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EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday April 12, 2025

1:00PM-3:00PM

Scimitar Shrine

631 W. Riverfront Dr., NLR, AR

Easter Bunny, treats and prizes!

POTENTATE'S MESSAGE

Well, it's been a very interesting, wild and busy start to 2025. I've had to move Stated Meetings, reschedule Divan Training and then we had events to attend. To start with we had the Installation of Officer's on January 4th, then we had the Big Buck Chili Cookoff January 25th where we had over 40 teams competing. We raised over \$7500 dollars so far for Scimitar's Transportation Fund. Then we had Stated Meeting, the Valentines Dinner and Dance and Wayne's Super Bowl Party the weekend of February 7th - 9th. There was a lot of fun and fellowship during this time. I want to say a BIG THANK YOU to the Fun Raiser's Unit for taking the lead in putting on the Chili Cookoff and the Valentine's Dinner & Dance.

Five of Scimitar's members and family attended the Shriners Baseball Classic in Arlington Texas and helped with passing out Program & Score Card Books and collecting donations for Shriners Children's Hospital. All had fun rooting for the Arkansas Razorback's.

Now we are in the time where the SCSA Business Session will be here March 14th - 16th. Illustrious Sirs Gardner Burton & David Moore and the SCSA Committee have been working hard to get ready for it. If you're able to help, get with one of them or me and we will plug you in somewhere. We need help with setting up and cleaning up for the meals.

Scimitar's Easter Party is on March 12, 2025, from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. is the next event. If you can help let me or Lady Debra know. The Shrine Patient's & Kids look forward to it.

Put on your calendar's the Crawfish Boil on May 3, 2025. It is \$30.00 for Adults all you can eat and Kid's \$12 - 12 and under. Crawfish, Burger's, Chicken Tender's and more will be served.

We have been allowed back into the lodges to make presentations and recruit. So, if you know of a Master Mason that you would like to recruit ask him to come join us and have fun. It has to be done before or after the Stated Meeting. This is a positive development, let's use it to our advantage.

Please check and see that your Temple Dues are paid up. You can go to Shriners International Web Fez and check on them or call the Temple Office.

We will not be having a March Stated Meeting due to the SCSA Business Meeting being here that weekend. Looking forward to seeing you there if you have registered to be there. We will be in the St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday March 15th at 1 p.m. in North Little Rock. Line up is at 12:30 p.m. We need all that can come to parade to come and lets make a good showing for the community.

Lastly, it's Onion Time again Get your Pre-orders done and turned in. 1st Ceremonial Master Craig Laine and Asst. Rabban Kyle Lutgen will be getting more information out on them. Remember, let's "Drive It Out Of The Rock To Helping Shriners Children". Stay safe and healthy.

Fraternally,

John Robinson
Potentate

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The Blade Content Deadline

The deadline for submitting content for the next issue is April 25, 2025.

Please send all content requests to:

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COME OUT AND SUPPORT US

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DEMOLAY

ARKANSAS

BBQ FUNDRAISER

11:00 AM *Serving Until We Run Out*

\$15 BBQ PLATES PULLED PORK AND 2 SIDES

SATURDAY ~ MARCH 8TH

CENTRE AT 10 OFFICE BUILDING
12921 CANTRELL ROAD • LITTLE ROCK, AR 72223 • WEST PARKING LOT

COME HUNGRY AND READY FOR FUN

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT ARKANSAS DEMOLAY

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DEMOLAY

ARKANSAS

Saturday, March 8, 2025
12921 Cantrell Road, Little Rock, AR
Centre at 10 Office Building

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5TH ANNUAL ARKANSAS DEMOLAY BBQ COOKOFF

STUDENT INFORMATION	
Chief Cook/Owner Name _____	
Team/Business Name _____	
Home/Business Address _____	
City _____	Zip Code _____
Phone Number _____	Email _____
COOKOFF CATEGORY REGISTRATION	
<input type="radio"/> RIBS & CHICKEN - \$100.00	<input type="radio"/> SAUCE - \$20.00
<input type="radio"/> PORK CHOP - \$30.00	<input type="radio"/> DESSERT - \$20.00
COMPETITION SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES	
<input type="radio"/> RIB SPONSORSHIP - \$300.00	<input type="radio"/> BBQ DINNER SPONSORSHIP - \$500.00
<input type="radio"/> CHICKEN SPONSORSHIP - \$300.00	<input type="radio"/> PITS SPONSORSHIP - \$400.00
<input type="radio"/> PORK CHOP SPONSORSHIP - \$300.00	<input type="radio"/> GENERAL SPONSORSHIP - \$100.00
<input type="radio"/> DESSERT SPONSORSHIP - \$200.00	<input type="radio"/> SAUCE SPONSORSHIP - \$200.00
PRIZE PAYOUTS	
<p>1st Place RIBS - \$100 & Trophy</p> <p>1st Place CHICKEN- \$100 & Trophy</p> <p>1st Place PORK CHOPS - \$100 & Trophy</p> <p>1st Place SAUCE - \$50 & Trophy</p> <p>1st Place DESSERT - \$50 & Trophy</p>	<p><i>Must compete in Ribs, Chicken, and Pork Chops to qualify.</i></p> <p>Grand Champion \$300 & Trophy</p> <p>Reserve Grand Champion \$200 & Trophy</p> <p>Burnt At The Stake \$100 & Trophy</p>
<p>If you have any questions or would like more information about the Arkansas DeMolay BBQ Cookoff registration or sponsorship opportunities please contact Mike Rushin at arkansasdemolay@gmail.com</p>	
<p>REGISTER NOW</p> <p>SCAN HERE </p>	<p>RETURN FORM WITH PAYMENT TO:</p> <p>Arkansas DeMolay P.O. Box 7331, Little Rock, AR 72217</p> <p><i>You can also register and pay online by scanning the QR code to the left. Or, mail your entry and pay via CashApp by scanning the QR code to the left.</i></p> <p>Arkansas DeMolay </p> <p><small>Scan to pay \$ARKDeMolay</small></p>

