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Many thanks to our Veterans who served our country and the sacrifices they made in doing so!

Lady Jean and I would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, a wonderful Christmas Holiday Season and all the best for the New Year! In passing along these greetings, I need to note the November and December issues are being combined as I will be somewhat incapacitated for a short while in early December and Lady Jean will be busy providing me with her first class care.

Children's Christmas Party Chairs Lady Janice & Noble Jon DeCaluwe have gone to great lengths to provide some

Words from the President

By Noble Jim Porrett

Holiday Cheer to the first-grade children in **Reddick & Wimauma** Elementary Schools. The Club is taking the "*party* on the road" to the two schools on Monday, December 7th at Reddick and Tuesday, December 8th at Wimauma. **PLEASE** read further in the Communicator how you can assist in making this event a great experience for the children and worthwhile for the Club and call Lady Janice to volunteer. The SCC Observer will be doing an article on the event.

It has been a strange year in many aspects and continues to get stranger with every passing day. Where we saw a gain in membership in the beginning of the year, we have seen

several of our members leave Sun City Center to be closer to their families or who have unfortunately passed away. The most recent to relocate are Noble Ed Socha who has moved to Colorado with his daughter and our Chaplain, Noble Bill Dobbs and his Lady Janice have moved to Masonic Pathways in Michigan. Our thanks to Noble Ed for his many years in the Club and the thousands of pancakes he flipped and to Noble Bill for his service as Club Chaplain and the inspirational words he has provided. We wish you all well in your new ventures!

Noble Dallas Warrum, Noble Larry Sturniolo and Noble Dale Province have been appointed to and

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are taking on the responsibility of bles take on small portions of the it is safe for us to gather in perthe Nominating Committee to seek out Nobles to fill the open Officers and Board of Directors positions as well as serve in leadership roles and on our committees. A list of filled and open appointed positions is in the Communicator. When these Nobles call upon you, please stand up and help serve our Club and membership in 2021. If No-

Clubs' responsibilities it lessens the load so all can enjoy their share of keeping the Club successful.

In keeping with State, County and Community Association guidelines for the Covid-19 Pandemic, the Board of Directors has made the decision that the Club will continue to meet via ZOOM until

son. As much as many of us want to get together, the safety of our membership comes first. Looking forward to seeing everyone on ZOOM for the time being and hopefully in person in early 2021!

Farewell to Noble Ed Socha

On Sunday, November 8th, a farewell gathering was held at the Trinity Baptist Church for Noble Ed who is relocating to Colorado to be near his daughter and son-in-law.

There was representation from many Shriners and others to wish Ed farewell. He will be missed by many.

Everyone who knows Noble Ed is well aware of his military back-ground and many contributions to our nation, to Sun City Center (SCC) and to our Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) Chapter. He was one of the founders of the SCC MOAA chapter.

Noble Ed was standing on the USS Maryland flag bridge battle station on Dec. 7, 1941, as the USS Oklahoma tied up next to his ship, took several Japanese torpedoes to its hull and sank in Pearl Harbor within minutes. That experience distinguishes him as a true survivor of Pearl Harbor and one of our country's first World War II veterans.

Noble Ed was visibly emotional at the going away event, stating that it was a highlight of his life. Jim Haney, president of the MOAA presented Socha with a certificate of appreciation for his many contributions to the nation, the community and the local veterans organizations.



A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Ed during the farewell party on behalf of the Sun City Center Shrine Club. The certificate thanked Ed for his many years of membership in the Club, his service to our Country, and for the many years of flipping pancakes at the Pancake Brunch.

Greetings Nobles & Ladies

You are cordially invited to the General Meeting of the

SCC Shrine Club via ZOOM

1PM Monday, November 23, 2020

Join Zoom Meeting by clicking on the following link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86109653698?pwd=VTRna0F5TWRmNE1uRk9hdGpscTRUdz09

Meeting ID: 861 0965 3698

Passcode: 911378

Hope to see you on the 23rd on ZOOM!

All of the positions highlighted in yellow are in need of a volunteer to fill the open responsibility. Please step up and help the club! Contact Jim Porrett, Dallas Warrum, Dale Province or Larry Sturniolo to provide the volunteer openings you will be responsible for. We NEED you!

