

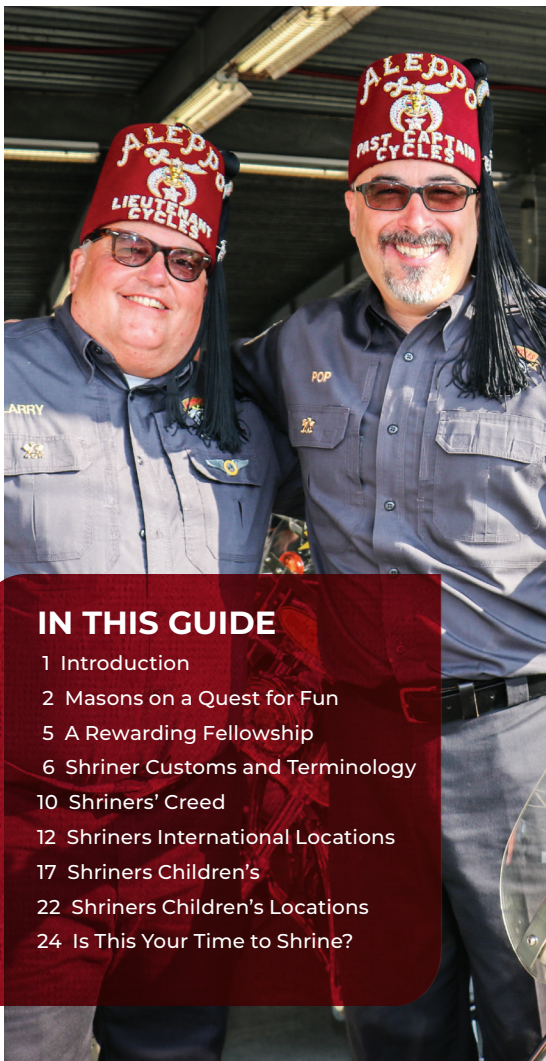


SHRINER PRIMER

The Ultimate Guide



SHRINERS
INTERNATIONAL



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Introduction

Professional golfer Arnold Palmer. Astronaut Buzz Aldrin. Country music entertainer Brad Paisley. Race car driver David Ragan. They have something in common, and it might not be what you expect: They are all Shriners.

Shriners are educators, store owners and business professionals. Shriners come from all walks of life. Some families have been involved with Shriners for generations, while for others the experience is new.

What brings diverse men together to become Shriners?

It's more than wearing red hats and entertaining crowds during parades. The short answer to that question is "fun, fellowship and philanthropy."

Find out more in the pages of this Shriner Primer. Discover how commitment to those three simple principles makes Shriners membership tremendously rewarding for good men worldwide. If you are interested in giving back to your community, having fun and being part of a greater purpose, read on.

Masons on a Quest for Fun

Back in 1870, a group of Freemasons were hanging out at their favorite restaurant in Manhattan. During that memorable luncheon, talk turned to livening things up within their Masonic brotherhood. Possibly the world's oldest fraternity, with roots back to medieval stonemasons, the Masonic Order was a tad too focused on ritual, the guys thought. These Masons wanted a fraternity that emphasized fun and fellowship.

Billy Florence, an actor, conceptualized the idea for the new organization after attending an Arabian-Nights themed party in Europe. Walter M. Fleming, a doctor, added the structure to Florence's proposed pomp-and-circumstance, drafting the fraternity's name, initiation rites, rituals and rules. Together, the men designed the new fraternity's emblem, devised a salutation and determined the red fez with a black tassel would be the group's official headgear. And local Shriners chapters, it was decided, would be called "temples."



The Idea Catches On

Together with 11 of their Masonic brethren, Fleming and Florence formed the first temple, Mecca Shriners, in New York City in 1872. Word of the new group spread quickly — even without the internet or cell phones. Thanks to an effective public relations campaign, membership grew rapidly in what was then known as the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. (It has been pointed out that the acronym [AAONMS] is an anagram for “a Mason”).

Not long after Mecca Shriners was founded, temples began springing up across the U.S. and Canada, followed by Mexico and Panama. International development is on the rise, strengthening worldwide interest in the fraternity. Puerto Rico, the Philippines, Germany, Brazil and Bolivia have all established temples in recent years.

Today, you can find Shriners on six continents, with more than 200 temples and thousands of sponsored clubs located throughout the world.



