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of El Katif Shriners



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SPOKANE ST. PATRICK'S PARADE
SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024
12 PM



HAPPY
St. Patrick's Day

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NOTE FROM THE POTE - *ll. Sir Jeff Lane*

Greetings,

Lady Brandy and I thank you all for attending events in February. It was a busy month for all. I hope those who attended the Valentine's dinner, hockey games and Spangle chicken dinner had a fun time.

I've received some questions about why, or whose picture to put on the table for our meetings. Questions about what's behind my thoughts and why I want to make this a regular thing.

On October 12, 2021, my good friend, my brother and Noble, Kevin Swartz passed away. Kevin and I spent many hours talking, driving to meetings, in lodges and temples and other Masonic related events, often with his daughters Ashleigh and Kelianne riding along to spend time with Grandma.

We watched our children grow and turn into great young women and men. Celebrated our wins and grieved our losses. We had some rough, life-changing calls and tense times. We had Bar-B-Ques, birthday parties and bonfires with whiskey and cigars. We talked about life, family, the fraternity, work and anything and everything in between.

Kevin and I worked together. He did his best to make sure I went home alive and had everything I needed to be successful at my job. And like most patrol deputies do, I did my best to make that difficult for him. Those rough calls, while not common, further cemented our friendship.

We were planning on more trips, the fun we were going to have and what retirement would look like. Life was getting easier; the bills weren't so deep. He was working a regular day shift, and I had enough seniority to get the time off I wanted. We were both happy with life. Kevin and I laughed, cried, and teased each other during those conversations.

Over the years we became family. A part of the family we all chose here at El Katif and family outside this fraternity and our philanthropy. Kevin and I have fathers and grandfathers who are or were Masons. We each spent time with some combination of those men at meetings and around the dinner table. I'm lucky I still do today.

I loved Kevin like a brother, and he, me. Before he passed his father and mother, Noble Robin and Lady Sandra Swartz essentially adopted Lady Brandy, our children and me into their home and lives. After Kevin passed, that bond between us grew stronger. We love them and they love us. We are now family, they chose us and we, them.

I miss those times with Kevin, and I miss him.

I miss Tom Felton, Ill Sir Roger Gehrig, Lady Marylynn Anderson, Lady Elaine Kimberling and so many others. I sincerely hope every Noble is blessed to have their own Kevin, and I'm sure each of you has a list of names of those they miss.

Please bring a photo or two of that Noble or Lady who is no longer present to attend the meetings with you. The one you loved or miss or both. I will bring a photo of Kevin. Even if for a short period, let it be a reminder of the good times and what family means to you and meant to them.

Take time to share those stories of your Kevin and what they meant to you on your car rides, in your meetings and with your families as you continue to build our Family and Legacy.

Respectfully, Jeff



NOTES FROM THE RECORDERS DESK - *ll. Sir John Robertson, P.P.*

Nobles, I would like to first start this article with a tremendous **"Thank you"** for the service **Ill Sir Don Lane** has assisted El Katif with for his service not only as a Noble of Shriners International but as **Past Potentate from Nile Temple**, becoming a member of El Katif, being a strong proponent for building the Legacy program within his family and for serving as our **Recorder** of El Katif. **You are a man dedicated to our Fraternity as well as to our Philanthropy.** Again, Thank you to both you and **Lady Denise**.

We have several projects we are working on here at the Temple. The Kitchen is coming together and will soon be operational. We will be working on cleaning up the old building on the hill and we will be working on cleaning up the property. We currently do not have a date set but we will be looking for volunteers to help get this done.

We have an opportunity to get out the parade equipment out and enjoy the comradery of sharing stories, laughing and having fun. This is a great opportunity to start the celebration of our 100th anniversary of our local Shriner's Children- Spokane. Together we create excitement, together we make heavy lifting light, together we make a difference and together we continue to build on the Legacy we have been given and we will be able to leave it in better shape than we found it.

