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2024 POTENTATE, ILLUSTRIOUS SIR VOLKER DEUSSEN

Since the Nobility elected me as Potentate of Emirat Shrine in January 2024, an eventful six months have already passed. During this time, several special ceremonies took place. In Bucharest and Istanbul we were able to host a larger number of new nobles, in the south of Italy we made it possible to create a new Shrine Club in Reggio Calabria and to create several nobles. Further ceremonials are planned in Madrid, Normandy and Sicily during the year. As always, our spring ceremony in Stuttgart was also well attended and we were able to increase our number of members here as well. In addition, we have launched a new Club in Berlin, Germany, the “Prussia Shrine Club”. From June 30. to July 5, Emirat was represented at the 150th Imperial Session in Reno with three voting delegates and the largest accompanying delegation to date. During the Imperial Session, I also had the great honor of receiving a newly designed award, the “Platinum Hall of Fame Award” for a continuous positive membership development. Since 2018, a membership team and the Divan members have been working tirelessly to make Shriners better known and more present in Europe. The efforts have paid off. But without the help of the clubs, the divan and of course the Nobility this success would not have been possible. I thank you all for this and congratulate my predecessor Ill Sir Frank Ullmann and his team on this success. Next is the traditional Joint BBQ, hosted by Emirat Shriners, ACGL and Scottish Rite and of course our Fall Ceremonial. All these events and some more are reported in more detail in this issue of Kamel Tales.

If you are interested in starting a club in your region or European country, or if you would like to give talks about Shriners in your lodges, please contact us.

Sh(r)ine On! Be The One!
Yours in friendship...
Ill Sir Volker Deussen
Potentate 2024 Emirat Shriners

THE IMPORTANCE OF PHILANTHROPY AND CHILDREN'S TREATMENT

Philanthropy, or the act of giving to help others, plays a crucial role in our society. When it comes to helping children, this generosity becomes even more significant. Organizations like Shriners Hospitals for Children, supported by Shriners International, show us just how important it is to provide medical care for kids and why doing so is a moral duty for all of us.

This commitment is deeply rooted in the values of the Shriners fraternity and the broader Masonic tradition, which emphasise brotherly love, relief, and truth.



TREASURER

WHY HELPING CHILDREN IS ESSENTIAL

Children represent the future, and they rely entirely on adults to take care of them. They can't get medical care on their own or stand up for their rights. That's why it's so important for adults to step in and help. From a moral standpoint, helping children is seen as the right thing to do because it reduces suffering and increases happiness. When we help children stay healthy, we're investing in a better future for everyone.

THE IMPACT OF SHRINERS HOSPITALS

Shriners Hospitals for Children are a shining example of the power of philanthropy. These hospitals provide specialized care for serious conditions like burns, spinal cord injuries, and orthopedic issues. Importantly, they treat children regardless of their families' ability to pay, ensuring that every child has a chance to get better.

The benefits of this care are enormous. Not only do these treatments save lives, but they also improve the quality of life for these children. Healthy children are more likely to do well in school, participate in activities, and grow into adults who can contribute positively to their communities. The help they receive now can make a huge difference in their futures and the future of society as a whole.

FRATERNITY AND MASONIC VALUES

Shriners International is a fraternity deeply rooted in Masonic principles. Freemasonry, one of the world's oldest and largest fraternal organizations, emphasizes values like brotherly love, relief, and truth.

These principles are reflected in the charitable activities of the Shriners.

-Brotherly Love: Shriners embody the idea of brotherhood by supporting each other and extending that support to the broader community. Their philanthropic efforts are a way of showing love and solidarity, particularly with those in need.

-Relief: Providing relief to those who suffer is a core Masonic principle. Shriners Hospitals for Children is a direct expression of this value, offering medical care and support to children who need it most, alleviating their pain and improving their lives.

-Truth: Masons value truth and strive to live honest and ethical lives. In the context of philanthropy, this means being transparent and committed to genuinely helping others without expecting anything in return.

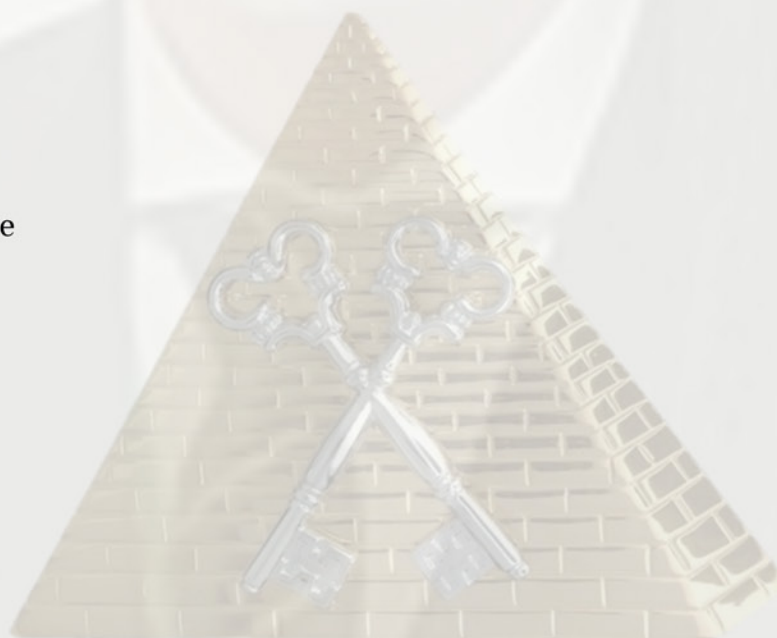
Our Shared Responsibility Helping children is not just the job of a few kind people; it's a responsibility we all share. When we support the health and well-being of children, we're showing that we value a compassionate and just society. By investing in their future, we create a better world for everyone.

The work done by Shriners Hospitals for Children highlights the vital importance of philanthropy focused on kids. It's not just about charity—it's about doing what's right. By ensuring that all children receive the medical care they need, we help build a world where every child has the chance to grow up healthy and happy. This commitment to caring for the most vulnerable among us is a cornerstone of a thriving, compassionate society.

Philanthropy, especially when aimed at children's treatment, is a powerful force for good. Shriners International and its network of hospitals exemplify how deeply rooted fraternal and Masonic values can translate into real-world impact. By embracing the principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth, Shriners not only improve the lives of individual children but also strengthen the fabric of our society. Investing in the health and future of children is a moral imperative that resonates with the timeless values of Freemasonry, reminding us all of our shared duty to care for one another.

