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CHILI COOK-OFF

THE OAKLAWN RACING AND GAMING

BIG BUZZ CHILI COOK OFF

Benefiting Shriners Hospital for Children

January 22, 2022 @ The Big Buck Classic

1s Place \$1,000 CASH (courtesy of Big Buck Classic)

2nd Place \$500 CASH (courtesy of Scimitar)

3rd Place \$250 CASH (courtesy of Scimitar)

People's Choice \$100 CASH

Best In Show \$100 CASH

Register on line at arkansasshriners.com

Questions—Dave Livingston— scimitarfunraisers@gmail.com



VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER AND DANCE

February 12, 2022 Scimitar Shrine

Cocktail hour 5:30-6:30—Dinner 6:30

DJ to follow

Only 70 tickets available, \$50 per couple- \$25 single

Public invited, buy your tickets from Dean Riggin or Wayne Launius at
the January and February Stated Meetings

Questions contact Wayne Launius 501-680-1137 or
Barbara Riggin 501-626-9166

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The Blade Content Deadline

The deadline for submitting content for the next issue is February 25, 2022

Please send all content requests to:

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POTENTATE'S MESSAGE

Nobles and Ladies,

First Lady April and I would like to thank everyone for your support, and we look forward to an exciting year. Our theme this year is "Building Relationships and Providing Opportunities". Everything we do as Shriners is about building relationships and providing opportunities. Networking with members of other temples, masonic bodies, and our communities are keys to our success. Spiritual growth, knowledge, experience, and integrity are just a few attributes that Nobles can gain from building relationships. The second part of our theme is providing opportunities. Building relationships allows us to provide opportunities. We provide opportunities to children at the Shrine Children's care facilities located across North America. We also, offer opportunities for Nobles and their families to become part of our charity and provide for those less fortunate. Lastly, opportunities for those within the community to partner with Shriners to continue our legacy of delivering world-class care for children in need. Please consider how you can use your time, talents, or means to continue "Building Relationships and Providing Opportunities".

The New Year is off to an exciting start. The Big Buzz Chili Cookoff benefiting Shriners Children's is at the State Fairgrounds on Saturday, January 22, 2022, The Big Buck Classic continues to allow us to be a part of this exciting event. We need chili cooking teams to participate in the event. The entry fee is \$25 per 2 man team. If you haven't already signed up for this event, you can download an entry form from the arkansasshriners.com website or register on-line through that site.

The following weekend, January 29, 2022, beginning at 10:00, the Divan will meet at the temple for training and development of our 5-year plan. If you have ideas you would like to see in the 5-year plan; please reach out to a member of the Divan for consideration.

Our 2022 membership goal for this year is the creation of 30 new Nobles. The more members, the more fun and fellowship our temple can create. Illustrious Sir John Robinson is our Membership chair again this year. Please work with him to coordinate a visit to your unit or club on ways to grow your teams.

Lady April would like to grow the ladies' group. If your lady is interested in becoming more involved, please contact April at scimitarfirstlady2022@gmail.com or 479-647-9101.

I encourage each of you to read the Shriner's Creed and think about how you can build relationships and provide opportunities. It is going to be a fun year! Thank you for allowing me and my family to be a part of Scimitar Shriners, Shriners Children's and Shriners International.

Fraternally yours,
Illustrious Sir David Moore

Getting to Know Your 2022 Potentate

David Moore was born September 15, 1968 in Rogers, Arkansas to Arnold and Lyla Moore. He graduated from, Westside High School in Coal Hill, Arkansas in 1986. He attended college at the University of the Ozarks for one year. In need of money for school, he went to work in the oil and gas fields of Western Arkansas and Eastern Oklahoma for the next seven years. Fulfilling a promise to his father, he returned to college at Arkansas Tech University and graduated in 1996 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology. His stepson, Rowdy, followed in his footsteps and earned the same degree in 2019. Dave later received a Master of Science in Operations Management for the University of Arkansas in 2008. His stepdaughter, Briley, also graduated from the University of Arkansas in 2021.

David began his military career in 1987 when he enlisted as a Combat Engineer in the Arkansas National Guard. He is a 1997 graduate of the Arkansas Military Academy's Officer Candidate School and commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers. David deployed as the commander and staff route clearance company during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He has served in various command and staff assignments throughout his career. David is a 2021 U.S. Army War College distinguished honor graduate, where he obtained a Masters of Science degree in Strategic Studies. Colonel David Moore is currently the Robinson Maneuver Training Center Commander located in North Little Rock, Arkansas.

David became a Shriner in December 2016. He was elected to the Divan in 2017 and has served on the Membership committee for three years. He enjoys parading with the Misfits and spending time with his family, military family and Shrine family.

David and his wife, April, have been married for eight years and live in Sherwood, Arkansas.

