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VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER AND DANCE

February 8, 2025 Scimitar Shrine

Cocktail hour 5:30-6:30—Dinner 6:30

Music and Dancing to follow

\$50 per couple- \$25 single

B.Y.O.B.

Scimitar Shriners Headquarters

631 W. Riverfront Dr

NLR, AR 72114



Scimitar Shriners Installation of Officers



January 4th 2025

Photographs at 12:00pm

Installation at 1:00pm - 3:00pm



Light hors d'oeuvres, cake, ice cream & punch

Will be served!

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The Blade Content Deadline

The deadline for submitting content for the next issue is February 25, 2025.

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POTENTATE'S MESSAGE

Dear Nobles and Ladies,

Lady Debra and I want to wish you a Happy New Year. We hope that your Christmas was Merry and full of love and fun with the family. Sitting around the table enjoying the meal that was prepared, remembering the birth of Jesus Christ and the children and family opening presents.

Lady Debra and I want to Thank You for showing us support in electing me as your Potentate and First Lady for 2025. Having served as your Potentate and First Lady in 2020, the year of the Pandemic, we realize the daunting task before us. It's going to be a busy year, and we ask for your support and helping making it a productive and fun year. For starters, we have the Installation of officers on January 4, the Big Buzz Chili Cookoff on Saturday, January 25, the Valentine's Dinner on February 8 and the College Baseball Classic in Arlington, TX 21st thru the 23rd featuring the Arkansas Razorbacks as one of the teams.

My slogan this year is "Driving It Out of The Rock Helping Children" which coincides with SCSA 2025 Ceremonial that Scimitar will be hosting May 28-June 1, 2025. Illustrious Gardner Burton (President) and Illustrious Sir David Moore (Director General) are working hard in putting on the Ceremonial and will have more information on it later. Lady Debra and I will be hosting the Potentate's Ball on Saturday, May 31. It has a sports theme to it. More information will be coming later.

As for membership we had a Masonic Recognition Banquet on November 2, 2024. We had Imperial Sir Bergenske as our guest speaker who talked about dedication and perseverance. We had approximately 22 in attendance and received 1 petition from it. Everybody enjoyed the meal and program. I ask that if you know of a man (mason) that would be a good Shriner ask him if he would like to become one. Have him go to "beashriner.com" and fill out the ePetition if he wants to become one. If he is not a Mason, we can help him become one if he wants by helping him fill out the first part of the ePetition, and one of the Membership team will contact them. We initiated 2 new Nobles at the December stated meeting. Congratulations to Noble Stephen Bennett and Chris Gimber. We also recognized 12 new Centennial Members and gave them a certificate and lapel pin. We also participated in the Holiday parades East End, Sherwood and North Little Rock. If you would like to Parade in 2025, but do not have a ride, get with one of the Divan members or a Noble and we will help you in finding one.

Inclosing, I want to say Thank You to Illustrious Sir Rick "Sailor" Brandon and Lady Kim for a year of having Fun and Making Memories in 2024. Now let's Thrive in 2025 by having fun and fellowship, helping the #1 Philanthropy in the World :Shriners Children's". If you need anything, please give me a call, I'm here to serve.

Fraternally,

John Robinson, PP

The Big Buzz Chili Cook-Off
Benefiting Shriners Hospitals for Children
January 25, 2025 at The Big Buck Classic

Chili Entry Registration Form

Cook-Off Team Name _____

Contact First and Last Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Contact E-Mail Address _____

Entry Fee

The entry fee will be \$25.00 per Chili Team. Each team should have no more than two (2) members.
Each team will be provided with two (2) tickets to the event.

Space will be limited, so sign up soon!!

Registration/Payment Information

Register and pay online at ArkansasShriners.com

or

Complete this form with entry fee check and mail to the address below.

Scimitar Fun Raisers

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For questions or more information, please e-mail Dave Livingston at Scimitarfunraisers@gmail.com

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SCIMITAR

NEW NOBLE CENTENNIAL MEMBERS

MASONIC SHRINE BANQUET WITH GUEST

SPEAKER PAST IMPERIAL

GARY BERGENSKE



ASST. RABBI ELEGY, KYLE LUTGEN, FEZZING HIS FATHER-IN-LAW STEPHEN BENNETT



J. DORWIN SHADDOX



LEGACY SHRINER CHRIS GIMBERT WITH HIS FATHER'S AND GRANDFATHER'S FEZ



DAVID RICKETT



RICKEY GU



CHARLES WINGFIELD



WILLIAM REYNOLDS



CHARLES WINGFIELD



HUNTER DOUGLAS



JAMES REESE

FORT SMITH SHRINE CLUB CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS....



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY:

- 1st Happy New Year
- 4th Installation of Officers
- 8th Divan Meeting
- 9th Nomad Shrine Club Meeting
- 10th Stated Meeting -7:00pm-Dinner 6:00pm
Clown Meeting & Misfits Meeting 8:30-9:30
Ladies Meeting
- 11th Divan & Officer Training
- 13th Bedouin Meeting
- 14th Director's Staff Meeting
- 15th SCSA Planning Meeting
- 16th Faulkner County Shrine Club Meeting & Hot Springs Yacht Club Meeting
- 18th D.O.N.
- 23rd Spring River Shrine Club Meeting
- 25th Big Buck Classic Chili Cookoff
- 27th Finance Committee Meeting & Fort Smith Shrine Club Meeting
- 28th North Pulaski Shrine Club Meeting
- 30th East West Shrine Bowl, Arlington, TX

FEBRUARY:

- 5th Fun Raiser Meeting
- 8th Valentine Dinner & Dance
- 9th Super Bowl Party
- 10th Bedouin Meeting
- 11th Director's Staff Meeting
- 12th Divan Meeting
- 13th Nomad Shrine Club Meeting
- 14th Valentine's Day
- 14th Stated Meeting-7:00pm-Dinner 6:00 pm
Clown Meeting & Misfits Meeting -8:30-9:30-Temple
Ladies Meeting
- 15th D.O.N.
- 19th SCSA Planning Meeting
- 20th Faulkner County Shrine Club & Hot Springs Shrine Yacht Club Meeting
- 21st College Basket ball Classic, Arlington, TX
- 24th Finance Committee Meeting, Fort Smith Shrine Club Meeting
- 25th North Pulaski Shrine Club Meeting
- 27th Spring River Shrine Club Meeting

MEMORIALS:

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Dennis Stevens
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