

February 2025

 Sun City Center
Shrine Club

Communicator

President's Message

We welcome February 2025 with a little warmer greeting than January had to offer, I guess we can truly appreciate Florida's state motto "The Sun Shine State" if we learned anything from the rather cool/cold weather that is to be thankful for what you have. Enough about the weather on to the issues at hand and what the future holds for us. We had a great turn out at Replays for our January Chat and Chew with at least 20 Shriners and Ladies in attendance.

If anyone has suggestions for future Chat and Chews locations, please contact me with all the vital contact information (Restaurant Name, Address and Phone number) I will be happy to research them out and see what can be scheduled. Remember we are a team and we only make it better with good input on how to improve what we are presently scheduling this includes our monthly Shrine Lunch Meetings and our Board of Directors (BOD) meetings.

Membership is a critical part of our organization, in order for us (SCCSC) to continue to provide support to our 1st graders at the two Wimauma Elementary Schools we support with our Annual Christmas Party, which we have been sponsoring for the past years (does anyone know when the first Kids Christmas Party was held?) Community support is part of our humanitarian service to our Shriners Children's Hospitals and outpatient clinics that service our Orthopedic and Burn children with a variety of medical treatment and services "WE do it all for the Kids." But, we can't do it without your help and participation.

I am also looking for suggestions for a fundraiser for the SCCSC, contact me with your ideas on how we can raise money for our Annual KIDS Christmas Party. One was a Pet (dog, cat birds NO SNAKES! Parade) with ribbons or trophies or ribbons awarded for cutest, best dressed, the category could go on forever. I know I don't want to be a Judge YOU know how the pet owner LOVE their pets. Another was a Chili Cook-off in the Fall (that should be a real GAS! Put your Thinking Caps on and let me know what you think will work in the SCC surrounding area.

It is with sadness and deepest sympathy that I report the passing of the mother of Lady Rhonda Hardy, spouse of IL Sir Denny Hardy. May she rest in Eternal Peace with God's Heavenly Blessing.

I want to wish all our Ladies a very Happy Valentines Day with Chocolate Sweets, Flowers and a Romantic Dinner for two.

Fraternally Yours,

Bob Jenkins, President
Sun City Center Shrine Club
"We Do It For The KIDS"

Chaplain's Corner

Proverbs 9:1-18

LIFE IN A NUTSHELL

Intro: Charlie Brown's sister, Sally, approached her brother and declared, "*I think I've discovered the secret to life--you just hang around until you get used to it.*" A gentleman once wrote Marilyn his Savant with a question about life. It is listed in the Guinness Book of World Records Hall of Fame for highest IQ and has a regular column in Parade. This particular inquirer said his life was "*more exhausting than he ever imagined*" and wanted to know, "*Is this normal?*" Marilyn told him his life was indeed normal and then gave the following analogy about life. She said, "*Much of the time, life is like going through the airport steering a loaded luggage cart with one bad wheel. Sometimes you just feel ridiculous, sometimes you actually look ridiculous, and sometimes all you can do is just try to push it in generally the right direction.*" (Parade, Oct. 12, 1997, p. 8)

While there is some truth in both of those statement's, surely there has to be more to life than just hanging around trying to get used to it, or just trying to "*push it*" in the right direction. Thankfully, there is! Thankfully, God has something to say about life. He has given us His word, the Bible. The Bible is a book that has much to say about life and about how we should live it. While we do not have time this day to look at every passage in the Bible about life and how it should be lived, we do have time to look into this one chapter. **Proverbs 9** breaks life down to its simplest truths and gives us *Life In A Nutshell*. That is the thought I want to amplify. Notice with me some of the *facts* of life as they are revealed in this chapter.

I. V. 1-4; 13-16 THERE ARE TWO CALLS IN LIFE

A. V. 1-4 The Call Of Wisdom - *Ill. The Context.* (**Note:** Wisdom has a fine house held up by seven pillars. This speaks of spaciousness and stability. Her house is away from the path of normal human activity, v. 3. She must send her servants to call people to come. She seeks them where they live and invites them to come to her place for a better life.) What is "*wisdom*"? Wisdom is not intelligence! "*Wisdom is*

not high IQ. It is the best use of knowledge." --Lewis Timberlake "*Biblical wisdom is knowing, understanding and living out the Word of God.*" A life of wisdom, then, is a life that lives out the truths of the Word of God. (Ill. **Job 23:12; Psa. 119:103; Jer. 15:16; 1 Pet. 2:2**) (Ill. The Words Of Jesus - **Matt. 4:4**)