SHRINER'S CREED

Shriners believe in God and that He created man to serve His purpose, among which is service to others in His name.

We believe that care for the less fortunate, especially children who suffer from burns and crippling diseases, is our institutional calling.

We are Patriots, each willing to serve his country with fidelity and courage. We cherish independence under law and freedom with responsibility.

We honor family. We respect our parents, wives and children. We should instill in our children the tenets of this creed, and the heritage from which it emanates.

As individuals we pledge ourselves to integrity, virtue and nobility of character. Our intentions will be honorable, our relations will be trustworthy and our spirits forgiving of each other.

As brothers we offer each other fraternal affection and respect. Together we will support each other in adherence to this creed, so that we and our communities will be the better because of our fraternity and its principles.

As Shriners we look beyond ourselves to serve the needs of others, especially children who cannot help themselves. We believe Shriners Hospitals to be the world's greatest philanthropy, and we covenant with each other to support its "temples of mercy" with spirit, time, talent and means.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January:

- 1st Officer Installation
- 5th Fun Raiser Meeting
- 6th Spring River Shrine Club Meeting
- 8th D.O.N.
- 10th Bedouin Meeting
- 11th Directors Staff Meeting
- 13th Nomad Shrine Club Meeting
- 14th Stated Meeting-6:00pm-Dinner after-Temple
Clown Meeting-8:30pm-9:30pm-Temple
Misfits Meeting-8:30pm-9:30pm-Temple
- 15th D.O.N.
- 19th River Valley Shrine Club Meeting
- 22nd Big Buck Classic Chili Cookoff
- 25th North Pulaski Shrine Club Meeting

Februrary:

- 2nd Fun Raiser Meeting
- 3rd Spring River Shrine Club Meeting
- 3-5 AR Grand Lodge Session/Bingo Night
- 8th Directors Staff Meeting
- 10th Nomad Shrine club Meeting
- 11th Stated Meeting-6:00pm-Dinner after-Temple
Clown Meeting-8:30-9:30-Temple
Misfits Meeting-8:30-9:30-Temple
- 12th Valentine's Dance
- 13th Super Bowl watch party
- 14th Bedouins Meeting
- 16th River Valley Shrine club Meeting
- 19th D.O.N.
Abdallah Ball
Moolah Ball
- 22nd North Pulaski Shrine Club Meeting
- 26th Za Ga Zig Ball

MEMBERSHIP

Nobles,

I hope that you all had a Merry Christmas and I want to wish you all a Happy New Year! This is a time to reflect on the family, the year that is ending, 2021 and the new year, 2022. I want to say Thank You! To everyone for working toward increasing the membership. It has been a year of ups and downs with numbers for membership. The Membership Committee is working diligently at recruiting members and getting members more involved in activities.

Potentate-Elect, David Moore has set a goal of 30 new Nobles for 2022. With that being said, ask the new prospects and their families to come to or enter a team in the Big Buck Classic Chili Cookoff on Saturday, January 22, 2022. Then invite them to the Super Bowl watch party in February. Invite them to the Crawfish Boil and Baggo Tournament in March as well. Then the Hook Line and Sinker fishing tournament in Horseshoe Bend, AR in May. These are just a few of the events that are scheduled for 2022. Check the Temple Calendar for more events that are scheduled. If you Club or Unit has an event scheduled, get with PP Steve Sichterman so he can add it to the calendar. If it's a membership event let me know so we can help you with it.

In closing, as I said earlier, each and every one of us are members of the Membership Team! It takes all of us to build our membership at Scimitar. My challenge to every Noble is to bring in "Just One" new creation or restoration. If we do this, we would double our numbers.

Have a Great and Happy New Year!

Fraternally Yours,
John Robinson, PP

LOST IN THE DESERT



Dustin Copeland
Gary Davis
Derek Gray
Charles D Hodge
Johnathan E Johnson

Bruce Martin
James R Wojahn
Philip M Harris
Arnold Shilling
Chadwick L Simpson

Gary Lanier is looking for volunteers to join a Ritual program for Scimitar Shrine. If interested, a kickoff meeting is scheduled at the temple at 2:00pm on Saturday, January 29, 2022. For more information, contact Gary Lanier at 501-529-2244.

MEMORIALS

James W Adams:

Lynn Pike
Thomas & Pauline Pike
Drew Illing

Mike Rushin, Sr.

Wayne & Joan Launius
Gardner & Lynn Burton

James Summerhill:

Drew Illing

Harold Jackson:

Nomad Shrine Club



CONGRATULATIONS

TO THE 2021
Centennial Inductees
David Diemer
Houston Jones Jr.
William Pratt, Jr.
Henry Zumwalt

Divan Training

Saturday, January 29, 2022

10:00 am Scimitar Temple

Zoom may be an option for conducting the training for those unable to attend in person.

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