

MARCH

 Sun City Center
Shrine Club

Communicator



President's Message

Thanks to all who attended your club meeting with a wonderful lunch last month. We will be back at the Masonic Park in March for our lunch \ meeting.

We had a great showing for our Red Skelton show with Brian, Thank you to one and all for the help and effort in making it a success. Your President and Vice Presidents will be meeting with Pete on the 26th of Feb. to discuss up-coming committees, and fund raisers.

We discussed the possibility of organizing a Ladies' meet and greeting before our regular meeting each month. If interested, please contact my Lady Debbie at (dawb1955@outlook.com)

We are in the planning and development for more family activities; I would like to schedule a lunch cruise on Yacht Starship in Tampa. All interested please let me know at our next meeting. It was also mentioned that some were interested in dining and shows.

Remember your Blue Lodge,

Fraternally,
Noble Bob Bennett, President
Sun City Center Shrine Club

1st Vice President

My name is James Burt, though most call me Jim, and my wife's name is Tabatha. We are from Vermont but recently sold our house and camp in Vermont and now full time RV. I've been a Freemason for close to 20 years and a Past Master back in 2015 + 2016 at Libanus Lodge #47 in Bristol Vermont. I'm also a member of Cairo Shriners out of Rutland Vermont and I'm a Past Potentate from 2020. I'm 60 years old and my wife is 58 and we've been together for over 45 years and married for close to 38 years. We have two adult sons 28 + 30 years old, and we have two foster sons similar ages as our boys. The older son lives in Washington state, and the younger one is here in Florida but is moving soon to Washington as well. We traveled across the country two summers ago for the older son's wedding and spent the whole summer on the road. We plan on doing that again this coming summer. With both sons soon to be living on the west coast who knows where we will end up. We currently spend winter at the Masonic Park and Youth Camp in Wimauma Florida. I retired from Central Vermont Public Service (power company) and my wife retired from United Technology Aerospace after 37 years.

During my time at our Blue Lodge in Vermont my wife and I spent many hours helping with fundraising, mostly cooking and selling food. We have since slowed way down and when we're in Vermont I still attend Lodge meetings. It's very important we have a strong Blue Lodge as that were all Shriner candidates have to come from so, please help your Blue Lodges as much as you can.

When I first joined the Shriners in Vermont I got into the Mini Monster Unit and drove a small Carter Go Cart Monster Truck. I eventually moved into the Clown Unit which fit me a lot better and my Clown name was Slim. I soon became the secretary/treasurer and that lasted for years until I resigned due to retirement and traveling so much. I was asked to be on the Divan early on because the Recorder at the Shrine retired from the power company where I worked and he knew I was a manager and they often look for leaders to join the Divan. I worked my way up over the years attending hundreds of parades to be Potentate in 2020. With my wife at my side through all of this I have to say it has been very rewarding and we have met so many great people. I look forward to seeing what is out there for parades in our area here and attending a lot more of them. As I look at the strong team we have here on board I really look forward to a great year ahead. Thank you for your support and please reach out to me if you have any questions or suggestions and my information is in the directory that has been emailed to all members.

IS James Burt
Past Potentate Cairo Shriners 2020
2nd VP
SCC Shrine Club

2nd Vice President

Hello, my name is David Brigham, and I was born in 1955 in New London, New Hampshire, and grew up on a farm in Norwich Vt. I Graduated from High school in 1973, I joined the Air Force in 1975 and retired at the rank of Technical Sergeant in 1994. After I worked for a Bells outlet as Assistant Manager. I became a Deputy Sheriff for Hillsborough in 1995. After 19 years I retired in 2014. in 2015 I took the position of Park manager of the Masonic Park and Youth Camp. I became a Mason in 2003, at Port Tampa Masonic lodge #153. I went through the chairs and in 2027 I was elected Master of the Lodge, and again in 2010. During that time, I became a York Rite mason. In 2024, I joined the Sahib Temple and became a noble, I also joined the Sun City Center shrine club. I was elected to be the second Vice President. I will need help to bring interesting speakers to the luncheons. My aim this year is to encourage the members to seek out other Masons and Shriners to grow our membership.

