### December 2024





My Fellow Nobles and Ladies,

Hello, I hope this message finds you all well! My goodness, where has time gone? Here we are and it is December and Christmas is only a few days away. I know time fly's when you're having fun, however, it seems like yesterday was January!

Our last Chat and Chew at the Replay Family Sports Bar and Grill was fabulous and what a way to end the year! We had over 30 in attendance! We completed Reddick Elementary Children's Christmas party this morning and Wimauma Elementary is next Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. This morning, we made over 100 children smile and feel loved during this special time of the year and each one of you is to thank for that! This club is truly one of the best clubs in all Shrinedom!

I want to send out a **HUGE thank you** to Sandy Nunn and her sewing ladies for the wonderful pillowcases they made for us. They are fabulous and the children absolutely love them. Santa will be sure to stop by one of their meetings to say thank you in person!

I do not have the words to express my gratitude and sincere thanks for allowing me to serve you here in Sun City Center. It has been my honor and privilege to serve you! I look forward to Noble Bob Robert Jenkins taking the reins next year and I pledge my total support to him and this club. You all are **WONDERFUL**, and I love each one of you!

My only request to you is please have fun in everything you do! It was why the Shriners were created in the first place. Fun and laughter are very contagious... it attracts others!

Do it Because You Can!

Thank you and God bless each one of you and your families.

IS Denny Hardy

# Chaplain's Corner

Jonah 3:10-4:11

#### **PEOPLE, PLANTS AND PRIORITIES**

Intro: The songwriter William Cowper penned the following words:

God moves in a mysterious way,

His wonders to perform;

He plants his footsteps in the sea,

And rides upon the storm.

Deep in unfathomable mines Of never-failing skill,

He treasures up his bright designs,

And works his sovereign will. The prophet Isaiah had this to say about the mysterious ways of the Lord, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.", Isa. 55:8-9. The sooner the child of God realizes this, the better off he or she will be! Of course, even though we can read this truth, and we know that it is right, sometimes, the ways of God are still hard to stomach.

Such was the case for Jonah in the passage we have read today. Jonah watched the Lord work His sovereign will in the city of Nineveh and Jonah did not like God's way at all! I must admit that there are times in my life when I see what God is doing, and I have problems with it. If you were honest, you would have to say the same! Be that as it may, we all must come to grips with the truth that God is in absolute control of life and that the best we can do is surrender to His plan and join Him in what He is doing.

As we look at this text today, I want to point out the lessons that are taught here. Hopefully, this passage will serve to teach us that God is in charge and our duty is to work with Him in all that He does. As the Lord leads, I want to preach for a while on *Plants, People and Priorities*.

#### I. V. 3:10 THE REVIVAL IN NINEVEH

- (III. The book of Jonah records what may be the greatest revival in the history of the world. An entire town repented of sin and got right with the Lord! Notice that this revival did not happen by itself! A few things were involved in bringing this dispensation to the people of Nineveh!)
- **A. V. 1:1-3:3** <u>Involved A Man</u> We are given the details of Jonah's call, his disobedience and his restoration. We are told how the Lord used this prophet to bring the word of God to a lost people. (<u>Note:</u> There is good news in this for you and me! It is a blessing to know that God can use even those who have fallen short for His glory! The upshot of this is that if God can use Jonah, God can use you too!)
- **B. V. 3:4** <u>Involved A Message</u> Jonah walked into Nineveh with a simple eight Word message from the Lord. When this message was preached, God used the Word to prick the hearts of the Ninevites and revival followed. (<u>Note</u>: There is a blessing in this too! The blessing lies in the fact that you and I can take confidence when we share the word of the Lord, knowing that He will bless His Word and that it will accomplish to purpose to which He sent it, **Isa. 55:11**!)
- **C. V. 3:5-9** <u>Involved A Miracle</u> The miracle lies in the fact that a whole town turned to God! There have been great revivals throughout history, but this is the only instance of a town of this size, filled with such wicked people, being converted and delivered from sin. (**Note:** It is a great miracle when revival comes and lives are changed. But, it is always a miracle when even a single soul hears the good news of salvation and comes to faith in Jesus! That is the glory of the Gospel, **Rom. 1:16; John 1:12.**)
- **D. V. 3:10** <u>Involved God's Mercy</u> When the people of Nineveh repented of their sins and turned to the Lord, God reacted to their faith in grace. When they turned to Him, He saved their souls by grace! Of course, God knew what would happen before Jonah ever arrived! Their conversion was part of His perfect plan! (<u>Note:</u> Salvation always works this way! God loves the sinner, has a plan to save his soul and He sends the Word so that the sinner might be convicted and see his condition. When that sinner repents of his sins, God saves him by grace through faith, Eph. 2:8-9. Of course, it's all part of His plan!)

### Monthly Luncheon



December 11th at 12 noon

Please go to the new <u>Luncheon page</u> and fill out the new form for your reservations

## Chat & Chew

### Next C&C will be in January 2025



This is something new I am adding to the communicator. It will be different each month. Hopefully you find it funny, interesting, and even educational sometimes. The main thing is whoever reads and completes whatever exercise I have each month and sends me the correct answer, their meal will be no charge for the month. I hope you enjoy!

This month will be a rebus puzzle. Simply write your answers in an email and send them to me. Good Luck!

### Rebus puzzle Can you guess the words and expressions?

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Pacific **SAW**Arctic

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### Auniversaries

Anniversaries					Dec 20	024 (Eastern Time - New York)
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	Gerald & Carol Lakritz	Dale & Marilyn Bieber Don & Pat Stillson	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4

Happy Anniversary to our members in December!



Birthdays					Dec 20	024 (Eastern Time - New York)
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
[ 1	2	Kristy Elliott	Suzanne Cloore	5	6	7
8		Denny Hardy	11	Donna Perkins Lee O'Roak	13	14
15	16	17	Pete Yendell	19	20	21
22	23	Janice Decaluwe	25	26	27	28
John Rehling	30	31	Don Stillson	2	Bob Bennett	4

Happy birthday to all our members who have a birthday in December.

## Thoughts and Prayers

**Don Churchill** 

**Bill Bierce** 

**Dores McDonnell** 

Bob & Lee O'Roak

Jon & Janice DeCaluwe

**Sandy Nunn** 

Suzanne Cloore

**IS Jim and Pat Blevins** 

# Ju Loving Memory

Janice Churchill - November 23, 2024

# Upcoming Events

SUN Dec 1 ztival of Trees	MON 2 Showman's Shrin 7pm Demolay U	TUE 3 • 7pm Hernando (	• 6:30pm Trike Pa	THU 5 Legion Of Honor • 7pm Highlander	FRI 6	SAT 7
	• 7:30pm Past Ma		• 7:30pm Council	<ul><li>7pm Keystone k</li><li>7pm Tech Staff</li></ul>		
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22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day • 7pm Highlands: • 7:30pm Director • 7:30pm Humido	26	27 Cracker Jacks Me	28
29	30 • 7pm Brandon Sł	31 New Year's Eve	Jan 1 New Year's Day  • 6pm Fez-A-Que  • 6:30pm Trike Pa  • 7:30pm Council	2 Legion Of Honor 7pm Highlander 7pm Keystone k 7pm Tech Staff	3	4



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