SCIMITAR SHRINERS

2025 ONION SALE!!!

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT SHRINERS CHILDRENS
(FORMERLY SHRINERS CHILDRENS HOSPITAL)



\$13
10 LB Bag

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*Orders due by
March 31st!*



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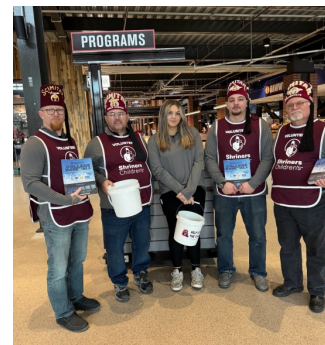
WWW.ARKANSASSHRINERS.COM

FOR SMITH SHRINE CLUB NEWS:

The Fort Smith Shrine Club had their monthly meeting with our wonderful Jennifer Laurent giving us a Shreveport Clinic Presentation and presented Shriners Children's newest public commercial. Fort Smith Shrine Club then presented a check to the Shreveport Clinic for \$500. In attendance were members of Bedouin Temple, Akdar Temple and Officers of Scimitar.



**THANK YOU TO
THE
HELPERS AT THE
COLLEGE
BASEBALL
SERIES**



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH:

- 5-12th OG AR Leadership School
- 8th Moolah Potentate Ball
- 10th Bedouin Meeting
- 12th Divan Meeting
- 13th Nomad Shrine Club
- 14th Stated Meeting -7:00pm-Dinner 6:00pm
Clown Meeting & Misfits Meeting 8:30-9:30
Ladies Meeting
- 14-16 SCSA Business Meeting
- 15th D.O.N.
- 16th Painting with a Twist
- 17th Director's Staff Meeting
- 19th SCSA Planning Meeting
- 20th Faulkner County Shrine Club Meeting & Hot Springs Yacht Club Meeting
- 21-22 CSSA Business Meeting
- 24th Finance Committee Meeting & Fort Smith Shrine Club Meeting
- 25th North Pulaski Shrine Club Meeting
- 27th Spring River Shrine Club Meeting
- 29th Hamada Potentates Ball
- 31st South Arkansas Shrine Club Meeting

APRIL:

- 2nd Fun Raiser Meeting
- 9-13th Membership & Marketing
- 9th Divan Meeting
- 10th Nomad Shrine Club Meeting
- 11th Stated Meeting-7:00pm-Dinner 6:00 pm
Clown Meeting & Misfits Meeting -8:30-9:30-Temple
Ladies Meeting
- 12th Easter Egg Hunt
Abou Ben Adhem Potentates Ball
- 14th Bedouin Meeting
- 16th SCSA Planning Meeting
- 17thh Faulkner County Shrine Club & Hot Springs Shrine Yacht Club Meeting
- 19th D.O.N.
- 21st Director's Staff Meeting
- 22nd North Pulaski Shrine Club Meeting
- 24th Spring River Shrine Club Meeting
- 28th Finance Committee Meeting, Fort Smith Shrine Club Meeting

Scimitar Shriners



CRAWFISH BOIL



& BAGGO TOURNAMENT

SAT. MAY 3RD 2025

3:00PM -
7:00PM

\$30 ALL YOU CAN EAT
\$12 - KIDS 12 & UNDER

BURGERS, CHICKEN TENDERS, & MORE



\$200 PRIZE TO BAGGO
TOURNAMENT WINNER



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NORTH LITTLE ROCK, AR

MEMORIALS

Mary Ann Betts: Dennis Stevens

Eddie Gardner: Dennis Stevens

Wendell Leckbee: Consolidated Insurance

Ann Powers: Consolidated Insurance

Chick Pittman: Gardner & Lynn Burton



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CONGRATULATION TO YOUR 2025 DIVAN



VALENTINE'S DINNER AND DANCE

