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Words from the President

By Noble Jim Porrett

I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Year's Holiday Season! I for one am glad 2020 is in the rearview mirror and look forward, optimistically to what 2021 has to unfurl for the world. Here is hoping it is far better than 2020 and we can safely join together for fun and fellowship once again.

To mark the occasion of the first time the Club can meet socially and safely and to welcome everyone back, the Board of Directors and Noble Jim Saunders from the Hospitality Committee are looking to have a celebratory event. Think about what you would like to do . . . whether it is a sit-down lunch or dinner with entertainment, a river boat cruise or mystery bus trip. Your ideas for this event, can be submitted to Noble Jim

Saunders, me, or send to the Club's email.

Lady Janice & Noble John DeCaluwe were able to bring Christmas in the form of Santa Claus (aka Noble Dallas Warrum) and an, Elf (aka Noble Dale Bieber) who gave presents and treats to over two hundred-twenty-five Wimauma Elementary School First Grade children with the help of Club Nobles & Ladies. Thank you Lady Janice & Noble John for celebrating Christmas with these children amid a pandemic!

The Annual Strawberry Festival Parade is still on Egypt's calendar for March 8th and the Club's participation will be considered depending we can ensure the safety of our participants. If you have an interest in joining in on the pre-parade strawberry shortcake, the fun of the parade and afterglow

contact Noble Cliff Lang.

You have probably received at least a dozen emails and postcard asking you to update your Shrine and personal information for the One-Hundred-Fiftieth Anniversary Shrine International Directory to be out in 2021. Should you opt to purchase either the hard copy directory or DVD version, hopefully you may see some familiar faces. I have submitted fifteen pictures from various Club activities from the end of 2019 through what we could do in 2020. With the great subjects in the pictures, I won't understand if all are not used.

The pandemic put a damper on what started out with six new Nobles joining in early 2020 and a membership roster encroaching 100. Between the pandemic lockdown impact on families, Nobles and Ladies

Words from the President (Continued)

deciding to return to where their families and long-time friends are and most unfortunately the Black Camel taking too many of our Brothers and Ladies from us, Secretary Noble Churchill submitted a membership roster of sixty-nine Nobles to Egypt. It is important for us to be seeking new members to join in our activities and to keep the Club viable. The normal ways we have been able to get new members have not been available this past year and for the foreseeable future. We are open to any suggestions on how to get the word out to Nobles and Noble's Widowed Ladies about our Club to entice them to check us out when we reconvene. Please get your ideas to any of the Board of Directors, the Membership Committee or send it to the Club's

email (sccshrineclub@gmail.com). Next to the loss of close to thirty fellow Nobles and Ladies, the cancellation of two pancake brunches, the Club's two major fundraising projects and their 2021 future is uncertain. It is most likely this April's pancake brunch will be cancelled and the fate of the October brunch is unforeseen at this time. To be honest with the serious decline in membership we may need to forgo the brunches with the high labor requirements for the time being...a significant loss to citizens of Sun City Center and Club treasury. Your suggestions for fundraising will help to maintain the operation of the Club, benefit of the Membership and donations to specific needs of the Shriners Healthcare for Children – Florida.

Please remember to let the Club know when you or someone you know in the Club is ill, in need of assistance or who have unfortunately passed away so we can add them to our thoughts and prayers or provide assistance where possible.

Lady Jean and I wish you and your families the absolute best for a Safe, Healthy and Happy New Year!



Happy New Year!

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Fraternal greetings and salutations, Nobles!

A new year has begun and with it, we move forward in our new home located at 5017 E. Washington Street, Tampa, Fl. 33619. We received our Certificate of Occupancy on 28 December and are proud that our inaugural event will be our Annual Meeting and Election of Officers this Saturday, 9 January. Although the meeting information has been published in our *Sands* magazine and our Facebook page, I would like to remind everyone that the Annual meeting begins at 9:00 am, with the Election of Officers beginning at 10:00 am. At this time, we anticipate rolling directly the Installation of Officers at 11:00 am. Please note that COVID-19 protocols are in place and you are asked to follow them at all times, not just for yourself, but for the safety of those around you. These protocols include:

- Face and nose coverings/masks are required
- All Nobles will have their temperature screened before entry into the Great Hall. (Those with a temperature of 100.4 will be asked to step aside for rescreening)
- Hand sanitizing stations are located at the entry to the Great Hall and throughout the building.
- "Common touch" areas in the Great Hall will be sanitized between sessions.

For those Nobles unable to join the in-person meetings, we will make them available via ZOOM. You will be unable to cast a ballot or vote, but you will be part of the meeting as we move forward into 2021.

