	Casual, Jaffa Folks
Mother's Day Brunch	Saturday, May 11th	Casual, Public 11:00AM
New Orleans Trip Stay may add the 23rd and 24th	Sunday through Thursday, May 18th-May 22nd	Casual, Jaffa folks and friends
Antique Car Show	Sunday, May 25th	Open to the public
Steel City Comedy Show	Saturday, May 31st	Open to the public
Bingo Night	Tuesday, June 3rd	Casual, Public, 6:30PM Start
Walk for Love/ Community Days	Sunday, June 8th	Casual, Public, 10:00AM
Golf Outing	Friday, June 20th	Casual, Public, 12:00PM
Imperial Session	June 29th - July 3rd	Atlanta, GA
Bingo Night	Tuesday, July 1st	Casual, Public, 6:30PM Start
Cigar & Whiskey Night @ 6:00pm	Friday, July 18th	Casual, Jaffa Folks
Business and Unit Head meeting	Friday, July 25th	Business Casual with Fez, some type of food
Bingo Night	Tuesday, August 5th	Casual, Public, 6:30PM Start
Ride for Love	Saturday, August 9th	Casual, Public, 12:00PM Start
Family end of summer picnic	Saturday, August 23rd date change	BBQ, Jaffa Upper Lot
Fall MASA	September 1st - 7th	Jaffa folks and Friends
Bingo Night	Tuesday, September 2nd	Casual, Public, 6:30PM Start
Steaks Stogie and Spirits Night	Saturday, September 20th	Casual, Public, Upper lot, Time to be determined
Sportsmen's Raffle	Sunday, October 5th	Casual, Public, 11:00AM
Bingo Night	Tuesday, October 7th	Casual, Public, 6:30PM Start
Cigar & Whiskey Night	Friday, October 10th	Casual, Jaffa Folks
2nd Annual Cornhole Tournament	Saturday, October 18th	Open to the public
Business and Unit Head meeting	Friday, October 24th	Business Casual with Fez, some type of food
Halloween Party/Dinner	Friday, October 31st	Jaffa folks and Friends, 5:30PM Start
Bingo Night	Tuesday, November 4th	Casual, Public, 6:30PM Start
Craft Show	Sat/Sun November 8th-9th	Casual, public
Jaffa Ceremonial/Dinner Follows/ one day class	Saturday November 15th	Business casual with Fez, Open installation
Necrology Service	Sunday, November 23rd	Masonic Dress, open
Bingo Night	Tuesday, December 2nd	Casual, Public, 6:30PM Start
All Units Holiday Party	Saturday, December 13th	Jaffa Folks, at Jaffa, 7:00PM
Kiddies Christmas Party	Sunday, December 14th	Kiddie Christmas Committee, they will give more info

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Have launched a capital campaign to raise funds to install air conditioning in the auditorium of the Jaffa Shrine Center as well as replace the aging AC unit servicing the banquet hall. Information regarding ways to contribute will be mailed out shortly to the Nobility.

Yes, I want to help Make The Jaffa Shrine Center Usable Year Round! You can count on me to...

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☐ \$750      ☐ \$5,000  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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## Jaffa Patrol/ Directors Staff



Join us on the 2nd Wednesday of the month  
at 7pm. Call 934-5555 for more info.



# CLUB OR COMMITMENT

BY DEAN MCKNIGHT

How many of us have laughed when we heard someone say, "Any club that would admit me I don't want to be a member of". I'm sure that you and I have belonged to a lot of clubs in our lifetime because we're all smart, good looking and very, very humble, plus our wife said it was OK. Let me ask you, how many of those clubs you joined were you committed to. I think for me, there were too many to mention except for my favorite of all, the Overeaters Anonymous Club, where everybody knew MY name. They were all good clubs; I was just a bad member. When I no longer belonged to those clubs, I'm sure you will not be surprised to learn that nobody missed me. My reputation as a good club member was so bad I wasn't even allowed to buy "Club Soda" in the grocery store. I thought all those clubs I joined would be fun, but no; They expected me to attend meetings, raise money or memberships, and wear a pin that would have caused me to punch a hole in my good suit. One club I belonged to was so crazy they elected me to be their president. That club no longer exists.

