



Gainesville Shrine Club

March News April 2009

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Newsletter & Dues

If you would be interested in receiving the club newsletter via email, then please let me know at sixthwhit@bellsouth.net. Let's save the club some postage.

The 2009 Club Dues Are Now Due

- \$25 - 2009 Shrine club Dues, and
- \$13 - Nomad dues, if a member

2009 Club Elected Officers

- President:** Sandy Huff
- 1st V.P.:** Steve Travis
- 2nd V.P.:** Charles Fidler
- Treasurer:** Charles Jones
- Secretary:** Richard Whitney



Upcoming Club Events

March 4th - Nomads Meeting

- Meeting & refreshments at 6:30 PM

March 20th - Regular Stated Meeting.

- Executive Board 6:00 pm
- Oasis opens 6:30 pm
- Meal / Meeting at 7:00 PM

Apr 1st - Nomads Meeting

- Meeting & refreshments start at 6:30 pm

Apr 17th - Regular Stated Meeting.

- Executive Board 6:00 pm
- Oasis opens 6:30 pm
- Meal / Meeting at 7:00 PM

Morocco Mandatory Parades For All Parade Units

- Mar 7th** - Azalea Parade in Palatka (LineUp 9AM, StepOff 10AM)
- Mar 21st** - Fern. Beach Parade (LineUp 10AM, StepOff 11AM)
- Mar 28th** - Callahan Railroad Days Parade (LineUp 10AM, StepOff 11AM)
- Apr 4th** - Catfish Parade (LineUp 10AM, StepOff 11AM)
- Apr 26th** - Beaches Parade

Shrine Day

The officers of the Gainesville Shrine Club attended Morocco Shrine Temple's Shrine Day on January 24th. Below is a group picture taken with the Potentate, Bruce Oliver, during the event.



Left to right are: Kurt Morauer, Steve Travis, Sandy Huff, Bruce Oliver, Charles Fidler, Art Moegenberg, Richard Whitney, Charles Jones.

Message from the President

Here we are already in the third month of the year. How time flies. A lot is going on in our Shrine Club so far this year. Our first two dinners were a **HUGE SUCCESS** and I want to thank you all for coming. Our January 'RIB NITE' was an 'iffy' idea at first but to our surprise, proved to be a great idea and we had a crowd of over 70 attend. And, not to be outdone, we had over 110 attend our Steak Night on February 20th!!! I was told it was the largest turn out ever at our Club.

Your President has attended the last two monthly Stated Sessions at Morocco Shrine Temple. I encourage all Officers and other Nobles to make an effort to attend these meetings. It's our responsibility to not only support our local Shrine Club but our Shrine Temple.

In February, we had the Shrine Club's 'exit lights' replaced with new, energy efficient LED exit light fixtures at no cost to the Shrine Club. This was done under a GRU energy program under contract with local electrical contractors. We are also discussing the replacement of the existing lighting in the Shrine Club with more energy efficient fixtures. The inspections and maintenance on our fire extinguishers and fire suppression system on our kitchen stove hood are past due. Hopefully, these issues will be corrected during March. We are also looking into other projects to improve building security.

At February's Stated Session at Morocco Shrine Temple, we had three Brothers voted on and found worthy to become Shriners. Those three, along with two others already accepted, will hopefully be initiated into the Shrine at the Spring Ceremonial to be held at Putnam County Shrine Club in East Palatka on April 24-25, 2009. If we have at least five initiated, we will have met our goal [set by Morocco Shrine Temple] of five new Shrine members for 2009 and the year has just started!!! We have several more Brothers already interested in joining. Keep up the good work!!

Also, I will be appointing a sub-committee from members of the Executive Board to review our existing By-Laws and making necessary revisions. I will also serve on that sub-committee. There are several mandatory changes that we must make along with a few other additions/revisions. This must be accomplished soon as Morocco Shrine Temple does not have a signed, dated and Potentate approved copy of our By-Laws on file.

