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Potentate Message

Dale A Graeven

WHAT A RIDE !!

Can you believe it started a year ago? Well, it did and now I'm at that fork in the road that will lead to a new adventure. I would like to thank the Nobles of Tripoli Shrine for allowing me to serve you as Potentate for 2023. It was truly my honor and pleasure to do so. I'm certain everybody has some wonderful memories of the year.

Thank you to my Chief Aides, John Pellmann and Kurt Kniesel and my corps of appointed Aides. You were always there and always willing to help in any way. You guys raised the bar for the future.

Thank you to the Elected Divan. You gave it the "old college try" with the assignments which you volunteered for or were "voluntold" to do. Well done!

Thank you to the Appointed Divan for agreeing to take these positions. For some of you this was your first time on the Divan, others have been on since 1992. I appreciate your hard work and support.



Parting Shot

To everyone who willingly agreed to Chair a fundraiser or event, thank you for sharing your time and talents to make them successful.

And of course, I would like to thank my wonderful Wife, the First Lady of Tripoli for 2023, Sondra. You have stood by and not only watched, but participated, supported, led and contributed to this entire trip. I, as well as the Nobles of Tripoli appreciate your efforts, time and talents to this successful year. Love You.

We tried a few new things this year and hosted some traditional events in the grand fashion of years ago. Thank you to all who participated.... everything was planned for the membership of Tripoli to come together to have fun as part of the World's Greatest Fraternity supporting the World's Greatest Philanthropy.

Nobles as I return to the rank and file, I'll see you at the Oasis.

Fraternally,
Dale A. Graeven
2023 Potentate



2024 YEAR IN REVIEW







Public *Short On* Installation *Long On Fun*

January 13, 2024

Gerald G Arnholt III ~ Potentate Elect and Nobles

4 PM Installation
5 PM Drinks
5:30 PM Dinner

Food Stations ~ Various Ethnic Cuisines

Dancing

Singing

Games



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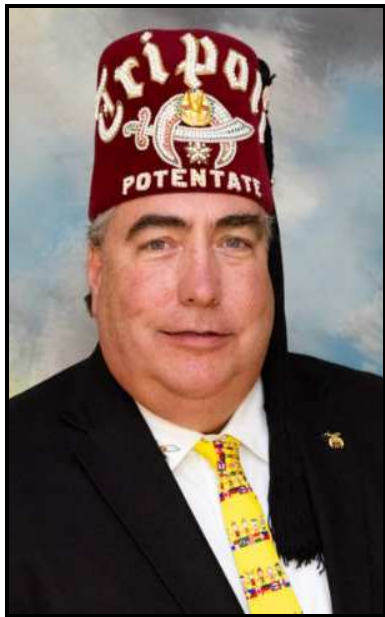
3 PM

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Potentate Elect Gerry Arnholt III

**“Building More
in 2024”**



Hello! My name is Gerry Arnholt III and I am excited to be the Potentate of Tripoli Shrine for 2024. I was born and raised in Danville, IL, located in East Central Illinois. I'm proud to say that my family has a long legacy in Freemasonry as I am a fourth generation Mason and third generation Shriner, following in the footsteps of my great-grandfather, as well as my grandfather and father (both of whom I also share the same name). That legacy continues with my oldest son, Brayden, who is currently a Mason and Shriner, along with my youngest son, Logan, who has recently been accepted to start his masonic journey this February.

My masonic journey started at Anchor Lodge No. 980 in Danville, IL, raised to the degree of Master Mason in August 1990. I joined the Valley of Danville in March 1991 where I am a life member. In January 1992, I was initiated into Ansar Shrine in Springfield, IL and transferred my membership to Tripoli Shrine in 1997, becoming a life member. Other masonic organizations that I am active in include R.A.M. Kilbourn Chapter No. 1, associate member of the Valley of Milwaukee; associate member of Beja Shrine; associate member of Zor Shrine; Red Cross of Constantine St. Wilfred Conclave; associate member of Damascus Lodge No. 290; Daylight Lodge No. 258; a 25-year member of the Tripoli Shrine Director's Staff; a member of the Tripoli Auxiliary; as well as a member of many other Tripoli clubs and units. In addition, I am an active member of the Scimitar Foundation, serving on the Board of Directors for 23 years, President for the past 11 years and Chairman of the Scimitar Sportsman's Night, which is the largest fundraiser for Tripoli.

