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2020



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# The Mohammed Shriner

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Our hearts and thoughts go out to the people who have been affected by this unprecedented event and we appreciate the healthcare workers, local communities, and governments around the world who are on the front line working to contain this coronavirus.

Please know that we are vigilantly monitoring the COVID-19 situation. The safety and well-being of all Nobles, Ladies, family, friends and our community is a top priority for Mohammed Shriners. In response to additional information that came in from the State of Illinois, the Grandmaster, and Shriners International I feel that it is time to start taking steps to reopen our Shrine and Shrine activities. However, we all need to do our best in preventing any type of health issues that may arise.



David Luckenbill  
Potentate 2020



Based on the information provided by public health professionals and recent governmental extension of existing public health orders, Shriners International determined that the safety of attendees and the safety of the community could not reasonably be provided on or before the start of the 2020 Imperial Session in Kansas City and therefore cancelled the 2020 convention, due to the impossibility of safely hosting it.

Imperial Sir and First Lady, Jeff and Cheryl Sowder, are extremely sorry that they will not be able to personally welcome Shriners from all over the world to celebrate fun and fellowship in Kansas City. They have dreamed and planned for more than a decade to have Shriners join them for an incredible experience in Kansas City. While the worldwide pandemic prevents us from meeting in Kansas City and renewing our acquaintances, it does not prevent us from renewing our commitment to the important work of the Shrine.

All of the propositions provided to Iowa Representatives and Colorado Members were adopted at the conclusion of the written balloting process on June 13, 2020. Therefore, we are planning a virtual special session to begin on Saturday, July 11, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. EDT.

We understand that the circumstances relating to holding this meeting electronically are far from the wonderful experience of participating in an Imperial Session. We may face some technical

issues or problems in conducting this meeting, but rest assured, we are planning to the best of our ability to make this a great experience. While it may not be perfect, we are working extremely hard to make sure the results of holding of this meeting are positive, allowing you the opportunity to elect your Imperial Divan and Hospital Trustee Representatives.



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**Elective Divan 2020**

Potentate:..... Ill. Sir Dave Luckenbill  
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High Priest and Prophet:.....Jack Hartwig, PP  
Oriental Guide:.....Roger Matheny, PP  
Treasurer:.....Steve Harken  
Recorder:.....Bob Spencer, PP

**Appointed Divan 2020**

First Ceremonial Master:.....Austin Bennett  
Second Ceremonial Master:.....Brian Bevill  
Marshal:.....Steve Thompson  
Captain of the Guard:.....Paul Dillow  
Outer Guard:.....Paul Sipka  
Temple Director:.....Gary McDaniels, PP  
Chief Aide:..... Ray DeCroix  
  
Membership Chairman ..... Tim Longfellow  
Shriner Editor:..... Pat Schlehuber, PP

**Living Past Potentates**

Pat Schlehuber .....	2019
Jared Harrison.....	2018
Greg Hurd.....	2017
Jerry McDaniels.....	2016
John Mitchell.....	2015
Dave Kolditz.....	2014
Fred Esken.....	2013
Michael H. Huffaker.....	2012
Gary McDaniels.....	2011
Jeff Prochnow.....	2010
Robert R. Ritter.....	2009
Roger A. Matheny.....	2008
Michael R. Fowler.....	2006/2007
John H. Hartwig Jr.....	2005
Earl F. Wys.....	2004
Ernie J. Smith Jr.....	2003
Robert F. Spencer.....	2001
David C. Elmore.....	2000
C. Walden Crouch.....	1999
Donald W. Doyle.....	1998
Thomas C. Duncan.....	1996
Barney J. Adkins.....	1991
Parker L. Hacker.....	1990
Robert L. Seelye.....	1987
William H. Christison III.....	1984

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# WINE & Dine AT THE SHRINE

WITH EACH COURSE THERE WILL BE DIFFERENT WINES TO SAMPLE THAT WILL COMPLIMENT THE MEAL

JOIN US FOR A NICE EVENING MEAL, THAT INCLUDES APPETIZERS, GRILLED RIBEYE STEAK, SIDES, AND DESSERT.

