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TRAVELING FOR AL KALY

Scott Rhea
Potentate

The front cover of this issue shows the great time Al Kaly had serving at the Daughters of the Nile High Tea. A marvelous time was had by all who attended, and I have been informed that the event was a “Wonderland” success. I also was honored to attend Colorado Grand Lodge, the East-West Shrine Game, and the 79th Annual Session of the Grand Court of the Amaranth.

The front cover also shows some of the Blue Lodge visits this year. As I write this, I (and others of our order) have now attended 9 of the 30 Masonic Lodges in our jurisdiction, with three more scheduled by the time this issue goes to print. With this statistically significant sample, I thought I would use this article to jot down some of my impressions and discoveries.

First, Masonry is still alive and vibrant in Southern Colorado! Lodges are not simply meeting – they are hosting dinners, putting on degree work, and supporting their communities. Young men are joining (as well as some of us who are more seasoned), learning the ritual, and leading their officer lines.

Let me cite an example from each lodge. Manitou #68 hosts a “Smoke and Scotch” hospitality room – actually more of an attic – after their meeting. Pueblo #17 and Silver State #95 host family dinners, as well as Monday Morning Masons. Lamar #90 is inviting all the southeast towns along the Arkansas River to participate with the Harlem Wizards Southeast Shrine Club fundraiser in Lamar (April 22) and La Junta (April 23). Colorado Springs #76 is planning a Shriners Children’s fundraising Fun Run the morning of June 13. And most of these lodges, including El Paso #13, Mount Moriah #15, and Eureka #66, are initiating EAs, passing FCs, and raising MMs. Enlightenment #198 hosted an informative educational session with a continuing discussion at their Agape dinner.

Second, they need our help. Six of the lodges I visited, including my home lodge Lawrence N. Greenleaf #169, needed assistance with their upcoming degree work. All of them have chairs that need to be filled – even



if just on the sidelines. Most of them have younger officers who, at times, may struggle with the standard ritual work, let alone the lectures. The young members are eager, willing, and able to learn and perfect themselves – but it appears to me that they may not have had the time I had to study under my well-informed elders.

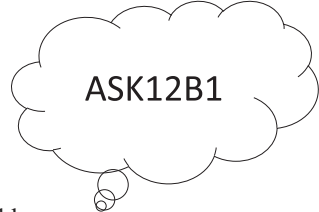
Illustrious Sirs and Nobles, they need our teaching, our experience, and – most of all – our presence.

Finally, they need our understanding, grace, and tolerance – particularly the younger generations (i.e. anyone younger than a “Boomer”). I’ve seen the growth – and the potential for a surge – in our Lodges, and I’ve experienced the further continuation of friendship and brotherly love. But I’ve also seen some members of my generation (or older) who have perhaps cringed or even outright disparaged some of the after-meeting activities or the lack of ritualistic perfection. My message to the elder brethren is this: Understand that we, who are enjoying the happy reflections consequent on a well-spent life, need to let others do the work. Grant the young officers grace, whispering good counsel and aid – not hinder or demand – their improvements. Be tolerant. Personally, I do not relish a smoking room nor consistently a strict formal aristocratic session, but I can still enjoy the fellowship and gain knowledge in the experience. And the beauty of our institution is that there is a Lodge, usually within a short drive, where brethren meet and fellowship according to your – perhaps expanded – taste.

So, attend your Lodge – perhaps even for the first time in a long stretch. Be true to your profession, and to your desert wanderings as a Noble, and travel to other lodges. Join me as I visit – watch the Nuts and Bolts for details. Who knows? You may find (or rediscover) a new favorite activity – without having to figure out what series on which network under what app to binge stream.

Scott Rhea, Potentate

P.S. Lady Karen and I are so looking forward to the Potentate’s Trip to Scotland. Solange!



OFFICIAL CALL OF THE POTENTATE

Notice is hereby given that the next stated meeting will be held June 13, 2026, at 1 p.m., at the Colorado Springs Shrine Club
Ceremonial 11 a.m., Lunch Noon, Stated Meeting 1 p.m.

