

Egypt Shrine Clowns

Fun 'n' Frolic Weekly



April 7th 2014

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For the week of April 7th 2014



The Week Ahead Boss Clown

What a week ahead you have in store for you. It is busy and full of fun. Circus begins on Thursday and runs through Sunday.

We begin our week Monday morning early. Monday, Petey, Tater and Denbo will clean out the area for Clown Alley. Yes, we were going to do this on Tuesday but we have weather coming in on Tuesday. Wednesday afternoon is full, we will spilt into groups to accomplish our work. One group will help Weelz with the tent at Raymond James while another is working with Nickels at the Unit Room beginning around 4:00 pm. As of today, Numb Numb, Petey, Tater and myself will be with Weelz. Denbo, Stretcher, Rooney and Kranky will be with Nickels.

Clowns, if you are free join in. Your help is always welcome and we will probably have attitude adjustments or refreshments once we finish the set up.

Circus show times this

year are; Thursday and Friday 4:30 & 7:30 pm, Saturday is 11:30 am, 3:00 & 7:00 pm, Sunday is 1:00 & 4:30 pm.

Denbo is working on a list of who is bringing what food and on which days, I promise you will not go hungry.

This week will be the longest, hardest, most challenging and by far the most rewarding week you will spend with your unit. Depending on the weather you will get hot, wet, tired and humbled. There is nothing easy about being a clown but as you will see when you step into the ring and see the smiles and hear the laughter, there is no better time to be a clown than CIRCUS!

Burn Clinic

The SHC Cincinnati Burn Clinic will be held at SHC Tampa on April 28th & 29th, 2014. Monday the clinic will be from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Tuesday the clinic will be from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

We will entertain while the kids are waiting for appointments (no balloons). If you can attend please contact Boss clown and RSVP the day(s) and times you can make it as he needs to know who can attend.

FSCA Convention 2014

The following message was received from Fred "Buck-

Dates to Remember

April 2nd - Council of Units meeting at 7:30 PM.

April 10th through April 13th - Circus runs Thursday through Sunday. Thursday and Friday shows are 4:30 PM and 7:30 PM. Saturday shows are 11:30 AM, 3:00 PM and 7:00 PM. Sunday shows are 1:30 PM and 4:30 PM.

April 16th - Fun 'n' Frolic Unit Meeting. Dinner at 6:30 PM and meeting at 7:30 PM.

April 19th - Easter Egg Hunt.

April 28th & 29th - SHC-Cincinnati Burn Clinic at SHC-Tampa. Monday the 28th from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Tuesday the 29th from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

April 29th through May 3rd - FSCA Convention at Azan Shrine in Melbourne FL.

May 7th - Council of Units meeting at 7:30 PM.

May 21st - Fun 'n' Frolic Unit Meeting. Dinner at 6:30 PM and meeting at 7:30 PM.

May 31st - Hospital Fishing Tournament at Hooper's Hollow starting at 9:00 AM.

June 14th - Grand Master Bob Ford visit at Masonic Home in St. Petersburg. More details will be provided closer to the event.

January 2015 - NCI

Please note we currently only list events specific to the Fun 'n' Frolic unit. For Temple events or other Unit events please see The Sands magazine.

ey" Phillips, the Secretary & Treasurer of FSCA.



The Spring FSCA Newsletter will be out soon. Meanwhile remember the Florida Shrine Clown Association Convention at Azan Temple in Melbourne is coming up soon.

Attached herein is the Clown Association Schedule of Events and a clown competition Registration form. These are also available in the Clown section of the FSA website, www.fla-shrine.org along with the recently updated Judging Criteria & Competition Guidelines.

The Headquarters Hotel is the International Palms Resort, Cocoa Beach, Florida. Call (321) 783-2271 to talk to them directly or use 1-800-206-2747 for reservations. Ask for the Florida Shrine Association (FSA) rate of \$89.00/night.

Any Shrine clown in good standing can now join and compete in FSCA individual or two man skit competition. Contact FSCA Secretary for details.

Your FSCA officers and Azan Clowns invite you to come enjoy the Fun, Fellowship, competition, and mys-

tery prizes in store for you.

Questions???? Contact me by phone or e-mail.

Thanks and hope to see you at Azan Temple in May.

Shriners History

The following information was obtained from Shriners International.

www.shrinersinternational.org

Beginnings

In 1870 a group of Masons gathered frequently for lunch at the Knickerbocker Cottage on Sixth Avenue in New York City. At a special table on the second floor a particularly fun-loving group of men met regularly. Among the regulars were Walter M. Fleming, M.D. and William J. "Billy" Florence, an actor.



Walter Flemming & William Florence

The group frequently talked about starting a new fraternity for Masons – one centered on fun and fellowship, more than ritual. Fleming and Florence took this idea seriously enough to do something about it.

Billy Florence had been on tour in France, and had been invited to a party given

by an Arabian diplomat. The exotic style, flavors and music of the Arabian-themed party inspired him to suggest this as a theme for the new fraternity. Walter Fleming, a devoted fraternity brother, built on Fleming's ideas and used his knowledge of fraternal ritual to transform the Arabian theme into the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine (A.A.O.N.M.S.).

With the help of the Knickerbocker Cottage regulars, Fleming drafted the ritual, designed the emblem and costumes, formulated a salutation and declared that members would wear the red fez.

