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Words from the President

By Noble Jim Porrett

It is almost two hundred days ago that Governor Ron DeSantis issued the stay at home order for Florida. Hard to believe we have been in lockdown for nearly one third of the year, have not broken bread together for seven months and Zoom Meetings are a way of life now.

I hope you and yours are healthy, safe, and surviving the isolation! As many of you are aware, the Community Association has opened the Atrium Building meeting facilities for CA clubs and organizations. Since the Shrine Club is a national organization with members from outside SCC and Kings Point, we are precluded from having activities (board meetings, luncheons, pancake brunch and Children's Christmas Party) in CA facilities until possibly 2021. In the interim, should Hillsborough County, the State and Egypt Shrine change guidelines we will explore other meeting locations.

Lady Janice DeCaluwe is moving forward with plans for the Children's Christmas Party to

be held in the school cafeterias. The Board of Directors and Lady Janice agreed that this year more than ever these children need our assistance at Christmas. The Club has budgeted \$750 for the party and Lady Janice has obtained a \$200 donation from Ilona Merritt and the Sun City Center News to provide juice and a cookie to the children. Special thanks to Lady Sandy Nunn and the Kings Point Quilters Club for furnishing the beautiful pillowcases for the gift bags! Stay tuned for how you can participate either with a contribution or physical assistance for bag stuffing.

Once again it is time for the Club to elect officers and directors for 1/2021 – 1/2022. The current officers and directors have volunteered to stay on for 2021 since Club functions were shut down in April. In council with Illustrious Sir Dean DiLeo, due to the mitigating circumstances the pandemic created in 2020 and difficulty in meeting for election purposes, he is

granting dispensation to do so and appoint Nobles to fill open position until which time the Club can meet to officially elect Nobles to those positions. Volunteers are needed to be on the nominating committee to seek out "volunteers" to serve. Please contact Noble Don Churchill or me if you are interested in assisting on the Nominating Committee and/or serving as an officer, director or on a committee.

I am saddened to inform you Noble Walt and Lady Jean Swafford will be leaving our community, returning to the Atlanta area to be closer to family. Thank you Noble Walt for your service to the Club as a Director, many "street sales" activities and to you both for your support at the Club's Pancake Brunches! Please reach out to Noble Walt & Lady Jean to wish them well in their new ventures!

Until we can meet again, stay healthy and safe and remember those who may be in need!



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Dean DiLeo
 Potentate

Frank M. Dyer P.P.
 Recorder

6 October 2020

Greetings, Nobles!

It is hard to believe that we are already into October. We are on the back side of hurricane season, football season is in full swing, and the Festival of Trees is almost here!

As many of you have seen firsthand, our new home is nearly complete. Unfortunately, due to some permitting issues, we still are on hold for our Certificate of Occupancy (CO). For this reason, we are going to once again gather virtually to bring everyone up to speed on where we are and when we can expect to move in.

For those of you with offices or unit rooms, there can be no actual work on the unit rooms to improve the spaces until after we have the CO. That includes flooring, paint, plumbing, decorations, or any other action which can give the appearance of occupation. What you CAN do however, is draw up your plans and submit them to the Building and Grounds Committee and the Divan for approval. That way everything is ready to go when we are cleared to move in.

To learn more about the happenings of our Temple and upcoming events, make sure that you attend our next **VIRTUAL MEETING** scheduled for **WEDNESDAY, 14 OCTOBER at 7:00 PM.**

The login details are provided below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89888173279?pwd=OVRNbjl5WkZoSU5oTmlGL3phVVFOZz09>

Meeting ID: 898 8817 3279

Passcode: 218271

When you log in, you will be placed in a virtual waiting room until you are passed into the actual meeting space. This is both to verify your name and also to ensure that we do not exceed our meeting limit for attendees. The virtual waiting room will open at 6:30 PM. While this is not a "Closed" meeting, it is not intended to be open to the public.

This has turned into an outstanding forum for staying updated with the latest and greatest news as well as maintaining the critical bonds of Friendship and Brotherhood. I am looking forward to seeing everyone there. In the interim, please share the login details with your fellow Nobles and stay safe.