Scott Rhea
Potentate

Attest: Gary Sears, P.P.
Recorder

SUSPENSE DATES FOR SUBMITTING ARTICLES FOR THE DUST ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Article Due Dates / Issue

- 1 January / Feb - Mar
- 1 March / Apr - May
- 1 May / Jun - Jul
- 1 July / Aug - Sep
- 1 September / Oct - Nov
- 1 November / Dec - Jan



UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL

- 5 Easter Sunday
- 16 Mule Train OV
- 18 Steak & Cigars dinner
- 19 Flivvers, Little T's, Klowns, Motor Escort OV
- 22-23 Wizards Basketball Game
- 26 Bowl-a-Thon

MAY

- 2 Canon City Apple Blossom Parade
- 5-18 Potentates Trip Scotland
- 25 Memorial Day
- 30 Corvettes OV

JUNE

- 13 Colorado Springs #76 Fun Run
- 13 Stated Meeting/Ceremonial
- 16 Trinidad Shrine Club OV
- 19 Monark Shrine Club OV
- 20 Fib-Ark Parade Salida
- 27 Band OV





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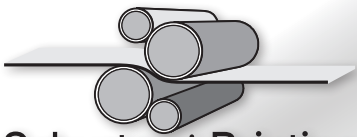
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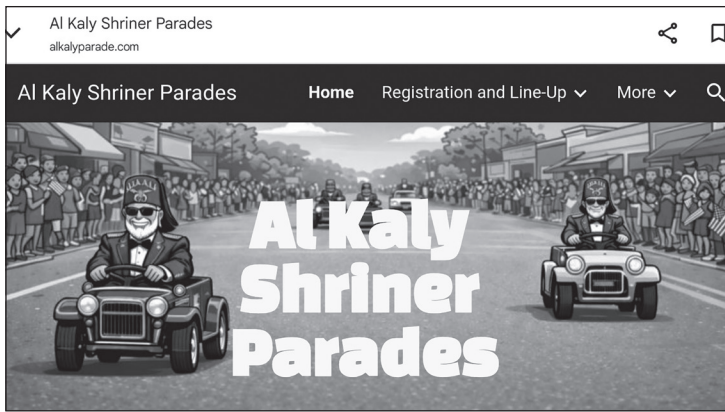
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A FIRST FOR AL KALY SHRINE: PARADE WEBSITE NOW LIVE

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Assistant Rabban and Al-Kaly Parade Marshall

A First for Al Kaly Shrine: Parade Website Now Live

The Al Kaly Shrine is excited to announce the launch of its first-ever dedicated parade website, created to serve as a centralized, easy-to-use resource for parade information, lineups, and unit registration.

In the past, parade details were shared through multiple channels. This new website brings that information together in one location, making it easier for members and units to find parade details in a clear, consistent format.

The website also provides a single, centralized place for unit registration, helping keep participation information organized for each parade. This registration process supports clearer coordination and communication throughout the parade season.

The parade lineup section is organized to display lineup order and parade-day details as they are shared during the parade planning process.

Where to Find the Parade Website:

- Accessible through the Al Kaly Shrine main website
- Available directly at www.alkalyparade.com

What the Website Offers:

- Parade Lineups - Clearly organized for easy reference
- Unit Registration - One location for units to register for parades
- Simple Navigation - Quick access to parade information
- Mobile-Friendly Design - Works well on phones, tablets, and computers
- Centralized Information - One reliable source for parade-related updates

Members and units are encouraged to bookmark the site and check it regularly as parade dates approach. This first-ever parade website is an important step in improving communication and organization for Al Kaly Shrine parades.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this new resource possible, and thank you for continuing to represent Al Kaly Shrine with pride in our communities.

Visit the Al Kaly parade site today.