Why didn't I feel that way about the Masonic Lodge and the Jaffa Shrine? Why did I keep paying my dues? I know it's not because I made great contributions to be proud of or set attendance records at the Lodge or the Jaffa. It's because unlike the Lodge or the Jaffa, I never thought of those other clubs as more than a meal or a meeting. All of those clubs I mentioned were good for the whole community and I made friends who shared good times at the meetings. So, what really made the Lodge and the Shrine different? It could have been the hats Shriners wore that look like upside down buckets or the mystery of the Masonic Lodge. No there were other clubs I had belonged to in the past that also had hats or secrets or both. There was the mask and wooden bullet from the "Lone Ranger Club". I think the best one might have been when I became a secret undercover agent for the FBI at age 12, just by sending in two cereal box tops and 25 cents. Even when Micky Mouse personally sent me the words to the Mouse Club song and a pair of his ears, I still never felt it was a commitment.

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# CLUB OR COMMITMENT



BY DEAN MCKNIGHT

I don't think the word commitment ever entered my mind when I petitioned to join the Lodge. It wasn't until my first degree and when I looked around at the men seated there in that Lodge. I was humbled to be in the midst of men who I had always admired in the community, but I didn't know they were Masons. Here I was a young man new to my profession and there they were, leaders in many fields, business, education, politics, and our community. I was humbled and proud at the same time. Me, a college dropout from 4th Street and I was going to be in the same organization as these men who I had learned to respect and admire. Then as I went through the degrees, I learned the values of Free Masonry.

I then joined the Jaffa Shrine in 1976 and I immediately felt committed, but after my initiation I don't think I ever set foot in the Jaffa until I retired from the bank. I did feel good telling people I was a Mason and a Shriner as my career took me to 3 states and 5 banks. I paid my dues and wore my pin

and when someone said "Oh I see you're a Shriner" I was proud to say I was. I still am proud to be a Jaffa Shriner and on the last Friday of each month I join with my Shriner friends for lunch. We meet at the at the Stone Cellar Restaurant, located in the Graystone Grand Palazzo at noon. We have some laughs, some lunch, and some room for you. Think about joining us.

I'll take a moment now and ask you to think about your history with your Lodge and the Jaffa Shrine. Who and how many have you been a role model for? If ever there was a time in history when we needed each Noble to make a commitment it is now. There are Nobles who are doing terrific things to preserve our place in history. They have new ideas and are working hard so that we can all say "I'm proud to be a Jaffa Shriner". They need our help. That's a lot better than a few years from now having your grandkids ask you; Weren't you one of those guys in the funny hats grandpappy? What ever happened to that big white building on Broad Avenue where you used to meet? If our Jaffa Shrine building could sing, I think the song would be the Beatles singing "Help I need somebody, not just anybody, Help I need someone like you".

## DO YOU KNOW A NEW MEMBER OF JAFFA?

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# JAFFA

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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
Mark E. Shuey	Virginia Beach, VA	12/21/2024	Larry C. Reefer	Indiana, PA	12/31/2024
Richard L. Mort	New Florence, PA	6/13/2025	Michael R. Yount	Emporium, PA	4/6/2024
David Alfred Dahlin	Ebensburg, PA	6/20/2025	Patrick Joseph Mulhern	Saint Augustine, FL	12/23/2024
James L. Moore	Beech Creek, PA	5/1/2025	Ira Wright III	Bellefonte, PA	3/18/2025
Colson E. Jones	Altoona, PA	7/4/2025	Ronald J Bowser	Mill Creek, PA	11/25/2024
Steven E. Shauey, Sr.	Port Matilda, PA	7/14/2025	Monroe J. Armes Jr.	North Chesterfield, VA	4/17/2025
Ronald L. Snyder	Rockwood, PA	3/10/2025	Theodore R. Robb	Fairhope, PA	12/1/2024
Ronald B. Kimble	Meyersdale, PA	3/26/2025	Robert W. Miller	Dubois, PA	3/21/2025

