



POTENTATE'S CALL

MAY STATED MEETING

The Potentate's Message



IS Don Varo - Potentate 2023

Change has always been a constant in our society. There are many examples that back up this claim. For example, we used to communicate with family or friends by using a rotary or touch-tone landline phone. Now, we use a cell or smart phone. The medical field now uses modern technology to treat us. We are always evolving like or not. It is an evolution of situations and challenges. This evolution has brought progress to our society and organizations. However, some individuals are resistant to change. For them, it causes anxiety, relearning a different way to act, work, and think. It is the fear of uncertainty that upsets their comfort zone and the status quo. What does this imply for our society and organizations? The premise of "if it isn't broke, why fix it" doesn't work anymore in our hyper-paced society. The way we work, think, and do business must improve to keep up with the rapid changes we observe. It is a constant cycle of looking at how to improve. Our Shrine Temple is not isolated from these changes.

As Shriners, we recently celebrated our 150th anniversary. Freemasonry has existed for over 300 years. Both fraternities formed their core foundation and rich history, as fraternal institutions, based on principles. Those principles are contained in their processes, rituals, codes, and laws that govern each one. It defines who we are, what we do, and what we stand for as Shriners and Freemasons. It is our DNA and the reason our order has survived for so long. Change does not mean that we abandon our core principles and start over. It means the adaptation of our fraternity to the changes that are occurring around us. We need to be relevant as an organization today and tomorrow as we were in the past. This allows Master Masons to join us.

Within our Shrine, there many areas that are being challenged. Some are membership, fundraising, participation of our members, fun events, etc. It is a challenge each of us, as Shriners, must be willing to face, accept, plan, and resolve. We need to look towards the future and change those things that are keeping us stagnant. If we are to succeed, first, we must make change within ourselves to accept that changes must be done to better our fraternity and become relevant. Second, we must come together, Nobility and Leadership, to discuss the issues and make the decisions that takes us beyond survival. Third, we must take into consideration and agree on what goals we want to achieve and how we are going to achieve them. Fourth, we need to embrace and adapt to new ways of thinking and operating as a fraternity, organization, and business. If we do these things our present will become better as we work and look towards a brighter future.

We are beginning our parade cycle. Loyalty Days' weekend at Long Beach will be May 5th, 6th and 7th. We will be staying at the Chautauqua Hotel and Resort. Rooms are set at \$109 per night. Call (360) 642-4401 and tell them you are a Shriner for that rate. Saturday breakfast will be before the Clowns Children's Parade at Occident Lodge in Ilwaco. More to come from the Director of Units.

ROCK ME IN 2023

Place: 40et8
 (Boxcar Room)
 7607 NE 26th Ave
 VANCOUVER, WA

Date & Time:
 Saturday, May 13, 2023 1:00 PM

Notice is given for the transaction of such business as may come before the Temple.

Lunch will be offered for \$15 at 11:00 AM and is open to all family and friends
 RSVP for lunch is a must by 5/8/2023
 Noon at 253-565-2055 or
 afifishrine@gmail.

DIVAN MEETINGS VIA ZOOM

Executive Board Meetings - 4th Monday of each month. This includes Elected & Appointed Officers to attend. Contact Recorder for information.



Afifi Recorder's Information

Office Phone: (253) 565-2055

Monday-Friday 10:00 AM- 4:00 PM

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Membership Report 2022

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 Expired 16
 Expulsion 0
 Resigned 1
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What is the member card QR code?

I get asked a lot about member card stickers. We no longer use the stickers to indicate the last year your dues were paid.

On your membership card is a QR code. That code is read by an "authorized" cellphone camera, which reports whether that card holder is up-to-date with their dues. Every Shrine Center should be able to scan your card.

New Petitions

We are now prorating our initiation fees based on time of year. Here are the initiation fees for candidates based on when they plan on getting initiated:

January thru March—\$186.00
 April thru June—\$154.40
 July thru September—\$123.50
 October—\$92.60
 November - \$46.83
 December—\$26.00

Info on Life Memberships

Your dues payment consists of three elements: Temple dues (\$125), Shriners International Per Capita fee (\$30), and Shriners Children's Hospital Assessment (\$5). Therefore, there are three Shrine Life Memberships, one for each. You can purchase one, two or all three. Here are the current costs to purchase a life membership:

Temple – (65 years old or over) - \$1,250

Temple - (under 65) - \$2,500

Per Capita - \$900

Hospital Assessment - \$150

Brother Mason



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Be A Shiner Scan me!



