



## NILE SHRINERS

# Smile with Nile

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MARCH-APRIL, 2024

### UPCOMING STATED MEETINGS

- Nile Open Stated Meeting - Wednesday, March 13
- Nile Open Stated Meeting - Wednesday, April 10

*Be sure to RSVP for the Stated meetings by calling or emailing the Nile Office*  
425-774-9611 x 201  
[office@nileshriners.org](mailto:office@nileshriners.org)

### DATES OF IMPORTANCE

- Poker Night March 8
- Movie Night - Jurassic Park March 16
- Nile Membership Event March 23
- Nile Easter Egg Hunt March 30
- Tulip Festival Parade - La Conner April 13
- First Lady's Luncheon April 20

## Message from the Potentate

What an Amazing Start.

Wow, we've hit the ground running! Over the past couple months, we've made huge progress on membership programs, temple maintenance and upgrades, regional leadership initiatives, grounds maintenance and member entertainment and fun.

Great progress has been made toward this year's goal of giving back to the members. We've seen new and returning faces at events like our movie nights, poker tournaments and Mardi Gras Party & Concert.

There's even more to come. We're adding security features to the grounds and building, while making access for our members easier. Plans are in the works for increased control on access points, credentialing and security screening. It isn't all just access control to our facilities though. Our Recorder and the Chief of Staff have been hard at work on the member lounge, and we hope to have it ready to show off at our March meeting. It's coming together great!

Speaking of, we have some important programs upcoming. I'll be hosting a lunchtime meeting once a quarter for those interested to go over happenings and introduce a topic that will serve our members. The upcoming topic will be tax law updates, for a quick Q&A session with a local CPA. Due to short notice and projects, we'll be shifting the date of the first meeting to Saturday, March 16th.

The First Lady's Luncheon is taking place on April 20th, please reward your ladies by encouraging their attendance. Should you know one of our Shrine Ladies who's husband has passed, we especially want to support and let them know they're still close to our hearts and a member of the family. I hope to see many there, and we'll do everything possible to encourage their presence.

Our next big event will be the Nobility Ball on Saturday, May 4th. Look for it to be a glitzy evening where our members are the stars walking the red carpet!

Tickets will be available through the office, and RSVP's will be required to maximize the experience and value. More live entertainment will be the highlight!

These things, and more are coming just for you-our members. Thank you for all you do!

As always, I look forward to seeing you in person, working together and helping with perspective for those who come next.

Yours in the faith,  
Brent F. Arnold  
2024 Potentate



**2024 Nile Potentate  
Brent F. Arnold**



# Message from the Chief Rabban



**2024 Chief Rabban**  
**David C. Mercer**

The Silent Messenger project is moving right along. The grounds crew came in and removed the tree stumps and scraped all the root bound soil to one side. Matt Ramsden disconnected the electric power so no one would get shocked if we hit an electric line in the ground. He will be helping put in the conduit for the new power we will need for the lights. The brick sales have now ended. Thank you to all the nobles that bought a brick for this worthwhile cause. I met with a lighting professional this last week and he is giving me the correct layout for the lighting for the Silent Messenger and brick wall.

March is upon us and will be busy. I will be meeting with the Daughters of the Nile and also with Ladies of the Oriental Shrine to go over their Calanders so we don't have events conflicting with each other for 2025.

The work will continue on the Silent Messenger and hopefully we will have the footings poured and the wall for the brick poured.

I will be going with the clowns to Sequim in March to help them recruit some new members so they can build their parade unit. The Open Stated Meeting will be March 13th, and we will have the Knights of Columbus joining us. The Tara Academy Irish Dance group will be here to entertain us for St. Patrick's Day. If you haven't seen these dancers, come out and enjoy yourselves and bring a neighbor or friend. Be sure to call Robyn and RSVP for this event.

On March 17th, Ladies of the Oriental Shrine will be having their installation at the Scottish Right building at 2:00 pm. The Daughters of the Nile will be having their installation March 24th at the Nile at 2:00 pm. Please attend and support the ladies in these two organizations.

April will be upon us soon and the work will continue on the Silent Messenger project. The granite facing at the pedestal should be installed and the statue will be mounted onto it. The lighting will also be installed on the brick wall and the statue. The brick masons will bring their apprentice class out to install the brick tile on the wall. The crushed rock for the trails will go in and the planting will start in the planting mounds.

