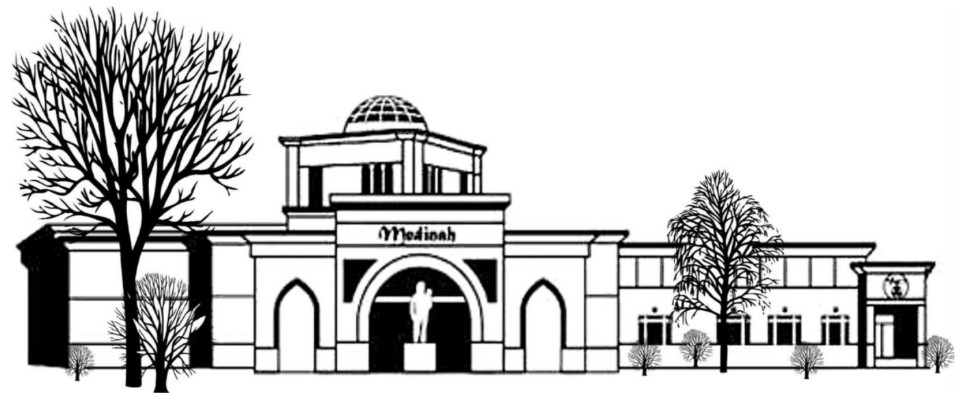


Medinah Shriners

A Handbook for the New Noble & His Lady



New Nobles and Ladies, welcome to Medinah Shriners. Your fellow Nobles and their Ladies are pleased to have you join us in having fun and helping kids along the way. This handbook is intended to be a guide so you may become more comfortable on your new adventure with our fraternity. By joining Medinah as a Shriner you have now become an owner of the “Greatest Philanthropy in the World”, Shriners Children’s®. Medinah Shriners was chartered in 1883 to provide a friendly oasis in the desert of Illinois. The Shrine is a fraternity based on Masonic Beliefs of a Supreme Being and the Brotherhood of Man. Medinah was founded to further promote the tenets of Freemasonry, brotherly love, relief and truth in a social and fun environment. Remembering our creed – Faith, Hope and Charity – the greatest of these being charity – we founded our own charity, Shriners Children’s®. We hope you will explore the many opportunities offered by Medinah and partake in the numerous activities and events that are held by the temple, its units, committees and clubs. Should you and your lady have any questions, please reach out to any one of Medinah’s nobility.



HISTORY OF SHRINERS INTERNATIONAL, MEDINAH SHRINE, AND SHRINERS CHILDREN'S CHICAGO

In the 1870s, thirteen members of the Freemasons in Manhattan decided to form a new fraternity of Freemasons less focused on ritual and more focused on fun and fellowship. Two of their group, Dr. Walter Fleming and actor Billy Florence conceived the near east theme after attending a party thrown by an Arabian diplomat. They named it the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine (AANOMS) an anagram for "A Mason". The first chapter (Mecca) was formed in New York City in 1872. The Shriners grew rapidly across the United States, Canada, Mexico, Panama, Puerto Rico, Philippines Islands, Germany and Brazil and today consists of 196 Shrine Temples.

Medinah Shriners was chartered on June 6, 1883; Medinah was the 14th Shrine Temple formed. Medinah grew rapidly in those early years with activities and an expanding membership. The first uniformed unit in Shrinedom, the Medinah Arab Patrol was formed in September 1886. The occasion was the installation of Moolah Shriners in St. Louis which Medinah had taken a lead in forming. Twenty-five hundred Medinah Shriners attended but the highlight was the twenty-four-man precision marching unit of Medinah Shriners in bright Arabic uniforms carrying scimitars. A popular attraction at the World's Columbian Exhibition of 1893 featured Turkish music played on strange instruments. This was the impetus for the Medinah Oriental Band, the second parade unit in Shrinedom.