A Rewarding Fellowship

There's something special about having a place among good men who share your values and welcome you in a spirit of camaraderie. Whether in service to the community, involved in a club activity, or engaged in casual fun, Shriners derive value from fellowship that carries over to make a positive impact on every aspect of their lives.

It's not unusual to find Shriners who have been members for 30, 40, 50 years ... or longer. A young man who joins the brotherhood can look forward to establishing lifelong friendships.

Shriner Customs and Terminology

Some people have a hard time wrapping their heads around the rituals, symbols and terminology used in the Shriners fraternity. *What is an Imperial Potentate? How about a Divan? And what's up with the fezzes?*

The Emblem

Just as Mercedes-Benz is known for its three-pointed star symbol, Shriners International is known for its emblem — a crescent formed by two claws of a tiger, joined in the center by a gold setting. In the middle is the head of a sphinx. The crescent hangs from a scimitar, while a five-pointed star is beneath the sphinx.

Fez-iquette

Let's start with the Shriner fez — a rhombus-shaped, black-tasseled red hat. Named after the town of its origin, Fez, Morocco, the fez was adopted as



The fez, crescent and scimitar are unmistakable symbols of the Shriners fraternity.

the official headgear of the Shriners in 1872 because it matched the mystic Near-eastern theme favored by the fraternity's founders.

The fez is an unmistakable expression of brotherhood and camaraderie among Shriners — somewhat like wearing a baseball cap with your favorite sports team's logo. When worn at parades and other public venues, the fez promotes awareness of the fraternity and its community service work, especially in conjunction with Shriners Children's™ (more on page 17).

The Chain of Command

To better understand the Shriners organizational structure, it helps to begin at the local level. The elected and appointed officers who run each temple are called the Divan, and many of these serve as the Board of Directors for each temple.

The elected leader of the Divan is known as the Illustrious Potentate. The elected line of officers consists of the Chief Rabban, Assistant Rabban, High Priest and Prophet, Oriental Guide, Treasurer and Recorder.

Clubs and Units

Within each temple, there can be any number of Shriners “clubs” or “units,” formed for fun and service in a specific geographic area. The best-known examples are the units of clowns and motor patrols (the “little-car” guys), but those are by no means all. From outdoor recreation to homebrew (taproom) clubs, there is truly something for everyone – and new types of groups are constantly being formed to meet changing interests.

Can My Family Participate?

Temples are broadening their appeal by developing more opportunities for family participation in Shriner activities. With Potentate approval, nobles, their ladies and children may participate in civic parades as well as Shriner events away from the temple.

Ladies and youth have several other avenues of involvement as well:

- » **Ladies' organizations** include Daughters of the Nile, Ladies' Oriental Shrine of North America, Shrine Guilds of America Inc. and the Order of the Eastern Star.
- » **Youth organizations** include DeMolay International (for young men, ages 12 to 21); Job's Daughters International (for young ladies, ages 10 to 20) and The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls (for young ladies, ages 11 to 20)

For more information on these organizations, please contact the local temple office or the membership office at Shriners International Headquarters by emailing **membership@shrinenet.org** or calling **813-281-0300**.

Shriners' Creed

Shriners believe in God and that He created man to serve His purposes, among which is service to others in His name.

We believe that care for the less fortunate, especially children who suffer from burns and crippling diseases, is our institutional calling.

We are patriots, each willing to serve his country with fidelity and courage. We cherish independence under law and freedom with responsibility.

We honor family. We respect our parents, wives and children. We should instill in our children the tenets of this creed, and the heritage from which it emanates.

As individuals, we pledge ourselves to integrity, virtue and nobility of character. Our intentions will be honorable, our relations will be trustworthy and our spirits forgiving of each other.



As Shriners, we look beyond ourselves to serve the needs of others.

As brothers, we offer each other fraternal affection and respect. Together, we support each other in adherence to this creed, so that we may positively impact our communities.

As Shriners, we look beyond ourselves to serve the needs of others, especially children in need of specialized medical care. We believe Shriners Children's to be the world's greatest philanthropy, and we support its "temples of mercy" with spirit, time, talent and means.

