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Words from the President

By Illustrious Sir Dennis Hardy, PP

I hope this message finds you all well! My goodness, where has time gone? Here we are and it is December and Christmas is only a few days away. I know time fly's when you're having fun however, it seems like yesterday I was just starting my tenure as President.

Our last Chat and Chew at the Sakura Japanese Steakhouse was fabulous and what a way to end the year!

Our Children's Christmas parties were awesome as we made so many children smile and feel loved during this special time of the

year and each one of you are to thank for that!

This club is truly one of the best clubs in all Shrinedom! I do not have the words to express my gratitude and sincere thanks for allowing me to serve you here in Sun City Center. It has been my honor and privilege to serve you!

I look forward to Noble Bob Robert Jenkins taking the reins next year and I pledge my total support to him and this club. You all are WONDERFUL and I love each and every

one of you!

My only request from you, is please have fun in everything you do! It was why the Shriners were created in the first place. Fun and laughter are very contagious... it attracts others!

Do it Because You Can!

Thank you and God bless each one of you and your families.



DRESS CODE		
Officers and Directors:	December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Red Blazer • Black Dress Pants • White Shirt • Black Tie • Fez
	January — November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Red Club Shirt • Black Shorts or Dress Pants • Fez
Nobles and Guests:	Encouraged to dress in the same manner but are free to dress as they would like.	

2022 & 2023 DUES RENEWAL NOTICE

The Board of Directors has voted to keep the Annual Club Dues at \$30.00.

**If you have not paid 2022 dues,
pay \$50.00 NOW to cover your 2022 and 2023 dues.**

Payment Options:

- **Give Cash or Check to Secretary, Noble Pete Peterson**
- **Mail Check: SCC Shrine Club, P.O. Box 5773 Sun City Center FL 33573**
- **Pay Online: www.sccshrineclub.com**

The Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain Noble Robert Bennett

Luke 2:8-20 O HOLY NIGHT

This world has witnessed many nights since it was created by God. Many of those nights passed without anything remarkable taking place. Others saw profound changes in history take place.

On April 14, 1865 America went to bed thankful that the long, bloody War Between the States was finally over. America awoke the next morning to discover that President Abraham Lincoln had been assassinated. On December 6, 1941 America went to bed watching war spread across Asia and Europe, and thankful that, for the time being, America was being left out of the conflict. They awoke the next morning to news of the surprise Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, and to the awareness that avoiding war was no longer a possibility. On June 5, 1944 the world went to bed wondering when Adolph Hitler and his Nazi armies would be defeated and the people of Europe delivered from his iron grip. The world awoke the next day to news of the Allied invasion at Normandy on D-Day.

The nights I just mentioned brought radical changes to the world. Other nights have brought incredible circumstances to pass, and the world failed to notice. One such night is the one portrayed in our text. The night Jesus Christ was born was an ordinary night from a human standpoint. The shepherds are watching their sheep. The people in the villages and towns of Israel sleep off the weariness of another long, hard day. In Jerusalem, the High Priest and the other men of religious power sleep as though it was any

other night. King Herod has no idea that his kingdom has been invaded, and that new King is about to be revealed. The world over people drifted off to sleep not knowing that God was transacting eternal business in their very midst. They did not know that a Savior was being born in Bethlehem

The night Jesus was born had all the appearance of being just another common, ordinary night. Yet, the events that occurred that night reveal it to be unlike another night in human history. I want to spend some time considering the **events** of that holy night.

Many years ago, in 1847, a composer by the name of Adolphe Adam wrote the words to a powerful Christmas carol called "**O Holy Night**". The first verse goes like this:

***Oh holy night! The stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
Till He appear'd and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.
Fall on your knees! Oh, hear the angel voices!
Oh night divine, Oh night when Christ was born;
Oh night, Oh night divine, Oh night Divine.***

I would like for us to travel back to that holy night when Christ was born. I would like for us to examine that night once again. You won't hear anything new today; you will hear the old, old story shared one more time. Let's consider again the events of the first Christmas.





[Click Here](#) for reservations.

