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HELP WANTED

The Jaffa Journal is looking for two individual volunteers willing to dedicate the time and energy to develop the bi-monthly publication of our magazine. Specifically, we are seeking an Editor to replace Rich Courtot, and an Assistant Editor that is currently vacant. If you or someone you know are interested, or a bit curious of how this process works, please feel free to inquire with the front office 814-944-4043. There is help and guidance at your disposal. You will not be alone in this endeavor. We all want to see our Journal succeed, and provide communication to our membership throughout the region.

POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



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

As my time on the divan is nearing the end, I reflect on all the exciting opportunities I have had over the last five years. I enjoyed my time serving the Jaffa family. Lady Jenn and I have made many new friends over the years that will last a lifetime.

I am excited to see what is going to happen this coming year. Bruce Kelly has led the efforts to get our beautiful building on the Historical Registry. We are working on getting all the necessary approvals for getting a 501C3 designation. This designation will allow businesses and individuals to make donations for our building while receiving a tax credit for the donation. This could be a game changer for us. More to come on this exciting news.

I want to thank Ryan Colyer, Rick Henry and all their helpers for another outstanding Sportsman's Raffle. This was a very successful event for us. There is a lot of planning and behind the scenes activities to bring this event together. With everyone's help it was executed perfectly.

If you missed the Halloween party, you missed some awesome costumes. Many of those that attended put tremendous thought and preparation into their costumes. What a fun night.

Rhonda and company did a spectacular job with this year's craft show. There were lots of happy vendors selling their items to the many folks that visited Jaffa for this weekend event. Thank you to all the volunteers that came out to help with this event.

A special thanks goes out to all those who work the various shows and events for nothing more than to help Jaffa be the best venue it can be. One group that comes to mind is the kitchen crew. While everyone else is out helping the public, this group is in the kitchen making sure we have great food options to serve through our concession stands. I want to thank Bill and Rich Davensizer along with Mel Massaro and Rick Lockard for leading the kitchen crew.

A special thanks goes out to Dave Dick for being my Chief Aide. He has done an admirable job this year.

Thank you to all the Divian members who have worked to help keep Jaffa moving in the right direction.

Lady Jenn and I have had so many of you help us throughout this year. We want to thank everyone for their support and help. Because of you, it has been a special year for us.

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

Jobel Court No. 11, together with Zara Court No. 113, enjoyed an unforgettable tour of Shriners Children's Philadelphia on October 13th. This special trip marked the end of the Grand High Priestess of the Ladies' Oriental Shrine of North America, Lady Cyndi Rudd from Kismet Court No. 86's official visit to Altoona.

Lady Cyndi's visit was filled with memorable moments. On Saturday, October 11th, during Jobel's business meeting, she passionately shared details about her special project—raising funds to support Occupational Therapy for Shriners Children.

Jobel's High Priestess, Lady Cindy Settle, ensured Lady Cyndi experienced the best of Altoona. Their adventures included savoring iced coffee at Bedford Springs, enjoying a hearty breakfast at The Dream in Hollidaysburg, and sharing delightful meals with the ladies of Jobel at local favorites like Jack and George's and Hoss's in Altoona.

Lady Cyndi's visit was a true celebration of friendship, purpose, and community, leaving lasting memories for all involved.





DORCAS TEMPLE NO. 129

DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE

Dorcas Temple No 120, Daughters of the Nile

Dorcas Temple has been busy this fall. September brought the end of the ball games. This year we partnered with Jaffa Shriners to volunteer at the curve concessions, sharing the proceeds. This worked out well for all of us and we had a lot of fun working and getting to know each other.

And in September we entertained the Supreme Queen of the Supreme Temple, Daughters of the Nile, Kathy Walliker. Supreme Queen Kathy is a member of one of our oldest Temples, Nydia Temple No. 4 in Spokane, WA. Supreme Queen Kathy brought us greetings from the Supreme Temple and brought us up to date with the changes that are happening within Daughters of the Nile.

In October we began making our delicious chocolate-covered pretzels. We worked in the mornings most days to get the pretzels and other candies ready to fill orders.

A few years ago, the Supreme Temple of Daughters of the Nile rolled out Nile November, challenging the local Temples to show their thankfulness by giving to the community. This year we have assembled personal care packs for the counselors in the High Schools in the area to provide to teens in need. In addition. We donated \$1500 to the Mountain Lion Backpack Program and \$500 to the Penguin Project.

Then in November we set up a booth at the Jaffa Craft Show and sold our chocolate-covered pretzels. Our fans returned for these wonderful pretzels and we did well with sales and it was fun to talk to shoppers and each other.

We always have something going on. If you are interested in joining, please reach out to one of our members. Happy Holidays to all!



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Potentate's Trip

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Fellow Nobles and Families,

The **2026** Jaffa Shrine Circus will be held **April 15-19, 2026**, With our amazing circus promoter, Billy Martin Presents.

We are proud to announce that Shriners who are current on their 2025 dues, can purchase tickets for their families and friends at discounted prices.

Shriners can call the main office (814-944-4043) or go to the Recorder's Office to purchase their tickets starting **Monday, October 13, 2025**. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 10:00 AM – 3:30 PM.