The **VIRTUAL MEETING** scheduled for **SATURDAY, 9 JANUARY** begins at **9:00 AM**.
Topic: Egypt Shrine Annual Meeting and Elections
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86085359663?pwd=NmRob0xvZWZqaG9nTy82aFAwSHJXdz09>
Meeting ID: 860 8535 9663
Passcode: 518257

It has been my pleasure to serve as your Potentate for 2020. On behalf of myself and Lady Carol, thank you for your love, fellowship, and continued support to our beloved fraternity. I am looking forward to seeing everyone on Saturday.

Yours in the Faith,

Dean DiLeo - Potentate 2020

Doug Haerberlein.
Chief Rabban

Ronald Hoedebeck
Assistant Rabban

Dennis Bryant
High Priest & Prophet

Mark Miles
Oriental Guide

D.T. "Tom" Colestock
Treasurer

Click here for the Zoom Meeting if needed.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86085359663?pwd=NmRob0xvZWZqaG9nTy82aFAwSHJXdz09>



Egypt Shrine Circus 2021

A Communication from the Circus Chairman

As you know, due to COVID-19 situation, we had to cancel our 2020 Egypt Shrine Circus. In response to the continuing situation, The Florida State Fair Authority decided to change the dates of The Florida State Fair to April 2021, which conflicted with our scheduled 2021 Circus dates. After speaking with Serge from Circus Hollywood regarding alternate available dates, May 13-16 2021 was chosen as the alternative.

2020 was an extremely difficult year for everyone monetarily and mentally. We lost too many great Nobles and family members to this virus. Please note that while we were prohibited from presenting the 2020 circus it was not without monetary expenses due to contractual and Brotherly obligations. We need to regroup, work together and bring back the fun and fellowship in 2021 to secure a bright future for Egypt Shriners.

As a reminder, all 2020 ads will still be honored for the Circus Book in 2021. Please extend our continued gratitude to all of your 2020 supporters for understanding the situation and let them know that we appreciate their patronage and will honor their 2020 commitment. While we appreciate their patronage, we still need to create revenue for the 2021 Circus. We will honor their 2020 purchase in 2021. It would be greatly appreciated; however, if they would continue their support for our 2021 Circus. While I won't ask them to repurchase their 2020 ad for 2021, it would be extremely beneficial if they would consider upgrading their ads to a step higher for 2021. For example, if a patron purchased a $\frac{1}{4}$ page ad in 2020, if they upgrade to a $\frac{1}{2}$ page ad for 2021, we would credit their 2020 purchase and they would only pay the difference for the larger add. It is important to remember that our ad prices have not changed in several years and will remain the same as long as I am the Circus Chairman.



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For those who purchased plaques, I will personally guarantee that they will receive their “2020” year plate for their plaques and will welcome a 2021 renewal purchase for their 2021 plate.

I look forward to being able to serve you and our Nobility and to work with you to make the Egypt Shrine 2021 Circus a great success to support our Shrine. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me personally, by phone, text or email. My personal mobile number is (864) 630-0303 and my email address is Martinez.Juan.JAM@gmail.com. The Circus email remains office@egyptshrinecircus.com, however, while we are in transition to our new facility, please feel free to contact me directly until we get moved in and open for business.

I truly appreciate your commitment and dedication to Egypt Shrine and to our Circus. Until we meet again Noble Brothers, please be safe and healthy out there. Chag Sameach, Merry Christmas and may the New Year be a Happy Blessing to you and yours. Remember that we aren't “Bosses”, we are Leaders and leaders wouldn't ask anyone to do anything we wouldn't do ourselves. “A Servant's heart will bring light into darkness and illuminate the world”

Fraternally,
Juan Martinez
Egypt Shrine 2021 Circus Chairman

Children's Christmas Party



Well, December and 2020 are behind us and another Children's Christmas Party is in the history books. It certainly was different this year from past parties but all still went well. We had to depend on a lot of outside help to make it work and the two schools went out of their way to help us pull off the parties for the children. Reddick Elementary allowed us to use their cafeteria to do all the prep work, loading the bags and setting up a Santa Station. Wimauma Elementary stepped up and brought a couch from the office to their cafeteria to set up a "throne" for Santa. Noble Dallas Warrum made a superb Santa and the kids were thrilled. I want to thank all our fellow Shriners and Ladies for their help. Lady Sandy Nunn's sewing group, *"The Kings Point Quilters"* made the pillow-case gift bags again and as always they were great. Don Churchill did all the buying of food and was active everywhere all day. Dale Bieber (with Marilyn's help) made an excellent elf. I'm not mentioning everyone as the list goes on and you were all greatly appreciated. Ilona Merritt from News of Sun City Center was there and will be doing a writeup in the January paper. Thanks again for all your help.