B. V. 13-16 **The Call Of Wickedness** - *Ill. The Context.* (**Note:** Folly also has a house. But it is built where the fools are already living, v. **15**. This makes it far more convenient. This implies that men may enter the house of folly with little or no change in their lives. To get to wisdom, they must put forth effort, to get to folly, they can continue as they are, where they are.) (**Note:** Folly is presented as a prostitute. She promises the fool a good time, this is the enticement to evil, **Heb. 11:25**.) (**Note:** This is why there are more people who live lives of sin than there are who live lives of righteousness! People, like water and electricity, almost always choose the path of least resistance. They do what comes naturally and they gravitate toward evil, **Psa. 58:3; Eph. 2:1-3; 4:22**.)

II. V. 4, 10-12; 16 **THERE ARE TWO CHOICES IN LIFE**

(Ill. When the calls of life are issued, the ultimate choice lies with the individual. Even Jesus presented life as consisting of only two choices, **Matt. 7:13-14**.)

A. V. 16 **One Grounded In Human Understanding** - This is the pathway of the foolish. It is the choice that requires no choice! It is merely man doing that which he does by nature. This is man going his own way, **Pro. 16:25**.

B. V. 4, 10-12 **One Grounded In Heavenly Understanding** - By contrast, he that chooses the path of wisdom does so because he has come to understand some important truths. He has come to an understanding of the *Person, Position* and *Power* of God, v. **10-12**. The wise person has come to understand that one day, God will judge these lives we are living, **Rom. 14:12; 2 Cor. 5:10**. Therefore, He is to be honored and feared as we pass through this world.

(**Note:** In the end, your eternal destiny will rest upon the choice you make concerning Jesus Christ. Right now, the quality of your life rests upon the choices you make concerning God's *Word* and *Will* for your life, v. **12**.)

In Other News

Here is an update on our golf cart. Currently we must have 8 – 6-volt batteries to make it run. Those 6-volt batteries normally cost around 250-\$300 each and only come with a 1-year warranty. Then you have all the maintenance, charging and cleaning you must do. Our 8 batteries are dead and began to swell up. Well, we found a solution to our battery issues thanks to IS Jim Burt and all the great members we have at the Masonic Park!

We have purchased two lithium 100ah batteries that we will connect as 1-200ah battery. These batteries cost us only \$1500, has a 5-year warranty, can monitored with our cell phones, and can be shut off! Just like solar lithium batteries they can hold a full charge for months while shut off! The lithium battery provides more than 6000 deep cycles compared to traditional lead-acid batteries only about 300-600 cycles, which extends the battery lifespan more than 10 times.

Another advantage is a 6-volt golf cart battery can weigh between 40 and 60 pounds... now multiply that by 8 and you have between 320 and 480 total pounds. The new lithium batteries weigh approximately 80 pounds each, so we have cut our battery weight in half and now have zero maintenance. The charger for the batteries come with the batteries so there is no need to purchase and install an expensive charging station! They charge on a regular 110V outlet!





Folks, we are sorry to have to tell you all this... however, our lunch prices have gone up to *\$20 per person*. Banquet Masters has kept our prices at the same price throughout the last few years. We all know how the price of food has risen and Steve and the fine folks at BM must make a profit. We sincerely hope that this small increase will not impact anyone! If by some chance it does, please let one of your officers know and we are sure we'll find a solution.



Monthly Luncheon



February 12th at 12 noon

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

Chat & Chew

February 27th, 2025

Bella Cucina

1507 Sun City Center PLZ,
Sun City Center, FL

Bella Cucina
ITALIAN FAMILY RESTAURANT



Anniversaries

Anniversaries Feb 2025 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	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	1

Happy Anniversaries to all those in February!

Birthdays

Birthdays Jan 2025 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 John Rehling	30	31	1 Don Stillson	2	3 Bob Bennett	4
5	6	7	8 Robert Russell	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 Craig Wexler	18 Bill Bierce
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 David Miller Robert Leonard
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 Penny Boyd

Happy birthday to all our members who have a birthday in February!