Shriners International Locations

U.S.A

Alabama

Abba (Mobile)
Alcazar (Montgomery)
Cahaba (Huntsville)
Zamora (Irondale)

Alaska

Al Aska (Anchorage)

Arizona

El Zaribah (Phoenix)
Sabbar (Tucson)

Arkansas

Sahara (Pine Bluff)
Scimitar (Little Rock)

California

Aahmes (Livermore)
Al Bahr (San Diego)
Al Malaikah (Los Angeles)
Asiya (San Mateo)
Ben Ali (Sacramento)
El Bekal (Anaheim)
Tehran (Fresno)

Colorado

Al Kaly (Pueblo)
El Jebel (Denver)

Connecticut

Pyramid (Stratford)
Sphinx (Newington)

Delaware

Nur (Wilmington)

District of Columbia

Almas (Washington)

Florida

Amara (Palm Beach Gardens)
Araba (Fort Myers)
Azan (Melbourne)
Bahia (Apopka)
Egypt (Tampa)
Hadji (Pensacola)
Mahi (Miami)
Marzuq (Tallahassee)
Morocco (Jacksonville)
Sahib (Sarasota)
Shaddai (Panama City)

Georgia

Al Sihah (Macon)
Alee (Savannah)
Hasan (Albany)
Yaarab (Atlanta)

Hawaii

Aloha (Honolulu)

Idaho

Calam (Lewiston)
El Korah (Boise)

Illinois

Ainad (East St. Louis)
Ansar (Springfield)
Medinah (Addison)
Mohammed (Bartonville)
Tebala (Rockford)



SHRINERS INTERNATIONAL

Indiana

Hadi (Evansville)
Mizpah (Fort Wayne)
Murat (Indianapolis)
Orak (Michigan City)
Zorah (Terre Haute)

Iowa

Abu Bekr (Sioux City)
El Kahir (Hiawatha)
Kaaba (Davenport)
Za-Ga-Zig (Altoona)

Kansas

Abdallah (Overland Park)
Arab (Topeka)
Isis (Salina)
Midian (Wichita)
Mirza (Pittsburg)

Kentucky

El Hasa (Ashland)
Kosair (Louisville)
Oleika (Lexington)
Rizpah (Madisonville)

Louisiana

Acacia (Baton Rouge)
Barak (Monroe)
El Karubah (Shreveport)
Habibi (Lake Charles)
Jerusalem (Destrehan)

Maine

Anah (Bangor)
Kora (Lewiston)

Maryland

Ali Ghan (Cumberland)
Boumi (Baltimore)

Massachusetts

Aleppo (Wilmington)
Melha (Springfield)

Michigan

Ahmed (Marquette)
Elf Khurafeh (Clio)
Moslem (Southfield)
Saladin (Grand Rapids)

Minnesota

Aad (Duluth)
Osman (St. Paul)
Zuhrah (Minnetonka)

Mississippi

Hamasa (Meridian)
Joppa (Biloxi)
Wahabi (Jackson)

Missouri

Abou Ben Adhem
(Springfield)
Ararat (Kansas City)
Moila (St. Joseph)
Moolah (St. Louis)

Montana

Al Bedoo (Billings)
Algeria (Helena)
Bagdad (Butte)

Nebraska

Sesosttris (Roca)
Tangier (Omaha)
Tehama (Hastings)

Nevada

Kerak (Reno)
Zelzah (Las Vegas)

New Hampshire

Bektash (Concord)

New Jersey

Crescent (Westampton)

Salaam (Fairfield)

New Mexico

Ballut Abyad

(Albuquerque)

New York

Cyprus (Glenmont)

Damascus (Webster)

Ismailia (Buffalo)

Kalurah (Binghamton)

Kismet (Hicksville)

Mecca (New York)

Media (Watertown)

Oriental (Troy)

Tigris (Syracuse)

Ziyara (Whitesboro)

North Carolina

Amran (Raleigh)

Oasis (Charlotte)

Sudan (New Bern)

North Dakota

El Zagal (Fargo)

Kem (Grand Forks)

Ohio

Al Koran (Brecksville)

Aladdin (Grove City)

Antioch (Dayton)

Syrian (Cincinnati)

Tadmor (Akron)

Zenobia (Perrysburg)

Oklahoma

Akdar (Tulsa)

Bedouin (Muskogee)

India (Oklahoma City)

Oregon

Al Kader (Wilsonville)

Hillah (Medford)

Pennsylvania

Irem (Dallas)

Jaffa (Altoona)

Lu Lu (Plymouth Meeting)

Rajah (Reading)

Syria (Pittsburgh)

Zem Zem (Erie)

Zembo (Harrisburg)

Rhode Island

Rhode Island (Cranston)

South Carolina

Hejaz (Greenville)