Circus Daddies/Circus Mommies will continue in 2026. For anybody out there who wishes to support giving school students the opportunity to attend the Jaffa Shrine Circus. Both programs will include commemorative "Circus Daddy" and "Circus Mommy" pins for those who wish to contribute to the fantastic cause.

We cannot thank our Nobles and their families for their countless hours of volunteer work and support of this very important fundraiser for our home, the Jaffa Shrine Center.



The Masonic principles of Faith, Hope, and Charity are the foundation of our building, and the support of our community is the core of its structure. Without both, we would not exist.

We look forward to hosting our community for the 86th Jaffa Shrine Circus and hope we can count on you for your support.

Fraternally,

Jaffa Circus Committee and Divan

TICKET INFO BELOW

ETIX TICKETING SYSTEM

Jaffa Shriners is using our etix ticketing system again this year which allows us to offer tickets online as well as through our box office.

Visit our website: jaffashriners.org/circus

BE A CIRCUS DADDY OR MOMMY AGAIN!!

Help support bringing area school students to our Circus!

Send at least \$30 to support central Pennsylvania students to the Jaffa Shrine Circus on a school field trip! Supporters will receive a commemorative "Circus Daddy" or "Circus Mommy" pin. You can pick this up at the Box Office or the Main Office.

TICKET OFFICE

USE YOUR SHRINE MEMBERSHIP CARD TO PURCHASE DISCOUNTED TICKETS

Present your dues card to purchase at **half-price** to any show at the Circus Ticket Office.

HOURS

(Circus Ticket Office Beginning April 6, 2026)

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Tuesday and Thursday 12:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Go to the main office before April 6th. Hours Monday – Friday 10 AM – 3:30 PM

2026 SCHEDULE OF SHOWS

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
April 15	April 16	April 17	April 18	April 19
	11:30 AM	11:30 AM	1:00 PM	1:00pm
6:30 PM	6:30 PM	7:00 PM	7:00 PM	

Use this form to order circus tickets and/or to be a Circus Daddy/Circus Mommy. Please fill out the following information and return it in an enclosed envelope.

Name: _____ **Shrine Number:** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

1. Circle the day and time of the performance for which you would like to purchase seats:

Wednesday, April 15, 2026 **6:30 PM**

Thursday, April 16, 2026 **11:30 AM** **6:30 PM**

Friday, April 17, 2026 **11:30 AM** **7:00 PM**

Saturday, April 18, 2026 **1:00 PM** **7:00 PM**

Sunday, April 19, 2026 **1:00 PM**

2. Select the type of reserved seats you wish to purchase at the Shriners discount:

ABOVE THE WALKWAY - (Shriner Discount – up to 20 seats)

Adults _____ @ \$11.00 = \$ _____

Children under 12 _____ @ \$9.00 = \$ _____

TOTAL = \$ _____

BELOW THE WALKWAY - (Shriner Discount – up to 20 seats)

Adults _____ @ \$12.00 = \$ _____

Children under 12 _____ @ \$10.00 = \$ _____

TOTAL = \$ _____

BE A CIRCUS DADDY FOR \$30.00: \$ _____

BE A CIRCUS MOMMY FOR \$30.00: \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

3. Mail this order form with payment to:

Jaffa Circus Tickets
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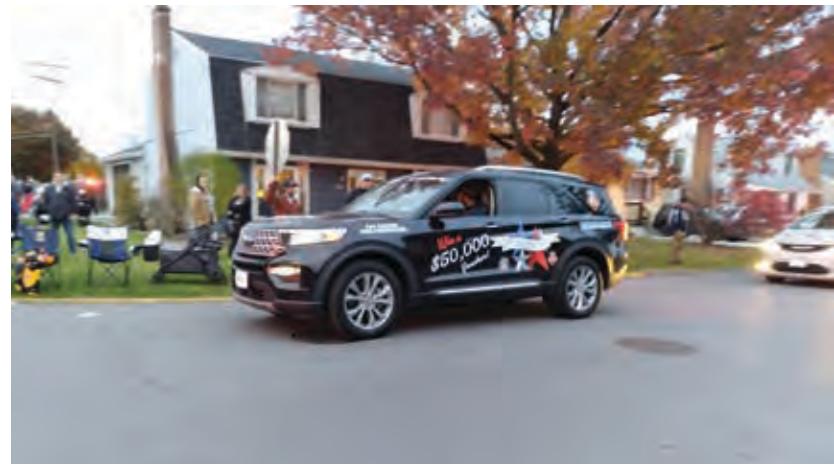
4. Make checks payable to: Jaffa Circus

5. Be sure to enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope with your order.



POTENTATES CARAVAN

Jaffa Shriners participated in the Annual Halloween Parade in Hollidaysburg on Saturday, October 25th. There was a chill in the air, but the crowds gathered and enjoyed watching many Jaffa Units & Clubs parade past. Jaffa Units and Clubs included the Director's Staff, Cycle Corp, Antique Car Club, Little Vets, Motor Corp, Jaffa Band, Provost Guard, and Calliope Clowns. This parade was the Potentate's Caravan and very well attended. Following the parade all Nobles and their families were invited to the Hollidaysburg Lodge to enjoy a delicious meal prepared by Mel Massaro and Rick Lockard. If you know their cooking, they did not disappoint!!