I am also an active member of the Milwaukee Elks Lodge No. 46; associate member of the Waukesha Elks Lodge No. 400; Sons of the American Legion Post 1 in Germantown, WI; the Daniel Boone Conservation League; and the Waukesha Gun Club.

I currently reside in Germantown, WI where I have lived with my wife, Lady Diane, since 1997, along with my children Brayden, Lauren and Logan. I came to Wisconsin to attend Ripon College, where I graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Economics. I am currently a financial advisor at VantagePoint Financial Group in Brookfield, WI. My family is my number one supporter and is also very active within the masonic community. Lady Diane, who is a member of the Tripoli Auxiliary and the Daughters of the Nile Shelomoth Temple No. 106, is also very active with the Scimitar Foundation and various fundraising activities. Our children literally grew up in Tripoli as I routinely brought them to the Shrine in their baby carriers when I had to do some work at Tripoli on my day off. Brayden is active with the Tripoli Motor Corps, as well as the Animals and Clown units, and helps support the Scimitar Foundation Sportsman's Night activities. You will find Lauren at a multitude of Tripoli events and activities, whether it is serving at a function or selling tickets at Sportsman's Night. Logan is the backbone of the Scimitar Foundation's Sportsman's Night event, managing the registration process and Scimitar inventory.

As your Potentate, I look forward to working with the Nobles and Ladies of Tripoli Shrine to continue building on the success, preservation and growth of our organization.

Together we will be “Building more in 2024”!



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10 GUN RAFFLE

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FEB 4TH 2024



More info

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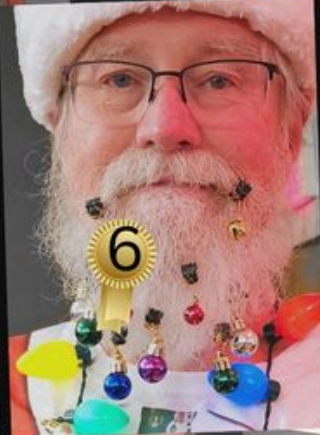
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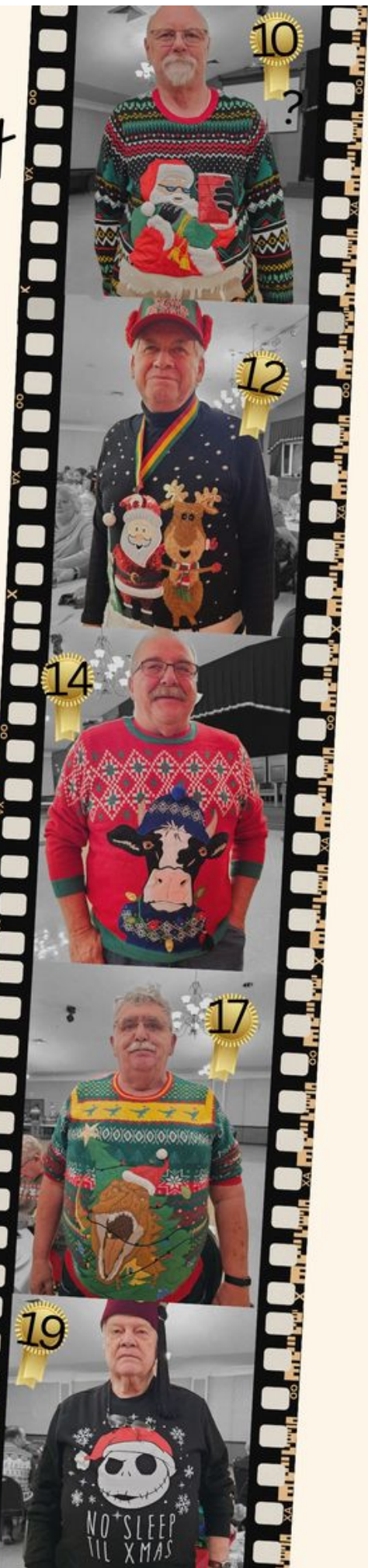
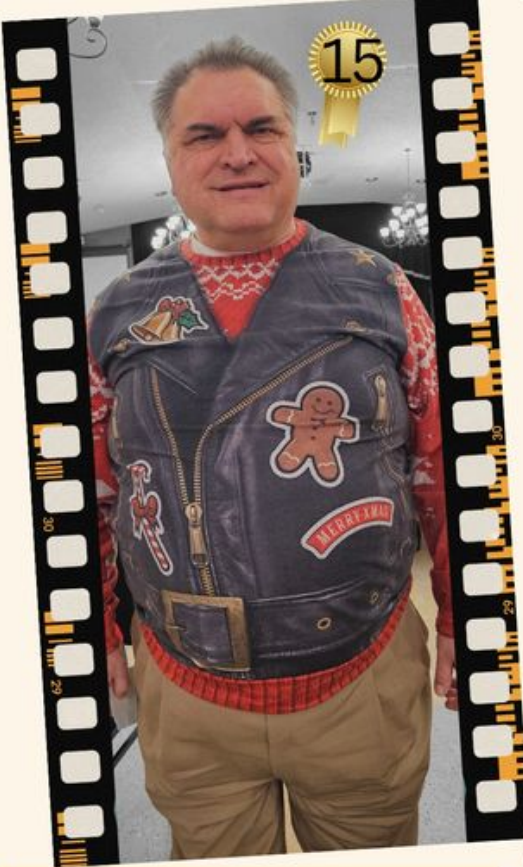