The Nile parade season will start April 6th with the Tulip Festival Parade in La Conner.

Let's all get together and enjoy ourselves at the Stated meetings, clubs and units.

Yours in the faith,

Dave Mercer  
Nile Shriners Chief Rabban

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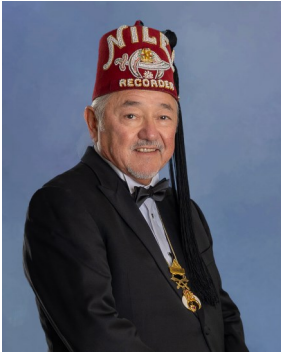
## 2024 Nile Directories are coming soon



*Stay tuned  
for more  
information  
and get it hot  
off the press.*

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## Message from the Recorder



**2024 Recorder**  
**Ken Osborne**

Nobles, Ladies and Friends,

Spring is definitely in the air. With the longer daylight, the bulbs are pushing their flowers up and out to welcome the time. It might be a little premature based on the cold we are experiencing right now.

We made it through the winter months with a few new projects from the effects of the weather. One project is the picnic area bathrooms where we had a water pipe freeze and burst. This will require assessing the effects of the water behind the drywall and impact from any wet

insulation. After repairing the pipe, we will have to replace drywall and insulate the ceiling so the pipes are better protected from frigid temperatures. Once that is complete, we will have to paint the walls and ceiling where we replaced drywall.

With the latest burglary suffered by the Nile, we have implemented systems to protect our Shrine Center. We removed the ATM from our lobby. Although the convenience is gone, so is the motivation to break in and try to steal the cash machine. We installed a new front gate system. The system has a video camera that we can see the individual asking for entrance and speak to them. We can operate the gate from the administrator's cell phone to open temporarily. The system also allows us to establish individual access codes for all of our members, caterers, grounds crew, garbage collectors and anyone else who needs access. We can track the access codes and associate access with who is assigned the code. Effective March 1st, nobles will need to use their member number. Member numbers have already been established for all of you when you

became a Shriner. If you still have the physical membership card, your member number is printed on the card. WebFez is the other place you can find your member number. If you need your member number, you can also contact the office.

The apartment restoration is moving right along. The exterior siding and restoration is almost complete. The roofers will be out this week to replace the roof that has been removed to perform the repairs. The work will be moving inside after that.

May 17th is coming soon and that is the date of the joint Shriners Children's Hospital 100-year celebration Golf Tournament for Portland and Spokane. We are fortunate to be spotlighted for this event. You will hear more details as we get closer and have the chance to sign up or volunteer if you are interested. We will need your help and it would be great to have you there.

Our year so far has been busy. We are continuing to go after various projects that will shape the Nile Shrine Center as the premier golf and event center in the north end of town. I hope many of you feel the same and can appreciate the changes taking place. We are also concentrating on providing our membership the benefits of being a Nile member with some of the projects being worked on. It's through the hard work, support and dedication of many of you volunteers that help make things happen around here and I truly appreciate it. Without you, we would not be accomplishing what we need and want for the Nile. A big thank you to everyone.

I will see you soon. I am counting on it. Especially as the season changes. Until then, take care, give your love to those you have close to you, and we will catch up when we catch up!

Ken Osborne  
Recorder-Nile Shriners

## Message from the Assistant Rabban



**2024 Assistant Rabban**  
**Darrick Hayman**

In 1970, this photograph of Shriner Al Hortman scooping up Shriner's patient Bobbi Jo Wright and her crutches was taken and it forever changed the image of Shriners International. This iconic photograph demonstrates to the world the true purpose of each Shriner: *to help children*. This photograph was used as inspiration for a statue called "*The Silent Messenger*" that sits outside of many Shrine centers to show the world what we do. It also serves to remind each noble of our sacred purpose.

Because of the generous donations of many Shriners, their ladies, Masonic

lodges, appendant bodies and the general public, Nile now has one of these iconic statues that will sit in front of our temple to remind us why we are Shriners. I can tell you that we raised over \$15,000! That is tremendous work!

