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Words from the President

By Noble Jim Porrett

I hope you, your families and friends are healthy and surviving month five of the quarantine. These past months have been trying for everyone, limiting interactions with family and friends and an almost empty calendar of events save for those doctors' visits. It has given people time to reflect on what is important in life to them and where they need to be in their lives at time.

Saying this, it is with great sadness I need

to inform you that Noble Jerry "Peeps" Pherson and Lady Marilyn Pherson are returning to Texas to be closer to family and friends. Please join with me in thanking them both for their friendship and service to the Club and in wishing them safe journeys and the very best in their lives. Peeps and Marilyn, you will be missed and remembered for all you have done!

Recently, I had the opportunity to meet with Illustrious Sir

Dean DiLeo and learn of his strong concern for the health and safety of the Nobility and their families, his insights on how Egypt Shriners continues over the next few months and the excitement of the new building nearing occupancy. Illustrious Sir Dean makes the health and safety the Nobility his first concern when it comes to evaluating returning to meetings and events as allowed under the current government restrictions. With two of our Nobles passing

from complications with Covid-19 and two battling it right now, Dean wants to ensure these numbers don't increase as the result of an Egypt Shrine event. Until the established maximum number of fifty people are allowed to gather, large gatherings are restricted delaying the cornerstone laying ceremony, open house of the new building and large meetings.

With this said, check the announcement of the **Egypt Shriner's Nobles' Birthday Party DRIVE-BY Celebration**. You can see some of your fellow Nobles and their Ladies at a safe distance, see the progress of the new building and grounds and get a piece of birthday cake.

I am in agreement with the Illustrious Sir's concern for the safety of our Nobles and Ladies and am holding on reconvening Club meetings until the threat of Covid-19

recedes and government restrictions are lifted. I am sure this is not what some of you wanted to hear but in good consciousness I cannot put any of my Brothers and their Ladies and then families at risk for the sake of a meeting.

Jim "Pete" Peterson, 2nd Vice President set up and successfully held a Zoom meeting with me this morning. With this success in hand, I am scheduling an "informal" Zoom Board Meeting for 1PM, Monday August 10th. Board of Directors will be receiving a meeting invitation email this week. If you would like to attend, send your request to sccshrineclub@gmail.com and you will be send an invitation. There is a time limit of forty (40) minutes for the Zoom meeting so we will need to keep on point. To show you how easy it is to connect, I opened Jim's invitation at 10:57AM and was

"Zooming" with him at 11PM.

Lady Jean and I look forward to when we can meet again to enjoy fun and fellowship with each other! Until we can, please remember to check in on your family and friends and provide assistance where and when you can. If you know of any Noble or Lady in need of assistance or our thoughts and prayers, please let us know.



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Dean DiLeo
 Potentate

Frank M. Dyer P.P.
 Recorder

Aug. 3, 2020

Nobles,
 It is hard to believe that August is already here. We are still feeling the restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic, yet life has not come to a complete stop. The Imperial Session 2020 was completed virtually, our new home is undergoing the finishing touches, and we are moving forward with plans for a Nobles Birthday Party Drive-By.

To share the details on these events and more, make sure that you attend our next VIRTUAL MEETING scheduled for WEDNESDAY, 12 AUGUST at 7:00 PM.

The login details are provided below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88210519309?pwd=dTczYXk3K0d4ZWcrd2dlbWphbE1Zz09>

Meeting ID: 882 1051 9309

Passcode: Egypt

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.

This has turned into an outstanding forum for staying updated with the latest and greatest news as well as maintaining the critical bonds of Friendship and Brotherhood. 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/88210519309?pwd=dTczYXk3K0d4ZWcrd2dlbWphbE1Zz09).

The Chaplain's Corner

By Noble William Dobbs

As I sit down to write this article, it is Monday after a weekend of visits by children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Yes, we are a bit weary from the fun, but also happily remembering all the times that God has used children to reveal something of the wonder and mystery of all that is God.

Some are obvious, like the infant Moses in the bulrushes whose miraculous rescue was a sign of God at work to save God's people years in the future, or the infant Jesus lying in a manger as a sign of how far God would go to love the whole world. But then there are some that are more personal and not nearly so obvious, unless you are looking for them.

One such sign/revelation happened in my life when our daughter was nearly three years old. Dee was the

youngest of four children and the only daughter so she was not favored in her father's eyes in the least. But even a favored child can get on her father's nerves at times.

On this particular day I was working in my study trying to get a sermon written and Dee was in the kitchen at the other end of the house making a joyful noise with her mother's pots and pans on the kitchen floor. It was just the two of us at home that day and I really did not want to interrupt my train of thought, so I hollered for her to stop making such a racket. Silence for a moment, then the "music" began again, and, if possible, even louder than the first time. So, I got out my "preacher voice" and thundered in the direction of the kitchen that I was going to "lay hands on her" if she didn't behave. Again, silence for a moment



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followed by still louder banging as lid-met-pot and pot-met-floor. Well, enough was enough!