In those early years Medinah rented the top floors of an office building on the corner of Jackson Blvd and what is now Wells Street. By 1903, the growing Medinah needed a larger space which led to the purchase of a limestone church at the corner of Dearborn Street and Walton Place, the largest building in Shrinedom, as its first permanent home. But the rapid growth of Medinah in the early twentieth century surpassed even that building. It would be sold to the Scottish Rite Valley of Chicago. A sight for a new building was selected at 600 North Wabash. On Halloween, 1911, Medinah laid the cornerstone of its magnificent new mosque. The building's elaborate Arabic decorations were the pride of all Shriners. It would serve as Medinah's temple for three quarters of a century hosting many Medinah and public events, and Shrine circus performances.

While individual Shrine Temples had for years been involved in charitable deeds, in 1920 Imperial Potentate Freeland Kendrick of Lu Lu Shriners in Philadelphia proposed opening a free hospital for children with overwhelming orthopedic needs. It was decided by the Imperial Council that not just a hospital but a system of hospitals was needed. The first Shriners Children's® was opened in Shreveport, Louisiana on September 16, 1922.

With \$44,000 from Medinah's general fund 17.5 acres on the west side of Chicago were purchased and on September 26, 1926 the Shriners Children's opened. That building was replaced with a new building in 1981. The charter of the hospitals was expanded first in 1963 to include burn treatment, then in 1980 to address spinal cord injuries and finally in 2005 to treat cleft lip and palate. All care and services regardless of the ability of a patient or family to pay.

In 1958, the Imperial Headquarters of the Shrine was moved to 323 N. Michigan Avenue, Chicago from Richmond, Virginia. It would remain there until 1979 when it was moved to Tampa, Florida. Currently the Imperial Headquarters of our fraternity is housed in the building owned by the Shriners Children's® which is also their Headquarters as well.

Over the years, 10 Imperial Sessions of the Shriners have been held in Chicago: 1889, 1906, 1942, 1943, 1945, 1949, 1955, 1958, 1963 and 1968. The 1949 Imperial Session was the 75th Anniversary of the Shrine and featured sitting President Harry Truman where he gave a major foreign policy speech. Medinah has had three Nobles sit as Imperial Potentate; Frank Roundy 1907, Thomas Houston 1931 and Thomas Seay 1967. Frank Luce, Imperial Recorder from 1889-1894, was a Medinah member.

By the turn of the twenty-first century, it became apparent that the old mosque in the city, while historic and beautiful no longer met the needs of Medinah. A new building was opened on October 11, 2005 in Addison, Illinois along major transportation routes and more centrally located to the homes of Shriners. The building features a large expandable banquet hall, private meeting rooms for the units, business office as well as the Oasis, which hosts social gatherings such as Family Dinners.



TERMS & DEFINITIONS

Be a Shriner Now – Be a Shriner Now is the recruitment website (beashrinernow.com) of Shriners International. Refer your non-Shriner Masonic brothers and non-Mason friends to this website to learn about the Shrine fraternity.

Black Camel – Term used to refer to the death of a member of the Shriners fraternity.

Blue Lodge – Being a Masonic member in good standing is a prerequisite to becoming a Shriner. As a Medinah Shriner, you must maintain a membership with a Blue Lodge. You are encouraged to participate in Blue Lodge activities as well as activities in Masonic appendant organizations.

Business Office – Medinah's business office, under the direction of the Recorder, is just inside the member's entrance to Medinah on the southeast corner of the Shrine Center. Business hours are Monday through Friday.

Cabiri – A social organization composed of Past Potentates.

Calendar – A hard copy version is mailed out to all members at the beginning of the new year. The most current calendar of Medinah's Units, Committees and Clubs as well as important Masonic events is maintained on Medinah's website www.medinah.org.

Ceremonials – Twice annually, Medinah Shriners gather to initiate new Nobles in colorful ceremonials. Medinah Nobles turn out to see the Divan in their robes and view the parade of Units, Committees and Clubs. New Nobles' Ladies are invited to attend a special presentation during the ceremonial and to place the fez upon their Nobles for the first time.

Class Advisors – They are your helpers in becoming an active member in Medinah and enjoying the benefits of our fraternity.

Competitions – Medinah participates in a variety of competitions within Shrinedom through its many units and clubs. The two principal Shrine competitions are at the annual Imperial Session and the annual Great Lakes Shrine Association convention. Details are available on the Medinah website and through individual units and clubs.