Lady Janice and Noble Jon Decaluwe

Children's Christmas Party Chairs



Upcoming Events: January

Mon Jan 4, 2021	1pm - 2:30pm	Board of Directors Meeting (Zoom)
Tue Jan 5, 2021	6:30pm - 8:30pm	DeSoto Lodge #105 10801 Desoto Rd, Riverview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30 - Dinner - 7:30 - Meeting • Email: secretary@desoto105.org • Website: www.desoto105.org
Sat Jan 9, 2021	9am - 1pm	Egypt Shrine Annual Meeting and Elections/Installation of Officers 5017 East Washington Street, E Washington St <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 - 10:30 am - Meeting • 10:45 - 12:00 pm - Election and Installation of Officers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sandwiches/Chips/Beverages will be available courtesy of future Illustrius Sir Douglas "Dewey" Haeberlien.
Mon Jan 11, 2021	7:30pm - 8:30pm	OES Chapter #201 10801 Desoto Rd, Riverview
Wed Jan 13, 2021	1pm - 2pm	Sun City Center Shrine Club Meeting (Zoom) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Click Here • Meeting ID: 885 0281 5992 • Passcode: 409146
Tue Jan 19, 2021	6:30pm - 8:30pm	DeSoto Lodge #105 10801 Desoto Rd, Riverview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30 - Dinner - 7:30 - Meeting • Email: secretary@desoto105.org • Website: www.desoto105.org
Sun Jan 24, 2021	8:30am - 12pm	DeSoto Lodge #105 Breakfast 10801 Desoto Rd, Riverview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost: \$5.00 - All you can eat • Email: secretary@desoto105.org • Website: www.desoto105.org

Upcoming Events: February

Mon Feb 1, 2021	1pm - 2:30pm	Board of Directors Meeting (Zoom) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Click here • Meeting ID: 834 2938 9555 • Passcode: 372003
Tue Feb 2, 2021	6:30pm - 8:30pm	DeSoto Lodge #105 10801 Desoto Rd, Riverview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30 - Dinner - 7:30 - Meeting – • Email: secretary@desoto105.org – • Website: www.desoto105.org
Mon Feb 8, 2021	7:30pm - 8:30pm	OES Chapter #201 10801 Desoto Rd, Riverview
Wed Feb 10, 2021	1pm - 2pm	Sun City Center Shrine Club Meeting (Zoom) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Click here • Meeting ID: 821 4842 0296 • Passcode: 796172
Tue Feb 16, 2021	6:30pm - 8:30pm	DeSoto Lodge #105 10801 Desoto Rd, Riverview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30 - Dinner - 7:30 - Meeting – • Email: secretary@desoto105.org – • Website: www.desoto105.org
Sun Feb 28, 2021	8:30am - 12pm	DeSoto Lodge #105 Breakfast 10801 Desoto Rd, Riverview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost: \$5.00 - All you can eat • Email: secretary@desoto105.org – • Website: www.desoto105.org



Zoom Meeting

1PM Wednesday, January 13th

To join use the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88502815992?pwd=di9STDRQbTFhb2dLTmxyTndOQTVyZz09>

Meeting ID: 885 0281 5992

Passcode: 409146

Please join in to let us know how you are doing and your ideas for a special event or activity for our first Club function when the pandemic subsides.



Noble / Lady	June
NO ANNIVERSARIES	



Noble	June	Lady	June
Donald Stillson	1	Suzanne Ponder	11
Robert Bennet	3	Sharon Reeve	28
Robert Russell	8		
George Bowen	8		
Craig Wexler	17		
William Bierce	18		

Thoughts



Prayers

Nobles / Ladies

Alexis Cox

Mae Everhart

Cliff Lang

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In Loving Memory

Gordon Albert Starks, age 76, passed away on Oct. 29, 2020, at UW Hospital in Madison. Services will be held in the spring of 2021. A full obituary will be published at that time. Ward-Hurtley Funeral Home Evansville is assisting the family.

Andora Kemmeling, age 85, passed away in late 2020. No other information is available.



Edward John Socha of Sun City Center, Fla., and Longmont, Colo., passed away on December 6, 2020. He was born on August 4, 1921 in the Adirondack town of Highmarket, New York. He graduated from Niagara Falls Sr. High School in 1939 and enlisted in the US Navy in September of that year. He went to Newport, RI, boot camp and then attended fleet school in San Diego. He was assigned as personal secretary of Command Battleships at Pearl Harbor on board the USS Maryland as Yeoman 1st class. On the morning of December 7, 1941, he was on the bridge of the USS Maryland as the USS Oklahoma – docked next to his ship – took several Japanese torpedoes to its hull and overturned within minutes.