Fraternally,

Noble Tarik Eker
Treasurer Emirat Shrine



GREETINGS FROM LADIES ORIENTAL SHRINE (LOSNA) NEFERTITI COURT NO 84, NEW PORT RICHEY, FLORIDA

At the Spring Ceremonial and Potentates Ball 2024 Lady Pia from LOSNA, Nefertiti Court No. 84, New Port Richey, send greetings from her High Priestess Lady Valerie Tooma to Potentate III Sir Volker Deussen and Emir at Shriners and handed over a small donation for Emir at Shriners Transportation Fund.



“It is with great pleasure and an honor as a Lady of Oriental Shrine to represent and to convey the warmest greetings from my High Priestess Lady Valerie Tooma Grey, Lady Oriental Shrine of North America of Nefertiti court #84, New Port Richey, Tampa, Florida. We both are all working towards the same goal: to support a Philanthropy. The Greek root of philanthropy can be translated as "to love people".”

The English word can refer to general kindness to one's fellow human beings, as well as to the active effort to promote human welfare, but in modern use is most often used to refer specifically to the practice of “giving money and make to help make life better for others”.

“I hereby present the small amount of 100 Euro to the Emirate Shriners transportation fund. But I guess every small amount counts whether it comes from one or the other. Whatever color the fez have – together supporting the same philanthropy Shriners Children’s”

TWINKLE IN THE EYES

High Priest & Prophet words to the Spring Ceremonial & Potentates Ball 2024 in Stuttgart When Lady Pia and I head to Stuttgart, or any other ceremonial, we look forward to it. We look forward to seeing the Nobles and Ladies, the socializing, but most of all we look forward to seeing more and more Nobles becoming members. Although the number of Nobles worldwide is decreasing, we are in the fortunate situation at Emirate Shriners that our membership is growing. This is thanks to the many Nobles and Ladies of Emirate Shriners who act as ambassadors. Thank you for that.



HIGH PRIEST &
PROPHET

When we are at the Meet & Greet on Friday evening, I see some excited Jimmies who have no idea what to expect. Deep down, I smile because I know what's going to happen. To the Jimmies, I am “only” a Shriner with a red fez. They can't relate to terms like Illustrious Sir, Potentate, and all the other titles we have. They don't know at this moment that many of us are watching them closely the next day with a loving twinkle in our eyes.

After the Mc Gillicuddy Clan has taken care of them, some are slightly confused. I was told that some of the Jimmies we had at our Spring Ceremonial 2024 thought it was some kind of team building. Not something they wanted to do, but they participated as it was part of the whole concept. When these now Nobles were explained the background of why they were exposed to what they were exposed to, they could better understand the context.

Later during the actual ceremonial, in my role as High Priest & Prophet, I get very close to each Jimmie several times. I look deep into their eyes as I go from Jimmie to Jimmie, and in their eyes I see some weariness, but also a twinkle in their eyes - they have become convinced that this is the right choice they have made. Little do they know at that point that it's far from over and that it's going to be another long night for them with even more impressions. The Jimmies are at that moment granted the permission to join the caravan and eating salt together with us, but we all know this is only the beginning of a long joyful and special journey.

On the night of the Potentate Ball, I see pride in their eyes. Pride in being part of the Shriners, but also humility at the experiences they've been through. Finally, when we get to the Camel Walk and Cupid Shuffle, they almost explode with joy, and it's as if they can't contain what has happened to them that day. What an amazing experience for me to witness this process. It confirms to me every time that when I applied for admission, I did the right thing: to become a Shriner under the Emirate Shriners.

As I write this, a few days after the Ceremonial, I have received several emails and phone calls from some of the Nobles who were initiated. They still haven't fully digested the experience, and the Ladies present are also very excited over the weekend. Let's live our Potentate's words “Sh(r)ine on!”. Reach out to your brothers in your lodge and tell them about your experiences.

Lady Pia and I are already looking forward to the next Ceremonial, and look forward to having a great weekend ourselves, but also helping to make sure that everyone else has a great weekend. Thank you for everything dear Ladies and Nobles, you enrich our everyday life - every day.

INITIATION OF FOUR BRETHREN FROM HAMBURG

On Friday, May 10, 2024, at 9:45 a.m., four Hamburg brothers - three brethren from “Brückenbauer Lodge” and one brother of the Lodge “Absalom” - embarked on a meaningful journey to Stuttgart for initiation as Shriners



from left: Henning Rosenau, Sven Trepte, Martin von Erffa and Br. Raphael von Absalom

We arrived punctually at the Pullman Hotel in Stuttgart-Vaihingen and immediately found ourselves in the “Schwabengarten” beer garden for a social gathering, where we were warmly welcomed by other Shriners and their families. The atmosphere was extremely warm and fraternal from the very first moment.

The following Saturday, we four brothers were initially accepted as so-called “Water Buffaloes”, an experience that reminded us of the Flintstones and seemed unusual at first. This humorous initiation ritual is optional and is not directly related to the actual initiation as Shriners. There are many other organizations within the Shriners that you can join voluntarily.

At 11:00 a.m., the actual process began, which was attended by us brethren from Hamburg and 20 other candidates. Without giving too much away: The morning presented us with challenges that made us briefly doubt whether we had taken on too much.

However, at the end of the first of three sequences of our training and preparation, we realized the deeper meaning of these trials and felt deeply relieved. This experience perfectly illustrated to us the high moral and ethical standards of the Shriners.

The outstanding event was the initiation ritual, the details of which we are withholding out of respect for the arcane discipline.

The evening ball, which was attended by 24 novices, 66 nobles and a total of 120 guests, provided a wonderful atmosphere. The musical accompaniment was excellent, the food delicious and the general mood dignified, exuberant and harmonious. The internationality of the guests contributed to an atmospheric evening.

A particularly touching moment was the video shown of the children who were recently helped by the Shriners. This once again underlines the immense importance of this institution. From the outside, Shriners may appear colorful and cheerful, but on the inside, Shriner brothers are deeply reflective and always committed to humanity.

Thanks to the raffle and the auction of generously donated items, we were able to collect almost €13,000 in donations that evening - a success that will benefit the children we support.

The actual admission as a Shriner, crowned by the ceremonial presentation of the fez by the ladies, was particularly significant for us.