May the Irish Luck be with you today and always. We are all lucky to be Shriners and that we get an opportunity to work together in making a difference in our communities helping each other and those children that may need the assistance of our Shriner's Children health care system.

Respectfully, John Robertson



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The following Nobles were summoned to mount the Black Camel and across that sublime desert since our last publication:

Albert F “Al” Eng
July 7, 1947 to
February 2, 2024
Created a Shriner:
May 12, 1978

George L Frank
August 2, 1929 to
February 4, 2024
Created a Shriner:
June 7, 1968

Please take a moment to look in your copy of the directory and make sure we have not missed anyone.

Please email OfficeAdmin@elkatif.org or call 509-624-2762 if you know of any Noble who has passed!



We regret when Nobles pass away without proper acknowledgement.

As Brothers, they are worthy of our recognition.

When you learn of a Nobles passing, please contact us:
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March Birthdays

March 1: Charles R Young Robert S Monroe	March 14: Tomas B Richardson P. P. Mark A Querio	March 26: John W Chamberlain
March 3: Doug M Baker	March 15: Kalen M Finn	March 27: William R Snow
March 4: Allen H Smith Stewart C Slinger Melvin F Neil	March 17: John H Jeffries	Ewell T Johnson Jr.
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March 11: Richard J MacGillivray Gene E Endslo	March 21: Bruce E Vesper	
March 13: Jack C Hughes Charles V Humes Gary D Roecks Wes G Suksdorf	March 22: Kim D Berg P. P. Blaine W Sullivan Robert W Racicot	
	March 23: Bruce Bothman Christopher E Attrill	
	March 24: Brian D Mickavicz	
	March 25: David W Seagrave Gary L Friberg Russell L Jamison	

Happy Birthday

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March Stated Meeting

Wednesday March 6, 2024

Men Only

Please RSVP - Attire: Business Casual



El Katif Event Center

5:30pm: Doors Open

6:00pm: Dinner

7:00pm: Meeting

Menu: Corned Beef & Cabbage

**This meeting will include the elections and
a Cold Sands for several new Nobles!**

Election of Office statements for 2024

Shawn Biggs - running for Oriental Guide

Illustrious Sirs, Nobles All,

I'd like to formally announce my availability for consideration to be elected as your next **Oriental Guide** for El Katif.

It is my sincere hope, that with my background and experience in business, Masonic and Non-Profit management, I will be able to provide not only a unique perspective, but steady and reliable leadership for the next several years and beyond. Thank you for your consideration!

Shawn Biggs

1st Cerimonial Master

John Robertson - running for Recorder

Ill Sirs, Nobles All,

I would like to formally announce my availability for the consideration of being elected as your next **Recorder** for El Katif.

It is my sincere hope that my background in business, management and leadership as well as my Masonic background will help bring a positive environment to the operations of our El Katif Shrine Center and for our Nobility.

I thank you for your consideration and support as we move forward.

Respectfully,

John Robertson P.P.



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Strategic Indicators January 2024

	January	YTD
Outpatient Clinic Visits:	1353	
Outpatient Surgeries:	60	
Inpatient Surgeries:	14	
Spine Surgeries:	4	

	January	YTD
New Patients:	Unknown	
<i>(Due to new Epic reporting, new patients will not be available at this time)</i>		
Total Local Donations:	\$254K	
New Hires:	0	
Volunteer hours:	120	

Inpatient Satisfaction:	Q4 2023 = 93%
Ambulatory Surgery Satisfaction:	Q4 2023 = 98%
Medical Practice Satisfaction:	Q4 2023 = 91%
<i>(Reported Quarterly: Number reflects percentile rank as compared to our peers)</i>	

2023 Hospital Operating Budget: \$ 27.5 M





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WHEN: JUNE 16, 2024

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Chaplain Corner

David Campanella - Reporter

STEWARDSHIP

A retired pastor at our church performed a sermon once where he spoke of stewardship. He pressed that we should all be good stewards. That sermon stuck with me all these years. He referred to several scriptures that I meditated on for the rest of that day and beyond.