Thanks to Noble Steve Travis, 1st Vice President, for organizing the bus trip to the Masonic Home and Shriners Hospital for Children on February 22nd. Everyone had a great time and for those who visited these facilities for the first time, they were thoroughly impressed to see what outstanding facilities they are. The great things they had been hearing about these facilities for years, they found not only to be true, but more. You have to visit them to really appreciate them and see firsthand what our money and hard work provides for the young and retired alike.

Nobles and Ladies, I hope and pray that the attendance and support shown me in our first two months of 2009 is an indication of what to expect throughout the year. Don't just let the great meals bring you to our Club. We also need you there for our regular meetings nights. It is 'your Club' and we need everyone's support to make it a success. I and the other Officers are there to serve 'you'. March 20th will be a covered dish night along with our regular Stated Meeting so please come and bring a potential new Shriner. We'll have the petitions available. Petitions for Morocco Shrine Temple and Gainesville Shrine Club are also on our website at <http://gainesvilleshrineclub.com/> and can be printed out.

We have three mandatory parades during March so it looks like a busy month for the Nomads Unit. I'll be sending out notices of dates and times for other events of our Club and Morocco Shrine Temple.

“LET US SHINE IN 2009”

Yours in the Faith, Noble Sandy Huff, President

Gainesville Shrine Club IN THE NEWS



By: Noble Sandy Huff, President, GSC



[Pictured L-R: Nobles Charles Jones, Treasurer; Charles Fidler, 2nd Vice-President; Sandy Huff, President; Steve Travis, 1st Vice-President; Art Moegenberg, Past President/Transportation Coordinator; Art Reeves, Past President/Sultan of the Oasis]

On February 22, 2009, a busload of Masons, Shriners and their Ladies from District 14 traveled to St. Petersburg to attend the monthly Board of Trustees Meeting at the Masonic Home and also took a grand tour of the Shriner's Hospital for Children, Tampa. Pictured above are six of the 2009 Officers of the Gainesville Shrine Club standing in front of the official logo for the Shriner's Hospital for Children, Tampa. A great time was had by all and the visit to both of our great facilities was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Those who had never visited either of these facilities in the past were very impressed at the results of our efforts and hard work and where our money is spent on both of these worthwhile causes. **WE** look after the young and those in their later years. It's our **OBLIGATION** to do so. The lunch at the Masonic Home was 'second to none' and where else could you find a better meal for \$5.00!! We want to thank Lisa Tsotsos, Administrator of the Masonic Home for her's and her staff's generous hospitality. Also, we want to thank Noble Sam Capitano, Chief Tour Guide and his volunteer Tour Guide for taking their time to provide us with an exciting and educational tour of the Shriner's Hospital for Children.

I encourage every Mason and Shriner to take time to take his family and friends to visit and tour these excellent facilities to see firsthand the wonderful philanthropy we support for Children in our Shriner's Hospitals and the care and service we provide for our Masonic Brothers and Wives at the Masonic Home. Being there will leave a warm lasting impression in your minds and hearts of all the good work we and other volunteers do. I also want to thank Noble Steve Travis, DDGM, for his hard efforts in arranging this trip. Hopefully, we can repeat a trip again this year.

Thank you all for your support,. Noble Sandy, President

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Morocco Shrine Center Raffle Tickets Are Available

The Morocco Shrine Center is raffling a **2009 Saturn Vue Crossover** worth **\$23,000** and all proceeds benefit Morocco Shrine and the local shrine clubs. The officers of the Gainesville Shrine Club have tickets to sell!

The price of tickets is: **\$1** for one ticket, **\$5** for six tickets, **\$20** for 25 tickets

This raffle is open to everyone and you do not need to be present to win. If you would like additional information contact moroccan@rasjax.com or dial 1-800-262-8305.

You can contact one of the club officers or the secretary, Rick Whitney, at (352) 548-4880.

Help Morocco Shrine and the Gainesville Shrine Club by buying a few tickets.