Jamil (Columbia)

Omar (Mt. Pleasant)

South Dakota

El Riad (Sioux Falls)

Naja (Deadwood)

Yelduz (Aberdeen)

Tennessee

Al Chymia (Memphis)

Al Menah (Nashville)

Alhambra (Chattanooga)

Jericho (Kingsport)

Kerbela (Knoxville)

Texas

Al Amin (Corpus Christi)

Alzafar (San Antonio)

Arabia (Houston)

Ben Hur (Austin)

El Maida (El Paso)

El Mina (Galveston)

Hella (Garland)

Karem (Waco)

Khiva (Amarillo)

Maskat (Wichita Falls)

Moslah (Fort Worth)

Sharon (Tyler)

Suez (San Angelo)

Utah

El Kalah (Salt Lake City)

Vermont

Cairo (Rutland)
Mount Sinai (Montpelier)

Virginia

Acca (Richmond)
Kazim (Roanoke)
Kena (Manassas)
Khedive (Chesapeake)

Washington

Afifi (Tacoma)
El Katif (Spokane)
Masada (Yakima)
Nile (Mountlake Terrace)

West Virginia

Beni Kedem (Charleston)
Nemesis (Parkersburg)
Osiris (Wheeling)

Wisconsin

Beja (Green Bay)
Tripoli (Milwaukee)
Zor (Madison)

Wyoming

Kalif (Sheridan)
Korein (Rawlins)

CANADA**Alberta**

Al Azhar (Calgary)
Al Shamal (Edmonton)

British Columbia

Gizeh (Vancouver)

Manitoba

Khartum (Winnipeg)

New Brunswick

Luxor (Saint John)

Newfoundland

Mazol (St. John's)

Nova Scotia

Philae (Halifax)

Ontario

Mocha (London)
Rameses (Toronto)
Tunis (Ottawa)

Quebec

Karnak (Dollard des
Ormeaux)

Saskatchewan

Wa Wa (Regina)

LEBANON

Lubnan (Elissar)

MEXICO

Al Atfal (Culiacán)
Anezeh (Mexico City)

PANAMA

About Saad (Panama City)

PUERTO RICO

Al Rai'e Saleh (San Juan)

PHILIPPINES

Agila (Davao City)
Mabuhay (Manila)

GERMANY

Emirat (Heidelberg)

BOLIVIA

Bolivia (Santa Cruz)

BRAZIL

Hikmat (Cuiabá)
Amal (São Paulo)
Salah (Florianópolis)



Shriners Children's

As membership and interest in the Shriners fraternity grew in the early 1900s, so did interest in establishing an official charity. In 1919, during a polio epidemic, the Imperial Potentate-elect pitched the idea of establishing a hospital to provide free care for children with orthopedic conditions. A committee was established to explore the idea. This committee concluded there should be more than just one hospital: There should be a healthcare system throughout North America to provide specialized pediatric medical care regardless of the families' ability to pay. It was an idea that appealed to Shriners, who, as we know, like to do things in a big way. The first hospital opened in Shreveport, Louisiana, in 1922.

Specialized Pediatric Medical Care

Today, there are Shriners Children's locations throughout the U.S., and in Canada and Mexico. In addition to providing care at the primary locations, the healthcare system conducts outreach clinics, which provides opportunities to reach more children in more places. Since 1922, Shriners Children's has improved the lives of more than 1.5 million children. All care offered at Shriners Children's is family-centered and interdisciplinary, providing each patient with a complete, easily accessible care program, regardless of the families' ability to pay or insurance status.

While there are many elements to Shriners Children's, there is only one purpose: to improve the lives of children.

Treating Orthopedic Conditions

The majority of our locations specialize in providing orthopedic care. With a large staff of experienced pediatric orthopedic surgeons, as well as a comprehensive team of physical, occupational, speech and other therapists, we are able to provide each child with a customized care plan. Our orthopedic specialists are able to address a wide range of conditions, including hip problems, foot deformities, limb deficiencies and discrepancies, spinal deformities, and the orthopedic difficulties associated with neuromuscular disorders such as cerebral palsy.



At many of our locations, the orthopedic physicians and clinical staff have access to high-tech tools such as motion analysis centers, imaging systems that are faster and use less radiation than traditional methods, and more. In addition, our healthcare system is a leader in providing customized orthotic and prosthetic devices.

