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Scimitar Shriners

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EGG HUNT EVENT

03 | 09 | 2024

1 PM to 3PM

631 W Riverfront Dr, North Little Rock, Arkansas

Plus, Petting Zoo & Other Activities!!!

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Scimitar Shriners



Crawfish BOIL

& Baggo Tournament

SATURDAY | APRIL 13TH 2024 | TIME TBA

*at the Scimitar Shrine Center
631 W Riverfront Dr, North Little Rock, AR*

MORE DETAILS TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON

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Chaplain

Dennis Stevens

POTENTATE'S MESSAGE

Nobles and Ladies,

First Lady Kim and I would like to thank everyone for all of your support during the first couple of months of this year. We are off to an incredible start! It is hard to believe we have almost completed the 1st quarter of this year. I want to appreciate everyone involved in the The Big Buck Classic Chili Cookoff. It was another awesome event. Congratulations to Marcey and Dave on their 2nd place finish.

The Valentine's Dance was a blast, thank you to Barbara Riggins and all the ladies that put it all together. The lasagna was incredible. All the dancing and karaoke, was a memorable night. I hope there are not any incriminating video's that will pop up later

The Divan training had a great turn out. Jennifer Laurent and Lori O' Donnel joined and provided great information about the hospitals. Thank you to Jane Archer for hosting the ladies luncheon, it was a great turn out. The divan was invited to her house for fellowship after the training, it was a great time reminiscing about the past and looking to the future. "Making Memories in 2024".

Thank you to the many volunteers who contributed to the success of these events; without you, all the fun and fellowship and making memories could not be possible. The Superbowl Party, was another success and thank you to Wayne and Joan Launius. If you missed any of these events, don't worry; there will be more opportunities coming to a location near you. Be sure to check out the calendar at www.arkansasshriners.com

We are working on a crawfish/seafood boil and will announce the dates soon. It is getting harder and harder to find an open date on the calendar.

Don't forget the annual Vidalia Onion Fundraiser. Orders are due no later than March 17. Ten-pound bags are \$12, be sure to contact your local club or unit's to get you order in for these great onions.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, May 18th, the Spring River Shrine Club is sponsoring Hook, Shrine and Sinker Bass Classic on Crowne Lake in Horseshoe Bend. This is always have a lot of fun and I encourage you to be a part of this great event.

Don't forget about the upcoming Potentate's Cruise June 6th through the 10th, departing from New Orleans, LA and going to Cozumel. If you are not signed up you still have a chance to get in on a great time. You can email Debbie Gamble at debbie@thegotravel.com. You should have received an email reminder if you signed up with her. If you signed up with Debbie and did not receive the reminder, please email her at the above email address

I would like to remind everyone to continue talking to your friends and family and encouraging those that you think would be a great Shriner join us for fun, fellowing and making memories. We have a membership committee but membership is everyones responsibility. We have set a goal of 30 new members this year. If we all work together and get out to our lodges we can to this. I challenge us to make 2 members a month for the rest of the year.

Lady Kim and I cannot thank you all enough for your support and encouragement, we are looking forward to the rest of this year and "Making Memories in 2024".

Fraternally yours,

Illustrious Sir Rick Brandon

The Blade Content Deadline

The deadline for submitting content for the next issue is April 25, 2024

Please send all content requests to:

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IN MEMORIUM

Joe Hawkins 1/1/2018

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John B. Trafford 5/22/2021

Lee Stringfellow 2/8/2024

James Moore 2/23/24



SCIMITAR SHRINERS

2024 GOLF @ the ROCK

PLAYER REGISTRATION

Saturday, June 15, 2024

Registration: 7:30 am; Shotgun Start: 8:00 am

The Country Club of Arkansas, 3 Country Club Circle, Maumelle, AR 72113; 501-851-0095

\$125 PER PLAYER: INCLUDES CART, GREEN FEES, LUNCH, & GIFT BAG*!