Dad rose up in all his fatherly wrath and headed for the kitchen holler-ing all the way. Imagine my surprise when I came around the corner and found my baby girl sitting on a kitchen chair, ankles crossed and hands folded in her lap, looking at me with her big blue eyes and a very serious expression on her ringlet-bordered face. "I'm sorry, daddy!" was all she said, but my heart melted and all my anger disappeared in a heart-beat. Make no mistake. Her behavior was bad and my anger was real. But my love for her was stronger than my anger.

In that moment I had a real sense that I understood what St Paul was trying to say about God's relationship with all of us "children" who have been

in some sort of trouble "in the kitchens" of our lives. You can read it for yourselves in Romans 8.

"Can anything ever separate us from God's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or are hungry, or cold or in danger or threatened with death? (Sound like Covid?) No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ who loved us. And I am convinced that **nothing** can ever separate us from God's love. The angels can't, and the demons can't. Our fears for today, our worries about tomorrow, and even the powers of Hell can't keep God's love away."

No one has ever said it better! You are loved, my friends, and there is nothing you or a pandemic can do about it!



Wishing the very best to

Noble Jerry "Peeps"

&

Lady Marilyn Pherson

Thank You

for your contributions to the Club
and your friendships & fellowship!

Safe journeys & great futures!















Nobles Birthday Party Drive By Celebration 2020



Drive by and celebrate!
5017 E. Washington St., Tampa

Drive to our new home
Swing through the portico in your vehicle
Cake will be delivered to you
Each Noble receives a birthday surprise
Honk as you drive away !

*Facemasks must be worn where social distancing is not possible
The building will not be open during this event.*

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Upcoming Events: August-September

Mon Aug 3, 2020	1pm - 2:30pm	Board of Directors Meeting (Tentative)
Tue Aug 4, 2020	6:30pm - 8:30pm	DeSoto Lodge #105 10801 Desoto Rd, Riverview
Wed Aug 5, 2020	7:30pm - 9pm	Egypt Shrine Council (Cancelled)
Mon August 10, 2020	1:00pm - ?	Board of Directors Meeting (via Zoom)
Wed Aug 12, 2020	7pm - 8:30pm	Egypt Shrine Stated Meeting (via Zoom)
Tue Aug 18, 2020	6:30pm - 8:30pm	DeSoto Lodge #105 10801 Desoto Rd, Riverview
Sun Aug 23, 2020	8:30am - 12pm	DeSoto Lodge #105 Breakfast 10801 Desoto Rd, Riverview
Sat Aug 29, 2020	3pm - 6pm	Nobles Birthday Party Drive-by 5017 E. Washington Avenue, Tampa
Tue Sep 1, 2020	6:30pm - 8:30pm	DeSoto Lodge #105 10801 Desoto Rd, Riverview
Wed Sep 2, 2020	7:30pm - 9pm	Egypt Shrine Council (TBD)
Mon Sep 7, 2020	1pm - 2:30pm	Board of Directors Meeting (TBD)
Wed Sep 9, 2020	7:30pm - 9pm	Egypt Shrine Stated Meeting (TBD)
Mon Sep 14, 2020	7:30pm - 8:30pm	OES Chapter #201 10801 Desoto Rd, Riverview
Tue Sep 15, 2020	6:30pm - 8:30pm	DeSoto Lodge #105 10801 Desoto Rd, Riverview
Sun Sep 27, 2020	8:30am - 12pm	DeSoto Lodge #105 Breakfast 10801 Desoto Rd, Riverview
	11am - 6pm	Doug Cox Memorial Golf Tournament (TBD)



Noble / Lady	August
James and Bev Hiller	15
Robert and Cheryl Russell	15
John and Nancy Rehling	19
Gerald and Helen Munger	23
Alvin and Kathryn Schmidt	26
Robert and Merri King	30



Noble	August	Lady	August
Gordon Starks	1	Sandra Nunn	1
Edward Socha	4	Janice Dobbs	7
Denny Stutler	4	Donna Wexler	15
Walter Swafford	8	Marjorie Wing	21
Donald Churchill	15	Jeannette Stutler	22
Alvin Schmidt	19	Trudy Province	23
Richard Fricke	21	Nancy Rehling	26
Jon Decaluwe	21		
Dores McDonnell	26		
Anthony Zipperer	30		
James Cloore	31		

Thoughts



Prayers

Nobles / Ladies

Vern Bartz

Andora (Anne) Kemmeling

Mae Everhart Porrett

Dale Province

Larry Wing



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dedicated to brotherhood, compassion and service to others.”*

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](#)