FROM THE CHIEF RABBAN

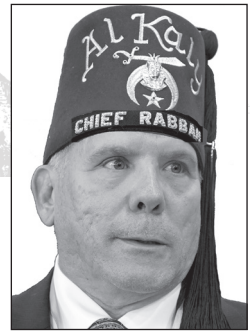
Mark Giffin
Chief Rabban

Did you know that there once was a Grand Lodge of Iran? With the unrest currently going on in Iran, I wonder if Masonry could, someday, make a comeback in this Islamic state? Could it exist again if there was a new, more open government in place?

The Grand Lodge of Iran was formed in 1969 and existed until the Revolutionary Guard came into power in 1979. In this 10-year period, Freemasonry flourished; even appendant bodies existed. I remember, when I was in DeMolay during that time, the jurisdiction of Iran was one of the strongest for young men according to the Cordon Magazine (the magazine of the Order of DeMolay).

One of the beliefs held by Masons is the separation of Church and State – we even discourage religious or political discussions in lodge. This may be one of the reasons Masonry was banned by the Revolutionary Guard in 1979. According to an article on the internet, the Grand Lodge of Iran is in exile in Los Angeles, California. Whether there are still Iranian Freemasons in the country today is unknown to me.

As Shriners, our hearts go out to the children who may be injured or forgotten in conflict. The Shriners Clinic in Cyprus has seen many of these patients from Ukraine and other countries. Perhaps the day may come when aid may also be given to the children of Iran and the brotherhood of Masonry is shared. Until then, may the Supreme Architect of the Universe watch over that area of the world.



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Mack Word

High Priest and Prophet

Psalms 133

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;

As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.

Unity. Those five letters do more than form a word. It creates a means of being, survival, existence, progress, and growth. In order for us as a society to have any kind of peace, we must have unity.

Freemasonry teaches that brothers must be unified. Within the fraternity's fundamental principles and early lessons, is the idea that for us to continue to prosper, we must work together; be unified.

Being unified and working together in unity does not mean we will always agree. Although Masonry teaches we should be men who can best work and best agree, this is a lesson we continually work toward perfecting. We must ask ourselves each day...what am I doing to work together with my brothers in the craft, to become more unified?

Illustrious Sir Scott Rhea, Chief Rabban Mark Giffin, and I attended the installation of Illustrious Sir Kent Burns in January. I had the privilege of seeing our two Potentates in Colorado, Potentate Scott Rhea of Al Kaly Temple and Potentate Kent Burns of El Jebel Temple, demonstrate unity. We enjoyed a time of fellowship,



kindness, and a very warm welcome from the Nobles and Ladies of El Jebel.

As I observed our own installation and saw the gatherings of members of both temples, I saw unity of purpose was evident and active. At both events I heard discussions all around the rooms of furthering the work of the Children's Hospital's. "What can we do? How can we help? It (the fundraiser) has to be bigger next year." Ideas were being discussed, activities were being planned, thoughts were being written

down and follow-up was eagerly anticipated.

As a Shriner, I am encouraged to see the active practice of a principle introduced to the Entered Apprentice and see it continuing to be a vital part of every aspect of Masonry. Thank you, Illustrious Sirs, for leading the way in the practice of Unity. It's not just a word, it's a verb.

In closing Nobles, as you talk to potential Shriner candidates, demonstrate Masonic unity by talking about how we as Shriners further the great and noble cause of helping our children by practicing how we best work and best agree.



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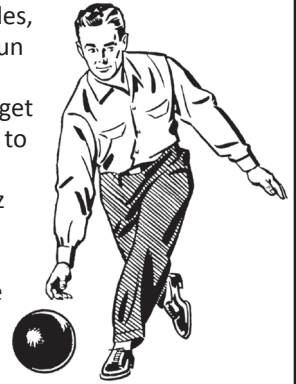
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The Importance of Positive Communication to Children with Disabilities

The Power of Language

Our word choices have a tremendous impact on those around us. Children, especially, are deeply influenced by the language surrounding them – who they become is based on who they are learning to be. The staff of Shriners Hospitals for Children® understands the importance of building confidence and self-esteem in our patients at an early age. Our staff recognizes that while working with children with disabilities, it is imperative to help them develop a strong positive attitude so they will have the confidence to pursue their dreams. To accomplish this, being mindful of the effect language has on children is critical.