Editor's Choice Ugly Holiday Sweaters



- 1 Best Overall
- 2 Most Unique
- 3 Most Scary
- 4 Brightest
- 5 Animals
- 6 Best Facial Hair
- 7 Best Jewish
- 8 Best Elf
- 9 Most Naughty
- 10 Most Dareing

Ugly Holiday Sweaters cont



- 10 Least Ugly
- 11 Best Hat
- 12 Merriest
- 13 Most Dramatic
- 14 Best Cow
- 15 Best Leather
- 16 Cutest Dog
- 17 Best Dinosaur
- 18 Best Xmas Movie
- 19 Best Horror



**Welcome
Cassandra (Cassie)
Vannucci
Tripoli Shrine Center's
New Executive Chef**

I entered the Milwaukee area Service Industry at the young age of 15. I began as a busser at Balistreri's Bluemound Inn. I eventually worked my way into the kitchen preparing salads and desserts.

In 2007 my first son, Dylan, was born. Shortly after returning from maternity leave I left Balistreri's and was hired as Garde Manger Chef at the Bluemound Golf and Country Club. During my tenure at BMGCC I learned the skillsets for just about every position in the kitchen. In 2013, I became the Executive Pastry Chef. I built an incredible reputation throughout the club for my innovative desserts. I also filled other roles as needed while still maintaining the high-quality pastries members came to expect. Those roles included: morning breakfast shifts, expeditor on the main cook line and action stations for special events. I built lasting relationships with the members and continue to do business with them today through my private baking company.

After leaving BMGCC in 2021, I worked as an Operations Manager at First Watch in Brookfield, WI. Though I was only there for nine months, I developed great relationships with the staff and customers alike while also maintaining and exceeding all goals for food cost, labor cost, and cleanliness evaluations.

I have worked with the Tripoli Shrine Center for the last year and a half and am now excited to take over kitchen operations as Executive Chef.



Hospital Shriners para Niños - México celebrated the opening of its latest clinic in Culiacán, Sinaloa. The event marks a significant advancement in the expansion of the Shriners Children's system and reaffirms our commitment to providing care to more children in more places.

As part of the ceremony, the ribbon-cutting was performed by Angel, a patient ambassador from Culiacán, representing the children benefiting from the new clinic.



Toys are being dropped off at the Twin Cities Hospital, which are the two HUGE and heavy boxes we're standing next to, Melissa Forrest-New Clinic Director, and Matthew Wright P.P. Twin Cities Board member. The toys were collected by the Tripoli Women's Auxiliary, and along with the toys were bags/backpacks (in the white bag) made by Noble Mike Hendren's wife, Evonne. The toys are placed in the bags/backpacks, and then given to the kids after their visit at the clinic.