Fraternally,

Dean DiLeo

Potentate 2020

Doug Haerberlein.
 Chief Rabban

Ronald Hoedebeck
 Assistant Rabban

Dennis Bryant
 High Priest & Prophet

Mark Miles
 Oriental Guide

D.T. "Tom" Colestock
 Treasurer



**An Important Communication From the Potentate
to ALL Nobles!!!**

**An Important communication from the
Potentate Illustrious Sir Dean DiLeo to all
Nobles!!**

**Until further completion of the new building
and we receive our Certificate of Occupancy
only CANCO and Divan authorized access to
the Temple is allowed.**

**No one is allowed to bring items into the
building or do any work to any rooms in the
building.**





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James R. “Jim” Smith
Imperial Potentate**

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Ben Hur Shriners
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Dear Fellow Nobles,

There’s no getting around it – 2020 is a different and difficult year! As we cope with the realities of living through a pandemic, I am very thankful to be part of a Brotherhood that looks after one another.

In some ways, I am more proud than ever to be a Shriner. Over the last several months, there have been countless stories of Shriners helping our health care system, supporting and thanking first responders in their communities, and looking after one another. During this uncertain time, you have selflessly and consistently cared for others, and I commend and thank you for these efforts.

In addition to the pandemic, some areas of our country are also struggling with natural disasters, including raging wildfires, tropical storms and hurricanes and even wind storms. Some temples and lodges have been damaged, and some of our fellow Shriners and Masonic Brothers have lost their homes and experienced other personal tragedies. And again, our Nobles have reached out, ready to help those in need. You truly do practice and live up to the Masonic values and ideals!

As we deal with all the difficulties wrought by COVID-19, including imposed separation and quarantine, we need to find ways to both stay connected and lighten our spirits. In fact, these are times when Fun and Fellowship can be especially important and beneficial. Using today’s technology, temples can be “open,” and members can gather virtually using Zoom or Skype or other similar programs. You can actually have game nights or socials or coffee clubs. I urge you to be creative and



find ways to connect with your fellow Shriners and have some virtual fun! And remember to share your ideas and successes with one another.

Unfortunately, the pandemic continues to have an impact on our signature events, including the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open. While the event will take place (Oct. 5-11), there will not be fans in attendance. The tournament will be televised on the Golf Channel and available on PGA Live. We are grateful the event will take place, and look forward to an exciting competition, and to being able to gather in person next year to cheer on the players, and applaud our amazing patient standard-bearers once again.

Yours in the faith,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "J" and a cursive "im".

James R. "Jim" Smith
Imperial Potentate

SUN CITY SHRINE CLUB

First “virtual” meeting for ALL members

The Board of Directors has scheduled a **ZOOM Meeting for the Club at 1PM on Wednesday, October 21st**. The log in information is on the next page. You will need to download ZOOM depending on the device you use so you may want to give yourself time in advance to log in. The "Waiting Room" should be open 15 minutes prior to the start of the meeting.

As many of you are aware, the SCC Community Association has opened the meeting facilities in The Atrium Building to CA clubs and members. Since the Shrine Club, like the Scottish Rite Club and various Military and Veterans organizations are national organizations and our memberships includes non Sun City Center Residents we are unable to utilize CA facilities at this time. They may be opened to us in 2021 but should County & State restrictions be lifted prior to this other meeting facilities will be explored.

Agenda Items

1. **Updates on Egypt Shriners new building and upcoming activities status**
2. **Status of Club activities until County and State restrictions are eased**
3. **Information on any Noble or Lady in need of our thoughts and prayers or in need of assistance**
4. **Moment of silence for those Nobles and Ladies who have recently passed**
5. **2020 Children's Christmas Party**
6. **Need to fill current open officer and directors positions and process for selecting officers and directors for 2020**
7. **Open Discussion as time permits**

PLEASE BE ADVISED we are utilizing the free version of ZOOM the meeting is limited to forty (40) minutes. I am asking all Nobles and Ladies joining to please practice good meeting manners, do not talk over one another and mute your microphone if having an offline conversation.

