



New
Noble
Handbook

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Welcome, Noble!

As you begin your journey as a Noble of the Mystic Shrine you need to have some basic knowledge about the Shrine and Yaarab Temple—**your** Temple. This booklet will attempt to do that. It will not have all of the answers but give you insight on many of the programs and opportunities here at

Yaarab.

Should you have any questions, and you will, please feel free to contact any Noble especially the ones that signed your petition.

You will find that the Yaarab Shrine has many units and clubs and these will meet just about anyone's interest.

Don't forget your family. Many of our activities are geared for family participation. Your children are welcome because Kids are why we are here.

The Divan

Jeff Ferguson

Potentate

Robert Hampton
Chief Rabban

Kevin Weinz
Assistant Rabban

Bob Mount
High Priest & Prophet

Jim Ketcham
Oriental Guide

Michael McLaughlin
Treasurer

Lee English
Recorder

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History of the Shrine

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. 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. As word got out about the fledgling organization, membership grew rapidly, spreading across the U.S. In the early 1900s, membership spread into Canada, Mexico and Panama. Today, Shriners International is a fraternity with nearly 200 temples in several countries, thousands of clubs around the world and hundreds of thousands of members dedicated to the principles of brotherly love, relief and truth.



**THE SHRINERS
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."

The Imperial or Shriners International



The headquarters of Shriners International (or Imperial) is located on Rocky Point Drive on the bay in beautiful Tampa, FL.

The day to day operations of the international governing body are handled here. There is also a beautiful museum in the headquarters building.

The **Imperial Divan** is the international governing body of Shriners International. The governing body works as a corporate Board of Directors and consists of 12 officers, each of whom is elected to the lowest position on the Divan and moves up one position each year, with the exception of the Imperial Treasurer and Imperial Recorder.

The highest leadership position within Shriners International is Imperial Potentate. The Imperial Potentate is both president and chief executive officer of Shriners International, and is elected for a one-year term. He spends his year in office visiting many of the Shriner temples (chapters), attending regional meetings and visiting Shriners Hospitals for Children® locations. He also serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors for both Shriners Hospitals for Children and Shriners International.

A similar organizational structure is followed at the local level within each temple around the world.



The “Silent Messenger” or “Noble carrying a child” stands in front of the headquarters building as a constant reminder of what our mission is—to see that every child is cared for.

Surrounding the statue on the ground are stones with the names of each Shrine center and the date they were chartered.

A very informative walk to take.

Yaarab Temple History

By Sam Black

Yaarab Temple officially took its place in Shrinedom on June 24, 1890, becoming the 57th Temple to receive a dispensation from the Imperial Council of the Shrine of North America.

One day in the summer of 1889, Matthew B. Torbett passed the door of Atlanta insurance agent, Harry C. Stockdell's office in the old Gate City Bank Building at the corner of Alabama and Pryor Street. Stockdell called Torbett in his office and mentioned to him, plans to form a Shrine Temple in Atlanta.

This was pursued at the 15th Annual Imperial Council of the Shrine of North America held in Chicago on June 17, 1889. The nearest Shrine Temple in the South at that time was Jerusalem Temple in Louisiana. It received its' charter on June 25, 1888. It was through a petition of Illustrious Sir John S. Alfred, a member of Jerusalem Temple in New Orleans, and other Freemasons, that the Imperial Council should grant a dispensation to organize Yaarab Temple in Atlanta on November 21, 1889. Yaarab Temple was assigned jurisdiction, not only to Atlanta, but the whole state of Georgia. Temples in Macon, Savannah, and Albany would ultimately be established.

Another Shriner, Noble Charles Damour, a member of Mecca Temple in New York, had tried to obtain permission to start a Temple in Macon, Georgia, since this was his place of residence, but failed to get enough support. However, a dispensation was granted him to organize a Temple in Atlanta. Harry C. Stockdell, a Master Mason, and Master of Damour's lodge, advanced a personal check for \$150 to pay the dispensation fee.

The first meeting of Yaarab Temple officially took place, on Sunday, December 8, 1889. Seven of the thirty-two charter members met in Stockdell's office. The Imperial dispensation named Harry C. Stockdell, Potentate, and Stockdell in turn appointed George E. Hardeman, as acting Recorder. Stockdell, being a more successful businessman, served as administrative head for ten years.

Recorder Hardeman served for three years and became Temple organist, which was an important position for initiation ceremonies. There was no formal initiation ceremony at that time. Each man simply took the oath and was assigned his Shrine card numbered in the order he signed the roll. Ten days later on December 18, the remaining prospective members, took their oath and signed under the original seven. This made up the original thirty-two charter members. The first Ceremonials were held at the Grant Building, located at the corner of Broad and Marietta Streets.

Yaarab's charter was officially approved on June 23, 1890, at the annual session in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. However, it did not reach Yaarab Temple until October 15. It should be noted that on the duplicate copy hanging in the business manager's office, the name of John S. Alfred, is not listed among the charter members, even though he received Shrine Card Number One at the organizational meeting.

After the first year, this new fraternal organization in Atlanta was starting to be noticed by individuals, especially Masons. On March 18, 1891, Atlantan Forrest Adair was initiated into Yaarab Temple. Destined to become the most influential member of Yaarab, the son of a pioneer Atlanta real estate broker, Adair became the second potentate of Yaarab Temple and served as such for thirteen years. He later became the first life member of the Imperial Council from Yaarab. It was through his persuasive power, delivering his famous "Bubbles Speech" in Portland, Oregon in 1920, that he made the Shrine Crippled Children's Hospitals possible.