**24 hours notice required for cancellations;
otherwise cost will be incurred by the member and invoice sent.**



Entertainment for the Holiday Luncheon
will be the Men's Chorus.
They will start performing at 11:45 AM.
Please plan to be at the luncheon by 11:45 AM.

HAPPY
HOLIDAYS

OCTOBER 2022

Lady Jan & Nobel Don Churchill Return to the Shriners Open as Marshalls



The practice putting green with score board in back ground.



DON & JAN Churchill were Marshall's at the Shrine Children PGA Golf Open in October at Las Vegas.



They went over to Sedona and Phoenix to relax for a few days.

Chat & Chew



Club Participates in SCC Community Association's Annual Holiday Golf Cart Parade

Early Thanksgiving week, Nobles Tom Griffiths and Jim Porrett transported the parade vehicle into town for cleaning and decorating in preparation for the annual Community Association's Holiday Parade.

Nobles Bob Jenkins and Jim Porrett undertook the challenge of deep cleaning the Club's eight passenger golf cart. Thanks to previous cleanings by Nobles Cliff Lang, Kendall Schwindt and Jim Porrett, it was a less daunting task than they had experienced. After several hours of elbow grease, cleaners and rags, Bob and Jim completed the cleaning in preparation for decorating.

Nobles Bob Jenkins, Steve Drobnis and Jim Porrett decorated the parade vehicle. Knowing the amazing entries in past years and only having a few weeks to plan, it was decided to decorate the cart for the Holidays and bring Santa Claus (aka Noble Don Stillson) to town. Thanks to our departed, but never forgotten Club Engineer, Noble Larry Wing, an inverter was installed on the cart for the 2019 parade to power the lights and inflate the reindeer and dog! Many zip ties later, garland, lights, a wreath and festive holiday hangings and the parade vehicle was ready!

In the early hours of the morning, Nobles Bob, Steve and Jim put the fez on the cart and made finishing touches. Imagine you are driving down South Pebble Beach Boulevard early Saturday morning seeing this large golf cart with a giant fez and four and a half Elves driving past you... The Elf Crew consisted of Nobles Bob Jenkins, Steve Drobnis, Jim Porrett, Lady Jean Porrett and Miss Izzy...Lady Iva Jenkins joined the Crew at registration. The trailer was secured and the Club's Elf Crew was off to meet Santa Claus and register for the parade. Believe it or not, the Crew was so early, the registration team had yet to show up. This turned out to be good as the Club was the first cart in the parade.

Santa Claus arrived to the delight of the other entrants who had begun to gather. It was great seeing the different cart entries, ranging from the simple, like ours, to a speed boat pulling a water skiing Santa Claus. The giant fez drew some attention but it was Santa Claus that was the big interest! Young children and old children flocked to have their picture taken with Santa Claus. Pictures of the Club's entry and many of the participating carts can be found in the picture folders on the Club's website, sccshrine-clubclub.com.

Great days of *fun & fellowship* were had by those in the Elf Crew & Santa in the preparation for and participation in the parade. PLUS, the Shrine Club's presence was made known with our fez leading the parade and the amazing renditions of *Jingle Bells and We Wish You a Merry Christmas* coming from the cart as we passed by.

President elect, Noble Jenkins is looking to form a small Parade Vehicle Committee to "share the wealth" of maintenance, cleaning and coordinating parade participation. To include designing, fabricating and putting into place, Santa's reindeer and sleigh on the cart for 2023's parade.

See Noble Bob to volunteer.



Children’s Christmas Party

A huge Thank You to Denny & Rhonda Hardy, who took over the planning of the Children’s Christmas Party from Jon and Janice Decaluwe last year. The party was a huge success and the children were beaming with **JOY!!!**

Prior to the party, Rhonda was busy procuring the toys, snacks for the event. There were about 16 folks that came out to help fill bags of toys for boys and girls.

For a look behind the scenes, [Click Here](#).

Thanks to all of the “behind the scenes” help for the Christmas Party!



A Great Cast of Characters

The event coordination and on site coordination was by **Lady Rhonda Hardy / IS Denny Hardy**.

Santa was played by **Noble Donald Stillson** (and **IS Denny Hardy**).

Snacks were provided to the boys and girls by **Noble Steve Drobnis**.