CONGRATULATIONS to our Elected Officers



Chaplains Corner
Robert Lijewski

Happy New Year! 2023 is over and on a personal note, I am glad. Four good friends of mine passed away during the year. January 6th is the Epiphany, the day in which Jesus was baptized, according to the Gregorian calendar that is used by the Western Christian churches, Eastern Christian churches will celebrate the Epiphany on January 19th because they follow the Julian calendar. January 13th is the installation of officers for Tripoli. Let us all give our support to the new Divan to make 2024 a successful year for Tripoli.



Elections for 2024		
Ballot No.	Officer	Elected for 2024
Board of Directors		
1	Potentate	Gerry Arnholt
2	Chief Rabban	Alan Soriano
3	Assistant Rabban	Jim Burton
4	High Priest & Prophet	Damon Albers
5	Oriental Guide	Patrick Jackson
6	Treasurer	Brett Garrett
7	Recorder	Peter Hennig PP
Finance Committee (2 Required)		
8	FC #1	Mark Pachefsky
9	FC #2	Rick Loch PP
10	FC #3	
Trustee (1 Required)		
11	Trustee #1	Joe Schoner - 1st Term
Imperial Representatives (3 Required)		
12	Imp Rep #1	Gerry Arnholt
13	Imp Rep #1	Alan Soriano
14	Imp Rep #1	Jim Burton

Black Camel



Name	Date	City	Age	Member Since
Douglas P Brown	12/06/2023	West Allis, WI	61	11/08/2014

These we do not forget.
In Memoriam

Our beloved Brethren live on in new and more glorious life and service. We carry their influence in our lives and their memories in our hearts. They are not forgotten.

Well Done Good and Faithful Servant

January Birthdays



1/04

John G Slazas

Christopher J Wagner

1/05

Ned L Huwatschek

Don P Jensen

Timothy Bauer

1/06

Michael Clinnin

1/07

William H Grunze

1/08

Scott B Endejan

1/09

Marvin F Metzger

1/11

Thomas R Robel

Wayne A Budwick

Leroy C Kivi II

1/13

Harold J Anderson

1/14

Sridhar Vasudevan

Larry M Broich

Donald W Hensiak

1/15

Daniel E Bast

Tyler A Opgenorth

1/17

Kenneth K Kersky

George H Easton

1/18

James L Shaffer

1/19

Thomas K Couture

Robert N Strickler

1/20

John H Wirtz

John H Oakley

1/21

John Henry Wahlers

1/22

Sunny J Reed

Gavin J De Grave

1/23

Boynton L Nissen

1/24

Anthony S Busalacchi

Jerome D Sayles

Richard A Loch P.P.

Kevin P McGowan

1/25

Donald L Hall

Bradford A Iding

1/26

James E Schneider

1/27

Matthew Konradt

1/28

Charles M Korankye

1/29

Kenneth A Stein

Andrew Kochanski

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Paul H Erber

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Legion of Honors

There isn't much going on for the Legion of Honor for December. Dues notices went out and your 2024 dues are due by December 31st. Our annual Holiday party will be January 20th, 2024 at Diamond Jims Supper Club in Hales Corners. Social Hour starts at 5:30pm and we will start to sit down for the meal at 6:30pm. Please RSVP me no later than January 13th. Call me at 414-422-9452. We will have a December meeting on the third Monday and will share a meal with the Motor Corps at 6pm with our meeting to start around 6:30. If you are a Veteran, please join us.

Bob Lijewski
Adjutant

Jolly Badgers

Ahoy!
As 2023 closes, the Jolly Badgers are reflective on how large 'n handsomely we 'ave grown in such a short time. We sailed in a number o' parades this year, includin' a nighttime Holiday Parade.

We pillaged two separate Renaissance Faires, helped at the Tripoli Circus, participated in the MSA, 'n Imperial parades. We 'ave also brought hundreds o' smiles t' sprogs 'n adults. 'n 'ave had a blast doin' it all. Jus' wait t' see all we do in 2024!

Everyone enjoys Shrine Pirates, be one or walk the plank.