Noble David Brigham
2nd VP
SCC Shrine Club

3rd Vice President

Nobles! I hope you had a wonderful holiday season with your friends and loved ones! I am honored to serve the nobility of the Sun City Shrine Club this year as your 3rd Vice President. I am looking forward to helping bring the nobility more opportunities to unite us in not only fellowship, but fun. Shrinedom has a long-standing reputation for being the "fun" side of Freemasonry, and it is my desire to help offer activities our members and their families will find FUN. I am excited to serve you this year, while getting to know each of you as we move forward in 2026.

Noble Matt Cordoves
3rd VP
SCC Shrine Club

Chaplain's Corner

Behold, How Good and Pleasant It Is" – The Call to Brotherhood

Introduction

The Bible paints a powerful picture of what it means to live in **brotherhood**—a community bound not by bloodline, but by love, unity, and shared purpose in Christ. In a world divided by differences, Scripture calls believers to walk together in harmony, lifting one another up and showing the world the love of God through our fellowship.

1. Brotherhood Begins With Unity

The psalmist declares:

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"

Psalm 133:1

Unity is not merely living side by side—it is living **heart to heart**, joining together in purpose, prayer, and peace. The Bible reminds us that God's blessing falls upon people who strive to be of one accord.

Jesus Himself prayed for this unity:

"...that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me and I in You..."

John 17:21

This unity is not optional; it is the very evidence to the world that we belong to Christ.

2. Brotherhood Requires Love in Action

The apostle Paul gives this command:

"Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves."

Romans 12:10

Brotherhood is not just a feeling—it is a **practice**.

It requires humility, sacrifice, and willingness to put others before ourselves. True brotherly love means:

- Praying for one another
- Encouraging one another
- Bearing one another's burdens

Paul says:

"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."

Galatians 6:2

Brotherhood shines brightest when life is heaviest.

3. Brotherhood Reflects the Heart of God

Brotherhood is more than fellowship—it is a reflection of God's character.

John writes:

"We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren."

1 John 3:14

Love for our brothers and sisters is evidence of spiritual life.

Where love grows, God is present.

Jesus made this unmistakably clear:

"By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

John 13:35

The world does not recognize disciples of Jesus by church attendance or religious vocabulary—but by **love**.

4. Brotherhood Is Strengthened Through Forgiveness

No relationship can survive without forgiveness. Scripture instructs:

"Bearing with one another, and forgiving one another... even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do."

Colossians 3:13

Forgiveness restores what the enemy tries to break.

Brotherhood thrives not because we are perfect, but because we offer grace to one another.

5. Brotherhood Calls Us to Support the Weak

Brotherhood is not only about unity in good times—it is about commitment during hard times.

The Bible says:

"Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification."

Romans 15:2

And again:

"Encourage one another and build one another up..."

1 Thessalonians 5:11

A Christian brother does not let another walk alone.

We lift, encourage, strengthen, and restore one another with patience and compassion.

6. Brotherhood Extends Beyond Our Circle

Biblical brotherhood is not limited to those who look like us, think like us, or come from our background.

Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25–37) teaches that **every person in need** is our neighbor—and deserving of our compassion.

Brotherhood crosses boundaries.

It builds bridges.

It mirrors the God who embraces all who come to Him.

Conclusion: Living as Brothers in Christ

Brotherhood is both a gift and a calling.

God calls His people to live in such love and unity that the world cannot help but take notice.

Let us:

- Seek unity (Psalm 133:1)
- Serve one another (Galatians 5:13)
- Forgive freely (Colossians 3:13)
- Love deeply (1 Peter 1:22)
- Encourage constantly (Hebrews 10:24–25)

And above all, may we reflect the One who loved us first.

"Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another."