Thank you to all of those who donated, spread the word and worked so hard to make this project a success! Special thanks to Robyn in the Nile office who took your phone calls, answered your questions and submitted your orders if you weren't quite sure how to navigate the website! Also,

thanks go to our Chief Rabban Dave Mercer who is in charge of installing the statue in front of the temple. His vision for what the final outcome will look like is exciting! His design allows for other brick fundraising projects to be added to the overall design.

Our goal is to have our Silent Messenger up by May when we celebrate the 100th anniversaries of both the Portland and Spokane hospitals at a special golf tournament at Nile.

Yours in the faith,

Noble Darrick Hayman  
Assistant Rabban





## News from the Pavement



The 2024 parades season is fast approaching. Now is the time to start dusting off, cleaning up and making necessary repairs (if needed) to your vehicles and costumes in preparation for this year's upcoming parades. We have a very full schedule this year. Like last year, we have parades scheduled every month from April to October (except for September).

The parades for this year are listed to the right. I will be monitoring these weekly (more so as they get closer) and will keep you informed if things change.

We need all clubs and units to make a showing at all Potentate's Call Parades. This is how we as Shriners show the public who we are and more importantly, get the word out about the Shriners Children Hospitals.


*Remember: **These are Potentate's Call Parades.** That means that it is expected that all Divan Members, as well as all Clubs and Units, (SSC, RSC, WSSC, KPSC, etc.) attend all "Pote's Call" parades.*

See you there!

Orville Stoner Sr.  
Director of Uniformed Units 2024, 360-286-9668

## 2024 Parade Schedule

DATE	LOCATION
<b>April 6</b>	Tulip Festival Parade (La Conner) Form up 1:00 / Start 2:00
<b>May 11</b>	Irrigation Festival Parade (Sequim) Form up 11:00 / Start 10:00 Pote's dinner - OPSC night prior
<b>May 18</b>	Armed Forces Day Parade (Bremerton) Form up 9:00 / Start 10:00
<b>May 18</b>	Vikingfest Parade (Poulsbo) Form up 1:00 / Start 2:00
<b>May 25</b>	Whatcom Memorial Day (Bellingham) Form up 9:00 / Start 10:00 NWSC - location TBD
<b>June 22</b>	SEAFAIR Strawberry Festival Parade (Marysville) Form up 4:00 / Start 5:00
<b>July 19</b>	SEAFAIR Tour de Terrace Parade (MLT) Form up 6:00 / Start 7:00
<b>August 3</b>	SEAFAIR Lake City Parade (Lake City) Form up 6:00 / Start 7:00
<b>October 5</b>	Railroad Days Parade (Granite Falls) Form up 11:00 / Start 12:00 Damascus Lodge Pancake Breakfast




Join First Lady Sarah for the

# FIRST LADIES LUNCHEON

\$30



April 20, 2024  
Social 11:30  
Lunch 12:00



Call Robyn in the Nile office to purchase tickets  
425.774.9611 ext 201



You are cordially invited to attend the  
Open Installation of Officers  
of  
Hatasu Temple No. 1, Daughters of the Nile  
Sunday, the 24th of March  
Two thousand and twenty-four  
at 2 o'clock in the afternoon  
Nile Shrine Center  
6601 244th St SW  
Mountlake Terrace, Washington  
when Princess Lynn Haller  
will be crowned Queen

Barbara Grobler  
Queen

Kathy Ramich, PQ  
Princess Recorder



## *Ahmes Court #41 LOSNA*

*Cordially invites you to the  
Installation of the 2024-2025 Officers  
Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> 2024*

*At 2:00pm  
Scottish Rite  
1207 N 152<sup>nd</sup>  
Shoreline, WA 98133*

*High Priestess Elect Rhoda Kiely  
Retiring High Priestess Patricia (Pat) Neva*

*Light Refreshments to follow*

**Sunday, March 10, 2024**



*Nile Shrine Annual Easter Egg Hunt  
6601 244<sup>th</sup> St. SW, Mountlake Terrace, WA*

**!!!!!! FREE FOR ALL CHILDREN !!!!!!!  
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**Saturday, March 30, 2024  
Open at 10:30am  
Egg Hunt starts at 11:00am**

*Come early and take pictures with  
Mr. and Mrs. Easter Bunny!*





## Nile Men's Golf Club



It's the beginning of GOLF SEASON!

