May 2, 2024



President's Message

Hello and welcome to May. I cannot believe that the year is almost halfway over. I cannot tell how proud I am of the Sun City Center Shrine Club and our accomplishments to date. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your service and dedication to our club!

#### **Children's Christmas Party**

It won't be long before we begin planning our Children's Christmas Party! It's nothing we haven't done before.

Rhonda will begin looking for gifts at the right price while keeping the quality high.

Bob Jenkins is getting the socks for us again. This year though, I believe we may be able to give each child 5 pairs of socks! What a gift to children who have nothing!

I also want to thank Sandy Nunn and her sewing group for the pillowcases that they make for us!

### **Red Skelton Tribute**

We have officially sold all of the reserved table seating! That's right, all 35 tables have been reserved. I want to say thank you to everyone who has purchased a table.

Now, we must sell all the bleacher seats. We may be here a while on these. I am not worried about it, it will happen.

We have 2 sponsors so far:

- Boggs Jewelry: \$2500
- Pete Peterson: \$1000

This will pay for Brian's performance! Hopefully we will pick up a few more along the way.

The more we get the more money we will have.



Proceeds are for the benefit of the Sun City Center Shrine Club activities. Payments are not deductible as charitable contributions. My only request from you is please have fun in everything you do! It was why the Shriners were created in the first place. Fun and laughter is very contagious... it attracts others!

#### Do it Because You Can!

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



#### **The Love Chapter**

#### 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

#### The Primacy of Love

The whole idea of these verses is that love is superior to everything else we can be or do!

- It Is Superior To The Sensational
  - You may be a great speaker, but that is not a substitute for love. No matter how great your oratory, how beautiful your speech, how brilliant your rhetoric, without love you are simply a clanging cymbal.
- It Is Superior To The Spectacular
  - This verse mentions several spectacular abilities. But, even if a person was able to do all
    of these things and he did not have the love of God in his heart, he was nothing.
- It is Superior To The Sacrificial We can give away everything we own. We can even give up our bodies on the altar of martyrdom, but if we do so without love in our hearts, it is a waste of time and it does not profit us one bit.

#### **The Portrait of Love**

#### **Loves Properties**

Paul shows us the many sides of true, godly love. As if love were a great and brilliant diamond, he holds it up before us and reveals its many facets. As he does, the Person of God is revealed in each gleam of light from the surface of love.

- **Suffer Long** This word means "patient endurance under provocation"; The literal meaning of the word is "long tempered". This characteristic of love reveals the truth that love does not retaliate!
- Is Kind This word refers to active goodness that goes forth on behalf of others. Genuine love is never hateful or mean, but it respects others and reaches out to them.
- Envie Not True love is not jealous over the abilities or possessions of another. Instead of being jealous when others prosper or excel, love is pleased when they do well.
- Vaunted Not Itself Literally, this phrase means "does not make a parade". Love does not brag! It does not draw attention to itself or to what it is doing. A person who must be the center of attention and is hurt when he is not walking in love!
- Is Not Puffed Up Love is not arrogant or proud, but it realizes that all it has and all that it is has been given to it by God. No matter how great our talents or how spectacular our gifts, everything we are is the result of divine grace.
- **Does Not Behave Itself Unseemly** Love is never rude, but it always treats others with compassion, consideration and respect! Love controls the emotions. It is not friendly one day and rude the next. Genuine love always makes Jesus look good!
- Seek Not Her Own True love is never selfish and self-centered, but it is actively interested in what will profit others. It never looks at itself first, but it always considers another ahead of itself.
- Is Not Easily Provoked True love keeps no record of evils done to it, but it willingly endures all slights and injuries. This characteristic of love reminds us that love does not demand its own rights! It is willing to yield to the will of another. True love only responds in anger to that which angers God! All other things are handled through forgiveness (Eph. 4:26-32).
- Think No Evil Literally, this phrase means "takes no worthless inventory". Two thoughts are in mind here. First, genuine love does not attribute evil motives to people. That is, every action is not seen in its most negative light. It thinks the best of others. Second, genuine love does not keep a record of evils done to it. In other words, it does not dwell what others may have done.
- **Rejoice Not In Iniquity** Love does not rejoice in sin. Whether it is its own sins, or the sin of others. Love hates sin! Love does not rejoice when another falls into sin! Whether we will admit it or not, there is a part of us that is glad when another believer falls because we think it makes us look better. That is why we just have to tell someone else about it. True love does not gossip or rejoice when another believer falls, but it hurts with the injured member!
- **Rejoice In The Truth** While love hates all forms of evil, it loves the truth! It rejoices when truth is proclaimed and when truth wins the victory. Love is glad for the truth, even when the truth hurts. Love is glad when truth wins the day!
- Loves Persistence These verses tell us of loves staying power. Love is a remarkable thing that never flags nor fails!
- Believe All Things Love always places the best possible interpretation on everything that happens. It does not always seek the most negative answer, but it believes that good will

triumph in any situation. Basically, love trusts, love believes, and love has confidence in the one loved.

