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Potentate and First Lady of Mahi Shriners 2018



MAHI SHRINERS

2018 CALENDAR OF MAJOR EVENTS
(TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

APRIL 2018

- 7 BOWLING NIGHT - BOWLERO MIAMI
- 12 CEREMONIAL - Courtyard by Marriott
- 27 KEYS BUS TRIP
- 28 POTENTATE'S BALL - ZOO MIAMI

MAY 2018

- 10 STATED MEETING - Courtyard by Marriott
- 26-31 GRAND LODGE OF FLORIDA - ORLANDO

JUNE 2018

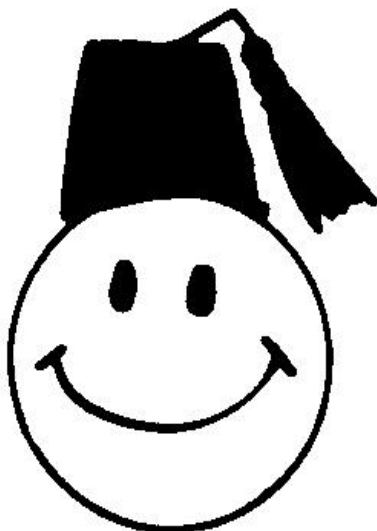
- 14 STATED MEETING - Courtyard by Marriott

JULY 2018

- 12 NO STATED MEETING - DARK
- 15-19 IMPERIAL COUNCIL SESSION - DAYTONA BEACH

AUGUST 2018

- 9 NO STATED MEETING - DARK
- 16-18 S.E.S.A CONVENTION - PIGEON FORGE
- 26 GULFSTREAM DAY



PARADES

Tue. July 17 - Imperial Parade Daytona Beach



MAHI SPECIAL EVENTS

BOWLING NIGHT AT BOLERO SATURDAY APRIL 7

Come join you Mahi Family for a fun filled Bowling Night at the upscale lanes of Bole-ro at Dolphin Mall in Miami. \$45 per person. Includes Bowling, Ball, Shoes and Food. Event begins at 7pm.

POTENTATE'S BALL SATURDAY APRIL 28

For the first time, the ball will be held at Zoo Miami. Lots of fun in exotic location with food, fun and fellowship. There will be animal encounters, music and a few surprises. Social 7pm, Ball at 8pm. Tickets are \$75 per person. Contact the Mahi Office to RSVP. 305-883-9766 or mahishriners@bellsouth.net.



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MAHI HOLDING CORPORATION OFFICERS/FINANCE COMMITTEE ARE THE ELECTED DIVAN

2018 Appointed Divan

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Captain of the Guard.....Dennis Asbury
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2018 Potentate's Appointments

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Potentate's Aide.....III. Sir Stephen G. Rosean PP
Potentate's Aide.....Stewart James
Potentate's Aide.....Michael Williams

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Matt Gibson.....Key West
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III. Sir Stephen Rosean.....Miami
Tyrone McKenzie.....Nassau
Luis A. Gonzalez.....Upper Keys

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Sharp Shooters.....Ernie Lara
Tin Lizzies.....Bill Suits



Potentate's Message

Illustrious Sir Dale A. Spear
Potentate 2018



Nobles,

I want to thank you for electing me Potentate and the confidence you have in me to lead this ship throughout 2018. I am approaching this year with humility, dedication, optimism, excitement and attitude (a good one most of the time). Your Divan works for you and on your behalf. We have a strong bond and many years of experience between us. While we all have our opinions, we work as one team. I hope at year's end we can say we had fun, got things accomplished, and are more together now than when it started. Our Ladies have always supported us and I look forward to that continuing this year. I want to thank them in advance for their hard work and letting us do what we do. I cannot express how your support has allowed me to advance to this position in my life.

Most of you have heard me talk about unity, togetherness, fellowship, and brotherhood. What am I talking about when I say these things? Let me use a recent observation. Last September many of us went through Hurricane Irma and, afterwards, all came together to help one another. Some of us cut fallen trees out of our yards and streets, whether they were ours or not. Some of us had cookouts and invited our neighbors (even ones you have never met) and friends. Some of us loaned generators, chainsaws and equipment to each other to help us get back to our regular lives. Some of us donated money to relief efforts, drove differently and let people merge in front of us and even pull out of a driveway in front of us. Now, less than six months later, we are back to our hustle and bustle and quarrels. So the big question is why can't this outlook last and why can't we treat each other like this every day? I'm going to try to remember this put my best foot forward each day and treat everyone like yesterday was a hurricane. This doesn't mean we will always agree with each other, but I hope we can agree to disagree without affecting our harmony. I hope we can march forward together for a better MAHI.

While I personally support many groups and charities, I want to focus on two specifically this year. First is our hospitals and the children that visit them. They are so vital in today's society and the healthcare environment. If you have ever met or listened to any of these children they provide a reminder of why we do this as well as a boost of heartwarming cheer and good feelings. The second is our Blue Lodges and their respective Masters' & Wardens' Associations. Remember we are all Masons first. If they need our help or support, we should be there for them. If you can, attend your Blue Lodge Meetings or degrees. If you already go on a regular basis, thank you. If not, renew your support. After all, this is where our nobles come from and the more we are in their presence the more they will know who we are and what we do. You cannot ask for a better recruitment tool than that, especially if you always have a pocket petition with you. Your Divan and some committee chairs will be making lodge visits this year and if any lodge would like a special visit or a hospital talk please call the office with the details and we will see if we can accommodate your request.

I want to have fun this year and enjoy each other's company. We have some outings planned, some usual and some out of the ordinary. I hope you will support and enjoy these. Please bring your family and friends as we extend our fun outward. We also have many clubs and units for you to participate in. If you have a group of nobles who would like to start a new club or unit please contact me or any member of the Divan. I hope you enjoy being with your brothers, nobles, their families and friends. We all have so much to do, why should we have to choose between Mahi and our families or friends. Everyone likes to have fun so why not do it together? *Stronger Together Forever.*

•We are stronger as one unit •We have more fun together • Our Fraternity can last forever as long as we stick together.

Fraternally,
Dale A. Spear

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MEETS 4TH TUESDAY



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VFW HALL - KEY WEST
MEETS 1ST SATURDAY



MARATHON SHRINE CLUB
VARIOUS LOCATIONS
MEETS MOST FRIDAYS



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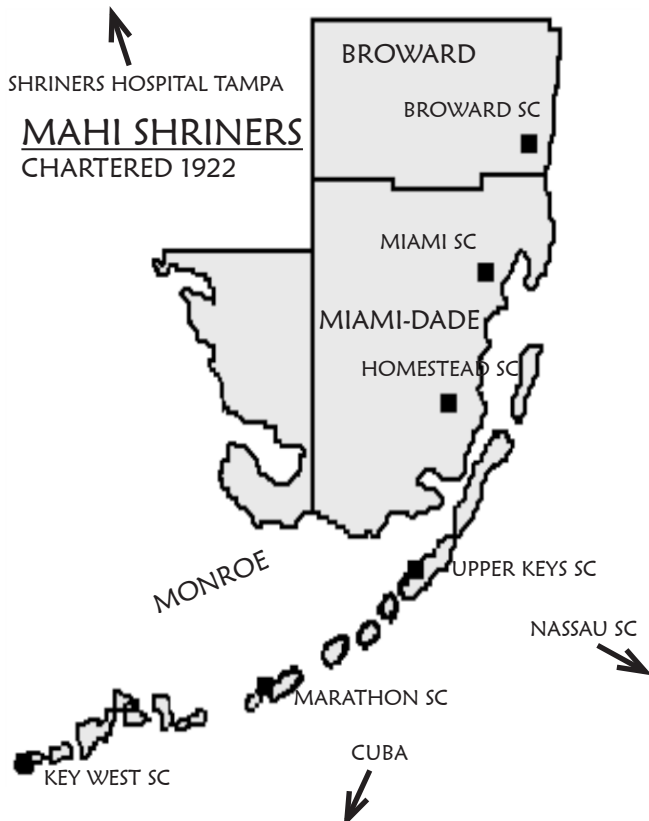


NASSAU SHRINE CLUB
CRICKET CLUB - NASSAU, BAHAMAS
MEETS 3RD FRIDAY



UPPER KEYS SHRINE CLUB
FLORIDA KEYS LODGE - TAVERNIER
MEETS 2ND TUESDAY

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1st THURSDAY 7:30PM—PRESIDENT'S HOME

DIRECTOR'S STAFF

MONDAYS 7:30PM - STAFF ROOM - 5524 NW 72 AVENUE - MIAMI

HIBISCUS FELLOWSHIP UNIT

4TH WEDNESDAY 7:30PM - DUFFY'S TAVERNS, MIAMI

KEYS CLOWNS

CALLED MEETINGS

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CALLED MEETINGS

MOTOR CORPS

CALLED MEETINGS

ROYAL PIRATES

MONTHLY - VARIOUS LOCATIONS

SHARP SHOOTERS

2ND WEDNESDAY 7:30PM - RON KOPLOW RESIDENCE

TIN LIZZIES

2ND TUESDAY - HOMESTEAD SHRINE CLUB

MAHI MEMBERSHIP

Mahi Membership
as of March 10, 2018

Regular: 1040

Associate: 15

Total: 1055



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EDITOR'S MESSAGE

JOHN W. BORSA JR.