Every day, I try to be a good 'steward' from a Biblical standpoint and as a good Mason and Shriner. Do I fail at times? Yes. But when I do, I get on bended knee, and I remember the words I hear in my lodge during the 'charge' and scriptures of that sermon, and I refer to them when I fail. An excerpt of that charge is that I should always be diligent, prudent, temperate, and discrete. I should remind my brother of his fault and endeavor to aid his reformation. I use that charge on myself as an ever-present reminder to be a better man. These words and that sermon on stewardship remind me of the importance of what and why we, as Masons and Shriners, do what we do.

I read an article once where it said, "It is important for us to be good stewards of things."

What does stewardship really mean, anyway? Merriam-Webster defines stewardship as "the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care."

As Masons, one of the many oaths we promised and swore to, is that we should come to the aid of widows and orphans. As a Shriner, we are entrusted to the care of the children we support at Shriners Childrens.

In another article I read, one reason why people today are not the best stewards of things they could be is selfishness and greed. We live in a society consumed with the worship of self. People love the idea of getting more for them. It is important for us to note that everything belongs to God. Therefore, if everything belongs to God, and we understand that, it becomes less difficult to be better stewards and wiser with the things entrusted to us. What areas in your life can you improve in being a better steward? Perhaps in how you handle money or how you utilize your time, perhaps in your use of your talents and abilities. In all these things we are stewards, and we need to do the best we can as a Mason and a Shriner. May the God of Love and Peace delight to dwell with you and bless you. May the blessing of Heaven rest upon us and all regular Masons, and every moral and social virtue cement us."

Sportsman's Club

Gary Newton - Reporter

The Sportsman club went to the Hockey Game Feb 4th (Spokane Chiefs vs. Kelowna Rockets). We had a great time there were 27 people that showed up to support the child that Shriners Hospital helped get him back to the sport he loved.

Next month (March) we will be doing Miniature Golf watch constant contacts for all of the events we do.

April we are planning on Bowling in Cheney date not set yet.

To become a member one dollar and you need to buy a vest.

All are welcome to attend a event Shriners Mason and there friends. Hope to see you at a event!!



March 2nd at Flat Stick we will be playing miniature golf. Cost is 20 dollars per golfer we are making this a fun raiser for the club.

This does not cover food or drinks. You will need to buy your own. They sell food there.

- Starting time will be 6:00 pm
- People under age of 21 will have to be out of the pub by 9:00am.
- Wear your fez and vest for the event

I need a number count so that I can reserve the spot ASAP.

Remember that the Sportsman Club is for Shriners, Masons and there friends all are welcome to come have fun!!

Gary Newton
509-648-3801

El Katif Valentine Dinner and Party



Actors
Ryan Leonard - Reporter

Greetings Nobles!

I hope this article finds you doing well and enjoying a good start to 2024. This article is going to be a short one.

As you know, our February stated meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, February 7 at 7:00 PM was cancelled due to the many activities taking place throughout the month. With that being said, the new year has gotten off to somewhat of a slow start for the Actors Unit, but we are looking forward to being busy with both Cold Sands and Hot Sands ceremonials, as well as the Arch presentation, very soon.

Finally, the Actors are always looking to add to their ranks (a subtle hint for you new Nobles). If you enjoy dressing up in costume and performing on stage, or if you enjoy working with stage lighting as well as set up and take down, then we want to hear from you! **Please contact our president, Illustrious Sir John Robertson, at (509) 590-5441 or via email at jbrobertson8@gmail.com.**

That's it for now Nobles! The Actors look forward to seeing you soon!

First Responders
Dave Campanella - Reporter

The days are getting longer, the snow has melted in most areas of our AO (Area of Operation); you know what that means...PARADE SEASON is quickly approaching.