HOLLIDAYSBURG PARADE





PROVOST ATLANTIC CITY TRIP

A message from the Provost Guard. It's growing folks!!! The annual Atlantic City trip, always held the first Sunday in November, is growing. This year's trip was the largest, as we took 2 buses, and anticipate further growth in 2026 (already in the planning). Reservations will begin being taken in February or March 2026. As more members and their guests spread the word and others hear about this fantastic excursion the reservations and seats fill up quick. Watch upcoming Journals for details. The participants have a wonderful time, starting when we leave the parking lot on our approximately 6-hour journey. There's always plenty of food, snacks, and a variety of beverages to satisfy any palate. This trip is opened to everyone, not just Shriners. This is a Provost Guard fundraiser with most of the proceeds coming right back to our beloved Jaffa Shrine. Please consider this great trip as a way to support our fine Temple and have fun at the same time!!



PROVOST ATLANTIC CITY TRIP



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BLUE KNOB

In late September, Jaffa Shriners along with the Jobel's Ladies group were invited to Blue Knob's "Fall From The Top" Scenic chair lift rides to kick off their season. The event was host to many activities to entertain the whole family. We featured our Cycle Corp bikes, a jeep from the Director's Staff, the Lil Vettes and the Highlanders performed a few numbers. We also had membership table set up with information available to encourage membership and describe our philanthropy and Jobel ladies had delicious food and sweets to purchase. It was a beautiful day and wonderful experience for all participants!



ROADRUNNERS DINNER



Donation from Rhealynn McNamer

The Roadrunners had their annual Ladies appreciation dinner. During this event, we were honored to have as a special guest, Rhealynn McNamer, a seven-year-old second grader, accompanied by her mother, Catrina McNamer. Together they presented the Roadrunners with a donation to the Shriners Children's Hospital in the amount of \$329, which she raised by selling lemonade this summer.

Additionally, as your outgoing President I would like to take this time and thank all the drivers that donate their time to support our transportation, and their ladies, who also are doing their part in support of our mission.

Once again, we are having our annual Christmas Tree sale in the garage. Sales kick off on Black Friday and will continue until sold out. The poinsettia sale is also going so if you know of someone, or an organization in need point them in our direction.

Thank you for a wonderful year. Dave.



**Don't FROWN....start CLOWNING AROUND!
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Hand and Hand bar-b-que, which is held every year, is an endeavor that brings the Knights, Shriners, and the Shriner Clowns together for a shared cause. The proceeds from this event benefit the Shriners Children's Hospital in Philadelphia. This joint venture is in its 46th year. In the early years, it would only raise \$500.00. As time went on the event continued to grow. At its peak we would sell out of over 1,000 meals we prepared. With entertainment being provided by the string band, all of the clown, and bagpipes. It was a huge community event. As time has gone on, and our organizations ranks have been shrinking we don't sell as much anymore, but we still have fun and continue to raise money. Everything we do still benefits the hospital. All profits go to the Philadelphia Hospital. Our Knight's Council has made numerous visits to the hospital, to witness the operation first hand and the impact being made in the young people's lives. Our trips also include a check presentation. According to Knights of Columbus records this annual event has generated \$152,000.00 in donations.



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FIN RAISE



Fin-Raise for Love 2025 was held on September 18, 2025, at Adventure Aquarium in Camden, NJ.

More than 600 Shriners, families, friends, staff from Shriners Children's Philadelphia and generous supporters, along with several patients enjoyed browsing the aquarium and sampling the delicious food stations scattered throughout the building. The festivities also included an energetic DJ, an awesome Caricature Artist and an amazing Silent Auction.

Our Jaffa was represented by an impressive group and was honored to present a check for \$41,000.00, to Terry Diamond, Sr. Director of Philanthropy for Shriners Children's Philadelphia and Christopher Ritchey, PP, Chairman of the Board of Governors Shriners Children's Philadelphia. This check presentation represented money that Jaffa raised through our 2025 "Ride for Love" and "Walk for Love" events. The oohs and aahs that followed our check presentation were so gratifying to hear! You can check out a short video of the presentation on Shriners Children's Philadelphia's Facebook page.

It was truly a swimmingly fun evening! We got to see creatures big and small including sharks, whales, stingrays, and the hippos being served their dinner, an abundance of lettuce and boy do they eat a lot of lettuce. Perhaps the biggest highlight of the evening was the opportunity to dance with and chat at length with attending patients and their families. To see the smiles on their faces, how happy they are and the impact our philanthropy has made and continues to make in children's lives. So very worth it. How lucky are we to be a part of this great philanthropy!

Through ticket sales, corporate and private sponsorships, donations and the silent auction, Fin-Raise for Love raised over \$786,000.00!

Please consider being a part of next year's Shriners Children's Philadelphia's main fundraising event. "The Amazing Care Affair" will be held on October 3, 2026, at the beautiful Union League of Philadelphia. Watch for additional information in upcoming Journals as this event develops over the coming months.