Besides the satisfaction of belonging to a fantastic fraternal order that promotes fellowship and supports a philanthropy what do you really get from your Mahi membership? Well we hope that you consider this publication as one of the main benefits. A lot of time and effort goes into these magazines with the hope of providing not only information, but entertainment and nostalgia as well. As print publications are fading away we hope that we will be around for quite a while providing this service to our readers. Thank you for your continued support and kind words of praise.

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Annual Changing of the Guard at Mahi

BY JOHN W. BORSA JR.

January, as it does every year, brought a new slate of Officers for installation. A large crowd of Nobles, family and friends gathered on January 7 at the Broward Shrine Club to see the leadership for 2018 officially take their places. The Elected Divan for the ensuing year is; Potentate: Dale A. Spear; Chief Rabban: Dan Fierimonte; Assistant Rabban: David Miller; High Priest & Prophet: Michael Taussig; Oriental Guide: Jorge Filgueira; Treasurer: James Ewart; and Recorder: John W. Borsa Jr.

The ceremony was presided over by Noble John Borsa Jr as Installing Officer, Illustrious Sir Stephen G. Rosean, PP as Installing Marshall and Illustrious Sir Joseph H. Brownlow Jr., PP as Installing Chaplain. In addition to the Elected Divan, the Appointed Divan; Club and Unit Officers; Potentate's Appointees, Mahi Committeemen and Iham Ladies Club were officially installed as well.

Newly installed Potentate Spear addressed the crowd and stressed his desire for unity over all other things. "Discord gets in the way of progress

and, more importantly, in the way of fun which is why we are here" said Spear. It was hoped that Mahi can move forward in every way and get back to fun and fellowship which are the basic tenants of our order. The mood was upbeat and good momentum and spirit was expressed by many in hopes for a successful year.

After the ceremonies a fine lunch was served by Shorty's Barbecue Restaurant. Although this was bit of a change from the usual banquet menu, it was extremely well received and enjoyed by all.

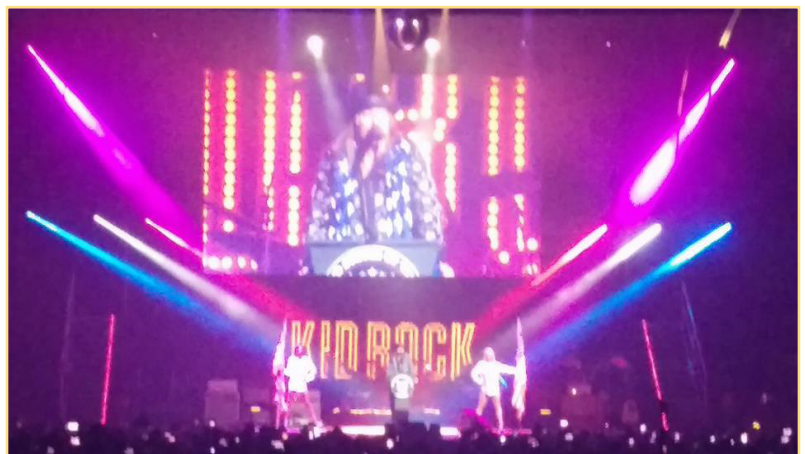


The Mahi Elected Divan is installed. L-R: Potentate: Dale A. Spear; Chief Rabban: Dan Fierimonte; Assistant Rabban: David Miller; High Priest & Prophet: Michael Taussig; Oriental Guide: Jorge Filgueira; Not pictured are Treasurer: James Ewart and Recorder: John W. Borsa Jr.

Concert serves as Fund-raiser for Tampa

BY JOHN W. BORSA JR.

15 Nobles and wives headed out to the Hard Rock Live Concert Arena in Hollywood on February 7 to attend the Kid Rock Concert. The reason was to raise funds for the Shriner's Hospitals Tampa Unit. Prior to and after the performance the group sold Kid Rock's latest release *Sweet Southern Sugar* to those in attendance. Jody Carson, of Kids Rock Promotions, works with various artists to raise money for SHC and recruits the Nobles of the local temple where the performance is held to help her achieve this. The way it works is that she purchases compact discs from the artist and then sells them at the concert venue. A portion of the proceeds is then sent to the nearest SHC unit, in this case, Tampa.



Spear becomes 93rd Potentate of Mahi

BY JOHN W. BORSA JR.

Noble Dale Spear, the popular and active Shrinemason who has served in so many capacities has reached the top of the Elected Divan line as Potentate of Mahi Shriners.

Dale A. Spear was born on August 2, 1971 in Miami, Florida to Dale and Wilma Spear. He grew up in the Westwood Lakes area where he attended local schools and graduated from Southwest Miami High in 1989. He attended the University of Miami and then Florida International University where he graduated with a double major in Marketing and Business Management. Dale's mechanical knowledge and troubleshooting abilities led him to become a technician with the Miami Dade Public School System where he quickly became noticed as a valuable asset to the organization. He then moved on to become an Area Supervisor with Broward County Schools Facilities Management, a position he holds until today. He is responsible for all schools south of Interstate 595. This job is challenging in as much as the functionality of a school relies solely on its physical condition, mechanical working order and safety level all of which must be maintained at optimum levels. Dale has to frequently deal with crises that involve keeping a school open to serve and protect its students. The recent school shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland is an example. Dale will soon have to oversee new and creative security measures on each of his campuses to enhance student safety.

While working for Miami-Dade Dale met the late Noble John R. Barton and the two became fast friends. John was a prominent Mason and Dale soon was asking how he could become a member of the fraternity. He was initiated into Coral Gables Lodge and was raised a Master Mason in 1998. He immediately became an officer and served as Worshipful Master in 2004. He had a very successful year and impressed the members as a capable and benevolent leader. The lodge under his tenure was a place of good ritual work and fun. Dale then took the office of Treasurer,



SPEAR

a position in which he served until 2017. He moved on from the lodge and held several key positions in the Grand Lodge Committees serving as Zone and State Chairman for many years. He is best known as "the guy with the ties" from his years as chairman of the Fraternal Administrative Endowment Fund or FA 100 which facilitates contributions by selling a neck tie designed by the Grand Master each year. He served as the District Deputy Grand Master of the 27th (35th) Masonic District in 2007-08 under Most Worshipful Robert Harry and was recognized as one of the most successful leaders of that year. Dale also joined the Valley of Miami Scottish Rite where he is a member of the 30th and 32nd Degree Casts and Mi-Am-I Grotto M.O.V.P.E.R. where he served as Monarch in 2011. He is currently a Supreme Council District Deputy for the Grottoes of North America. He served as the Chairman of the Masters' & Wardens' Association of Miami-Dade County in 2013.

Dale was created a Noble of Mahi Shriners in June of 2005 after intense lobbying from Illustrious Sir Edward Light P.P. to join the order. It was a good decision as he been extremely active since that time. He has served as Potentate's Aide, Masonic Liaison, Ceremonial Master and many other key positions within the order. He became a regular at the Director's Staff

and participated in many parades. Many of Dale's closest friends within the fraternity recognized his likability and strong leadership qualities and urged him to seek an elective office. He finally agreed and was elected Oriental Guide in 2015. However, after the resignation of the High Priest and Prophet that year, he was elevated to that office in a special election in June. On December 14, 2017 he was elected as the 93rd Potentate of Mahi Shriners and was installed on January 8, 2018.