Two essential points in using communication as affirmation are accurate wording and people-first language. Always remember to use language that encourages, rather than discourages, the individual. When referring to those with a disability, please remember to **avoid labels with a negative connotation**, such as:

- crippled
- handicapped
- lame
- deformed

» **The preferred word choice is usually:**

- disability
- disabled
- the actual term involved, such as, cerebral palsy or muscular dystrophy

People with Disabilities are People First

The second key element of communicating with people with disabilities is the need to use “people-first language,” where the person is the important element, rather than the disability.

For example, try using phrases such as “a person *with* cerebral palsy” or “a person *who uses* a prosthetic arm,” rather than defining them by the disability itself.

It is also important to recognize that people are individuals, and to **avoid lumping those with disabilities together into one group**, like “the disabled,” “the spinal cord injured,” or to refer to “all people with X.”

» Another important aspect of using people-first language is to **avoid negative descriptive phrases and terms**, such as:

- confined to a wheelchair
- wheelchair bound
- victim stricken with
- suffering

Instead, try saying a person “uses a wheelchair,” or “has cerebral palsy.”



“We must take language very seriously. The feeling I have is that language is always a reflection of attitude. With the advancement of the disability movement, you see a change in language.” – Michael Masutha

Also avoid **value-laden words and phrases**, whether negative or positive, because even seemingly positive labels such as “courageous” and “inspirational” can be burdensome to a child, setting unnecessary high expectations, that may be hard to maintain.

As part of using people-first language, it is also imperative to not define people by their disabilities. This is accomplished by **emphasizing abilities, not limitations**.

» For instance:

- Say: “Darlene is an excellent writer,” rather than, “Despite her disability, Darlene is an excellent writer.”
- Say, “Johnny is a child with a disability,” instead of the defining, “Johnny is a *disabled child*.”

Being mindful of preferred disability terminology and using people-first language whenever possible will help children with disabilities become more confident and able to become successful, productive adults.



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FEATURED SHRINER JON D. BOWER

by *Billie Nigro*

Jon was born and raised in/and around Chanute, Kansas. The family lived a life of prayer. They were dryland dirt farmers who prayed for rain for the crops and then prayed for the rain to stop for the harvest. His mother and father raised three boys and three girls. His mother was, among other things, a nurse at the local hospital. His father worked for John Deere Equipment Company as a mechanic. As a youngster, Jon worked at a Skelly Oil gas station pumping gas, washing cars, doing oil changes and whatever else he was given to do. When he was a bit older, he worked as a pin setter at the local bowling alley where he learned to bowl. Everyone bowled right-handed so that's what Jon did, even though he was left-handed. When he found out he could switch, he did and it raised his average quite a bit! Bowling then became his sport of choice.

Jon attended high school at the Chanute Senior High School and graduated in 1958. Following graduation (at age 17), he enlisted in the U.S. Army. His basic training was at Ft Hood, Texas. He was assigned to the 508th Ordnance unit at Ft Lewis, Washington, working at the ammo dump. He spent most of the time unloading heavy artillery shells (there was no use to run if you dropped one) and other ordnance. After finishing an ordnance renovation course, he was transferred to the 512th Ordnance unit. This was a "special weapons" unit (now called nuclear weapons) and worked maintaining the nuclear charges which were available to the artillery unit. In 1960, he was transferred to the 518th Ordnance unit in Mainz, Germany, but had no duties as they were not a special weapons unit but were an electronic support unit for a Corporal missile artillery unit. The 518th was moved to Hanau, Germany. The company clerk was rotating back to the United States, so Jon was given that job. This was the position he filled until his return to the United States for discharge in August 1961.