The Shriners of North America came to Atlanta in 1914, during the administration of Potentate John A. Hynds, for their Imperial Session. At this time, Yaarab Temple had no Shrine facilities so the convention was held in the Lyric Theater. Shrine meetings were held on the top floor of the Masonic building, which had recently been renovated, for several years. The initiation ceremonies were held in Atlanta's Municipal Auditorium. Since 1914, Atlanta hosted the Imperial Council Session, only twice; once in 1973 and again in 1985. It should be noted that 1973 was the year that Gene Bracewell became Yaarab's Potentate and 1985 was when he was completing his year as Imperial Potentate.

Shriners bought property on the corner of Peachtree and Ponce de Leon Ave. during the mid-1920s, and built a Shrine Mosque. With membership totaling approximately 10,000, it took bondholders money and loans from members to get the building started. A showplace was created with emphasis on the Middle Eastern architectural style and decorative motifs. This later would become known as the Fox Theater. Formal dedication took place on January 1, 1930, the last official act of Potentate Thomas Law, who served four years. However, with the collapse of the stock market due to the Great Depression, the Fox Theater went bankrupt and closed, and the Yaarab Temple Building Company had to default on the bonds as they were due. By the middle of the Depression, Yaarab's membership dropped to 1,000 members.

The 50th anniversary of Yaarab Temple was observed on December 8, 1939. The meeting was held in the former grand mosque. Many members, including Past Potentate Thomas C. Law, who three years later was elected Imperial Potentate, were present. The Home Association was created five years later and authorized Yaarab to purchase property for another home. The Standard Club, former Jewish country club at 400 Ponce de Leon Avenue (present site), was purchased in 1949. On February 22, 1950, the first business meeting was held.

The building was destroyed by a devastating fire in January 1963 while Tom Perry was Potentate. A new facility was erected (the present structure) on the same property, and was dedicated

on December 8, 1964 as a feature of Yaarab's 73rd anniversary.

On December 8, 1989, Yaarab Shriners observed their centennial, the date marking one hundred years since Yaarab Temple was organized. Illustrious Potentate for 1989. Danny Drummond and Past Potentate Wilbur F. Glenn (1939), who earlier had participated in the 50th anniversary, participated in the observance of the centennial. Special events were scheduled at the Fox Theater and the Egyptian Room was rented for a dance. Yaarab membership in 1989 totaled about 10,000 members. Yaarab's current leadership, of approximately 3,300 members, strives to continue their untiring efforts to raise one million dollars per year for the Shriners Hospitals. This goal has been accomplished for several straight years and continues to be that goal.

The Yaarab Divan

In the local Shrine Centers the Divan is the board of directors. Each year on the first Saturday in January, Yaarab elects its Divan. The Chief Executive Officer is the Potentate. He serves for one year. During his year, he is the authority in the center. He will plan a full year of activities for the nobility. Several highlights of any year are the circus, the Southeastern Shrine Association, the Summer and Winter Ceremonials, the South Atlantic Shrine Association, The Hospital Drive and the Potentate's or Nobility Ball.

The other members of the Divan are: Chief Rabban, Assistant Rabban, High Priest and Prophet, Oriental Guide, Treasurer and Recorder.

The first office a noble is usually elected to on the Divan is the Recorder. From that position, they work their way up to Potentate.

Each member of the Divan has specific duties outlined in the By-Laws of the temple. One of their duties is to serve as a liaison for assigned clubs and units. In this capacity, they are the link between our club or unit and our Board of Directors.

The next pages give the list of the liason officers and the club/unit assigned. The respective meeting days of those clubs and units are also listed.

Appointive Divan

Each year the new Potentate appoints “his” appointed Divan. It is an honor to be appointed to one of these positions. The term of appointment is one year unless reappointed by the next Potentate. Some of these positions participate in the ceremonial parts of the business meetings while others are there to serve and assist the Potentate.

The appointed Divan members are:

1st Ceremonial Master

2nd Ceremonial Master

Director

Marshall

Captain of the Guard

Outer Guard

Assistant Outer Guard

Assistant Outer Guard

Assisatant Outer Guard

Assistant Outer Guard

The Potentate also appoints his **Chief Aide** and usually two **Deputy Chief Aides**.

He will also appoint twelve Potentate’s Aides.

Divan Liaison

Assignments

CHIEF RABBAN

UNITS/CLUBS	MEETING DATES
Potentates Escort	1st Tuesday
Motor Corp	1st Thursday
Alcovy	2nd Monday
Kennesaw	2nd Monday
Sweetwater	2nd Tuesday
Coosawattee	3rd Monday
Echota Vann	4th Monday
Cumming	4th Tuesday
Cedar Valley	4th Thursday

ASSISTANT RABBAN

UNITS/CLUBS	MEETING DATES
Chanters	1st Monday
Alkuwa	1st Tuesday
Brass Band	1st Tuesday
NE Dekalb	1st Tuesday
Directors Staff	1st Thursday
Alpine	1st Thursday
Flying Fez	1st Thursday
Lake Hartwell	3rd Tuesday
Conyers	3rd Thursday
Steel Drums	1st Tuesday

HIGH PRIEST & PROPHET

UNITS/CLUBS	MEETING DATES
Cherokee	1st Thursday
Smyrna	2nd Monday
Dalton	2nd Tuesday
West Georgia	2nd Thursday
Gwinnett	3rd Monday
Newnan	1st Thursday
Chattooga	3rd Tuesday
Cartersville	4th Wednesday
Bankhead	4th Tuesday
WW Social Club	4th Wednesday

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UNITS/CLUBS	MEETING DATES
Slate City	2nd Tuesday
Demolay	1st Wednesday
Provost Guard	1st Wednesday
Knights of Mecca	1st Friday
Legion of Honor	1st Friday
Appalachian	2nd Thursday
Griffin	3rd Monday
Loganville	3rd Tuesday
Mountaineer	3rd Thursday
Lanier	4th Tuesday
Rome	4th Thursday