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Assistant Set up/Clean up Manager	
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Assistant Store Fronts Manager	
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Associate Chairman	Noble Dale Province
Hospital Bene	fit Days
General Chairman	
<mark>Associate Chairman</mark>	
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Associate Chairman	Paul Davenport

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Hospitality Co	ommittee
General Chairman	Noble Jim Saunders
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Associate Steward	
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Jewelry Sales	
Quartermaster / Club Apparel	Noble Jim Saunders
50/50 Program	Noble Carl Nunn
Data Base Manager	Noble Don Churchill
Data Base Manager Support	Lady Jean Porrett Noble Jim "Pete" Peterson

The Chaplain's Corner

By Noble William Dobbs

I am writing to you today with news I did not expect to be sharing at this time, although I always knew this day was coming. Lady Janice and I are moving back to Michigan. By the time you receive this communication, we will likely already be back in the snow and cold of the north country. This is a decision which will leave some - perhaps all - of you wondering about our sanity. I understand that. But I would like to share with you a little of thinking in the hopes that it may encourage some of you to make similar decisions, even if they do not involve cold and ice.

Both of my parents arrived at the end of their earthly journeys in very different circumstances than they planned, mother with advanced Alzheimers and father suffering the life changing effects of a massive stroke. The good news in this story is that both of them were living in the Masonic Retirement Community called Pathways, where Janice and I got to see first hand the love and care that our Masonic family provides for their own. This Michigan continuum of care facility provided day by day and hour by hour support for Tom and Verna until they breathed their lastbreath, and we decided that, when the time came, we wanted to live in that same supportive community.

So, after I retired five years ago, we put our names on the waiting list, told them that we were in no hurry, and moved to Florida to enjoy the warmth and sunshine. We had been told that it could take several years to move through the list, so we just put it out of our minds. I think that's why we were not expecting the call we received in late August that our name had arrived at the top of the list and they would have an opening for us by the end of the year.

I will admit that the call took us by surprise. The first thought that I had was that we were not old enough, even though I had just turned 75. My parents were

both 81 when they passed.) And the second thought was that we were too healthy to be making these kinds of decisions at this point in our lives.

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By Noble William Dobbs

But, as Janice and I talked, we realized that those were precisely the reasons why this was the right time. If we waited until we were older, we would likely not have the energy to pack and move across the country. If we waited until we were less healthy, we might not be of sound enough mind or body to participate in the decision process. Worse yet, we could wait long enough that there would only be one of us to make decisions and we have always worked better as a team. So we came back to Florida with a plan, sold our house in two days, and will be leaving by the middle of November.

Other than a way to say thank you and goodbye, what is the point of sharing our experience? I hope it will encourage you to do a couple of things if you have not already done so. I know from talking to some of my golfing friends that not everyone has, although I am making no assumptions about those of you who are reading this.

First, please do not wait until you are older or sicker or in dire circumstances to make plans. Please do not assume that you will always have time tomorrow or next week. Next week has a way of sneaking up on us when we are not looking.

Second, remember that moving to a place that can care for you in all circumstances of life does not mean that you have given up or are just waiting to die. We are moving to the same community where the Grand Lodge of Michigan has its offices, and I fully expect to be active for many years to come in one way or another.

And finally, you have family and friends in the greater Masonic and Shrine community which can be there for you always. If you experience loss of mobility or change of circumstances, don't let that keep you from reaching out to your fraternal brothers and sisters, who stand ready to take you by the hand and raise you up.

Thank you for letting me walk alongside you for these several

months. I know that Covid 19 has kept us from physical contact, but I am still grateful for the connection we have shared and I will be praying for you as we go forward in the future. **God Speed!**

Season's Greetings Nobles & Ladies

Many thanks to Committee Chairs Lady Janice & Noble Jon DeCaluwe who have gone to great lengths to be able to take the Club's Annual Children's Christmas Party on the road so we can still provide a little bit of *Christmas Cheer* to the first-grade children of Wimauma! A great event for the children and a chance for the Club to spread some joy during the Holiday Season. Lady Janice has provided the following agenda and needs for assistance.