Our first Club meeting of the year will be on **Wednesday, March 27th**. Queue up on the patio at 5:30 pm for Zem Zem and meeting at 6:00.

I'm pretty sure we'll have a meal, but it's too early to tell what will be on the menu. Bring \$10.

The Club executive committee met on the 28th of February to discuss our annual activities - Nile Classic Golf Tournament, Club Championship, donations, club room improvements, annual banquet, etc. We will review those items at the March meeting.

We need new members, so for those of you that are Shriners, our monthly Men's Golf Club meetings are the last Wednesday of the month, March – September at 5:30.

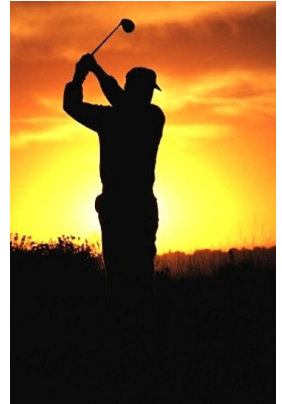
Membership is open to all Shriners in good standing. Annual Memberships and locker fees are due now. We take cash or checks only. Membership is still \$40, first locker is \$35. Additional lockers are \$15 each. North West Golf Association (GHIN) annual membership is \$39.

And in case you aren't aware, golf cart storage fees are now **FREE** for Shriners in good standing. Whoa! That's a huge benefit.

Please fill out a form in the club room and drop it in the mailbox along with your remittance. A current member list is posted on the bulletin board on the right, past the coffee service.

Looking forward to seeing you all out there.

Steve Turley  
Secretary/Treasurer



## Legion of Honor

To All Military Veterans,

If you are a veteran of the Armed Forces or still on active duty, we look forward to seeing you. Come on in. Swap some "Sea/War" stories and enjoy some "Good Ole" fashioned camaraderie.



Our meetings are the second Wednesday of every month (except January, June, July, and August) at 5:00 pm. We meet on the first floor down the hall from the library at the Nile Temple.

**To our current members:** It's that time again. Yearly dues are due once again. The cost of yearly dues is \$15 and are payable to *Finance Officer Noble Bob O'Brien*.

## Crown of Honor



The Crown of Honor Award Program is an award program in which any Nile noble who is current in his membership dues may participate. Points are earned for service to Nile Shriners, our Shriners Hospitals or other specified, Shrine-related activities.

Points must be submitted within 90 days of the activity, on the most current Crown of Honor Point submission form. Completed forms should be submitted to the Nile Shrine Office. (Forms may be submitted electronically, as an Excel or Word attachment. Please send to: [office@nileshriners.org](mailto:office@nileshriners.org))

Crown of Honor Awards must be earned by each noble. Points will not be given away, and awards will not be traded or purchased from another noble. Nobles who submit for points not earned will become ineligible to participate in this program.

A noble may inquire at any time as to how many points he has earned to date. Points accumulate from year to year and are recorded in the WEBFEZ database; the full amount for any award level need not be earned in any single year.

If you have any questions, or if you are unsure about points for an activity that you may have participated in. Please feel free to contact:

Orville Stoner - 360-286-9668 [oestoner@comcast.net](mailto:oestoner@comcast.net)  
or Robyn in the Nile Office 425-774-9611 x201.

## Olympic Peninsula Shrine Club

YEA, we are finally done with the frozen tundra and snow. The sun is starting to come out more. The flowers are blooming. The rain is starting to clear up (hopefully). It's time to do some traveling and visit some shrine clubs.

The Olympic Peninsula Shrine Club's doors are always open.

We invite you all to **"Come Out West"** and join us at our upcoming meetings/get-togethers. As always, our entire Masonic family and prospective members are always welcome. So, come out and join us for a delicious meal, some camaraderie, some good times and a few laughs.

Our luncheons are scheduled for 1:00 pm, **Saturday, March 16th** and **Saturday, April 20th**. Meetings are held at:

Mariners Café  
609 W Washington St, Sequim

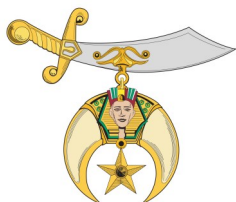
You don't want to miss these get-togethers as there is always great food and above all a friendly, good time.