TREASURER

UNITS/CLUBS	MEETING DATES
Golf Association	1st Wednesday
Red Devil Clowns	1st Wednesday
Tucker	1st Wednesday
Entertainers	1st Thursday
Paulding	1st Thursday
South Fulton	1st Thursday
Fayette	3rd Monday
Toccoa	3rd Monday
Henry County	3rd Wednesday

RECORDER

UNITS/CLUBS	MEETING DATES
Oriental Band	1st Monday
ARAB Guard	1st Friday
Patrol	1st Friday
LaGrange	2nd Tuesday
Washington	2nd Tuesday
North Georgia	2nd Thursday
Granite Center	3rd Monday
Tri County	3rd Thursday
Communications	1st Thursday

Units

The Names and Purposes of Yaarab Uniformed Units:

Arab Guard – To provide Honorary Guard and Escort for the Potentate and his Divan.

Brass Band – To provide good music for marching and listings pleasure.

Chanters – To provide uplifting Choral songs and Ritualistic Music for Ceremonials.

Communications – To provide the Temple with communications at Temple functions.

Entertainers – To provide instrumental music for enjoyment of all.

Flying Fezzes – To provide expedited Hospital transportation.

Knights of Mecca – To provide liaison and remind all Nobles of the intimate relationship between Shrine and Masonry.

Legion of Honor – To provide a Military Escort for the Flag of our Country.

Motor Corps – To provide motorized vehicles for parade and other needs of the Shrine.

Oriental Band – To provide Oriental atmosphere through its music.

Patrol – To provide military precision marching.

Potentate's Escort – To provide uniformed escort for Potentate.

Provost Guard – To provide good order and maintain dignified harmony.

Red Devil Clowns – To provide merriment and provoke laughter.

Director's Staff – Is not a Unit; it is an extension of the Shrine Staff. The Director and all officers will be appointed by the Potentate or elected under his direction. All other provisions of this Constitution and By-Laws shall apply to the organization and the operation of the Staff. The purpose of the Director's Staff is to provide a trained staff for safely conducting candidates to Mecca and proper maintenance of Shrine owned rolling stock.

Clubs & Associations

Shrine Clubs are found in a *specific geographical area*. These are usually done by city, county or combined area. Some clubs have their own “clubhouse” for their meeting place and some meet in a lodge or restaurant. All clubs participate in the activities of the Shrine Center. Many of our clubs have specific duties at our circus such as a food booth, parking, roasting peanuts and things like that.

Clubs raise funds through fraternal fundraisers and through raising money for the circus. Yaarab gives back to each club or unit 25% of the money that the members of the club raise during our circus campaign. They then use these funds for the activities of the club/unit to benefit the nobility.

Clubs/units make pledges for the circus and for the Hospital Drive. Each noble adds to that amount through their activities.

All clubs/units are considered for the top award of Yaarab for the year. This is the Forrest Adair Award. It is awarded to the outstanding club or unit in the Yaarab family.

Associations are formed to bring together nobles that have similar interests such as the Camping Association And the Kentucky Colonels.

Note: Club/Unit meeting days can be found by scrolling down the Liaison assignments on page 11.

The Director's Staff

Each Potentate appoints his Director. The Director and the Director's staff are responsible for the fun part of the Ceremonials and are very important to the orientation of the new nobles.

The Directors staff also has a fleet of “rolling stock” which can be seen in just about every parade.

Membership is no longer by invitation. Any noble can petition the Director's Staff for membership.

FINANCIALS

As with every organization, it takes money to operate. Our fraternity is no different. Each noble has dues, “per capita” and a hospital assessment that are due before the end of December each year.

Our breakdown is this..... Dues- \$80, Per Capita to the Imperial- \$30 and the annual hospital assessment- \$5.

The Imperial sends out the notices and they can be paid either through the Imperial or at the Temple.

There are other ways to meet the obligation in a long term method:

Hospital Permanent Contributing Membership- The member pays \$150 one time and not pay the hospital assessment again. He will only be responsible for paying the per capita assessment and temple dues or \$110.

Life Per Capita Membership which is paying a lump sum for the per capita assessments. That amount is 30 times the per capital assessment. At this time it is \$900 (\$30 per capital assessment x 30). When paying this amount, he will no longer pay the per capita assessment but only be responsible for paying the hospital assessment and the temple dues or \$85.

Life Membership- For members that have under 35 years of active membership service and are under the age of 65, they can pay an amount that is 20 times the temple dues (\$80) or \$1,600. If a member paid the \$1,600, he would only be responsible for paying the per capita assessment and the hospital assessment or \$35.

OR-

A member can pay any combination of the above or all. The total amount to pay in which a member would not pay any more annual dues is \$2,650 (temple dues of \$1,600 + per capital assessment of \$900 + hospital assessment of \$150).

Recurring or Automatic Dues Payment Plan

The Divan, Membership Team and Office staff are pleased to announce the recurring payment plan is now available. Follow the steps below to set your plan up. Remember that you are paying for one year out (payments in 2021 are for 2022 dues). This program will make paying your dues much easier.

Setting up an Automatic Dues Payment Plan in WebFez

Nobles have the option to set up an automatic dues payment plan in WebFez. By participating in the plan, you will be making monthly or quarterly automatic payments towards your upcoming dues and will be fully paid for that dues year by the October prior to the beginning of the year. In order to set up the plan, the following conditions must be met: · Your temple must be partnered with Electronic Merchant Systems (EMS) to process the payments. Contact your temple if you are unsure whether it uses EMS as its credit card processing company. · Payments will be made with a credit card that will be securely registered with EMS. · You must be paid up for the current dues' year (2021) to register for the plan. · It is preferable to be registered by January 15th of the year prior to the due's year (e.g. by January 15th 2021 for payments towards the 2022 dues year). The following document details the steps required to set up a payment plan for the following dues year. Before you start, make sure that you have registered in WebFez, <https://webfez.shrinenet.org>, and that you have paid your 2021 dues.