After returning to Chanute following discharge from the Army, with mostly just an Army ordnance background, he had trouble finding any work. Jon decided to move to Denver, Colorado, working first for the Chevrolet division of General Motors in their parts warehouse, picking and filling orders. When there was an opening in the front office for a night job working with the order processing group, he went for it. After doing that for a while, he was asked if he would assist the computer programmer, to which he, of course, said yes. After a week or so, the programmer remarked "You don't know a thing about computers, do you?" Jon had to admit he did not, so the programmer began to teach him. By the time the supervisor became aware of Jon's lack of formal computer training, he had learned it

Also during this time, Jon volunteered for the fire department in Westminster, Colorado, and found something that he really enjoyed. Jon worked part-time by the fire department, where he undertook a variety of responsibilities including conducting business inspections, performing equipment and building maintenance, and responding to emergencies. During this period, the fire department formed an underwater "search and rescue" team. They had very little in the way of equipment but did manage to get some used SCUBA units. To make some money so they could buy better equipment, they used to dive for golf balls at the local golf course. They were paid 10 cents for each ball they were able to retrieve from the lakes. With the money earned, they purchased newer and better equipment. At that time, they were the only underwater team in Colorado except for the Denver Fire Department team. They assisted many counties and towns in recovery work. Their

*Jon is fond of saying
"My bad days are
good and my good
days are great; of
course, every day is a
good day because at
my age I don't have
time for bad days".*



responsibilities included not only searching for drowning victims but also recovering items deliberately concealed, ranging from weapons to safes, that had been discarded in lakes.

Jon married his high school sweetheart in early 1961 after she separated from her first husband. In addition to his stepdaughter, they had two daughters and a son. Having moved to Denver after his discharge, she became very home sick and wanted to be with her family, so she took the children and moved back to Chanute in 1967. They divorced in 1968. Jon then met his second wife; they married in 1969 and had two daughters. His wife passed away in 1997 after living with multiple serious medical conditions, including diabetes and multiple sclerosis. Jon had the opportunity to meet his wife, Diane, in 1998 when she was attending a class in Denver for her fire department in Pagosa Springs. They were married in 2000. At the time, she had two adult children, as did Jon, giving them a life together without small children. Prior to her retirement in 2016, she was the Chief of the Pagosa Springs Fire Protection District.

Now back to Jon's job history. While working part time for the Westminster Volunteer Fire Department, he worked as casual labor on a freight dock, filling in as a janitor when needed at another truck line office. He assisted a plumber installing hot water heating systems in new homes. He got a job with Chevrolet in 1962. When the automakers' union went on strike in 1964, he had to find another source of income. He got a job driving a delivery truck for the 7-Up Company and stayed with that until around 1967. He landed a full-time job working with heavy equipment on new development landfills. In 1973, he was hired as an entry level firefighter with the Thornton Fire Department, the thirteenth employee of that department. There were only nine firefighters - the rest were staff officers. They worked a 72-hour work week usually with only three firefighters on each daily shift. They also ran the ambulance service and when that unit was on a call it left only one firefighter in the station. On one of the first shifts he worked, the ambulance went out on a transport call. Of course, there was a fire call dispatched at that time with only Jon and the Chief on duty. The Chief told Jon to get in and drive the fire truck while he jumped in the passenger seat. Jon told the Chief he didn't know how to start the truck, he didn't know where the lights or siren were, and he didn't have a clue where they were going. The Chief told him to turn on the power switch down by his feet and then start the truck like you would a car. The Chief turned on the lights and worked the siren while giving him directions until they got to the address for the call. After all that, it turned out to be a false alarm! Jon stayed

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with the fire department, moving through the ranks of firefighter, engineer, lieutenant, captain (for only one day), assistant chief and retired in 1993 as a deputy chief.