Crescent & Scimitar – The Shrine emblem which appears on the Fez and other places

Divan – The Nobility of Medinah Shriners, as with all Shrine Temples, annually elects the first seven Divan members headed by the Illustrious Potentate. These elected seven officers make up the Board of Directors for Medinah. Most officers are elected year after year to the next higher office until becoming Potentate. The Recorder is also Medinah's Business Administrator, he manages records and the Medinah office. Typically, the Recorder and Treasurer maintain their positions annually, like the Secretary and Treasurer of a Blue Lodge.

The elected Divan officers are:

Potentate
Chief Rabban
Assistant Rabban
High Priest and Prophet
Oriental Guide
Treasurer
Recorder

The Potentate also appoints six more Divan members for a total of 13. Under Medinah's traditional practice the Captain of the Guard runs for the Oriental Guide position the following year.

The appointed Divan officers are:

1st Ceremonial Master
2nd Ceremonial Master
Director
Marshal
Captain of the Guard
Outer Guard

Dues/Dues Cards – Annual dues notices are sent each August prior to the new year and are payable when received. Dues cards are now all digital and viewable on your cell phone or mobile device. The application is called "My Fezcard Viewer" and is accessed by entering your Shrine ID number, last name, and home Temple (Medinah). When your dues are paid, the application will automatically update to the current year.

East-West Shrine Game – This is an annual post-season college football all-star game played each January since 1925. It is a fundraising and awareness-building event for Shriners International and the Shriners Children's®. All Medinah Shriners are encouraged to support or attend the game.

Editorial Without Words – The image is of a Shriner carrying a little girl and her crutches. This image originated from a photograph and has been reflected in statues, graphics and other media as a symbol of the Shriners fraternity and Shriners Children's®. ®. It is currently an important part of the visual identity of the Shriners Children's®.

Fez – It is the official headgear worn by members of the Shriners fraternity. It derives its name from the city where it was first manufactured – Fez, Morocco. Proper fez etiquette is explained in the Fez Owner's Manual.

Fez Owner's Manual – This Publication of Shriners International provides the basic knowledge you need as a new Shriner and is available from the Membership Committee.

Fezzing Ceremony – This ritual takes place at ceremonials teaching the new Noble how to properly wear his fez. At certain ceremonials, the Noble's Lady or family member may choose to participate in the Noble's Fezzing Ceremony by placing the Fez on his head for the first time.

First Lady – The Lady of the current Potentate is Medinah's First Lady. She establishes a charitable program for the year and all the proceeds are donated to the Shriners Children's®

GLSA – Throughout the world, the Shrines are divided into regional organizations that meet on an annual basis to celebrate, entertain, and have competitions with the various Shrine Clubs and Units. Medinah's region is the Great Lakes Shrine Association (or GLSA) and usually holds its annual convention in the fall. Each of the Shrines in Great Lakes takes turn hosting the event.

Hospital Volunteers – The Shriners Children's® located at 2211 N. Oak Park Avenue, Chicago welcomes volunteers. Those who are interested in helping should call the Volunteer Coordinator at 773-622-5400 regarding available positions. Shriners can also join the Hospital Ushers Committee.

Illinois High School Shrine Game - The best of the local high schools are invited to play against each other for the benefit of Shriners Children's Chicago®.

Illustrious Sir – This is the title preceding the name of a Shriner who is serving, or has served, as Potentate of his temple.

Imperial Council – This is the body of elected representatives from each of the temples, who determines the direction of the fraternity during the Imperial Session.

Imperial Divan – This group consists of twelve officers elected by the Imperial Council during the Imperial Session who are the leaders of the Shriners International fraternity.

Imperial Session – The Shriners' annual convention is generally held early in July. The business of both the fraternity and Shriners Children's® are conducted at that time. Also, there are parades, unit competitions and social events during the session. Many Medinah units participate. All Nobles and their Ladies are invited to enjoy the fellowship and join in the fun. Nobles can take advantage of a travel package typically created by Medinah.