ERIE SHRINERS

Children's Hospital Newsletter

Stronger Every Step: Cameron's Story of Perseverance

Cameron, 26, from Oil City, Pennsylvania, first became a patient at Shriners Children's Erie when he was 4 years old after a minor bump in preschool led to unexpected leg pain.

A visit to his pediatrician revealed a diagnosis of Legg-Calve-Perthes disease, a condition that occurs when blood flow to the hip bone is disrupted, causing the bone to break down and lose its rounded shape. Though the diagnosis was confusing at first for both Cameron and his family, they quickly embraced his care journey.

Throughout his childhood, Cameron wore orthoses to manage his condition, yet he never let that hold him back. He stayed active in flag football, baseball and basketball through high school, proving that his diagnosis would never stand in the way of doing what he loved. Supporting him every step of the way, through countless appointments and surgeries, were his family and his medical team at Shriners Children's Erie. He fondly remembers the care of Joao Tavares, M.D. and the nursing staff. "I never had a bad experience; they always made me feel safe and cared for," said Cameron.

Cameron's time at Shriners Children's Erie was filled with memorable moments. He remembers completing gait analysis tests in the vibrant, aquatic-themed hallways while staff cheered him on and he recalls the nurses' laughter during lighthearted moments after surgery. After each procedure, patients were allowed to choose a toy. One gift that left a lasting impression on him was a Lord of the Rings trilogy book set that he still proudly keeps on his bookshelf today.

While challenges like managing pain and overcoming the fear of surgeries were part of his journey, these experiences helped him develop confidence and a positive outlook. He learned that while his condition would always be a part of him, it didn't define what he could achieve. One milestone he cherishes is the moment Dr. Tavares enthusiastically told him, "You're in the clear," making him feel incredibly fortunate and empowered.

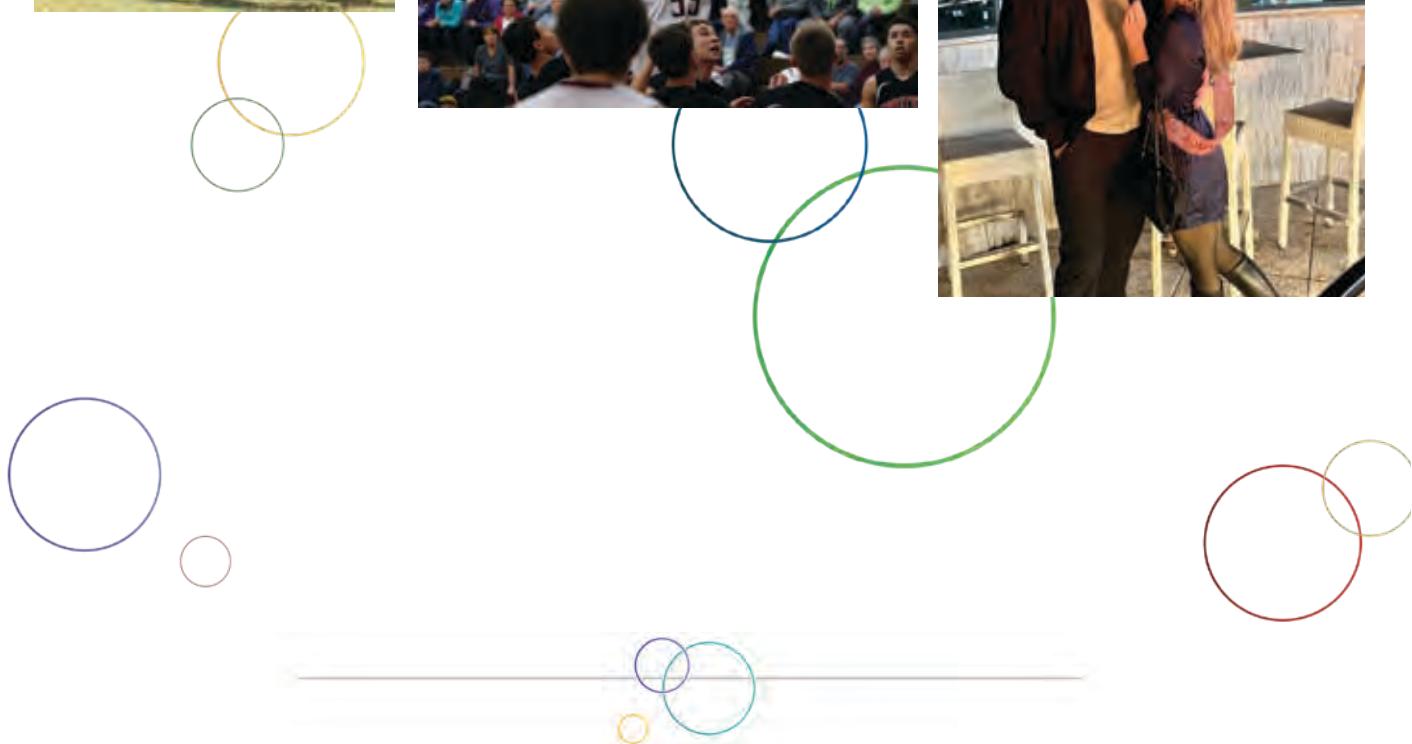
Today, Cameron applies the lessons from his experiences to his professional and personal life. He holds degrees in sports management and runs youth sports leagues through the YMCA, ensuring children have access to equipment and opportunities to enjoy sports. He credits his Shriners Children's journey with teaching him not to take anything for granted and inspiring him to live fully, exploring new places, trying new foods and pursuing new experiences.