Thoughts and Prayers

Don Churchill

Bill Bierce

Dores McDonnell

Bob & Lee O'Roak

Jon & Janice DeCaluwe

Sandy Nunn

IS Jim and Pat Blevins

In Loving Memory

Upcoming Events

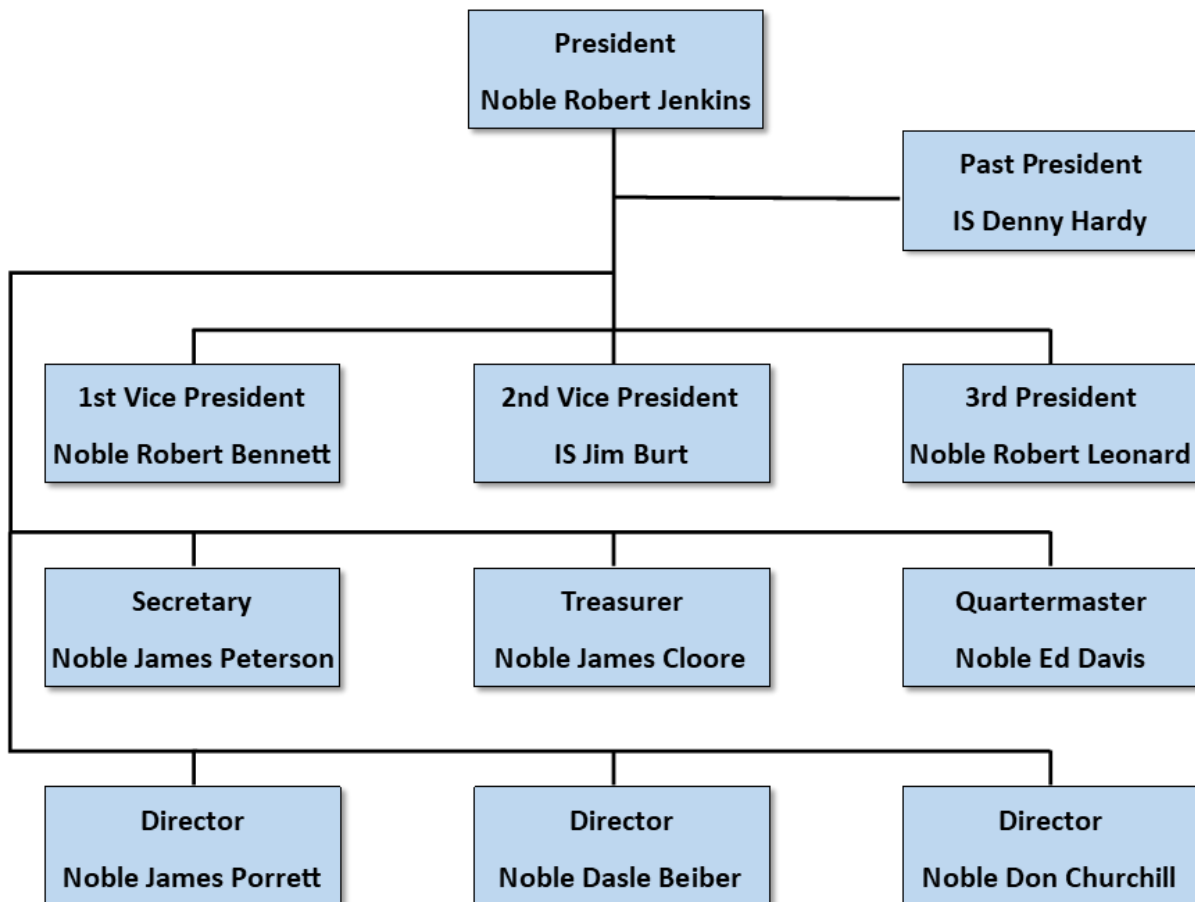
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9	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7pm Pharaohs M 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12pm Sun City S 3:30pm One Blo 5:45pm Tampa (3 more 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11am Newport R 7:30pm Midget 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sands Deadline Valentine's Day 	15
16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Showman's Shrin Presidents' Day 5pm Honor patr 7pm Sultans Of 	18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:30pm Zephyr 6:30pm Fun'n Fr 7:30pm Tin Lizz 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30pm Provost 	21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shriners Chairma
23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7pm Brandon St 7pm Pinellas Sh 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7pm Highlands : 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30pm Director 7:30pm Humido 	27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cracker Jacks Me 	Mar 1

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