Imperial Sir – This is the title preceding the name of a Shriner who is serving on the Imperial Divan or has served as the Imperial Potentate.

Keys – There is an electronic security and locking system on the member's entrance to Medinah. Electronic key fobs are available to all Nobles from the business office. A nominal fee will be charged for each key fob.

Lady – the title given to the Significant other or a female friend of a Noble. To help recognize the newest nobles' ladies they will be given the Potentate's Lady's pin (a camel).

Life Membership – Medinah offers Life Membership programs as a substitute for annual dues. Consisting of a one-time payment or a three year payment plan. Additionally, for a young Noble, the Life Membership program can provide significant savings. Details of the programs are available on the Medinah website or contact the business office.

Mighty – We often use this adjective ahead of Medinah, which reflects Medinah's many years of success in competitions amongst Shrine Temples. Welcome to the "Mighty" Medinah Shriners!

Member's Entrance – The smaller entrance to Medinah on the southeast corner of the building is the member's entrance. The doors are unlocked when the Medinah Office is open during business hours, otherwise a key fob is required to enter. It leads directly to the business office, Oasis Restaurant, and unit meeting rooms.

Membership Updates – Keep your personal information current with Medinah's business office. This includes your email address, phone, address, membership in any Medinah units, committees and clubs and affiliations with Blue Lodges and other appendant Masonic organizations. Forward any changes to the Medinah office administrative team: adminstaff@medinah.org.

Music Room – This room is located at the east end of the banquet hall near the unit meeting rooms. It is rehearsal space for Medinah's music groups. Locked instrument storage is provided.

Noble – This title refers to a member of the Shriners fraternity and also precedes the name of any Shriner who is not a past or current Potentate or who has not served or is currently serving on the Imperial Divan.

Oasis – This room is available for use by Medinah's members and their guests. The Oasis hosts special and periodic events such as karaoke nights, Family Dinners, and Fellowship Fridays. Please visit medinah.org for dates & more specific information on these opportunities to get to know your fellow Nobles.

Official Visits – Commonly called OV's, these are annual parties or dinners of individual or combined groups of units, committees, and clubs to honor the Illustrious Potentate and his Lady. They vary widely in format and cost. Information can be found in the calendar and on our website. Members of each unit, committee, and club are encouraged to attend. You do not have to be a member of the unit, committee, or club hosting the event to attend. All Nobles, their Ladies and friends are welcome to attend.

Onion Sales – Each spring Medinah hosts its annual Vidalia onion fundraiser to support its various events. Onions are sold all over the metropolitan area. Each unit or club organizes its own sale. All Medinah Nobles are asked to help with onion sales to support their fraternity.

\$100 Million Dollar Club/Royal Order of the Rose – When a noble gives a minimum gift of \$100.00 to the Shriners Children's® he will be enrolled in the \$100 Million Dollar Club. Nobles are awarded a certificate and through the office and may purchase a \$100 Million Dollar Club tassel pin for \$15.00. The Royal Order of the Rose is made in honor of a Lady. Ladies are given a certificate and a rose pin. Visit Medinah's website or contact the business office for details.

Parades – Shriners love parades and the crowds love Shriners! Medinah's units and clubs participate in civic parades all over the metropolitan area during the spring, summer and fall. There are also several Shriners-only parades each year, including GLSA, and the Imperial Session. Visit the Medinah website for details.

Passes – Shriners have words and signs to recognize each other, just like Masons. If you didn't understand or remember the words and signs shown during the ceremonial, check with your Class Advisors, or any member of the Divan.

PCM – These three letters are short for "Permanent Contributing Member." A one-time payment of a PCM assessment (thirty times the annual assessment) is payable to Shriners Children's® and is tax deductible as a charitable donation. This relieves the Noble from paying the annual hospital assessment normally included in the annual dues.

Potentate's Aides – Each Potentate assigns several Nobles and their Ladies to help him as well as his Lady with various projects during his year. At certain functions, they serve as attendees to the guests of the Potentate and his Lady. Their names are listed in the Medinah directory and on the website. On their Fez it will say "Potentate's Aide".