Looking back, Cameron is deeply grateful, "Thank you so much for everything. You have no idea the impact you've had on my quality of life." To current young patients at Shriners Children's Erie, he offers this advice: "These people are here to help you. You can trust them. It may seem scary but it will all work out in the end."

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HIGHLANDERS



Hello fellow Nobles,

Well this year has come and gone quickly, hasn't it? The Highlanders have had many parades, events, and general frivolity this year!

From the start of our parade season beginning in March, through the spring, summer, and fall heading ALL OVER we've had a blast.

Just SOME of the events we've done this year: Pittsburgh St. Patrick's Day Parade, helping sell toys at the circus, Memorial Day Parades in Altoona and Juniata, Garret County in Maryland for a Celtic Festival, the Brockway 4th of July Parade, hitting Phillipsburg and Clearfield parades, working our way up to St. Mary's to the Air Show and playing at Straub Brewery, having our HALFWAY to St. Patty's Pub Crawl raising money for the building fund and the hospital, going to Virginia Beach for MASA, playing an annual Anniversary Party,

We try to be out there as much as possible, and represent the Shrine well. It's always great to see all you other Nobles that make it out to the parades and other events too.

If there is anyone out there not in a unit, consider joining one. You get out of your Shrine membership what you put into it. Being in a unit helps you to know what's going on and gives you a community within the overall Shrine community to connect with.

And if you're looking to play snare, or pipes, we'll take ya!

Also check out our upcoming BURNS SUPPER in January. We invite you to come out if you've never attended. It will be held at Jaffa this year!

Fraternally,

Matt Evans - Pipe Major for the Jaffa Highlanders

HIGHLANDERS



**Cocktails and Free Tastings
5:45pm to 6:30pm**
**Program and Dinner
6:30 to 8:30pm**
**Live Entertainment After!
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The 16th Annual Robert Burns Supper **@ the Jaffa Shrine Center, Altoona PA**

January 24, 2026 @ 5:45pm

Please join the Jaffa Highlanders for a night of comedy, poetry, music, libations, food and fellowship in celebration of “The Bard”, Robert Burns. This is a black-tie affair. Highland dress is encouraged if you have it!

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HALLOWEEN PARTY

Once again, the costumes at Jaffa's Annual Halloween Party were original and amazing! Party-goers enjoyed a night of tasty treats, fellowship and music provided by DJ Josh. A costume contest was held, and everyone was encouraged to vote for their favorites in three categories. The winners were.... Best Couple – Nemo and Darla (Alexis Dodson and Zach Colyer), Funniest – Baby New Year (Ed Kertes) and Scariest – Edward Scissorhands (Brad Dodson). A fun night was had by all!



CRAFT SHOW ARTICLE



These photographs are from the Jaffa Shrine's 9th Annual Craft show. Which is typical hosted on the second weekend in November. There were over 100 vendors, filling the main auditorium, and the lower level. There was a wonderful array of hand crafted, unique and artisan products. There is no cover charge to enter, and there are numerous basket prizes given away at the conclusion of the event. Jaffa concessions were well staffed and running, serving a variety of good food and drinks. Before and after the event many Shriners volunteered to assist vendors bring their merchandise in for setup, and at the conclusion assisted these same vendors breakdown and take their remaining merchandise to their vehicles.





SPORTSMAN'S RAFFLE

The 27th Annual Jaffa Sportsman's Raffle was held on October 5, 2025. This raffle Raffle is Jaffa's largest single-day fundraiser with all proceeds going to the Jaffa Shrine Operations Fund.

Again, this year, the raffle ticket offered 90 individual prizes to the lucky winners. We also established dozens of additional opportunities for attendees to win a multitude of other prizes; with chances to win a number of display guns from the table, the walk around guns, chances to win YETI coolers (one of which containing a gun), 50-50's, small games of chance tickets, gift cards to local gun vendors, and even a special raffle put together for the ladies in attendance featuring a concealed carry purse along with a great selection of YETI products. In all, we gave away over \$100,000 in prizes during our 5-hour event. If you have never been to the Sportsman's Raffle, you are missing a great time!

Our kitchen crew prepared an all-you-can-eat dinner for over 1,200 people and barely broke a sweat! This main entree included pulled pork, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, and mac and cheese. Our nobility sold almost 10,000 tickets. This is one event that brings the nobility out in full force with over 100 nobles coming out to help make this day a success. Thank you to all who helped, this event would not be the success it is without you. Whether you sold tickets or pitched in at the event or both, thank you! If you've never helped at this event, you're missing out on a great day of fun and fellowship. We can never have too much help on this day. More participation from you means more sales can be made during the event. Just think too, if every noble sells just one more raffle ticket, what a difference that would be!

