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Naja Shriners

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Naja's Newsletter Promoting Fun and Fellowship

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Quick Note from the Potentate



I can't believe it's March already. It has been a wild ride and from all indications it will get wilder.

First and foremost I want to make sure every noble understands that our organization has two main objectives. And foremost we are supposed to have fun. That is what the organization was developed for over 150 years ago. The second purpose of our organization is to support our hospitals.

We do a great job at supporting our hospital but, over the past couple of years I have noticed that our first and primary objective has been a little bit lacking.

I know I am not the most fun guy in the world. As a matter of fact what I think is fun most people probably think is boring and mundane. So, my charge to you is to find out what your fun is and how to incorporate that fun into Shriners. If that involves starting a new unit, then come talk to me and I can help you with that endeavor.

Finally, I have to talk about the subject that every potentate in the past has talked about. Membership. The best way to get new members is to fish from a pond that has fish. They need to be looking for new Shriners in places where potential Shriners would hang out. I am talking about our Lodges. The Nobles that have the most success in bringing in new members are also very active with their Lodge. Members of the Masonic Lodge are already qualified to become a Noble and can start participating in our activities right away. We shouldn't neglect our Blue Lodge and that should be the first place we are looking for new Nobles.



Shout Outs

Kip, Thank
you for your
work on the
Hospital
Board

Holly, Great
Work with our
Patients and
Nobles

Nobles of Naja,
Thank you for
everything you
do every day

Thanks to all the
Nobles who
worked the Out-
door Expo and
Outhouse Races

**If You know someone who deserves a
shout out submit it to
office@najashriners.org**

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Temple Meetings: Come Join Us!

- **April 9th Regular Meeting, Rapid City @ 6:30.**
- **May 14th Stated Meeting and Elections, Deadwood @ 7:00.**
- **June 11th Regular Meeting, Rapid City @ 6:30.**

Congratulations to the Newly Installed NAJA Officers



Potentate

Jeff VanCuren and Lady Pam

Chief Rabban

Eric Fischer and Lady Sherri

Assistant Rabban

Mitch Kammerer and Lady DeAnna

High Priest And Prophet

Bryan Fisher and Lady Lisa

Oriental Guide

Brian Cole and Lady Christina

Recorder

Scott Sharp (PP) and Lady Diane

Treasurer

Rick Holloway (PP) and Lady Diana

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Tom Doyle and Lady Laurie

2nd Ceremonial Master

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Bill Kinder and Lady Kari

Captain of the Guard

Joshua White and Lady Rachelle

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James Roseland and Lady Chris

Chief of Staff

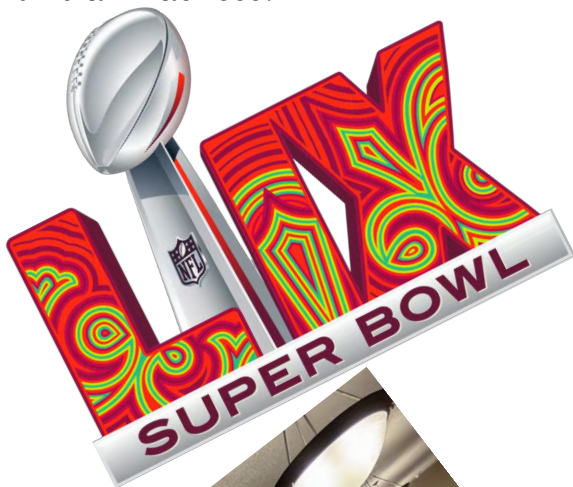
Howard Mehringer and Lady Sally





For 100 years the East West Shrine Bowl has been one of the premiere College Senior All-Start game. This year's game was played in the NFL Home of the Dallas Cowboys, AT&T Stadium in Irving, TX.

Make plans for next year to possibly see future NFL Legends. Past stars like Tom Brady, Walter Payton, and John Elway who have played in this game, as well as today's standouts like Brock Purdy, Zay Flowers, and Isiah Pacheco.



Speaking of sports, in February, The Blast and Cast Unit held a Super Bowl party at the Shrine Center and they combined it with a milestone Birthday for their President, Brian

Cole. It was a surprise and the Unit had over 60 people attend this annual event.



The Nemo Outhouse Races

Another GREAT Event!!!!!!

The 2025 Nemo 500 Outhouse Races are in the books. Every year this event grows bigger, so mark your calendars for next year, (February 28, 2026) and get ready to have some fun in the snow and sun!



This year we had another group of great competitors and

also some amazing Chili. We would like to thank the organizer of the event, Nemo Guest Ranch, that generates funds for our Transportation fund. This fund allows us to help our nearly 500 patients in Western South Dakota to get to their appointments at Shriners Children facilities.