1 John 4:11

Monthly Luncheon

Catering by: Banquet Masters

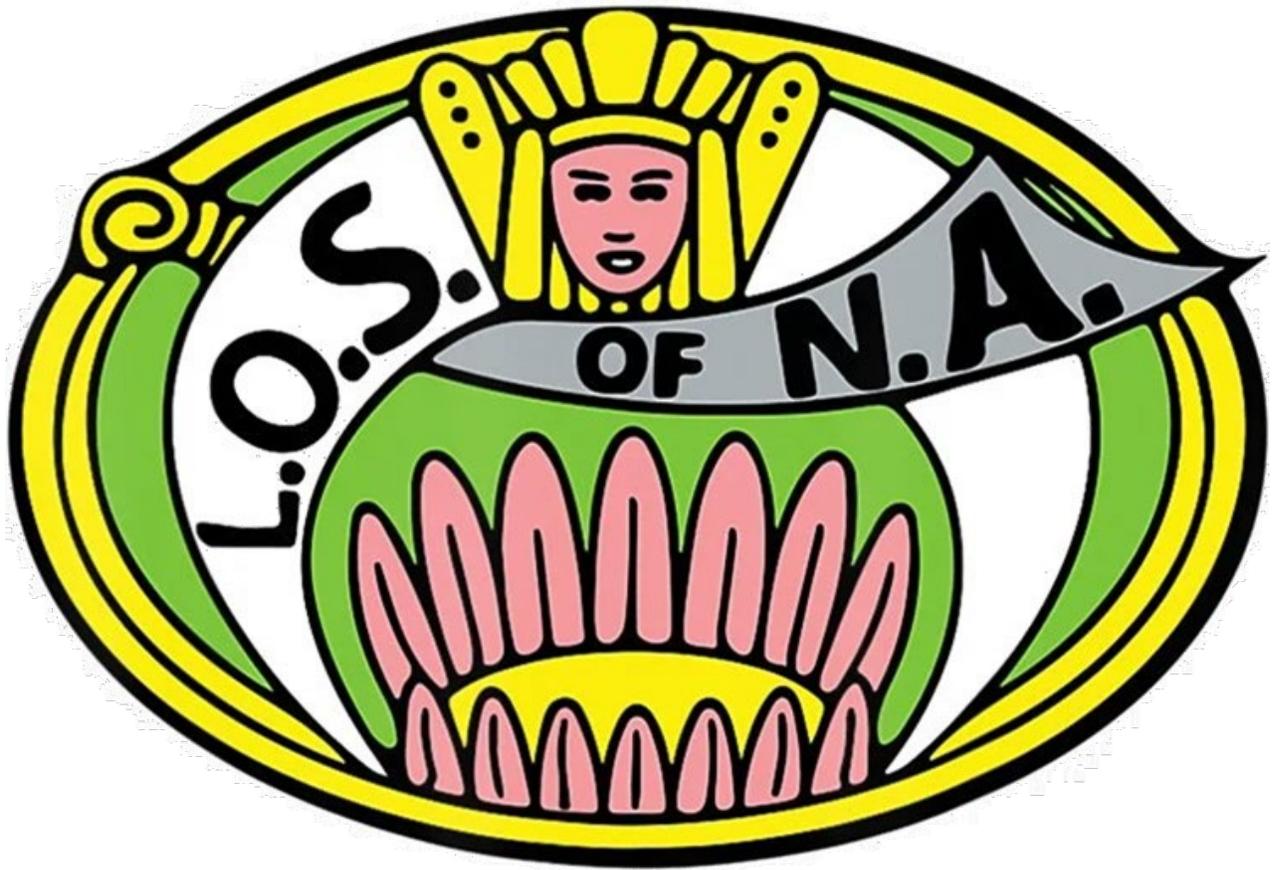
*Corned Beef and Cabbage, Salmon with Dill Sauce,
Shepherd's Pie.*



March 11thth at 12 noon

*Please go to the new [Luncheon page](#)
and fill out the new form for your reservations*

Guest Speaker



The Ladies' Oriental Shrine
of North America

Chat & Chew

The Alley at Southshore
10221 Big Bend Rd,
Sun City Center, FL 33573



Thursday, March 26th @ 2:00 PM

*Please go to the new [Chat & Chew page](#)
and fill out the new form for your reservations*

Anniversaries

Anniversaries Mar 2026 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Bob & Karen Leonard	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4

Happy Anniversary to all our members!

Birthdays

Birthdays Mar 2026 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1	Lloyd Banfield	3	4	5	6	7	
8	Kathy Neil	10	Dale Bieber	12	13	14	
15	16	Tabatha Burt	18	19	20	21	
22	Bob Jenkins Joyce Collins	William Kyle	24	25	26	27	Gene Weiper
29	30	31	Nina Bringham	1	2	3	4

Happy birthday to all our members!