2024 Dues are now due and are \$15. In addition, if you have not paid your 2023 dues, this is your last chance. Please contact either Ed Entrican or myself to pay your dues.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone there.

For further information please contact Scott Wells at 206-915-0328 or annscottw@msn.com

Orville Stoner Sr.  
OPSC Secretary - 360-286-9668



## News from Navi's Catering Kitchen

Get ready to swing into action! The highly anticipated opening of the 19th Bar & Grill is just around the corner on **March 5th**. Located at the heart of our beloved Nile Shrine Golf Course, this stylish establishment promises to be the perfect 19th hole haven for golf enthusiasts and foodies alike.

Join us in celebrating this grand occasion as we unveil our tantalizing menu crafted to perfection, featuring mouthwatering dishes and refreshing drinks sure to satisfy every palate. With our new hours of operation set from Wednesday to Sunday, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, there's ample time to relax and relish in the post-game camaraderie.

Whether you're celebrating a victorious round or simply seeking a scenic spot to unwind, the 19th Bar & Grill is your destination for unforgettable moments both on and off the green. Mark your calendars and get ready to tee off into a new era of culinary delights and golfing bliss!

## 2024 Jan-Feb Donations \$3,985

### Shriners Hospitals \$3,535

Howard Wilson  
David Robel  
Evan McAllister  
Drew Coleman  
Northwest Shrine Club

### DAD Fund \$430

Gerrit Kuiken  
Ed Broker  
*In Memory of Bert Tcruz*  
AHMES Ct 41 Pagentry  
Northwest Shrine Club

### General Fund \$20

Evan McAllister  
Drew Coleman

## In Memoriam



*Our beloved brethren live on in their influence  
on our lives and their memories in our hearts.  
They are not forgotten.*

**Dave P. Barney** (3/29/1942 - 12/20/2023)

**William F. Exley** (2/3/1934 - 10/25/2023)

**Leroy McVay** (11/3/1932 - 12/25/2023)

**Cameron Stewart** (4/7/1931 - 12/25/2023)

**J. Michael Wilderman** (3/20/1941 - 1/25/2024)





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## Nile Shriner's Calendar

### March

4th	4:00 PM	Board of Directors
	6:30 PM	Oriental Band
5th	6:00 PM	Northwest Shrine Club
6th	11:30 AM	Calliope
7th	11:30 AM	Renton Shrine Club
8th	7:00 PM	<b>Poker Night—19th Hole</b>
9th	5:00 PM	Kitsap Peninsula Shrine Club
10th	2:00 PM	Mini Bikes
11th	6:30 PM	Oriental Band
13th	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Nile Open Stated Meeting</b>
	5:00 PM	Legion of Honor
	5:00 PM	Shurtah
16th	1:00 PM	Olympic Peninsula Shrine Club
	7:00 PM	<b>Movie Night—Jurassic Park</b>
18th	4:00 PM	Board of Directors
	6:30 PM	Oriental Band
19th	5:00 PM	Director's Staff
20th	6:00 PM	West Seattle Shrine Club
21th	5:30 PM	Men's Clowns
23rd	8:30 PM	<b>Nile Membership Event</b>
25th	6:30 PM	Oriental Band
27th	1:00 PM	Golf Advisory Committee
	7:00 PM	Zem Zem
30th	10:00 AM	<b>Nile Easter Egg Hunt</b>

### April

1st	4:00 PM	Board of Directors
	6:30 PM	Oriental Band
2nd	6:00 PM	Northwest Shrine Club
3rd	11:30 AM	Calliope
4th	11:30 AM	Renton Shrine Club
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12th	7:00 PM	<b>Poker Night-19th Hole</b>
13th	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Movie Night-Crocodile Dundee</b>
14th	2:00 PM	Mini Bikes
15th	4:00 PM	Board of Directors
	6:30 PM	Oriental Band
16th	5:00 PM	Director's Staff
17th	6:00 PM	West Seattle Shrine Club
18th	5:30 PM	Men's Clowns
20th	1:00 PM	Olympic Peninsula Shrine Club
		<b>First Ladies Luncheon</b>
22nd	6:30 PM	Oriental Band
24th	1:00 PM	Golf Advisory Committee
	7:00 PM	Zem Zem
29th	6:30 PM	Oriental Band