The first is the St. Patty's Day Parade on March 16th at 12 pm. So put on the green and let's have a great time! The staging area is on Washington, just south of Boone. If you haven't been able to make this parade in the past, I encourage you to attend. It may be cold, it may rain, it may even snow that day, but the crowd will warm your hearts. We look forward to seeing you all there!!

1899 Club

Jerry Schieche PP, - Reporter

Another day closer to spring and so far, we haven't had much of a winter, but it certainly is not over yet. I would like to thank all of the Masons and Shriners that took time out of their busy schedules to come to Spangle Lodge on Feb 28. If you read this before the 28th, I hope you will be in Spangle to enjoy the great Chicken Dinner and Masonic Lodge meeting on the 1st Degree. **Illustrious Sir Jeff** and his **Divan** did a wonderful job of closing the Lodge and the message from the Potentate was well received by all. A big Thank You to all who attended. Attending and visiting our local Lodges is so important to the survival of our great fraternity.

A wonderful opportunity is coming up on March 7 in Cheney Washington. The Grand Master of Masons will be attending Temple Lodge #42 that evening. The Master of Temple #42 recently joined El Katif and it would be great for many of us to attend in support of him and also the Grand Master. Let's show him that Shriners have not left their Masonic Lodges, but are still participating and supporting them. Remember where our Shriners come from. I am sure that there are many other events within our area at our Lodges, so make an honest attempt to search out these events and support them.

Please check out the calendar for El Katif opportunities to participate in. That is the best way to show our Potentate and first lady how proud we are of them. Communication is one of the most important things we need to do. If you know about something coming up, let people know. Lastly, I would again like to thank those that supported Spangle Lodge.

Museum Committee

Jim Stewart, P.P. - Reporter

Spring begins March 19!!! Yeah!! Hopefully better weather and more smiles on our faces.

Just to touch on the Shrine Legacy that we are working on for the June display, we're still reaching out to "Legacy" families. We hit the jackpot with the **Kimberlings**. **IS Kurt** came to our workday on Feb.1 and gave us all the details. We reworked his flip chart for his Potentate year. We also picked **IS Kurt's** brain on many fun Shrine traditions that could be revisited. Thank you for all the information.

Any Past Potentates out there are welcome to any of our Thursday workdays.....just call and give us a heads up! We are missing some rosters for the museum archives:

- **1996 IS Barry Jones**
- **2000 IS Jerry Schieche**
- **2001 IS Earl Edwards**
- **2014 IS Floyd Johnson**
- **2015 IS Andy Anderson**

If you have one that you would be willing to give to the museum, please contact us. Thanks.

Also a big shout out to **Blue Mountain Shrine Club** for all the donations to the museum. We have cataloged all the items, so you will be seeing some in our museum in the near future.

Thank you all for the support that we have received to make this museum one that we all can be proud of.

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Greeters

Bob Valentine, - Reporter

Greeters --- Today, February 11, 2024, SUPER BOWL SUNDAY, as I write this article, I would just like to say – May the best team win..... Let's GO Chiefs!!

Our February meeting was held Feb. 8th @ 11 AM in the Board Room on the 4th floor of the Shriners Children's Spokane Hospital. This will be our new meeting area for all of 2024. It was be a bit of a challenge to get there, but all of us made it just fine. The meeting was well attended by 12 of us, including another new Greeter, **Paul Allen**. Welcome **PAUL**!

Kristin Monasmith stopped in at our meeting and left us several of the new 100- year Logo pins to display on our Greeters Nametags which are worn with our uniform blazers. **Scott Martinez** then introduced us to the new Google Calendar computer program that we will use as our method of signing up for Greeter Duty, so that we can easily see what days are available & need to be filled. So, Greeters, become proficient at using the new "CALENDAR" and get signed up soon! **Jim Tourtillotte** reported that the Jan. 10th date that he was intending to train some Greeters on giving Tours was sparsely attended, so they will attempt to schedule a new date to accomplish that task for those interested – **please call Jim**.

