

April 2025



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# President's Message

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My Fellow Nobles and Ladies,

As we move into the pre-summer months, I want to wish our Sun City Center Shrine Club family and friends a Happy Easter blessing on this special day. May your day of worship be a celebration of your faith and a gathering of loved ones as you enjoy an Easter meal and the Kids, Grandkids and Great-Grandkids enjoy an Easter egg hunt (totaling up the number of Easter eggs they collected) and don't forget the Chocolate Easter eggs and bunny's (they are for the kids!). Egypt Shrine Temple is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt for all Shriners Kid's, Grandkids and Great-Grandkids on April 19<sup>th</sup> the 1918 lounge opens at 10 am the Easter Egg Hunt starts at 11 am (bring a BIG Basket for all those eggs!!) It's FREE...

We hope to have our very Egypt's Potentate III. Sir Jeffrey Zelesnikar as our guest for our April 9<sup>th</sup> monthly luncheon meeting. I have not had confirmation of this, I will see that you receive notice as soon as the Potentate's visit is confirmed, one-way or the other.

Membership is vital for our continued growth and to secure our future existence as the Sun City Center Shrine Club. We have a total of 64 members (correct me if I'm wrong) I know several of our members can remember when we had at least 300 members and we use to put on our Annual Pancake Breakfast (which at that time was our biggest fundraiser) recently it was the Red Sketon Tribute thanks to III. Sir Denny Hardy and his committee Nobles Jim "Pete" Peterson, Jim Porrett and Bob Jenkins and several Nobles from our Shrine Club who was a tremendous help. With our membership numbers what it is, WE need every Sun City Center Shriner's participation to keep us going and growing. We Are In It To Win It!!.. And we do it for the KIDS!

Fraternally,

Noble Bob Jenkins, President 2025

Sun City Center Shrine Club

# Chaplain's Corner

Mark 16:1-8

## WHAT A DIFFERENCE A DAY MAKES

Intro: I have always been amazed at how fast life can change. Things are one way one day, and the next day they are totally different. One day a spouse is here, the next day they are gone. One day you think you are well, the next day you discover that you are extremely ill. One day everything in your life is going well, the next day everything has fallen apart. One day it appears that there is no hope for your situation, the next day your problem has been solved. It is true that many changes can occur over the course of one day.

What a difference a day makes! That was never more true than the day Jesus rose from the dead. When the body of Jesus was placed in the tomb by Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus the day He was crucified, that was a dark and terrible day. As the sun went down that night, so did the hopes and dreams of all the Lord's disciples and followers.

Mark is the only Gospel writer that speaks of that dark, dreary Sabbath that passed between the day Jesus died and the day He rose again from the dead. I am sure it was a long, miserable day for all those who loved and followed Jesus.

But, what a difference a day makes! Mark moves us beyond that tragic Saturday to a glorious Sunday, when the world changed forever.

I would like for us to look into the events of that first Lord's Day, the day Jesus rose from the dead. Why is that day so important? That day is important because the events of that day have made a difference in every day that has and will follow that day. That day makes a difference because what happened that day has influenced many people in this room. That day is important because what happened that day can make a difference in your life today.

Let's look in on that the events that occurred at that tomb just outside Jerusalem the morning Jesus Christ rose from the dead. I want to preach on the thought, What A Difference A Day Makes. I want that day to make a difference in your life!

## I. v. 1-3      A MINISTRY OF LOVE

A. v. 1 Their Desire – The three women mentioned in these verses observed the long, dark Sabbath day. They rested in their homes as they were commanded by the Law. Just the day before, they had witnessed the death of Jesus. They watched as His body was placed in a tomb and a stone was rolled over the opening to seal His body inside, Mark 15:46-47. As sundown, and the Sabbath began, these women went to their homes to wait.

When the Sabbath ended, on Saturday at sunset, they emerged from their homes, went into town and purchased “sweet spices” to “anoint” the body of Jesus. Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus had already wrapped the body in linen strips and poured embalming spices on the body. The perfume these women were intending to use would have served the purpose of masking the smells of decomposition.

So, they go out on Saturday night and make their purchases. Their intention is to go to the tomb the next morning and perform one final act of love and service to the Lord Jesus Christ. For them, it was a way to have closure concerning His death.

B. v. 2 Their Devotion – In that society, most people arose just before dawn, at around 5:30 AM. It would appear that these women got up earlier than that. They arose from their beds, gathered their spices together and made their way from Bethany, where they lived, to the tomb just outside the city of Jerusalem. It was a trip of some 2 miles.