2022 Donations Report

Temple Donations

Jerry Beckham
 Benjamin Branigh (grandson of noble)
 Ronald Burback
 Lawrence Byrd
 Harvey Chandler
 William Cope
 Emanuel Croasmun
 Jeremy Damerval
 David Dugger
 Gary Gasaway
 Bob Hicks
 Samuel Lantow
 Charles McClure
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Hospital Donations

Oliver Bond
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 Ronald Burback
 Gerald Burg
 Harvey Chandler
 William Cooper
 William Cope
 Emanuel Croasmun
 Jeremy Damerval
 David Dugger
 Harold Edvalds
 Charles Hansen
 Charles Hansen
 Bob Hicks
 Charles Hogan
 James Horney
 Dillard Jensen
 Samuel Lantow
 Charles McClure
 Rick McGann
 Daryl McLaughlin
 Richard Serpe
 Phillip Small
 Mark Villacruz
 Christopher Westwood
 Edward Woods



Black Camel

Nobles, let us remember and, cherish the memories of our Nobles that passed on to the Celestial Temple above. Keep their families in your thoughts and prayers. The following were reported since our last issue:

IS Richard P Frombgen, PP 2/2/23

Sickness & Distress

Nobles, let us keep in our prayers for their recovery and health the following Nobles and family members. Our love and thoughts are with them.

Noble Robert Royal

March Nobles count: 323

By-Laws Reminder

REGARDING PARADES FROM GENERAL ORDER #1 (page 30)

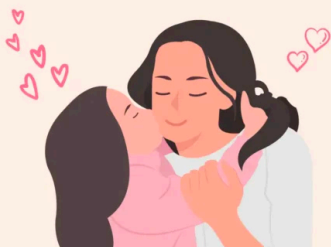
1. Shriners Only. Notwithstanding the provisions in §335.11, in parades of temples at annual Sessions of Shriners International, unless written dispensation is received from the Imperial Potentate for the annual Session during his term in office, or in local Shriners parades or exhibitions under the auspices of temples or Shrine associations, only Nobles shall participate.
2. Civic Parades. In civic parades, and non-Shrine public appearances, Nobles, their ladies, children and masonic related or sponsored organizations may participate, with the approval of the Potentate. Only Nobles may perform or compete in any vehicle, ride vehicles with fewer than four wheels, or operate any vehicle while parading, including participation with any of the clubs or units parading. In those situations, where a specific license is required by a state, due to the size, weight or passenger carrying capacity of a vehicle to be used in a parade, and should there be NO MEMBER NOBLE PROPERLY LICENSED TO OPERATE SAID VEHICLE, the temple may hire a properly licensed driver with proof of the proper license required, and verifying that the driver has an acceptable driving record according to any applicable insurance carrier(s). This driver MUST be added to the insurance policy, and accepted by the insurance company, PRIOR to his/her operating ANY vehicle on behalf of the temple.
3. Musical Groups. In civic parades and functions, Shrine musical groups may, with the approval of the Potentate, allow guest musicians to participate. The guest must be significantly and substantially distinguished from the Nobles in dress.
4. Regulations. Shrine Parade Regulations 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12 and 14 apply to civic parades as well.

Sunday, May 14th

happy
Mother's
day

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Thank you for always being
there, Mom. Happy
Mother's Day



Recorder's Corner

IS Ray Zimmerman, PP



Nobles,

The Potentate's message is about change. It seems appropriate then that I should also plan on making a change. I've been trying for a couple of years to resign as your Recorder. It is a job I never wanted but felt necessary to fill in the absence of any willing noble. I confess the job isn't easy. For most of the other Shrine Centers, the Recorder manages an office staff that handles the day-to-day. Afifi can't afford that, so I'm it. I've researched hiring remote office workers that can handle most of the daily work. They usually have 2-6 business customers that, collectively, can generate 40 hours of work per week. They bill out at \$15-\$30 per hour. I figure it would cost us around \$15-\$20,000 per year. This is why successful fundraisers are so important. In the meantime, I'm looking for an assistant. I mostly need help during our Stated meetings and helping the elected Divan. I'm putting together a list of typical tasks that I could outsource to the assistant. He can then pick from the list what he can or am willing to do. Contact me if you're interested.