The next Stated Meeting will be March 6th, so plan to be there. Other Events coming up in March would be Daylight Savings time on the 10th of March, the St. Patrick's DAY Parade (probably on the 16th), St. Patrick's Day on Sunday, the 17th, the First Day of Spring on March 19th, Palm Sunday on the 24th of March and Easter on the 31st.

Please remember to **congratulate** your new **POTENTATE, Jeff Lane**, and all of the **Divan** members for 2024, and **Illustrious Sir John Robertson. P P & NEW RECORDER** (temporarily)

Remember to COUNT your **many Blessings** this **EASTER** & don't forget to **Color the Easter EGGS** & other Goodies, ----- so, have a **HAPPY EASTER....**

NOBLES --- JOIN the GREETERS & HAVE SOME FUN MEETING OUR PATIENTS & PARENTS!

Why not become a volunteer and join the Greeters who help all the Staff members at the SHRINERS CHILDREN'S SPOKANE hospital – It only requires committing to 1 day per month!



Winter is still here, be sure to say "Thank you" to the Snowplow operators for keeping the roads open!! You might recognize some drivers along the way.

Klown

Doc Schoonover - Reporter

March has been a slow klown month!! We attended the Pote's Ball and had a great evening of fellowship. We got to celebrate our new Legacy **Potentate Jeff and his lady Brandy**. An exciting year is ahead of us with **Jeff** at the helm!! Congrats Sir!

Yes, we klowns brought our new pote a pound of Café Du Monde coffee, a 40 ounce mug to have coffee all shift while he is at work. We intended on also bringing Jeff a dozen donuts, but it is rumored that one on the klowns ate the donuts before he got to the Pote's Ball!!

Past Pote Gary announced that the **klown unit** was the unit of the year and presented our President and Boss Klown **Jingles** with a plaque. We still have one more thing for **Pote Gary** and we will make our presentation at the next stated meeting. It has been a fun year.

We have finished about 200 Huggy dolls complete with hair and only have about 100 left to go. We have planned a stuffing meeting on February 16 from 10 am to 2 pm at the conference room at the temple. Our stuffing meeting is open to all should you want to come and enjoy some fellowship and of course goodies.

Today's picture from our old photo archives is from the El Katif Circus in 2005. There are two young **DeMolay** men in the front row also in costume. Last year at the fair, I saw one of those young men who informed me he has completed his fellowcraft degree and is looking forward to being a Master Mason and then klown with our klown unit. Needless to say, he is no longer a young man, but a man in his own right.

Prior to the Circus, we had a dress rehearsal with the **DeMolay** men and also got a **DeMolay** Dad to join the fun and makeup. What a great memory!



Blue Mountain Shrine Club
Doug Warnock, Reporter

Noble President Mark Schreindl Takes the Gavel

The Blue Mountain Shrine Club started its new year on February 9, under the leadership of Noble President **Mark Schreindl**. Noble **Mark** is one of the newer Shrine Club members and brings a lot of enthusiasm and is eager to strengthen the club's support of the Shriners hospital for children in Spokane.

A Shriners Hospital Success Story

Special guest speaker, **Stephen Neel**, is a strong supporter of the Shrine Hospitals and talked about his son, who was born with several physical disabilities. The staff of Shriners' Hospital in Portland, Oregon began working with the child shortly after his birth and continued to do so as he grew and developed. The young man is now 20 years old and has made wonderful adjustments over the years. He is very active physically, enjoys playing several sports and has a wonderful outlook on life.

Mr. Neel attests to the wonderful work that Shriners Hospitals do, which he refers to as miracles. He extends his appreciation for all the medical help given to his son over the years and said he takes every opportunity to extend his thanks to Shriners everywhere. This is a great story for us to hear this year, as we begin to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Shriners Hospital system.