Setting up your Payment Plan

After you have logged into WebFez, the site will take you to your Member page. You will see the Set-up Payment Plan button displayed near the dues balance summary. Note that the button will only be available if you have paid your 2021 dues so that your Dues Total is \$0.00.

After clicking the Set Up Payment Plan button, a window will pop up displaying the amount of your dues for next year. From the Payment Frequency drop-down, you can choose whether your payments will be made in monthly or quarterly installments. Payments are processed on the 15th of the month.

After you have selected the desired frequency, WebFez will automatically calculate your payment plan and display a list of proposed payment amounts and dates when your payments will be processed. The amount of the installments are determined by the total amount of dues divided by the number of months or quarters remaining through October. For example, if you register prior to January 15th, you will be scheduled for 10 monthly payments or 4 quarterly payments. ***Convenience fees will be added to your total for each payment.***

If you agree with the proposed plan, check the confirmation message and then click the Set Up Plan button.

Dues Requirements for Petitions

Petition requirements for Membership, Demit to Yaarab, Association with Yaarab and Restoration of Suspension

New Noble Petition for Membership; A pro-rated amount paid by candidates for initiation will be charged as follows.

- January 1st through March 31st shall be \$180 with petition for membership
- April 1st through June 30th is \$135 with petition for membership
- July 1st through September 30th shall be \$90 with petition for membership
- October 1st through December 31st shall be \$45 with petition for membership (plus \$115 dues for the following year).

Demit Petition; (Affiliating with Yaarab by leaving another temple to join Yaarab)

- \$115 with Petition for Demit
- Requires a certificate of Demit from current temple

Associate Membership Petition; (dual member with Yaarab being secondary)

- \$80 with Association Petition
- Requires a current copy of blue lodge card with petition

Restoration Membership Petition; (A suspended member restoring their membership with Yaarab)

- \$180 with Restoration Petition
- Requires a current copy of blue lodge card with petition

Life Membership; Emeritus (Age Related Membership)

- Member must have reached the age of 65 or older and has paid dues for 35 consecutive years to this Temple,
- They are only charged hospital fees and per capita each year going forward.
- Current cost is \$35.00 (\$30 for per capita and \$5 for hospital assessment.)

Life Membership; Perpetual (Optional for any Member)

- Member chooses to pay one lump sum amount of \$2,650.00, which consists of \$900 per capita, \$150 hospital assessment of and \$1600 Temple dues.
- Breakdown is \$30 per capita times 30, \$5 hospital assessment times 30 and \$80 Temple dues times 20.
- Payment plan for the above is up to the current Potentate for that year.



Each year in May, Yaarab holds its major fundraiser for the year. Our circus is the standard by which all Shrine Centers set their mark for circuses. In 2021 it will be held at the Cumming Fair Grounds in Cumming.

The circus is one of the major means of earning Crown of Honor points. A noble will receive a predetermined number of points for each dollar he raises and turns in. The point values and other important information is contained in the Pre-Sales booklet. The booklets and other important items and information are available at one of our biggest parties of the year— The Circus Kick-Off. The circus and the Kick-Off are family events.

There are also ways for the noble to work at the circus, sponsor groups and show the community what and who we are.

As a noble reaches certain levels of funds raised he received certain appointments and premiums for each level.

Thousandaire— raised \$1,000

Personal Aide—raised \$2,500

Gold Executive Aide - raised \$5,000 (receives a special fez)*

Platinum Executive Aide—raised \$10,000 (receives a special fez)*

* only one fez per year—see the pages on the Fez.



Shriners Hospitals for Children™

History

In 1920, the Imperial Session of the Shriners was held in Portland, Oregon. During that session the membership unanimously passed a resolution to establish what at the time was called the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children system.^[1] The first hospital in the system opened in 1922 in Shreveport, Louisiana. It provided pediatric orthopedic care.

In 1962, the Shriners of North America allocated \$10 million to establish three hospitals that specialized in the treatment and rehabilitation of burned children. After visiting 21 university-based medical institutions, the decision was made to build their first pediatric burn hospital on the campus of the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, Texas.^[2]

In 1994, the Chronicle of Philanthropy, an industry publication, released the results of the largest study of charitable and non-profit organization popularity and credibility. The study showed that the Shriners Hospitals were ranked as the 9th "most popular charity/non-profit in America" of over 100 charities researched with 40% of Americans over the age of 12 choosing "Love" and "Like A Lot" for the Shriners Hospitals.^[3]

In September 2008, the Shiner's Hospital in Galveston sustained significant damage from Hurricane Ike. The hospital was closed for renovation at that time, and care for children with acute burns was provided at other Shriners Hospitals for Children. The Shriners had considered closing facilities in Shreveport, Louisiana; Greenville, South Carolina; Erie, Pennsylvania; Spokane, Washington; Springfield, Massachusetts and Galveston, Texas, eliminating a total of 225 beds. However, in July 2009, the Shriners National Convention voted overwhelming against closing any hospitals and to repair and reopen the Galveston facility.^[4]

In 2009, despite an endowment that declined from \$8 billion to \$5 billion in less than a year because of the poor economy, Douglas Maxwell, the hospitals' CEO said he and other Shriners are confident the hospital system will be able to remain solvent in the long term.^[5] Maxwell stated in July 2009 that some of the facilities may become outpatient surgical centers, and will begin accepting insurance payments (for most care) for the first time in the hospitals' 87-year history. Maxwell said children suffering from burns, orthopedic conditions, spinal cord injuries and cleft palates will continue to be treated without charge to their families.^[6]