In 1998 Dale met Mitzie Pye and they began dating. He wondered how he was going explain to her what this thing called Masonry was and why it took up so much of his time. Luckily, she needed no explanation since her father was a mason, her mother and sister were in the Eastern Star, and she herself had been a Rainbow Girl. The young couple fell in love and married on April 27, 2002. They live in Plantation and have two four legged kids (Boston Terriers) named Happy and Tubby, who are now officially the First Dogs of Mahi.

Outside of Masonry Dale is an avid sportsman. His hobbies and interests include fishing, diving, golf, motorcycles (Harley Fat Boy), traveling, and Corvettes. In fact one of his most prized possessions is his 2013 Sixtieth Anniversary Corvette, a vehicle that he sought for many years. Lobster season, mini and regular, finds him diving for the delectable shellfish and he always brings home his limit. On land he is an avid NASCAR and American La-Mans Fan and travels to many races throughout the year. The hobby that brings him the most places is skiing. Dale has a rule to ski someplace different every year. He has tackled the slopes at Killington, Vermont; Heavenly & Sierra, Lake Tahoe; Jackson Hole, Wyoming; Park City & Canyons & Deer Valley, Utah; North Carolina; The Catskills; The Poconos; and Massnuttten, Virginia.

Although Dale fully embraces the importance of membership and fiscal responsibility, his main focus is to promote unity within Mahi, a goal he hopes to readily achieve in 2018.

Join Chief Rabban Dale Spear and Lady Mitzie on the

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| DATE | LOCATION | ARRIVE | DEPART |
|------------|-----------------------------|--------|--------|
| Fri. 9/21 | — Overnight on Ship in Q.C. | 2pm | — |
| Sat. 9/22 | — Sail from Quebec City | — | 6pm |
| Sun. 9/23 | — At Sea | — | — |
| Mon. 9/24 | — Sydney, Nova Scotia | 8am | 5pm |
| Tues. 9/25 | — Halifax, Nova Scotia | 8am | 5pm |
| Wed. 9/26 | — Saint John, New Brunswick | 10am | 7pm |
| Thu. 9/27 | — Portland, Maine | 8am | 5pm |
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Jorge Filgueira is new O.G.

BY JOHN W. BORSA JR.

Mahi's new Oriental Guide for 2018 is Noble Jorge Filgueira. Well known and highly respected in the Miami Masonic community, he decided to take the opportunity to move forward to the appendant bodies and serve in the shrine.

He was born on December 24, 1964 in Havana, Cuba to Ignacio and Bertha Filgueira. He has an older brother, Ignacio. The family moved to the Astoria, Queens section of New York, NY when Jorge was very young. He attended local schools and graduated from St. John's Preparatory High School. He then studied at the New York Institute of Technology in Old Westbury, Long Island. The family moved to Miami in 1987. He is currently the President of HH Construction Group Inc. specializing in concrete shell contracting.

Figueira is a Past Master of Hialeah Opa Locka Lodge No. 391 F.& A.M. and a member of the Miami York Rite Bodies, Valley of Miami Scottish Rite and Mi-Am-I Grotto. He was created a Noble of Mahi Shriners in 2015 and has been very active since.

Outside of the fraternity, Filgueira enjoys motorcycling, shooting, golf and visiting his property in Georgia. He is married to Eva and the couple have three grown children; Danielle, Jorge and Michael. They live in Miami Springs and are a close knit family.



FILGUEIRA

Jim Ewart is new Treasurer

BY JOHN W. BORSA JR.

A change has been made in the office of Treasurer for 2018. Noble Jim Ewart was elected to serve in the position. This extremely active brother from Broward County is a

longtime fixture in Freemasonry and has a long and distinguished record.

James S. Ewart was born on January 18, 1945 in Buffalo, NY to Mildred and Norton Ewart. He was one of four children and has two brothers and one sister. He attended Lindbergh Elementary, Kenmore Junior and Kenmore West Senior High Schools in Kenmore, a suburb of Buffalo. He received his Bachelor of Science from



EWART

Syracuse University majoring in Public Accounting.

Ewart ended up moving to Ft. Lauderdale and started his own CPA firm. He has a lengthy client list and specializes in tax return preparation. He is a Past Master of both Westgate Lodge No. 332 F. & A. M. (1983) and Seminole Lodge No. 304 F. & A. M. (2005); Worthy Patron of Tri-Gate Chapter No. 276 Order of the Eastern Star (1982); a member of the Valley of Miami Scottish Rite (33°); and a Past Monarch and currently Treasurer of Feramo Grotto M.O.V.P.E.R. Ewart served as District Deputy Grand Master of the 26th (27th) Masonic District under Grand Master Most Worshipful Dr. Wallace Dawson in 1994.

Outside of the fraternity Ewart enjoys all things Disney and resides in Sunrise. He is a lifelong bachelor.

AN EVENING IN THE KEYS

Friday April 27, 2018

In conjunction with the Potentate's Ball Weekend, join us on the Mahi Tour Bus as we travel to the fabulous Florida Keys. The bus will leave the Holiday Inn at 5:30pm and travel to Islamorada making a few stops along the way, including for a dutch treat dinner. \$10 per person for bus, dinner on your own. Limited to the first 50 guests.

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Another year, another Patient Kids Party

Mahi brings a little holiday cheer to hospital patients

BY JOHN W. BORSA JR.

One of Mahi's greatest traditions, the annual Christmas party for the Shriners Hospital Patients within its jurisdiction, was held this past December. For the sixth year in a row the party was hosted at the Broward Shrine Club in Hollywood. Over 100 patients, siblings, parents, Nobles and ladies filled the hall to enjoy the happy faces of the children that we help each day. Although attendance was down, the kids who were there had a fantastic time.

The dining hall at the club was decorated with much holiday fare including Christmas trees, reindeer, toy trains, snowmen and other cartoon like figures. Everything looked beautiful and brought a smile to each person that entered. Lots of good food and deserts were available at one end while games for all lined the side of the hall. The Mahi Clowns were present and entertaining all while the Director's Staff had a firetruck outside for everyone to admire.

A special guest was Shriners Hospitals for Children Patient Ambassador Isabella Rose. Rose, 15, gave a pep talk to the patients in attendance and sang a few songs.

As the day went on it became time for the big event, the arrival of Santa Claus.



ROSE

Jolly Old St. Nick and a few of his helpers made a grand entrance on the firetruck and sat with all the kids, and some adults, who wanted to tell him what they wanted for Christmas. Photos were

taken of everyone on his lap and captured what might have been some of the biggest smiles of the day. Afterwards the kids were led into the lounge area where several tables of toys were on display and ready to be adopted. In addition each child was given a gift card.

Many thanks go out to all who helped out, especially Lerryn Latimer's Committee, the Clowns, Director's Staff, Broward Shrine Club, Iham/Shrinettes/Fezettes Clubs, and Santa Claus, Noble Ken Asbury Jr. Ok, even Lord Darth Vader too.



Seen at the party are (Top Row L-R) Janet James, Sandra Gonzalez, Becky Snyder, Judie Pappas, Ellen Higginbotham, Rudolph (John Patrick Bice), Sandi Ribler, Leslie Partington, Mikzie Spear, Mary Ann Mancini. (Front Row L-R) Lerryn Latimer, Ken Asbury Jr, Patty M'Sadoques, Emily Sherman, Jimmy Snyder, Pat Hoffmann, Melody Fierimonte.



The greatly anticipated arrival of Mr. & Mrs. Clauss (Emily Sherman and Ken Asbury Jr.



Popular Clown (Peter Brown) brought many smiles to the kids' faces at the party.