Happy Holidays, 'n a blessin' t' ye 'n yer family wherever yer ship takes ye.

Curt (Bob) Campagna Admiral of the Jolly Badgers Pirate Unit.

Highlanders

The Highlanders Annual Meeting was held 6 December 2023. The meeting was opened in due form and all tribute bottles were approved.

Parade season will kick off with St Patrick's Day Parades in Milwaukee and on Bluemound Ave 9 March. The annual trek to New Dublin (New London) is the following weekend on 16 March which involves marching the parade and playing at several venues.

Tartan Ball ideas were discussed along with a Scot-Patrick's Day event.

Election of officers were held and remains the same as last year.

Clay Simchick -Pipe Major
Jan Talaga -Chieftain
Grant Walden -Treasurer
Chuck Belkow -Quarter Master

Thank you, gentlemen, for you service and dedication to the band.

The Highlanders would like to thank Mike Fairbanks for his generous donation.

Thank you, Mike! If you have the urge to return to a pipe band, you always have a home with the Highlanders. The Tripoli Scottish Highlanders would like to extend best wishes for a Happy and safe New Year to all our Masonic Brethren and families!

Shawn B. Athy
Past Chieftain, Tripoli Scottish Highlanders



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Daughters of the Nile

Hi Everyone!

Welcome to our new members, Amy, Peffy, Mary Amy, Donna and Addie! We are so pleased to have these ladies as part of our Temple. We are so happy to have you join us and looking forward to working together to do great things for the kids.

Our Holiday Party, a joint event with the Tripoli Auxiliary was a great success and had fun, fellowship and auctions to raise money for the kids.

Our next Session will be January 13th, at 10 am with lunch following.

I hope your Holidays were all you hoped and wished for, and that you had time with family and friends. Let's look forward to the New Year with enthusiasm as we continue to work for the kids.

Spread Your Wings and Soar

Laurie Budwick

Queen

Shelomoth Temple No. 106



units

Ritualistic Divan

Happy Holidays to all of the Tripoli Nobles.

The Ritualistic Divan had their yearly meeting, conducted business of the unit, and held our 2024 elections.

Here are the results

Director Curt Angelo Campagna

President Todd Krohn

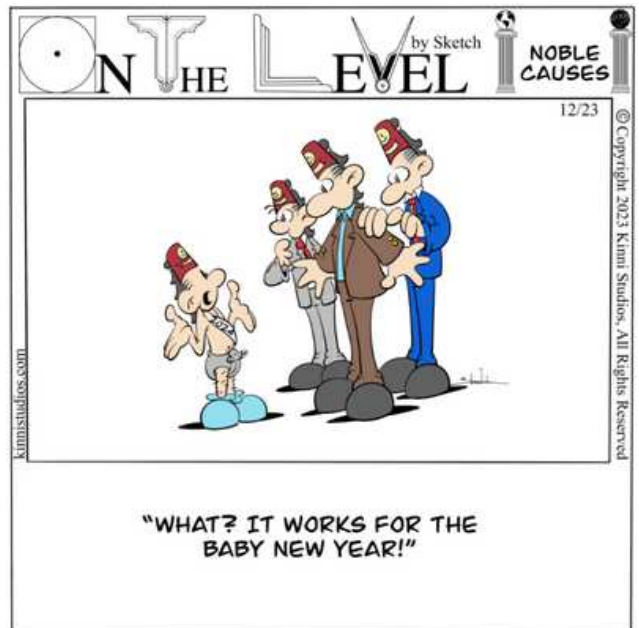
Secretary/Treasurer James Goodman.

We are a proud and historic unit in Tripoli who enjoy ritual, and putting on the First Section of our Ceremonials.

If you have an interest in joining this group of excellent men please talk to any of our officers.

May you find the peace of the season in your heart.

God bless



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Stated Meeting Highlights



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Sports connections



In the Chicago Bears vs Lions game, #32, Rookie cornerback Terrell Smith, was wearing Shriners Children's on his cleats. He first learned about Shriners Children's as an East West Shrine Bowl player last year. He visited our Chicago hospital this Fall.

