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## Words from the President

By Noble Jim Porrett

It is hard to believe we are over halfway through 2020 and last broke bread and enjoyed the fun and fellowship of each other's company four months ago. I know Lady Jean and I miss getting together with everyone and especially missed participating in the Safety Harbor July Fourth Parade!

I am somewhat new to a crisis of this magnitude, only experiencing the Cuban Missile Crisis; the Cold War with lining up in the school hallways; mass public polio vaccinations; the social consciousness of the Vietnam War; and the various gas shortages in the seventies and mid-2000's. Some of our Club members can remember or remember hearing about the 1918-1920 Spanish Flu pandemic;

the hardships of the Great Depression; the rationing and loss of family members during World War II and the Korean Conflict. Yes, the COVID-19 pandemic is serious, especially among our Club's age group, but so far it pales in comparison to the inconveniences and personal sacrifices of some of the other crises. The courtesy of wearing a mask and maintaining social distancing is not that much of a hardship to help in stopping the spread.

Since the SCC Community Association is keeping the large meeting room facilities closed until January 2021 as of now, the monthly luncheon meetings will be on hold. Other options will be explored as restrictions on number of people attending

meetings is relaxed. We do need to have a guaranteed number of 50 for the luncheons to be provided by Banquet Masters.

We are still looking for several Nobles to step up and take on the 1st and 3rd Vice President's positions, a Board of Director's position and fill in the Steward's position while Noble Dale Province is recovering.

The future of our Club lies in those willing to stand up and serve their fellow Club Members and Ladies.

Until we meet again, stay safe and healthy and look out for the welfare of your family, friends, and neighbors.





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July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Nobles,

Can you feel the excitement surrounding our new home? If you have not seen it lately, the parking lot has been paved and the contractor is in the final stages prior to turning the facility over to us for occupancy. To keep everyone current and share a few moments in fraternity and friendship, our next **VIRTUAL MEETING** is scheduled for **WEDNESDAY, 15 JULY at 7:00 PM.**

The login details are provided below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82135663924?pwd=MHlycXF1cksrRXJPd01Bdm9HT2pVQT09>

Meeting ID: 821 3566 3924

Password: 283678

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

For our last meeting, we had a record-setting 89 nobles present, to include our Brothers in Guatemala. I am looking forward to seeing everyone there. In the interim, please share the login details with your fellow nobles and stay safe.

Fraternally,

*Dean DiLeo*

Potentate 2020

To join the meeting, [Click this link.](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82135663924?pwd=MHlycXF1cksrRXJPd01Bdm9HT2pVQT09)

# EGYPT SHRINE

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# The Chaplain's Corner

By Noble William Dobbs

It is a new month and yet it still feels like old news. We are separated from one another by time and space and now this horrible disease which has claimed so many from among us - both here in Florida and across the United States.

How I long for us to be together again! Perhaps you are the same way. Perhaps you are feeling down and depressed, anxious to get back to "business as usual." Perhaps you have had enough of this face mask wearing and social distancing. Perhaps, just perhaps, you have stopped paying attention to the CDC guidelines and have begun living your life for the "now" and not the future. After all, at our age we can't be too certain about how many tomorrows there will be for any of us. Well, if I have even hinted at what you have been feeling over these last few weeks, I want to offer a word of guidance, encouragement and hope which I hope will speak to you as it does to me.

God had been using Moses to guide the Israelites from Egypt to the Promised Land. The people had made promises to God and had received assurances from Moses that God loved them and they were a truly special people. All well and good. But then Moses told them he was going to go up a mountain to get instructions from God and they were all to wait for

him to come back with God's word for them. Everything was fine at first. They were in the wilderness but they had their memories of God's promise to get them courage. But Moses took longer than expected to get back and the people grew restless. They wanted to have a party and, as the Scripture suggests eat, drink and be merry. They had been sober long enough. Never mind that this was against Moses instructions, They would just find a new leader. And a new Idol to worship.