- **Hope All things** Love always expects the best possible outcome. Love refuses to accept failure. Love always holds out hope that things will work out right in the end.
- Endure All Things This is a military term and means that love does not give up the fort! It stands its ground and continues in spite of everything that can be thrown against it. It continues in spite of persecution and ill treatment. Love bears the unbearable, believes in the impossible, holds on the incredible and never gives up. The word stop does not exist in the vocabulary of love!
- **Charity Never Fails** When everything else in this world has passed away. When everything that is held us on such high esteem is gone. When knowledge and gifts no longer matter, love will still exist. It is the great constant throughout eternity. There are times when love may lose a battle. In that the object of one's love may never return that love. Yet, while it may lose a battle here and there, love has already won the war. The idea here is not on success. The idea is endurance. When other things have been removed from view, there will still be love! It does not give in, give up or give out.

Love that is real is love that lasts!

monthly Luncheon



May 8th at 12 noon

Reserve Your Seat: Click Here

Chat & Chew

Our Chat and Chew gang is going very well. It is one of my favorite times with the club. It is awesome just to be able to go to dinner with friends and just enjoy each other's company, no business just a lot of joking around, laughing, and pure friendship.

It is part of having fun as a Shriner!

Looking forward to seeing you at our next C&C!



May 23rd @ 2 pm

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# Thoughts and Prayers

CA Get Well Prayer

I said a prayer for you today and know God must have heard I felt the answer in my heart Although He spoke no word. I didn't ask for wealth or fame (I knew you wouldn't mind) I asked Him to send treasures of a far more lasting kind! I asked that he'd be near you At the start of each new day To grant you health and blessings and friends to share your way I asked for happiness for you In all things, great and small, But it was for His loving care I prayed for most of all.

**Bill Bierce** 

Suzanne Cloore

Janice DeCaluwe

**Rich Leger** 

**Dores McDonnell** 

**David Miller** 

Sandy Nunn

Bob O'Roak

Lee O'Roak

**Don Stillson** 





#### **Glenn A. Vance**

Glenn A. Vance, 89, of Sun City Center, FL. passed away on April 18, 2024. Glenn was born in Johnson City, TN.

He served in the Korean War. He moved to Ypsilanti, MI and worked for General Motors for 38 years. Glenn was a member of the Free Masons, Phoenix Lodge 13 as well as member of the Shriners in Sun City Center, FL.

Glenn is survived by his son Rick Vance (Tammy) and his sister Mary H. Clay and ex-wife Josephine Moses, one nephew and several nieces. He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth Vance as well as his mother, Clara Pauline Vance and father, Richard miles Vance, an infant sister, Dorothy Maree Vance and brothers, Harry Vance, Ralph Vance, Marlin Vance, Raymond Vance.

Glenn Vance was laid to rest at Sarasota National Cemetery on Monday, April 29, 2024.



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#### **Brick of Honor**

Nobles, it has been 4 long years since we dismantled our brick PATHWAY of HONOR and put our engraved bricks in storage. GOOD NEWS - we are recreating our brick pathway in front of our new building. It will be in the area with the walking tall and the sphinx.

The bricks are now on sale for engraving and a flyer with all the information for ordering follows. It is such a pleasure to see another one of our projects take form and I hope you will take advantage of this opportunity.

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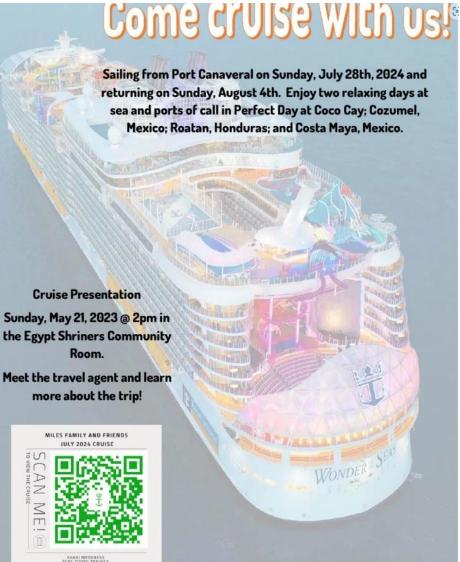
# Egypt Shrine Cruise

# July 28 - Aug 4th 2024

Egypt Shriners invite all Egypt Shrine members, their families & friends to join them for our cruise, on the Royal Caribbean's Wonder of the Seas.

Click <u>here</u> for more information about the cruise.

## All Aboard!



#### **The Pull Tab Program**

#### What is the Pull-Tab Program?

The pull-tab program at Egypt Striners in Tampa Florida was founded Several years ago, and as a way for the public to help raise funds for the humanitarian and lifesaving services provided by Shriners Children's. In Tampa, tabs are collected at Egypt Shrine Center. The tabs are redeemed at a recycling center and the proceeds benefit the Shriners Children's Pediatric Orthotics and Prosthetic Services, LLC (POPS). Donations range from small baggies and containers to hold them.

#### What is the Shriners Children's Pediatric Orthotics and Prosthetic Services?

Funds generated in the pull-tab program designs, fits, and manufactures orthotics and prosthetics for children, from infants to teenagers to young adults. These devices – including shoe inserts, braces, and artificial limbs (both arms and legs) – provide the support children need to meet their full potential and pursue their dreams, whether that's swimming in a race, throwing a baseball, playing an instrument, or just keeping up with their friends.

#### How Can I Help?

You can help by saving aluminum can pull-tabs and bringing them to the Egypt Shrine Center in Tampa with the proceeds going to the POP's Fund. You can also encourage community awareness of the tab program by gotting groups such as schools, church groups, boy and girl scouts, family members, and businesses in your area to participate.