The first meeting of Mecca Shriners, the first temple (chapter) established in the United States, was held September 26, 1872.

The Fez

The fez is one of the most recognizable symbols of Shriners International, and was adopted as the Shriners' official headgear in 1872. Named after the city of Fez, Morocco, the hat represented the Arabian theme the fraternity was founded on. It also serves as an outward symbol of one's membership in the fraternity. Much like the white apron worn by Masons as a symbol of their brotherhood, the fez is worn only by Shriners as a symbol of their membership in this unique fraternity.

Today the fez is worn at Shriners' functions, in parades and at outings as a way of gaining exposure for the fraternity. Members customize their fez to show their allegiance to their temple. Look closely at a fez and you will also learn other important information about its wearer, such as membership in Shrine clubs, special roles within the organization and much more. Each fez is custom made and a Shriner may own more than one fez depending on his activities and memberships.

The Emblem

The emblem on the front of the fez, the crescent and scimitar, is an important part of the fraternity's theme, and is representative of the characteristics embodied by the Shriners.

The scimitar stands for the backbone of the fraternity, its members.

The two claws are for the Shriners fraternity and its philanthropy.

The sphinx stands for the governing body of the Shriners.

The five-pointed star represents the thousands of children helped by the philanthropy each year.

The emblem also bears the phrase "Robur et Furor," which means "Strength and Fury."

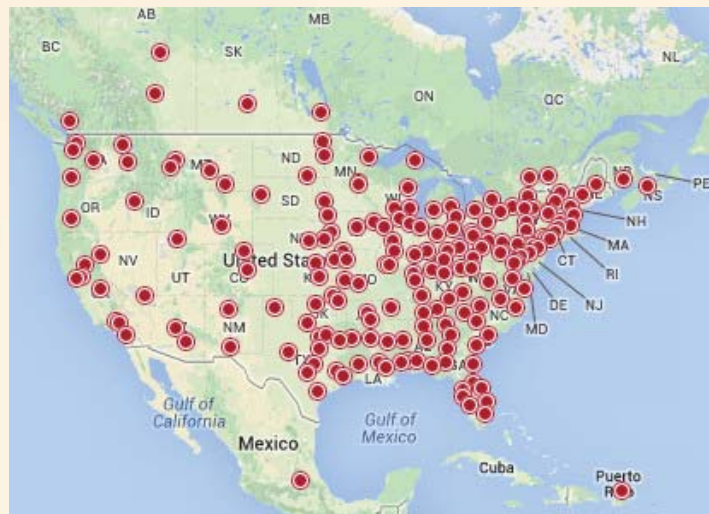
Fun With A Purpose

During the early part of the 20th century membership in Shriners International grew at a steady pace. By 1946, membership had jumped to 150,000 Nobles and another 250,000 had joined by 1958. In fact, Shriners International experienced one of its largest periods of growth in the years following World War II as returning soldiers looked for new ways to continue the camaraderie they had experienced with their fellow soldiers.

As the number of temples and nobles grew, so too did the hospitals. By 1958 the hospitals' endowment was

valued at \$125 million and growing. The nobles were proving themselves to be excellent fundraisers. The Shrine Circus, founded in 1906 for fun and entertainment, began to play a role as a significant fundraiser in support of the hospitals.

Today, there are nearly 200 temples across North America, South America, Europe and Southeast Asia. In addition to the Shrine Circus, temples hold events throughout the year ranging from fish fries to concerts, car shows to fishing tournaments. It is fun with a purpose – supporting the important mission of Shriners Hospitals for Children®.



Thoughts for the week

In closing this week's issue we end with the famous clown's prayer. Have a wonderful week, be well to yourself and others and remember.. if it's not fun, don't do it!



The Clown's Prayer

As I stumble through this life,
help me to create more laughter than tears,
dispense more cheer than gloom,
spread more cheer than despair.

Never let me become so indifferent,
that I will fail to see the wonders in the eyes of a child,
or the twinkle in the eyes of the aged.

Never let me forget that my total effort is to cheer people,
make them happy, and forget momentarily,
all the unpleasantness in their lives.

And in my final moment,
may I hear You whisper:
"When you made My people smile,
you made Me smile."

2014 Fun 'n' Frolic Officers

Boss Clown
John "Smurf" Cornett

President/1st Baffoon
Dennis "Denbo" Hardy

2nd Baffoon
Robert "Kranky" Rose

3rd Baffoon
Keith "Dash" Blair

Treasurer
Jack "Doc" Muralt

Secretary
Chris "Weelz" Sizemore



APRIL 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 Council of Units 7:30 PM Skit Practice 6:00 PM	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Circus Setup (Clown Alley) 4:00 PM	10 Circus 4:30 PM 7:30 PM	11 Circus 4:30 PM 7:30 PM	12 Circus 11:30 AM 3:00 PM 7:00 PM
13 Circus 1:00 PM 4:30 PM Circus Teardown (Clown Alley)	14	15	16 Unit Meeting 7:30 PM	17	18	19 Easter Egg Hunt 10:00 AM
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Burn Clinic 8:00 - 6:00 Please RSVP In Face No Balloons	29 Burn Clinic 8:00 - 2:00 Please RSVP In Face No Balloons	30	 <p>The countdown has begun. It's coming. Are you ready?</p> <p>Northeast Clown Institute</p>		

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