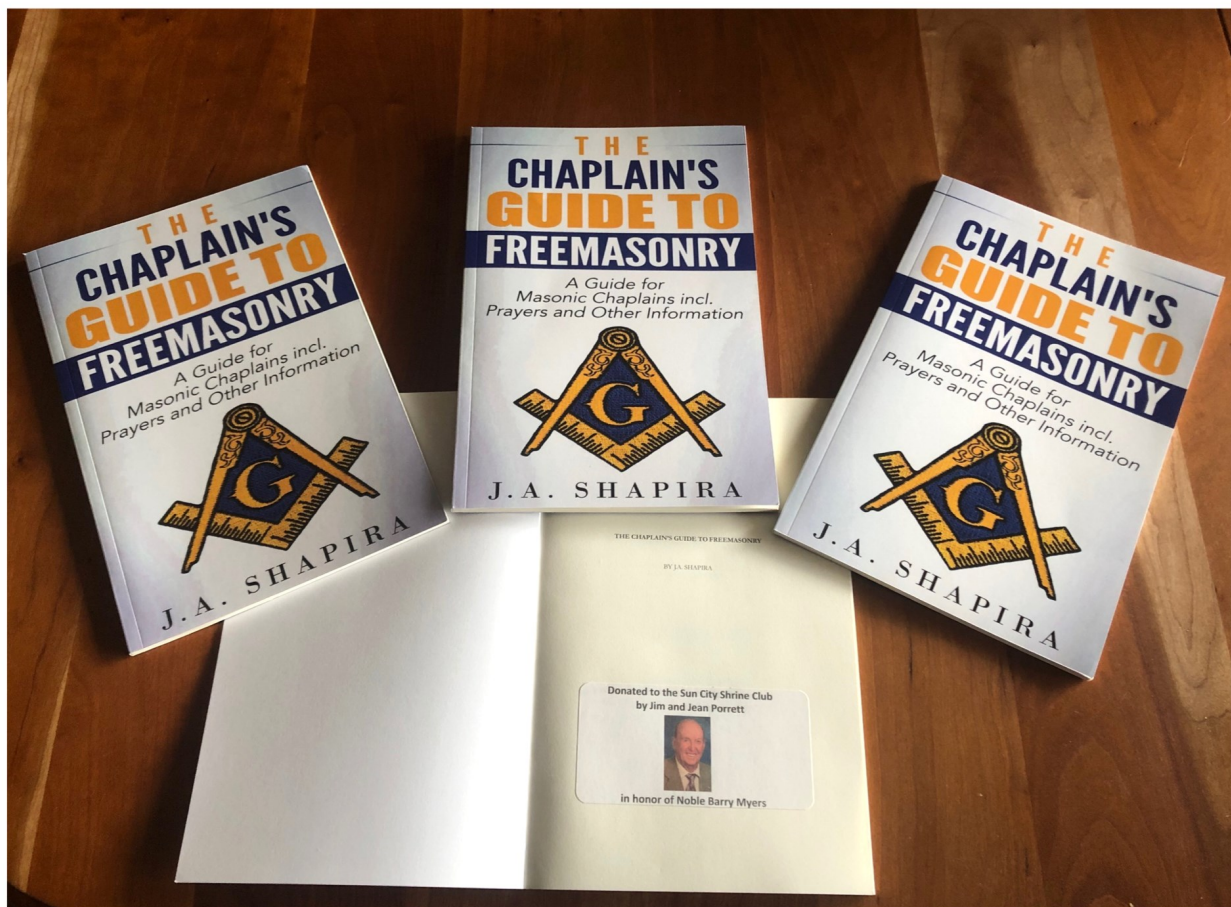
You can read the story for yourself in Exodus 32 of the Hebrew Scriptures (commonly known as the Old Testament). But to sum things up, it did not work out well for the partiers and revelers who could not wait for the right time to celebrate their blessings.

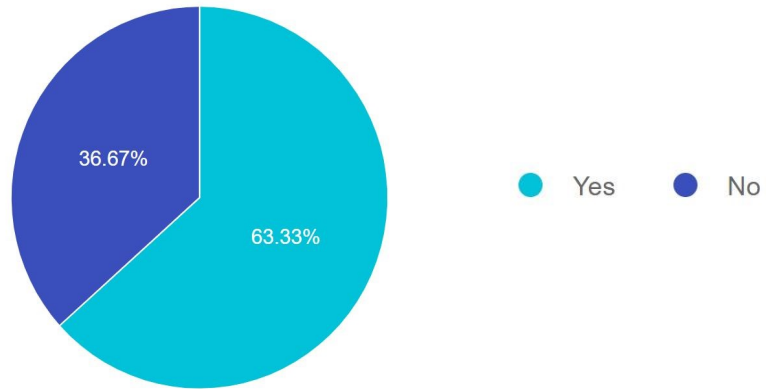
I know we may be tempted to complain about the time it is taking to get things back to normal. We may even be tempted to make our own rules and start the party early. But if we can be patient just a little longer, if we can wait until those who are watching the progress of this pandemic say the time is right to reassemble, I believe we will be blessed with the knowledge that we have taken the right path to keep one another safe for the sake of ourselves and those we



## Chaplain's Guide to Freemasonry

Jim and Jean Porrett donated 4 books to the Sun City Center Shrine Club  
in honor of our late departed Chaplain, Noble Barry Myers.