Potentate's Ball – The annual ball is typically a formal dinner/dance held in early spring. Dress for Nobles is usually black tie, fez and dress for ladies is formal wear. Details are available on the website.

Potentate's Trip – Each year the Potentate and his Lady plan a travel experience. Trips usually are in the fall and can be tourist adventures such as all-inclusive resorts, relaxing beach vacations, or cruises to the Caribbean. The Potentate's trip often sells out and discounts are usually available for early purchase.

Roundy Jewel – This award recognizes outstanding membership sponsors. It is named for Frank C. Roundy, Patriarch of Medinah, Past Potentate, and Medinah's first Imperial Potentate. Nobles earn points toward the jewel by sponsoring new Nobles or restoring Nobles. Details are available on the website.

Shrine Center – Medinah Shrine Center was opened on October 11, 2005. Consider this your home away from home. Your building includes the Oasis, business office, Red Fez store, unit meeting rooms, lockers, showers, and banquet facilities. The building has public Wi-Fi access.

Shriners Children's®– Our local Shrine hospital supported by 14 affiliated temples is located at 2211 N. Oak Park Avenue, Chicago (between North Avenue and Grand Avenue). First opened in 1926, this hospital is a 60-bed pediatric hospital, research and teaching center providing comprehensive medical, surgical, and rehabilitative care to children with orthopedic conditions, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate. Tours of the Chicago hospital are available by the Medinah Hospital Ushers, please contact the current Hospital Ushers Chairman (information found in the Calendar Book) for information.

Shrinedom – This refers to the realm of the Shrine fraternity, including its members, governance, programs, activities, organizational atmosphere, etc.

Shriners International – This is the official name of the Shriner fraternity, formerly known as Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. A.A.O.N.M.S. is an anagram for A MASON, all Shriners being Masons, but not all Masons are Shriners.

Sportsman's Raffle/Big Money Raffle – A huge, day-long fundraising event for Medinah, where CA\$H prizes and sporting related items are raffled. Food and refreshments are included with the purchase of a raffle ticket. There will be numerous club raffles and vendor displays. Your active support in purchasing tickets & assisting in selling them is critical to helping fund our operations and supporting events such as Easter Egg hunts and the Children's Christmas party.

Stag Events – This notification refers to events that are restricted to Nobles only, such as Stated Meetings and the obligation portion of Ceremonials. The vast majority of Medinah events are open to Nobles, Ladies, their families and guests.

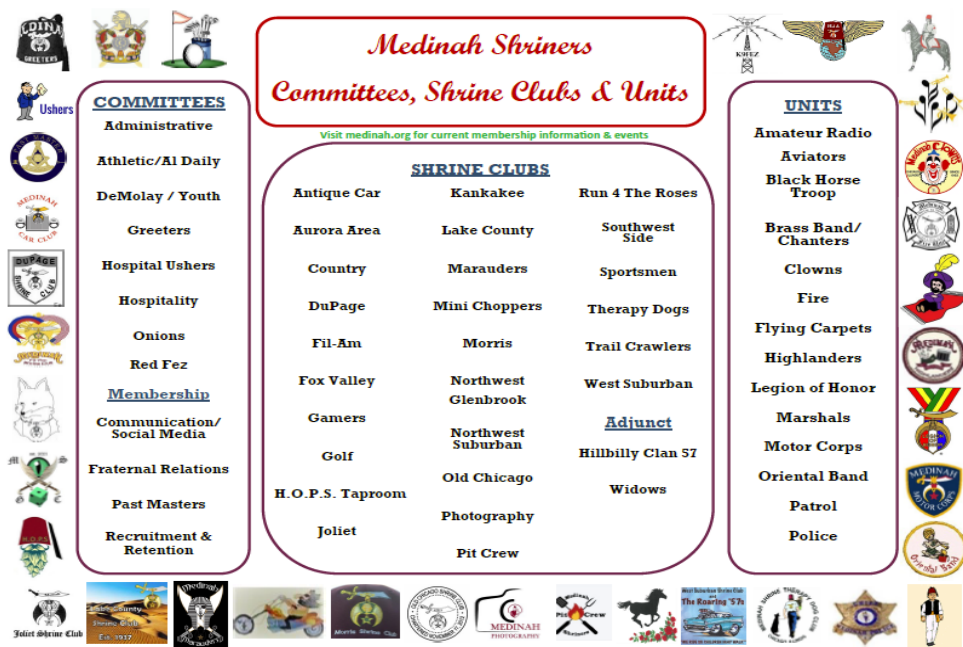
Stated Meetings – Imperial Bylaws state that each temple must hold a minimum of four Stated Meetings per year. Medinah provides one meeting per calendar quarter and all nobles of Medinah Shriners are requested to attend. Due and timely notice is provided on Medinah's website and calendar book. A current dues card is required for admission. All Medinah Nobles have a vote. Stated meetings are stag events.