In May 2015, Shriners Hospitals for Children became a member of the Mayo Clinic Care Network, a national network of organizations committed to better serving patients and their families through physician collaboration.^[7]

Treatments

Treatment areas cover a wide range of pediatric orthopaedics, including scoliosis, limb discrepancies, clubfoot, hip dysplasia, and juvenile idiopathic arthritis, as well as cerebral palsy, spina bifida (myelomeningocele), and other neurological conditions that affect ambulation and movement. Three of the hospitals provide spinal cord injury rehabilitation that is developmentally appropriate for children and adolescents, with adventure and adapted sports programs, activity-based rehabilitation, aquatherapy, animal-assisted therapy, and other programs. Four of the hospitals (Boston, Galveston, Cincinnati, and Sacramento) provide care for children with burns, as well as treating a variety of skin conditions such as epidermolysis bullosa and toxic epidermal necrolysis. The Boston, Chicago, Shreveport, and Portland hospitals also provide treatment for children with craniofacial conditions, especially facial clefts.^[citation needed]

The hospital in Sacramento is the only hospital in the Shriners' system that focuses on all three areas of treatment (burns, orthopaedics, and spinal cord injuries), as well as research. The Sacramento hospital also houses its own orthotics and prosthetics lab and development facilities. Transportation to the hospitals is often provided free of charge for patients and their family by Shriner-drivers (also known as Hospital Tripsters) across the country, by van or by airplane.^[citation needed] Children accepted for treatment become part of the Shriners Hospital system until their 18th or, sometimes, their 21st, birthday, eligible for both inpatient and outpatient treatment for all facets of their disability.

While the main emphasis of the hospitals is to provide medical care to children regardless of the family's ability to pay, the mission of the hospitals also includes research on the conditions treated and the education of medical professionals, including medical residents and fellows, nurses, physical, recreation, and occupational therapists, speech and language pathology, psychologists, social workers, and child life specialists.^[8]

(the above information is from Wikipedia)

Note– at Yaarab our drivers are known as Roadrunners.

Hospitals

United States^[edit]

Shriners Hospitals: Hospitals by Specialty:

Shriners Hospital for Children – Boston, Massachusetts – (acute burns, orthopedics, cleft lip and palate)

Shriners Hospital for Children – Chicago, Illinois – (orthopedics, spinal cord injury, cleft lip and palate)

Shriners Hospital for Children – Cincinnati, Ohio – (acute burns, cleft lip and palate, pediatric plastic surgery)

Shriners Hospital for Children – Erie Ambulatory Surgery Center and Outpatient Specialty Care Center Erie, Pennsylvania – (orthopedics)

Shriners Hospital for Children – Galveston, Texas – (acute burns)

Shriners Hospital for Children – Greenville, South Carolina – (orthopedics)

Shriners Hospital for Children – Honolulu, Hawaii – (orthopedics, neurodevelopmental clinic, pediatric dentistry)

Shriners Hospital for Children – Houston, Texas – (orthopedics, cleft lip and palate)

Shriners Hospital for Children – Lexington, Kentucky – (orthopedics)

Shriners Hospital for Children – Los Angeles, California – (orthopedics, cleft lip and palate)

Shriners Hospital for Children – Minneapolis, Minnesota – (orthopedics)

Shriners Hospital for Children – Philadelphia, Pennsylvania – (orthopedics, spinal cord injury)

Shriners Hospital for Children – Portland, Oregon – (orthopedics).

A predecessor building from 1923, the Old Shriners Children's Hospital also called *Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children*, was listed on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places, but has since been demolished.

Shriners Hospital for Children – Sacramento, California – (acute burns, orthopedics, spinal cord injury) *successor facility to San Francisco hospital*

Shriners Hospital for Children – St. Louis, Missouri – (orthopedics)

Shriners Hospital for Children – Salt Lake City, Utah – (orthopedics)

Shriners Hospital for Children – Shreveport, Louisiana – (orthopedics, cleft lip and palate) *the first Shriners Hospital*

Shriners Hospital for Children – Spokane, Washington – (orthopedics)

Shriners Hospital for Children – Springfield, Massachusetts – (orthopedics, cleft lip and palate)

Shriners Hospital for Children – Tampa, Florida – (orthopedics)

Canada

Shriners Hospital-Canada – Montreal, serving Canada and the Northeast USA (orthopaedics)

Mexico

Shriners Hospitals for Children – Mexico City (orthopaedics)

The Hospital Drive

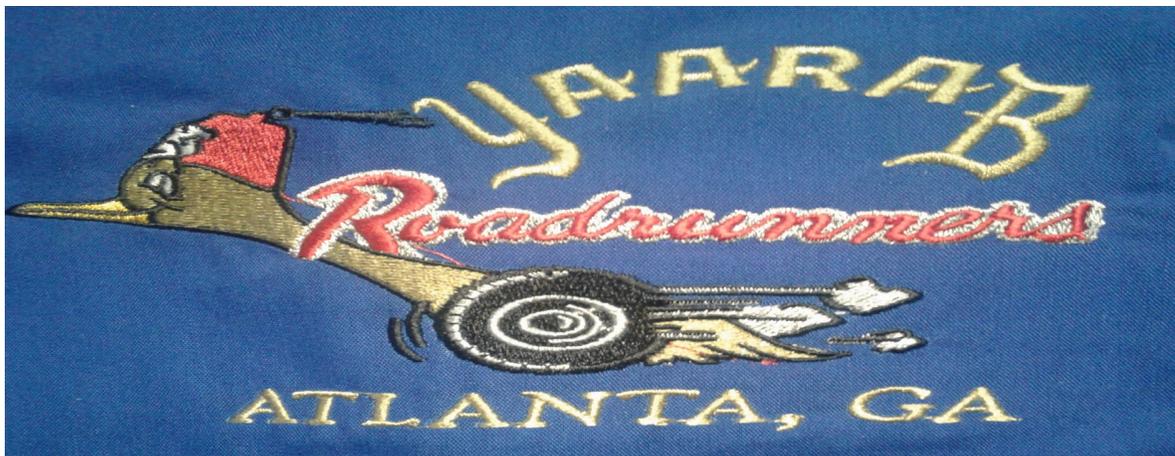
Each year following the Hospital Kick-Off, we hold our hospital drive. This is the time that clubs and units will sponsor all types of fund raisers to raise funds for the direct support of the hospitals. During this drive, a noble is awarded one Crown of Honor point per dollar raised.

