

# OFFICIAL CALL OF THE POTENTATE

## MARCH STATED MEETING CORRECTION

**DATE:** Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>

**TIME:** 1:00 PM

**PLACE:** Tacoma Scottish Rite 817 S. Vassault St. Tacoma, WA

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

Lunch will be offered for \$20 at 11:30 AM and is open to all family and friends

**RSVP for lunch is a must by 3/05/22 at:**

253-565-2055 or  
afifishrine@gmail.com

Everyone is to meet in Tacoma.

Ladies and families will be entertained while we are in our meeting .

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### RECORDER'S CORNER

Several Nobles have mentioned they did not receive their new noble certificates when they become members. I now have the necessary forms to request them. Even though you have told me in the past, please email me so I can add you to the form.

Ill. Ray Zimmerman, PP  
Recorder



### 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.

**Noble Leonard R. Wilson 1/20/2022**

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### NOTE TO CLUBS & UNITS

**Clubs & Units:**

Do you want to celebrate your special projects, ceremonies, special events, etc. and let the rest of our nobility know about it?

Appoint a Noble to be your FEZ representative. He will then send in your articles, photos, etc. to THE FEZ. For publication. This is your opportunity to shine your light in Affi.

Take action NOW. Contact Noble David Aponte with your appointment. Thank you.

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Shriners is a fraternity based on fun, fellowship and the Masonic principles of brotherly love, relief and truth. Our fraternity is open to men of integrity from all walks of life.

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# DOUBLE MILESTONE FOR SHRINERS FRATERNITY AND PHILANTHROPY

*Shriners International celebrates its 150th anniversary, and Shriners Hospitals for Children marks 100 years of improving the lives of children and families*

In 2022, Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children® mark very special anniversaries. The fraternity was created 150 years ago, in 1872, by a group of fun-loving Masons. Fifty years later, the caring and visionary fraternity members founded their official philanthropy, opening the first Shriners Hospital for Children in Shreveport, Louisiana, in 1922.

## 150 YEARS OF FUN, FELLOWSHIP AND PHILANTHROPY

In 1870, a group of Masons met regularly at a New York City restaurant, the Knickerbocker Cottage. They often discussed their desire for a new fraternity for Masons, based on the fundamentals of Masonry but with the added elements of fun and fellowship. Good friends Walter M. Fleming, M.D., and actor William J. "Billy" Florence created what they called the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, adopting a popular Near-eastern theme and the distinctive red fez. While records show that the new fraternity held its first meeting in 1871, it was a meeting of Mecca Shriners in 1872 that is recognized as the fraternity's official founding.

Now known as Shriners International, the fraternity has nearly 200,000 members, and Shriners can be found on six continents. Shriners are known for their good humor, and they love spending time with others who share their interests, whether it be performing in parades or bands, connecting via Zoom for a technology unit or getting together to ride motorcycles, make barbecue or craft beer. The bond of brotherhood that Shriners enjoy also helps them develop personal and professional skills such as communications and leadership.

In addition to fun and fellowship, Shriners value serving their communities in ways large and small. From hosting charity events to volunteering their time to supporting their official philanthropy, the red-fezzed Shriners are among the most generous and caring men you will ever meet.

## 100 YEARS OF CARING FOR CHILDREN

As membership in the Shriners fraternity grew in the early 1900s, so did the call for establishing an official charity. In 1922, Shriners Hospitals for Children opened its first location, in Shreveport, Louisiana, to provide treatment for children with orthopedic conditions, regardless of their ability to pay. What began as one hospital is now a unique health care system with a reputation for finding answers and giving families hope worldwide. Since 1922, Shriners Hospitals for Children has improved the lives of more than 1.5 million children in locations in the U.S., Canada and Mexico, as well as outreach clinics around the world. Shriners Hospitals for Children provides quality care for orthopedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate, regardless of the families' ability to pay or insurance status.

At Shriners Hospitals for Children, we put patients first. Family-centered care creates an atmosphere of hope and healing. Our medical teams take the time to listen and help patients reach for their own goals. Patient ambassadors love to make appearances at events and tell the stories of their medical journeys and how Shriners Hospitals for Children supported them.

We are proud of the accomplishments of both our fraternity and philanthropy and look forward to celebrating their anniversaries in 2022.