Look for the Donation Jar at Temple Events

Spare Change
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Potentate Trip

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POTENTATE'S BLACK & WHITE BALL

April 12, 2025

5:00PM Social

6:00PM Dinner

Dancing Till 11PM

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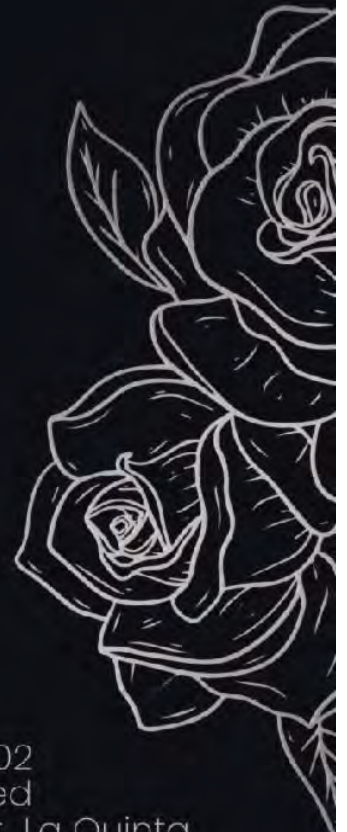
April 11: 6PM-11PM

April 12: 3PM-5PM & 10PM-1AM

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Saturday, May 3: 1 & 7pm
Sunday, May 4: 2pm

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Social Media
Networking Naja
Advertising
Promotion

The SNAP Unit is charged with bringing all the communication within NAJA to the next level. This unit will work on The Nugget, the NajaShriners.com site, pushing out PSA's, updating the calendar online, keeping a current presence on social media, bi-weekly communication with nobles and their ladies, taking pictures at events, helping units advertise their events, and promoting NAJA to the community.

New members are welcome. This is a working group that needs people who have experience with websites, social media, and writing/editing articles. If you are interested or have questions about this unit, or have some ideas for information in The Nugget, contact the SNAP Unit at NajaSnapUnit@gmail.com

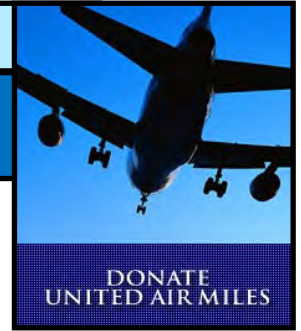
Is the Nugget missing something? YES!!!!!! - "YOU"

I WANT YOU



Consider writing a story for the quarterly newsletter.
Send a shout out for a Noble that is going above and beyond for the Temple.

United Airlines Mileage Plus Members



Do you have unused miles with United Airlines? Did you know that United Airlines has partnered with Shriners so you can donate them to the Shriners through **United Airlines Mileage Plus Charity Miles Program**? Your donation will help us provide air travel to our patients going to the Shrine hospitals in Chicago and Cincinnati.

You can donate a minimum of 1000 miles to Shriners by visiting their website at <https://donate.mileageplus.com/charity/profile/shriners-hospital> or you can call 1-800-421-4655.



Memorial Gifts and Donations

Miscellaneous Donations:

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In Memory of Arlen Nordha- gen:

Bill Coffield

In Memory of Tom Davis:

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In Memory of Bill Chase:

Jane McMillan
Richard & Joah Jahr
Ardis Barber

In Memory of Edward Litz:

Chad & Tina Cartwright

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April 2025

April 2025

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | | Snap Deadline Air Patrol | | | | |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| Old McDonald Brigade | Blast and Cast | | Divan Meeting (Rapid City) | | Potentate's Ball | |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| | Rapid City Clowns | Snap Deadline | Black Hills Shrine Club | Naja Clown Patrol | | Easter Egg Hunt |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| Easter | Provost / Hillbillies | Snap Deadline | Patient Services DADS | Diemensions | West River Shrine Unit | Sip and Shop |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| | | | | | | |
| 4 | 5 | Notes | | | | |
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May 2025

May 2025

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|-----------------------|---------------|------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| | | | | | Rapid City Circus | |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| Rapid City Circus Old McDonald Brigade | Blast and Cast | Air Patrol | Trustee Meeting | | | |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| Mother's Day | Rapid City Clowns | Snap Deadline | Stated Meeting (Deadwood) | Naja Clown Patrol | | Honored Ladies' Lunch |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| | Provost / Hillbillies | | Black Hills Shrine Club | Diemensions | West River Shrine Unit | |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |
| Back When They Bucked | Memorial Day | Snap Deadline | | | | |
| 1 | 2 | <i>Notes</i> | | | | |
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June 2025