Their love and devotion to the Lord Jesus Christ is seen in this labor of love. They are broken hearted over His death, and they are in a hurry to get to Him so that they might minister to Him one final time.

C. v. 3 Their Doubts – As they walked, they kept talking about the stone over the door of the tomb. It must have dawned on them after they purchased their spices that they might have trouble accessing the body of the Lord. After all, the tomb had been sealed by having a large stone rolled over the door. By some estimates, this stone could have weighed around 1,000 pounds. These ladies could never have moved that stone by themselves, and they know it. They are concerned about that.

They are also oblivious to the fact that the Jewish leaders had convinced Pilate

that the Lord's disciples might try and steal the body of Jesus. The Jews believed the disciples would take the body and claim that Jesus was still alive. So, they asked Pilate to post Roman guards at the tombs and to have the tomb sealed with Pilate's official seal. Pilate did this for the Jews, Matt. 27:62-66. Had they known about that, their fear would have been even stronger as they made their way to that tomb.

(Note: As these women made their way to the tomb that morning, they were filled with sorrow, grief and fear. They were not going there looking for a living Lord, they were looking for a cold corpse. Do you know what their problem was? Their problem was they were still living in Saturday!

When that awful Saturday dawned, all they could see was the shattered remains of their hopes and dreams. These ladies, along with all the Lord's followers, had placed all their faith and confidence in Jesus. They believed that He was the Messiah. They believed that He was the One Who was going to fulfill all the ancient prophecies. They believed that He was the One Who would be the King of Israel. They believed that He would establish God's kingdom on the earth. All their hopes for life and eternity were bound up in what they believed about Jesus.

Then, all their fondest hopes and dreams crumbled to the ground like so much dust as they stood there at the cross and watched Him die. Faith turned to grief and grief to utter hopelessness as they saw His broken body taken down from the cross and placed in that tomb. When that stone was rolled across the door of that grave, it was a ringing statement of finality. That stone said, "It's all over! It's all over! It's all over! Hope is gone! There is no future! There is no salvation! There is no kingdom! Jesus is dead! It's all over!")

(Note: If the story of Jesus ended with Him being buried in a tomb and with a stone being rolled across the door, there would be no hope today. Paul said, "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable," 1 Cor. 15:19.

And, that is where so many are in our day. They are living in Saturday, and they do not even realize that Sunday has come! People move through this world enslaved by their sins, Eph. 2:1-3. They move through this world oblivious to the God Who exists to save them, Rom. 1:18-21. They move through this world without joy, without peace, without hope, trapped in their sins and headed to Hell. The problem with the majority of people is they are strapped in Saturday. They live in the darkness of their sins and depravity and are unaware that joy unspeakable and full of glory could be theirs if they only knew that the tomb was empty, that Jesus was alive and that they could be delivered from the bondage and the darkness of their sins.

# Monthly Luncheon



***April 9<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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# Chat & Chew

**April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025 @ 2:30 PM**

***Mi Casa Mexican Restaurant***

10281 Big Bend Rd, Riverview, FL 33578



# Anniversaries

Anniversaries Apr 2025 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 Carl & Sandra Nunn	18	19 Ed & Kathleen Davis
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29 Jon & Janice Decaluwe Kendall & Carol Schwindt	30	1	2	3

Happy Anniversary to all our members who have an anniversary in  
January!



# Birthdays

Birthdays Apr 2025 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1 Nina Bringham	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Jody Clingan	9	10 David Jones Frank Dyer	11	12
13 Jackie Stiver Krista Conover Renate Bartz	14 Julie Peterson	15 Dottie Koehler	16	17	18	19 Dianna McDonnell
20	21	22 Tom Robinson	23	24	25	26
27 Gary Wall Joyce Collins	28	29	30	1	2	3