Candy Canes were provided to the children at Reddick by **Lady Evelyn Moore**

Gift bags were provided to Santa so that he could give it to each child by **Lady Jean Porrett**.

Children and adults were entertained by our very own Elf, **Noble Bob Jenkins**.

Thank You All!!



Children's Christmas Party

Before getting to see Santa, the children asked if Santa was real. They wondered where the reindeer were. Were we real Elfs? The joy, belief, sheer happiness was seen on the face of each and every child as they sat and talked with Santa. It was a truly moving event!

We made a difference!



In the Spirit of the Holiday Season

The schools were buzzing with excitement. They were decorated for Christmas inside and out. Staff were wearing holiday clothing and were very festive.

Staff asked if they could be photographed with Santa. Several pre-school classes who were having breakfast in the cafeteria requested a picture with Santa.

Want to see more pictures of the Children's Christmas Party? [Click Here](#)

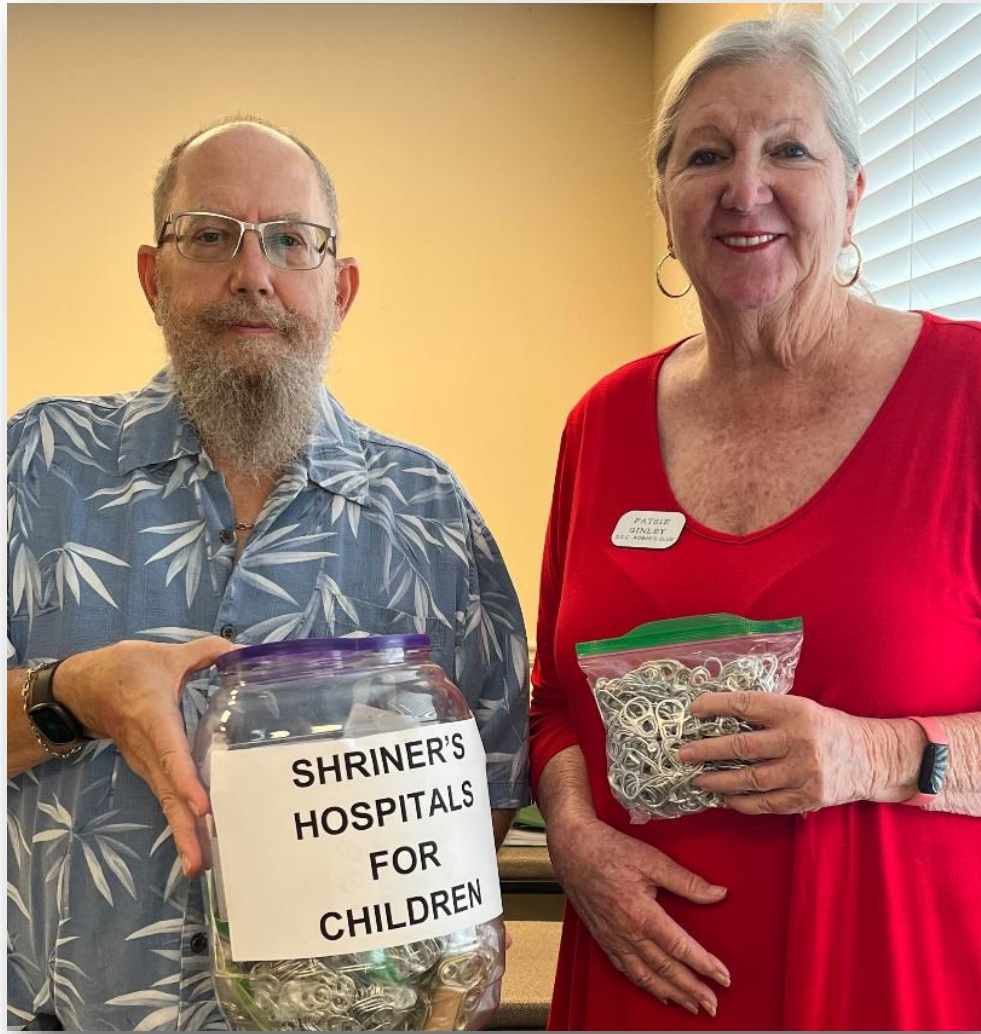




Can Tabs Donation

Don Churchill and Gene Welper turning tabs collected from friends and neighbors. Many of these tabs came from members of Mid Tee golfing group of Caloosa Golf Club including Mike Swissler, Bob Yager, Don Cote, Blaine Hinds, Jeff Carroll and others. These tabs are turned in and credit sent to Shriners.