Santa's Helpers: (L-R) Darth Vader (John Gomez), Sandra Gonzalez and Rudolph (John Bice)



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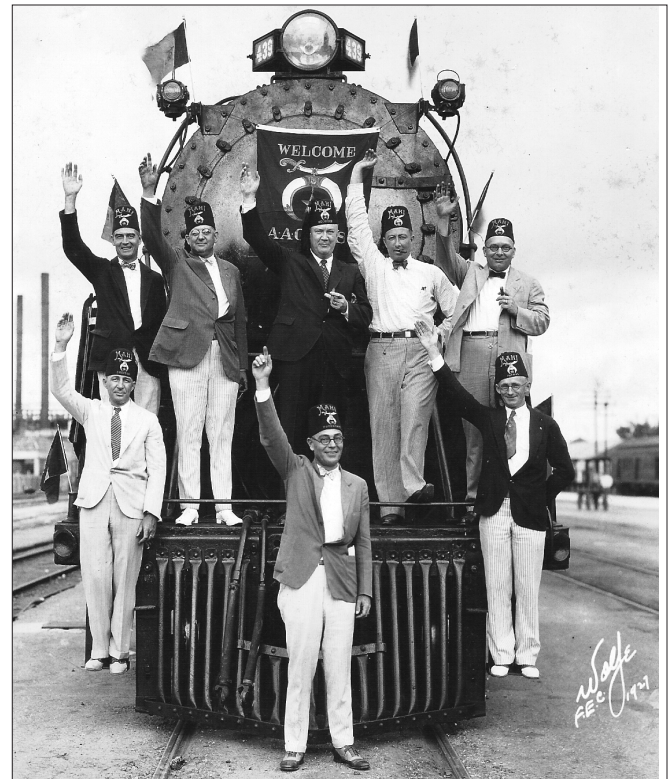
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1928 Imperial Shrine Session helped put City of Miami back on the map

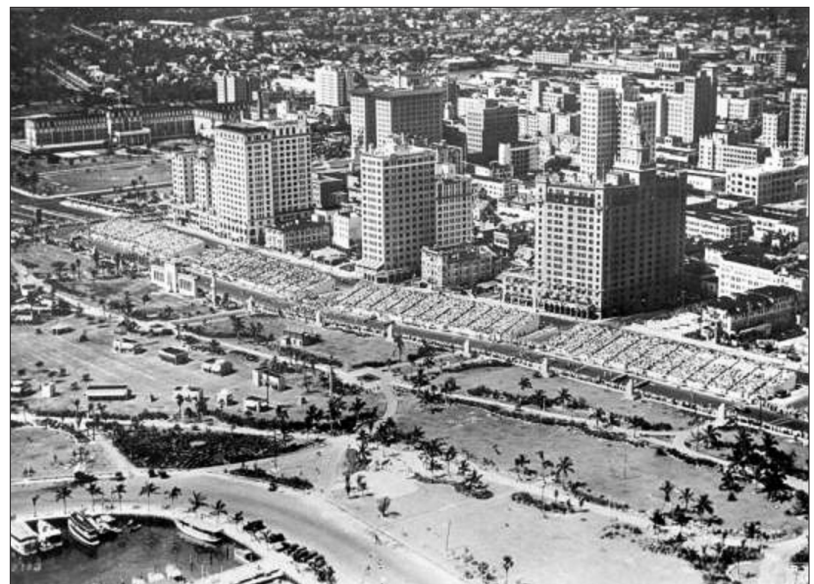
Remembering one of Shrinedom's greatest spectacles 90 years later

BY JOHN W. BORSA JR.

In September of 1926, a powerful category 4 hurricane roared across South Florida leaving a path of destruction from Homestead to Palm Beach. Hardest hit was the young and vibrant City of Miami where the eye of the storm had passed directly overhead. Looking back on the damage that occurred, there is a haunting resemblance to that of Hurricane Andrew some 66 years later. The City was devastated both physically and economically. Newspapers around the nation carried the headlines, "Miami wiped out"! To the residents and businesses it would seem that Miami really was wiped out. The preceding years had been filled with explosive growth which established the city as a top tourist destination as well as an ideal place to live. These were the so called "boom years" and Miami was known as the "Magic City". However as early as 1925, the bubble started to burst. Building supplies were hard to come by and the railroad and cargo ships could not keep up with the demand. Shady land deals that involved fictitious property were beginning to be exposed and defaults on loans increased steadily. When the storm struck on September 18, 1926, it brought the Great Depression to South Florida a full three years earlier than the rest of the U.S. It was time for the community to band together and rebuild. Proudly, Mahi Temple was at the forefront of this effort.



Officials from the Florida East Coast Railway, who were also members of Mahi, pose at the at the FEC Passenger Station in front of one of the many locomotives that carried delegates to the Session



Over 50,000 Shriners and public spectators alike filled the bleachers on Biscayne Boulevard in Downtown Miami on Tuesday May 1, 1928 for the Imperial Council Session's Day Parade. Mahi Temple had built an entire Arabian like village in and around the one year old Bayfront Park for the visiting Nobility as well as an extremely elaborate Parade Grandstand for the Imperial Officers and City Officials. At left, the Miami Daily News reports on the festivities earlier that day.

Mahi had been established in 1922 to serve the growing need of Miami's Masonic brotherhood who desired to cross the hot sands of the Shrine. By 1926, most of the influential businessmen and municipal officials in the area claimed membership in the growing Shrine Chapter. In the aftermath of the storm it was that leadership within the fraternity that spearheaded relief and rebuilding efforts. However, there was more to be rebuilt than homes and businesses; something of far greater importance. That something was Miami's damaged economy.

A plan had to be formulated to let the nation know that Miami was still here and was better than ever as a place to visit or even settle down. It was perhaps sometime in the spring of '27 that the leaders of Mahi decided that the best way to rebuild America's confidence in the city was to invite their brother Shriners down for a visit. The Temple would seek to host the 1928 Imperial Council Session which would bring tens of thousands of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine to Miami, most of who were the nation's movers, shakers and pillars of the community.

The task at hand was no easy situation. Putting on a convention of this size would require a huge volunteer workforce, cooperation from local merchants and businesses and most importantly, money. Lots of money. However, anyone who doubted that it could be done was sorely mistaken. As mentioned, Mahi was populated by some of the biggest names in town who could make big things happen. By the time the delegation left to make its pitch in Atlantic City in May of 1927, close to \$200,000 had been raised as seed money, mostly from the cities of Miami, Miami Beach, Coral Gables and Dade County. The Imperial Council, however, was hesitant to agree to the proposal, but the impressive and well thought out proposition presented by Mahi was enough to persuade the delegates to award the convention to Miami. The planners would have less than a year to put together what they thought could be the greatest spectacle ever held by the fraternity.

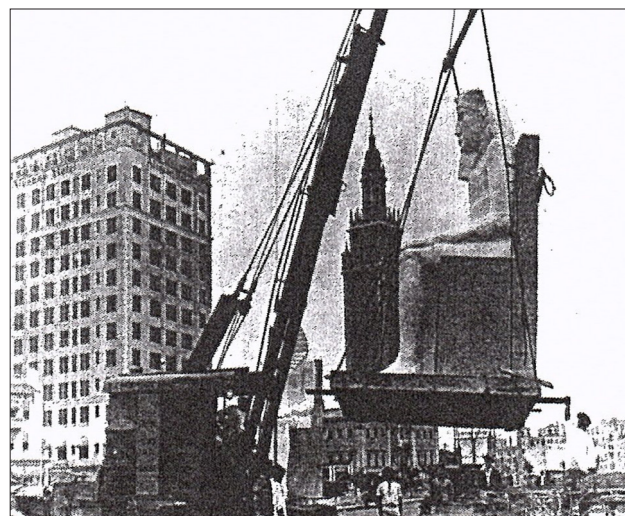
Thus the work began. Committees were formed, hotel rooms were secured, donations from businesses were sought and countless plans were created, rethought and created again. Every aspect of this event had to be spectacular in nature if the goal of reestablishing Miami was to be achieved. The first order of business was to come up with a marketing scheme and logo. A contest was held amongst the Nobility to come up with a catchy slogan to entice Shriners to attend the elaborate event. -->



The visiting Nobility had never seen such elaborate decorations at a Session as they saw in Miami that Spring. Shown is the grandstand where the Imperial Potentate and other officials could watch the festivities which included parades, street shows and live entertainment.



Mahi built the Bayfront Park Bandshell for concerts during the session and then turned it over to the city. It was razed in 1947 and was replaced in 1950.