Your Chance to Help Us provide the Christmas Spirit



The Club has budgeted money for this event and to date we have already received several donations to assist. We have had an anonymous donor who has provided a contribution to cover the expense of a juice box and cookies for the children. I know the Covid-19 Pandemic has put a strain on everyone in many aspects, but should you care to help with the expenses in providing *Christmas Cheer* to these first-grade children, please make your check payable to the SCC Shrine Club with notation for the *Children's Christmas Party* and send it to:

SCC Shrine Club PO Box 5773 Sun City Center FL 33573

Please contact Lady Janice or Noble Jon if you can assist on Monday assembling the gift bags and/or Tuesday to move the bags into the cafeteria. Also, please let them know if you are willing to be an Elf. (Email: <u>motherzz2002@yahoo.com</u> or phone 813-260-3890)

Many thanks to the Kings Point Quilters and members Lady Sandy Nunn and Lady Carol Schwindt for their generous donation of time and fabric for the pillowcases used to hold the gifts for the children!



May the spirit of Christmas grace your life throughout the Holidays and the New Year and stay healthy & safe!

Children's Christmas Party - "On the Road" Monday, December 7th: Reddick Elementary School 325 W. Lake Drive Wimauma FL 8 AM Need ten to twelve volunteers to assemble 201 gift bags for the children. 8:30 AM Need two Elves to assist Santa & Mrs. Claus by handing a gift bag and juice box & cookie to each child. Elves to be masked & gloved. 9:00 AM Classrooms are brought to the cafeteria where they will pass 12 feet in front of Santa & Mrs. Claus while Elves hand out the gifts. Children will return to their classrooms after receiving their gifts and the event will be over when the last classroom has left the cafeteria. Tuesday, December 8th: Wimauma Elementary School 5709 Hickman Street Wimauma FL 8:00 AM Need four volunteers to move the gifts to the cafeteria. 8:30 M Need two Elves to assist Santa & Mrs. Claus by handing a gift bag and juice box & cookie to each child. Elves to be masked & gloved. 9:00 AM Same as Monday

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Upcoming Events: November / December

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Mon Nov 2, 2020	1pm - 2:30pm	Board of Directors Meeting (Zoom)
Tue Nov 3, 2020	6:30pm - 8:30pm	DeSoto Lodge #105 10801 Desoto Rd, Riverview
Wed Nov 4, 2020	7:30pm - 9pm	Egypt Shrine Council (TBD)
Sat Nov 7, 2020	8am - 9am	Egypt Fall Ceremonial (TBD)
Mon Nov 9, 2020	7:30pm - 8:30pm	OES Chapter #201 10801 Desoto Rd, Riverview
Wed Nov 11, 2020	4:30pm - 5:30pm	Feztable of Trees (TBD)
	7:30pm - 9pm	Egypt Shrine Stated Meeting (TBD)
Sat Nov 14, 2020	4:30pm - 4:30pm	Feztable of Trees (TBD)
Tue Nov 17, 2020	6:30pm - 8:30pm	DeSoto Lodge #105 10801 Desoto Rd, Riverview
Sun Nov 22, 2020	8:30am - 12pm	DeSoto Lodge #105 Breakfast 10801 Desoto Rd, Riverview
Mon Nov 23, 2020	1:00pm – 2:30pm	Sun City Shrine Club Meeting (Zoom) For all Nobles and Ladies
Tue Dec 1, 2020	6:30pm - 8:30pm	DeSoto Lodge #105 10801 Desoto Rd, Riverview
Wed Dec 2, 2020	7:30pm - 9pm	Egypt Shrine Council (TBD)
	1pm - 2:30pm	Board of Directors Meeting (Zoom)
Mon Dec 7, 2020	8am - 12pm	Children's Christmas Party Reddick Elementary School
Tue Dec 8, 2020	8am - 12pm	Children's Christmas Party Wimauma Elementary School
Wed Dec 9, 2020	7:30pm - 9pm	Egypt Shrine Stated Meeting (TBD)
Mon Dec 14, 2020	7:30pm - 8:30pm	OES Chapter #201 10801 Desoto Rd, Riverview
Tue Dec 15, 2020	6:30pm - 8:30pm	DeSoto Lodge #105 10801 Desoto Rd, Riverview
Sun Dec 27, 2020	8:30am - 12pm	DeSoto Lodge #105 Breakfast 10801 Desoto Rd, Riverview



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Noble / Lady	Nov
Harry & Donna Jean Perkins	12
Donald & Vickie Hawley	14
Dores & Dianna McDonnell	27
William & Janice Dobbs	28
	Dec
Jonathan & Kathy Neil	22
Dale & Marilyn Bieber	27
Don & Pat Stillson	27
Dale & Trudy Province	28
Charles & Sharon Reeve	28