Temple – This is a name given to any group of nobles chartered by or under dispensation from Imperial Council. "Temple" should not be used in the proper name of a group of Shriners. For example, the proper name for the first temple formed is "Mecca Shriners," not "Mecca Temple."

Visiting other Shrine Centers – Medinah Nobles and their Ladies may visit other Shrine Centers. You must present a current Medinah dues card and know the appropriate words and signs of a Shriner. Forgot your passes? See your class advisors.

Website – Medinah's website www.medinah.org is a fountain of useful and current information concerning your fraternity. Also check us out on Facebook.





Brief descriptions for clubs, units and committees are below, please visit Medinah.org as meeting dates, locations or times may change (QR code is on the back of this book for easy scanning)

UNITS

Amateur Radio – This unit promotes & teaches about the hobby of radio broadcasting & communication. They visit the hospitals and provide the opportunity to have the kids talk on the radio. They have licensed operators and equipment which is located at Medinah.

Aviators – Two units in one, the Medinah Aviators are a parade unit with a unique miniature Piper Navajo aircraft and an air show unit that educates at public events. They meet monthly on the last Saturday in the morning at the Shrine Center.

Black Horse Troop – The Medinah Black Horse Troop is an award-winning Black Horse Troop participates in precision competitions and parades. They have appeared in many Rose Bowl Parades and Inaugural Parades.

Brass Band – The Medinah Brass Band awaits you. The Brass Band plays in parades and at important Medinah events including the ceremonials. They meet twice monthly on Tuesday in the Music room at the Shrine Center.

Chanters – If you are a fan of the vocal arts, enjoy singing, the Medinah Chanters is for you. The Chanters are a feature of our two yearly ceremonials.

Clowns – The award-winning Clown Unit of Medinah participates in parades, competes at GLSA and Imperial Shrine Sessions, and provides the children and families at Shriners Children's® with comforting entertainment. They will teach you how to be a clown and bring miles of smiles to the kids. They meet at 6:30 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Shrine Center.

Fire – The Medinah Fire Unit's goal is to have fun and be safe during Medinah parades and functions. Both active and retired Nobles from the fire services and the military join the Fire Unit to enjoy the fun and fellowship and parades in its own Mini Fire Trucks.

Flying Carpets (Genies) – The Medinah Flying Carpets drive motorized carts rigged to appear as flying carpets and dress in colorful genie costumes. They participate in motorized competition and parades and usually sweep the four-wheel competitions.

Highlanders – Medinah's Pipe and Drum Corps, the Highlanders play Highland drums and the Great Highland Bagpipes. They parade, compete, and have fun. There is no need to be able to play an instrument, they will help you learn or you can join the color guard. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings at the Shrine Center.

Legion of Honor – Enjoy the fellowship of current and retired officers and enlisted members of all the military branches. Medinah's LOH parades and provides color guards at Medinah and other Masonic events.

Marshals – As the Potentate's personal unit, the Medinah Marshals conduct novices through the initiation ceremonies to become Shriners.

Motor Corps – Renowned throughout Shrinedom, the Medinah Motor Corps is Medinah's precision motorcycle team. On their big Harley-Davidson Shiner bikes they perform in parades and compete at the GLSA and Imperial Sessions. If you like motorcycles the Motor Corps is for you.

