### August 4, 2023



## President's Message

#### **Membership**

It appears that both Shriners International and the Sun City Center Shrine Club have a lot in common when it comes to an increase in membership. The first six months of 2023 have yielded an overall net Membership Growth for Shriners International and the Sun City Center Shrine Club had an increase of seven new members join our Shrine Club Family. We met our membership goal of seven new members and are not stopping there. We will continue to recruit new members for the remainder of 2023. Let's see if we can make it an even dozen new members by December 2023! Great job, Membership Chair Noble Steve Drobnis and those that sponsored a new member! What a team effort!

#### **Fundraising Event**

Many thanks to those Nobles that generously donated to the SCCSC in lieu of our Shrine Club fundraising event. With a senior membership and a lack of support from our local communities to attend our fundraising events we are left with few options.

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

We continue to sponsor a Children's Christmas Party for 200 first graders from two Wimauma Elementary Schools creating the "Magic of Christmas" to those that still believe. The old saying "it takes a village to raise a child", I'd like to modify that to "it takes the Sun City Center Shrine Club to keep the kids believing in Santa."

#### Other

We must continue to work collectively as a group of Nobles to agree to disagree for the good of the fraternity and part on the square as brothers and friends. Continue to invite any Blue Lodge or Shriner to our monthly meetings to see firsthand what we are all about and hopefully will want to be a part of our Sun City Center Shrine Club family. If they are not a Shriner, we can connect them with a Shrine Temple in order to be a part of our SCCSC.

Just Ask, it's that simple...



#### YOU CAN DO IT!

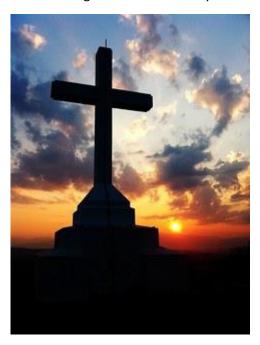
#### Galatians 2:20

Nike, the athletic shoe manufacturer has made a fortune off the simple slogan, "Just do it!" I guess they mean this, "Whatever it is you enjoy doing in the arena of recreation, Just Do It, because we have everything you need to get it done!" The strange thing is, people hear that slogan and they say, "Hey, maybe I can do it!" They buy the shoes, the sweats, the headbands all with the Nike swoosh and a few actually do it! A few run those marathons, engage in those triathlons, ride those bike, swim those rivers, climb those mountains, hike those trails, jump from those airplanes, or whatever. But, most folks just don't do it! All that gear and all those fancy slogans did not inspire them to do anything but spend their money and now their expensive exercise equipment grows moss in the garage.

I realized the other day that preaching is a lot like writing slogans for athletic shoe companies. We preachers stand up in front of people and say to them "Just do it! Just live for Jesus! Just be all you can be for Him! Just get, up, get in, get out and go for God!" A few people who hear the slogans (read sermons) actually buy the message and go do it. But, the majority buy the message and say, "That's wonderful! I really want to do just that!" They hear the Word, believe the message and take the

equipment home, but they never do anything with it! Like that tennis racket, those golf clubs, your jogging shoes, which collect dust in the basement, the sermons you heard and were moved by now collect dust in your memory banks.

Well, I want you to know it doesn't have to be that way! Our text was written by a man who bought the whole store! Paul heard the message of Christ and he said, "That's who I want to be!" Now, in this passage he tells us how we can be everything God wants us to be as well. I want you to know that this verse teaches us that every believer can walk like Jesus Christ every day. Paul is telling us "Just do it! Just live for Jesus and here is how you can do just that." This verse says, "You Can Do It" that is the thought I want to address this morning! The truths taught here tell us how you can do it.





#### Safety Harbor Parade on July 4th

Early Tuesday morning and before breakfast, Nobles Tom Griffith and Jon DeCaluwe met Brother David Brigham, Masonic Park Manager to pick up their trailer to transport the parade vehicle to Safety Harbor.

Since Camp Osprey was in session, the trailer was parked out of the way in a field deep into the park. Once the trailer was located and loaded, they observed one of the tires needed air. Fortunately, Tom and Jon were able to utilize the Park's air compressor located in the shop next to the Club's storage building.

