**Potentate’s Message**

Happy Easter, welcome to Spring, and I hope St. Patrick’s Day brought you the luck of the Irish. January and February proved to be a very busy and fun time, for those Shriners who participated. The wine and cheese party was well attended and enjoyed by all in attendance. As a result, there are plans to implement a monthly happy hour, on the last Friday of the month. Snack foods will be provided at this happy hour. Plan on attending and bring along your friends and neighbors. The Children’s winter carnival also proved to be a tremendous success, with 530 kids in attendance, and enjoying themselves beyond description. It did my Shrine heart good to see the smiles on the faces of these young kids, as they bounced around on the inflatables provided by our own Patrick Branger (Paddy Cakes). In February I attended the Winter PNSA where Bagdad Shriners and Noble Larry Tipton, (PP) put on a well orchestrated, informational, and rewarding conference. This conference was extremely worthwhile, with the Imperial Potentate Bill Bailey in attendance. Thank You Larry for a job well done. As most of you have heard, through the grapevine, our temple is for sale. There is currently an offer on the table; which if completed, will result in some tremendous changes affecting all of us. Clubs and units have already moved vehicles and equipment from the Shrine Temple property to alternative storage. Questions will arise pertinent to this transfer and I will do my best, with the help of the Divan and all nobles, to insure this transition is with as little upheaval and pain as possible. Please take notice that no unit/club property is to be disposed of, or sold, without prior approval by the Potentate, or his designated representative. Further, no unit/club is to remove any property to be held in personal care, without the authorization of the Potentate. All property at the Shrine is, and will remain the property of the Al Bedoo Shrine Temple and shall not be held in private hands. In closing I wish to vigorously reiterate that Al Bedoo Shriners will survive this major change to our existence. We will operate under a new normal until, and even after, we secure a new Shrine home. Our core mission of providing care to our Shrine children will continue. Each and every one of you should continue to value your membership in the greatest fraternity the world has ever known and pledge yourselves to help see us through the aforementioned transition.

P. S. Since the writing of the aforementioned information, your Al Bedoo Shrine hosted a very successful Shrine Circus. This was only possible due to the dedicated support and extreme efforts put forth by Shriners. I most humbly wish to express my appreciation to those Nobles who assumed key leadership roles in making this circus a success. Specifically, Larry Tipton (PP), Lucky Seibert (PP), Darren DeHass (PP), Dick Paul (PP) and Bart Hensley. Additionally, there were Nobles who worked other key positions. Special recognition and thanks are extended to Nobles Ron Swenson, Jim Nasby, Aaron Larson, Jimmy Wingenbach, Ron Stowe, and PC Moran. Noble Frank Glasgow provided financial accounting services and Paul Lechner set up, and tore down areas of the building in order that the circus could perform. Boy Scouts, Job’s Daughters, and DeMolay were instrumental in operating the concession stand. Many other Nobles and Brother Masons; too numerous to mention here, also provided help to insure our success. Thanks to you all

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**Hospital Corps Message**

If you know of a child Shriner’s Children’s hospital/clinic might be able to help, please call Al Bedoo Shrine Temple at (406) 259-4384.

The Al Bedoo Shrine Hospital Corps is dedicated to developing an environment for finding and helping children who are in need of specific types of medical care.

Shriners Children’s is a one-of-a-kind international health care system dedicated to improving the lives of children by providing specialty pediatric care, innovative research, and outstanding teaching programs. Children up to the age of 18 with orthopedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, scoliosis, sports injuries, muscular dystrophy, cerebral palsy, and cleft palate are eligible for admission. They receive all care in a family-centered environment at no financial obligation to patients or families.

The children and their need for medical care; which is not available to them in any other venue, is the major reason for the existence of the Al Bedoo Shrine Hospital Corps.

Ron Stowe, Al Bedoo Hospital Corps

**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Tuesday Mornings Coffee Gathering 08:30 am**

**Thursday April 21st, Stated Dinner (no meeting)**

5:30 (cocktails) 6:30 (dinner)

Sign up or call in now

**Saturday May 7th,** Honored Ladies Luncheon 12.00pm

Full meal of Chicken Cordon Bleu, Twice baked potato, Strawberry Short Cake. **Bar Available**

RSVP to Al Bedoo Shrine NLT May 3rd 2022

FREE TO HONORED LADIES: Cost to all other ladies is $20.00 One free glass of wine included with your $20.00 ticket. Call the Shrine office to RSVP as above.

**Saturday June 11th 100th Birthday celebration**

**REMINDER**

**DINNER RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE, EITHER IN PERSON, OR BY TELEPHONE TO THE SHRINE OFFICE, NO LATER THAN THE MONDAY PRIOR TO STATED MEETINGS**

Please note: Delays in producing this newsletter are due to administrative shortages at the Shrine Office. We are doing the best we can to remain in budget while meeting our administrative obligations. Your patience is appreciated.

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