From the Desk of the Chief Rabban



Noble David Aponte

Fraternal greetings Nobles

I recently went to the Assistant Rabban Conference in Tampa, FL. This conference had a more in-depth training into the different aspects of our Temple. Topics covered interpersonal relationships within a business organization, finances, budgeting, fundraising, planning, leadership skills, and legal. However, the most important aspect of this training was listening to other Nobles and their experiences, listening to the way they do business, the way they communicate, etc.

One thing was emphasized in this conference: we must use a business approach within our temples to succeed. This is something our Potentate touches upon when he talks about changes in his article. At the end of the conference, I try to imagine our Past Potentates going through these same conferences and enjoying the wealth of information being given to them to better govern the Temple. I hope they will continue their support of our Temple with their experiences and wealth of information in the present and for the future. We all want and desire to make Afifi Shrine Temple much better for future generations.

Our fundraiser in conjunction with Panda Express kicked off on March 31st. We made \$116 in this first one. We did get kudos from Imperial Shrine on our fundraiser and the way the flyer was published. Now we have more work to do for our second Panda Express fundraiser which will be on May 5th. Details are included in this edition of the Fez.

The way this fundraiser is done, through ordering on-line or by using Panda Express phone app only, it allows us to reach out to family and friends throughout the entire United States to assist us with this fundraiser. They purchase their favorite dish on-line and afterwards pick it up at their local Panda Express. Afifi Shrine gets 28% of the sales. We must get a minimum of \$150.00 in total sales in order to get our 28%. This fundraising method works if we all put our best effort to make it a success. Remember, your support and assistance is essential for its success. You have the keys to make a brighter future for Afifi Shrine.

SCHEDULE of February & March 2023

Stated Meeting: Second Saturday January, March, May, September, December
Lunch 11:30 AM, Meeting 1:00 PM Dark June, July and August
Temple web site: <http://affishriners.org>

[Calendar Legend: BC = business casual dress, C&T = coat and tie, F = wear your fez, L = ladies are welcome, K = kids are welcome, \$ = buy your meal from a menu or purchase a meal ticket]

Wed Apr 5 / May 3	6:00 PM	Gateway SC Executive Meeting (Casual, \$) Round Table Pizza, 13009 NE Hwy 99, Vancouver, WA 98686
Thu Apr 6 / May 4	6:00 PM	Mt. Tahoma Shrine Club dinner (BC,L,\$) Ben Dews Clubhouse Grill, 6501 6th Ave, Tacoma
Fri Apr 10 / May 8	6:00 PM	Oriental Band monthly meeting/practice (BC), Scottish Rite Center, 817 S Vassault, Tacoma
Thu Apr 13 / May 11	4:00 PM	Columbia River Club Executive meeting , Kelso Masonic Lodge, 204 S Pacific Ave, Kelso
Thu Apr 13 / May 11	6:00 PM	Lewis County Shrine Club dinner (BC,L,\$) Ramblin Jacks Rib Eye, 1336 Rush Rd, Napavine
Thu Apr/ 13 / May 11	6:30 PM	World Famous Afifi Shrine Clowns dinner (BC, L,\$) location TBD
Sat Apr 11	10:00 AM	Club Presidents Zoom Meeting
Mon Apr 17 / May 15	6:00 PM	SW WA Afifi Shrine Clowns Workshop and business meeting (casual) – location TBD
Mon Apr 24 / May 22	7:30 AM	Shriners Children's - Portland Board meeting - Afifi Hospital Board member
Mon Apr 24 / May 22	5:30 PM	Board of Directors Virtual Meeting – Elected and Appointed Divan
Wed Apr 26 / May 24	6:00 PM	Gateway Shrine Club Dinner (BC,L,\$,F) – Vancouver WA (location to be announced later)
Thu Apr 27 / May 25	5:30 PM	Columbia River Shrine Club dinner (BC,L,K,\$,F) location TBD
Thu Apr 27 / May 25	6:00 PM	Afifi Greeters meeting (BC,L,\$ - no fez) Ben Dews Clubhouse Grill, 6501 6th Ave, Tacoma
Fri Apr 28 / May 26	6:00 PM	Thurston - Mason Shrine Club dinner (BC, L,\$,F) location TBD

Some of these events change over time, especially meeting locations. For the most up-to-date calendar, go to www.affishriners.org

1st Lady Project

Ladies & Nobles,

I would like to let you all know that at every stated meeting, we are going to have a drawing for prizes and all the money that I collect will go towards a project at the hospital.