After getting a late start, Tom and Jon made their way to the starting point in plenty of time to unload, get the parade vehicle prepared and relax for a few minutes before the parade started. Nobles Robert Leonard and Jim Porrett met at the CA Library parking lot for the drive to Safety Harbor. Quite a few Egypt Units participated in the parade and Club member, Illustrious Sir Ron Hoedebeck gave up his seat on the parade vehicle to fill in as the Potentate's representative as Illustrious Sir Dennis Bryant was at the Imperial Session.

Club Member, and Legion of Honor Commander, Noble Cliff Lang met the group and joined Nobles Tom Griffiths, Jon DeCaluwe, Jim Porrett, and driver Robert Leonard on the cart for the parade. The Club had the honor of following the Potentate's vehicle, with the fez on top of the cart further identifying Egypt Shriners.

Holding up to the high standards of Safety Harbor parades, the route was filled with people of all ages happily waiving to the Shriners as we passed by. As usual, there were quite a few "thank you Shriners" shouted out, making us proud to be there representing Shriners. Several of the pictures in the Smug Mug Gallery were provided by Noble Gene Welper who attended the parade with his Granddaughter, who had not been to a parade before. Gene, you picked a great first parade for her and thank you for the pictures!

Noble Robert did a great job driving through the parade and negotiated the back streets to return us to the staging point. The parade vehicle and banner trailer were disassembled and loaded on the trailer for the ride home. Nobles Tom, Jon, Robert and Jim stopped at the Riverview Cracker Barrell for an afterglow of comfort food. After being refreshed the group returned to the Masonic Park, unloaded and stored the parade vehicle and banner trailer until the next parade.

Many thanks to Noble Tom Griffiths for trailering the parade vehicle; he and Noble Jon for loading it on the trailer for the drive to Safety Harbor; and to all the Club's Nobles who participated, representing the Sun City Center Shrine Club!



















































# Monthly Luncheon



August 9th at 12 Noon

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1 - 1112 Apollo Beach Blvd, Apollo Beach, FL

August 24th at 2 pm

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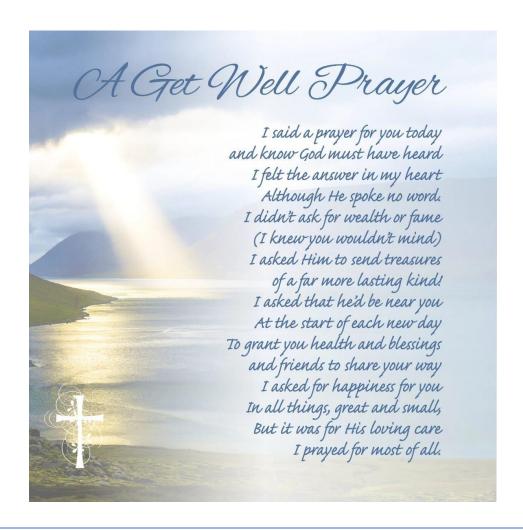




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# Thoughts and Prayers



Vern Bartz

**Lloyd Banfield** 

Patricia Banfield

**Donald Churchill** 

**Steve Drobnis** 

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**Glenn Vance** 

# Upcoming Events

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IS Dennis Hardy, PP	Noble Kendall Schwindt		

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#### **Egypt Shrine Events**



### Please give the Gift of Life The Big Red Bus will be at the Shrine Donate Blood in 2023



#### **Blood Drive Dates for 2023**

February 8th 3:30-7 PM

April 12th 3:30-7 PM

June 14th 3:30-7 PM

August 9th 3:30-7 PM

October 11th 3:30-7 PM

December 13th 3:30-7 PM

Open to ALL Nobles, Families, and Neighbors











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### SIGN IN: BLUSH WINE ROOM



AT THE END OF YOUR ADVENTURE SUBMIT YOUR FINDINGS FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A BASKET THAT INCLUDES:

- · A NIGHT STAY AT THE HAMPTON INN
- · \$25 GIFT CARD PALM RIVER DASIS
- · VIP FOR 4 TO ENTER FEZTIVAL OF TREES



November 24th-Dec 3rd Save the Date for Feztival of Trees Location: Egypt Shriners 5017 E. Washington Ave Tampa, Fl 33609









### VOLUNTEER! OCT 9-15

**TPC SUMMERLIN | LAS VEGAS** 

Register: ShrinersChildrensOpen.com/Volunteer

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