We four Hamburg Brethren look forward to accompanying other Master Brethren on their path to becoming Shriners. For interested Master Masons, we are happy to be your local contact in Hamburg. It would be an honor and a privilege to introduce you to the Shriner world. We will soon be setting up a Shriner Club in Hamburg. Interested brothers are welcome to contact one of us for information or to join.

“Becoming a Shriner is the logical consequence of our Masonic path.” This realization has touched us deeply and continues to resonate with us.”

We would like to thank our Brother Nobles of the EMIRAT Shriners from the bottom of our hearts.

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From the Desk of the Chief Rabban



My Experience at the Imperial Session in Reno, NV Attending the Imperial Session in Reno, NV this year was an incredible experience filled with meaningful activities, engaging meetings, and heartfelt moments. As a Shriner, I had the privilege of participating in several key events that highlighted the dedication and camaraderie of our organization.

One of the core components of the Imperial Session was the series of business meetings. These sessions were crucial as we discussed and voted on various fraternal/hospital items and bylaws updates and changes. It was enlightening to see how much thought and consideration goes into maintaining and improving the structure and

operations of Shriners International and to ensure we are fit for the future. Each vote cast was a step towards ensuring that our organization continues to thrive and serve its noble purpose.

While the business meetings were essential, the evenings brought a different kind of joy. Each night, all the Temples came together for fun and fellowship. These gatherings were a fantastic opportunity to connect with fellow Shriners from different regions, share stories, and build lasting friendships, mostly over dinners. The sense of brotherhood was undeniable, and it was heartwarming to see how united we are in our mission across the globe. All events were filled with laughter, music, and the kind of camaraderie that only Shriners can truly understand. You can ask me about the hospitality room shenanigans later!

One of the most touching experiences was meeting the children we support. These brave young individuals embody the spirit of what we are all about, and hearing their stories was both humbling and inspiring. It was a powerful reminder of why we do what we do. Seeing the direct impact of our efforts on their lives brought a profound sense of fulfillment and reinforced our commitment to our mission.

The Imperial Session also provided a closer look at what Shriners International truly stands for. Beyond the business and the social aspects, it was a time to reflect on our values and the broader impact of our work. From the various presentations and speeches to the interactions with members from different Temples, the session was an educational and motivational experience. It highlighted the importance of our charitable activities and the difference we make in communities around the world.

Looking Ahead As we move forward, the insights and connections gained from this Imperial Session will undoubtedly guide us in our future endeavors. It is clear that our strength lies in our unity and our shared dedication to improving the lives of children and their families.

In conclusion, the Imperial Session in Reno was a blend of serious work, joyous fellowship, and heartfelt moments. It was a reminder of our responsibilities as Shriners and the impact we have as a collective. I look forward to applying what I have learned and continuing to support and grow our noble cause.

Noble Anthony Ward



IMPERIAL SESSION 2024

Doing More in 24

IMPERIAL SESSION
2024

On Friday 28 June 2024 III Sir Volker Deussen, Lady Kerstin, III Sir Paul M. Curran, Lady Marlene, III Sir Frank Ullmann, Lady Katja, Noble Anthony Ward and Lady Toshia made their way to Reno, Nevada for the 150th Imperial Session. Once arriving in Reno they met up III Sir Charsten Wienbreyer, III Sir Ward Williamson and Lady Beate, Most Worshipful (Noble) Catalin Tohaneanu, Grand Master of Romania and Lady Aruna, Most Worshipful (Noble) Daniel Jap Lim, Past Grand Master American Canadian Grand Lodge, and Lady Meltem, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Scottish Rite for Romania (Noble) Alecu Racoviceanu, Grand Treasurer of The National Grand Lodge of Romania RW (Noble) Stelian Tipa, Noble Jonny Henke and Lady Imme, Noble Razvan Buzatu, Noble Cristian Mirica and his son Aiden and daughter Maria. This was the biggest contingent of the Emirat Shrine family ever to attend an Imperial session.

On Saturday was registration and III Volker Deussen, III Paul M. Curran and Noble Anthony Ward had to be at a hearing at 1045 for call item 15, which was to have Emirat have exclusive jurisdiction over the Middle East. During the hearing it was ruled the item for the call was out of order because the Middle East is not defined and therefore cannot be claimed. During the process it was decided that we could claim the UAE and Saudi Arabia as they were defined and have concurrent jurisdiction with Lubnan Temple in Lebanon. When call item number 15 was called for by the Imperial Potentate, on Tuesday day 3 of the Imperial Session, Noble Anthony Ward called for the adoption of item 15, but had an amendment to it, which is stated above, it was passed by majority vote, so Emirat now has concurrent jurisdiction with Lubnan Shriners over the UAE and Saudi Arabia.



On Sunday morning was the Annual Meeting of the Shrine Recorders Association, the oldest association in the Shrine. During the Annual Meeting III Paul M. Curran was elected as the First Vice President of the Shrine Recorders Association.

Pictured from left to right:

- III Dennis W. Berry, PP Third Vice President
- III Paul M. Curran, PP First Vice President
- Noble Casey N. Flynn, President
- III Donald R. Freguson, PP Second Vice President
- III David R. Ingersoll, PP Secretary/Treasurer

On Sunday afternoon was the normal official opening of the Imperial Session with welcoming remarks by the Imperial Potentate, Mayor of Reno, Mrs. Hillary Schieve and the donation of monies from the Daughters of the Nile and the Ladies of the Oriental Shrine. Sunday night was the Annual Recorder's Banquet, Emirat Shrine was well represented with 21 Nobles and Ladies attending the banquet. It was the largest contingent from any one temple. Thank you all that attended and supported me. Monday morning was the usual voting on items to make sure the Iowa and Colorado Corporations were legal. We did however vote in two new Temples Acrux Shriners in the Commonwealth of Australia, city of Gardenvale, Victoria, this is Temple 203. Nemity Shriners in the Republic of Paraguay, city of Asuncion, this is Temple 204.