**FRIDAY AUGUST 14TH**

**6:00 pm at the Shrine Center**

**COST IS \$20.00 PER PERSON**

You must R.S.V.P. by August 7th to reserve your spot. NO late calls will be excepted

Please call the Potentate or the First Lady to reserve your spot  
Illustrious Sir David Luckenbill : 309-213-1954  
First Lady Amy : 309-213-1533



We would like to thank everyone who joined us for a fun day. Some of us started with lunch at the Thyme restaurant in Peoria, the food and company was great. We then met up at the Peoria Civic Center for an action packed Rivermen game. We had a good crowd of Nobles, and families. Members of the Rainbow Girls from Hope Assembly, also joined us, to watch the Rivermen win a close game.

## Riverman Hockey



### Thank you

## Donations to Mohammed Shrine

Johnnie Hoyer  
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Robert & Susan Adams

## Donations to Hospital Transportation Fund

Ipava American Legion Auxilliary #17  
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# From the Potentate

Many of our Nobles fall into the high-risk group for Covid-19 and this virus has been particularly hard on senior citizens so it becomes our duty to make our Shrine safe. Several of our members will not want to wear face masks and or gloves when at the Shrine or at Shrine events, but I'll say this while under no uncertain terms "if you do not want to follow the safety rule set out in the Governor's Guidelines STAY HOME". This is not about what I or you "think," it is about the safety of our friends and Brethren.

I will now outline a set of guidelines for all Nobles to adhere to:

It will be required that the Shrine be cleaned and sanitized in high traffic, high touch areas and restrooms before each meeting.

Any food preparation will be done in sanitized areas. Gloves and face masks will be required for those who prepare and serve the food.

Social distancing will be required.

NO physical contact.

It is not mandatory for you to attend the Shrine or Shrine meeting, if you feel the risk is to high please stay home.

Each member should check their temperature at home before leaving for any Shrine event. If your temperature is 100 degrees or higher stay home.

If you feel sick stay home.

Nobles PLEASE do not look for ways to circumvent these guidelines. They are for the safety of all and we should as Shrine/Masons look out for each other. Let us error on the side of safety and let us use common sense in our actions. Please be assured that the Shrine will provide the latest information and updates to our members as these decisions are made.

Finally, a reminder that this is a time for us to pay particular attention to our brethren who may be in need and who may require assistance. Social distancing doesn't mean being socially disconnected. There are many ways our nobles, family and friends can keep in touch and support one another in these difficult and uncertain times. Here are 6 ways to stay connected:

Check in with fellow nobles by email, text and phone. This small gesture can make a huge difference.

Arrange a regular Face Time call with a fellow noble or close friend for a virtual coffee date.

Set up a Zoom meeting. An online conference call is a great way to continue your club or unit meetings or for several friends to catch up.

Check in on friends on social media. In addition to the Shriners International social pages and your temple social channels, Shriners Around the World is an active group of nobles, families and supporters. Find the group on Facebook and connect with nobles across the globe.

Gather friends for a Watch Party. Netflix is offering watch party options that allows friends to view movies together.

Send a card or postcard to a friend or fellow noble. Go old school and surprise someone with a handwritten note

If you are worried about a fellow member or his family please keep in contact with them via telephone, text, or email. If they require assistance reach out to the local authorities and health service providers.

We value your ongoing support and understanding and will continue to provide updates and information as it becomes available.



Truly Yours,

David Luckenbill  
Potentate 2020



**Shriners Hospitals**  
for Children®— St. Louis

# St. Louis



**Steve Sturm**  
St. Louis  
Hospital

Shriners Hospitals for Children – St Louis Board of Governors began the new year with several changes on the executive board. Noble David Schneidewind was elected as chairman, Noble Kim Evans was elected as Vice Chairman, and Noble Robert Berry was elected as Treasurer. These appointments are for 2 year terms. The search for a new Hospital Administrator continues with Mark Veneable serving in the interim.

Chairman Schneidewind attended a leadership conference focused on change and implementing change. All Shriners hospitals will go through some form of change. He reminded all board members of their responsibilities: 1: Attention to the Mission, 2: Allegiance to the Mission, and 3. Compliance to the Mission. Sound advice for all of us.

The YTD June draw on the endowment for Shriners Hospitals for Children – St. Louis was actually a contribution back of \$3 million. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, fundraising, referrals, and patient encounters are all down YTD compared to 2019.