June 2025

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| Old McDonald Brigade | Blast and Cast | Air Patrol | | | PBR | |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| | Rapid City Clowns | Snap Deadline | Divan Meeting (Rapid City) | | | Kid's Camp (Day Camp) |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| Father's Day | Provost / Hillbillies | | Black Hills Shrine Club | Naja Clown Patrol | Wall Circus | Deadwood Circus |
| | | | | Grand Lodge (Aberdeen) | | |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| Northern Circus | | Snap Deadline | | Diemensions | West River Shrine Unit Imperial Session (Atlanta) | |
| 29 | 30 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Imperial Session (Atlanta) | | | | | | |
| 6 | 7 | <i>Notes</i> | Duck Races | | | |
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FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

Strict attention must be given to all fundraising activities, including but not limited to circuses, gaming, bingo and raffles, to make certain that such activities are authorized and comply with the law of the land. In addition, because it is natural to associate the fez with Shriners Hospitals for Children it is essential that a contributor is not led to believe that his money will be used for the Hospitals when all or a portion thereof will be used otherwise. Advertising for all fundraisers must clearly indicate the entity for whom the funds are being raised. The integrity of our charity and of our fraternity must remain above reproach.

Your specific attention is called to the following fraternal and charitable bylaws:

§335.3 Use of Name “Shriners Hospitals For Children.” The use of the name “Shriners Hospitals for Children” or reference to the Hospitals in connection with any fundraising activity by a temple or Noble without the written consent of the Imperial Potentate and the chairman of the board of trustees of the Hospitals is prohibited.

§503.11 Commercial Use of Name. The use of the name “Shriners Hospitals for Children” or reference to the hospitals in connection with any commercial product or business enterprise is prohibited unless the written consent of the boards of directors and trustees has been first obtained.

Now, therefore, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

Fundraising for Fraternal Purposes:

- (a) No Noble (in his capacity as a Shriner), club, unit, organization of Nobles or affiliated or appendant corporations, shall engage in any fundraising activity without the express written consent of the Potentate of the temple having jurisdiction thereof.
- (b) There can be no representation, express or implied, that the proceeds will be for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children.
- (c) The temple Potentate shall carefully examine all phases of the advertising, promotion and solicitation to determine that it complies with §335.3 and §503.11 of the fraternal and charitable bylaws and that there is no representation, expressed or implied, that would lead a reasonably prudent person to believe that the proceeds will be for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children. If the Potentate is in doubt, he must receive the opinion of the Imperial Potentate who, after consultation with the Director of Temple Accounting, shall make the final determination.
- (d) The temple Potentate must approve the terms and provisions of any contract for a fundraising activity after receiving the advice of the temple attorney, and, additionally, as may be required by the temple bylaws.
- (e) A copy of the temple Potentate’s written consent shall be emailed to the Executive Vice President, Shriners International at officeoftheexecutive@shrinenet.org. Further, such written material pertaining to the fundraising activity, as requested by the Executive Vice President, Shriners International, shall be promptly mailed to him.

Fundraising for Charitable Purposes:

- (a) No Noble (in his capacity as a Shriner), club, unit, organization of Nobles or affiliated or appendant corporations shall engage in any charitable fundraising activity other than for Shriners Hospitals for Children. A request to fundraise for Shriners Hospitals for Children is now initiated through a module in WebFez. The temple recorder and/or designated staff are required to take online training to gain access to the module. See updated Charitable Fundraising – Approval and Reporting on page 44 of this publication. Permission therefor must be first obtained in writing or via electronic authorization from the temple Potentate. The temple Potentate must then obtain written permission from the chairmen of the boards of directors and trustees. This request for written permission shall be sent to events@shrinenet.org. *No charitable fundraising activity shall be held in the jurisdiction of another temple without the written permission of the Potentate of that temple.*
 - (i) A joint charitable fundraising activity with another 501(c)(3) charity may be authorized, provided that a minimum of 50% of the net proceeds are for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children, and the chairmen of the boards of directors and trustees determine, on a case by case basis, that it is in the best interest of Shriners Hospitals for Children and they grant their written permission for the activity.
 - (ii) A charitable fundraising activity conducted by a temple located outside of the U.S.A. and Canada may be authorized for other charities, provided that the chairmen of the boards of directors and trustees determine, on a case by case basis, that it is in the best interest of Shriners Hospitals for Children and they grant their written permission for the activity.
 - (iii) No charitable funds from a charitable fundraising event may be distributed to charities other than Shriners Hospitals for Children if the written fundraising request and written permission do not specifically include that other charity.