Monday afternoon was spent on reports and voting for the Imperial Divan:

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| Imperial Sir Rich G. Burke | Imperial Potentate |
| Imperial Sir Kevin R. Costello | Imperial Chief Rabban |
| Imperial Sir Lawrence J. "Larry" Leib | Imperial Assistant Rabban |
| Imperial Sir Mark Hatrz | Imperial High Priest & Prophet |
| Imperial Sir Matthew Sturlaugson | Imperial Oriental Guide |
| Imperial Sir Brad T. Koehn | Imperial Treasurer |
| Imperial Sir Jim Cain, PIP | Imperial Recorder |
| Imperial Sir Marty Bartlett | Imperial First Ceremonial Master |
| Imperial Sir Timothy D. "Tim" Forbis | Imperial Second Ceremonial Master |
| Imperial Sir Ron Devoll | Imperial Marshall |
| Imperial Sir David C. Hamm | Imperial Captain of the Guard |

Running for Imperial Outer Guard where Ill Sir Dale R. Vrsalovich and Ill Sir Larry F. Norte, when the vote was taken it was 366 votes for Ill Sir Dale R. Vrsalovich and 254 for Ill Sir Larry F. Norte. Imperial Sir Dale R. Vrsalovich won by simple majority and is the new Imperial Outer Guard.



On Monday right after lunch Ill Sir Volker making Emirat Shrines Annual Donation to Shriners Children's for \$10,000.



Monday Night was the traditional Potentate's Emirat Shrine Nobility and Ladies night out.



While we are at dinner the Potentate of Hadi Shriners III Sir Chad Denton, who is a friend of our Potentate asked if all Past Potentates, Grand Masters and Past Grand Masters that were there from Emirat could take picture with him and his Divan and the Grand Master of Indiana (Blue Shirt) MW David G. Morgan. Notice the building in the back center column.



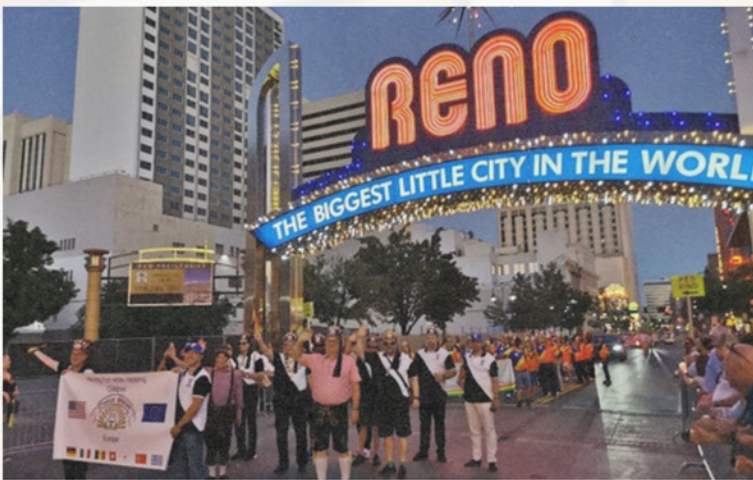
On Tuesday right after the Hall of Fame Luncheon III Sir Volker Deussen received the Platinum Award for Membership for the year 2023.

This is the first year for that Platinum Award has been awarded by Shriners International and Emirat Shrine is honored to have received it. Emirat has previously won the Gold Membership Award in 2011, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2018, 2019, 2021 and 2022.

Also on Tuesday after all the Membership Awards were handed out, they conducted the vote of the Board of Trustee to serve a three year term. Because their where 5 running for the 2 positions we had to use a paper ballot, which takes a long time as Colorado and Iowa vote. After about an hour of counting ballots the winners were announced, the winners were III Sir Ricky Arrocha elected to serve his second three year term and Imperial Sir Kenneth "Kenny" Carven elected to serve his first three year term. Because of Trustee Dr. Ken Guidera resignation, their needed to be a special election to fill the remaining 2 years on his term. III Sir Ronald L. "Ron" Capps won by majority vote and will serve the next two years. Next item on the agenda was the election of a new Chairman of the Board of Trustees as Imperial Sir Jerry Gant was retiring after many years of service to Shriners International and Shriners Children's. Running for the position where Imperial Sir James E, "Ed" Stolze Jr. and Dr. Leslie "Doc" Stewart, M.D., Leslie "Doc" Stewart won and he is the new Chairman of the Board of Trustees.



On Tuesday Night was the Shriners International Parade. Left picture are some of the Ladies of Emirat Shrine marching with the Daughters of the Nile.



On Tuesday Night the Nobles of Emirat Shrine marching.



Wednesday is the normal pageant day for the new incoming Imperial Potentate, where he gets to introduce his family and the First Lady Judy Burke gets to introduce her program/project for the year, it is called On Angel's Wings. They also introduce the new Patient Ambassadors Paige and Grayson. Ill Frank posted a video they made for Emirat Shrine. Some Emirat Shrine members with Grayson at the Commodore's Concert.

Thursday is used for all left over items that need to be reported on or voted on before the close of session at 1200. As a note as I have reported before The Shrine is now down to about 172,000 members. As I have reported before the growth for the Shrine is coming from International Temples, as depicted on the slide that I showed at the May meeting 11 of the 12 International Temples in Region 15 have received Gold or Platinum and we have created 13,949 Shriners Internationally since 2007. The Shrine as a whole had a 3.93% loss in 2023, which is the smallest percentage of loss in the last twenty years.

Istanbul Shrine Club Creation of new Nobles June 2024



On 7 June 2024 the Potentate, Ill Sir Volker Deussen, Lady Kerstin, Recorder Ill Sir Paul M. Curran and the Treasurer Noble Tarik Eker traveled to Istanbul Turkey for the Annual Istanbul Shrine Club Ceremonial. As with every ceremonial we started off with a Friday night meet and greet, at a local restaurant. The event was hosted by the President of the Istanbul Shrine Club and his officers. On Saturday we conducted a ceremonial in which 6 new Shriners were created for the club and Emirata Shrine.



After the ceremonial it was off for fun and fellowship with the Nobles and the newly created Nobles of the club at the Grand Lodge's restaurant.

Oriental Guide

Emirat Shriners

Summer Greetings from the Oriental Guide



As the warm sun graces us with its presence, we welcome the vibrant days of summer with open arms. This season brings a special kind of joy, as we gather with our loved ones, bask in the outdoors, and create cherished memories. On behalf of the Davis family, I extend my warmest greetings to each of you and your families.