If you or your club would like to donate prizes or money, please do so.

Hope to see everyone there .

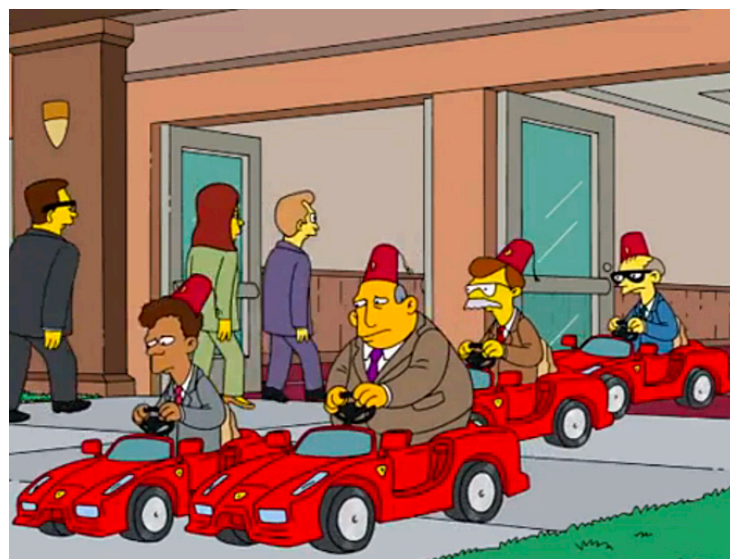
Thank you.

Lady Sheryl Varo

SCHEDULE of 2023 Main Events

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Sat Apr 1	10 AM	Daffodil Parades (BC,L,K,F) (date/time TBD) – Tacoma, WA
Sat May 6	11:00 AM	Iiwaco Children's Parade (BC, L,K,F) (date/time TBD) – Iiwaco, WA
Sun May 7	Noon	Long Beach Loyalty Days Parade (BC,L,K,F) (date/time TBD) – Long Beach, WA
Sat May 13	1:00 PM	May Stated Meeting (C&T, L,\$,F) – Vancouver, WA (location TBD)
Sat May 20	11:00 AM	Hazel Dell Parade (BC,L,K,F) (date/time TBD) - Hazel Dell, WA
Sat May 27	Noon	Afifi-hosted All Masonic Luncheon (BC,L,\$,F) – Centralia Masonic Lodge, 218 N Pearl St, Centralia
Sat Jun 17	1:00 PM	Spring Ceremonial
Tue, Jul 4	All day	Several July 4th Parades
July 26-30	All day	Summer PNSA – Spokane, WA
Aug 4-13	All day	Gateway Shrine Club Seafood Booth – Clark County Fair Grounds
Sat Aug 12	11:00 AM	Morton Loggers Jubilee Parade (date/time TBD) – Morton, WA
Sat Aug 19	1:00 PM	Afifi Picnic (Casual,L,K,F) – Longview, WA
Sat Sep 9	times TBD	Hoquiam Loggers Playday Parade followed by our Stated Meeting (C&T,L,\$,F) – 1:00 PM - Hoquiam, WA (location to be announced later)
Sat Sep 23	1:00 PM	Fall Ceremonial
Sat Nov 4	times TBD	Veterans Day Parades
Sat Dec 9	1:00 PM	Stated Meeting (C&T,L,\$,F) - Tacoma Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 817 S Vassault St, Tacoma



Join us for Afifi's New Driving School. When you pass the full course, you will get a sporty minicar and a fez.