Most clubs will track a noble's participation in their event and credit him with the money he contributes.

During this drive, 100% of the funds raised go to the hospitals. The funds donated are also tax deductible as a contribution to a charitable organization.

When a noble turns in \$5,000 and over, he receives a special bar to go on his Crown of Honor as well as points toward the completion of his crown.

The Hospital Kick-Off is our main event for the hospitals. Usually we have the hospital ambassadors and their families for that year as our guests. These youngsters are patients of our hospitals and are proud to share their stories. We must remember that they are the reason we do what we do.



The Yaarab Roadrunners are the volunteer nobles (and ladies) that transport our patients to the Greenville, Cincinnati and Tampa hospitals. They either meet the patient and parent at the Shrine Center or at a predetermined location and take them to the hospital. They are responsible for making sure the patients needs are met on this trip. Being a Roadrunner gives the noble a better insight as to what we do and why we do it.

Crown of Honor points are awarded for each trip.

To become a Roadrunner contact Bill and Linda Wise at 770-823-7463 or Bob and Alice Anderson at 678-471-8675,

The Fez

As the apron is the distinctive badge of a Mason, so is the Fez to a Noble of the Shrine. Adopted during the creation of the fraternity, the Fez has been adopted by the Shriners International as the exclusive head covering for nobles appearing as such.

Being such a distinctive and recognizable symbol of our organization requires certain guidelines and rules with regard to its use, and are set forth in this manner:

- 1. The Fez is never worn at a Masonic lodge communication or meeting.**
- 2. At a non-Shrine function, only an Imperial officer or Potentate or officer representing the temple will wear his fez.** All other Shriners are not to wear theirs.
- 3. Do not wear your fez in a place or to an event that would bring discredit to the Shrine. In other words, if you would not take your mother, wife, sister or any other female relative to it—then don't wear your fez.**
- 4. NO PERSON OTHER THAN THE NOBLE SHALL WEAR HIS FEZ.**
- 5. The fez is not a display or bulletin board.** The officers may have their title or position embroidered or in jewels on it. *Pins or other ornaments are not to be worn on it. The exception to this rule are the year bars for achieving Executive Aide status in our temple.* Other than the year bars, one tassel holder may be used and it may be of the noble's choosing but shall not have more than two pins..
- 6. The fez will be worn in its proper shape without crushing, creasing or alterations. There are forms available to purchase to maintain the proper shape.**

For our temple, all fezzes are to be ordered through the concessions. This insures

The Fez tells a lot about the noble wearing it.



Imperial Officer– An Imperial officer will have 3 stars under the logo except for the Imperial Potentate who has 5 stars. All Imperial officers are to be addressed as Imperial Sir. Five gold stars– Imperia Potentate. Three gold stars and a sliver star on each end– Past Imperial Potentate.



The Yaarab Divan– the members of the Yaarab Divan, both elected and appointed, will have the title of their office under the logo.



A new noble will wear a fez similar to this one. It is the fez that he is presented at the ceremonial in which he was “created” a noble



Club/Unit fez– the club/unit fez can be ordered through the temple concessions and will have the club/unit name in one line under the logo. The noble purchases this fez if he desires one.



Club President– the club usually purchases the fez for its President. It is permitted to have Pres. And the year above the club name. The President is authorized to wear it even after he leaves office.



Gold Executive Aide-

This fez is presented to the noble when he raises \$5,000 in a single year for the Yaarab Circus. After the first year, he is authorized to wear a year bar on it for succeeding years but the right to wear this



Platinum Executive Aide – This fez is similar to the Gold Executive Aide fez. It is awarded to the noble for raising \$10,000 (for the Circus) in a single year. The year bars earned as a Gold Executive Aide may be worn on this fez. The right to wear this fez is earned annually.



Executive Aide bars are the only adornment other than a tassel holder that is permitted on a fez. You will receive the year bar for each year you qualify for at least the Gold Executive Aide status after your first year. The first year, you receive your fez. So the noble that has these has been at least a Gold Executive Aide for 4 years.

Protocol

Honors



During a moment of reverence such as prayer or paying respect to the deceased, the fez is removed, held in the right hand over the heart or center of the chest. This is the proper and only way to show reverence.

(When bucketing and a funeral passes by, it is suggested that you offer respect in this manner until the last vehicle passes



Military honors are to be rendered when reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, the National Anthem and as the flag passes by. This is to be done when “covered” with your fez. The salute is to be held until the pledge/National Anthem is over or the flag has passed. The Salute shall be rendered when the flag is 6 paces from you or 6 paces past you. It should be held during the other times.

If you are not covered with your fez, all other headgear will be removed and held over your heart. If not wearing any headgear, your right hand will be placed over you heart.

Addresses

When addressing a member of the Imperial Divan, the individual should be addressed as Imperial Sir (his name). This holds true for past members of the Imperial line.