On July 27th, we had the pleasure of attending the Summer Fest Joint BBQ in St. Leon-Rot. This event marked the first-ever collaborative eMort by ACGL, Emirat Shriners, and AMSRB Scottish Rite and was a fantastic opportunity to enjoy a day filled with delicious food, great company, and the spirit of camaraderie. It was heartwarming to see so many of you come together and celebrate the summer season. Summer is the perfect time to enjoy with our families and take those much-needed vacations. As we begin the summer season, it's essential to step back from our busy lives, relax, and recharge. This time allows us to reconnect with ourselves and our loved ones, bringing a sense of peace and happiness. Taking care of our mental health is just as important as our physical health. By ensuring we are well-rested and mentally balanced, we can better serve our communities and fulfill our commitments with renewed energy and enthusiasm.

When the summer days are over, let us seize opportunities to speak about the great work of the Emirat Shriners. Membership is the lifeblood of our organization, and sharing our mission with others can help attract new members eager to contribute to our cause. Don't hesitate to talk even to non-Masons about the Shriners, especially to those who have the potential to be members. A growth in the Blue Lodge is beneficial to the entire Fraternity. Explain the philanthropic eMorts we undertake and the joy and fulfillment that comes from being part of such a noble organization. We must not forget the importance of the Blue Lodge. Our strength as Shriners is inherently tied to the strength of the Blue Lodge. As membership and interest decline in the Blue Lodge, so do we in Shrinedom.

Therefore, it is crucial that we work diligently to support our Blue Lodges and strive to present Freemasonry in an attractive and engaging manner. Our efforts in revitalizing and maintaining the interest in Freemasonry will, in turn, ensure the continued success and growth of the Emirat Shriners.

As we enjoy this beautiful summer season, let us keep in mind the importance of fellowship, family, and mental well-being. Let's also remain committed to sharing the mission of the Emirat Shriners and supporting our Blue Lodges. Together, we can ensure a bright future for our organization.

Wishing you all a wonderful and restful summer.

Fraternally,

Cameron J. Davis
Oriental Guide
Emirat Shriners

RECORDER

Emirat Shriners



Lady Marlene and I greet you all well and hope you are enjoying your summer and staying cool.

What a year it has been so far. We have created 82 new Shriners, with a little less than half a year to go. We should reach over 150 Nobles created in 2024 without a problem. We still have ceremonies coming up in August Madrid, October Normandy, November Germany, November Taormina, Sicily. Announcements will be made on the ceremonials as soon as the details are worked out.

Unfortunately with the good number of creations we still have 217 Nobles that have not paid their 2024 dues. If you are one of the 217 please pay your dues for 2024.

As you all know the roll over is in August 2024, which means, if you have not paid for 2024, you technically owe for 2024 and 2025.

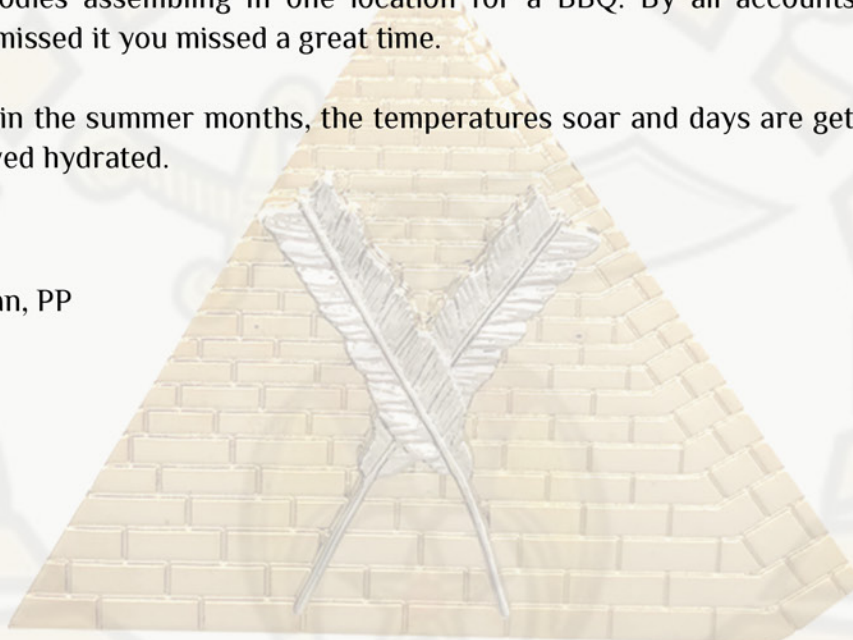
For those of you who have paid your 2024 dues, Thank You!

As you read in the report of the 150th Imperial Session Emirat now has concurrent jurisdiction with Lubnan Temple in Lebanon over the UAE and Saudi Arabia. With this concurrent jurisdiction we will create a new club somewhere in that region that will support Nobles and Brothers in that area. We have also been approached by Nobles that reside in another part of the region as they want to start a club also, we will see how it works out.

I want to thank all of the Nobles that came out and supported Emirat Shrine during the joint BBQ. Hopefully you and your family had a great time, enjoyed the food, but most of all had fun and fellowship. If you did not attend you miss a good chance to enjoy fun and fellowship. This was the first year that it was a joint BBQ with Emirat Shrine, American Canadian Grand Lodge and the Scottish Rite Bodies assembling in one location for a BBQ. By all accounts the event was a success, if you missed it you missed a great time.

As we are now in the summer months, the temperatures soar and days are getting longer, please be safe and stayed hydrated.

Ill Paul M. Curran, PP
Recorder



Stuttgart Shrine Club

The Stuttgart Shrine Club has kicked off the year with tremendous enthusiasm, fueled by a collective commitment to enhance support for the Transportation Fund through a series of impactful charitable endeavors. At the forefront of our efforts is the plan to introduce a potential annual golf tournament in Stuttgart, Germany, poised to become a hallmark event in our fundraising calendar.

With unwavering dedication, the Nobles of the Stuttgart Shrine Club are diligently coordinating efforts to transform this vision into a reality.

Through meticulous planning and steadfast determination,
we stand poised not only

to make significant strides in bolstering our charitable initiatives but also to extend our support to children in every possible way.

In addition to this monumental undertaking, the Stuttgart Shrine Club was entrusted with providing a Meet and Greet venue for the 2024 Emirate Shrine Spring Ceremonial. After careful consideration, the idyllic setting of Schwaben Garten in Leinfelden was chosen. The fellowship experienced during the Meet and Greet was nothing short of magical, akin to a gathering

of cherished family members. This unforgettable experience was made possible by the exceptional service and warm hospitality extended by the Schwaben Garten and its remarkable staff. We extend our heartfelt gratitude for their invaluable contributions.