24 Pharaohs held court in Bayfront Park. Note the Colonial Hotel and Miami News (Freedom) Tower in the background.

The winning slogan ended up being; "Come on Fez, Miami Sez!" This campaign would be seen in countless newspapers and magazines that winter. Locally, Mahi envisioned creating an Arabian Village or "Garden of Allah" in Bayfront Park where parades, stage shows and exhibitions could be held. The convention delegates had to be convinced that Miami was a place of fantasy and mystique.

By February of 1928 work had begun on this mammoth project. Two pillars adorned by Arabic mystical figures were erected at N.E. 3rd Street and Biscayne Boulevard and marked the entrance to the village. An extravagant grandstand was built at N.E. 1st Street to house the Imperial Potentate and Officers when reviewing parades and other street entertainment. Across from this were enough bleachers to hold 20,000 spectators. Around the corner and down Flagler Street, each Temple of the Order was represented by a large fez, inscribed with its name, placed on top of streetlamps. The Olympia Theatre, in this vicinity, was to be the headquarters for the business sessions. Delegates would be housed in the numerous large downtown hotels such as the Everglades, McAllister and Columbus. When those rooms were filled, the Nobles would be housed in private homes, apartments, Pullman rail cars or on passenger steamers docked at the nearby Municipal Docks. Also at those docks, arrangements were made to have two U.S. Navy Destroyers and two submarines available which would serve as an additional attraction by being open for tours. More importantly, this would also allow hundreds of sailors to get shore leave and spend money in the city at the same time. Preparations were also undertaken within the surrounding community. Arrangements were made at venues of all sorts throughout Dade and Broward Counties to host parties and banquets. This tactic was used to enable delegates to get away from the business district and see what the surrounding suburbs were like; those suburbs which might entice them to relocate to the area. To assure a pleasing presentation, any area of the city considered to be plagued by blight was cleaned up. Any unsightly roadside junk or debris were carted off. Dense underbrush and landscaping were tended to and any displeasing trees or shrubs were removed. The County even gave trees away

to any homeowner who would plant it in their front yard. Across the bay, Miami Beach was bustling and events were planned for the many bathing casinos. Even the telephone poles on the County (MacArthur) Causeway were decorated with colored canvas cutouts of butterflies. Local dealers donated luxury "open" type for the use of important delegates. Buses and limousines were hired to transport delegates to various hotels and points of interest. There would be no reason for anyone not to travel around.

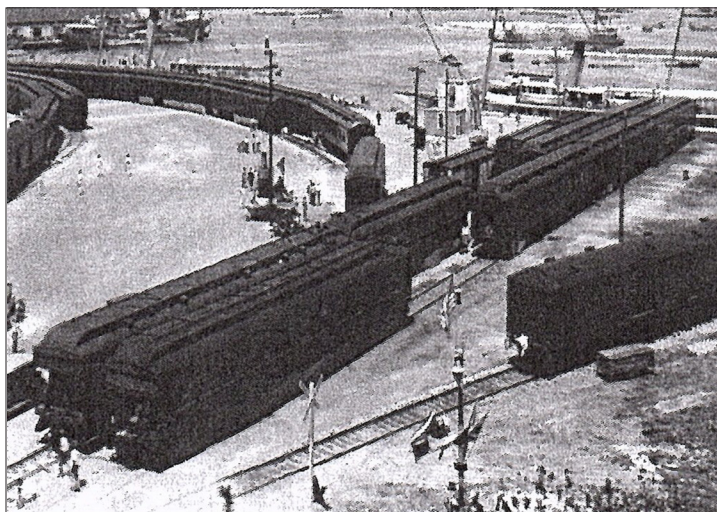
And so the stage was set. The 25,000 attendees began arriving and the session officially began on May 1. For the next three days, Miami was transformed into one big party, a party which the city had never seen before. Days were filled with competitions, parades and street shows. Nights were filled with galas, banquets, dances and more parties. Nighttime brought the most spectacular events. Transparent canvas was strung along the roof line of the Royal Palm Hotel and lit from behind with spotlights. Ballerina dancers would then perform in front of the lights, creating a silhouette effect on the canvas that was quite the sight from the ground. A lighted boat parade was held in the bay, much like today's Winterfest Boat Parade. However the crowd favorite each night was a new device called the "aurora" light which was a bright spotlight and a revolving beacon with different color shades were used to send out beams of light onto the sides of downtown buildings. For 1928, this was hi-tech.

Needless to say, the convention was a huge success. Delegates sent letters to Mahi thanking them for the wonderful time claiming that they had never seen such a beautiful city or been treated so well. As for the city, the seed of recovery had been planted and began to grow. The event was soon followed by the national Elks and Lions Conventions later that year. Tourism began to flourish again and by the early 1930's, South Florida was back on the map and less impacted by the Depression than the rest of the nation. As for Mahi, the event ended costing \$2000 (about \$30k in 2018) but it was agreed that this was a small price to pay to help the city. Mahi would host 3 more Imperials in 1952, 1961 and in 1971, still considered the largest convention ever held in Miami-Dade.

Whether or not the Imperial Session saved the city is up to interpretation. The area would of surely bounced back eventually, had the event not been held. However, the Nobles of Mahi can be proud that their organization took charge in the community and did its best to help accelerate the recovery by holding one of the most spectacular events in the city's history.



The two biggest supporters of the event; Honorable E. G. Sewell, Mayor of Miami and Ill. E.B. Donnell, Potentate of Mahi for 1928.



When hotel rooms, apartments and rental houses ran out, Delegates were housed in Pullman Cars on the site of today's American Airlines Arena.

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Isn't it great to be a Shriner?
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COMMENTARY



BY JOHN W. BORSA JR.

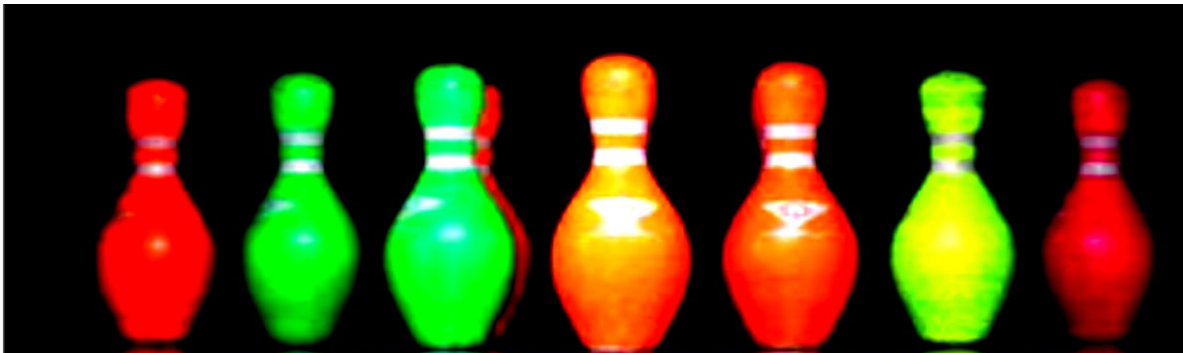


Every once in a while some Noble will speak up during a meeting or conversation and exclaim, "the only reason we're here is for the children." As altruistic as that sounds, it is totally untrue. Yes we support Shriners Hospitals for Children everyday. Yes we swell with pride when telling the public about the care given to the patients and how wonderful the research is. Yes some of us even take a day out of our lives to drive these patients to the Tampa unit. We even have a past Imperial Potentate who goes around saying that each of us are owners of a billion dollar corporation. But let's take a look at something. Compare these two graphics:



Do you get the message? There are no Shriners Hospitals for Children without Shriners. We are a fraternity that supports a philanthropic cause. But without the fraternity,

there would be no one to support that philanthropy. You may or may not know that the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine was established in 1872 and operated with great success for 50 years before the establishment of Shriners Hospitals. The order was established for masons who wanted to participate in fun and fellowship. Parades, bands, costumes, conventions, and happiness were all part of what was hoped would happen. And while this was happening, charity could be supported as well. Ever heard of this one, "Shriners. Having fun, helping kids"? It was a great thing when our hospitals were formed but that was just a bonus to what was already happening. We support our philanthropy and we support it strongly, but without the social aspect of being a fraternity we are doomed. No one joins just to fund-raise and continually give money out of their own pocket. Each Noble wants to have fellowship with like minded men who like to have fun while supporting a cause. So let's have a happy medium here while we accomplish this. Talk up the virtues of being a Shriner at your blue lodge and in your community. Go out and find one, just one man who might be interested in becoming a mason and shriner. First, tell him about the fun we have and the activities that we enjoy. Second, tell him about the wonderful cause that we support. What better sales pitch can you have than that? Shriners. Having fun, helping kids.