Oriental Band – The Medinah Oriental Band was the first oriental band in Shrinedom. Formed shortly after the 1893 Chicago World's Fair, the Oriental Band recalls the exotic Turkish music heard at the fair. They participate in the ceremonials as well as parading. No musical experience necessary to join this unit!

Patrol – The Patrol of Medinah Shriners rides Segways and entertains crowds with their precision maneuvers in competitions and parades. They practice at the Medinah Shrine Center.

Police – You don't have to be a police officer to join the Police Unit, but you must have an interest in law enforcement. The Medinah Police Unit participates in parades and provides security at select Medinah events. Special guests from the legal community speak at their combined Official Visit with the Legal Committee. The Police Unit meets the first Monday evening of every month at the Shrine Center.

CLUBS

Antique Car – This club owns a vast array of antique, classic and unique vehicles. They have fun while supporting our hospitals by participating in various Medinah events and parades. You do not need to own a special vehicle to join.

Aurora Area – From Naperville to Newark and along the Fox River, the Aurora Area Shrine Club represents the Fox River Valley. Its traveling parade unit is the Aurora Shrine Club Milk Trucks.

Country – Medinah Shriners who are also members of Medinah Country Club may join the Country Shrine Club. Its annual golf tournament is played on the famous "Number 3" championship course at Medinah Country Club. It has raised over two million dollars for the Shriners Children's®

DuPage – They parade in their Cruzin' Coolers and meet the first Monday of the month at the Shrine Center in Addison at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome and friendliness is their creed.

Fil-AM – Medinah's first predominantly Filipino-American social club, as well as one of its newest. They host events that demonstrate the beauty of the Philippines as well as supporting Medinah's events by bringing fun and fellowship to the next level.

Fox Valley – This club is well known around Medinah for its antique calliope and its electric cooler parade unit. Fox Valley also sponsors the annual Valentine's Day party. It meets monthly on the second Saturday at 6:30 p.m. at the Medinah Oasis.

Gamers - The Medinah Gamers club is one of the newest Shrine clubs and it has the distinction of providing a fun and safe space for Nobles, ladies and kids to come play video games, board games, card games, etc. This club is great fun for the whole family

Golf - For those who enjoy golfing, this is your club (no pun intended). Six or seven times per year, the members get together at various courses throughout Northern Illinois; plus, usually one weekend get-away for golf. Annual dinner meeting is in February.

H.O.P.S. Taproom #2 – Humulus Ossified Pint Society is designed to assist members in their hobby of home brewing beer, wine making, distilling, tasting, and other related activities, and to increase the awareness of the quality and variety of craft beverages (alcoholic and non-alcoholic).

Joliet – This club was chartered in 1921. They meet on the 1st Wednesday of the month at the Matteson Masonic Lodge. These Shriners offer parading services to local communities. They own a 1934 American LaFrance Open Cab Fire Truck, they have a yearly Vidalia Onion sale, and twice a year they host an "All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast" with eggs made to order, great sausage and always a great price for the family, fun and fellowship. In addition, this unit also decorates for Christmas each year at the Shriners Children's®.

Kankakee – Currently this club meets socially on the 1st Thursday of the month at Beef O'Brady's in Bourbonnais at 6:00 p.m.. They host various special events throughout the year.

Lake County – This social club meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month at Bill's Pizza in Third Lake at 6:30 p.m. They parade on custom made riding-coolers.

Marauders – The Marauders are a pirate-themed club dedicated to fun, fellowship, family, and charity in the traditional Shriner fashion. Meetings are on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Oasis at Medinah Shrine Center.

Mini Choppers – A group of Nobles out for fun and camaraderie who parade and raise money for the club and Shriners Children's®. They parade on mini-choppers, trikes, or anything with a motor. They participate in 20-30 parades a year and have an amazing time doing it. They meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at Medinah at 6:30 pm. They have raised over \$15,000 for our hospitals in the past 5 years. If you can't ride a bike or have never ridden a bike, they would love to teach you.