Team Leader: _____ Cell # _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____

Golfer # 2: _____ Cell # _____

Email: _____

Golfer # 3: _____ Cell # _____

Email: _____

Golfer # 4: _____ Cell # _____

Email: _____

***This year, each golfer will receive a Shriners' dry-fit golf hat ++ given on day of tournament.**

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Please send completed form & check for payment made payable to **Golf @ the Rock** and mail to-

Golf @ the Rock, ATTN: Russel Betts,

1 Riverfront Place, Suite 630, North Little Rock, AR 72114

Questions? Call: 501-753-6977 or Email bettsrussel@yahoo.com

TO PAY ONLINE: <https://www.arkansasshriners.com>



**SCIMITAR SHRINERS
2024 GOLF @ THE ROCK TOURNAMENT**

June 15, 2024, 8:00 am
Country Club of Arkansas, Maumelle
Sponsorship Deadline: **June 5, 2024**

PLATINUM SPONSOR- \$2,500

- Named as a sponsor on all printed materials and announced verbally during the tournament
- Includes entry fee for your team- four (4) players and a color team photo for each
- Includes your logo on a rotating electronic screen on every golf cart

GOLD SPONSOR- \$1,500

- Named as a sponsor on all printed materials and announced verbally during the tournament
- Includes entry fee for your team- four (4) players and a color team photo for each
- Includes your logo on a rotating electronic screen on every golf cart

SILVER SPONSOR- \$1,000

- Named as a sponsor on all printed materials and announced verbally during the tournament
- Includes your logo on a rotating electronic screen on every golf cart with 50% off Team Entry Fee or only \$250 for a team of 4 golfers.

BRONZE SPONSOR- \$250

- Named as a sponsor on all printed materials and announced verbally during the tournament

**Please email a JPEG of your logo, sized to 1024 X 600 pixels to
Russel Betts, bettsrussel@yahoo.com
with "Logo for Golf Tournament" as the subject line.
Questions? Call Russel, 501-753-6977**

Please send completed sponsorship form and payment made payable to *Golf @ the Rock* to-
2024 Golf @ the Rock Tournament, ATTN: Russel Betts
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SPONSOR _____ **CONTACT** _____

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH:

- 2nd Shreveport Hospital Trip
- 6th Fun Raisers
- 8th Stated Meeting 7:00pm-Dinner 6:00pm
Clown Meeting-& Misfits Meeting 8:30-9:30 Temple
Ladies Meeting
CSSA Business Meeting (8-10)
- 9th Children's easter Egg Hunt
- 11th Bedouin Meeting
- 12th Director's Staff Meeting
- 13th Divan Meeting
- 14th Nomad Shrine Club Meeting
- 15th SCSA Business Meeting, Muskogee, OK
- 16th St. Patrick's Day Parade
- 20th SCSA Planning Meeting
- 21st Faulkner County Shrine Club Meeting & Hot Springs Yacht Club Meeting
- 23rd D.O.N.
- 25th Finance Committee Meeting & Ft. Smith Shrine Club Meeting
- 26th North Pulaski Shrine Club Meeting
- 28th Spring River Shrine Club Meeting

APRIL:

- 3rd Fun Raisers
- 8th Bedouin Meeting
- 9th Director's Staff
- 10th Divan Meeting
- 11th Nomad Shrine Club Meeting
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Clown Meeting & Misfits Meeting -8:30-9:30-Temple
Ladies Meeting
- 13th Crawfish Boil
- 17th SCSA Planning Meeting
- 18th Faulkner County Shrine Club Meeting & Hot Springs Yacht Club Meeting
- 20th D.O.N.
- 22nd Finance Meeting & Ft. Smith Shrine Club Meeting
- 23rd North Pulaski Shrine Club Meeting
- 25th Spring River Shrine Club Meeting
- 27th Nomad Spring Fling

2024 CHILI COOKOFF WINNERS!



1st place– Warsaw Chili-Jerry Rogers &
Ryno Hensley

2nd place-Fire Pit Chili-Marcey & Dave
Livingston

3rd place-DILLIGAF-Tim Covey

BEST IN SHOW—Checkpoint Chili

PEOPLE’S CHOICE-Checkpoint Chili
Judy Richardson

CONGRATULATIONS 2024 DIVAN





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