Jon's Masonic journey began in October 1971 when he was initiated as an Entered Apprentice, passed to the Fellow Craft degree in November 1971 and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on January 22, 1972. Because of his work schedule with the fire department and side jobs, he wasn't very active with the Masons. After retiring and moving to Pagosa Springs, Worshipful Brother Robert Case decided Jon had been slacking off as a mason long enough and suggested that he take the rusty nail degree with The Pagosa Masonic Lodge. He restarted his masonic journey, moved through the chairs and became the Worshipful Master in 2012. He was then elected Treasurer of the Pagosa Masonic Lodge, a position he still holds. To enhance the journey, he became a member of the Scottish Rite in June 2005. In October 2008, Noble Fred Petit convinced him to walk the hot sands in a ceremony held at the Durango Masonic Lodge Temple for the Montezuma Shrine Club in Cortez, Colorado. He was later drafted into the San Juan Basin Shrine Club in Durango as well as becoming a member of the Tin Lizzie Unit. He is now the treasurer for both. His interest in the Masonic family was initially peaked by knowing "true gentlemen" from different walks in life, and discovering that their common characteristic was being Masons.

Jon is fond of saying "My bad days are good and my good days are great; of course, every day is a good day because at my age I don't have time for bad days".



Hospital Representatives Emeritus

In the current administrative process, the role of the Hospital Representative has been greatly reduced. It was, however, a great privilege to recognize two individuals who have been of critical service for the last couple of decades in seeing the children patients of Southern Colorado received the excellent care that Shriner's Children provides.

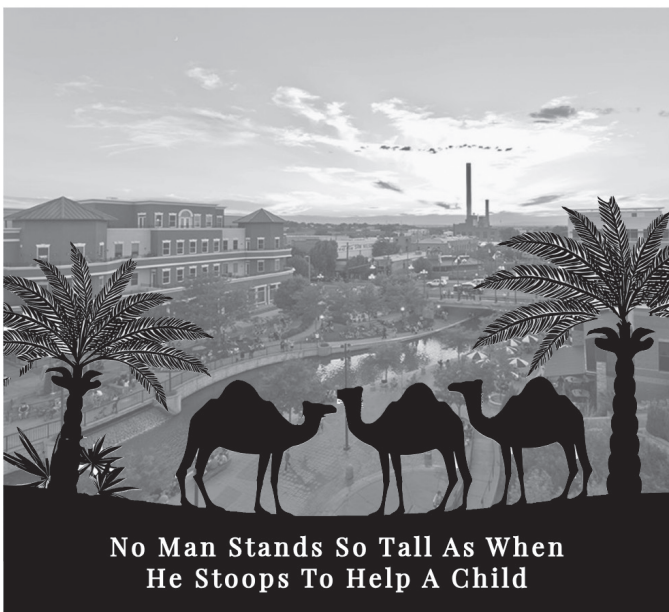
Wayne McKey became a Shriner on December 5, 1974. He was raised in Kansas and worked for the Pueblo Steel Mill as a heavy equipment operator. Wayne has been a hospital representative for at least thirty years, and has been very active in the Kaly Klowns, Past Masters, Shabob, and the Pueblo Shrine Club. His alter ego, "Howdy" – along with his faithful horse-bike – won a CSSA award in 2011.

Over the course of several decades of dedicated service, Dean Dooley has demonstrated unwavering commitment to the San Juan Basin Shrine Club and to Al Kaly Shrine. He is a decorated Veteran and served in the Korean Conflict. He also was a commercial pilot and flew large jets all over this country. Dean became a Shriner on June 5, 1998, and displayed the spirit of leadership, service, and integrity as being elected to the office of President of the San Juan Basin Shrine club and the Tin Lizzie Unit for numerous years. In 1999, Dean was the Vice President of the San Juan Basin Shrine Club and helped start the Tin Lizzie Unit; their first parade was in Bayfield Colorado on July 4th, 1999. As well as being an exemplary Shriner, Dean is a talented leaded glass artist. The San Juan Basin Shrine Club is proud to have Dean Dooley as one of our Noble Members as Dean has earned the respect and gratitude of all his fellow Nobles in the Durango area and across the State.

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Your specific attention is called to the following fraternal and charitable bylaws:

§335.3 USE OF NAME "SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN." The use of the name "Shriners Hospitals for Children" or reference to the Hospitals in connection with any fundraising activity by a temple or Noble without the written consent of the Imperial Potentate and the chairman of the board of trustees of the Hospitals is prohibited.