SCC Woman's Club Supports Shriners



Members of the GFWC SCC Woman's Club, Inc. take part in numerous environmental issue projects. They recently collected hundreds and hundreds of pop tabs for the Shrine Club. Aluminum has recycling value and the tab is the only pure aluminum part of the can. The tabs are recycled and the recycler matches the amount the tabs generate, and they send a check to the Shriner's Healthcare for Children. The money generated is used to fund transportation for needy children to and from Shriner's Hospitals. Recycling tabs also help to raise funds used to pay for equipment such as wheelchairs and prosthetic devices. Pictured above are Shriner Club Past President and current Board Member Jim Porrett, and Woman's Club member Patsie Ginley.



Noble / Lady	December
Dale & Marilyn Bieber	27
Don & Pat Stillson	27



Noble	December	Lady	December
Michael Hartman	6	Iva Jenkins	1
Dennis Hardy	10	Kristy Knutson	3
John Yendell	18	Suzanne Cloore	4
Larry Sturniolo	27	Rosalie (Lee) O'Roak	12
John Rehling	29	Janice Decaluwe	24

Thoughts



Prayers

Nobles / Ladies

Lloyd Banfield

Vern Bartz

Debbie Bennett

Chaplain Robert Bennett

Jeanne Cheek

Alexis Cook

Clay Craft

Steve Drobni

Lucia Perez

James Peterson

Pete Peterson



In Loving Memory



James J. Hiller

James Joseph (Jim) Hiller passed away on Nov. 30, 2022, with Beverly (Bev), his wife of 53 years, by his side.

Jim was born in Detroit, Mich., on Dec. 16, 1944, the son of the late Melvin J. Hiller and Marjorie Marie Weston and grew up in Yale, Mich. He is preceded in death by his younger brother, Michael Hiller. Jim and Bev moved to Florida in 1998 and moved to Kings Point, Fla., in 2013.

Jim is survived by his two devoted daughters and their families, Kellie Hiller Kuhn (Tom Kuhn) and Sara Hiller Wallon (Randy Wallon) and seven grandchildren.

Jim worked as a life insurance agent and general manager for 52 years. He had a keen sense about people and was passionate about serving the needs of his clients. He was a dedicated and reliable employee of National Life and Accident Insurance Co., American General Life Insurance Co. and Gleaner Life Insurance Society.

Jim was an insatiable practical joker and loved to talk about the world travel he and Bev enjoyed. They traveled all over the world to places like Israel, Australia, Vanuatu, Singapore and Italy. Jim even sailed to Cuba with friends in 2006. Jim enjoyed scuba diving, golfing, sporting clays and was an advocate for second amendment rights.

Jim was a practicing Catholic and an avid volunteer. He served as a volunteer probation officer (Mich.), elected as precinct delegate of the Republican Party (Mich.), was president of the Kiwanis Club (Garden City, Mich.), volunteer ambulance driver (Sun City, Fla.), VP of the Bay Area Arbor (Sun City, Fla.) and was a past master of the Masonic Desota Lodge (FL).

A Mass at Prince of Peace Catholic Church in Sun City, Fla., will be held on Dec. 19 at 10 a.m. with a luncheon to directly follow at the Kings Point North Club in the Waterside Room. Friends and family welcome. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Lifepath Hospice of Ruskin, Fla. Arrangement by Sun City Center Funeral Home, 813-634-9900.