Morris – This small-town social club has members that range from 18 years old to 80 years old. We do several fundraisers through out the year and donate to Shriners Children's®. Their meetings are held the 1st Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at different local restaurants.

NW Glenbrook – Northwest/Glenbrook Shrine Club is the birthplace of the following units: Black Horse Troop, Medinah Clowns, Medinah Motor Corps, and the Genies with their Flying Carpets. They are a fraternal and social club that hosts several events throughout the year. They meet the 4th Tuesday of the month at different local restaurants.

Northwest Suburban - This social club has members of Medinah predominately from the Northwest area suburbs, but it is open to all members of Medinah. The club started over 40 years ago and has grown to be one of the larger Shrine Clubs at Medinah. Their meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of the month at Continental Restaurant in Buffalo Grove. Everyone is welcome to attend. They have several meetings that ladies are encouraged to attend: Valentines Day dinner, St. Patrick's dinner, family gatherings in the woods in June for a steak fry as well as a Christmas Brunch. Come on out and enjoy the fellowship and social activities with them!

Old Chicago – The mission of this club is to focus on preserving Shrine history. Members must be in good standing in a chartered Masonic body that meets within the city of Chicago. Their members make a firm commitment to assist in acquiring and conserving Shrine-related items, which are then presented to Medinah at ceremonials and other events.

Photography – The purpose of the Club is learning, teaching, experimenting with photography and related items, but not limited to equipment, software, printing, etc. In addition, the club will foster and promote sociability, good fellowship, and friendship amongst its members. We assist and participate in the activities of Medinah, photographing events and activities whenever possible. Nobles and their ladies are encouraged to participate in this club. They meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month at Medinah for a 7:00 p.m. meeting.

Pit Crew – This is a culinary arts club with a focus on outdoor cooking, but we welcome all forms of good food and fellowship. Chartered in 2021, our club is open to Shriners in good standing who meet club membership requirements. As the Shrine is the playground of Masonry, our club should be an oasis for the hard-working Nobles & their ladies of our Shrine. Meetings are quarterly on Sundays at noon at Medinah. Fun, fellowship, education and good eats for all is our goal.

Run 4 the Roses - This club celebrates and promotes the exciting and time-honored tradition of the Kentucky Derby. The club hosts an annual Kentucky Derby Party on the first Saturday in May during the races.

Southwest Side - They have the original parade unit train. The club meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at The Station Pub in Tinley Park at noon.

Sportsmen – The purpose of the Club shall be to foster and promote sociability, good fellowship, and friendship amongst its members and to assist and participate in the activities of Medinah Shriners while sharing in the collective hobby of sportsmen: fishing, hunting, archery, etc.

Therapy Dogs – This club promotes the specialized training of therapy dogs so that they may bring joy and comfort to those who need some cheering up. The focus of the group is absolute service to those in need. The club is comprised of a wonderful group of Shriners and their ladies who present a fine selection of canines who demonstrate their uncanny ability to work magic.

Trail Crawlers – The Trail Crawlers are an off-road club that enjoys music events, camping, and outdoor activities. "We crawl so kids can walk!" The locations for their meetings vary, but the time is typically at 11:00 a.m.

West Suburban – They are an award-winning Shrine Club consisting of the Roaring 57's. These are 1/8 size of a regular 57 Chevy. They participate in an average of 45 parades per year. You do not have to buy or bring anything to parade with us. The club brings the cars to the parades, all you do is get in them and have fun. Come join them at Medinah the 1st Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.



COMMITTEES

Management Committee positions are appointed by the Potentate

- Building
- Catering
- Circus
- Convention Coordinator
- Curator of Memorabilia
- Entertainment
- Financial Advisor
- Grounds
- Hospital Ushers
- Hospitality
- Insurance
- Investment Advisor
- Legal Counsel
- Master of Ceremonies
- Onion Chairman
- Parliamentarian
- Photography
- Public Relations
- Red Fez
- Shriners Hospital
- Social Media
- Youth Groups

NOTES

BE AN INFORMED AND ACTIVE MEMBER!!

For everything you need to know...check out our website:

www.medinah.org

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