- (b) All Shrine temples and their units, Shrine clubs, Shrine Associations and their units and Imperial Sessions of Shriners International are prohibited from engaging telemarketing firms and direct mail firms to assist with fundraising for Shriners Hospitals for Children. No new contracts are permitted without first obtaining written permission from the chairmen of the boards of directors and trustees.
- (c) 100% of net proceeds (as defined in the Charitable Fundraising—Approval And Reporting provisions of this General Order) from charitable fundraising must be given to Shriners Hospitals for Children except for such portion thereof as may be permitted to be retained for the temple Shrine Hospital Patient Transportation Fund, pursuant to the Special Purpose Funds provisions of any General Order. Provided, however, if the chairmen of the boards of directors and trustees determine for good cause shown, that the law of the land requires that a portion of the net proceeds must be distributed locally, then they may, if they determine it to be in the best interest of Shriners Hospitals for Children, grant their written permission for such distribution. The remaining net proceeds from charitable fundraising must be given to Shriners Hospitals for Children and may not be designated or restricted in any way other than for research at one or all of our hospitals.
- (d) The temple shall report the result of each charitable fundraising activity within sixty days of the activity, pursuant to the *Charitable Fundraising—Approval And Reporting* provisions of any General Order.
- (e) This section shall not apply to activities exempt under §335.4(b) of the bylaws of Shriners International.
- (f) Each independent corporation or entity that receives the permission of the chairmen of the boards of directors and trustees to raise moneys for Shriners Hospitals for Children, and which does not have its financial statements reviewed pursuant to §§334.6 & 337.8 of the bylaws of Shriners International, shall have its financial statements audited by a certified, chartered or licensed public accountant and shall submit such audit report to Shriners International within 120 days of the activity.

Statement of Purpose and Disclosure:

- (a) Every fundraising activity must contain factual information on its solicitation material, tickets, programs and documents, including all electronically transmitted material, regarding the use of the proceeds.
Examples: “Proceeds are for the benefit of (Shriners) (Shrine club) activities.”
“Proceeds are for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children.”
- (b) Every fundraising activity which is not entirely for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children shall prominently state on all solicitation material, including tickets, programs, documents and electronically transmitted material, that “payments are not deductible as charitable contributions.”
- (c) There must be compliance with the *Revenue Act of 1987* provision of any general order by U.S. temples.

Compliance with Applicable Laws: It is the responsibility of the temple Potentate, after receiving the advice of the temple attorney, to determine that there is compliance with all applicable laws in its jurisdiction for the temple’s fundraising activities.

Financial Records:

- (a) The temple shall maintain detailed financial records pertaining to all fundraising activities involving Nobles, clubs, units, organizations of Nobles and affiliated and appendant corporations. Details of all revenues and expenditures shall be maintained in such financial records.
- (b) The temple must retain such detailed financial records for a period of seven (7) years.
- (c) There must be compliance with *Financial Reporting on Charitable Funds and Activities* provision of any General Order.

Notification to Nobility: A copy of the *Fundraising Activities* provisions of this

General Order shall be printed in the temple publication at least once every calendar year. If there is no temple publication, then a copy shall be sent to each Noble in the temple not later than the last day in March of each calendar year. **7. Prior Permission:** Every Noble (in his capacity as a Shriner), club, unit, temple, organization of Nobles or affiliated or appendant corporations is prohibited from entering into any telemarketing agreement or contract to raise money for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children without first obtaining written permission from the chairmen of the boards of directors and trustees. This request for written permission shall be sent to the Chief Philanthropy Officer, Shriners Hospitals for Children, at events@shrinenet.org. **8. Discipline:** Any officer, Noble or temple which violates a provision of *Fundraising Activities* is subject to discipline pursuant to the bylaws of Shriners International. **9. Shriners International Education Foundation:** Notwithstanding the previous provisions of FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES stated above, Nobles may contribute, encourage other Nobles to contribute and engage in charitable fundraising activities directly to Nobles and their families for the benefit of the Shriners International Education Foundation.

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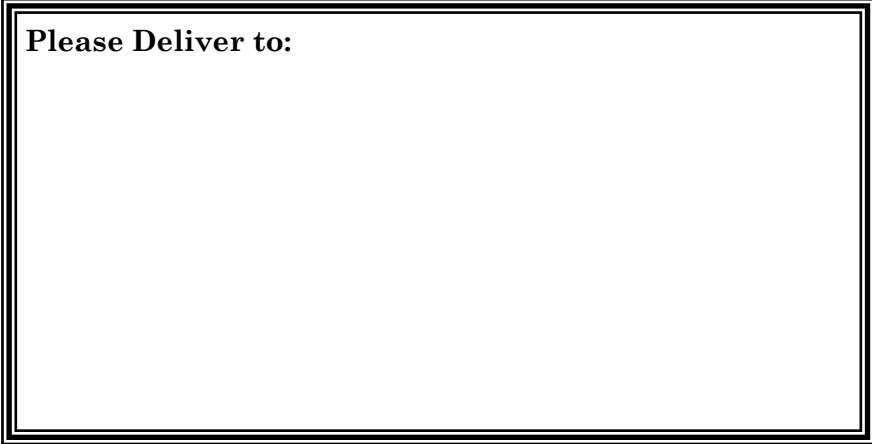
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