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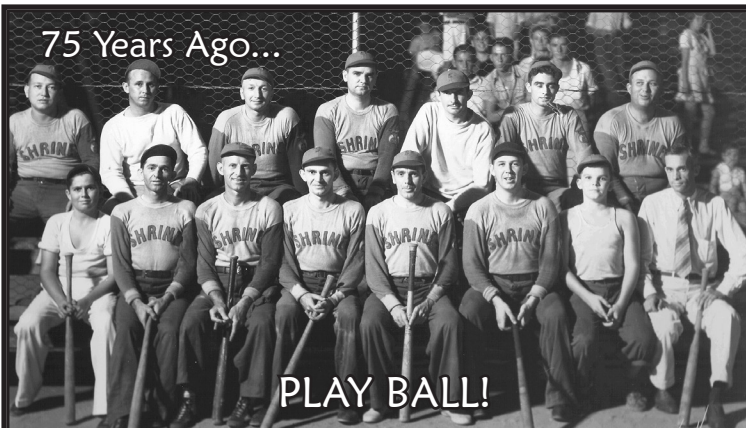
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A LOOK BACK INTO MAHI'S HISTORY

75 Years Ago...



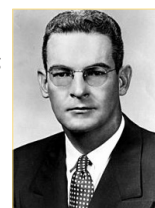
Mahi has always been very community minded. The nobility has always participated in fundraising and activities outside that of our fraternity and Shriners Hospital for Children. One such example was the sponsorship of a local amateur baseball team that played in the early 1940's. The "Shrine" team played in a community league at Miami Field, a small baseball park located at the southwest corner of the Roddey Burdine Stadium (Orange Bowl) complex. prior to the construction of the Miami Baseball Stadium (Bobby Maduro Stadium). Any professional or community baseball was played here, including that of the University of Miami teams. The outfield was actually the southwest corner of the football stadium. Seen above is Shrine team in the spring of 1943. The coach, Illustrious Sir Raymond Williams (2nd row, third from right) and manager, Illustrious Sir Robin Mulloy (front row, first on right) were two future Potentates. It is unclear how many years the team played and no other information survives beyond the photo.

65 Years Ago...



Many years ago it was not uncommon for local politicians to belong to Mahi. Such was the case when Noble Daniel T. McCartney was inaugurated as Governor of Florida in 1953.

McCarty was a cattle farmer from Ft. Pierce (once a part of Mahi's jurisdiction) and served as a state representative from the area. He was sworn in on January 8, 1953. Seen above is the Mahi Legion of Honor marching in the inaugural parade at Tallahassee This, of course was to honor of their fellow Noble. (L-R) Ben Shiver, William Kistler, Andy Scharrer, Perdell Smith, Joe St. Ana, and Joe Smith. Sadly,



McCarty

McCarty suffered a debilitating heart attack a month later and had to govern from his bed until he developed pneumonia and passed away on September 28, 1953.

55 Years Ago...



Everyone knows that South Florida is one of the major boating capitals of the United States. Therefore, whatever organization one belongs to, there are sure to be boaters and fishermen within the membership. Mahi has been no exception through the years and units such as the Mahi Fleet, Mahi Mariners, Royal Pirates and International Association of Shrine Yacht Clubs have been prevalent. Seen above is the first group of these boaters to organize, the Mahi Fleet. On March 30, 1963 the fleet departed from the Seminole Docks on the Miami River and motored down to Elliot Key County Park (Biscayne National Park would not be formed until 1974) where they enjoyed a picnic and swimming. The unit lasted a few more years and evolved into the Mahi Mariners in 1966.

45 Years Ago...



Mahi's jurisdiction once stretched north to Indian River County. There were once many shrine clubs such as West Palm Beach, Martin County, Ft. Pierce and Vero Beach. In March of 1972 the Jupiter Shrine Club in northern Palm Beach County was given a dispensation and worked hard for nine months to prove themselves. The result is seen above as Illustrious Sir Jay Kraeer presents club president Joe McKenna with the charter on January 17, 1973. The club would become part of Amara Shriners when that temple was chartered in June 1974.

Something Fishy occurs at SHC Tampa

The Shriners Hospitals for Children Tampa Unit recently welcomed Noble James Watson to the hospital who brought along some of his professional fishing colleagues to sign autographs and spend some time with our kids. Aside from being a Shriner from Missouri, Noble Watson is a professional bass angler himself who is dedicated to help raising money for our hospital system. Lucky us! The group was in Florida doing what they do best, participating in a fishing tournament on Lake Okeechobee, ranked the 2nd best bass fishing lake in the United States.

Thank go out to James Watson Professional Angler, Casey Scanlon Professional Angler, Jeremy Lawyer Fishing and Jeff Sprague for taking the time out of their schedules and stopping by to make our patients smile!



Maureen Maciel, M.D. - Chief of Staff

Maureen J. Maciel, M.D., is the chief of staff at Shriners Hospitals for Children — Tampa. She earned her medical degree at Mount Sinai Medical School in New York. After completing a residency in orthopaedic surgery from The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, Dr. Maciel went on to a fellowship in pediatric orthopaedic surgery at Shriners Hospitals for Children — Tampa. Since 2007, Dr. Maciel has been dedicated to treating children at Shriners Hospitals for Children — Tampa.

Areas of special interest to Dr. Maciel are limb lengthening and reconstruction, fibrous dysplasia, rickets, Blount's disease, developmental hip dysplasia, clubfoot, cerebral palsy and fractures.

Dr. Maciel is a member of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, Pediatric Orthopaedic Society of North America, American Medical Association, Association of Children's Prosthetic-Orthotic Clinics, Ruth Jackson Orthopaedic Society and Limb Lengthening and Reconstruction Society.

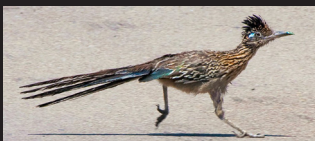


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ROADRUNNERS REPORT

Total Lifetime trips for Nobles making a trip in the last calendar year.

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| Alberto LaGuardia | 13 | Jim Pappas | 22 | Stephen Kastner | 88 |
| Art Fernandez | 16 | Joe Janosik | 4 | Steve Houlihan | 166 |
| Clare Christle | 9 | Joe Schillace | 30 | Steven Krasky | 29 |
| David Scharf | 7 | Joel Ribler | 83 | Steven Rushefsky | 21 |
| Dennis Asburry | 4 | Ken Asburry Jr. | 4 | Vernon Lewis | 16 |
| Dick Sharpe | 105 | Lee Westman | 9 | | |
| Don Kauffman | 13 | Manek Kurcbaum | 234 | | |
| Donald Wendt | 54 | Michael Taussig | 12 | | |
| Ernie Lara | 35 | Mike Lewis | 115 | | |
| Felix Mieses | 16 | Paul Maturse | 82 | | |
| Fidel Orta | 10 | Rene M'Sadoques | 5 | | |
| Henry DeGuzman | 1 | Richie Greco | 84 | | |
| Ivan Garcia | 1 | Roger Levine | 22 | | |
| James Ewart | 1 | Ron Kopplow | 36 | | |
| James Jackson | 19 | Ronald Catana | 47 | | |
| Jerry Sherman | 67 | Scott Griffin | 6 | | |



News from Cincinnati

50 years of Love to the Rescue



For Shriners Hospitals for Children—Cincinnati, 2018 marks 50 years of pediatric specialty health care. From our origins in burn treatment, Cincinnati Shriners Hospital has become a globally-recognized health leader and innovator. Our comprehensive, family-focused approaches to healing and groundbreaking research have changed lives for children across the country and around the world.

In the hospital's early days, survival was the primary focus after a burn injury. As advances in research and medical treatment improved outcomes, focus shifted to the child's quality of life after wounds healed—a philosophy of thriving, not just surviving. This expanded medical proficiency led to Cincinnati Shriners Hospital becoming a destination for pediatric treatment beyond burn care, including cleft lip and palate and other craniofacial disorders, specialized wound and skin conditions and plastic and reconstructive surgery.