Panda EXPRESS STORES IN OUR JURISDICTION

- Battle Ground** - 1102 S.w. Scotton Way, Battle Ground, WA
- Bonney Lake** - 19461 State Hwy 410 East, Bonney Lake, WA
- Federal Way** - 31827 Pacific Highway South, Federal Way, WA
- Federal Way** - 34919 Enchanted Parkway South, Federal Way, WA
- Gig Harbor** - 4904 Borgen Blvd., Gig Harbor, WA
- Lacey** - 1320 Marvin Rd. Ne Space #a, Lacey, WA
- Lakewood** - 10417 Gravelly Lake Drive Sw, Lakewood, WA
- Longview** - 500 Triangle Center, Longview, WA
- Olympia** - 4210 Martin Way Se #107, Olympia, WA
- Olympia** - 625 Black Lake Blvd. Space Fc3, Olympia, WA
- Puyallup** - 16428 Meridian Ave E, Puyallup, WA
- Renton** - 960 Park Ave North, Renton, WA
- Renton** - 14000 Se Petrovitsky Rd., Renton, WA
- Tacoma** - 6101 6th Ave, Tacoma, WA
- Tacoma** - 11566 41st Division Way, Tacoma, WA (JBLM)
- Tumwater** - 575 Trosper Road Sw Suite A, Tumwater, WA
- Vancouver** - 8700 Ne Vancouver Mall Dr., Vancouver, WA
- Vancouver** - 408 Ne 78th St., Vancouver, WA
- Vancouver** - 526 Se 192 Ave., Vancouver, WA
- Vancouver** - 6617 Ne 84th St., Vancouver, WA
- Vancouver** - 13307 Ne Highway 99, Vancouver, WA
- Vancouver** - 2510 Columbia House Boulevard, Vancouver, WA
- Vancouver** - 14517 Ne Fourth Plain Blvd., Vancouver, WA

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Hospital Board Meeting Highlights

□ Upcoming Outreach Clinics: (please spread the word to your communities)

- 3/18/2023 Bellingham, WA
- 5/12/2023 Pendleton, OR
- 4/15/2023 Anchorage, AK

□ DEXA scan

The ribbon cutting was March 2. Shriners Children's Portland has a new DEXA scan. This will allow our patients with fragile bones and other conditions to receive this diagnostic service within our radiology department. This new equipment launches Shriners Children's Portland's Bone Health Clinic, which we offer comprehensive care for children with low bone density, weak bones, and other conditions associated with fragility fractures.

□ 2022 Year Results.

Portland results continue to improve year over year with double-digit growth in referrals and inpatient discharges in 2022. Outpatient Surgeries and outpatient grew last year. Portland had the highest growth of New Patient referrals in the Shriners Children's system. Portland won the Press Ganey Pinnacle of Excellence award for 3 consecutive years of top patient satisfaction. This is the fourth Press Ganey award since 2018. Portland outperformed (favorably) the 2022 budget while increasing the number of charitable care serving more international patients and reaching out to underserved areas of in PNW.

□ Telehealth: Portland is offering the following telehealth services

- Pediatric Orthopedic Surgeon visits
- Speech Therapy visits
- Physical Therapy visits
- Dietician support to other Shriners Children's locations
- Psychologist visits for pediatric orthopedic patients
- Physician to Physician consults
- Coming soon: new telehealth location in British Columbia, a collaboration with Shriners Children's locations Montreal, Portland and Spokane
- Portland's telehealth services is the fourth busiest location for telehealth in the Shriners Children's system.

□ New Sports Health and Medicine service line launching soon

□ Pediatric Orthotics and Prosthetics Services (POPS)

- Portland provides outreach clinics for POPS patients in Anchorage four times a year and Medford six times a year
- C-Fab West is the fabrication unit located in Portland fabricating orthotics and prosthetics for: Portland, Spokane, Salt Lake City, Hawaii and Medford.
- In 2022 Portland's POPS Clinic had 4,542 patient visits.

□ Fraternal relations

- 1/28/23 Al Kader Crab Feed – many employees and spouses enjoyed an outstanding crab feed and auction at Al Kader.
- 3/4/23, we are hosting a new nobles tour for Al Kader and Afifi. We plan to offer this again in September to coincide with the next new nobles ceremony
- Shriners Volunteer Greeter Service is off to a great start. More greeter service openings available – Contact Cheryl McCurry Volunteer Coordinator

□ Winter Weather Event 2/22 – 2/24

- The second largest snowfall on record for Portland, snow and ice affected staff and patient appointments. The event began during later afternoon school and business hours resulting in traffic incidents with freeways and/or major roads blocked throughout the night into the follow days. Many cars and trucks were abandoned compounding the clearing of roads. Schools were closed throughout the region. Our staff stepped up and provided exceptional care and some worked longer shifts to ensure there were no gaps in patient care.

