

# FEBRUARY

 Sun City Center  
Shrine Club

## Communicator



# President's Message

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Thanks to all who attended your club meeting and had wonderful lunch last month. We had several no-shows, You and yours were truly missed. 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.

For those of us that have bought tables for the up-coming Red Skelton tribute Illustrious Denny has sent out by email your assigned tables, this email will be your ticket for the show. As of today, we only have 26 days until the show. (Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>).

Remember your Blue Lodge, I plan on a visit for a degree night either at DeSoto, or Brandon,

**Mark your calendars for Friday February 20, 2026 - It's our RED SKELTON TRIBUTE.**

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

# 1<sup>st</sup> 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

## 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

## 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

## All Scripture Is God-Breathed: A Sermon on 2 Timothy 3:16

### **Understanding the Power and Purpose of God's Word**

#### **Introduction**

Today's message centers on a profound and pivotal verse from the New Testament: 2 Timothy 3:16. The apostle Paul, writing to his young protégé Timothy, offers wisdom that has resonated through the centuries: "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness." This declaration is not only a testament to the authority of Scripture but also a guide to its practical role in our lives.

#### **The Divine Origin of Scripture**

Paul begins by saying, "All Scripture is God-breathed." This phrase captures the very heart of why the Bible is unlike any other book. The words of Scripture are not merely human ideas or philosophies; they are inspired by God Himself. "God-breathed" means that the Holy Spirit moved through the authors, ensuring that what was written would reveal God's character, His will, and His ways.

To believe that Scripture is God-breathed is to approach it with reverence and expectancy. It assures us that when we read the Bible, we encounter the living voice of God. It challenges us to listen for His guidance, comfort, and conviction.

#### **The Practical Power of Scripture**

Paul goes on to explain that Scripture is "useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness." These four purposes reveal how God's Word shapes us:

- **Teaching:** The Bible instructs us in the truths of God, helping us to know who He is, who we are, and how we are called to live. It provides the foundation for our beliefs and answers life's deepest questions.
- **Rebuking:** Sometimes, God's Word confronts us, pointing out our mistakes, sins, and wrong attitudes. While rebuke can be uncomfortable, it is a sign of God's love. He desires to draw us away from harmful paths.
- **Correcting:** Rebuke is not the end; correction follows. Scripture doesn't just show us where we are wrong, it gently leads us to what is right, helping us grow in character and faith.
- **Training in Righteousness:** Ultimately, the Bible equips us to live honorably before God and others. It molds us for good works, shaping our hearts and minds to reflect Christ likeness.

### **Application for Our Lives**

If all Scripture is God-breathed and useful, then our response should be to engage with it regularly and deeply. It means making time to study, meditate, and apply God's Word—not as a mere religious duty, but as a source of life, wisdom, and transformation.

Let's ask ourselves: Do we allow the Bible to teach us, to lovingly rebuke and correct us, and to train us in righteousness? Are we open to the change and growth that God's Word brings? Let us not be content with knowing the text; let us allow its truth to shape our hearts and actions.

### **Conclusion**

2 Timothy 3:16 reminds us that Scripture is not only inspired; it is practical, powerful, and essential. Through its teachings, rebukes, corrections, and training, God prepares us to live fully for Him. May we treasure His Word, listen for His voice, and let it guide us on the path of life.

Let us pray: "Lord, thank You for Your Word. Help us to approach Scripture with open hearts and minds. Let Your truth teach, correct, and train us, that we may grow in righteousness and reflect Your love in all we do. Amen."



# Monthly Luncheon

Catering by: Banquet Masters



***February 11th<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon***

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

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# Guest Speaker

Dale Bieber

"Red Skelton's Masonic  
Life"



# Chat & Chew

## **Old Castle Restaurant**

3830 Sun City Center Blvd,  
Sun City Center, FL 33573



Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 PM

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

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# Anniversaries

Anniversaries							Feb 2026 (Eastern Time - New York)						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat							
1 John & Carol Yendell	2 Denny & Rhonda Hardy	3	4	5	6	7							
8	9 Bob & Debbie Bennett	10 Jim & Jean Porrett	11	12	13	14							
15	16	17	18	19	20 Charles & Krista Conover Don & Janice Churchill	21							
22	23	24 David & Rhonda Gee	25	26	27	28							

Happy Anniversary to all our members!