Next year's raffle will be held on October 4, 2026, always the first Sunday in October. Tickets will be available around Circus time. Remember, every ticket sold counts! Also remember, you get one free ticket for every 10 tickets you buy and/or sell to do with as you choose. Stay tuned!





Pasta Dinner

**Saturday, December 6th
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**\$12 - Adults
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MASA CASINO NIGHT

This is a great group picture from MASA Casino Night. The event was well attended with representatives from all Shrines in the Mid-Atlantic. This is a fabulous annual fundraiser that lasts a few evening hours during our week at Virginia Beach. During the event, there was no shortage of opened wallets, and money exchanging hands in support of the cause. This is a great time to get together for fellowship and catch up with old friends you may have not seen since last year, or even longer.

Pictured are: Imperial Sir, Brad Koehn hanging out with some of the Big Shots from Jaffa Shrine. Chirs Ritchey, P.P. Director of Shriners Children's, Philadelphia and his wife Tracy.

Randy Coyler, P.P. and his wife Sylvia. David Dodson Jr. P.P. and current Candidate for Imperial Outer Guard with his wife Traci. David Dodson Sr. and his wife Patsy. And Herb Whitfield.



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On November 15th, the Jaffa Shrine had the honor to welcome several new members. Please join me in a huge Jaffa welcome! Reach out to meet these men and their families and to receive them into our Shriners family. Encourage them to become active members by sharing of their time and talents and participating in our units and clubs and Shrine events.

Jaffa Membership Lottery Calendars are still available from the Office or from Jaffa Membership Committee members.

Contact Mel Massaro to purchase poinsettias for the holidays.

The Roadrunners will be selling Christmas trees beginning November 28th, following Thanksgiving.

The Membership Committee has begun a program reaching out to Masonic Lodges in our geographical area. So far, we have visited Johnstown Lodge and Mount Moriah Lodge in Huntington. We will resume this outreach in January, since Blue Lodges have elections in December.



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The below Legion of Honor members distributed challenge coins and water at the finish line of the 5K and 10K trail races hosted by Brush Mountain Sportsman Club and sponsored by the Sweat for Vets organization. The weather was great, the event was successful, and had nearly 300 race participants.



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Stronger Than SCN8A-Related Epilepsy Sibby's Story

Jen and Evan were thrilled to learn they were expecting their third child, Sibylle, or Sibby for short.

As with their other pregnancies, they opted to perform prenatal genetic testing, an optional screening, and the results were typical.

Sibby's medical journey began when she was born in August 2022. After a brief stay in the NICU, Jen, Evan and Sibby headed back home to join her siblings as a new family of five. Between moving states and settling in with a newborn, Jen and Evan were certainly kept busy during this time. During the winter of 2022-23, however, they noticed that Sibby was falling behind on her developmental milestones and sought care at another medical facility near their home.

After some initial testing, Sibby was diagnosed with infantile spasms, a form of epilepsy that affects children under the age of 1, and more testing was performed to make an official diagnosis.

After more than a year of genetic testing, Sibby was diagnosed with SCN8A-related epilepsy, a rare disease that affects how the body uses sodium within the nervous system. Sibby is unique because she is the only known person so far with her variant of the gene.

"There is no cure for SCN8A-related epilepsy, however, we are able to monitor and treat Sibby's orthopedic conditions related to her new diagnosis, specifically scoliosis and hip dysplasia," said Bethany Lipa, M.D.



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"We provided Sibby with mobility equipment and braces that will improve her independence and quality of life, so that she can continue to make memories with her family."

In December 2023, Sibby and her family came to Shriners Children's Philadelphia for her first appointment. During that appointment, she was evaluated for her physical disability and from there, as part of our wrap-around care approach, a care plan was put together including many of our in-house orthopedic specialty departments.

Sibby's care team is led by Bethany Lipa, M.D., and other orthopedic providers within our cerebral palsy clinic. It also includes the Pediatric Orthotic and Prosthetic Services team to provide custom-fitted braces for proper support and alignment of her feet and ankles, physical and occupational therapy, and our wheelchair and seating specialist, who, alongside one of our vendors, gave Sibby her own custom pink wheelchair. "Because every girl needs a Barbie dream car," said Evan, Sibby's father.

Now 3, Sibby returns to Shriners Children's Philadelphia every six months for an evaluation of her spine and hips to monitor for changes in her scoliosis and hip dysplasia.

A Family Connection to Shriners Children's

Jen and Evan are so incredibly grateful to members of Shriners International, the fraternity that supports the Shriners Children's healthcare system. What makes their connection even more special is that this past summer, Sibby's great-uncle Roy was able to make his first trip to Philadelphia through the transportation program, driving Sibby to her appointment.

"Knowing that Shriners Children's is part of our team is a blessing in itself," said Evan.

At Shriners Children's, every patient receives their own wrap-around care plan. From routine to rare conditions, our team is here to help children thrive.