Today, healing at Cincinnati Shriners Hospital encompasses family-centered care, with an emphasis on keeping parents and families close and actively involved in the individual needs of the child throughout treatment and beyond.

It's been an amazing 50 years and we have many upcoming plans for this year. Stay tuned to our website and social media pages and **mark your calendar for Divan Days, August 24 & 25.**



If you know a child we can help, go to
shrinershospitalcincinnati.org or call:

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Shriners Play a Big Role in Referrals

When it comes to finding medical help for children, Shriners are now more important than ever. Members of the fraternity have always played a critical role in helping families in their communities get connected with Shriners Hospitals for Children – Cincinnati, and now it has become even easier with a website and referral cards.

Website

Shriners Hospitals for Children – Cincinnati continues to make referring a patient and obtaining an appointment for care easier than ever through the **www.shrinershospitalcincinnati.org** website.

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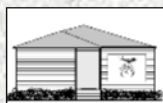
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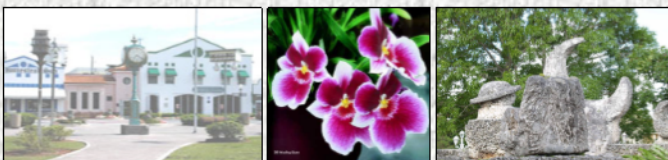


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UNIT & CLUB NEWS



Miami Shrine Club to begin meeting again

BY JOHN W. BORSA JR.

After two years of starts and stops, the Miami Shrine Club is back in action. Illustrious Sir Dale A. Spear, Potentate of Mahi Shriners, stepped in and issued an order of reorganization and named Illustrious Sir Stephen G. Rosean, PP, as President. The club held its monthly meeting on February 19th with 15 nobles in attendance. Many things were discussed as to how to make the club attract members, thrive and grow.

Currently there is no Shrine Club located between Hollywood and Homestead and it is hoped that placing one

in central Miami-Dade will inspire some of the 300 Nobles who live in the county to become active at a local level. It was also hoped that taking on a fraternal project will help boost attendance and participation. In that vein, the Mahi Anhinga degree was cited as a possible project that the club could take over and help to reestablish after many years of being

dormant. "We don't just want a meeting and some fellowship. Rather we need to have a purpose and helping out Mahi is a good way to start" said Rosean.

The officers of the club are: President Ill. Rosean; Vice President: Manny Silva; Treasurer: Esteban Lazo; Secretary Pro-Tem; John Borsa Jr. Meetings will be held on the 1st Monday of each month at the Mahi Warehouses, 5528 NW 72 Avenue in Miami. The group will also meet for fellowship on 5th Mondays when applicable.

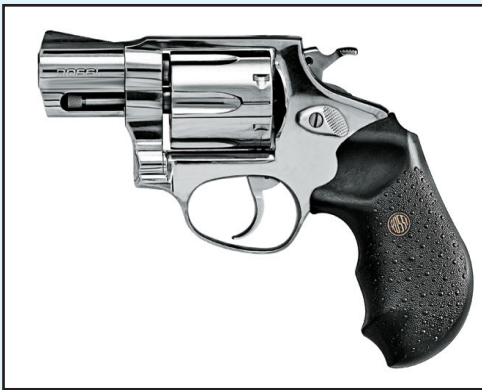
For more information contact the President at rosey308@bellsouth.net.



ROSEAN



Errr....how about bumpin' up your particpatin' a bit? Instead of just attendin' the monthly meetins' how about joining a club or unit? The pleasure will be all yours doc!



MAHI SHARP SHOOTERS

If you are interested in Firearms and Shooting then this new unit is for you. Meeting 2nd Wednesdays in South Miami-Dade. For more information contact:

Noble RON KOPLOW - 305-252-6078



MOTOR CORPS

Do you have a motorcycle? Why not join the Mahi Motor Corps? If you like bikes and would like to show your riding skills, this unit is for you.

Noble JEFF GOINS - 954-981-4802

When someone dear to you passes from this life what better way to remember them than by helping a child in need? Why not send in your donation to the Mahi Hospital Patient Transportation Fund in memory of the departed? Your contribution is tax deductible and the survivor or whomever you designate will be notified by letter that you cared enough to send in a donation. You will feel good, the survivor will feel good and you'll have done something wonderful to honor someone's memory.....you will have helped a child in need!

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IN MEMORIAM

The following Nobles were summoned to mount the Black Camel and cross that sublime desert since our last publication

Charles R. Robinette
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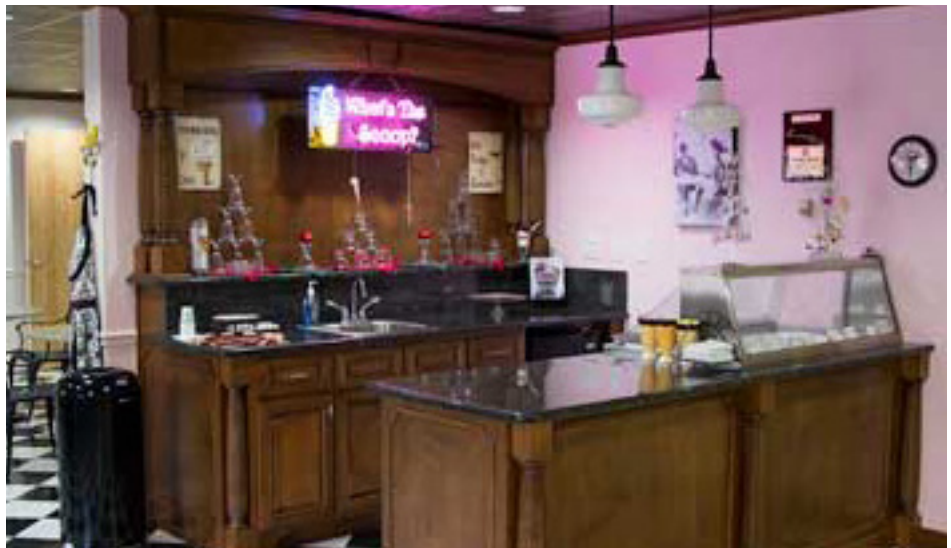


What do you know about the Masonic Home?

The Masonic Home of Florida is situated on 18 acres of lush landscaping on the shores of Coffee Pot Bayou, a picturesque inlet off Old Tampa Bay is surrounded by the finest neighborhoods in the area and close to major shopping centers and dining in Downtown St. Petersburg.