Date:	October 21, 2020
Time:	1:00 pm Eastern
Topic:	Sun City Center Shrine Club Meeting
Join Meeting:	<u>Click Here</u>
Meeting ID:	775 0213 3421
Meeting Passcode:	z1CvH9

Looking forward to seeing you on October 21st!

Click on the following link to learn how to Join a Zoom Meeting: [Click Here](#)



SCOTTISH RITE CLUB
 SUN CITY CENTER, FLORIDA
 MEETING 3RD MONDAYS FOR LUNCH
 1010 AMERICAN EAGLE BLVD.
 SUN CITY CENTER – 11:30 A.M.

OFFICERS FOR 2020

TOM ROBINSON 645-2327-PRES

MIKE MANNING 758-2787-VP

DAVID CHASE 938-3620-SC/TR

CALLERS

TRISH ROBINSON 645-2327

DOLLY BANES 634-8499

RENATA BARTZ 633-9767

LORRAINE LOWELL 633-2921

DIRECTORS/ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS: JOHN GLYNN/BOB HARRIS, VERN BARTZ, LLOYD LOWELL, GEORGE BANES, CHET FERGUSON

OCTOBER 2020

BROTHERS AND SISTERS:

I HOPE AND PRAY ALL ARE WELL AND SAFE DURING THIS YEAR OF PANDEMICS AND CONFLICT. I DO HAVE TWO FOLKS NEEDING OUR PRAYERS: MS. DOLLY BANES AND MS. MARTHA DAVENPORT – PLEASE ADD THEM TO YOUR PRAYER LIST.

“WHAT A YEAR 2020 HAS BEEN!”

UNFORTUNATELY FOR OUR SCOTTISH RITE CLUB THINGS DON'T APPEAR TO BE GETTING BETTER. THE CLUB HOUSE RESTAURANT AT FREEDOM PLAZA HAS BEEN CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE AND IT LOOKS AS IF THAT WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR. THEREFORE, CONTINUING WITH OCTOBER, **ALL CLUB ACTIVITIES ARE CANCELED.** IF WE GET CLEARANCE IN THE NEAR FUTURE WE HAVE EVERY INTENTION OF RESUMING OUR ACTIVITIES. I WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED OF PROGRESS, BUT AGAIN IT MAY NOT BE UNTIL JANUARY 2021.

“WHAT A YEAR 2020 HAS BEEN!!”

YOU KNOW 2020 IS CONSIDERED PERFECT VISION, SO MAYBE GOD IS SAYING TO US ONLY HE HAS THE PERFECT VISION OF OUR FUTURE.

PLEASE STAY SAFE AND WELL AND MAY GOD BLESS US ALL

TOM

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The Membership and Marketing Conference & Masters Class is part of Shriners International Education Foundation's Noble Academy. This new, immersive educational program covers a variety of topics in the fields of membership and marketing & communications and consists of:

Four Two-Hour Virtual Seminars:

- November 19, 2020, 1 - 3 p.m. ET
- January 14, 2021, 1 - 3 p.m. ET
- February 25, 2021, 1 - 3 p.m. ET
- June 3, 2021, 1 - 3 p.m. ET

In-Person Membership and Marketing Conference:
April 8 - 10, 2021

For additional information
click on the following link:

[Click Here](#)

Requirements: Students must complete all four virtual events AND the in-person conference to achieve a Masters Level Certificate.

• **Recognition:** 2021 Masters Class graduates receive SIEF's Noble Academy jewel for membership and marketing, a digital jewel badge, an invite-only reception at the in-person conference, a recognition certificate, and exclusive access to a Masters Class-only private social media group.

• **Registration Period:** October 5, 2020 – November 18, 2020

• **Price:** Free for Shriners and members in good standing with Masonic bodies and affiliated groups. The non-member fee is \$595.00.