The camaraderie and spirit of service that pervade our club serve as the driving force behind our endeavors. United in our mission to effect positive change and uphold the Noble Legacy of the Shrine, we remain steadfast in our commitment to making a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve.

Ceremonial in Romania April 2024



On the Weekend of 12 and 13 April 2024 the Romania Shrine Club held a ceremonial in Bucharest. Friday night started with a meet and greet that was very well attended by over 60 Nobles, Brothers and families.

CEREMONIAL IN ROMANIA



Also on Friday night Dorka arrived with her father.

Pictured at left are Ill Volker Deussen, Potentate of Emirat Shrine, Dorka, Ill Paul M. Curran, PP, Recorder and Noble Luis A. Baez Delgado, Assistant Rabban.

This is almost one year after we first met Dorka and her family at the ceremonial in 2023 to explain the process and how we would try to help Dorka have a better life.

As you can see Dorka is now standing without crutches and using her new leg to move around.

Saturday morning started with the registration of Nobles, soon to be followed by the ceremonial. But first things first, the novices had to learn the camel walk and camel call. While we were preparing for the creation ceremony Noble Luis took care of teaching the Novices how to walk like a camel. During the creation ceremony 30 Nobles were created, which included the Grand Master of The National Grand Lodge of Romania MW Catalin Tohaneanu, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Scottish Rite Alexandru Racoviceanu, Grand Treasurer of The National Grand Lodge of Romania Stelian Tipa, Grand Master of the Order of the Knights Freemasons in Romania HGM Vasile Popa, notwithstanding all Nobles and Brothers are important, we just wanted to point out that noteworthy Brothers who joined the Shrine. The creation ceremony was followed by the Potentates Ball with fun and fellowship and raising money for charity.

Emirat Shrine Ceremonial in Germany 11 May 2024



On 10 May 2024 Nobles and Brothers from Germany, Switzerland, The Netherlands, France and Italy traveled to Stuttgart, Germany for the Emirat Shrine Spring Ceremonial. The weekend started with the usual meet and greet on Friday night at the Restaurant Schwabengarten in Leinfelden-Echterdingen, the event was well attended with over 125 Nobles, Brothers and Ladies attending. We would like to extend a big thank you to the Stuttgart Shrine Club for hosting the event and making sure everyone made it to and from the event safely, 11 May was the day of the main event. It started off with the Loyal Order of the Water Buffaloes performing their degree, more to follow on this in another article in this issue of the Kamel Tales.

Next was the business meeting of Emirat Shrine and voting on petitions, in all we had 23 Novices petition Emirat Shrine to be created. All the Brothers are important to the growth of Emirat Shrine, but we should mention the Deputy Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Germany Petition to join, he also joined the Loyal Order of the Water Buffaloes. As you will see in other articles, as Emirat spreads its story over the vast territory we cover more and more Grand Lodge Officers and Coordinate Body Officers are seeing what the Shrine is about not only fun and fellowship, but also helping children in their countries that might not have received the care they needed for a better life without the local club and Emirat helping to get them, if they qualify, to one of our hospitals.

As always the Novices were given an overview of Emirat Shrine, Shriners International and Shriners Children's while we had business meeting. Then it was time for Noble Jonny Henke and the McGillcuddy Clan to take charge of the Novices, while the Divan and Nobles prepared for the degree.

In due time Ill Sir Volker Deussen assembled the Ritualistic Divan to perform the Creation Ceremony thereby creating 23 new Nobles for Emirat Shrine.

The weekend was capped off with Potentates Ball which raised over 10,000 Euro for the Emirat Shrine Transportation Fund. A large part of the money was raised by Noble Jonny Henke from his smoke out, he donated 5010 Euro. This was not the only highlight of the evening we also created a new club in the capital city of

Germany, Berlin, called the Prussia Shrine Club, congratulations to our newest club.

Shriners Summer Party 2024 in Flensburg

On Saturday July 6, 2024, a BBQ afternoon was planned where Shriners from Northern Germany and Denmark were invited to enjoy themselves, get to know each other better, and last but not least strengthen the unity between Nobles and Ladies in this region.

FLensburg SUMMER PARTY



The weather had been challenging the days before, and plan B had to be thought of from the start. The plan was to have a barbecue, but as it was not certain that the weather would be suitable, a different plan was made and a roast pig was ordered from a catering company. This allowed us as hosts to socialize better with the guests.

32 guests were registered, and they came from Berlin, Hamburg, Copenhagen, Huston (Texas), Jutland and Northern Germany. There were Nobles and Ladies from Emirat Shriners, Bahia Shriners and Khiva Shriners. Furthermore Lady Pia representing Ladies Oriental Shrine (LOSNA) Nefertiti Court No. 84, New Port Richey, Florida. The weather was perfect all the way through, only one rain shower, which didn't bother the guests too much. Lots of good food, roast pig, sauerkraut, bread and mustard, and the guests had a great time talking, confirming old friendships and making new ones.



Especially the Ladies had really good conversations, and it all contributed to a better understanding of what Shriners is and what we want. The event, which has now been held for the second year in a row, must not grow significantly larger, otherwise there is not enough room for us all at this location. There was music, entertainment and good conversations, often supported by Ballon Mikael's skills as a balloon and magician, while conversations flowed across the tables in Danish, German and English.



The sale of handcrafted ashlars and bracelets, combined with the generous donation of all guests counted exactly 1000,- EUR which will be evenly shared between Emirat Shriners Transportation Fund and Nefertiti Court No 84.





To the left: serious conversation; to the right: Noble Allen Morrison from Khiva Shriners as a knight (equipped by Noble Mikael)
The event was open to brothers interested in Shriners, and the visiting brothers were very impressed with the cozy atmosphere and the good cause that Shriners has. There is a pretty good chance that there will be a new Noble or two in the future. Thanks for a fantastic summer party to all participants. If you want to join us next year, keep an eye out for the announcement.

Lady Pia and Noble Sven



Noble "Balloon" Mikael

Grand Poohbah Emirat Shriners Loyal Order of Water Buffaloes Quarry No. 194

The Emirat Shriners Loyal Order of Water Buffaloes (LOOWB) Quarry No. 194 held a memorable event during our Spring Ceremonial in May. The event, marked by the induction of new members and a vibrant display of fellowship.