Upcoming Events: December

Thu Dec 1, 2022

1pm - 3pm Chat & Chew @ Sakura Japanese Steak House

| **Where:** Sakura Japanese Steakhouse, 10722 Big Bend Rd, Riverview, FL 33579, USA

Mon Dec 5, 2022

1pm - 2:30pm Board of Directors Meeting

| **Where:** Sun City Center Community, 1009 N Pebble Beach Blvd, Sun City Center, FL 33573, USA

2:30pm - 3:30pm Pack Christmas Party Toys

| **Where:** SCC Community Hall, 1910 S Pebble Beach Blvd, Sun City Center, FL 33573, USA

Tue Dec 6, 2022

8am - 11am Children's Christmas Party

| **Where:** Reddick Elementary School, 325 West Lake Dr, Wimauma, FL 33598, USA

6:30pm - 8:30pm DeSoto Lodge #105

| **Where:** 10801 Desoto Rd, Riverview, FL 33578, USA

Thu Dec 8, 2022

8am - 11am Children's Christmas Party

| **Where:** Wimauma Elementary School, 5709 Hickman St, Wimauma, FL 33598, USA

Wed Dec 14, 2022

11:45am - 2pm SCC Shrine Club Meeting / Luncheon

| **Where:** SCC Community Hall, 1910 S Pebble Beach Blvd, Sun City Center, FL 33573, USA

Tue Dec 20, 2022

6:30pm - 8:30pm DeSoto Lodge #105

| **Where:** 10801 Desoto Rd, Riverview, FL 33578, USA

Sun Dec 25, 2022

8:30am - 12pm DeSoto Lodge #105 Breakfast

| **Where:** 10801 Desoto Rd, Riverview, FL 33578, USA

Upcoming Events: January

Mon Jan 2, 2023

1pm - 2:30pm Board of Directors Meeting

Where: Sun City Center Community, 1009 N Pebble Beach Blvd, Sun City Center, FL 33573, USA

Tue Jan 3, 2023

6:30pm - 8:30pm DeSoto Lodge #105

Where: 10801 Desoto Rd, Riverview, FL 33578, USA

Wed Jan 11, 2023

12pm - 2pm SCC Shrine Club Meeting / Luncheon

Where: SCC Community Hall, 1910 S Pebble Beach Blvd, Sun City Center, FL 33573, USA

Tue Jan 17, 2023

6:30pm - 8:30pm DeSoto Lodge #105

Where: 10801 Desoto Rd, Riverview, FL 33578, USA

Sun Jan 22, 2023

8:30am - 12pm DeSoto Lodge #105 Breakfast

Where: 10801 Desoto Rd, Riverview, FL 33578, USA

Thu Jan 26, 2023

2pm - 4pm Chat & Chew

Where: TBD



Join us for an all new, award winning, drive through light show synchronized to music. Come experience the wonder of Christmas as cutting-edge technology unites with a multitude of lights and dynamic Christmas tunes. Everywhere you look is perfectly synchronized to the music on your radio, featuring a 50' RGB tree of lights and a state of the art 300' drive-through, color changing tunnel. These custom-built light displays come to life right before your eyes, and all from the comfort of your vehicle. Simply drive up, tune in, and let the Christmas Spirit take you away! Nestled into this journey through light is Santa's Village where you can enjoy a whole host of festive activities.

Date & Time

DATES:

Nov 25, 2022 - Jan 1, 2023

6pm-10pm Nightly.

PRE-SOLD TICKETS ONLY. See details below.

Tickets MUST be purchased in advance

No on-site tickets are sold. Please make sure to buy your tickets early so your preferred time slot doesn't sell out. We can't wait to see you!

Passenger Car (Up to 8 People) - \$29.99

Activity Van - \$59.99

Tour or School Bus/Large RV - \$99.99

SANTA'S VILLAGE - Open Nightly: 6-10PM , Nov 25 - Jan 1, 2023

- Photos with Santa Thurs, Fri, and Sat. Hot food and beverages as well as tasty treats. Craft Fair. Activities for kids. Festive Photo Ops. And MORE!
- Pets are welcome in the village as long as they are on a leash.
- Admission into Santa's Village is free with admission to the light show. Additional fees required for attractions. Santa's Village is operated by Jen's markets and Events. For all inquiries regarding Santa's Village please contact [Jen-](#)

Shriner's Annual **TOY RUN**

Sunday, December 4, 2022

Riders: \$10 per hand or 3 for \$20.