The Chaplain's Corner

By Noble William Dobbs

Have you ever found yourself in the position of making plans and setting out on a journey, only to find your plans changing and your destination very much in question? Sometimes those moments are serendipity, filled with joy, and sometimes they are less fortuitous with much less happy outcomes. Sounds like life, doesn't it? I have two or three thoughts about these moments which we have all faced which I hope will be helpful to you.

First, it helps to remember that even though we try to plan, we are not always in control. Someone once said that "People plan and God laughs!" But I think it more accurate to say that life has a way of upsetting the most carefully crafted plans. Generals create battle plans - to the smallest detail - all while knowing that there are factors at work which cannot be controlled or even anticipated. Doctors plan surgeries in very precise manners, but

only the most inexperienced fail to acknowledge that the human body is not always so predictable. And all of us have planned vacations, sometimes in the most intricate fashion, only to have circumstances beyond our control happen at the most unexpected times. But we can survive these moments whenever we can surrender the need to be "in charge." Failure to relinquish the need to be in control can leave us battered and beaten, even defeated. Friends, we may not be able to control the world/life/circumstances, but we can control our response to the curve balls we are all thrown from time to time.

Second, it also helps to look for the unexpected blessings in the unplanned events or destinations that pop up along our life's journey. Janice and I recently returned to Florida, traveling by car with our little four-legged traveling companion. It is a journey which Mapquest



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says takes only 19 hours, and which we normally “plan” to accomplish in three days. This time it took us five days!

No, the car did not break down and I did not get lost - really - though I will admit to driving several miles in the wrong direction one day. For the most part, though, it was a matter of learning to enjoy the place where we were at the moment!

We had a ball! We laughed even more than we usually do, and found pleasure in the smallest of surprises. There could have been tensions and even arguments, but there was none - only enjoyment! I believe that comes from letting the Supreme Architect of the Universe be the Architect of each moment of every day, and receiving those moments as gifts to be treasured.

Finally, I want to offer you this thought: No matter where you

travel in life, no matter what you experience along the way, you are not the first to be there, not the first to have that experience.

There is One who has been this way before, and One who is there when you arrive. There is One who has experienced all that will ever happen to you and One who loves you no matter what.

(I didn't make that up. You can read all about it in Romans, Chapter 8.)

So, as you experience all that life can throw at you, hang on to the One who will never forsake you, and enjoy the ride!



Happy Birthday to you, Carlene Bowen!



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Wishing you
many more to
come!

Thanks to the SCC Shrine Club "Sextet" (Larry Sturniolo, Dale Province, Dallas Warrum, Lloyd Lowell, Gene Welper, Jim Saunders) who responded to the call of Noble George Bowen and sang "Happy Birthday" at a surprise celebration for Lady

Pictures courtesy of Denise Stephens.



Upcoming Events: October/November

Mon Oct 6, 2020	3pm - 3:30pm	Board of Directors Meeting (Zoom)
	6:30pm - 8:30pm	DeSoto Lodge #105 10801 Desoto Rd, Riverview
Wed Oct 7, 2020	7:30pm - 9pm	Egypt Shrine Council (Cancelled)
Mon Oct 12, 2020	7:30pm - 8:30pm	OES Chapter #201 10801 Desoto Rd, Riverview
Wed Oct 14, 2020	7pm - 8:30pm	Egypt Shrine Stated Meeting (Zoom) Join Meeting: Click here Meeting ID: 898 8817 2179 Meeting Passcode: 218271
Tue Oct 20, 2020	6:30pm - 8:30pm	DeSoto Lodge #105 10801 Desoto Rd, Riverview
Wed Oct 21, 2020	1pm - 1:40pm	Sun City Center Shrine Club Meeting (Zoom) Join Meeting: Click Here Meeting ID: 775 0213 3421 Meeting Passcode: z1CvH9
Sun Oct 25, 2020	8:30am - 12pm	DeSoto Lodge #105 Breakfast 10801 Desoto Rd, Riverview Cost: \$5.00 - All you can eat
Mon Nov 2, 2020	1pm - 2:30pm	Board of Directors Meeting (Zoom)