The LOOWB is a fraternal organization that promotes camaraderie and fun among its members. It is inspired by the fictional group from the classic cartoon "The Flintstones," where characters Fred Flintstone and Barney Rubble were members of the Loyal Order of Water Buffaloes. True to this playful inspiration, the Emirat Shriners have adopted the LOOWB as a means to bring families together through joyous and light-hearted activities.

I am also happy to announce that during the 2024 Spring Ceremonial in Stuttgart, Germany, the LOOWB welcomed its third Junior Water Buffaloes member, demonstrating its commitment to including younger generations in its activities. The Junior Water Buffalo Degree is designed for children, offering them a sense of belonging and fun within the organization.

The Spring Ceremonial was a significant event for the LOOWB, especially as it marked a new chapter for the group. Traditionally nestled under the umbrella of the Emirat Clown Unit, the LOOWB has now begun its initial steps towards separating from the Clown Unit following a motion approved during the May meeting and elections. This decision paves the way for the LOOWB to establish its identity and governance structure independently. Our next steps include holding our first official meeting, establishing provisional officers, developing bylaws, and requesting our Charter. These foundational activities are essential for the Unit's growth and formal recognition.

As we move forward, the LOOWB plans to hold its Degree annually during the Spring Reunion, with aspirations to be officially chartered by the Fall Ceremonial in November. Members are encouraged to bring their Water Buffalo Fez and join in the festivities.

Grand Poohbah Emirat Shriners Loyal Order of Water Buffaloes Quarry No. 194

I close by inviting all who are interested in joining the LOOWB to fill out our online petition and commit to the exciting life of Shriners fun and fellowship. The cost for a lifetime membership is 70 Euros, with the Junior Water Buffalo Degree being free for children. For those looking to be part of this unique and enjoyable experience, complete the online petition here (<https://form.jotform.com/colkm/loowb-petition>) to join.

The Emirat Shriners LOOWB continues to embody the spirit of unity and enjoyment, creating lasting memories for its members and their families. Until we meet again in the quarry, Yabba Dabba Doo!

Fraternally,

Cameron J. Davis
Grand Poohbah
Emirat Shriners



Easter Egg Hunt 2024 at Irem Shrine, Dallas, Pennsylvania

Lady Pia and I had decided that we wanted to visit New York at Easter 2024 to experience the city and breathe in the spirit of this magnificent city. At our Oriental Guide School in Tampa in 2023, we had gotten to know my counterpart at Irem Shrine Noble Sean Gresh and his Lady Rebecca, so we decided to visit them. Irem Shrine is located in the small town of Dallas, Pennsylvania, and since it was only a couple hours' drive from New York we decided to pay them a visit.

"Great Noble Sven, we are organizing an Easter Egg Hunt for the locals in the area. You are most welcome!" came back from Noble Sean. We were so excited, we were going to visit Irem Shrine. Irem Shrine owns the Irem & Shrine Country Club, and their large pavilion was set up to welcome local children and their parents. What a plethora of sponsorship gifts they had for the kids, bikes, hoverboards, scooters, lots of chocolate and candy. Hot dogs and sodas, muffins and cocoa were served to the kids.

This Easter Egg Hunt meant a lot to the local children, who often came from poor backgrounds. Their parents had their everyday worries, but to see the many children and parents on this day, where they forgot their everyday worries, was an amazing experience. We had a fantastic day and we will definitely visit the Irem Shrine in Pennsylvania again. After it was time to say goodbye to the children, many children and parents came to thank us for a great day.

Once again, we were confirmed that Shriners is one of the best things that has happened in our lives. (All pictures shown here may be published with the express permission of the parents and children).

Lady Pia & Noble Sven



Brezelfest Parade in Speyer



To this year's Brezelfest Parade in Speyer a group of Nobles, Ladies and friends of Emirat Shrine came together in fun and fellowship to march in the parade and bring smiles to everyone's faces.

We came together with 30kg of Trollies (candy), 150 Red Noses, more than 100 stuffed animals that were donated, several dozen children backpacks, two Camels, a Clown that created Balloon animals, two vehicles three wagons and a lot of workers.

The parade unit had three members of the LOH who carried flags, a car, the three wagons, two camels and a car bringing up the end.

After the parade most of us finished the day together for dinner and fellowship.

The history of the European Shrine Club (ESC) and the Brezelfest Parade continues. When we participated in our first parade we started with over 190 marchers and this year due to a lot of commitments we had 12 people marching.

And as soon as the registration for next year parade opens we will register the ESC for the parade which will be on Sunday 13 July 2025.

We want to thank all that helped to collect, store materials, and bring the things to the meeting place. We hope all had a great time and will be out in force for next year's Brezelfest Parade in Speyer.



THE RHEGION SHRINE CLUB IS BORN

The Rhegion Shrine Club was founded in Reggio Calabria on 9 March 2024. In the presence of Ill Sir Volker Deussen, Potentate, and Ill Sir Paul M. Curran, Recorder, of Emirate Shrine Europe based in Wiesbaden, ten Master Masons were created as Shriners.

Ill Sir Frank Ulmann, Past Potentate and the Noble Louis “Skip” House of Anah Shriners from Bangor, Maine were present and assisted in the creation ceremony. Noble Luciano Critelli, Executive Officer of The International Order of De Molay in Italy also was present and assisted in the creation ceremony. Noble Andrea Carbone, President Pro Tempore of the Sicilia Shrine Club, together with the Noble Maurizio Mancuso, Past President Sicilia Shrine Club and Noble Concetto Tringale, Past President Sicilia Shrine Club President drove over from Sicily to assist in the creation ceremony. In the evening, during the Potentate’s Ball, the traditional Fezing Ceremony was conducted. .

Immediately afterwards Potentate Volker Deussen and the President of the Rhegion Shrine Club Nobile Tonino Nocera (Vice President the Noble Sergio Crocè, Treasurer the Noble Francesco Marra) signed the Charter. The club from the city of Fata Morgana is the fourth in Italy after Milan, Rome and Sicily. An evening dedicated to Brotherhood and Fun and Fellowship followed. The Nobles who arrived from Wiesbaden visited the National Archaeological Museum of Reggio Calabria admiring the many finds on display: from the Kouros to the Riace Bronzes whose image is shown on the medals of the new Club.