[Shriners Children's Chicago](#)



Phoenix Raceway NASCAR Cup Series race on March 10, 2024 will become the Shriners Children's 500. The green flag for the Shriners Children's 500 will fly at 1:30 p.m. MST on Sunday, March 10, and will be broadcast live on FOX, MRN and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio.

Previously a NASCAR Xfinity Series entitlement partner at Darlington Raceway and Watkins Glen International, Shriners Children's continues to expand its presence throughout NASCAR by partnering with Phoenix Raceway. With locations throughout North America, including several on the West Coast, Shriners Children's is eager to expand its reach and pursue its mission of providing high-quality medical care to more children in more places, in the United States and around the world.



[MORE INFO](#)



ESPN Events Announces Shriners Children's as Title Sponsor of 2024 Clearwater Invitational

Shriners Children's is proud to announce it will be Title Sponsor for the 2024 Shriners Children's Clearwater Invitational, presented by EvoShield. The 2024 event (Feb. 15-18) will mark the fifth year of the tournament, held at the Eddie C. Moore Complex in Clearwater, Florida. The one-of-a-kind tournament will feature 16 teams in 40 games over four days. All 40 matchups will be available across ESPN platforms, including ESPN, ESPN2, ESPNU, SEC Network, ACC Network and ESPN+.

[MORE INFO](#)



Experience the ultimate football showcase at the East-West Shrine Bowl in Frisco, Texas! Witness 130 top college players coached by NFL coaches as they impress NFL scouts, agents, and media before the 2024 NFL Draft. With access to elite resources and facilities at the Dallas Cowboys Facility, these rising stars are ready to shine.

Rare Conditions Treated at Shriners Children's

We are always working to identify the range of rare conditions treated at Shriners Children's. While this list is not a complete catalog, it offers a look at our extensive reach in this field.

Number of patients (since 2012)		Number of patients (since 2012)	
Achondroplasia	758	Klippel-Trenaunay Syndrome	58
Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome	136	Larsen Syndrome	32
Adams-Oliver Syndrome	6	Loeys-Dietz Syndrome	10
Amniotic Band Syndrome	1646	Marfan Syndrome	846
Arthragryposis Multiplex Congenita	3340	Marinesco-Sjögren Syndrome	10
Bruck Camurati-Engelmann Syndrome	13	Melorheostosis	7
Cauda Equina Syndrome	173	Moebius Syndrome	38
Charcot-Marie-Tooth Disease	383	Morquio Syndrome	88
Coffin-Lowry Syndrome	4	Multicentric Carpometacarpal Multiple Pterygium Syndrome	4
Cole-Carpenter Syndrome	1	Osteolytic Syndrome	8
Compartment Syndrome	547	Nail Patella Syndrome	6
Congenital Insensitivity to Pain	6	Osteogenesis Imperfecta	3004
Cubital Tunnel Syndrome	573	Pfeiffer Syndrome	9
Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy	899	Pierre-Robin Syndrome	61
Dysautonomia	140	Poland Syndrome	115
Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome	1444	Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome	11
Epidermolysis Bullosa	40	Prader-Willi Syndrome	444
Escobar Syndrome	25	Rett Syndrome	400
Fragile X Syndrome	126	Spina Bifida	7066
Freeman-Sheldon Syndrome	25	Spinal Muscular Atrophy	730
Goldenhar Disease	79	Spondyloepimetaphyseal Dysplasia	8
Hadju-Cheney Syndrome	6	Staphylococcal Scalded Skin Syndrome	84
Hereditary Multiple Osteochondroma	1360	Stevens-Johnson Syndrome	140
Holt-Oram Syndrome	22	Superior Mesenteric Artery Syndrome	3
Hypophosphatasia/X-linked Hypophosphatemia	1540	Tethered Cord Syndrome	168
Juvenile Dermatomyositis	79	Thrombocytopenia Absent Radius Syndrome	141
Juvenile Paget/Paget Disease	3	Williams Syndrome	89
Klinefelter Syndrome	164	Zellweger Syndrome	13



Shriners Children's

Special kids finding their way to Shriners Children's

Children with rare diseases find their way to Shriners Children's in many ways. Some already know their diagnosis and seek out our well-known care providers to treat their uncommon conditions. Others come because their condition has specific symptoms that our providers can help with.