§503.11 COMMERCIAL USE OF NAME. The use of the name "Shriners Hospitals for Children" or reference to the Hospitals in connection with any commercial product or business enterprise is prohibited unless the written consent of the board of directors and trustees has been first obtained.

Now, therefore, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Fundraising for Fraternal Purposes:

- (a) No Noble (in his capacity as a Shriner), club, unit, organization of Nobles or affiliated or appendant corporations shall engage in any fundraising activity without the express written consent of the potentate of the temple having jurisdiction thereof.
- (b) There can be no representation, express or implied, that the proceeds will be for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children.
- (c) The temple potentate shall carefully examine all phases of the advertising, promotion and solicitation to determine that it complies with §335.3 and §503.11 of the fraternal and charitable bylaws and that there is no representation, expressed or implied, that would lead a reasonably prudent person to believe that the proceeds will be for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children. If the potentate is in doubt, he

- must receive the opinion of the Imperial Potentate who, after consultation with the Direct of Temple Accounting, shall make the final determination.
- (d) The temple potentate must approve the terms and provisions of any contract for a fundraising activity after receiving the advice of the temple attorney, and additionally, as may be required by the temple bylaws.
- (e) A copy of the temple potentate's written consent shall be emailed to the Executive Vice President, Shriners International at officeoftheexecutive@shrineet.org. Further, such written material pertaining to the fundraising activity, as requested by the Executive Vice President, Shriners International, shall be promptly mailed to him.

3. Statement of Purpose and Disclosure:

- (a) Every fundraising activity must contain factual information on its solicitation material, tickets, programs and documents, including all electronically transmitted material, regarding the use of the proceeds. Examples: "Proceeds are for the benefit of (___ Shriners) (___ shrine club) activities." "Proceeds are for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children."
- (b) Every fundraising activity which is not entirely for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children shall prominently state on all solicitation material, including tickets, programs, documents, and electronically transmitted material that "payments are not deductible as charitable contributions."
- (c) There must be compliance with the Revenue Act of 1987 provision of any general order by U.S. temples.

4. Compliance with Applicable Laws:

It is the responsibility of the temple potentate, after receiving the advice of the temple attorney, to determine that there is compliance with all applicable laws in its jurisdiction for the temple's fundraising activities.

5. Financial Records:

- (a) The temple shall maintain detailed financial records pertaining to all fundraising activities involving Nobles, clubs, units, organizations of Nobles and affiliated and appendant corporations. Details of all revenues and expenditures shall be maintained in such financial records.
- (b) The temple must retain such detailed financial records for a period of seven (7) years.
- (c) There must be compliance with Financial Reporting on Charitable Funds and Activities provision of any General Order.

6. Notification to Nobility:

A copy of the Fundraising Activities provisions of this General Order shall be printed in the temple publication at least once every calendar year. If there is no temple publication, then a copy shall be sent to each Noble in the temple not later than the last day in March of each calendar year.

7. Prior Permission:

Every Noble (in his capacity as a Shriner), club, unit, temple, organization of Nobles or affiliated or appendant corporations is prohibited from entering into any telemarketing agreement or contract to raise money for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children without first obtaining written permission from the chairmen of the boards of directors and trustees. This request for written permission shall be sent to the Chief Philanthropy Officer, Shriners Hospitals for Children, at events@shrineet.org .

8. Discipline:

Any officer, Noble or temple which violates a provision of Fundraising Activities is subject to discipline pursuant to the bylaws of Shriners International.

9. Shriners International Education Foundation:

Notwithstanding the previous provisions of FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES stated above, Nobles may contribute, encourage other Nobles to contribute and engage in charitable fundraising activities directly to Nobles and their families for the benefit of the Shriners International Education Foundation.





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I am in a quiet room.
I am in the birds that sing,
I am in each lovely thing.
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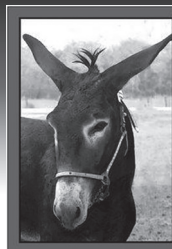
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