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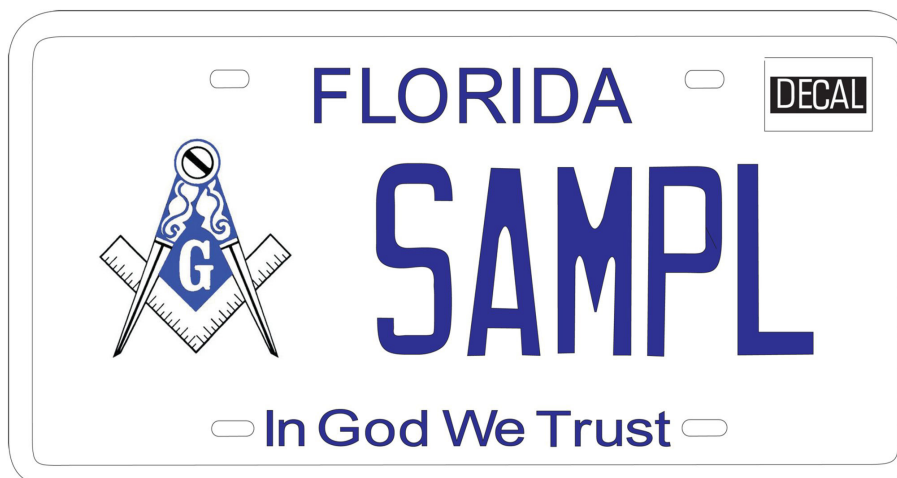
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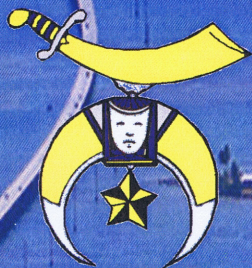
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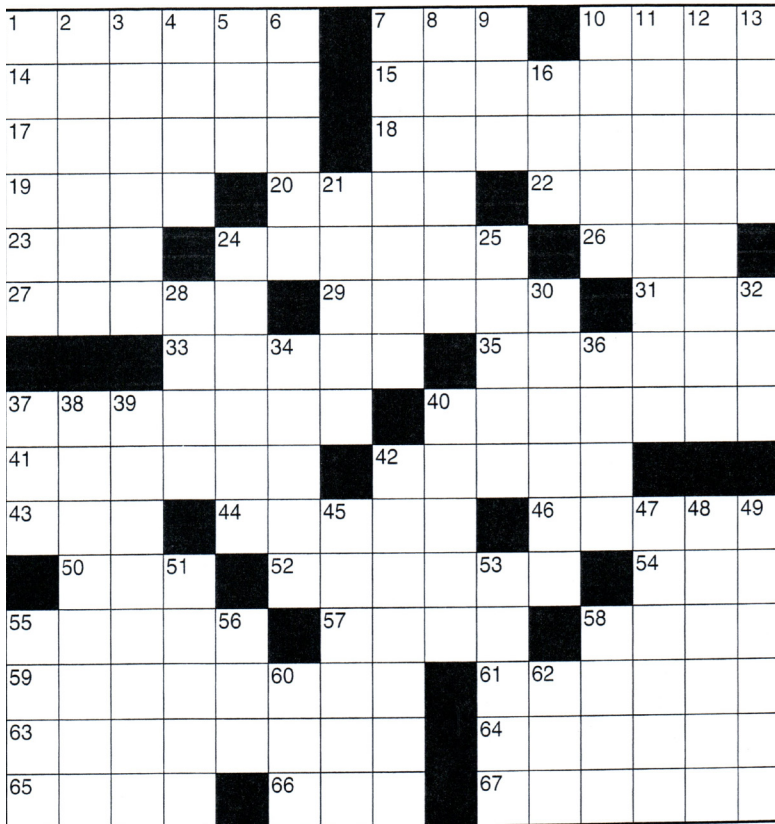
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So Much for Conspiracies: Israeli Freemasons Function as 'Boy Scouts for Adults'

With its history shrouded in mystery and its existence being the subject of countless conspiracy theories and myths, the Freemasons operate openly in Israel and eagerly accept new members, according to one of the organization's lodge presidents.

Instead of being a secret society bent on world domination, Freemasons are a group that openly advertises its presence and strives to promote morality and integrity, Roy G. Guttman, a lawyer and the president of Lodge Muffelmann Oman 29, told Haaretz.

"When I'm asked what Freemasonry is, I reply that it's Scouts for adults," Guttman said. He further sought to debunk rumors about Freemasonry being some kind of cult. "There is no one figure here that people worship or to whom they donate. It's not a belief in a particular religion," Guttman stated, adding that the organization accepts "brothers from the monotheistic religions." The freemason added that the society "consists of an older public" and therefore seeks to make it "more youthful" via new admissions, warning however that "being a Mason is a way of life of morality, integrity, help and truth."

He noted that while the application process itself is fairly easy, with prospective candidates able to apply for membership via website or an email to the Grand Lodge, though "not everyone is accepted."

According to Haaretz, there are currently 50 masonic lodges in Israel subordinate to the Grand Lodge, with a total membership of about 1,200 brothers.

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KNOW THE NOBLE - BILL CRAIG

BY JOHN W. BORSA JR.

Many Master Masons join our order and are satisfied to be supporting our philanthropy and take pride in being a Shriner. Unfortunately, many become card carrying members and are rarely seen again at a meeting or function. However, there are exceptions and one Noble who fits that criteria is William E. Craig Jr. This enthusiastic Noble has become one of the most active members of Mahi Shriners and stands ready to do whatever it takes to support it.

Bill Craig was born in Miami on May 30, 1968 to William E. and Mary Ellen Craig. He is the eldest of three children and has a younger sister and brother. Although his parents were not involved in the Freemasonry, his grandparents were. Bill has fond memories of the "guys from the lodge" hanging out in the garage with his grandfather, Robert Craig. He would later realize that those gatherings were catechism sessions. Robert and his wife Ruth, Bill's grandmother, served as Worthy Patron and Matron of Allapattah Chapter Order of the Eastern Star in 1973. He was also close to Noble David Miller's family, who grew up under similar circumstances. These impressions with him and led to a desire to become a part of the fraternity.

Bill attended local schools including Benjamin Franklin Elementary, North Miami Junior High and North Miami Senior High where he graduated from in 1987. He attended Broward Community College and George T. Baker Aviation School where he learned aircraft design and maintenance. He later joined the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States and Canada, Local #519 as an apprentice. He learned valuable skills and was on his way to a plumbing career until his uncle was killed on a job site which discouraged him from proceeding in the industry.

However, that tragedy opened another door and Bill became involved in the electronics field, specializing in display applications in public places. He became a systems engineer in low voltage commercial applications and mastered design/construct systems for

airports, stadiums, arenas, hotels, schools, universities, television studios and other similar commercial applications. This led him to work with the Miami Dolphins at Hard Rock Stadium, the Miami Marlins at Marlins Park and the Florida International University Golden Panthers at FIU Stadium. As he made a name for himself locally, he expanded offshore and partnered in Icor International Systems, a Bahamian company. He is currently a co-owner of the firm and serves as President of its United States operations. He is on the cutting edge of digital screen technology and has developed an outdoor

product that is highly weatherproof, resisting the moisture, heat and humidity found in South Florida and the Caribbean. Recent jobs have included the screens at Lynden Pindling International Airport in Nassau and FIU Stadium. The firm has a bright future and is known as the company to call to figure out problems and last minute repairs, regardless of whether Icor did the original installation or not. Bill also has an ownership interest in LouBert Jewelry in Cooper City, a 40 plus year local retail business.

As Bill's career progressed he did not forget about his earlier association with Freemasonry, but work and family obligations kept him busy. In 2013 he learned that his longtime friend David Miller had become a Mason and Shriner. His interest immediately piqued and he made the decision to join the fraternity. He soon petitioned Hurricane Lodge No. 401, F. & A. M. and was initiated, passed and raised a Master Mason in 2015. He immediately delved into the symbolism and mysticism of the fraternity and became an active member of the lodge serving as Junior Steward in 2017. He is also a member of the Ft. Lauderdale York Rite Bodies and Miami Scottish Rite Bodies where he attends regularly.



Bill heard much about the fun and frolics of the Shriners and he was resolved to become a member. He was created a Noble of Shriners International during the famous "Bus Ceremony" at the Broward Shrine Club in April 2016. Encouraged to come to the Director's staff on Monday nights, he was soon a faithful attendee and just started helping out wherever he could. Bill began cooking, cleaning up, working on vehicles and overall making a tremendous difference around the warehouses. These efforts were out of pure personal pleasure free from hope of titles and accolades. Rarely has there been a more dedicated Noble in the last several decades of Mahi's history. He currently serves as the President of the Staff and also as 2nd Ceremonial Master at the temple level.

Ask anyone from the Staff and they will tell you Bill can do anything. He has tremendous knowledge of mechanics and loves to work on old cars, welding, custom fabricating, engineering, aerial mapping and photography with drones. Some call him "MacGyver".

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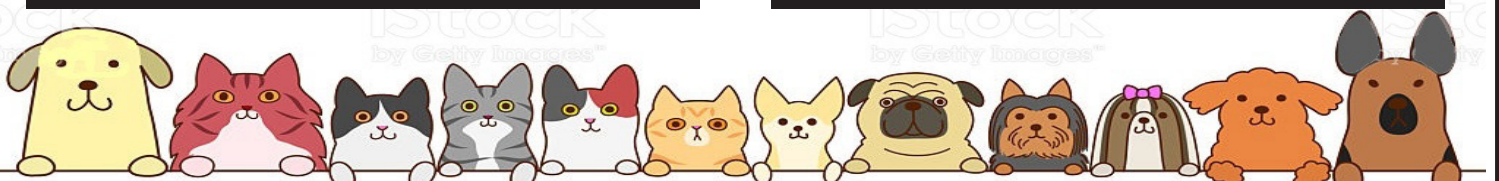
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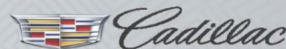
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