# Birthdays

Birthdays							Feb 2026 (Eastern Time - New York)	
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
1 Penny Boyd	2 Cheryl Russell	3	4	5	6	7		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14		
15 Carol Lakritz	16	17	18	19 Andy Neil	20	21		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28		

Happy birthday to all our members!

# Thoughts and Prayers

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**Bill Bierce**

**Lee O'Roak**

**IS Jim and Pat Blevins**

**IS Ken Buckland**

**IS Rich Leger**

**Steve Drobnis**

**Sandy Nunn**

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# In Loving Memory



# Upcoming Events

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February 2026

Month

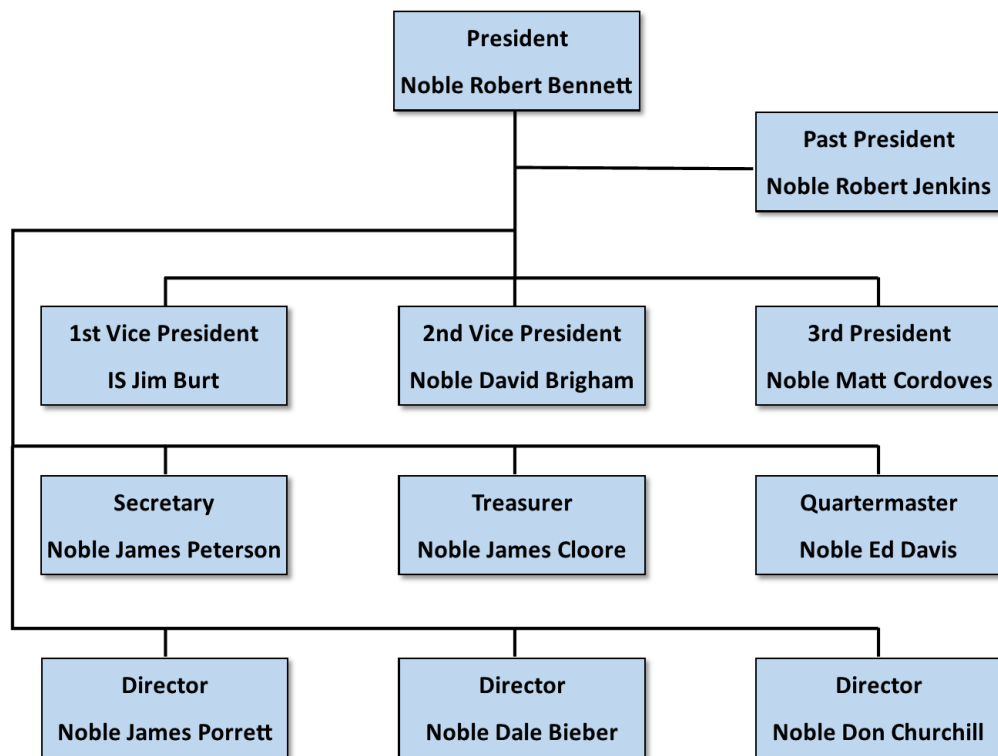
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8 <b>FASMAC-MID WINTER-SAVANAH</b>	9	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7pm Pharaohs</li> </ul>	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12pm Sun City S</li> <li>3:30pm One Blo</li> <li>5:45pm Tampa C</li> <li>6pm Greeters u</li> <li>2 more</li> </ul>	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11am Newport F</li> <li>7:30pm Midget</li> </ul>	13	14 <b>KNIGHT'S OF SAM</b> <b>Valentine's Day</b>
15	16 <b>DADE CITY PRESI</b> <b>Presidents' Day</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5pm Honor patr</li> <li>7pm Sultans Of</li> </ul>	17	18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12:30pm Zephyr</li> <li>6:30pm Fun'n Fr</li> <li>7:30pm Tin Lizzi</li> </ul>	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:30pm Provost</li> </ul>	20	21
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Tampa Egypt Shriners

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