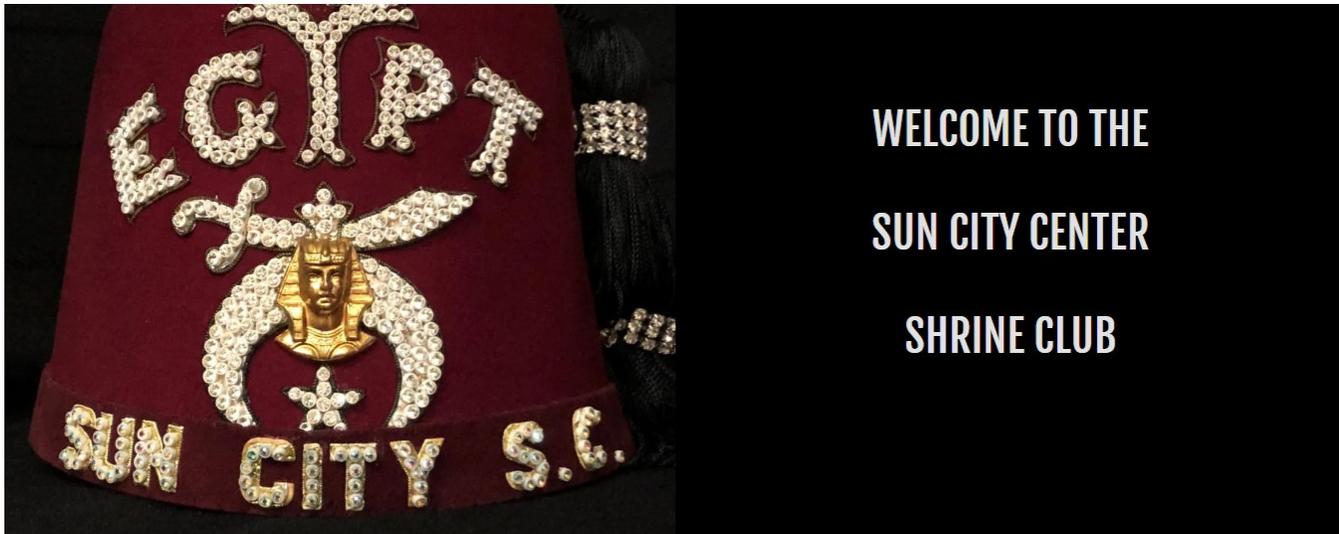
In 1943-1944, he was stationed at US Naval Mobile Hospital No. 8 on Guadalcanal, where he was commissioned an ensign. Following enrollment in Scout and Raider training in Ft. Pierce, Fla., he spent the spring of 1945 in China, participating in the historic survey of the Yangtze River and assisting in the training of Chinese commandos until the war's end. Until his retirement as a commander in 1966, he served multiple assignments at the Pentagon and two years on the Aleutian Island of Adak and completed his service at the Brooklyn Naval Yard. Ed held private sector employment from 1966-1983 with the Lummus Company, a division of Combustion Engineering Company, as engineering

administrator, working in its Atlanta, Houston, and Bloomfield, N.J. offices, residing in Morris Township, N.J., until moving to Sun City Center, FL, in 1987.

He served on the Board of the Retired Officers' Association and the Military Officers Benevolent Corporation at Freedom Plaza in Sun City Center. In January 2011, he completed 23 years of service with the volunteer Security Patrol. On March 1, 2017, at the regular meeting of the Military Officers Association, Sun City Chapter, Commander Socha was presented with the Navy SEALS Trident by Captain Joseph Yarborough, U.S. Navy, acting on behalf of the Navy SEALS. This was in recognition of the role the World War II Scouts and Raiders played as the forerunners of the present-day SEALS. He was invited to take one of the Honor Flights conducted by a non-profit organization dedicated to transporting United States military veterans to Washington D.C. to see the memorials of the respective wars in which they fought.

Ed married Naomi A. Sucher of Louisville, Ky., in August of 1948 in Newport, R.I., who preceded him in death in May 2019. They had two children, son Donald (wife Benita and children Christina and Xavier), who preceded his father in death; and daughter, Barbara Wilsey (husband Martin; children: Joshua (Stephanie), Timothy (Juliana) and Samuel (Elizabeth)). He leaves behind 13 great-grandchildren: Alexa, Kian, Emelyn, Tanith, Cora, Erienne, Marilise, Reese, Emma, Grace, Abigail, Micah and Hannah. He was preceded in death by his mother, Jennifer Socha Rybacki; his father, John Socha; and stepfather, Ignatius Rybacki; and brothers: Michael, William, Stanley and Richard. He is survived by brother, Theodore Socha; two sisters, Veronica and Adeline; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at Trinity Baptist Church in Sun City Center at a time to be determined. He will be laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery.



WELCOME TO THE
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*“ . . . 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](#)