**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



AUGUST 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4 Executive Meeting	5 Bingo in the banquet Hall of Jaffa	6 Meetings for: Sportsman's Raffle Mountain City Beer and wine	7	8	9 Ride for Love
10	11	12 Meetings for: Jaffa Improvement Unit Head	13 Meetings for: Clinton County Indiana Shrine Motor Corps Mounted Patrol Patrol & Director Staff String Band Unit Drum & Bugle Legion of Honor Lil' Vettes	14 Meetings for: Antique & Classic Car Club Highlanders Jobel Court No. 11 Valley of Altoona Scottish Rite	15 Cycle Corps Meeting	16
17 Chicken BBQ Greeters Meeting	18 Mifflin County Shrine Club Meeting	19 Jaffa Chanters Meeting	20 Clowns Unit Meeting	21	22	23 Membership Meeting Family End of Sumer Picnic
24	25	26 Meetings for: Cove Shrine Club Band	27	28 Meetings for: Somerset County Provost Guard Unit	29	30
31						

Deadline to submit content for the AUG | SEP issue of the Jaffa Journal:  
Sep 15

## JAFFA USHERS

Meetings: September 18, October 17,  
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# JAFFA CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Executive Meeting	2	3	4 Daughters of the Nile Meeting	5	6
	Fall MASA @ Virginia Beach, VA, USA					
7	8	9 Meetings for: Jaffa Improvement Unit Head Meeting	10 Meetings for: Clinton County Indiana Shrine Motor Corps Mounted Patrol Patrol & Director String Band Unit Drum & Bugle Legion of Honor Lil' Vettes	11 Meetings for: Antique & Classic Car Highlanders Jobel Court No. 11 Valley of Altoona Scottish Rite	12	13
Fall MASA @ Virginia						
14	15 Mifflin County Shrine Club Meeting	16 Chanters Meeting	17 Clowns Unit Meeting	18 Ushers Meeting	19 Cycle Corps Unit Meeting	20 Steak, Stogie, Spirits at Jaffa Upper Lot Roadrunners Meeting
				Treasured Once Again		
21 Chicken BBQ Greeters Meetings	22	23 Cove Shrine Club Band Meeting	24 Supreme Queen	25 Somerset County Provost Guard Unit	26	27 Indian Community Memberships Meeting
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28	29	30				



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# JAFFA CALENDAR



OCTOBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Daughters of the Nile Meeting	3 Froggy 98 Honkytonk @ Jaffa	4
5 Sportsman's Raffle	6 Executive Meeting	7 Bingo in the banquet Hall of Jaffa	8 Meetings for: Clinton County Indiana Shrine Motor Corps Mounted Patrol Patrol & Director String Band Unit Drum & Bugle Legion of Honor Lil' Vettes	9 Meetings for: Antique & Classic Car Highlanders Jobel Court No. 11 Valley of Altoona Scottish Rite	10 Cigar & Whiskey Night at Jaffa	11
12	13 Blood Drive @ Jaffa Daughters of the Nile Chocolate Sales Preparation	14 Meetings for: Roadrunner Jaffa Improvement	15 Meetings for: Roadrunners Clown Unit	16	17 Cycle Corps Unit	18
19 Chicken BBQ Greeters Meeting	20 Clothing Sale for Incoming Potentate Mifflin County Shrine Club Meeting Daughters of the Nile Chocolate Sales Preparation	21 Chanters Meeting	22	23 Meetings for: Somerset County Provost Guard Unit	24 Business & Unit Head Meeting	25 Membership Meeting Indian Community New Years Party
26	27 Daughters of the Nile Chocolate Sales Preparation	28 Meetings for: Cove Shrine Club Band Unit	29	30	31 Halloween Party at Jaffa	



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