Party Bus: \$75 to ride the bus & includes one hand.

50/50 tickets and additional hands available for purchase.

Hidden object at each stop for more prizes!

For more information, call John Head (727) 224-0701.



REGISTRATION & STOP #1

10 to 11am

Palm River Oasis

5017 E Washington St
Tampa, FL 33619

FIRST CARD DRAW

LAST STOP

Palm River Oasis

5017 E Washington St
Tampa, FL 33619

LAST BIKE IN 3PM

PARTY BUS

(limited availability)

Call Jim Ulery

(727) 647-3391



STOP #2

Salty Shamrock Irish Pub

6186 N.U.S. Hwy 41
Apollo Beach, FL 33572

STOP #3

Beer Shed

11222 Casa Loma Dr
Riverview, FL 33569

STOP #4

Gaspar's Patio Bar & Grille

8448 N 56th St
Temple Terrace,
FL 33617
(not in Ybor)

*Proceeds are for the benefit of Egypt Shriners...
Payments are not deductible as a charitable contribution*



Please give the Gift of Life
The Big Red Bus will be at the Shrine
Donate Blood in 2022



Blood Drive Dates for 2022

February 9th 3-8 PM

April 13th 3-8 PM

June 8th 3-8 PM

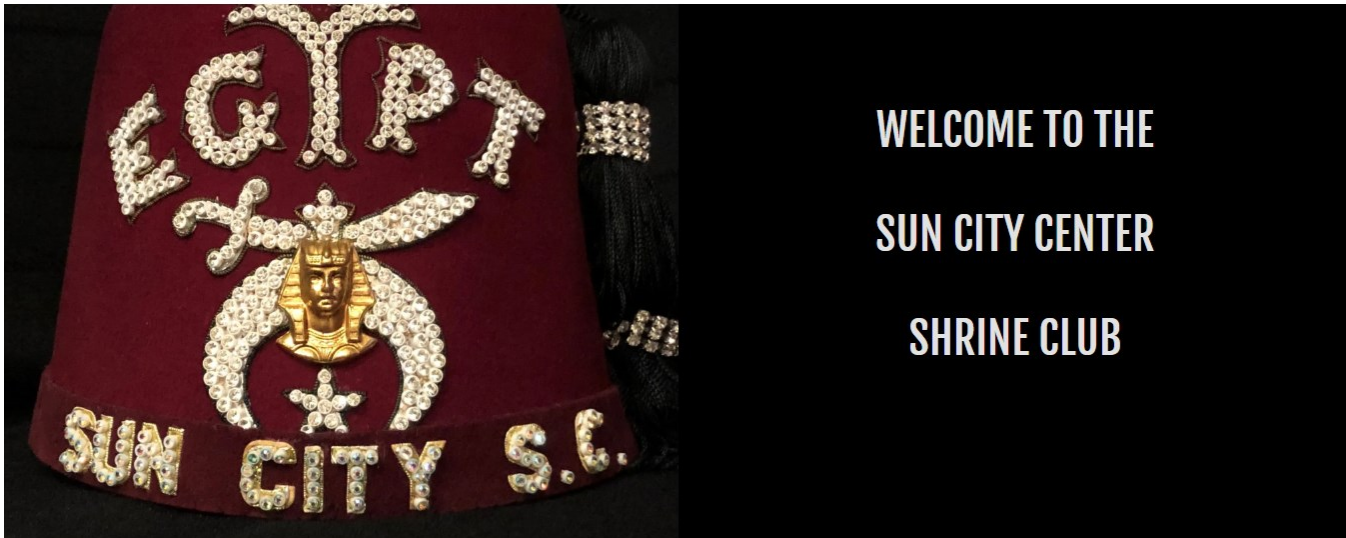
August 10th 3-8 PM

October 12th 3-8 PM

December 14th 3-8 PM

Open to ALL Nobles, Families, and Neighbors





WELCOME TO THE
SUN CITY CENTER
SHRINE CLUB

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Sun City Center, FL 33573

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Website: www.sccshrineclub.com

*“ . . . A fraternal organization of men
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](#)