Thoughts and Prayers

Bill Bierce

Lee O'Roak

IS Jim and Pat Blevins

IS Ken Buckland

IS Rich Leger

Steve Drobnis

Sandy Nunn

In Loving Memory

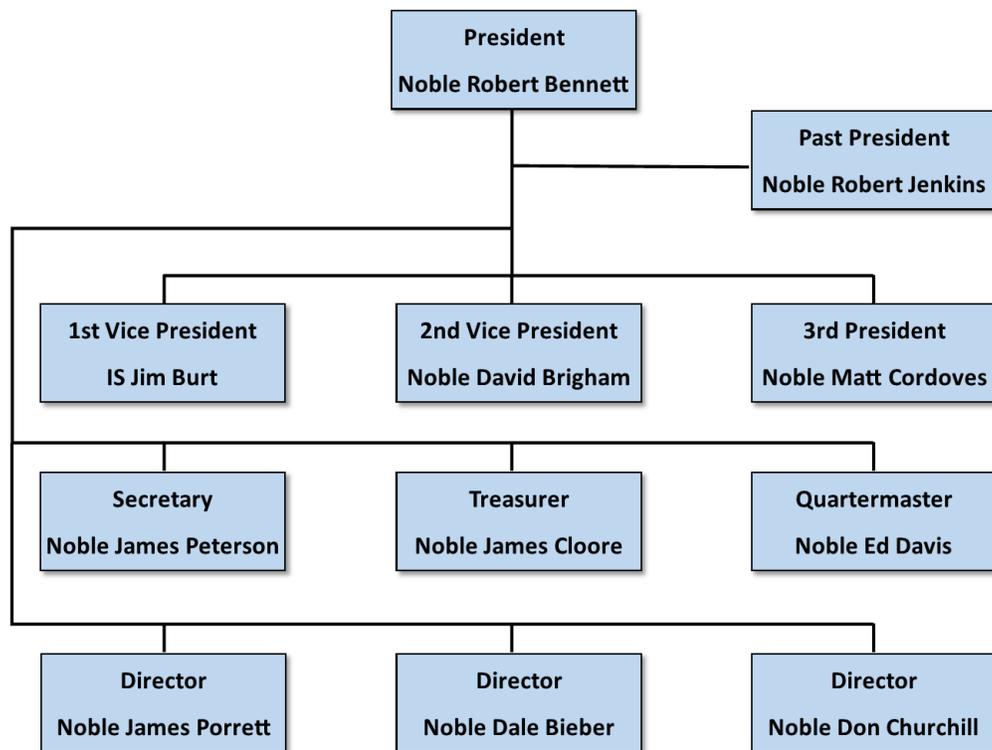


Upcoming Events

Today < > March 2026 Month

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Music on The Ba	PLANT CITY STRA • 7pm Demolay U • 7:30pm Past Ma	• 7pm Hernando	Council Meeting Greeters Meeting • 6pm Fez-A-Que • 6:30pm Trike Pa	• 7pm Highlander • 7pm Keystone K • 7pm Tech Staff • 7:30pm Legion		Clearwater St. Pa TOP OF THE WOR
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15 Egypt Shrine Men	16 • 5pm Honor patr • 7pm Sultans Of • 7pm Trike Patro	17 St. Patrick's Day	18 • 12:30pm Zephyr • 6:30pm Fun'n Fr • 7:30pm Tin Lizzi	19 • 7:30pm Provost	20 AZAN POTENTATES BALL - MELBOUR CHASCO FIESTA	21
22 Daughters of The Sultans Stumble	23 • 7pm Pinellas Sh	24 • 7pm Highlands	25 • 7:30pm Director • 7:30pm Humido	26	27 MOROCCO POTENTATES BALL- JAC Zephyrhills Found	28
29	30 • 7pm Brandon SI	31	Apr 1 Council Meeting Greeters Meeting • 6pm Fez-A-Que • 6:30pm Trike Pa	2 • 7pm Highlander • 7pm Keystone K • 7pm Tech Staff • 7:30pm Legion	3	4 EASTER EGG HUN

Tampa Egypt Shriners
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