Upcoming Events: October/November

Tue Nov 3, 2020	6:30pm - 8:30pm	DeSoto Lodge #105 10801 Desoto Rd, Riverview
Wed Nov 4, 2020	7:30pm - 9pm	Egypt Shrine Council (TBD)
Sat Nov 7, 2020	8am - 9am	Egypt Fall Ceremonial (TBD)
Mon Nov 9, 2020	7:30pm - 8:30pm	OES Chapter #201 10801 Desoto Rd, Riverview
Wed Nov 11, 2020		Feztable of Trees (TBD)
	7:30pm - 9pm	Egypt Shrine Stated Meeting (TBD)
Sat Nov 14, 2020		Feztable of Trees (TBD)

calling all Elves



The Childrens Christmas Party will take place on December 7th and 8th at Reddick Elementary School. Santa and 2 elves will be present in the cafeteria and will be passing out wonderful gifts. If you would like to be an elf, please contact Janice DeCaluwe or Jean Porrett. Elves can be Nobles or Ladies! Join in the fun!!!



Noble / Lady	October
Robert & Lee O'Roak	9
James & Diane Saunders	16
William & Peggy Bierce	23



Noble	October	Lady	October
Ivan Lucas	2	Carlene Bowen	2
George Banes	11	Patty Fricke	4
Clifford Lang	16	Vickie Hawley	10
Carl Nunn	31	Linda Sturniolo	13
		Pat Blevins	13
		Pam Cox	26
		Debbie Bennett	28

Thoughts



Prayers

Nobles / Ladies

Ann Kemmeling

Lloyd Lowell

Mae Everhart Porrett

Gordon Starks

Larry Wing

We need your help.

If you are aware of any of our Nobles or Ladies that are ill, hospitalized or have passed away, please let us know.

You can simply email the Sun City Center Shrine Club to inform us.

SCCShrineClub@gmail.com



In Loving Memory



Martha C. Davenport, age 91, of Sun City Center, Florida, formerly of Dundee, passed away at home on Sunday, September 20, 2020, under hospice care.

Martha married Charles Ray Pace, and for many years she would work in the Monroe County area. After Charles passed away, Martha would marry Paul Davenport at St. John Lutheran Church in Dundee on October 28, 1992.

Martha was a fierce competitor on the lawn bowl club in Sun City Center, Florida. She was a Past President for two years of the Audubon Society and a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Hillsdale, Michigan, where Martha and Paul had a summer home on Round Lake. It was there that many family and friends would gather for swimming, good cook-outs, and margaritas.

To cherish her memory, Martha, leaves her beloved husband, Paul Davenport of Sun City Center, Florida; one daughter, Naomi Jean (Robert) Hovey; three sons, Daryl Davenport, Donald (Peggy) Davenport, and David (Kari) Davenport; two brothers, Fritz (Barbara) Ott of Tacoma, Washington and Bernard Ott of Temperance, Michigan; nine grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews, and many great-nieces and nephews.

A service was held on Monday, September 28, 2020, at Merkle Funeral Service, Dundee, Michigan. Memorial donations are suggested to [Shriners Hospital for Children](https://www.shrinershospitalforchildren.org/). Online guests may leave words of inspiration and comfort or share a photo by visiting www.merklefs.com.



In Loving Memory

It is with sadness that we announce the death of **Dolly Banes**, beloved wife of George Banes. She passed away in the month of September. Please keep George and his family in your thoughts and prayers.



WELCOME TO THE SUN CITY CENTER SHRINE CLUB

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*“ . . . A fraternal organization of men
dedicated to brotherhood, compassion and service to others.”*

Shriners International, a fraternity based on fun, fellowship and the Masonic principles of brotherly love, relief and truth, founded Shriners Hospitals for Children as its official philanthropy in 1922. What began as one hospital is now a world-renowned health care system with locations in three countries. The fraternity which has nearly 200 temples in several countries and thousands of clubs around the world, continues to support this unique health care system.

Other Clubs of Interest

[Tampa Scottish Rite](#)

[Grand York Rite of Florida](#)