Summer Fest Joint BBQ

in St. Leon-Rot: A Milestone in Masonic Collaboration

American Canadian Grand Lodge (ACGL) Emirat Shriners Europe
AMSRB-NATO Club, Scottish Rite



SUMMER FEST JOINT BBQ

On July 27th, the picturesque town of St. Leon-Rot witnessed a historic event as three esteemed Masonic bodies—the American Canadian Grand Lodge (ACGL), Emirat Shriners, and Scottish Rite, AMSRB-NATO Club—came together for the first-ever collaborative Summer Fest Joint BBQ. This gathering marked a significant milestone in Masonic fellowship, symbolizing unity and shared values among the brethren.



The event was graced by the presence of several distinguished officers from each organization. Right Worshipful Arda Çilingir, Deputy Grand Master, represented the ACGL with dignity and grace. Illustrious Sir Volker Deussen, Potentate, along with Lady Kerstin, brought the vibrant spirit of fun and fellowship of Emirat Shriners. Adding to the prominence of the occasion, Past Grand Master, Illustrious James Barrett, 33°, Personal Representative of the Sovereign Grand Inspectors General

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(SGIG), Valley of Washington, Orient of the District of Columbia, attended with Lady Doris, representing the AMSRB.

Despite a slight overcast and occasional drops of rain, the weather did little to dampen the spirits of the over 60 attendees who gathered for this special occasion. The event was a delightful mix of family fun, hearty conversations, and culinary delights, making it a perfect way to conclude the Masonic year and welcome the summer break.

Children's laughter filled the air as they ran and played, adding a joyful backdrop to the gathering. Adults engaged in enriching conversations, strengthening the bonds of fraternity. The BBQ feast was a highlight, featuring an enticing array of meats, vegetables, potatoes, and desserts that satisfied every palate.

A heartfelt thanks goes out to Lady Daniela and the dedicated staff of Hotel Arts & Restaurant Konoba, whose efforts in providing a wonderful venue made the event memorable. Their hospitality and attention to detail were instrumental in ensuring the event's success.

In addition to the sumptuous food and lively atmosphere, the event featured a small raffle, raising just under 500€ for charity, showcasing the Masonic commitment to philanthropy. Music added a melodic touch to the celebration, enhancing the convivial ambiance.

Special recognition is due to the Ladies who organized a delightful cocktail drink bar and managed book sales, adding another layer of enjoyment and purpose to the event. Their contributions were invaluable and greatly appreciated by all attendees.

The Summer Fest Joint BBQ in St. Leon-Rot was more than just a gathering; it was a testament to the power of collaboration, the joy of shared experiences, and the enduring spirit of the Masonic community. Here's to many more such events that bring us together in fellowship and fun.

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An emotional day in Sacramento

AN EMOTIONAL DAY IN SACRAMENTO

A delegation of 8 Ladies and 4 Nobles from Emirat Shrine traveled 2 hours by bus to the Shriners Children's Hospital Northern California in Sacramento, CA from Reno, NV on the first day of the of the 150th Imperial Session.



We were warmly welcomed by the staff of Shriners Children's and were able to see some of the units in the hospital.



Some of the visitors receiveing a briefing.





The head of the burn unit showed us impressive pictures of how the doctors and nurses change the lives of burn victims for the better and what our commitment does.



In a technical laboratory, we were able to learn about the work with pressure plates, which helps orthopaedic and prosthetic patients to walk as normally as possible.



Finally, we met the Doctors, patients and



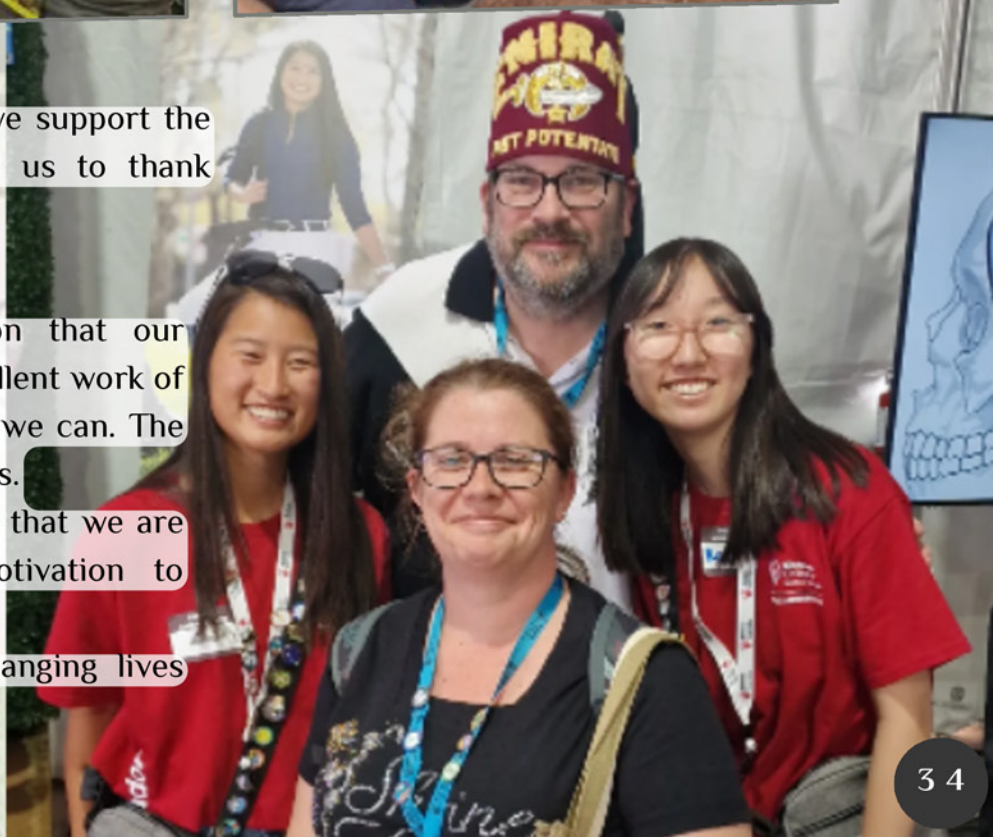
their parents in person or virtual.

Many of them did not know that we support the hospitals from Europe and asked us to thank every Noble and Lady.

We returned with the impression that our donations are the basis for the excellent work of the hospital staff. We donate what we can. The doctors and nurses perform miracles.

For us, this day was not just proof that we are doing the right thing. It is motivation to continue.

We and the hospital staff are changing lives TOGETHER.





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