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

# Thoughts and Prayers

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**Bill Bierce**

**Bob & Lee O’Roak**

**IS Jim and Pat Blevins**

**Ken Buckland**

**Iva jenkins**

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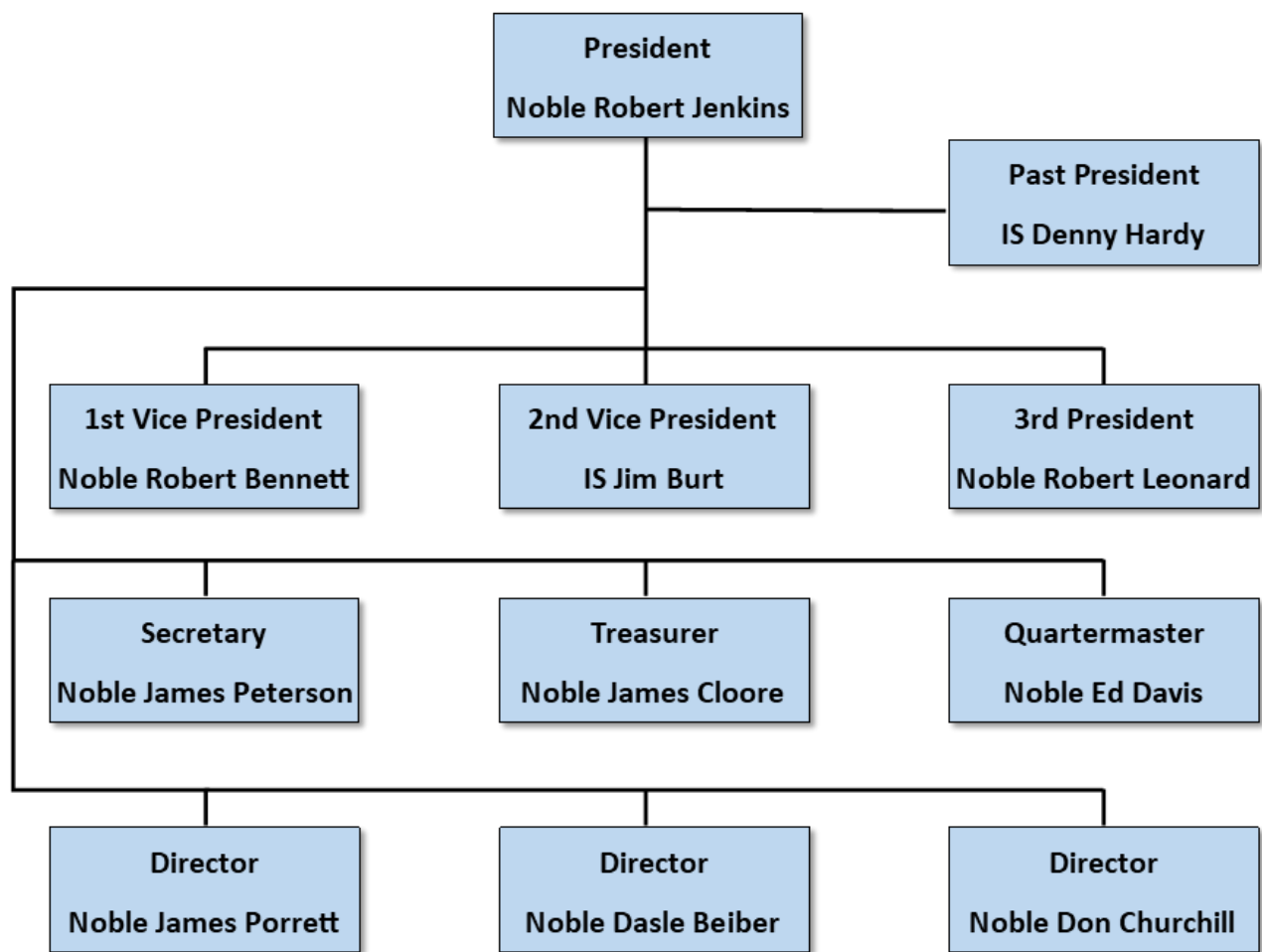
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# Upcoming Events

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April 2025
Month

SUN 30	MON 31 • 7pm Brandon St	TUE 1 • 7pm Hernando	WED 2 • 6pm Fez-A-Que • 6:30pm Trike Pe • 7:30pm Council	THU 3 Legion Of Honor • 7pm Highlander • 7pm Keystone K • 7pm Tech Staff	FRI 4	SAT 5
6	7 Showman's Shrin • 7pm Demolay U • 7:30pm Past Ma	8 • 7pm Pharaohs	9 • 12pm Sun City S • 3:30pm One Blo • 5:45pm Tampa C 3 more	10 • 11am Newport R • 7:30pm Midget	11	12
13	14 Sands Deadline	15 Tax Day	16 • 12:30pm Zephyr • 6:30pm Fun'n Fi • 7:30pm Tin Lizz	17 • 7:30pm Provost	18	19
20 Easter Sunday	21 Showman's Shrin Easter Monday • 5pm Honor patr • 7pm Sultans Of	22 • 7pm Highlands	23 • 7:30pm Director • 7:30pm Humido	24	25 Cracker Jacks Me	26
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