"We see a good number of children who don't come to Shriners Children's for their primary diagnosis," said Marc Lalande, Ph.D., Shriners Children's Vice President of Research Programs. "They might have a syndrome that isn't considered an orthopedic disorder, but rather is neurodevelopmental, such as Rett syndrome or Prader-Willi syndrome. They come to us at Shriners Children's because there are secondary skeletal issues, often involving the spine, that we can treat."

Others, like Nathan, come to us seeking answers they can't find elsewhere. When Nathan was 9, he started having pain in his knee. In addition, because one of his legs was shorter than the other, he had problems walking. That sparked Nathan's mother, Blanca, to go on a yearlong journey to figure out the cause of Nathan's trouble.



Nathan was first seen at a [Shriners Children's Chicago hospital](#), where doctors could not diagnose or treat his condition. As his pain and walking difficulties worsened, Blanca wasn't sure where to go. Eventually, the family landed at Shriners Children's Chicago. After four months of testing, the medical team there was able to pinpoint the root of Nathan's problems: He was diagnosed with Morquio syndrome.

Morquio syndrome is a rare, genetic metabolic disorder that affects about 5,000 children nationwide. People who have this condition are unable to process certain types of sugar molecules, which affects the growth and development of the spine, bones and organs.

Now 14, Nathan is doing well. To treat his condition and prevent the disorder from progressing, he receives an IV infusion weekly. The care and answers they found at Shriners Children's convince Blanca and Nathan that he has a bright future ahead.

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While Rare Disease Day is Marked February 28 on the Calendar Shriners Children's provides care to children with rare medical conditions every day of the year. We're often told that patients don't feel different at Shriners Children's because they see so many others like themselves when they are here.



There are more than 7,000 rare diseases affecting patients in the United States. From Arthrogyrosis to Zellweger syndrome, they are each so uncommon, most of us will never encounter any of them. The same is true for most pediatricians and adult physicians. But there's a place where rare diseases aren't so extraordinary: Shriners Children's.

In the last 10 years, Shriners Children's has treated more than 27,000 patients with rare diseases. In addition, clinicians and researchers associated with Shriners Children's have published more than 250 studies examining several dozen rare diseases.

see full article in the winter edition of the [Leaders in Care Magazine](#)

If you know of an undiagnosed child, please have them contact Tripoli Shriners

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This interactive, four-part virtual event series is open to all Shriners, spouses, and members of Masonic organizations. You will receive reminder emails prior to the event that include a link to access the event stream. Dates for the virtual events are Nov 2, 2023; Jan 18, 2024; March 7, 2024; May 23, 2024.

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Making a difference through a charitable gift annuity

As a little boy in a big hospital in the mid-1940s, Eugene remembers that his nurse sang to him whenever he was scared. Eugene, then not quite 10, was a patient at Shriners Children's Philadelphia, recovering from surgery to fix a stiff arm, shoulder and retracted hand. Decades later, Eugene proudly supports Shriners Hospitals for Children through his three charitable gift annuities (CGAs). A CGA is a simple philanthropic option in which you make a gift, and in exchange, you receive fixed payments for life. "I discovered that CGAs accomplish two purposes," Eugene said. "They help the organization, and I receive income in return. In fact, I make more money now than when I was working!" Eugene's support of Shriners

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When Colleen's father was just 2 years old in the late 1920s, his legs were so bowed he couldn't walk properly. A neighbor noticed that the toddler wasn't walking as he should and connected him with Shriners Children's St. Louis, the closest location to their southern Illinois home. Colleen has never forgotten that story. "From what I heard, my dad had rickets," Colleen said. "He wouldn't have walked if he hadn't gotten help." Colleen started supporting Shriners Hospitals for Children early in her career. Last year, Colleen used an IRA charitable rollover, also known as a qualified charitable distribution, for the first time to make a tax-free legacy gift.

