December 2, 2023



President's Message

As I complete my year as President of the Sun City Center Shrine Club, I want extend a **THANK YOU** to each of the Nobles and their Ladies for the support and dedication the past year. It has been an honor and privilege to serve with such a wonderful group of caring individuals. My expression of gratitude goes beyond Thank You, the deep appreciation and support over the past twelve months truly touched my heart. The deep concern and love displayed by the Nobles and their Ladies leaves a lasting memory of a great group of true friends.



We showed a growth in membership, **THANK YOU** to the membership and Membership Chair Noble Steve Drobnis. Membership growth is a key to any successful organization. I am pledging my total support to our 2024 incoming President, ILL Sir Denny Hardy, for an outstanding year.

I would be remiss in not saying **THANK YOU** to our Shrine Club Secretary, Noble Jim "Pete" Peterson, for an outstanding job this past year. Behind every successful Shrine Club President is a Outstanding Club Secretary. Along with that I include and a **THANK YOU** to our Club Treasurer, Noble James Cloore, who balances to the penny every time.

Communication is critical in an organization and I want to say **THANK YOU** to our editor Lady Jean Porrett for all her time, effort, editing and dedication in putting together an outstanding Sun City Center Shrine Club Communicator. Your tireless effort kept the lines of communication flowing to our membership with pin point accuracy. Thank You doesn't begin to say enough of your devotion and commitment to our Sun City Center Shrine Club Communicator, Thank You for all you do.

It takes a team to win a game or run an organization, and I have this past year a winning team with our Board of Directors (BOD) my sincere **THANK YOU** for your hard work and service to the fraternity, there is no I in TEAM.



Merry Christmas and holiday greetings during this festive season, shared with loved ones family and friends alike. Share your blessing with those that may need a little love and compassion. My Lady Iva and I wish that you get everything on your Christmas list. Remember, it's not too late to get on Santa's Nice List this year.

Annual Christmas Party

We were able to increase the Christmas Party gifts for our elementary school children, thanks to several generous donations both monetary and in kind. **THANK YOU** to ILL Sir Denny (AKA Santa) and Lady Rhonda (AKA Mrs. Claus) for their tireless effort in putting together a slew of goodies for our Annual Children's Christmas Party gift bags.

If you haven't participated before, make this a priority to attend and see what the Children's Christmas Party is all about.



Preparation and Events

December 4 – 1 PM

Assemble gift bags
Community Hall, Room 5

December 5 - 7 AM

Wimauma Elementary
5709 Hickman Street
Wimauma

December 14 – 7 AM

Reddick Elementary

325 West Lake Drive

Wimauma

If if you can find it in your heart to make a donation in support of our Children's Christmas Party, it will be a truly a Christmas for them to remember. Click here to make a donation!



The Original Christmas Ornament

Matthew 2: 1-12

The question on my lips this week to people was: Name a fascinating star?

The answers I received you may surprise you. Someone said Tom Hanks, another person said Tim McGraw, one woman said Dolly Parton and someone even said Arnold Schwarzenegger. Those may be fascinating stars to some people. But those are all of course stars to entertain.

But the star I want to speak to you about from God's Word this morning is a star more spectacular and more fascinating than any earthly star...A star not created for earthly entertainment but for divine purpose, and for a plan that was connected to the birth of Christ.



The Christmas Star

Lets read about it in Matthew, Chapter 2, Verse 1 - 12.

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his STAR in the east and have come to worship him." When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born. "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel." Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the STAR had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him." After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the STAR they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the STAR, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

We see in the midst of these verses a **STAR**. The Magi commented in to King Herod about it. King Herod asked the Magi about the time of this star's appearing....and then we read how the star rested over the place where the Christ Child could be found.

What about this star?

This original Christmas Ornament?

What exactly was it?