JAFFA SHRINE 2025 POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER



Jaffa Nobles,

Once again that time of year is approaching to pre-purchase your Christmas Poinsettia's. We are keeping the price at \$15.00 each this 2025 season. We had a successful year last year selling 80 poinsettia's. This year we have committed to selling 100 potted plants. The plants are very hearty and some of last year's plants are still doing well, a year later. We purchase the plants from a local greenhouse helping our local economy. Pre-purchasing vouchers will become available in mid October at the Jaffa's front office.

*This fundraiser supports Jaffa Operations
Your support contributes to the daily operations of the Jaffa Shrine*

2025 JAFFA EVENTS

EVENT	DAY AND DATE	BASIC INFORMATION
Pasta Dinner	Saturday, December 6th	5pm
Kiddie Christmas	Sunday, December 14th	
Jaffa Elections, and Ladies Luncheon	Saturday, January 3rd	
Bingo	Tuesday, January 6th	
Beer & Wine Festival	Saturday, January 10th	
Potentates Trip	January, 17-24	
Highlanders, Robert Burns Supper	Saturday, January 24th	
Mounted Patrol Horse Race	Saturday, January 31st	
Bingo	Tuesday, February 3rd	
Sweetheart Dance	Saturday, February 14th	
2nd Annual Mini-Golf Tournament	February, 20-21	
Jaffa Shrine 200 Club	Saturday, February 28th	
Bingo	Tuesday, March 3rd	
Potentates Reception	Saturday, March 21st	
Annual Jaffa Shrine Circus and the Great American Giveaway	April, 15-19	



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Jaffa Roadrunners

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The Jaffa Divan and Improvement Association

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.

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HOLIDAYS

BY DEAN MCKNIGHT

Here comes that special time of the year when it seems every day is special. That's the way it seemed to me at least on November 1st so I decided to do a little checking. I would have left you do your own checking, but I know you are all busy. Busy looking for the Christmas gifts you hid last year and still haven't found yet. There are by my count 893 special days on the government holiday calendar between November first and January first. We all know the big ones, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Eve. During my research I discovered many other holidays our government has blessed us with, like Odd Socks Day, Cookie Day, French toast day, Wear a Dress Day (Highlanders), World Trick Shot Day (Jim Beam and Dave Peterman) and Stupid Toy Day (Me). National Stuffing Day reminded me that I see some of our Shriners already showing signs of getting ready to play Santa this year or else president of their Weight Watcher's club in 2026.

I love happy days and the happiest of all are the days I can spend with my friends, and there are few friends more special to me than my Shrine friends. I'll give you an example; Noble Jeff Somers, The Mortician recently reminded me that I needed to have six good friends to be my pall 'bearers. Now I'm looking for a couple of names, preferably over 4 feet 6 inches tall, not wide. I don't want the change to fall out my pocket if my box is on a slant. I still believe there might be a toll gate to get into Heaven that only takes quarters. Jeff also helped Nancy my wife, write my obituary. See what you think of it. "Dean E. McKnight passed

away surrounded by his loving wife and his last two friends, who ask not to be identified. Dean spent many years in the banking business and if you knew him, we don't need to say anything, and if you didn't know him, you didn't miss anything".

The holidays are a big reason to be a kid again. Sing songs, look at the many decorations, act silly at a Christmas party, or buy yourself a toy to either play with or disturb others. Warning: The fun day will be less fun if you give yourself a nervous breakdown putting your toy together.

Now with all these special days and special things going on with your own special family, isn't there one thing you do for others that just stands alone and always brings a smile and a special lump in your throat and heart? Well, how about that little boy and his sister who watched wide eyed and filled with excitement as you went by with your unit in the parade. Your chest had to fill pride and maybe your smile got just a little wider. Do you remember the sounds of the children's laughter at the Jaffa Kiddies Christmas Party? If sharing a Christmas gift with these children was the only thing we did as Shriners all year, I would still be proud to call myself a Jaffa Shriner. Do you ever look at our Jaffa calendar? It's loaded with all the good things we do as Shriners. Holidays are not just for kids. Holidays are an opportunity for us all to be kids one more time before everyday life catches up to us again. Thanks to all my fellow Nobles who let me be a kid without having to "Kick the Can".

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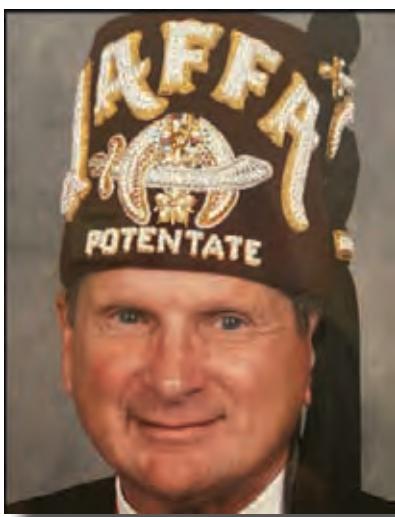
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MEMORIAL

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MEMORIAL ON THE PASSING OF ILLUSTRIOS SIR DARREL L. BATHURST

January 22, 1941 – October 19, 2025

Whereas, on Sunday, October 19, 2025, the Supreme Architect of the Universe sent the black camel, which carried our esteemed brother, Illustrious Sir Darrel L. Bathurst to his eternal reward, and