Parade Schedule Begins

Blue Mountain Shrine will participate in seven parades this year, beginning in May and ending in December. The calliope is a star in these parades. The club is looking into the possibility of adding some additional entries. With several new Nobles in the club, it is possible to increase participation in the parades.

Blue Mountain's next meeting is Friday, March 8.

MoonShriners

Jamie Bockstruck - Reporter

Spring has sprung and the parade season is starting up once again. We went to the St. Patrick's day parade and had a great time. President **Jimmy Renford** has a great year planned for us this year. His year includes more parades and events. In February, we attended the Shriners Valentine's Day dinner. It was well attended and a good time was had by all!!

Mobile Unit
John Robertson - Reporter

We are about to start the celebration of our local Shriners' Children- Spokane's 100-year anniversary. One of our first chances to bring awareness to the public will be with the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. We have the 1960 Red Cadillac that pulls the 8-foot Red Fez and is well rested and with a little dusting off, some TLC that is wanting to participate again in our local parades. If you are interested, please contact **Doug Baker**, **Ken Massender** or **John Robertson** and we will help line up some time to get this sweet ride ready.

What better way to have fun out playing with our toys, laughing, waving at the crowds and hearing thank you for what you do. When you hear this from the crowd for half an hour to an hour it reminds you of why you became a Freemason and why you continue to work hard at bringing awareness to our Philanthropy.

There are several parade opportunities this year and several different Units and Clubs that are willing to have you ride along with them. Think about where you can help and let us know so we can help you get involved. If you haven't been in a parade, please try one or two this year and see if we can't change your mind on why you might want to help out more often. Together we make a difference. Together we leave a legacy for future generations.

John Robertson - Reporting on behalf of the Mobile Unit Members Past and Present



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Fraternal Relations
Ryan Leonard - Reporter

I hope this article finds you and your families doing well and that 2024 is off to a great start for you!

I know I sound like a broken record, but I have a favor I would like to ask of you. If you have something special taking place in your Lodge (a Centennial for the Lodge, a Brother reaching a 50-year membership milestone, a Brother receiving an award, etc.) please tell us about it so that we may share your good news with the Nobility! Please email either **Noble Doug Schroeder** at dbschroeder-1@msn.com or me at ryanleonard7470@comcast.net with your special event!

As stated throughout 2024, El Katif (and the Fraternal Relations Committee) needs Shrine ambassadors! The purpose of the Fraternal Relations Committee is to keep our respective Lodges informed of the fun activities in which the Shrine is engaged. These include the annual All Masonic Night, the Duck Rally, the Potentate's trip (this year it will be to our nation's capital, Washington, DC), the WSU football game, and so much more! The committee would also like to report to the Nobility special events taking place in the Blue Lodges within our El Katif jurisdiction.

On the youth group front, **Noble Doug Schroeder** reports that **Job's Daughters Bethel 44** will have a Bingo Fund Raiser Saturday March 9 at 2:00 PM at Concordia Lodge in Millwood (located at 3219 N Argonne Rd). It's \$10.00 for 5 cards and snacks. They will have their regular meetings on March 11 and 25 at 7:00 PM.

Job's Daughters Bethel 3 will have no meeting on Sunday March 3 because of Jobie Weekend. They will meet Sunday March 17 at 6:00 PM.

Rainbow Assembly 157 will have their formal meeting on March 4 at 7:00 PM at Audubon Park Lodge, located at 2821 W Northwest Blvd. On 9 March they will have a roller skating party at Pattison's North from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM, cost will be \$14.00 a person, rental included. Skating invite (girl). Sunday March 24 Rainbo Girls will have a bowling parting at Lilac Lanes.

DeMolay meets at Audubon Park Lodge the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month.

If within the length of your cable tow, please go out and visit these young men and women. They are the future of our fraternity. That's all for now Nobles! Let's make 2024 a year to remember!