The Bible is, to a large degree silent on the specifics of this star, as to what it was...Some have suggested that it was Jupiter...Others have had the idea it might have been a conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn forming the symbol of the fish that would be the early symbol of Christianity for the persecuted church. Some say it might have been a meteor others suggest that it was a comet. None of these considerations can be accepted as certifiable fact. We just really don't know for certain.

What we do know is this:

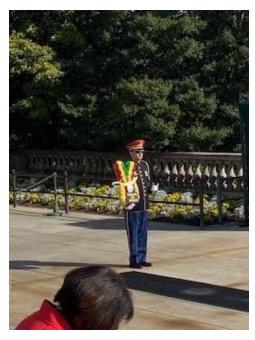
The star of

Christmas.... speaks of God's glory.



Wreath Laying Ceremony - Arlington, VA

Clifford Lang, Commander of the Legion of Honor of Egypt Shrine once again attended the International Legion of Honor Wreath Laying Ceremony at Arlington Cemetery. Most who went to Arlington were from the Legion of Honor as well as Mark from Egypt. The rest were from other Temples from around the country, besides the Imperial Potentate.











Upcoming Events



Who doesn't like driving around and looking at Christmas lights? This year at the Masonic Park and Youth Camp, you can visit our light show from 2018 with many changes.

The park is also planning a vendor's Village with local crafters, food trucks and a visit with Santa Claus for the children on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights.

During the drive-thru, you will see thousands of lights, blow up decorations, and wintery scenes. There will be approximately 150,000 lights strung through the park for you enjoyments. There will also be a choreographed light show at the beginning of the drive-thru.

Our light display will run from Dec. 1st to Dec. 31st.

Hours:

- Closed Mondays.
- Tues-Thurs. from dusk to 9 PM.
- Fri-Sun from dusk to 10 PM.

Cost:

 Suggested donation of \$10.00 per vehicle or a donation unexpired canned food, which will be donated to the local food banks.



Please remember to bring your dues to the December Luncheon.

If you will not be at the December Luncheon, you can either

- Pay your dues via check and mail to: Sun City Center Shrine Club, P. O. Box 5773, Sun City Center, FL 33573
- Pay your dues electronically by clicking <u>here</u>. (A Service Charge of \$1.20 will be added to the total)





December 13 Noon

Reserve Your Seat: Click Here

NOBLE DRESS CODE

Red Coat, White Shirt, Tie, Black Pants

Entertainment: Sun City Center Women's Chorus Ensemble

Performance Time: 12:01 (lunch will follow the performance)

Chat & Chew



December 7th at 2 pm

Reserve Your Seat: Click Here

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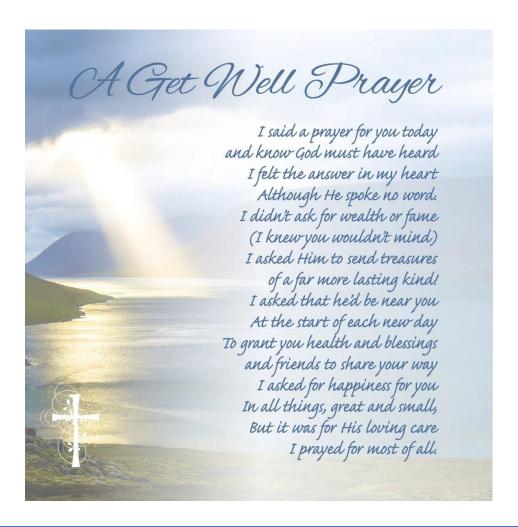




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Thoughts and Prayers



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Upcoming Events

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Egypt Shrine Events





Please give the Gift of Life
The Big Red Bus will be at the Shrine
Donate Blood in 2023



Blood Drive Dates for 2023

February 8th 3:30-7 PM

April 12th 3:30-7 PM

June 14th 3:30-7 PM

August 9th 3:30-7 PM

October 11th 3:30-7 PM

December 13th 3:30-7 PM

Open to ALL Nobles, Families, and Neighbors







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