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POTENTATE'S MESSAGE

It's been a busy couple of months. Since my last message to you all, a lot has happened to our Shrine Family. The passing of our brother, Randall Dixon, was both sudden and a great loss to us all. I could not attend Randall's memorial, but I was told that Scimitar hosted the best for his family and friends. Our temple was full, and I know he would have been proud to say he was a member of Scimitar. Thank you to everyone who stepped up and honored Randall that day with your hospitality.

The following weekend, a line of severe storms passed through our state. Central Arkansas and Easter/Northeastern Arkansas were hit by devastating tornados. I'm glad to hear that the worse damage that any of our families encountered was power outages.

We began the month of April with two fellowship events. Family game night was a lot of fun! We had prizes for bingo winners and bragging rights for the winning team in Jeopardy! The following day we had our annual Easter party. We had over 20 kids there and heard testimonies from one of our patients and a parent of one of our patients! Thank you to all the Nobles and Ladies that helped put on a great party! A special thanks to the Funraisers for your continued generosity an donations of the bicycles. As always, the petting zoo was a huge hit, too!

We have more fun events coming up. On Friday, May 5, the membership committee is hosting a Cinco de Mayo membership event. Kenny Hepp will be making his famous enchiladas and the cost for this event is $10/person. I encourage you all to bring a potential candidate. On Saturday, May 6, we will be hosting the annual Kentucky Derby Party. I hope you will join us for a great time. The cost for this event is $15/person. Please email Lady Holly at firstladyofscimitar@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Registration for the SCSA Ceremonial is open and information is included. El Karuba, in Shreveport, LA, is the hosting temple this year and they are guaranteed to put on a great weekend! Please consider attending and make sure you register ASAP. The dates are June 1—June 4, and we always have a really good time!

I look forward to the upcoming events!

Fraternally yours,

Illustrious Sir Eddie Butler

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David & April Moore

BLACK CAMEL:

Clarence Cunningham

Randall Dixon

Richard Alexander

WELCOME

To Scimitar's newest Member, Eugene Villareal and his Lady Shae. Eugene was initiated into the Shrine on April 24, 2023 at the Ft. Smith Shrine Club!

BRING A FRIEND AND HAVE SOME FUN!

DRESS FESTIVE FOR THE OCCASION... LADIES BE SURE TO WEAR YOUR DERBY HATS! FOR SOME FUN AND FELLOWSHIP!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May:

3rd Fun Raisers Meeting
5th Cinco de Mayo Party
6th Kentucky Derby Party
8th Bedouin Meeting
9th Directors Staff Meeting
10th Divan Meeting
11th Nomad Shrine Club Meeting
12th Stated Meeting-7:00pm-Dinner 6:00 pm
Clown Meeting–8:30-9:30-Temple
Misfits Meeting-8:30-9:30-Temple
Ladies Meeting
17th SCSA Planning Meeting
18th Faulkner County Shrine Club Meeting
Hot Springs Yacht Club Meeting
20th Hook Shrine & Sinker
D.O.N.
22nd Finance Committee Meeting
Ft. Smith Shrine Club Meeting
23rd North Pulaski Shrine Club Meeting
25th Spring River Shrine Club Meeting

June:

1-4 SCSA
6th Shrine International Awareness Day
7th Fun Raiser Meeting
8th Nomad Shrine Club Meeting
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Hot Springs Yacht Club Meeting
17th Golf@theRock and D.O.N.
21st SCSA Planning Meeting
22nd Spring River Shrine Club Meeting
23rd Membership Bingo
26th Finance Committee Meeting
Ft. Smith Shrine Club Meeting
27th North Pulaski Shrine Club Meeting

SCSA

Nobles,

If you are planning to attend the 2023 South Central Shrine Association Ceremonial in Shreveport, LA on June 1-4, 2023, you will need to fill out a registration form and send it in with your payment by MAY 19, 2023 or a late fee of $10 will be assessed. The registration forms are in lobby at the Temple.

The host hotel is Courtyard Shreveport Airport. You will need to make your own reservations. Rooms will be $89 per night If is sold out the overflow hotel is Wingate by Wyndham Shreveport. The contact information is on the registration form. You will need to make hotel reservations as soon as possible in order to get into the Host Hotel which is filling up fast. Reservations must be made by May 19, 2023!

If your unit is planning to participate in the Motor Patrol Competition, registration will be done June 1st at 4 p.m. at the host hotel. The cost is $30 per year per unit and $10 per competitor.

If you are wanting to compete in the Clown Competition, you will have to fill out a Clown Competition Registration form located in the lobby of the Temple, and send it in by MAY 5, 2023 or there will be a $10 late fee assessed. You can also email me at jrrobinson1187@gmail.com to get a copy of the form.

Let's have a good turn out and have some fun! See you there!

Fraternally yours,

John Robinson, PP

Assistant Rabban

MEMBERSHIP

When I was a boy back in the 1980's, the only lines of communication we had were the telephone and what Mom told us. Today, we can get on our smartphones and see what each of us is doing. We can instant message each other with a few clicks and even video chat as if the person was in the room with us. With a membership of more that 300 in Scimitar, sometimes communicating is not so easy. Sometimes we accidentally leave one of our colleagues out of "the loop", or even forget to include our elderly in how things are going within our organization. These simple acts can be detrimental to the harmony of any organization, especially ours. Communicating with our Shrine family is critical in building a foundation of unity and I personally would like to hear any suggestions you may have to help make our membership stronger than ever. On Friday, May 5, we have our Cinco de Mayo Fiesta at the Shrine headquarters with the Kentucky Derby Party on Saturday, May 6th. Then on May 19-21st Spring river Shrine Club will be hosting their annual; Hook, Shrine and Sinker fishing tournament. It is critical that the membership of Scimitar share these events on social media to help build an audience and algorithm and by word of mouth to our members who aren't on social media. Building

Our organization through pride of ownership is how we will succeed!

Christopher Underwood, HP& P Membership Chairman

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Aloha!

Illustrious Sir Eddie Butler and Lady Holly
Invite you to
Scimitar Shrine's Tropical Paradise Ball

SATURDAY, JULY 29 - 6:00 PM
DELTA BY MARRIOTT
201 S SHACKLEFORD RD.
LITTLE ROCK, AR 72211
501-223-3000
USE CODE: SCIMITAR SHRINERS

$60 PER PERSON

RSVP to Holly
Email: hollybutler1012@gmail.com
Phone: 501-944-3145

Friday, July 28th

5:00 pm - Hospitality Open

Saturday, July 29th

11:00 am - Lady's Brunch & Mimosas
Location TBD

12:00 pm - Men's Lunch
Twin Peaks

4:00 pm - Hospitality Open

6:00 pm - Introductions
6:30 pm - Dinner
7:30 pm - Dancing
AR Lakes Ballroom

Dress code:
Hawaiian shirts or
tropical attire welcome