Noble	Nov	Noble	Dec
James Blevins	2	Donald Johnson	3
Robert O'Roak	7	James Saunders	9
Louis Braun	8	Dennis Hardy	10
Raymond Martin	17	Gerald Munger	14
James L. Peterson	24	James Hiller	16
Robert Hurwitz	30	Larry Sturniolo	27
Sidney Duncan	30	John Rehling	29

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Lady	Nov	Lady	Dec
Shelley Welper	1	Doris Starks	3
Trish Robinson	12	Suzanne Cloore	4
Carol Schwindt	17	Donna Jean Perkins	12
Genny Dyer	24	Rosalie O'Roak	12
		Connie Johnson	19
		Eileen McGarvey	21
		Janice Decaluwe	24
		Nancy Lucas	31

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Nobles / Ladies Ann Kemmeling Cliff Lang
Cliff Lang
Jim Porrett
Mae Porrett
Gordon Starks
Jean Swafford

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In Loving Memory



Toby Leger, 73, of Spring Hill, passed away on November 20, 2020 at 12:30 p.m. She was born in Brooklyn, New York and came to Florida 26 yrs. ago from Bethpage, New York. She was past queen of Elim Temple. Toby loved to line dance. She gave the best hugs. When Toby walked into a room, the place would light up. She was an avid teddy bear collector.

She is survived by her husband, Illustrius Sir Rich Leger of Spring Hill, FL; daughters, Denise Parker (Glen) of Tampa, FL and Stephanie Batsell of Charlotte, NC; grandchildren,

Joseph Gonzalez Leger who is Sergeant in the US Army, Haley Gonzalez, and Owen all of Colorado Springs, CO, Sabrina Gonzalez Leger of Lakeland, FL, Michael Parker of Tampa, FL, Alexandre Montenegro of Charlotte, NC and Eric Parker of Tampa, FL.

Visitation and Funeral Service will be held on November 23rd, 2020 at Brewer & Sons Funeral Home Seven Hills Chapel, 280 Mariner Blvd., Spring Hill , FL 34609

Visitation: 1 pm—3 pm

Funeral: 3 pm—4 pm

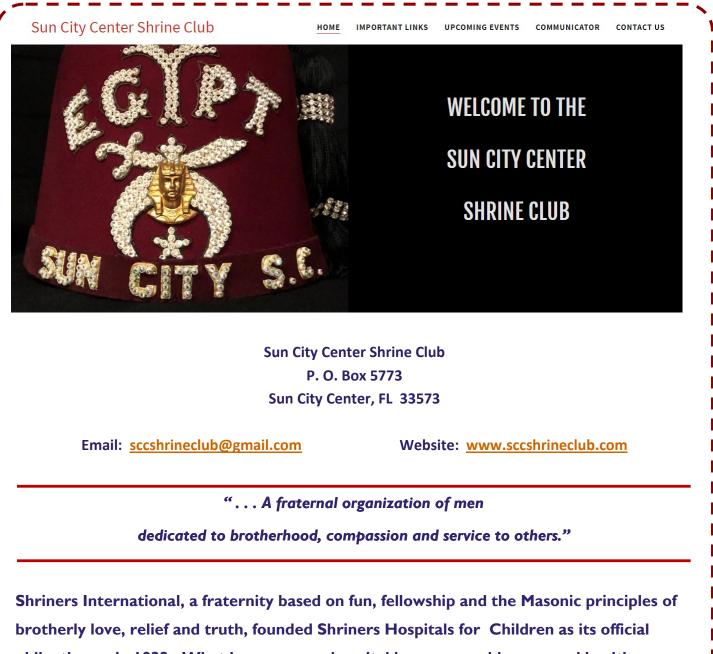
Final Resting Place: Masaryktown Cemetery Off of Suqirrel Prairie Rd. Masaryktown, FL 34604



In Loving Memory

The Black Camel came in and took our beloved brother, Noble Lawrence Wing on Friday, November 20th. He will be missed by many and leaves behind Lady Marge and two adult children. Please keep the Wing family in your thoughts and prayers. We will be providing an email blast with additional details when the information becomes available.





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

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Grand York Rite of Florida