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

Whereas, his untiring efforts, unwavering 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 2008 his sound judgement and safe counsel were invaluable resources to all of the Nobles of Jaffa Shrine, and

Whereas, he was born in Altoona, Pennsylvania, son of the late Walter and Adeline Bathurst. Darrel was married to Linda R. who preceded him in death. He is survived by his children: Leslie Burkey (Jim), Timothy (Lori); and Crystal Himes (Dan); six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Darrel was preceded in death by his brothers: Phil, Greg, Jim and Kenneth, and

Whereas, Darrel was a member of the former 12th Street United Methodist Church, Huntingdon, PA as well as the Presbyterian Church in Venice, Florida. Darrel was the owner of Central Distributors in Tyrone, PA retiring from there following 55 years of service, and

Whereas, Darrel was a member of Mountain Lodge #281 in Altoona, PA. He was also a member of the following Masonic organizations: Jaffa Shriners, Jaffa Motor Corps unit, Jaffa Cabiri No. 106, Altoona Court No. 70 - Royal Order of Jesters, and

Whereas, Darrel was also a member of the Tyrone Elks, the Moose Lodge and Sahib Shrine both in Venice Florida. Darrel loved spending time at his home in Florida and enjoyed fine dining, and

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 family.

This memorial was prepared by: Illustrious Sir James F. Miller

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NOBLE	LOCATION	PASSED	NOBLE	LOCATION	PASSED
DeWayne Floyd McGuire	Dubois, PA	8/28/2025	Franklin Kruse	Hesston, PA	11/13/2025
Larry C Reefer	Indiana, PA	12/31/2024	Mark E. Shuey	Virginia Beach, VA	12/21/2024
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Louis J. Maierhofer	Hollidaysburg, PA	10/18/2025	Steven E. Shuey, Sr.	Port Matilda, PA	7/14/2025
Darrel L. Bathurst, P.P.	Altoona, PA	10/19/2025	Ronald L. Snyder	Rockwood, PA	3/10/2025

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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DECEMBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Executive Meeting	2 Bingo in the banquet Hall of Jaffa	3	4 Daughters of the Nile Meeting	5	6
7	8 Business & Unit Head Meeting	9	10 Kiddies Christmas Wrap Meetings for: Clinton County Indiana Shrine 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 Motor Corps	12	13
14 Kiddies Christmas Celebration	15 Mifflin County Shrine Club Meeting	16 Blood Drive @ Jaffa Chanters Meeting	17 Clown Unit	18 Ushers Meeting	19 Cycle Corps Unit	20 Road Runners Meeting
21 Chicken BBQ Greeters Meeting	22	23 Cove Shrine Club Meeting	24	25 Christmas	26	27 Membership Meeting Saint John's Day
28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve			

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JANUARY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 New Years	2	3 Jaffa Elections & Dinner Ladies Luncheon
4	5 Executive Meeting	6 Bingo in the banquet Hall of Jaffa	7 Daughters of the Nile Meeting	8 Meetings for: Antique & Classic Car Highlanders Jobel Court No. 11 Valley of Altoona Scottish Rite Motor Corps	9	10 Beer & Wine Festival
11	12 Business & Unit Head Meeting	13 Kiddies Christmas Wrap Meetings for: Clinton County Indiana Shrine Mounted Patrol Patrol & Director String Band Unit Drum & Bugle Legion of Honor Lil' Vettes	14	15	16 Cycle Corps Unit	17 Road Runners Meeting
18 Chicken BBQ Greeters Meeting	19 Mifflin County Shrine Club Meeting	20 Blood Drive @ Jaffa Chanters Meeting	21 Clown Unit	22 Meetings for: Somerset Shrine Club Provost Guard	23	24 Potentate's Trip to Punta Cana Membership Meeting Saint John's Day Robert Burns Dinner
25	26	27 Meetings for: Cove Shrine Club String Band	28	29	30	31 Mounted Patrol Horse Races



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FEBRUARY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Executive Meeting	3 Bingo in the banquet Hall of Jaffa	4	5 Daughters of the Nile Meeting	6	7
8	9	10 Business & Unit Head Meeting	11 Kiddies Christmas Wrap Meetings for: Clinton County Indiana Shrine Mounted Patrol Patrol & Director String Band Unit Drum & Bugle Legion of Honor Lil' Vettes	12 Meetings for: Antique & Classic Car Highlanders Jobel Court No. 11 Valley of Altoona Scottish Rite Motor Corps	13	14 Jaffa Sweetheart Dance
15 Chicken BBQ Greeters Meeting	16 Mifflin County Shrine Club Meeting	17 Blood Drive @ Jaffa Chanters Meeting	18 Clown Unit Jaffa Fish Fry	19	20 Cycle Corps Unit	21 Road Runners Meeting
Jaffa Mini-Golf Tournament		Jaffa Mini-Golf Tournament				
22	23	24 Meetings for: Cove Shrine Club String Band	25	26 Meetings for: Somerset Shrine Club Provost Guard	27	28 Membership Meeting Saint John's Day Jaffa 200 Club Event

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