Burn Care

Shriners Children's is noted worldwide as a leader in pediatric burn care. Since entering the pediatric burn care field in the 1960s, our healthcare system has been at the forefront of innovative programs and treatment techniques that have both dramatically improved the survival rate for children with severe burns and enhanced their quality of life. Our interdisciplinary approach ensures each patient receives complete, individualized care, including treatment and rehabilitation.

Spinal Cord Injury Rehabilitation

In the mid-1980s, recognizing the unique needs of children who have spinal cord injuries, Shriners Children's established the nation's first spinal cord injury rehabilitation and management programs specifically designed for children and teenagers. Our patients receive a complete range of services needed in order to become as independent as possible. Treatment teams include a variety of surgeons and other physicians, nurses, therapists, therapeutic recreation specialists, psychologists, social workers and dietitians.

Cleft Lip and Palate Care

Shriners Children's established a cleft lip and palate program in 2005. Our patients are cared for by a multidisciplinary team of professionals, who work together to solve the many issues associated with this complex condition. Each patient's unique treatment plan may include surgery, orthodontics, hearing, speech and psychological therapies, along with specialized support.

Outstanding Research

"Today's research is tomorrow's patient care" is a well-known saying at Shriners Children's. Our close affiliations with colleges and universities across the country allow us to enhance the quality and scope of our research. Conducting

contemporary, meticulous and innovative research to improve patient care and enhance medical knowledge of injury and disease is an important part of our mission.

Educational Opportunities

Shriners Children's takes an active role in medical education. Most of our locations have residency or teaching affiliations with other hospitals or universities. Shriners Children's also provides training in other medical areas, including nursing, physical and occupational therapy and orthotics and prosthetics.

Receiving Care

Children up to age 18 may be eligible for care at Shriners Children's if there is a reasonable possibility they can benefit from the specialized services available. Acceptance is based solely on a child's medical needs.

Thanks to generous Shriners and other donors, Shriners Children's provides all care and services regardless of the families' ability to pay or insurance status.

How You Can Help

Shriners Children's needs your help. Learn more about making a one-time gift, recurring gift or a planned gift by visiting **lovetotherescue.org** or by calling **844-739-0849**.

Shriners Children's Locations

Boston, MA

Burn care
Cleft lip/palate

Chicago, IL

Orthopedics
Spinal cord injury
Cleft lip/palate

Culiacán, Mexico*

Orthopedics

Dayton, OH

Burn care
Cleft lip/palate

Erie, PA*

Orthopedics

Galveston, TX

Orthopedics
Burn care
Cleft lip/palate

Greenville, SC

Orthopedics

Honolulu, HI

Orthopedics

Lexington, KY*

Orthopedics

Mexico City, Mexico

Orthopedics
Burn care

Monterrey, Mexico*

Orthopedics

**Montreal, Quebec,
Canada**

Orthopedics

Pasadena, CA*

Orthopedics
Burn care
Cleft lip/palate

Philadelphia, PA

Orthopedics
Spinal cord injury

Portland, OR

Orthopedics
Cleft lip/palate

Sacramento, CA

Orthopedics
Burn care
Spinal cord injury
Cleft lip/palate
Pediatric surgery

Salt Lake City, UT*

Orthopedics

Shreveport, LA*

Orthopedics
Cleft lip/palate

Spokane, WA

Orthopedics

Springfield, Ma*

Orthopedics
Cleft lip/palate

St. Louis, MO

Orthopedics

Tampa, FL*

Orthopedics

Tijuana, Mexico*

Orthopedics
Burn care
Cleft lip/palate

Twin Cities, MN*

(Minneapolis)
Orthopedics

**Outpatient care only; necessary inpatient care provided at an affiliated facility.*



Shriners
Children's™

Is This Your Time to Shrine?

Through their fellowship, Shriners strive to make the world a better place — and have a good time doing it! As a Shriner, you will become part of a brotherhood of men committed to family, engaged in ongoing personal growth, and dedicated to providing care for children and families.

If that sounds good to you, we want you to know that becoming a Shriner is easier than you think – and the rewards will be far greater than you expect!

For information about joining Shriners International, please:

Visit: beashriner.com

Email: membership@shrinenet.org

Call: 813-281-0300



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DIFFERENCE
TODAY



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If you know a child who might benefit from services offered by Shriners Children's, please relay these toll-free numbers to their parents or guardians.

800-237-5055 (In the U.S.)

800-361-7256 (In Canada)

shrinerschildrens.org

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