Creating a Legacy of Love

The many ways you can help Shriners Children's reach more kids in more places



Beneficiary of his estate through the endowment fund

In 2017, Billy learned that his great-nephew, Drake, was coping with a rare orthopedic condition. The 2-year old's collarbone was fused with his shoulder blade, causing him to lean to one side as he grew. "My niece didn't have the foggiest idea that I was a Shriner," said Billy, a dedicated member of the fraternity for 48 years. Not only was he able to tell her all about Shriners Children's, but he was able to accompany her to Portland for her son's successful corrective surgery. "I was so impressed by the care Drake received," Billy recalled. "Everything from the whimsical Mickey Mouse wallpaper to the attentive nurse who went overboard to make everyone feel comfortable." Billy's experience inspired him to name Shriners Hospitals for Children as a beneficiary of his estate through the endowment fund. Today, Billy is an enthusiastic member of the Dream Makers Legacy Society.

WANT TO LEARN MORE about which choice is right for you? A charitable gift annuity, a gift from your IRA or a gift in your will or trust? Are you ready to join Eugene, Colleen and Billy and start your legacy of love for kids? If so, contact us today to learn how you can help bring hope and healing to children for generations to come. Contact us 813-367-2241 or plannedgiving@shrinenet.org.

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Believe in Tomorrow

Don't forget to watch for the Shriners Children's float, in the 135th Rose Parade on January 1st, 2024, 11am-3pm EST. For the thirteenth consecutive year, Shriners Children's will participate with nine representatives riding on the float, entitled "Believe in Tomorrow". Music Therapy is depicted in their float following the Tournament of Rose theme, "Celebrating the World of Music-The Universal Language".

Float Rider Profiles

Gianna - International Patient Ambassador, Shriners Children's, was born with a rare condition called proximal femoral focal deficiency (PFFD)

Juan Diego - International Patient Ambassador, Shriners Children's was burned in an electrical accident when he was 13, leaving his hands seriously disfigured.

Danna - Patient, Shriners Children's has a congenital malformation in her right hand called Poland syndrome.

Ed Stolze, is the Imperial Potentate and **JoLynn Dickins**, First Lady, Shriners International.

Jerry Gantt Chairman, Board of Trustees, Shriners Children's and **Lisa Gantt**.

Charles D. "Chuck" Pittman, Trustee, Shriners Children's, is serving his third three-year term on the Shriners Children's Board of Trustees, and his wife, **Gail Pittman**.



**Shriners Children's
2024 Rose Parade Float Riders**

[More information on the float riders](#)



Amy Grant introduced a video of Shriners Children's and Madison, patient ambassador, with Jordan Davis. The holidays are the most magical time of the year and with the help of a country superstar, our sponsor Shriners Children's was able to make this a Christmas to remember. Jordan gave Madison a Christmas gift of a new Gibson guitar.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1 Rose Bowl Parade 	2 Celtic Nations	3 Highlanders	4	5	6
7	8	9 Celtic Nations	10 Stated Meeting	11	12	13 Short on Installation Long on Fun
14	15	16 Celtic Nations	17 Tripoli Auxiliary Highlanders	18	19	20 Potentate All Unit & Club Meeting 9 - 12
21	22	23 Celtic Nations	24 Highlanders	25	26	27
28	29	30 Celtic Nations	31 Highlanders	1	2	3 

February 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6 Celtic Nations	7 Stated Meeting  Desert Auction	8	9	10 Daughters of the Nile
11	12	13 Celtic Nations	14 Highlanders	15	16	17
18	19	20 Celtic Nations	21 Tripoli Auxiliary Highlanders	22	23	24
25	26	27 Celtic Nations	28 Rare Disease Day  Highlanders	29	1	2 

Save the Date! Sportsman's Night - Friday, March 15th

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Dinner: 5:30PM - Meeting: 7:00PM

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2nd Tues. Lafayette Lodge
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2nd Wed. Shriner's Hospital Committee
(between dinner and Stated Meeting
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2nd Fri. Directors Staff, DeMolay Priory, DeMolay unit,
Craft Club
3rd Mon. Motor Corps Exec. - 6:00 PM
Motor Corps - 7:00 PM
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3rd Wed. Hillbillies, Clowns
3rd Thurs. Jolly Badgers 6:30 PM, Nathan Hale Lodge
4th Wed. Provost, Freemasons 363 Lodge
Every Wed. Highlanders

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