## LUNCHEON SURVEY RESULTS

**Question: If we were able to have our standard Luncheon in July, would you feel comfortable attending?**

There were 30 responses to the survey posted in last month's Communicator.

Of those 30 responses,

- ♦ 19 (63.3%) people indicated that they would attend a luncheon in July;
- ♦ 11 (33.7) people indicated that they would not.

## CAN TAB DONATION

**A telephone call was received in June regarding a large supply of can tabs. Twenty-three (23) pounds to be exact!**

**The donation came from Ms. Anna Poule of Kings Point from her family and friends. Anna is a long time tab contributor.**



## Upcoming Events: July - August

<b>Tue Jul 7, 2020</b>	<b>6:30pm - 8:30pm</b>	<b>DeSoto Lodge #105</b> <b>Where:</b> 10801 Desoto Rd, Riverview
<b>Wed July 15, 2020</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Egypt Shrine Stated Meeting</b> <b>Where:</b> See letter from Potentate in this issue
<b>Tue Jul 21, 2020</b>	<b>6:30pm - 8:30pm</b>	<b>DeSoto Lodge #105</b> <b>Where:</b> 10801 Desoto Rd, Riverview
<b>Sun Jul 26, 2020</b>	<b>8:30am - 12pm</b>	<b>DeSoto Lodge #105 Breakfast</b> <b>Where:</b> 10801 Desoto Rd, Riverview
<b>Mon Aug 3, 2020</b>	<b>1pm - 2:30pm</b>	<b>Board of Directors Meeting (Tentative)</b> <b>Where:</b> TBD
<b>Tue Aug 4, 2020</b>	<b>6:30pm - 8:30pm</b>	<b>DeSoto Lodge #105</b> <b>Where:</b> 10801 Desoto Rd, Riverview
<b>Wed Aug 5, 2020</b>	<b>7:30pm - 9pm</b>	<b>Egypt Shrine Council</b> <b>Where:</b> TBD
<b>Wed Aug 12, 2020</b>	<b>7:30pm – 9pm</b>	<b>Egypt Shrine Stated Meeting</b> <b>Where:</b> TBD
<b>Tue Aug 18, 2020</b>	<b>6:30pm - 8:30pm</b>	<b>DeSoto Lodge #105</b> <b>Where:</b> 10801 Desoto Rd, Riverview
<b>Sun Aug 23, 2020</b>	<b>8:30am - 12pm</b>	<b>DeSoto Lodge #105 Breakfast</b> <b>Where:</b> 10801 Desoto Rd, Riverview
<b>Sat Aug 29, 2020</b>		<b>Nobles Birthday Party</b> <b>Where:</b> TBD



Noble / Lady	July
Craig & Donna Wexler	1
Walter & Jean Swafford	3
Richard & Sherill Shelley	4
George & Carlene Bowen	6
George & Dolly Banes	13
Louis & Daniel Braun	20
Lloyd & Lorraine Lowell	25
Donald & Connie Johnson	28
Richard & Patty Fricke	29





Noble	July	Lady	July
Charles Reeve	6	Lorraine Lowell	5
Michael Blaine	10	Rhonda Fournier	7
Steven Drobnis	23	Jean Swafford	8
Charles Davis	24	Linda Earl	10
Kevin Ponder	27	Sally Duncan	12
Charles Conover	29	Daniel Braun	14
		Peggy Bierce	15
		Judy Buss	24

# Thoughts



# Prayers

## Nobles / Ladies

Vern Bartz

Jon DeCaluwe

Rich Leger

Mae Everhart Porrett

Dale Province

Charles Reeve

Warren Toth

Larry Wing

If you know of anyone that is in need of our thoughts and prayers,  
please let us know!



## WELCOME TO THE SUN CITY CENTER SHRINE CLUB

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

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

### Other Clubs of Interest

[Tampa Scottish Rite](#)

[Grand York Rite of Florida](#)