When addressing the Potentate or Past Potentate of any temple, they should be addressed as Illustrious Sir (name).

These are titles of respect and should be given to these esteemed nobles.

When addressing a fellow noble, he is addressed as Noble _____.

MERIT
AND
GOLD MERIT
AWARDS



Merit Award



Yaarab Temple on March 12th, 1923, Passed the following resolution:

That Yaarab Temple shall have a committee of six Nobles of which the Potentate shall be an ex-officio member, known as the Honor Committee, who shall be life members, or until disqualified by a three-fourths vote of the members present at any business session of Yaarab Temple, and at the death of any of the members the Potentate in office at that time shall appoint the successor or successors. The duties of this committee shall be tht of awarding, presenting and purchasing all medals or cards to the Noble of Yaarab Temple in long service as members of Yaarab Temple, or who by their great and specific unselfish actions toward humanity, their brother Noble or the Shrine shall stand out preeminently as deserving a high and honored recognition. The decision of making awards by the committee shall only be made by a unanimous vote and all purchases of the awards shall be subject to approval by the finance committee.

The Gold Merit Award is presented to a Noble that has continued his dedicated service and has previously received the Merit award.

These awards are presented at the annual business meeting in January.

Since its inception, over 420 merit awards have been presented. There have been over 55 Gold Merit Awards awarded.

The Crown of Honor

The Crown of Honor is an award that a noble can be proud of. It is something that he can wear with pride. The jewels are real! The points awarded are cumulative. When another noble looks at your crown, they immediately recognize that you have been busy working.

Once a noble reaches 100,000 Crown of Honor points, his picture is placed on the Wall of Fame in the Temple.



Each noble is encouraged to participate in the fund raising efforts of the Temple. The fund raising activities are the fastest ways to add points for your Crown of Honor.

As you will see on the chart on the next page, point values vary by event and method of collecting the funds.

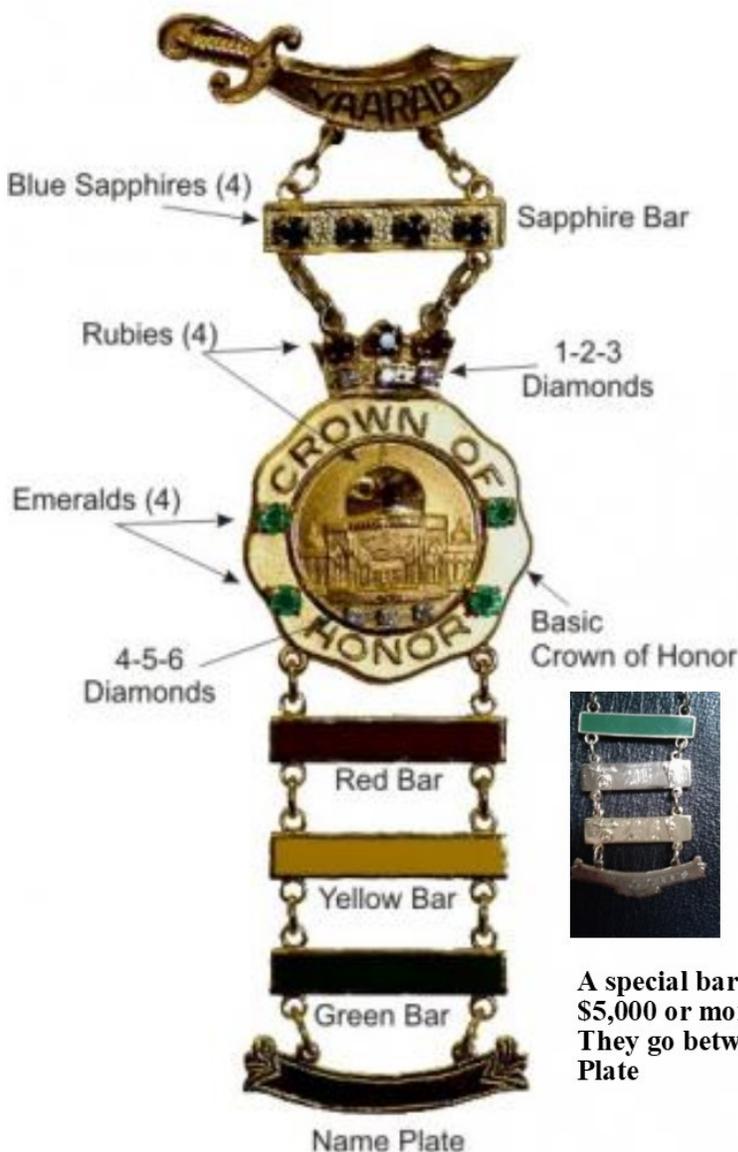
Points are also given for being the first line signer on a new petition.

These points are awarded after the noble you signed for has completed his first year of membership.

As a special honor, your picture is put on the Wall of Honor in the Temple when you reach that milestone of 100,000 points. Even after you fill your COH you still receive points and recognition. The position on the wall does not place one noble higher than another— all have reached the 100,000 point goal!

A black ribbon or black camel on the photo indicates that the noble has laid down his working tools.

Crown of Honor Awards



Basic Crown	500 Points
Red Bar	750
Yellow Bar	1,000
First Diamond	1,500
Second Diamond	2,500
Green Bar	3,500
Name Plate	5,000
Third Diamond	7,500
First Ruby	10,000
Second Ruby	15,000
Third Ruby	20,000
Fourth Ruby	25,000
First Emerald	31,500
Second Emerald	37,500
Third Emerald	43,750
Fourth Emerald	50,000
Sapphire Bar	60,000
First Sapphire	70,000
Second Sapphire	80,000
Third Sapphire	90,000
Fourth Sapphire	100,000
Fourth Diamond	125,000
Fifth Diamond	150,000
Sixth Diamond	175,000

A special bar is given for cash collections of \$5,000 or more for the Hospital Drive each year. They go between the Green Bar and the Name Plate

Crown Points are cumulative.