South Spokane Shrine Club
John Robertson - Reporter

It is hard to believe that Spring is just around the corner even with Old Man Winter still reminding us that it is still his time of year with a little blast of cold weather and some of the white moisture causing us to slow down a little.

We hope you all had a great Valentines Day. Our **President George** has reminded me that we will be in the St Patrick's ay Parade again this year and we have lots of room for Nobles to ride on the float. What a great way to start off the parade season and celebrate our Shriner's Children- Spokane 100-year anniversary. Come join in the fun and enjoy the comradery! It is an awesome experience to hear the crowd say Thank you for what we do.

We hope you are all ready to join in the fun celebrating this year as the Hospital Marketing Team has lots of things planned for us this year should we find the time to help support their efforts.

Remember to be involved in at least one extra event this year. **It's not what the Shrine can do for you but rather what we can do for the Shrine**. We look forward to seeing you out there.

John Robertson Reporting on behalf of the SSSC

Columbia Basin Shrine Club
Richard Redick - Reporter

In February, we had a GREAT guest speaker: **Illustrious Arthur Broady, 33°**, spoke to us regarding the contributions of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and the dream we almost did not hear. RWB Art held us in rapt attention and enlightened us on this complex chapter in American history of civil rights. Our dinner theme was Mardis Gras, and **Noble Mick McCoy** served up a Cajun feast that was tasty!

Our next meeting is on Friday, March 1st. At this juncture, our meeting does not have a theme, but the food will be provided by our local **Rainbow Girls**. Based on past history, it is bound to be good. As always, social hour begins at 6 pm, and our dinner and meeting begin promptly at 7 pm.

Looking a little further ahead to parades, our first parade is May 18th, and is part of Waitsburg Celebration Days weekend. The **CBSC** and the **Blue Mountain Shrine Club**, both, do this parade every year. This year, the parade organizers are adding a flavor to it to recognize and celebrate America's armed forces. I am not sure what we will do, but I expect that we will try to get every veteran in our number to involve himself in this parade. Should be a grand time. It always is. The people of Waitsburg love to see the Shriners every year! They look forward to it, and so do we. It is GREAT to be a Shriner!!

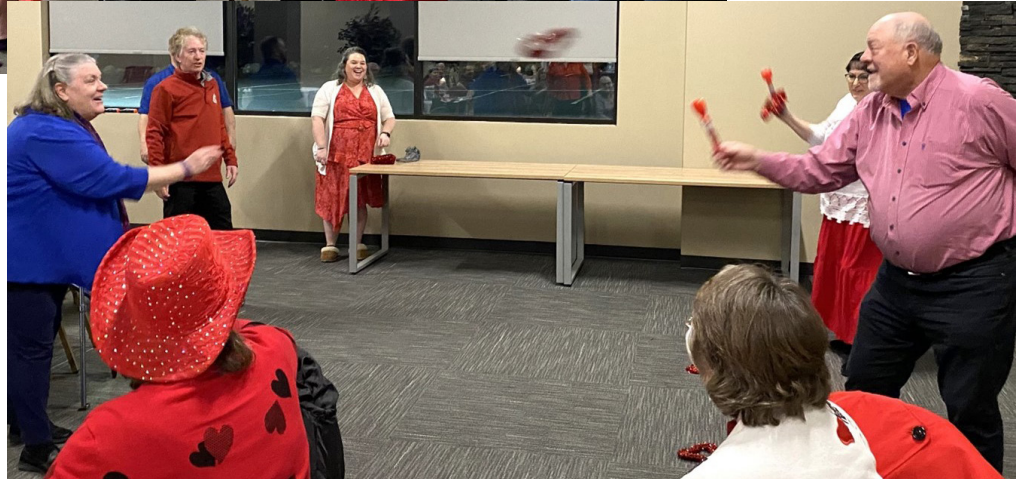
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