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## Portland Hospital Board Takeaways: January 2022

1. 2021 was a record-breaking year in total new patient referrals. We averaged 300 new patients per month referred from physicians, other health care providers, friends & family and our amazing Shriners. Total referrals increased by 29% over 2020, which brought in an additional 845 new patients to Shriners Children's Portland.
2. We were able to help our community throughout 2021 with our Walk-In Fracture & Sports Injury Clinic. By offering an alternative space, patients and their families do not have to wait in an ER or urgent care during the pandemic. We cared for 50% more kids in 2021 compared to 2020, which was 503 more children. If you know of a child who would benefit from our Walk-In Fracture & Sports Injury Clinic, please let them know we are open Monday-Friday (except holidays) from 7:30am to 4:00pm, no appointment needed.
3. Portland Monthly's Top Docs list was published in December of 2021. This year, 8 Shriners Children's Portland providers were included in the list! This list is a trusted resource in our community, and providers are only included in the list if they're voted for by their peers. This is the highest number of providers we've ever had included!
4. This year, Shriners Children's healthcare system is celebrating 100 years, and Shriners International is celebrating 150 years! These are exciting milestone anniversaries to celebrate! Home Office has developed a toolkit of material specifically for Shriners to use, including social media graphics, historical photos, logos, pop-up banner art, and more. To download this toolkit to your computer, click [HERE](#).
5. Our telehealth program began in 2020 during the pandemic and has continued to grow, connecting our physicians with their patients in their own homes. Shriners Children's Portland was chosen as the pilot site late fall and began offering behavioral health services with Dr. McClellan, our child psychologist who has been able to care for patients virtually. Many of the patients we see travel from all over and having a virtual option is helpful to many families.
6. Have you wondered why you may be seeing more of the national fundraising commercials for Shriners Children's instead of the patient acquisition commercials? The two campaigns aim for different demographics. The patient acquisition campaign aims for parents ages 25-49, and the fundraising commercials aim for an older demographic who tends to have more funds to donate. Our agency partners place the advertising strategically to reach these two demographics respectively – depending on which demographic you fall into it will determine which ads you see most consistently. There will always be exceptions, but most consistently you will see the ad that is aligned with your demographic.
7. On November 20, we opened the new Shriners Children's Medford Clinic. It is the first off-site clinic for our hospital and the first clinic to bill outside of our hospital in the system. Thank you to our home office and local hospital team for all of their hard work to open the clinic! Dr. Hohl cares for patients every Saturday at the Medford clinic (by appointment only) and to date we have been full every Saturday!
8. Shriners Children's Portland physicians are now covering Providence Center for Medically Fragile Children.
9. The Dillehunt Memorial Lecture, featuring Dr. Tim Theologis of Oxford University, will be held on May 6, 2022.
10. Shriners Children's Portland is hosting an outreach clinic in Bellingham, WA on March 26! If you know of a patient who would benefit from this clinic, have them call us at 503-221-3422.
11. The Little People of America Conference is coming up in July. It will be held in Spokane, with a group of our physicians attending from Portland.

# Potentate's Message **ILL. RYAN WRIGHT**

Hello Nobles,

An update on the Daffodil parade in Tacoma. The Director of Units is hard at it this year working on the lineup for the parade April 9. Please give him your help to make it a good time.

Also, there is a lot of work going on to make the Loyalty Days Parade at Long Beach a fun time for all of us. Please join the Potentate and his lady at the Chautauqua Resort at Long Beach WA for the Weekend. We have rented a condo and have been provided a conference room there to use as hospitality rooms. We will be there 4/29/22 to 5/2/22. Please consider staying at the resort with us. We have secured double queen bedrooms, at \$109.00 plus tax per night under AFIFI Shriners. These rooms have been discounted for us. Please make your reservations by mid March to ensure a room, they will go fast.

**Chautauqua Lodge**  
**304 14th St NW**  
**Long Beach, WA 98631**  
**Phone # (360)-642-4401**

There will be a breakfast hosted by ILwaco Lodge Occident 48 with the help of some Shriner Brothers from Astoria Oregon on Saturday morning. The kiddie's parade in ILwaco will follow the breakfast. After the Kiddie parade, some fun and fellowship back at the resort including a potluck dinner.

For those staying at the resort, a free continental breakfast is available Sunday morning prior to lining up for the BIG Loyalty Day parade.

After a long hiatus it's our chance to get back to fun and fellowship, helping Kids. More details to come.

Yours Fraternally,  
Ill. Ryan Wright, Potentate AFIFI and Lady Robin

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