Circus Crown Points

- Usual Crown points per dollar turned in
- Ads- 2 points
- Admission Books- 2 points
- Cash (bucket)- 3 points
- Mama/Daddy books- 4 points
- Raffle Tickets- 2 points
- Ride Ticket books - 2 points
- Rainy Day Tickets- 2 points
- Sponsor Sales- 2 points
- Points for working each performance-

Hospital Drive cash—1 point per dollar

Hospital drive gives 1 point for any \$1 raised no matter how you raise it.

First Line Signer

500 points for each petition.

Sign 8 in one year and get 2,000 additional points

500 points for Recommending a restoration

Road Runner points

Greenville—50 Cincinnati— 100

NOTE: point values may be changed by the Potentate for his year.

Important Links and Telephone Numbers

Links

Yaarab Shriners — <http://www.yaarabshrine.net> (password— B@sharat)

Shriners International— <http://www.shrinersinternational.org/> This site has your record, important information and the Shriners Village (for shopping and ordering some good stuff) WebFez has your personal information. ***You should be sure the information here remains current.***

To establish an account— Go to the main site page. In the upper right corner— click on Shriners Village— follow the instructions to establish your account— you will need your Temple number. Once you have signed in— go to the upper right corner— Sites— on the dropdown choose WebFez— follow the directions there to set up your account.

Shriners Hospitals for Children - www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org/

Yaarab Facebook (public)-<http://facebook.com/YaarabShriners>

Yaarab Facebook (Members)-<http://facebook.com/groups/173953755658/>
(approval needed)

Grand Lodge of Georgia— <http://www.glofga.org>

Link to download temple calendar—<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/ical/>

Publications

The Basharat— the official publication of Yaarab Shriners

Shriner Magazine—Imperial publication

New Noble Questions

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Business office assistant – Mary O’Grady- 226

Tiler – Marshall Patton- 231/232

Concession store – Robert Rhodes- 230

Sportsman’s raffle office - 300

Kitchen – 233

Maintenance office – 235

Membership office – -225

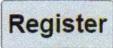
Circus office – 246

Potentate’s office – 227

Your Special Numbers

Use WebFez to verify your personal information, payments and Shrine activity

How to Register for WebFez:

- Go to your browser's address bar and type in webfez.shrinenet.org
- Click the register button on the Login page: 
- From the Registration page, choose your Temple from the drop-down list. Then type in your Member Number and your First and Last names.
- Click on the Register button. You will be directed to Create a New Account page. On this page enter an E-mail address that you will use to log in with, confirm the E-mail address, and then enter and confirm your Password.

Email

Confirm Email

Password

(Passwords must be between 8 and 12 characters with at least one upper case and one lower case letter and at least one number.)

Confirm password

- Scroll down to read the WebFez User Agreement and Privacy policy. Agree by clicking the checkbox.
- After the checkbox is selected, click on Register. This will Register you for WebFez and log you into the system.

How to Log in to WebFez:

IMPORTANT: In order to log in to WebFez, you must first be registered. Please refer to registration instructions. **You only need to register once.**

Follow these easy steps:

- Go to your browser's address bar and type in webfez.shrinenet.org
- Enter your login E-mail address and Password in the designated fields:

Email:

Password:

- Click Log in: 

Activities

This is a sampling of the activities held each year-

The dates change so check your annual directory

Annual Business meeting– The first Saturday in January– A tiled meeting with the election of officers followed by an open ceremony. Nobles only for the business meeting.

First Lady's Tea– same time as the annual business meeting. Ladies only.

Daytona 500 Watch Party– Race day on the big screens– food and fun. Usually just nobles.

First Lady's Tea– another one– this one is the new First Lady's Tea. The ladies have fun while the nobles go racin'

Circus Kick-off– Open to the entire family. A great night of fun and frolic and pledges and information about our upcoming circus. Open to the entire family.

Valentine Party– date night!

Easter Party– Open to the entire family—especially the Kids!

First Lady's Golf Tournament– for our golfers to support the first lady's project for the year. Adults only.

Circus—time to play and work. This is our major fund raiser with the Sportsman Raffle. We work but we also party. When not working for your club or unit, be sure to bring the kids.

Sportsman Raffle– a day of fun for those 18 and over, especially those that have bought tickets!. Over 110 drawings with some outstanding prizes.

Circus Appreciation– an award program and a way to appreciate the work done by the nobility and ladies. Awards presented to nobility, clubs and units. It is open to nobles, family and friends.

Summer Ceremonial– This is in Helen, GA in June. It is fun for the entire family with parties, activities and a parade. The ceremonial itself is closed to non-Shriners.

South Eastern Shrine Association (SESA)- annual event moving around in the southeast. Fun time for all. The Association business meetings are for nobles only but the competition events are open to the public for viewing.

South Atlantic Shrine Association (SASA)- Myrtle Beach, SC, each year– take the kids! Fun time for all.

Panama City Beach Outing– Each year it is an opportunity to let your hair down and party with your Shrine family.

Imperial Session– Annual event that moves to various locations. The business sessions are nobles only but the other activities are family oriented.

Nobility Ball and pre-ball—the formal occasion of our Temple. Adults only.

Hospital Kick-off- Come and hear about our hospitals and why we do what we do. Meet the Ambassadors for the hospitals and be inspired. Open to Nobles, friends and family.

Christmas Party for the Children—no explanation needed here.

Christmas Tree Lighting– family fun.

Rising officer meeting– for the nobles that will become officers in their clubs and units and the ladies for their groups.

New Year's Eve party