From the Desk of the Assistant Rabban



Noble Rick Johnson



Illustrious Sirs, nobles, and brothers all,

I was just in OG training last year. If it were a perfect world, I would be H&P this year, but as you know things happen. We adjust, refocus, and move forward. I sit here one week out from my Assist Rabban training in Tampa reflecting on Shrinedom.

The two trainings were incredibly valuable. In the last two years I have been fed a lot of data, some might say it's like drinking from a firehose. These conferences are setup to accomplish many things. I will list them in no particular order and at a very high-level as it would be impossible to do otherwise without writing an essay and who wants to read that.

1. Building relationships- you're not only meeting leaders and nobles from other temples, but you are building a support structure. Your establishing relationships with your leadership and peer groups across the shrine. Folks you can use as a shoulder to lean on and get advice from.
2. You're learning what other temples are doing. You're discussing their fund raising, their events, clubs, their successes, and their failures. Your able to have conversations to understand what might be good at our temple and what won't work because of temple cultures or not having a physical building. What may work at one temple may not work at another. We may not be able to purchase a building at this time, but we can nurture a culture that will contribute to our future success.
3. Your introduced to the Imperial Sirs, their ladies and the support staff you are reaching out to as things come up and they do come up. They are a wealth of knowledge and its easier to reach out when you have met them and its clear they have genuine concern for our shared philanthropy and for our success.
4. Education on the priorities of running a temple to include business and working with various audiences. This will include purpose, attitude, people, planning and performance.
5. You're hearing and motivated by the latest hospital and clinical programs. You're hearing from patient ambassadors or several of countless stories of the impacts we have on so many lives. You leave energized and reminded why we do what we do.
6. Noble programs, to include things like Shrine law, budgeting, mitigating temple risk, fund raising and marketing.
7. The ladies were also included and had their program breakouts. They are a very valuable asset and many times not well utilized.

Our success will not rest on any single set of shoulders or even the divan. I believe our clubs and units are our lifeline into our Shriner Center and our representatives in our blue lodges.

I believe we need the following to succeed. Again, not any specific order.

1. We need good relations between our district blue lodges and the shrine clubs. This should include joint socials and a combined efforts for fund raising. Our temples and blue lodge require income to survive just as we do. We need the combined groups to split up the work and share the reward. We know right now both bodies are lean with active members. We can help each other.
2. We should be working together to bring in and attract good men. Each have shared and unique niches that current and new men will gravitate to. Its not a competition for members. One of my mentors in blue lodge always said, we are stronger together.
3. We need to reestablish a culture with our masonic foundation. We are surrounded by good men. We need to help each other to succeed.
4. We require active shrine clubs and units finding new ways to have fun. Again, I think this is at a district level. These events are where we bring the men from our various lodges, their ladies and masonic seekers.
5. We need to have a strong community presence. With that, we need better marketing expertise. We are very behind with our various social media visibility. We are not looking to recruit, but our community should know who we are. If they don't know who we are, then how will we build blue lodges and ultimately all the incumbent bodies like Shrine. Men need to know who and what we represent before they can petition us.

We each have our own story for why we are a Shriner. My masonic path started with "Be a Shriner now", from there, I was introduced to Freemasonry. I didn't know I was missing that in my life until I found it. Blue lodge, Scottish Rite and Shrine etc., all very different and each bringing something unique. In addition to the various incumbent bodies, we have the various masonic circle of friends, brothers, and people we may play golf with, have dinner, ride motorcycles and the many other things that we enjoy sharing our lives with the people that are important to us. We are blessed!

To try and summarize, what we do matters. We have the strongest foundation which is our Masonry. Between the various incumbent bodies, we have something for every man, his lady and family.

We need to reestablish our culture, our place in our communities and help men find what they are missing in their life.

Thank you for taking the time to hear my thoughts. I would be happy to discuss further, please reach out any time.

S&F,
Rick Johnson
Assist Rabban

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