Per discussion at a monthly meeting with corporate headquarters in February, it was announced that all new Telehealth sites are on hold pending completion of an assigned consult team review. This news, although disappointing, comes at a reflection point for Telehealth at SHC – St. Louis and the committee supported the decision. This does not downplay the importance of Telehealth going forward (i.e. last year alone, over 220,000 travel miles were saved). It is a chance to reexamine the program and determine the best approach going forward. One approach being used quite successfully in response to the pandemic is a program called Telehealth Fast Track where patients and their families can consult with their physician using mobile devices like laptop computers and cell phones. Since the program started, 124 patients have been seen!

In the area of research, SHC – STL lab started accepting new enrollments and requesting funding for new studies/projects. As of June, the lab was operating at 30% capacity with a plan to gradually reopen in the coming months. US News and World Report released its 2020 rankings and Shriners Hospital – St. Louis was co-listed with St. Louis Children's Hospital and Washington University as the #6 best Orthopedic Pediatric Hospital in the country

As I continue my 4th year as an associate member on the board, I want to thank you for your continued support as I represent Mohammed Shrine. Specific to that support, I was selected to interview for an upcoming full board member position, but was tabled due to an April 2020 change to the bylaws whereby a board of governors shall have no more than 18 members. Currently, the board has 20 members and won't have an opening until 2022. With that said, I hope you find my reports informative, but I'm very open to suggestions for any improvements you'd like to see or hear more on a specific topic.

*Strong Legs  
Run So  
Weak Legs  
May Walk*



# Vidalia Onions Fundraiser

The new crop of Vidalia Onions has come and gone. Under the direction of Past Potentate John Hartwig Jr. and his team Mohammed Shriners sold 21,500 lbs. of onions during a national pandemic. The onions came in on a Monday and was sold and distributed by that Wednesday. It just goes to show you how easy this fundraiser really is. I would like to thank all the clubs and units who participated in this year's onion sales along with each individual who participated as well. The annual Vidalia onion sale, serves as one of the main fund raisers for Mohammed Shriners. Thank you everyone



Had the privilege of working with this man yesterday. It's hard to think about the Shriners in McDonough County and not think of **Duane Sorrells**. He's pretty much done it all. Flown kids to Shriner Hospitals for treatment, participated in the Bug Units, he's also one hell of an onion salesman.



## From the First Lady

Greetings,

Hope this finds everyone safe and healthy. This year has been interesting by far, and as we start to open the Shrine Center back up we are going to also try to get events back on track the best we are allowed to do.

Please be patient with us as we figure this all out, and our ultimate goal is to keep everyone safe. We are ready to see everyone!

Mohammed is hosting a Shrine Wine and Dine Dinner on August 14th 6pm. Please RSVP By August 7th. to reserve your steak dinner.

I would also like to Thank the Nobles and their Ladies who helped at our Shrimp Boil fundraiser, it was greatly appreciated and was a success with us all working together.

Thanks again for your support, First Lady Amy



## Upcoming Dates

<b>Aug 11</b>	Stated Meeting 6:30 pm No Dinner Served. <b>Meeting subject to cancellation due to COVID-19</b>	<b>Oct 17</b>	Fish Fry @ Temple Noon— 4:00 pm
<b>Aug 14</b>	Wine and Dine	<b>Oct 13</b>	Stated Meeting 6:30 pm No Dinner Served. <b>Meeting subject to cancellation due to COVID-19</b>
<b>Aug 30</b>	Mohammed Bass tournament @ Banner Marsh	<b>Oct 24</b>	Potentate's Ball @ Chateau in Bloomington
<b>Sept 8</b>	Stated Meeting 6:30 pm No Dinner Served. <b>Meeting subject to</b>	<b>Nov 10</b>	Stated Meeting 6:30 pm No Dinner Served. <b>Meeting subject to cancellation</b>
<b>Sept 9-12</b>	Great Lakes Shrine Association— Evansville, IN	<b>Nov 21</b>	Turkey Shoot @ Temple
<b>Sept 12-13</b>	Mohammed Softball Tournament @ Avanti's Fields, Pekin	<b>Dec 12</b>	Breakfast with Santa

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**11:00 am**

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### Mohammed Shrine Drill Patrol

Meets 3rd Monday of each month  
 Captain, Dennis Caughey  
 (309) 340-3807

### OTHO Temple No. 36

Daughters of the Nile  
 Monthly Session  
 2nd Thur. 1:00 pm  
 Mohammed Shrine Center



### El Bon Shrine Club

Galesburg, Illinois  
 Jeff Brock, President  
 2nd Thursday

### Corn Belt Shrine Club

Marc Pfiester, President  
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 month  
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